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Newcastle Announces Fourth Quarter and Year End 2009 Results

2009 Financial Results

Fourth Quarter 2009

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Newcastle Investment Corp. (NYSE: NCT) reported that for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, GAAP income was \$16.5 million, or \$0.31 per diluted share, compared to a GAAP loss of \$51.48 per diluted share for the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

GAAP income of \$16.5 million consists of net interest income less expenses (net of preferred dividends) of \$12.7 million plus other income of \$30.7 million, less impairments of \$26.9 million.

Other income is primarily related to gains on the extinguishment of CDO debt. In the fourth quarter, Newcastle repurchased a face amount of \$36.9 million of CDO bonds for \$7.6 million. As a result, Newcastle recorded a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$29.1 million for the fourth quarter 2009.

Full Year 2009

GAAP loss was \$223.4 million, or \$4.23 per diluted share, compared to GAAP loss of \$56.81 per diluted share for 2008.

The GAAP loss of \$223.4 million consists of net interest income less expenses (net of preferred dividends) of \$98.1 million plus other income of \$227.1 million, less impairments of \$548.6 million.

Other income is primarily related to gains on the extinguishment of CDO debt. In 2009, Newcastle repurchased a face amount of \$246.7 million of CDO bonds for \$29.9 million. As a result, Newcastle recorded a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$215.3 million for 2009.

For a reconciliation of net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders to net interest income less expenses (net of preferred dividends), please refer to the tables following the presentation of the GAAP results.

Recourse Debt Reduction

In the fourth quarter, the Company reduced its non-agency recourse debt by \$7 million and decreased its FNMA/FHLMC recourse debt by \$2 million. As detailed below, the Company's unrestricted cash balance currently exceeds its non-agency recourse liabilities (excluding our junior subordinated notes, which are long-term obligations).

Financing and Liquidity

Certain details regarding our liquidity and current financings are set forth below as of February 17, 2010:

- Cash - We had unrestricted cash of \$59 million. In addition, we had \$201 million of restricted cash for reinvestment in our CDOs;
- Margin Exposure - We have no financings subject to margin calls, other than one repurchase agreement with a face amount of \$40 million, which finances our FNMA/FHLMC investments and four interest rate swap agreements with an aggregate notional amount of \$67 million; and
- Recourse Financings- Substantially all of our assets, other than our FNMA/FHLMC investments, are currently financed with term debt subject to amortization payments.

The following table illustrates the change in our unrestricted cash and recourse financings, excluding our junior subordinated notes (\$ in millions):

| | February 17, 2010 | December 31, 2009 | September 30, 2009 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Unrestricted Cash | \$ 59 | \$ 68 | \$ 73 |
| Recourse Financings | | | |
| Non-FNMA/FHLMC (non-agency) | | | |
| Real Estate Securities, Loans, and Properties | 21 | 32 | 36 |
| Manufacturing Housing Loans | 8 | 10 | 13 |
| Subtotal | 29 | 42 | 49 |
| FNMA/FHLMC Investments | 40 | 40 | 42 |
| Total Recourse Financings | \$ 69 | \$ 82 | \$ 91 |

The following table summarizes the scheduled repayments of our non-agency recourse financings (\$ in millions):

| Scheduled Repayments | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| February 18, 2010 to March 31, 2010 | \$ 9 |
| 2nd Quarter 2010 | 16 |
| 3rd Quarter 2010 | 4 |
| Total Recourse Financings | \$ 29 |

The following table summarizes our cash receipts in the fourth quarter 2009 from our CDO

financings, their related coverage tests, and negative watch assets (\$ in thousands):

| | Primary Collateral Type | Cash Receipts (1) | Interest Coverage | | | | Assets on Negative Watch (3) |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | % Excess Jan 31, 2010 (2) | Over Collateralization % Jan 31, 2010 (2) | % Dec 31, 2009 (2) | % Sep 30, 2009 (2) | |
| CDO IV | Securities | \$ 128 | 122.1 % | -6.8 % | -6.8 % | -6.5 % | \$ 88,623 |
| CDO V | Securities | 165 | 215.0 % | -3.8 % | -3.8 % | 2.7 % | 135,690 |
| CDO VI | Securities | 142 | 45.6 % | -24.3 % | -21.8 % | -15.5 % | 184,413 |
| CDO VII | Securities | 139 | 69.3 % | -51.9 % | -49.2 % | -26.3 % | 229,450 |
| CDO VIII | Loans | 3,720 | 287.5 % | 8.5 % | 9.8 % | 2.7 % | 130,121 |
| CDO IX | Loans | 5,134 | 354.8 % | 11.0 % | 10.5 % | 6.1 % | 41,750 |
| CDO X | Securities | 3,451 | 181.5 % | 5.1 % | 2.8 % | 1.6 % | 239,965 |
| Total | | \$ 12,879 | | | | | \$ 1,050,012 |

(1) Represents net cash received from each CDO based on all of our interests in such CDO (including senior management fees). Cash receipts for the quarter-ended December 31, 2009, may not be indicative of cash receipts for subsequent periods. See forward-looking statements below for risks and uncertainties that could cause our cash receipts for subsequent periods to differ materially from these amounts.

(2) Represents excess or deficiency under the applicable interest coverage or over collateralization tests to the first threshold at which cash flow would be redirected. We generally do not receive material cash flow from the CDO until the deficiency is corrected. The information regarding coverage tests is based on data from the most recent remittance date on or before January 31, 2010, December 31, 2009, or September 30, 2009, as applicable. CDO IV and V test results are only applicable on a quarterly basis (December, March, June and September).

(3) Represents the face amount of assets on negative watch for possible downgrade by at least one rating agency (Moody's, S&P, or Fitch). Amounts are as of the determination date of December 2009 remittances for CDO IV and V (these test results are only applicable on a quarterly basis) and as of the latest determination date of January 2010 remittances for all other CDOs. The amounts include CDO bonds of \$54.6 million issued by Newcastle, which are eliminated in consolidation and not reflected in our investment portfolio segments.

- The cash receipts above include \$0.9 million of non-recurring fees received in the CDOs.
- Results do not include the expected default of our \$59.1 million of Stuyvesant Mezzanine loan held in CDO IX, which would eliminate a substantial amount of our excess overcollateralization cushion in CDO IX.

Book Value

Our GAAP book value increased to \$(33.89) per share, or \$(1.8) billion at December 31, 2009, up from \$(38.20) per share, or \$(2.0) billion at September 30, 2009.

Dividends

For the quarter ended December 31, 2009, Newcastle's Board of Directors elected not to pay a common stock or preferred stock dividend. The Company decided to retain capital for liquidity and for working capital purposes.

Investment Portfolio

Newcastle's \$5.6 billion investment portfolio (with a basis of \$3.2 billion) consists of commercial, residential and corporate debt. During the quarter, the portfolio decreased by \$84.0 million primarily as a result of principal repayments of \$102.7 million, sales of \$53.0 million and actual principal writedowns of \$16.1 million, offset by purchases of \$78.7 million.

The following table describes our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2009 (\$ in millions):

| | Face Amount \$ | Basis Amount \$(1) | % of Basis | Number of Investments | Credit (2) | Weighted Average Life (yrs) (3) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| Commercial Assets | | | | | | |
| CMBS | \$ 2,458 | \$ 1,467 | 45.4 % | 294 | BB | 3.1 |
| Mezzanine Loans | 718 | 240 | 7.4 % | 21 | 69% | 1.9 |
| B-Notes | 308 | 80 | 2.5 % | 11 | 76% | 1.9 |
| Whole Loans | 93 | 55 | 1.7 % | 4 | 36% | 1.6 |
| Total Commercial Assets | 3,577 | 1,842 | 57.0 % | | | 2.7 |
| Residential Assets | | | | | | |

