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LANESBOROUGH REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST Press Release

LREIT ANNOUNCES SECOND CLOSING OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Winnipeg, Manitoba – March 16, 2005 – Lanesborough Real Estate Investment Trust (“LREIT”) (TSX Venture: LRT.UN) announced today that it has completed the second closing of its private placement offering of 5 Year 8% Subordinated Series E Convertible Debentures (the “Debentures”) in the minimum aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 and the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$12,000,000 (the “Offering”). The Offering was first announced on January 27, 2005 and amended by way of a press release dated January 31, 2005. Pursuant to the first closing of the Offering completed on February 17, 2005 (the “Initial Closing Date”), LREIT issued \$3,569,000 principal amount of Debentures. Pursuant to the second closing of the Offering, LREIT issued \$8,431,000 principal amount of Debentures to subscribers resident in the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

The Debentures are convertible at the option of the holder at any time after two years from the Initial Closing Date until the maturity date of the Debentures at the following conversion prices: (i) \$6.50 per Unit in the third year following the Initial Closing Date; (ii) \$7.15 per Unit in the fourth year following the Initial Closing Date; and (iii) \$7.90 per Unit in the fifth year following the Initial Closing Date.

Wellington West Capital Inc., Westwind Partners Inc. and Desjardins Securities Inc. were the co-lead agents with respect to the Offering. The agents were paid an aggregate commission of 6% of the proceeds raised from the second closing of the Offering. No broker warrants were issued in connection with the Offering.

LREIT intends to use the proceeds of the Offering to fund equity commitments associated with the purchase of multi-family apartment properties, which have not yet been identified. The funds will also be used for general purposes.

The closing of the Offering is subject to the final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange Inc.

The Debentures sold pursuant to the Offering may not be resold for a period of four months pursuant to the requirements of the TSX Venture Exchange Inc. and applicable securities laws.

LREIT is a real estate investment trust, which is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “LRT.UN”. The objective of LREIT is to provide Unitholders with stable cash distributions from investment in a geographically diversified Canadian portfolio of quality real estate properties. For further information on LREIT, please visit our website at www.lreit.com.

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