Medical Properties Trust

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Medical Properties Trust Inc. Successfully Completes Transactions with Ernest Health, Inc.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 29, 2012-- Medical Properties Trust, Inc. (NYSE: MPW) announced today that it has completed the previously announced series of transactions with Ernest Health, Inc. with an aggregate value of approximately $400 million.

Ernest's 16 properties bring the total number of properties in MPT's portfolio to 78 healthcare facilities in 24 states and total assets of approximately $2.1 billion. Headquartered in Albuquerque, N.M., Ernest is one of the nation's leading operators of inpatient rehabilitation and long-term acute care hospitals.

"We are extremely excited to formally welcome Ernest Health into the MPT family of premier companies," said Edward K. Aldag, Jr., Chairman, President and CEO of Medical Properties Trust. "This acquisition adds to the diversification of our portfolio and further underscores our position as one of the nation's leading providers of hospital financing," he said.

"The similar vision of Medical Properties Trust and Ernest Health makes this transaction a win-win for both organizations," said Darby Brockette, CEO of Ernest Health, Inc. "We are honored to be a part of the MPT family and look forward to a fruitful relationship," he said.

About Medical Properties Trust, Inc.

Medical Properties Trust, Inc. is a Birmingham, Alabama based self-advised real estate investment trust formed to capitalize on the changing trends in healthcare delivery by acquiring and developing net-leased healthcare facilities. These facilities include inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, regional acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and other single-discipline healthcare facilities, such as heart hospitals and

orthopedic hospitals.

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