

## **COUSINS PROPERTIES INCORPORATED**

### **DISCUSSION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**

The Company uses non-GAAP financial measures in its filings and other public disclosures. The following is a list of non-GAAP financial measures that the Company commonly uses and a description for each measure of (1) the reasons that management believes the measure is useful to investors and (2) if material, any additional uses of the measure by management of the Company.

**“2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Tenant Improvements and Leasing Costs and Building Capital Expenditures”** is used in the valuation and analysis of real estate. Because the Company develops and acquires properties, in addition to operating existing properties, its property acquisition and development expenditures included in the Statements of Cash Flows includes both initial costs associated with developing and acquiring investment assets and those expenditures necessary for operating and maintaining existing properties at historic performance levels. The latter costs are referred to as second generation costs and are useful in evaluating the economic performance of the asset and in valuing the asset. Accordingly, the Company discloses the portion of its property acquisition and development expenditures that pertain to second generation space in its operating properties.

**“Adjusted Debt”** is defined as the Company’s debt and the Company’s pro rata share of unconsolidated joint venture debt, excluding debt related to Investment Entities. Investment Entities are unconsolidated joint ventures where the Company (1) has a fixed commitment to the venture, (2) has no direct or contingent liability for any indebtedness of the venture, except for customary carve-outs, which are

commonly included in non-recourse financings, and (3) is not the managing member of the venture. Investment Entity debt is not included in any of the financial covenant calculations in the Company’s credit facility. Adjusted Debt is useful as a measure of the Company’s ability to meet its debt obligations and to borrow additional funds.

**“Fixed Charges Ratio”** represents the ratio of EBITDA, as defined in the Company’s credit facility, to Fixed Charges, as defined. EBITDA generally represents net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, subject to various adjustments. Fixed Charges generally represents interest expense, preferred dividends and ground lease payments. Both EBITDA and Fixed Charges include the proportionate share of the Company’s unconsolidated entities.

**“Funds From Operations Available to Common Stockholders” (“FFO”)** is a supplemental operating performance measure used in the real estate industry. The Company calculates FFO in accordance with the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts’ (“NAREIT”) definition, which is net income (loss) available to common stockholders (computed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”)), excluding extraordinary items, cumulative effect of change in accounting principle and gains or losses from sales of depreciable real property, plus depreciation and amortization of real estate assets, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures to reflect FFO on the same basis.

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FFO is used by industry analysts and investors as a supplemental measure of an equity REIT's operating performance. Historical cost accounting for real estate assets implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. Since real estate values instead have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves. Thus, NAREIT created FFO as a supplemental measure of REIT operating performance that excludes historical cost depreciation, among other items, from GAAP net income. Management believes that the use of FFO, combined with the required primary GAAP presentations, has been fundamentally beneficial, improving the understanding of operating results of REITs among the investing public and making comparisons of REIT operating results more meaningful. Company management evaluates operating performance in part based on FFO. Additionally, the Company uses FFO and FFO per share, along with other measures, to assess performance in connection with evaluating and granting incentive compensation to its officers and other key employees.

**“Funds From Operations, Excluding Loss on Extinguishment of Certain Debt”** is FFO adjusted to exclude loss on extinguishment of debt associated with property sales, which the Company has presented in the year ended December 31, 2006 in addition to NAREIT-defined FFO. During 2006, the Company contributed The Avenue East Cobb to CP Venture Five, LLC, one of the ventures formed with the

Prudential Insurance Company of America. The Avenue East Cobb was encumbered by a mortgage note payable, which was marked-to-market upon contribution to the venture. The Company recorded 88.5%, the extent of outside ownership in the venture, of the debt mark-to-market adjustment, approximately \$2.8 million, as a loss on extinguishment of debt. Also during 2006, in conjunction with the sale of Bank of America Plaza, CSC Associates, L.P. (“CSC”) repaid the non-recourse mortgage note payable on the building. The Company was obligated to CSC to fund this repayment and an additional defeasance charge. The defeasance charge and the unamortized balance of closing costs related to the origination of the note, approximately \$15.4 million in the aggregate, were recorded as loss on extinguishment of debt in 2006. NAREIT-defined FFO includes losses on extinguishment of debt in the FFO calculation. The Company believes the charges in 2006 relate to the sale or exchange of real estate and should be excluded from FFO to provide the user with a clearer picture of ongoing funds from operations.

**“Leverage Ratio”** represents the calculation of Debt to Total Assets, as defined in the Company's credit facility. Both Debt and Total Assets include the proportionate share of the Company's unconsolidated entities.

**“Rental Property Revenues Less Rental Property Operating Expenses”** is used by industry analysts, investors and Company management to measure operating performance of the Company's properties. Like FFO, Rental Property Revenues Less Rental Property Operating Expenses excludes certain components from net income in order to provide results that are more closely related to a property's results of

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operations. Certain items, such as interest expense, while included in FFO and net income, do not affect the operating performance of a real estate asset and are often incurred at the corporate level as opposed to the property level. As a result, management uses only those income and expense items that are incurred at the property level to evaluate a property's performance. Depreciation and amortization are also excluded from this item for the reasons described under FFO above. Additionally, appraisals of real estate are based on the value of an income stream before interest and depreciation.

**“Same-Property Growth”** represents the percentage change in Rental Property Revenues less rental property operating expenses and in Cash Basis Rental Property Revenues less rental property operating expenses for Same Properties. Rental Property Revenues includes rental property revenues of the Company and its unconsolidated joint ventures. Cash Basis Rental Property Revenues excludes straight-line rents, amortization of lease inducements and amortization of acquired above and below market rents. Same Properties include those office and retail properties that have been fully operational in each of the comparable reporting periods. Same-Property Growth allows analysts, investors and management to analyze continuing operations and evaluate the growth trend of the Company's portfolio.