

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K/A
AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 8, 2002

Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

GEORGIA

0-25739

58-2328421

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6200 The Corners Parkway, Suite 250, Norcross, Georgia

30092

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

The Registrant hereby amends its Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 8, 2002 to include a revised Exhibit 16.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed with this document:

Number	Description
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16.1	Letter from Arthur Andersen LLP to the Securities and Exchange Commission dated May 8, 2002, regarding change in certifying accountant.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT
TRUST, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Leo F. Wells, III

Leo F. Wells, III,
President

Date: May 15, 2002

[ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP LETTERHEAD]

Office of the Chief Accountant
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

May 8, 2002

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have read the four paragraphs of section (a) contained in Item 4 included in the Form 8-K dated May 8, 2002 of Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are in agreement with the statements contained therein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Arthur Andersen LLP

cc: Mr. Doug Williams, Senior Vice President Finance & Accounting
Wells Real Estate Funds