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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 11-K**

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Mark One)

Annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

or

Transition report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number: 1-5415

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

**A. M. Castle & Co. Employees' Profit Sharing Plan**

B. Name of issuer of securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

**A. M. Castle & Co.**

3400 North Wolf Road  
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131



**A. M. Castle & Co. Employees' Profit Sharing Plan**

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**A. M. CASTLE & CO.**

**401(k) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN**

(Formerly A.M. Castle & Co. Employees' Profit Sharing Plan)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2008 and 2007

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Investment Committee and Plan

Administrator of A.M. Castle & Co.

Employees' Profit Sharing Plan

Franklin Park, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of A.M. Castle & Co. Employees' Profit Sharing Plan ("the Plan") as of December 31, 2007. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of A.M. Castle & Co. Employees' Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2007, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Crowe Chizek and Company LLC  
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

Oak Brook, Illinois  
June 30, 2008

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Investment Committee of the Pension Plans and  
401(k) Retirement Savings Plans  
A.M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan  
Franklin Park, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of A.M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan, (formerly A.M. Castle & Co. Employees' Profit Sharing Plan) as of December 31, 2008 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the plan as of December 31, 2008 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of A.M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Chicago, Illinois

June 25, 2009

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Participant directed investments at fair value (Note 2)	\$69,399,395	\$81,834,325
Participant loans	2,026,698	1,676,320
Total investments	71,426,093	83,510,645
Receivables		
Employer contribution	150,123	3,003,140
Participant contributions	65,420	185,558
Total receivables	215,543	3,188,698
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$71,641,636</b>	<b>\$86,699,343</b>
<b>AT FAIR VALUE</b>		
Adjustment from fair value to contract value		
For fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	\$1,991,380	\$0.00
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$73,633,016</b>	<b>\$86,699,343</b>



See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
 Year ended December 31, 2008

**Additions to net assets attributed to:**

Investment income	
Interest	\$ 142,825
Dividends	716,358
Total investment income	859,183

Contributions	
Employer	2,775,127
Participant	3,678,138
Rollovers from other qualified plans	148,403
Total contributions	6,601,668

Total additions	7,460,851
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**Deductions from net assets attributed to:**

Net depreciation in fair value of investments (see note 2)	\$ (20,175,924)
Benefits paid to participants	(6,470,661)
Administrative fees	(108,020)
Total deductions	(26,754,605)

<b>Net decrease in net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>(19,293,754)</b>
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Net Transfers into the Plan	6,227,427
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**Net assets available for benefits**

Beginning of year	86,699,343
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End of year	\$ 73,633,016
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING**

**POLICIES**

The following description of A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (“the Plan”), formerly the A.M. Castle & Co. employees’ Profit Sharing Plan, is provided for general information purposes only. Users of these financial statements should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General: The Plan was established on January 1, 1957. The Plan was amended and restated from time to time to provide a means for eligible (salaried and nonsalaried) employees to participate in the earnings of A. M. Castle & Co. in order to build a supplemental retirement fund and to provide additional disability and death benefits. Participants should refer to the plan document for more complete information.

The Plan is a defined contribution profit-sharing and 401(k) plan available to salaried and other eligible employees of A. M. Castle & Co. and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “the Company”). Employees of the Company are eligible to become participants in the Plan upon completion of 30 days of service for the 401(k) and matching portion of the Plan and one year of service for the profit-sharing portion of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

Trustee: The Principal Financial Group is the trustee of the Plan effective September 1, 2005. The Plan’s trust fund is administered under the terms of certain trust agreements between the Company and the trustee. The trust agreements provide, among other things, that the trustee shall account for all investments, receipts, and disbursements and other transactions and shall provide annually a report setting forth such transactions and the status of the fund at the close of the period.

Participant Accounts: Participants may contribute up to 60% of their compensation, as defined by the Plan, subject to Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) limitations as well as rollover contributions. Participants direct the investment of their participant and employer contributions among various investment options offered by the Plan, including the common stock of the Company.

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING**

**POLICIES (Continued)**

Employer Contributions: The employer's matching contribution for participants of the Plan was 25% of each dollar the participant contributes to the Plan up to the first 6% of the participant's pretax compensation. On July 1, 2008, the Plan was amended to provide a fixed contribution of 4% of eligible earnings for all employees of the Company, excluding the USWA participants, and the employer's matching contribution was increased to 50% of each dollar the employee contributes to the Plan up to the first 6% of the participant's pretax compensation. For employees whose pension benefit was frozen on July 1, 2008 and who met eligibility requirements, there is a fixed "pension credit" contribution of either 3% or 6% based on age and service at the time the benefit was frozen. USWA participants receive no employer contributions. Although the Company eliminated the profit sharing component of the Plan on July 1, 2008, participants were still eligible for a contribution based on 2008 earnings prior to July 1, 2008. The employer's profit-sharing contribution to the Plan is determined at Company management's discretion as defined by the Plan. Company profit-sharing contributions are allocated to participants' accounts in the ratio of their covered compensation to the total of all participants' covered compensation. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company profit-sharing contribution was \$85,491. Effective April 27, 2009, the Company suspended all employer contributions into the Plan including the matching contributions, fixed contributions and "pension credits".

