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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

Stewart John D

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST [IRET]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

06/26/2012

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

1400 31ST AVENUE SW, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

MINOT, ND 58701

(City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect

(Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(D) Price Code V Amount

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Transaction(s)

Common Shares of

06/26/2012 Beneficial Interest

1,000 \$0 27,295.944 Α (1)

(A)

Held by

Common

Shares of 1,890.658 Beneficial **Spouse**

Interest

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	ying les	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stewart John D 1400 31ST AVENUE SW, SUITE 60 X MINOT, ND 58701

Signatures

Lindsey Knoop Anderson, Attorney-in-Fact

06/27/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Grant of stock bonus exempt under Rule 16b-3; awarded pursuant to 2008 Incentive Award Plan of IRET and IRET Properties.

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