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|--|----------|----------|-------|---|--------|------|-----|
| MH and Residential Loans | 484 | 375 | 11.6 | % | 12,613 | 699 | 6.5 |
| Subprime Securities | 463 | 187 | 5.8 | % | 104 | B | 4.6 |
| Real Estate ABS | 86 | 66 | 2.0 | % | 26 | BB+ | 4.4 |
| Subprime Retained Securities & Residuals | 62 | 2 | 0.1 | % | 7 | C | 1.8 |
| | 1,095 | 630 | 19.5 | % | | | 5.3 |
| FNMA/FHLMC Securities | 46 | 46 | 1.4 | % | 3 | AAA | 3.8 |
| Total Residential Assets | 1,141 | 676 | 20.9 | % | | | 5.2 |
| Corporate Assets | | | | | | | |
| REIT Debt | 518 | 513 | 15.9 | % | 59 | BB+ | 4.2 |
| Corporate Bank Loans | 314 | 199 | 6.2 | % | 10 | CCC- | 3.4 |
| Total Corporate Assets | 832 | 712 | 22.0 | % | | | 3.9 |
| Total/Weighted Average (4) | \$ 5,550 | \$ 3,230 | 100.0 | % | | | 3.4 |

(1) Net of impairments.

Credit represents weighted average of minimum rating for rated assets, LTV (based on the appraised value at the time of purchase) for non-rated commercial assets, FICO score for non-rated residential assets and an

(2) implied AAA rating for FNMA/FHLMC securities. Ratings provided above were determined by third party rating agencies as of a particular date, may not be current and are subject to change (including the assignment of a "negative watch") at any time.

(3) Weighted average life represents the timing of expected principal reduction on the asset.

(4) Excludes operating real estate held for sale of \$10 million and loans subject to call option with a face amount of \$406 million.

Commercial Assets

We own \$3.6 billion of commercial assets (with a basis of \$1.8 billion), which includes CMBS, mezzanine loans, B-Notes and whole loans.

- During the quarter, we purchased \$77.8 million, sold \$7.5 million, had principal repayments of \$49.0 million and had \$ 1.3 million of actual principal writedowns for a net increase of \$20.0 million. We purchased 11 CMBS assets with an average rating of "A."
- We had no commercial assets upgraded, 13 securities or \$ 160.9 million affirmed and 43 securities or \$461.7 million downgraded (from an average rating of BBB- to B).

CMBS portfolio (\$ in thousands):

| Vintage (1) | Average Minimum | Number | Face Amount \$ | Basis Amount \$ | % of Basis | Delinquency 60+/FC/REO (3) | Principal Subordination (4) | Weighted Average Life (yrs) |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Rating (2) | | | | | | | |
| Pre 2004 | BBB+ | 84 | 434,496 | 417,820 | 28.5% | 5.0% | 12.4% | 3.1 |
| 2004 | BB+ | 61 | 434,515 | 305,844 | 20.8% | 3.8% | 5.7% | 3.5 |
| 2005 | BB- | 53 | 600,343 | 200,292 | 13.7% | 3.0% | 5.9% | 3.0 |
| 2006 | BB+ | 55 | 527,422 | 361,051 | 24.6% | 2.0% | 10.9% | 3.1 |
| 2007 | B | 40 | 450,375 | 171,818 | 11.7% | 4.8% | 10.9% | 2.4 |
| 2009 | BBB- | 1 | 11,000 | 10,060 | 0.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 9.9 |
| TOTAL/WA | BB | 294 | 2,458,151 | 1,466,885 | 100.0% | 3.6% | 9.0% | 3.1 |

(1) The year in which the securities were issued.

Ratings provided above were determined by third party rating agencies as of a particular date, may not be current and are subject to change (including the assignment of a "negative watch") at any time. We had approximately \$850.9 million of CMBS assets that are on negative watch for possible downgrade by at least one rating agency as of December 31, 2009.

(3) The percentage of underlying loans that are 60+ days delinquent, or in foreclosure or considered real estate owned (REO).

(4) The percentage of the outstanding face amount of securities that is subordinate to our investments.

Mezzanine loans, B-Notes and whole loans portfolio (\$ in thousands):

| | Mezzanine | | Whole | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|-----------|
| | Loans | B-Notes | Loans | Total |
| Face Amount (\$) | 718,298 | 308,082 | 93,305 | 1,119,685 |
| Basis Amount (\$) | 240,185 | 79,427 | 55,408 | 375,020 |
| Number | 21 | 11 | 4 | 36 |
| WA First \$ Loan To Value (1) | 55.6% | 61.9% | 0.0% | 52.7% |
| WA Last \$ Loan To Value (1) | 69.3% | 75.9% | 36.1% | 68.4% |
| Delinquency (%) (2) | 6.9% | 42.7% | 0.0% | 16.2% |

(1) Loan To Value is based on the appraised value at the time of purchase.

