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FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST LEASES 601,439 SQUARE-FOOT DEVELOPMENT AT FIRST PARK 94 IN THE CHICAGO MARKET

Groundbreaking Set for August 23rd for the 600,000 Square-Foot Second Building at the 4.6 Million Square-Foot Buildable Park in Southeast Wisconsin Submarket

CHICAGO, August 22, 2016 – First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: FR), a leading fully-integrated owner, operator and developer of industrial real estate, today announced that it successfully signed a long-term lease for its first building at First Park 94. First Park 94 is a master-planned business park, in the Village of Somers, WI in the Kenosha County submarket of Chicago. The 601,439 square-foot cross-dock building features 36’ clear heights, 185’ truck courts, generous trailer parking, extensive dock-high loading, skylighting, and an ESFR sprinkler system.

“We are excited to lease our initial building at First Park 94 which will be the primary Midwest distribution hub for our tenant,” said David Harker, executive vice president for First Industrial. “We are launching our second building at the park which will total approximately 600,000 square feet with expandability. We aim to serve other leading companies that can also benefit from this efficient logistics location and the area’s skilled labor force to meet their customers’ needs within the region.”

“We thank the Village of Somers for their cooperation in making the Village’s first industrial development a success,” said Adam Moore, regional director for First Industrial in Chicago. “We look forward to further growth within First Park 94 and the community with the construction of our second building at the project as well as serving potential build-to-suit requirements.”

First Industrial will host a groundbreaking for the second building at the park on Tuesday, August 23rd.

In total, First Park 94 can accommodate approximately 4.6 million square feet of development including build-to-suits ranging from 150,000 square feet to 2.0 million square feet. The site is accessible to I-94 from three 4-way interchanges and offers frontage along the Canadian Pacific Railway with potential rail access. First Park 94 is located less than one hour from both O’Hare International Airport and Mitchell International Airport.

First Industrial’s team for the development is comprised of Adam Moore, regional director, Jim Schlundt, operations director, and Brad Kluever, senior investment associate. First Industrial would like to thank Whit Heitman, Sam Badger and Brad Weiner of NAI Hiffman for their assistance with this transaction. First Industrial would also like to thank Roger Siegel of the Dickman Company and Tony Haning of Jones Lang LaSalle for their roles in this transaction.

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About First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.

First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: FR) is a leading fully integrated owner, operator, and developer of industrial real estate with a track record of providing industry leading customer service to multinational corporations and regional customers. Across major markets in the United States, our local market experts manage, lease, buy, (re)develop, and sell bulk and regional distribution centers, light industrial, and other industrial facility types. In total, we own and have under development approximately 63.9 million square feet of industrial space as of June 30, 2016. For more information, please visit us at www.firstindustrial.com.

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