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American Realty Investors, Inc. reports Earnings for Q2 2021

DALLAS (August 11, 2021) -- American Realty Investors, Inc. (NYSE:ARL) is reporting its results of operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. For the three months ended June 30, 2021, we reported a net loss attributable to common shares of \$27.3 million or \$1.69 per diluted share, compared to \$2.3 million or \$0.14 per diluted share for the same period in 2020.

Financial Highlights

- We collected approximately 96% of our rents for the three months ended June 30, 2021, comprised of approximately 96% from multifamily tenants and approximately 97% from office tenants.
- Total occupancy was 91% at June 30, 2021, which includes 95% at our multifamily properties and 73% at our commercial properties.
- During the quarter, we successfully appealed the previous Clapper decision, and as result, the court vacated the previous \$59.0 million judgement against us, and determined that Clapper would take nothing.
- On July 13, 2021, we received the arbitration verdict in connection with our dispute on the
 measurement of the Earn Out Obligation in connection with the formation of the VAA joint
 venture. As a result, we are required to pay approximately \$39.6 million to Macquarie to satisfy
 the Earn Out Obligation, which represents a \$29.6 million increase over the amount we had
 previously reserved.

Financial Results

Rental revenues decreased \$1.4 million from \$11.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021 to \$10.2 million for the three months ended 2020. The decrease in rental revenue is primarily due to a decrease in revenue from our commercial properties due to a decline in occupancy.

Net operating loss was \$8.8 million for three months ended June 30, 2021, compared to operating income of \$1.5 million for the same period in 2020. The \$10.3 million decrease is primarily due to an increase in legal fees associated with the Clapper litigation and the VAA Earn Out Arbitration.

Net loss attributable to common shares increased \$25.0 million from \$2.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2020 to \$27.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The increase in net loss is primarily attributed to to the \$29.6 million increase in the earn out obligation.

About American Realty Investors, Inc.

American Realty Investors, Inc., a Dallas-based real estate investment company, holds a diverse portfolio of equity real estate located across the U.S., including office buildings, apartments, shopping centers, and developed and undeveloped land. The Company invests in real estate through direct ownership, leases and partnerships and invests in mortgage loans on real estate. The Company also holds mortgage receivables. The Company's primary asset and source of its operating results is its investment in Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc. (NYSE:TCI). For more information, visit the Company's website at www.americanrealtyinvest.com.

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2021		2020		2021		2020	
Revenues:									
Rental revenues	\$	10,194	\$	11,565	\$	20,555	\$	23,007	
Other income		909		3,176		2,376		4,864	
Total revenue		11,103		14,741		22,931		27,871	
Expenses:									
Property operating expenses		5,058		5,810		10,890		12,119	
Depreciation and amortization		3,211		3,418		6,538		6,812	
General and administrative		5,866		1,669		9,101		5,961	
Advisory fee to related party		5,739		2,353		8,175		4,726	
Total operating expenses		19,874		13,250		34,704		29,618	
Net operating (loss) income		(8,771)		1,491		(11,773)		(1,747)	
Interest income		5,616		5,284		11,260		11,038	
Interest expense		(7,681)		(9,071)		(15,419)		(18,673)	
(Loss) gain on foreign currency transactions		(4,793)		(5,599)		2,824		2,244	
Equity in income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures		4,572		(719)		7,908		(979)	
(Loss) gain on sale or write-down of assets, net		(24,445)		5,339		(7,047)		9,477	
Income tax provision		1,841		(49)		1,801		(296)	
Net (loss) income		(33,661)		(3,324)		(10,446)		1,064	
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest		6,333		1,018		1,186		(424)	
Net (loss) income attributable to common shares	\$	(27,328)	\$	(2,306)	\$	(9,260)	\$	640	
Earnings per share - basic									
Basic and diluted	\$	(1.69)	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.57)	\$	0.04	
Weighted average common shares used in computing earnings per share									
Basic and diluted	16	,152,043	15	,997,076	16	,152,043	15	,997,076	