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STRATEGIC STORAGE TRUST, INC. REACHES \$50 MILLION EQUITY MARK; CAN NOW ACCEPT INVESTMENTS FROM PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS

LADERA RANCH, Calif. — June 18, 2009 — Strategic Storage Trust, Inc. (SSTI) is now available to Pennsylvania investors. SSTI, the only publicly registered, non-traded REIT specializing in the self storage asset class, has raised more than \$50 million from investors across the United States and is now accepting investments from Pennsylvania residents. While most states required an escrow of just \$1 million, the State of Pennsylvania had required SSTI to raise \$50 million before investor funds would be released to the REIT. Therefore, Pennsylvania residents have simply not been allowed to invest in this offering.

"We are pleased to have reached the \$50 million equity mark so that interested investors from Pennsylvania can now participate," said SSTI Chairman and CEO H. Michael Schwartz. "Self storage is a real estate asset class that has traditionally exhibited recession resistant traits. In this economy, that could be a very attractive strategy and we are glad that we can now bring our offering to potential investors in Pennsylvania."

Since SSTI was launched just over a year ago, the publicly-registered, non-traded REIT's portfolio has increased to include eight self storage facilities in five states (Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Virginia and Kentucky) totaling more than 4,200 units and 535,000 rentable square feet.

About Strategic Storage Trust, Inc.

SSTI is a publicly registered (\$1 billion of common stock registered) non-traded REIT with a portfolio that currently includes more than 4,200 self storage units and 535,000 rentable square feet of storage space. SSTI's sponsor is Strategic Capital Holdings LLC (formerly U.S. Commercial LLC), which manages a growing portfolio of over 5.3 million square feet of commercial properties, including 3.7 million square feet of self storage facilities, with a combined market value of over \$598 million. For more information, please call 949-429-6600 or visit www.strategicstoragetrust.com.

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