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**Anthony W. “Tony” Thompson, Chairman and CEO of Thompson National Properties**, founded Triple Net Properties in 1998 and was its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer until October 2006 when he was elected Chairman of the Board of NNN Realty Advisors, Inc., Triple Net Properties’ affiliated holding company. Under Thompson’s leadership, these companies raised nearly **\$3 billion in equity** for various investment programs, including securitized 1031 tenant-in-common exchange programs, an industry Thompson pioneered. In November 2006, Thompson oversaw the sale of 33 percent of NNN Realty Advisors for \$160 million to institutional investors through a 144A private equity offering led by Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc.

Thompson started Triple Net Properties with four employees and grew to more than 6,000 by December 2007 when NNN Realty Advisors completed its reverse merger with Grubb & Ellis Company, and Thompson was elected **Chairman of the Board** of Grubb & Ellis. The new company retained the Grubb & Ellis name and continues to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "GBE." Thompson stepped down as the chairman to form Thompson National Properties. He remains the second largest Grubb & Ellis stockholder.

Thompson, in early 2008, launched Thompson National Properties, providing value-added real estate investment opportunities and asset management to high net worth domestic, foreign and institutional investors.

Thompson is Chairman of the Sterling College Board of Trustees and active in various other community and charitable organizations. He is a 1969 graduate of Sterling College with a bachelor’s degree in economics. Thompson and his wife Sharon have been married for 33 years and have three daughters and three grandchildren. They enjoy travel, golf and rehabilitating unique residential properties.