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Triangle Capital Corporation Reports Third Quarter 2010 Results

RALEIGH, N.C., Nov. 3, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Triangle Capital Corporation (Nasdaq:TCAP) ("Triangle" or the "Company"), a leading specialty finance company that provides customized financing solutions to lower middle market companies located throughout the United States, today announced its financial results for the third quarter of 2010.

Commenting on the quarter, Garland S. Tucker, III, President and CEO, stated, "The third quarter was an especially active time for us as we initiated approximately \$30 million of new investments, we experienced approximately \$30 million of principal repayments, we recapitalized a portion of our SBA debentures at extremely favorable rates, and we raised over \$41 million of equity capital in a successful follow-on offering in September. As we begin to focus on 2011, we remain pleased with the performance of our existing portfolio and we are delighted with the quality of new investment opportunities we are seeing."

Third Quarter 2010 Results

Total investment income during the third quarter of 2010 was \$9.8 million, compared to total investment income of \$7.1 million for the third quarter of 2009, representing an increase of 37.9%. The Company's increase in investment income is primarily attributable to new portfolio investments made during 2009 and 2010 which resulted in an increase in total loan interest, fee, dividend and paid-in-kind interest income of approximately \$2.8 million, offset by a decrease in interest income from cash and cash equivalent investments of \$0.1 million.

Net investment income during the third quarter of 2010 was \$5.6 million, compared to net investment income of \$3.7 million for the third quarter of 2009, representing an increase of 51.0%. The Company's net investment income per share during the third quarter of 2010 was \$0.46, based on a weighted average share count of 12,258,614, as compared to \$0.41 during the third quarter of 2009, based on a weighted average share count of 9,129,192.

The Company's net increase in net assets resulting from operations was \$7.2 million during the third quarter of 2010, as compared to a net decrease in net assets resulting from operations of \$0.8 million during the third quarter of 2009. The Company's net increase in net assets resulting from operations was \$0.59 per share during the third quarter of 2010 based on a weighted average share count of 12,258,614, as compared to a net decrease in net assets resulting from operations of \$0.09 per share during the third quarter of 2009, based on a weighted average share count of 9,129,192.

The Company's net asset value per share at September 30, 2010, was \$11.99 as compared to \$11.08 per share at June 30, 2010. As of September 30, 2010, the Company's weighted average yield on its outstanding, currently yielding, debt investments was approximately 15.1%.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At September 30, 2010, the Company had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$74.1 million.

During the third quarter of 2010, the Company completed a public offering of 2.8 million shares of common stock with net proceeds of approximately \$41.3 million.

Commenting on the Company's liquidity and capital resources, Steven C. Lilly, Chief Financial Officer, stated, "Triangle is fortunate to enjoy a strong liquidity position at what we believe is a very opportune time in the mezzanine market. Based on our cash on hand as of September 30, 2010, and our incremental SBA commitments, we have access to approximately \$160 million of capital which provides us with significant corporate visibility as we prepare to move into 2011."

Also during the third quarter of 2010, Triangle pre-paid \$22.3 million in Small Business Administration ("SBA") guaranteed debentures that bore interest at a weighted average interest rate of 5.8%. During the same period, Triangle issued \$32.6 million of new 10-year SBA-guaranteed debentures at a weighted average fixed interest rate of 3.7%. Triangle also issued a five-year SBA-guaranteed Low to Moderate Income ("LMI") debenture with a principal amount of \$7.8 million and a fixed interest rate of 2.5% for proceeds of \$6.8 million. As of September 30, 2010, the Company had non-callable, fixed rate SBA guaranteed debentures outstanding totaling \$139.0 million. The Company has the ability to issue up to a total of \$225.0 million in SBA-guaranteed debentures.

Dividend Information

On August 25, 2010, Triangle announced that its board of directors had declared a cash dividend of \$0.41 per share. This was the Company's fifteenth consecutive quarterly dividend since its initial public offering in February, 2007. The dividend was payable as follows:

Record Date: September 8, 2010

Payment Date: September 22, 2010

Triangle has adopted a dividend reinvestment plan ("DRIP") that provides for reinvestment of dividends on behalf of its stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, when the Company declares a cash dividend, stockholders who have not opted out of the DRIP will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Company's common stock, rather than receiving cash dividends.

When the Company declares and pays dividends, it determines the allocation of the distribution between current income, accumulated income and return of capital on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). At each year end, the Company is required for tax purposes to determine the dividend allocation based on tax accounting principles. Due to differences between GAAP and tax accounting principles, the portion of each dividend distribution that is ordinary income, capital gain or return of capital may differ for GAAP and tax purposes.

