WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST INC Form 10-Q/A July 10, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q/A

Amendment No. 1

(Mark One)

- x Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002 or
- Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

 For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 0-25739

WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

58-2328421 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

6200 The Corners Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)

30092 (Zip Code)

(770) 449-7800 Registrant s telephone number, including area code

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

No independent accountant has reviewed the financial statements included in the previously filed Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 because the Registrant s independent accountant, Arthur Andersen LLP, was unable to perform the review.

Item 1. Financial Statements

The quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 for Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the Registrant) includes financial statements which have not been reviewed by an independent public accountant under Rule 10-01(d) of Regulation S-X pursuant to the relief granted to former auditing clients of Arthur Andersen LLP in SEC Release No. 34-45589. We expect that our new independent accountant, Ernst & Young LLP, which was engaged by the Registrant effective June 26, 2002, will complete the quarterly review required by Rule 10-01(d) of Regulation S-X within the 60-day time period allowed pursuant to the SEC Release. If, upon completion of the review, there is a change in the financial statements contained in this quarterly report, we will amend this report to present the revised financial statements, and we will discuss in the amended report any material changes from the unreviewed financial statements contained in the report previously filed. Otherwise, we will state in our quarterly report for the quarter ending June 30, 2002 that the unreviewed financial statements contained in the previous report have subsequently been reviewed by an accountant other than Arthur Andersen and that there were no material changes as a result of that review.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Douglas P. Williams

Douglas P. Williams Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer

Dated: July 9, 2002