

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.*May 2013 Distributions*

With the authorization of its board of directors, Hines REIT declared distributions for the month of May 2013. These distributions will be calculated based on shareholders of record each day during the month of May 2013 in an amount equal to \$0.00073973 per share, per day and will be paid in July 2013 in cash or reinvested in stock for those participating in Hines REIT's dividend reinvestment plan.

Statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including intentions, beliefs, expectations or projections relating to items such as the timing of payment of distributions are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are based on current expectations and assumptions with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive and market conditions and future business decisions that may prove incorrect or inaccurate. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements include the risks described in the "Risk Factors" section of Hines REIT's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HINES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

April 30, 2013

By: /s/ J. Shea Morgenroth
J. Shea Morgenroth
Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer