

CCA Declares \$0.53 Dividend for First Quarter 2013

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NASHVILLE, TN -- (MARKETWIRE) -- 02/22/13 -- **CCA** (NYSE: CXW) (Corrections Corporation of America) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a dividend for the first quarter of 2013 of \$0.53 per share to be paid on April 15, 2013 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 3, 2013.

Damon Hininger, CCA President and CEO, stated, "We are pleased to be declaring our first dividend for 2013 operating under the REIT structure. This dividend represents an increase of 165% from our previous quarterly dividend and reflects management's confidence in the future of our business and our commitment to generating value for our shareholders."

About CCA

CCA is the nation's largest owner of partnership correction and detention facilities and one of the largest prison operators in the United States, behind only the federal government and three states. We own or control 51 facilities and currently operate 67 facilities, with a total design capacity of approximately 92,500 beds in 20 states and the District of Columbia. CCA specializes in owning, operating and managing prisons and other correctional facilities and providing inmate residential services for governmental agencies. In addition to providing the fundamental residential services relating to inmates, our facilities offer a variety of rehabilitation and educational programs, including basic education, religious services, life skills and employment training and substance abuse treatment.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements as to the Company's beliefs and expectations of the outcome of future events that are forward-looking statements as defined within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the statements made. These include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties associated with: (i) our ability to meet and maintain REIT qualification tests; (ii) general economic and market conditions, including the impact governmental budgets can have on our per diem rates, occupancy and overall utilization; (iii) the availability of debt and equity financing on terms that are favorable to us; (iv) fluctuations in our operating results because of, among other things, changes in occupancy levels, competition, increases in cost of operations, fluctuations in interest rates and risks of operations; (v) our ability to obtain and maintain correctional facility management contracts, including as a result of sufficient governmental appropriations and as a result of inmate disturbances; (vi) changes in the privatization of the corrections and detention industry, the public acceptance of our services, the timing of the opening of and demand for new prison facilities and the commencement of new management contracts; (vii) the outcome of California's realignment program and utilization of out of state private correctional capacity; and (viii) increases in costs to construct or expand correctional facilities that exceed original estimates, or the inability to complete such projects on schedule as a result of various factors, many of which are beyond our control, such as weather, labor conditions and material shortages, resulting in increased construction costs.

CCA takes no responsibility for updating the information contained in this press release following the date hereof to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date hereof or the occurrence of unanticipated events or for any changes or modifications made to this press release.

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