(2) The percentage of underlying loans that are non-performing, in foreclosure, under bankruptcy filing or considered real estate owned.

Residential Assets

We own \$1.1 billion of residential assets (with a basis of \$0.7 billion), which includes manufactured housing loans ("MH"), residential loans, subprime securities and FNMA/FHLMC securities.

-- During the quarter, we purchased \$0.9 million, had principal repayments of \$29.4 million and actual principal writedowns of \$14.8 million for a net decrease of \$43.3 million. We purchased one ABS asset with a rating of "BBB."

-- We had no ABS securities upgraded or affirmed, and 23 securities or \$59.9 million downgraded (from an average rating of BB+ to CCC).

Manufactured housing and residential loans portfolios (\$ in thousands):

| Deal | Face Amount | Basis Amount | % of Basis | Average Loan Age (months) | Original Balance \$ | Delinquency 90+/FC/REO (1) | Cumulative Loss to Date |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| MH Loans Portfolio 1 | 170,452 | 119,482 | 31.8% | 99 | 327,855 | 1.7% | 5.5% |
| MH Loans | 243,781 | 202,025 | 53.8% | 129 | 434,743 | 1.3% | 3.6% |

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|-------------|---------|---------|--------|-----|-----------|------|------|
| Portfolio 2 | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | |
| Loans | 66,136 | 50,320 | 13.4% | 91 | 646,357 | 9.1% | 0.2% |
| Portfolio 1 | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | |
| Loans | 3,795 | 3,516 | 1.0% | 64 | 83,950 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Portfolio 2 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL/WA | 484,164 | 375,343 | 100.0% | 113 | 1,492,905 | 2.5% | 3.8% |

(1) The percentage of loans that are 90+ days delinquent, or in foreclosure or considered real estate owned (REO).

Subprime securities portfolio excluding our residuals and retained interests in our own securitizations (\$ in thousands):

Security Characteristics:

| Vintage (1) | Average | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Minimum Rating (2) | Number | Face Amount \$ | Basis Amount \$ | % of Basis | Principal Subordination (3) | Excess Spread (4) |
| 2003 | BB- | 15 | 22,147 | 13,593 | 7.3% | 21.3% | 4.4% |
| 2004 | B- | 31 | 96,253 | 35,218 | 18.8% | 12.9% | 4.2% |
| 2005 | B | 38 | 162,249 | 43,224 | 23.1% | 24.2% | 5.1% |
| 2006 | CCC | 12 | 102,604 | 43,042 | 23.0% | 18.5% | 4.9% |
| 2007 | BB | 8 | 79,250 | 52,122 | 27.8% | 29.5% | 4.7% |
| TOTAL/WA | B | 104 | 462,503 | 187,199 | 100.0% | 21.3% | 4.7% |

Collateral Characteristics:

| Vintage (1) | Average | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Loan Age (months) | Collateral Factor (5) | 3 Month CPR (6) | Delinquency 90+/FC/REO (7) | Cumulative Loss to Date |
| 2003 | 82 | 0.11 | 8.9% | 17.4% | 2.7% |

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|----------|----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2004 | 68 | 0.15 | 9.1% | 20.8% | 2.7% |
| 2005 | 55 | 0.24 | 13.4% | 35.8% | 7.7% |
| 2006 | 41 | 0.56 | 14.1% | 42.1% | 10.5% |
| 2007 | 39 | 0.65 | 20.6% | 34.1% | 10.7% |
| TOTAL/WA | 53 | 0.35 | 13.7% | 32.9% | 7.5% |

Real Estate ABS portfolios (\$ in thousands):

Security Characteristics:

| Asset Type | Average | | Face Amount \$ | Basis Amount \$ | % of Basis | Principal Subordination (3) | Excess Spread (4) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Minimum Rating (2) | Number | | | | | |
| Manufactured Housing | BBB+ | 9 | 51,276 | 49,795 | 75.9% | 36.8% | 2.3% |
| Small Business Loans | B | 17 | 34,730 | 15,799 | 24.1% | 17.7% | 3.4% |
| TOTAL/WA | BB+ | 26 | 86,006 | 65,594 | 100.0% | 29.1% | 2.8% |