Vesting: Participant contributions (including rollover contributions) and earnings thereon are at all times 100% vested. For employer contributions to the Plan and any earnings thereon, participants will be fully vested after completing two calendar years of service. In addition, the Plan contains provisions under which the entire amount credited to a participant's account is distributable upon a participant's disability or death.

Forfeitures: Matching contributions made by the Company may be reduced by the amount of forfeitures from employees' matching contribution accounts. Amounts forfeited from employees' profit sharing contribution accounts are to be allocated to eligible participants, as defined by the Plan. The amount of forfeitures, which reduced matching contributions for the year ended December 31, 2008, was \$53,875. At December 31, 2008, and 2007 there were unallocated forfeitures of \$3,955 and \$93,494, respectively.

Allocations of Income: Earnings of the Plan, as defined, are allocated to participants' accounts based on the proportion of each participant's account balance within each fund to the total account balance.

Participant Loans: Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balances for a specified time period, as defined in the plan document. Interest is charged on outstanding loans at one percentage point above the prime rate in effect at the time of the loan. Loan rates are established at the beginning of each quarter. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Upon termination of employment, participant loans (if in default) are first deducted from participant equity, with the remaining equity balance distributed to the participant.

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Payment of Benefits: Benefit payments from the Plan will not be made until a participant retires, dies, or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. Benefit payments are made in cash in a lump sum or an installment basis or can be rolled over to another plan or an individual's IRA account. Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid. Included in net assets available for benefits are amounts allocated to individuals who have completed an election to withdraw from the Plan and requested that their benefits be paid but whose distributions have not yet been paid. Plan assets allocated to the accounts of these participants were \$11,417 and \$36,906 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Basis of Accounting: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds, a common collective fund, and common stock. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: Investments are stated at fair value. The fair values of common stock and mutual fund investments are based on quoted market prices as of the last day of the year. Common collective trusts are valued at the fair value of participant units held by the Plan as of the last trading day of the period, as reported by the managers of the trust. Interest and dividends earned on investments, but not yet received, are included in the statements of net assets available for benefits. Participant loans are valued at amortized cost.

Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments is calculated as the difference between market value at January 1, or date of purchase if subsequent to January 1, and fair value at year end.

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts included in the underlying investments of the ABN- AMRO Income Plus fund and the Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio fund, common collective trust funds in which the Plan holds an interest are to be presented at fair value. In addition, any material difference between the fair value of these investments and their contract value is to be presented as a separate adjustment line in the statement of net assets available for benefits because contract value remains the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of net assets available for benefits attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. The Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 are presented to reflect any material differences between the fair value and contract value.

Administrative Expenses: Administrative and trustee expenses are allocated to participants' accounts based on the proportion of each participant's account balance to the total of all account balances. Some plan expenses are also paid by the Plan sponsor.

Net Transfers Into Plan: On December 2, 2008, \$6,227,427 of assets were transferred into the A. M. Castle & Co. 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan. This transfer was the result of a merging of the Transtar Metals 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan into the A. M. Castle & Co. Savings and Retirement Plan on July 1, 2008.

Effect of Newly Adopted Accounting Standards: In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ("SFAS 157"). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement establishes a fair value hierarchy about the assumptions used to measure fair value and clarifies assumptions about risk and the effect of a restriction on the sale or use of an asset. In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position (FSP) 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*. This FSP delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually) to fiscal years beginning November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Plan adopted SFAS 157 effective January 1, 2008 (see note 6).

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, *The Fair Value Opinion for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ("SFAS 159"). The standard provides reporting entities with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value and establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between reporting entities that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. The Plan adopted SFAS 159 effective January 1, 2008. There was no impact from the adoption SFAS 159 on the Plan's financial statements.

**NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS**

The Plan's investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits (at fair value) as of December 31 are as follows:

	2008	2007
<b>Common collective fund</b>		
ABN AMRO Income Plus Fund (at contract value)	\$ 30,813,283	\$ 22,184,029
<b>Mutual funds</b>		
A. M. Castle & Co. Equity Fund	14,799,964	25,792,840
Artio International Equity II Fund*	4,007,311	6,319,945
Vanguard Wellesley Balanced Fund	6,835,986	6,116,767
<b>Common stock</b>		
A. M. Castle & Co.	3,398,931**	6,503,828

\* This fund was formerly the Julius Baer International Equity Fund.

