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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, COMMONWEALTH REIT, 5.75% Senior Notes due 2042, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 25, 2012. Tentative listing date – July 30, 2012.

Sincerely,