

## **Main Street Capital Corporation**

Tax Status of Distributions For the Year Ended 12/31/2017

The tax character of the distributions paid by Main Street Capital Corporation (the "Company") for calendar-year 2017 is set forth below. For tax purposes, the Company is a regulated investment company ("RIC") and designates the tax character of distributions for calendar-year 2017 in accordance with Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**Ordinary Income Dividends:** These dividends are from the Company's ordinary net investment income and net short-term capital gains for the year. This type of dividend is to be reported on your tax return as ordinary income. Ordinary dividend distributions from a RIC generally do not qualify for the preferential tax rate on dividend income from domestic corporations and qualified foreign corporations except to the extent that the RIC received the income in the form of qualifying dividends from domestic corporations and qualified foreign corporations.

Total ordinary income distributions are reported on your Form 1099-DIV in Box 1a. The portion of the dividends reported in Box 1a that qualify as a "qualified dividend" for the preferential tax rate are reported on your Form 1099-DIV in Box 1b.

Please note that if you acquired or disposed of your Company shares during 2017, qualified dividends reported in Box 1b of your 2017 Form 1099-DIV may not be eligible for the preferential tax rate. Shareholders should consult their tax advisor for tax guidance.

**Capital Gain Distributions:** Capital gain distributions arise from net long-term capital gain recognized by the Company during the year. These capital gain distributions generally qualify for the preferential tax rate on net capital gain recognized by U.S. resident individuals and certain other U.S. persons. Whether capital gains are characterized as long-term of short-term is determined by how long the Company held the investment and the type of investment.

Total capital gain distributions are reported on your Form 1099-DIV in Box 2a.

Distributions that were reinvested through the Company's (or other brokerage firms') Dividend Reinvestment Plan are treated, for tax purposes, as if they had been paid in cash. Therefore, stockholders who participated in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan should also refer to the table below for appropriate tax treatment of 2017 dividends.

The amounts shown in the table below represent the final classification of the Company's 2017 distributions. This information supersedes any estimated information you may have received during the year. Calendar-year 2017 distributions are classified as follows:

Form 1099-DIV Reporting					Box 1a		Box 1a and Box 1b		Box 2a	Non-U.S. Shareholder	Non-U.S. Shareholder
							Qualified	Lon	g-Term Capital	% of Interest-Related	% of Distributions
	Payment	Dist	tribution	Ordi	nary Dividend	D	ividends Per	G	ain Per Share	and Short-Term	Exempt from U.S.
Record Date	Date	Per Share		Per Share (i)		Share (i),(ii)		(iii)		Capital Gain (iv)	Withholding Tax (v)
1/20/2017	2/15/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	0.144896	\$	0.005057	\$	0.035047	59.1459%	78.0900%
2/22/2017	3/15/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	0.185000	\$	-	\$	-	78.0900%	78.0900%
3/21/2017	4/13/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	0.185000	\$	-	\$	-	78.0900%	78.0900%
4/20/2017	5/15/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	0.185000	\$	-	\$	-	78.0900%	78.0900%
5/19/2017	6/14/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	0.185000	\$	-	\$	-	78.0900%	78.0900%
6/19/2017	6/26/2017	\$	0.2750	\$	0.275000	\$	-	\$	-	70.0000%	70.0000%
6/30/2017	7/14/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.185000	0.0000%	100.0000%
7/20/2017	8/15/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.185000	0.0000%	100.0000%
8/21/2017	9/15/2017	\$	0.1850	\$	0.022623	\$	0.077684	\$	0.084692	12.2289%	58.0085%
9/21/2017	10/16/2017	\$	0.1900	\$	0.190000	\$	-	\$	-	70.0000%	70.0000%
10/20/2017	11/15/2017	\$	0.1900	\$	0.190000	\$	-	\$	-	70.0000%	70.0000%
11/21/2017	12/15/2017	\$	0.1900	\$	0.190000	\$	-	\$	-	70.0000%	70.0000%
12/19/2017	12/27/2017	\$	0.2750	\$	0.275000	\$	-	\$	-	70.0000%	70.0000%
12/29/2017	1/12/2018	\$	0.1900	\$	0.190000	\$	-	\$	-	70.0000%	70.0000%
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% of Total Dividends Paid

Per Share 100.000% 79.481% 2.966% 17.553% 58.235% 75.789%

- (ii) The portion of the distributions reported in Box 1a treated as Qualified Dividend is reported on Form 1099-DIV in Box 1b.
- (iii) Net Capital Gain Distributions is reported on Form 1099-DIV in Box 2a.
- (iv) The Company designates the above percentages of each of the total distributions by payment date as Interest-Related Dividend and Short-Term Capital Gain Dividend in accordance with IRC Sections 871(k) and 881(e).

This tax status notice is not intended to constitute tax, legal, investment, or other professional advice. This is general information and should not be relied upon without consulting your tax advisor.

<sup>(</sup>i) Form 1099-DIV Box 1a includes the combined amounts of the columns "Ordinary Dividend Per Share" and "Qualified Dividends Per Share," contained within the table above.

<sup>(</sup>v) These percentages designate the portion of the Company's dividends received by Non-U.S. Residents and Foreign Corporation Shareholders that constitute Interest-Related Dividends, Short-Term Capital Gains Dividends, and Net Capital Gain Dividends to derive the total amount of the dividends which generally are exempt from United States withholding tax for these periods for Non-U.S. Residents and Foreign Corporation Shareholders.