\*\* This investment is listed for comparison purposes as it is less than 5 percent of total net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2008.

During 2008, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) as follows:

A. M. Castle & Co. common stock	\$ (4,422,904)
Common collective fund	915,845
Mutual funds	(16,668,865)
Net depreciation of investments	\$ (20,175,924)

**NOTE 3 - FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS**



The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated August 2, 2002 that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Plan's management believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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**NOTE 4 - PLAN TERMINATION**

Although the Company has not expressed any intent to do so, it reserves the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, all participants shall become 100% vested in their accounts and no part of the trust fund shall revert to the Company.

**NOTE 5 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor Regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Loans made to plan participants, qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules.

The Plan invests in the common stock of the plan sponsor, A. M. Castle & Co. This qualifies as a related-party transaction. As of December 31, 2008, the fair value of this common stock held in the Plan was \$3,398,931 on 313,844 shares. The fair value as of December 31, 2007 was \$6,503,828 on 239,199 shares held.

The Company pays certain fees and expenses of the Plan. During 2008, administrative fees of \$108,020 were paid by the Plan to The Principal Financial Group and ABN AMRO, which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**NOTE 6 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Plan adopted SFAS 157 for measurement and disclosure purposes with respect to financial assets and liabilities. SFAS 157 clarifies the definition of fair value, prescribes methods for measuring fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The three-tier hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in the valuation methodologies, is described below:

Level 1 — Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets that the Plan has ability to access.

Level 2 — Valuations based on observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 — Valuations based on unobservable inputs reflecting the Plan's own assumptions, consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants.



**NOTE 6 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**(Continued)

The following describes the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Common stock – valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Mutual funds – valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Common collective trusts – valued at the fair value of participant units held by the Plan as of the last trading day of the period, as reported by the managers of the trust.

Participant loans – valued at amortized cost.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth the Plan’s assets at fair value as of December 31, 2008:

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Common stock	\$ 3,398,931			\$ 3,398,931
Mutual funds	36,792,163			36,792,163
Common collective trusts		\$29,208,301		29,208,301
Participant loans			\$2,026,698	2,026,698
				\$71,426,093

During the year-ended December 31, 2008, the changes in the Plan’s participant loans, a level 3 asset, were as follows:

Balance at January 1, 2008	\$1,676,320
New loan Issuances	996,918
Rollover loans	263,040
Settlements	(765,081)
Loan distributed	(144,499)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$2,026,698



**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Name of plan sponsor: A. M. Castle & Co.  
Employer identification number: 36-0879160  
Three-digit plan number: 002

Participant Contributions of the 2008 Plan Year Not Deposited

Into the Plan within the Time Period Described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102 \$ 64,640

Total Delinquent Participant Contributions (line 4a of Schedule H) 64,640

Less: Amount fully corrected

By the Plan Sponsor during the 2009 Plan Year (64,640)

Delinquent Deposits of Participant Contributions Constituting  
Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions \$

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2008

Name of plan sponsor: A. M. Castle & Co.

Employer identification number: 36-0879160

Three-digit plan number: 002

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value	
	Common Stock			
*	A. M. Castle & Co.	A. M. Castle & Co. Common Stock	**	\$3,398,931
	Mutual Funds			
	Aston Asset Management	Growth Income Fund	**	7,220,607
	Allianz NFJ Advisors	Dividend Value Institutional Fund	**	7,579,357
		<i>Total A. M. Castle &amp; Co. Equity Fund</i>	**	14,799,964
	Allianz NFJ Advisors	Dividend Value Institutional Fund	**	2,227,104
	Aston Asset Management	Growth Income Fund	**	1,238,096
	Artio Global Investors	International Equity II I Fund	**	4,007,311
	Janus Investments	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	2,910,157
	Royce & Assoc	Royce Value Plus Service Fund	**	2,561,806
	Vanguard	Wellesley Balanced Fund	**	6,835,986
	Vanguard	500 Index Fund	**	2,211,739
	Common Collective Trust			
	ABN AMRO	Income Plus Fund	**	28,821,903
	Fidelity	MIP Fund	**	386,398
	Participant Loans			
*	Loans to participants	Maturing through 2018, at interest rates of 5% to 10.5%		2,026,698
	Total investments			\$71,426,093

\* Represents a party in interest.

\*\* Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included.





**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**A. M. CASTLE & CO. EMPLOYEES' PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

June 29, 2009

By: /s/ Kevin P. Fitzpatrick

Name: Kevin P. Fitzpatrick

Title: Member of the Investment Committee

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**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit  
Number

23.1\*                      Consent of Crowe Horwath LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm  
\* Filed herewith

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