

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MIZUHO SECURITIES USA LLC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>320 PARK AVENUE</u> <u>12TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/30/2019</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. [PDM]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>See Remarks</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

On August 30, 2019, the Reporting Person entered into master securities loan agreements with each lender party signatory thereto (collectively, the MSLAs), pursuant to which the Reporting Person borrowed an aggregate total of 16,064,500 shares of common stock of the Issuer, which caused the Reporting Person to become a greater than ten percent owner with respect to the Issuer. On September 3, 2019, the Reporting Person returned 16,064,500 shares of the Issuer pursuant to the MSLAs. Following the return of the borrowed shares, the Reporting Person was no longer a greater than ten percent owner with respect to the Issuer. To the extent the Reporting Person is entitled to receive any dividends with respect to the previously borrowed shares of the Issuer, such dividends will be subject to the terms and conditions of the MSLAs. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the previously borrowed shares of the Issuer for purposes of Rule 16a-1(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

No securities are beneficially owned.

Gregory Doig

09/06/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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