

GE REAL ESTATE PROVIDES \$16.7 MILLION TO THE LONGWELL COMPANY, ON-BOOK LOAN FOR ACQUISITION OF MULTIFAMILY PROPERTY IN SEATTLE AREA

Norwalk, CT, February 1, 2008 - GE Real Estate announced today it provided a \$16.7 million, on-book loan to The Longwell Company for its acquisition and repositioning of the Timbers at Kenmore Apartments in the Seattle suburb of Kenmore, WA.

The 163-unit, Class B multifamily property is located on 21.73 acres with landscaped wooded grounds in the Kenmore Northshore area of the Puget Sound, at the north end of Lake Washington. It includes two two-story and nine three-story buildings plus a clubhouse.

The Longwell Company plans to make exterior and interior renovations as part of its strategy to increase rents to market levels. GE Real Estate has financed the last three Longwell Company multifamily property acquisitions in Seattle and has refinanced one of its Seattle properties.

"We have had a great relationship with GE Real Estate, which has given us flexible financing solutions combined with stellar service," said Stanley Xu, president for Longwell, which is based in Bellevue, WA. "We consider GE a valued lender who can help us take advantage of future investment opportunities in this thriving market and elsewhere."

"Longwell has an impressive track record of creating value in multifamily properties in the Seattle area," said Angela Azizian, director at GE Real Estate. "In fact, it has sold a total of six such properties at an average sales price 34 percent above their purchase price. We look forward to expanding our relationship with the company and supporting its growth objectives."



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