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**Wilmington Trust, as Indenture Trustee, Appointed to Unsecured Creditors' Committee
in Thornburg Mortgage Bankruptcy Case**

No credit exposure involved in administrative role

Wilmington, DE, May 8, 2009 – Wilmington Trust, a leading provider of institutional trustee, agency, and administrative services through its Corporate Client Services (CCS) business, said today that it has been appointed by the United States Trustee to the unsecured creditors' committee in the bankruptcy of Thornburg Mortgage Inc., which filed for Chapter 11 protection on May 1, 2009 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. Previously Wilmington Trust was appointed indenture trustee on behalf of creditors who hold approximately \$1.3 billion in debt issued by Thornburg Mortgage entities.

Wilmington Trust is not a direct holder of Thornburg Mortgage debt and has no credit exposure, unsecured or otherwise, to the company or its affiliates. Wilmington Trust is paid a fee for providing trust services such as those related to the Thornburg Mortgage case, which has no effect on Wilmington Trust's balance sheet, credit quality, or financial condition.

Wilmington Trust's CCS business offers institutional trustee, agency, asset management, retirement plan, and administrative services for clients worldwide who use capital market financing structures, as well as those who seek to establish or maintain nexus, or legal residency, for special purpose entities. Because

Wilmington Trust does not underwrite securities offerings or provide investment banking services, it is able to deliver corporate trust services that are conflict-free.

About Wilmington Trust

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 88 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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