Form **8937**
(December 2017)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0123

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name	2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)
STERLING OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL TRUST	81-1717620

3 Name of contact for additional information	4 Telephone No. of contact	5 Email address of contact
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6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact	7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact
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8 Date of action	9 Classification and description
VARIOUS	STOCK

10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ Sterling Office and Industrial Trust made distributions to common shareholders during 2017.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ The above referenced distributions represent a 7.92431% return of capital to the common shareholders.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ During 2017, Sterling Office and Industrial Trust paid $1,550,545.41 out of current and accumulative earnings and profits. The distribution made to the common shareholders of $133,444.55 in excess of earnings and profits represents a return of capital. The above referenced return of capital is based on the company's best estimate of 2017 earnings and profits as of January 15, 2018.

Part II Organizational Action *(continued)*

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶

Internal Revenue Code Section 301(c)(2).

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ **No.**

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶

The reportable tax year is 2017.

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature ▶ Angie Stock Date ▶ 1-29-18

Print your name ▶ Angie Stock Title ▶ CAO

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