Collateral Characteristics:

| Asset Type | Average | | Collateral Factor (5) | 3 Month CPR (6) | Delinquency 90+/FC/REO (7) | Cumulative Loss to Date |
|----------------------|----------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Loan Age (months) | | | | | |
| Manufactured Housing | 110 | 0.37 | 7.9% | 4.5% | 9.9% | |
| Small Business Loans | 65 | 0.58 | 4.7% | 14.5% | 4.3% | |
| TOTAL/WA | 92 | 0.46 | 6.6% | 8.5% | 7.6% | |

(1) The year in which the securities were issued.

Ratings provided above were determined by third party rating agencies as of a particular date, may not be current and are subject to change (including the assignment of a "negative watch") at any time. We had approximately

\$21.1 million of ABS securities that are on negative watch for possible downgrade by at least one rating agency as of December 31, 2009.

- (3) The percentage of the outstanding face amount of securities and residual interests that is subordinate to our investments.

- (4) The annualized amount of interest received on the underlying loans in excess of the interest paid on the securities, as a percentage of the outstanding collateral balance.

- (5) The ratio of original unpaid principal balance of loans still outstanding.

- (6) Three month average constant prepayment rate.

- (7) The percentage of underlying loans that are 90+ days delinquent, or in foreclosure or considered real estate owned (REO).

Corporate Assets

We own \$832 million of corporate assets (with a basis of \$712 million), including REIT debt and corporate bank loans.

- During the quarter, we sold \$45.5 million and had principal repayments of \$24.3 million for a decrease of \$69.8 million. Our sales consisted of nine REIT assets and one bank loan with an average rating of "B-."
- We had no REIT assets upgraded or affirmed and one REIT asset or \$10.0 million downgraded (from a rating of BBB+ to BBB). We had one bank loan or \$20.5 million downgraded (from a rating of B- to CC).

REIT debt portfolio (\$ in thousands):

| Industry | Average | Number | Face Amount \$ | Basis Amount \$ | % of Basis |
|-------------|----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Minimum Rating(1) | | | | |
| Retail | BBB- | 17 | 142,460 | 134,512 | 26.2% |
| Diversified | CCC+ | 12 | 123,836 | 124,344 | 24.3% |
| Office | BBB | 12 | 125,469 | 127,532 | 24.9% |
| Multifamily | BBB | 4 | 18,765 | 17,537 | 3.4% |
| Hotel | BBB | 4 | 30,220 | 30,771 | 6.0% |
| Healthcare | BBB- | 6 | 51,600 | 51,379 | 10.0% |
| Storage | A- | 1 | 5,000 | 5,073 | 1.0% |
| Industrial | BB- | 3 | 20,865 | 21,372 | 4.2% |
| TOTAL/WA | BB+ | 59 | 518,215 | 512,520 | 100.0% |

Corporate bank loan portfolio (\$ in thousands):

| Industry | Average | Number | Face | Basis | % of |
|----------------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | Minimum | | Amount \$ | Amount \$ | Basis |
| Real Estate | D | 3 | 82,828 | 48,943 | 24.6% |
| Media | CC | 2 | 112,000 | 42,956 | 21.6% |
| Resorts | BB- | 1 | 71,449 | 64,363 | 32.4% |
| Restaurant | B | 2 | 19,400 | 16,065 | 8.1% |
| Transportation | NR | 1 | 27,000 | 25,110 | 12.6% |
| Theaters | B+ | 1 | 1,457 | 1,391 | 0.7% |
| TOTAL/WA | CCC- | 10 | 314,134 | 198,828 | 100.0% |

Ratings provided above were determined by third party rating agencies as of a particular date, may not be current and are subject to change (including (1) the assignment of a "negative watch") at any time. We did not have any REIT assets or bank loans that are on negative watch for possible downgrade by any rating agency as of December 31, 2009.

