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Plaza Companies Enters Substantial Management Partnership, Adding Almost 350,000 Square Feet in Medical Properties To Portfolio

*Healthcare Trust of America, Formerly Grubb & Ellis Healthcare REIT, Inc.,
To Contract With Plaza For Management of Valley, Tucson Facilities*

PEORIA, Arizona (September 3, 2009) — Plaza Companies has reached an agreement with Healthcare Trust of America, Inc., (formerly Grubb & Ellis Healthcare REIT, Inc.) to manage almost 350,000 square feet of medical properties in Arizona.

The partnership is a significant addition to Plaza's portfolio, and is another indicator of Plaza's positive performance despite the condition of the real estate market and overall economy.

Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. is a major national player in the arena of medical office and healthcare-related facilities, with an overall national portfolio of 5.5 million square feet of office space. The company relocated its headquarters to Arizona, and has changed its name to Healthcare Trust of America as of August 24, 2009.

The facilities that will now be managed by Plaza Companies include Thunderbird Medical Plaza in Glendale, Phoenix Baptist Hospital, Academy Medical Center (Tucson), Tucson Medical Center, Desert Life Medical (Tucson), and La Cholla Medical (Tucson). All told, the properties equal almost 350,000 square feet.

"We believe the business plan and innovative leadership at HTA made them a perfect fit for the Plaza Companies and our expertise in medical office, senior living and biotechnology facilities," Sharon Harper, President and CEO of Plaza Companies said. "The tremendous national reputation enjoyed by HTA, coupled with the Arizona-based reputation and knowledge of Plaza Companies, position our companies well to work together strategically."

Scott Peters, CEO, President and Chairman of Healthcare Trust of America, Inc., said the Plaza Companies are an ideal partner because of the breadth of their real estate and property management portfolio in Arizona.

"Plaza Companies has extensive experience in a wide variety of development, and is a leader in the Arizona health care industry," Peters said. "We felt that combination made them the right company to work with to oversee our medical properties in Arizona, and we look forward to partnering with them to provide great service to our tenants and clients."

Harper said Plaza Companies has been able to create strong value for both buildings and tenants through greater efficiencies, contract purchasing power and network outreach. The company's growth is a result of a strong and consistent track record for leasing and management successes of its existing portfolio.

"We want to do whatever we can to continue to enhance our existing portfolio and tenants while strategically strengthening our presence in the marketplace and expand our portfolio," she said. "We plan on being prudent but forward-thinking in identifying sound business opportunities and make the best decisions possible to thrive in this economic climate."

Plaza Companies, based in Peoria, Arizona, is an award-winning leader in the development, acquisition and management of medical office properties, technology and bioscience parks and senior living facilities. Plaza Companies is a full-service real estate company with a portfolio of approximately 5-million square feet, valued at more than \$1 billion. Signature projects include SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center; Banner Estrella Medical Plaza; Paradise Valley Medical Plaza; and Classic Residence at Silverstone.

For more information about Plaza Companies, visit www.theplazaco.com or call (623) 972-1184.

Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. (HTA) is a publicly registered, non-traded real estate investment trust. The REIT has made 45 geographically diverse acquisitions valued at approximately \$1 billion based on purchase price, which includes 138 buildings and one real estate-related asset, as of June 30, 2009. The REIT's portfolio totals approximately 5.5 million square feet, and includes 119 medical office buildings, four hospitals, 12 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities and three other office buildings located in 19 states, including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

For more information about Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. you may visit www.htareit.com or contact Christopher Balish, SVP-Asset Management, directly at (480) 998-3478.