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## Forestar Land Partners Purchases Controlling Half of 100-Acre Riverwalk Vista for \$9.5 Million at a Public Auction

Forestar Land Partners, a venture between the owners of Foremost Communities and a Starwood Capital Group Global, LP controlled affiliate, announced today it has acquired one of the most prized residential properties in Riverside County.

Forestar purchased more than half of the 402 lots in Riverwalk Vista, a partially developed master planned community of almost 100 acres in the City of Riverside just south of Interstate 91 at La Sierra Avenue, at a public auction for \$9.5 million and is now master developer for the entire project. The transaction further extends the strategic vision outlined by Forestar, created by Foremost Communities and Starwood Capital, a leading private investment firm specializing in real estate, in 2007 to pursue high potential residential land opportunities in Southern California.

"Riverwalk Vista has been one of the most sought-after projects in the Inland Empire over the past few years," said Foremost President Steve Cameron. "It's a beautiful and well-designed gated community within walking distance to schools, mass transit and shopping. By the time it got mothballed in 2007, the original developer already had installed the roads, utilities and entry gates and landscaping, so it's primed and ready to go."

Foremost plans to hold the 217 lots it just purchased in the back half of the community for three to four years. It is also interested in acquiring the remaining 185 lots -- which include 39 existing model and production homes -- as soon as they become available.

Riverwalk Vista features fountains, lush greenbelts, neighborhood parks, walking trails and a resort-style pool and community center. Competition to develop the properties was expected to be fierce, but the sale of the lots has been on hold while the group of banks that owned it -- Bank of the West, Wachovia and Imperial Capital -- worked out a go-forward business plan.

Riverwalk Vista will be an infill residential community that blends a variety of single-family detached homes into an integrated setting of three separate villages with varying lot sizes supported by a network of active and passive open spaces. The land purchased by Foremost -- which encompasses parts of all

three villages -- is located on the southern side of the property and consists of 49 large 6,000 sq. ft. lots, 51 medium 4,200 sq. ft lots and 117 smaller 2,700 sq. ft. lots.

Almost one-quarter of the property is committed to open space, which includes the community swimming pool, tot lot, barbeque and picnic tables. A pedestrian and bike friendly system of trails, sidewalks, paseos and bike lanes encourage connectivity provide easy access to surrounding commercial, educational and transportation services.

The property is adjacent to Interstate 91 and the La Sierra Metrolink Station, providing access to job centers in Orange and Los Angeles counties. To the south are Arizona Intermediate School and a new neighborhood shopping center anchored by a Ralph's supermarket that lies to the southwest.

Forestar owns or manages over 1,000 residential lots in Southern California and is actively pursuing additional land acquisition opportunities.

About Foremost Communities, Inc.

Foremost Communities, Inc. is a land investment company based in Irvine, California that purchases residential property at any stage of entitlement throughout Southern California. In addition, the firm partners with other land developers and will provide both equity and debt to recapitalize existing projects. The performance of Foremost is backed by the leading real estate investment firm of Starwood Capital Group Global, LLC and its residential arm Starwood Land Ventures. [www.foremostcommunities.com](http://www.foremostcommunities.com)

About Starwood Capital Group Global, LP

Starwood Capital Group Global, LP is a privately-held global real estate investment firm based in Greenwich, CT (with its predecessor Starwood affiliates "Starwood"). Founded in 1991, Starwood specializes in the creation and acquisition of real estate-related investments on behalf of commingled investment vehicles that are sponsored and created by Starwood or its affiliated entities. Such real estate-related investments include residential and commercial land development, multifamily, hotel, office, retail, mixed-use, industrial, health clubs, golf and mezzanine debt. Starwood's clients include public and private retirement programs, university endowments, foundations, international and high net worth investors. During the past sixteen years Starwood and its affiliates have invested more than \$7 billion of equity capital in more than \$24 billion in assets.

Starwood Capital Group has led the formation and/or growth of several market leading companies including Groupe Taittinger and Societe du Louvre, Europe's second largest hotel network; iStar Financial (NYSE: SFI), the leading publicly traded finance company specializing in commercial real estate

mortgage, mezzanine and net lease financing; Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide (NYSE: HOT), a leading global owner/operator of hotels, Westin Hotels & Resorts which was merged into Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide in January 1998; and National Golf Properties/American Golf Corporation, the largest owner/operator of golf courses and related facilities in the U.S., who, together with its private sister company, owned, leased or managed 255 golf courses. It also participated in the formation of and helped led the growth of Equity Residential Properties Trust (NYSE: EQR), one of the premier US multifamily REITs.