Conference Call

Newcastle's management will conduct a live conference call today, February 19, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time to review the financial results for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2009. All interested parties are welcome to participate on the live call. You can access the conference call by dialing (888) 243-2046 (from within the U.S.) or (706) 679-1533 (from outside of the U.S.) ten minutes prior to the scheduled start of the call; please reference "Newcastle Fourth Quarter Earnings Call."

A simultaneous webcast of the conference call will be available to the public on a listen-only basis at www.newcastleinv.com. Please allow extra time prior to the call to visit the site and download the necessary software required to listen to the internet broadcast.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will also be available until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on Friday, March 5, 2010 by dialing (800) 642-1687 (from within the U.S.) or (706) 645-9291 (from outside of the U.S.); please reference access code "55209464."

About Newcastle

Newcastle Investment Corp. owns and manages a portfolio of diversified, credit sensitive real estate debt that is primarily financed with match funded debt. Newcastle is organized and conducts its operations to qualify as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes. Newcastle is managed by an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC, a global alternative asset manager. For more information regarding Newcastle Investment Corp. or to be added to our e-mail distribution list, please visit www.newcastleinv.com.

Safe Harbor

Certain items in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, but not limited to, statements relating to our liquidity, future losses and impairment charges, our ability to acquire assets with attractive returns and the delinquent and loss rates on our subprime portfolios. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, many of which are beyond our control. Newcastle can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Newcastle's expectations include, but are not limited to, the risk that the ongoing challenging credit and liquidity conditions continue to cause downgrades of a significant number of our securities and recording of additional impairment charges or reductions in shareholders' equity; the risk that we can find additional suitably priced investments; the risk that investments made or committed to be made cannot be financed on the basis and for the term at which we expect; the relationship between yields on assets which are paid off and yields on assets in which such monies can be reinvested; and the relative spreads between the yield on the assets we invest in and the cost and availability of debt and equity financing. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained in this press release. For a discussion of some of the risks and important factors that could affect such forward-looking statements, see the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is available on the Company's website (www.newcastleinv.com). In addition, new risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for the Company to predict or assess the impact of every factor that may cause its actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. Newcastle expressly disclaims any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

Newcastle Investment Corp.
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Year Ended December 31,

Three Months Ended December
31,

2009

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| | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Interest income | \$ 361,866 | \$ 468,867 | \$ 74,833 | \$ 107,406 |
| Interest expense | 218,410 | 307,303 | 51,256 | 70,564 |
| Net interest income | 143,456 | 161,564 | 23,577 | 36,842 |
| Impairment | | | | |
| Provision for credit losses on loan pools | - | 8,457 | - | 2,007 |
| Valuation allowance (reversal) on loans (held for sale in 2009) | 15,007 | 985,677 | (68,086) | 908,761 |
| Other-than-temporary impairment on securities | 603,768 | 1,997,696 | 77,077 | 1,728,480 |
| Portion of other-than-temporary impairment on securities recognized in other comprehensive income | (70,235) | - | 17,870 | - |
| | 548,540 | 2,991,830 | 26,861 | 2,639,248 |
| Net interest income (loss) after impairment | (405,084) | (2,830,266) | (3,284) | (2,602,406) |
| Other Income (Loss) | | | | |
| Gain (loss) on settlement of investments, net | 11,438 | (58,668) | 3,650 | (62,588) |
| Gain on extinguishment of debt | 215,279 | 13,824 | 29,070 | (24) |
| Other income (loss), net | 262 | (76,122) | (1,931) | (40,329) |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries | 420 | 8,157 | 139 | (32) |
| | 227,399 | (112,809) | 30,928 | (102,973) |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Loan and security servicing expense | 5,034 | 6,649 | 1,165 | 1,413 |
| General and administrative expense | 8,609 | 7,297 | 1,788 | 1,678 |
| Management fee to | 17,968 | 18,388 | 4,493 | 4,597 |

