

# Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Further Expands U.S. Multifamily Portfolio

## Commits Additional US\$330 Million to Six Multifamily Properties

**Toronto, ON, Canada (August 8, 2014):** Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) announced today the further expansion of its multifamily portfolio in the U.S. Over the past year, CPPIB has made equity commitments totalling over US\$330 million in six Class-A multifamily developments in California, Georgia and Massachusetts. The developments will be luxury rental properties when completed and represent a gross asset value of approximately US\$740 million and over 2,200 residential units.

"These high-quality properties align well with our multifamily strategy to acquire or develop investments in core U.S. markets typically with high barriers to entry," said Peter Ballon, Vice-President & Head of Real Estate Investments – Americas, CPPIB. "We do this alongside top-tier, well-capitalized joint venture partners and developers and look forward to further growing our existing partnerships in this sector as we continue to expand our portfolio."

The six multifamily developments are:

- Completed two transactions alongside existing joint venture partner Essex Property Trust:
  - 45% interest in the Pleasanton BART development for an equity commitment of US\$77
    million. Pleasanton is a planned 506-unit multifamily community located in Pleasanton,
    California in the San Francisco Bay area.
  - US\$39 million commitment to develop Phase III of the Essex Epic development in San Jose, California. Phase III will be a 200-unit residential development adjacent to our existing Phase I and II holdings.
- Expanded CPPIB's joint venture platform with AMLI Residential with 45% interests in two
  residential development projects in Atlanta, Georgia AMLI Arts Center in Midtown and AMLI
  CityPlace in Buckhead. CPPIB's equity commitment totals \$117 million in the two developments,
  which will have approximately 1,000 units when completed.
- Committed approximately US\$90 million to acquire a 44% interest in the Block 6 development alongside joint venture partners Multi-Employer Property Trust (MEPT) and Chicago-based developer Golub &Company. Block 6 is a Class-A, 409-unit residential development in San Francisco, California.
- Committed US\$11 million to develop and hold the Avalon North Point Lofts multifamily development in partnership with existing partners, AvalonBay and Allianz. Located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Avalon North Point Lofts is a 103-unit residential development.

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CPPIB's multifamily portfolio now comprises direct joint venture interests in over 8,400 units in eight U.S. markets, assembled since we began investing in this sector in 2011. To date, CPPIB's equity commitments in this sector total US\$1.3 billion, representing a gross asset value of US\$4.5 billion at full ownership share.

"U.S. multifamily investments remain an attractive sector for CPPIB," added Mr. Ballon. "We believe that the limited supply of high-quality rental properties and other broad demographic trends such as forecast population growth, declining home ownership and the echo-boom generation reaching peak rental propensity all support continued growth in this sector."

#### **About CPPIB**

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