

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Form NT 10-K

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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q
 Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: April 30, 2004

Transition Report on Form 10-K
 Transition Report on Form 20-Fo Transition Report on Form 11-Ko Transition Report on Form 10-Qo Transition Report on
Form N-SARFor the Transition Period Ended: _____

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PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Investors Real Estate Trust

Full Name of Registrant

N/A

Former Name if Applicable

12 Main Street

Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

Minot, North Dakota, 58701

City, State and Zip Code

PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
 - (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
 - (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.
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PART III NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

The Registrant is unable to file its Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended April 30, 2004 within the prescribed time period due to unforeseen delays in the collection and review of information and documents affecting disclosures in the Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Registrant expects to file the subject report no later than the fifteenth calendar date following the prescribed due date for the report. The Registrant does not anticipate that the earnings statements to be included in the subject report will reflect any significant change in results of operations for the Registrant's fiscal year ended April 30, 2004 as reported in the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 1, 2004.

PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

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|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Karin M. Wentz | (952) | 401-4802 |
| (Name) | (Area Code) | (Telephone Number) |

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

Investors Real Estate Trust

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date **July 14, 2004**

By **/s/ Karin M. Wentz**

Karin M. Wentz
Associate General Counsel