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|---|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| affiliate | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 290 | 289 | 72 | 71 |
| | 31,901 | 32,623 | 7,518 | 7,759 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | (209,586) | (2,975,698) | 20,126 | (2,713,138) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | (318) | (9,654) | (222) | (930) |
| Net Income (Loss) | (209,904) | (2,985,352) | 19,904 | (2,714,068) |
| Preferred dividends | (13,501) | (13,501) | (3,375) | (3,375) |
| Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stockholders | \$ (223,405) | \$ (2,998,853) | \$ 16,529 | \$ (2,717,443) |
| Income (loss) Per Share of Common Stock | | | | |
| Basic | \$ (4.23) | \$ (56.81) | \$ 0.31 | \$ (51.48) |
| Diluted | \$ (4.23) | \$ (56.81) | \$ 0.31 | \$ (51.48) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations per share | | | | |
| of common stock, after preferred dividends | | | | |
| Basic | \$ (4.22) | \$ (56.63) | \$ 0.32 | \$ (51.46) |
| Diluted | \$ (4.22) | \$ (56.63) | \$ 0.32 | \$ (51.46) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations per share | | | | |
| of common stock | | | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.18) | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.02) |
| Diluted | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.18) | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.02) |
| Weighted Average Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding | | | | |
| Basic | 52,863,993 | 52,785,305 | 52,905,413 | 52,789,050 |
| Diluted | 52,863,993 | 52,785,305 | 52,905,413 | 52,789,050 |
| Dividends Declared per Share of Common | \$ - | \$ 0.750 | \$ - | \$ - |

Stock

Newcastle Investment Corp.
 Consolidated Balance Sheets
 (dollars in thousands, except share data)

| | December 31, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Real estate securities, available for sale | \$ 1,830,795 | \$ 1,668,748 |
| Real estate related loans, held for sale, net | 573,862 | 843,212 |
| Residential mortgage loans, held for sale, net | 383,647 | 409,632 |
| Subprime mortgage loans subject to call option | 403,006 | 398,026 |
| Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries | 193 | 384 |
| Operating real estate, held for sale | 9,966 | 11,866 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 68,300 | 49,746 |
| Restricted cash | 205,378 | 44,282 |
| Receivables and other assets | 39,481 | 47,727 |
| | \$ 3,514,628 | \$ 3,473,623 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit) | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| CDO bonds payable | 4,058,928 | 4,359,981 |
| Other bonds payable | 303,697 | 380,620 |
| Repurchase agreements | 71,309 | 276,472 |
| Financing of subprime mortgage loans subject to call option | 403,006 | 398,026 |
| Junior subordinated notes payable | 103,264 | 100,100 |
| Derivative liabilities | 207,154 | 333,977 |
| Due to affiliates | 1,497 | 1,532 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 6,425 | 16,447 |
| | 5,155,280 | 5,867,155 |

Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)

Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value,
100,000,000 shares authorized,

2,500,000 shares of 9.75% Series B
Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock

1,600,000 shares of 8.05% Series C
Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock,
and

2,000,000 shares of 8.375% Series D
Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, issued and outstanding | 152,500 | 152,500 |
|---|---------|---------|

Common stock, \$0.01 par value,
500,000,000 shares authorized, 52,912,513
and

52,789,050 shares issued and outstanding
at December 31, 2009 and

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| December 31, 2008, respectively | 529 | 528 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,033,520 | 1,033,416 |
| Accumulated deficit | (2,193,383) | (3,272,403) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (633,818) | (307,573) |
| | (1,640,652) | (2,393,532) |
| | \$ 3,514,628 | \$ 3,473,623 |

Newcastle Investment Corp.

Reconciliation of Net Interest Income Less Expenses (Net of Preferred
Dividends)

(dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | December 31, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
| Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stockholders | \$ 16,529 | \$ (2,717,443) |
| Add (Deduct): | | |
| Impairment | 26,861 | 2,639,248 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Other (Income) Loss | (30,928) | 102,973 |
| Loss from discontinued operations | 222 | 930 |
| Net Interest Income less Expenses (Net of Preferred Dividends) | \$ 12,684 | \$ 25,708 |

| | Year Ended | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | December 31, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
| Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stockholders | \$ (223,405) | \$ (2,998,853) |
| Add (Deduct): | | |
| Impairment | 548,540 | 2,991,830 |
| Other (Income) Loss | (227,399) | 112,809 |
| Loss from discontinued operations | 318 | 9,654 |
| Net Interest Income less Expenses (Net of Preferred Dividends) | \$ 98,054 | \$ 115,440 |

Source: Newcastle Investment Corp.