



MICHAEL BUTZ JOINS TORCHLIGHT INVESTORS AS SENIOR VICE PRESEIDENT

NEW YORK, NY (January 17, 2012) – Torchlight Investors, an independent investment advisor focused on US commercial real estate debt investments, today announced the appointment of Michael Butz, age 40, as SVP, Loan Origination & Acquisition, reporting directly to Managing Director and Partner, Steven Schwartz. In his new position, Mr. Butz will be sourcing new lending and debt investment opportunities and will take on a senior role in contributing to the expansion of the firm’s loan origination and acquisition platform.

Mr. Butz was previously with Hypo Real Estate Capital Corporation from 2004 to 2011 where he originated over \$4 billion of financing transactions for Hypo’s balance sheet. Prior to Hypo, Mr. Butz worked primarily within the CMBS lending industry including the fixed income divisions of Morgan Stanley and Nomura Securities. He received his BS in Business and Economics from Lehigh University.

Torchlight Investors is an independent SEC registered investment advisor, focused on commercial real estate debt investments. As one of the more experienced commercial real estate debt investors, Torchlight has successfully managed portfolios through three market dislocations in its 15 year history and has grown to a firm of over 50 professionals with \$3.3 billion of assets under management.

Torchlight launched its distressed debt workout business in 1998 and is a nationally rated special servicer. Torchlight Loan Services is the named special servicer on \$25 billion in CMBS and manages over \$2 billion of distressed commercial real estate loans. Torchlight Loan Services operates under the same founding principles followed by Torchlight: maximizing performance through the thorough application of superior research and fundamental analysis.

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