Recent Portfolio Activity

During the third quarter of 2010, Triangle made three new investments totaling

approximately \$26.1 million, and four debt investments in existing portfolio companies totaling approximately \$3.9 million. In addition, the Company sold one equity investment in a portfolio company resulting in a realized gain of approximately \$0.3 million, and sold a convertible note investment in a portfolio company resulting in a realized gain of approximately \$0.9 million. Also during the third quarter of 2010, four portfolio company loans were repaid at par totaling approximately \$25.9 million and Triangle received normal principal repayments totaling approximately \$2.8 million.

Previously announced investment transactions during the third quarter of 2010 are summarized as follows:

On July 9, 2010, the Company made a \$5.5 million investment in Hatch Chile Co., LLC ("Hatch Chile") consisting of subordinated debt with warrants. Hatch Chile is a food products company that distributes branded, green chile based cooking sauces and related canned chile and tomato products for retail customers, primarily in the Southwestern United States.

On August 6, 2010, Triangle made a \$13.9 million investment in Carolina Beer & Beverage ("CBB") consisting of subordinated debt and equity. CBB performs beverage manufacturing and co-packaging, as well as fee-based warehousing, logistics and distribution services. CBB is a co-packer for some of the largest and fastest growing national and international beverage companies, producing well known energy drinks, flavored malt beverages, and organic and natural beverages.

On September 15, 2010, the Company made a \$6.7 million investment in AP Services, Inc. ("AP Services") consisting of subordinated debt and equity. AP Services, headquartered in Freeport, Pennsylvania, is a supplier of gaskets, packing, and other fluid sealing technologies and services to power plants and original equipment manufacturers.

Subsequent to quarter end, on October 29, 2010, Triangle closed a \$10.8 million investment in Infrastructure Corporation of America ("ICA") consisting of subordinated debt with warrants. ICA maintains public transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, toll ways, rest areas and welcome centers. This investment is in support of ICA's acquisition of full-service engineering firm Florence & Hutcheson, which adds planning, design-build, civil, geotechnical, environmental, construction engineering and inspection, and water resources to ICA's existing services.

Also on October 29, 2010, the Company made a \$6.0 million subordinated debt investment in McKenzie Sports Products, LLC ("McKenzie"). McKenzie is the largest designer and manufacturer of taxidermy forms and supplies used to mount hunting and fishing trophies in the United States.

Conference Call to Discuss Third Quarter 2010 Results

Triangle has scheduled a conference call to discuss third quarter results for Thursday, November 4, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. ET.

To listen to the call, please dial 877-312-5521 or 253-237-1143 approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the call. A taped replay will be made available approximately two hours after the conclusion of the call and will remain available until November 9, 2010. To access the replay, please dial 800-642-1687 or 706-645-9291 and enter the passcode 20147650.

Triangle's quarterly results conference call will also be available via a live webcast on the investor relations section of its website at <http://ir.tcap.com/events.cfm>. Access the website 15 minutes prior to the start of the call to download and install any necessary audio software. An archived webcast replay will be available on the Company's website until January 31, 2011.

About Triangle Capital Corporation

Triangle Capital Corporation (www.TCAP.com) is a specialty finance company organized to provide customized financing solutions to lower middle market companies located throughout the United States. Triangle's investment objective is to seek attractive returns by generating current income from debt investments and capital appreciation from equity related investments. Triangle's investment philosophy is to partner with business owners, management teams and financial sponsors to provide flexible financing solutions to fund growth, changes of control, or other corporate events. Triangle typically invests \$5.0 million - \$15.0 million per transaction in companies with annual revenues between \$20.0 million and \$100.0 million and EBITDA between \$3.0 million and \$20.0 million.

Triangle has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act"). Triangle is required to comply with a series of regulatory requirements under the 1940 Act as well as applicable NASDAQ, federal and state laws and regulations. Triangle has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Failure to comply with any of the laws and regulations that apply to Triangle could have a material adverse effect on Triangle and its stockholders.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any such statements, other than statements of historical fact, are likely to be affected by other unknowable future events and conditions, including elements of the future that are or are not under the Company's control, and that the Company may or may not have considered; accordingly, such statements cannot be guarantees or assurances of any aspect of future performance. Actual developments and results are highly likely to vary materially from these estimates and projections of the future and some of these uncertainties are enumerated in Triangle's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements are included in our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, each as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Such statements speak only as of the time when made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any such statement now or in the future.

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