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## Form 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from

Commission file number 001-33130

# **Triangle Capital Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530 Raleigh, North Carolina (Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(919) 719-4770 Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

06-1798488

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

27612

(Zip Code)

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes 🗆 No 🗹

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes 🗹 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.  $\Box$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer □ Accelerated filer □ Non-accelerated filer ☑ Smaller reporting company □

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗆 No 🗵

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2008 was approximately \$70,555,444.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock on February 20, 2009 was 7,047,663.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement relating to the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and certain exhibits previously filed with the Securities and Exchange commission are incorporated by reference into Part IV of this Annual

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### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report contains forward-looking statements which are subject to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Some of the statements in this Annual Report constitute forward-looking statements because they relate to future events or our future performance or financial condition. Forward-looking statements may include, among other things, statements as to our future operating results, our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies, the impact of the investments that we expect to make, the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives, our expected financings and investments, the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital, and the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies. Words such as "expect," "anticipate," "target," "goals," "project," "intend," "plan," "believe," "seek," "estimate," "continue," "forecast," "may," "should," "potential," variations of such words, and similar expressions indicate a forward-looking statement, although not all forward-looking statements these words. Readers are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report are only predictions, are not guarantees of future performance, and are subject to risks, events, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Our actual results could differ materially from those implied or expressed in the forward-looking statements for any reason, including the factors discussed in Item 1A entitled "Risk Factors" in Part I of this Annual Report and elsewhere in this Annual Report. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include changes in the economy, risks associated with possible disruption in our operations or the economy generally due to terrorism, and future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas. These statements are based on our current expectations, estimates, forecasts, information and projections about the industry in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management as of the date of this Annual Report. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless we are required to do so by law. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we in the future may file with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

### PART I

### Item 1. Business.

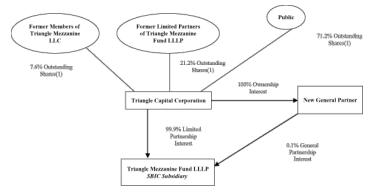
## Formation of Our Company

We are a Maryland corporation incorporated on October 10, 2006, for the purposes of acquiring 100% of the equity interests in Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (the "Fund") and its general partner, Triangle Mezzanine LLC ("TML"), raising capital in our initial public offering, which was completed in February 2007 (the "IPO") and thereafter operating as an internally managed business development company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). Unless otherwise noted, the terms "we," "us," "our" and "Triangle" refer to the Fund prior to the IPO and to Triangle Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries, including the Fund, after the IPO. At the time of closing of the IPO, we consummated the following formation transactions ("Formation Transactions"):

- We acquired 100% of the limited partnership interests in the Fund, which became our wholly owned subsidiary, retained its license by the United States Small Business
   Administration (the "SBA") to operate as a small business investment company (an "SBIC"), continued to hold its existing investments and to make new investments with the net
   proceeds of the IPO.
- · We acquired 100% of the equity interests in TML, the general partner of the Fund.

The IPO consisted of the sale of 4,770,000 shares of our common stock at a price of \$15.00 per share, resulting in net proceeds to us of approximately \$64.7 million after deducting offering costs. As a result of the IPO and the Formation Transactions described above, we and the Fund are closed-end, non-diversified investment companies that have elected to be treated as BDCs under the 1940 Act.

The following chart reflects graphically our organizational structure after the IPO and consummation of the Formation Transactions:



(1) Based on 6,686,760 shares of common stock outstanding immediately after the IPO and consummation of the Formation Transactions.

Our headquarters are in Raleigh, North Carolina, and our Internet address is www.tcap.com. We are not including the information contained on our website as a part of, or incorporating it by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We make available free of charge through our website our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to,

the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of this Annual Report and other reports are also available without charge upon written request to us.

#### Overview of our Business

We are a specialty finance company that provides customized financing solutions to lower middle market companies located throughout the United States. We define lower middle market companies as those having annual revenues between \$10.0 and \$100.0 million. Our investment objective is to seek attractive returns by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity related investments. Our 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. We invest primarily in senior and subordinated debt securities secured by first and second lien security interests in portfolio company assets, coupled with equity interests.

We focus on investments in companies with a history of generating revenues and positive cash flows, an established market position and a proven management team with a strong operating discipline. Our target portfolio company has annual revenues between \$20.0 and \$75.0 million and annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") between \$2.0 and \$20.0 million. We believe that these companies have less access to capital and that the market for such capital is underserved relative to larger companies. Companies of this size are generally privately held and are less well known to traditional capital sources such as commercial and investment banks.

Our investments generally range from \$5.0 to \$15.0 million per portfolio company. In certain situations, we have partnered with other funds to provide larger financing commitments. We are continuing to operate the Fund as an SBIC and to utilize the proceeds of the sale of SBA-guaranteed debentures, referred to herein as SBA leverage, to enhance returns to our stockholders. As of December 31, 2008, we had investments in 34 portfolio companies, with an aggregate cost of \$180.2 million.

### **Our Business Strategy**

We seek attractive returns by generating current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity related investments by:

- Focusing on Underserved Markets. We believe that broad-based consolidation in the financial services industry coupled with operating margin and growth pressures have caused financial institutions to de-emphasize services to lower middle market companies in favor of larger corporate clients and capital market transactions. We believe these dynamics have resulted in the financing market for lower middle market companies to be underserved, providing us with greater investment opportunities.
- Providing Customized Financing Solutions. We offer a variety of financing structures and have the flexibility to structure our investments to meet the needs of our portfolio companies. Typically we invest in senior and subordinated debt securities, coupled with equity interests. We believe our ability to customize financing arrangements makes us an attractive partner to lower middle market companies.
- Leveraging the Experience of Our Management Team. Our senior management team has more than 100 years of combined experience advising, investing in, lending to and
  operating companies across changing market cycles. The members of our management team have diverse investment backgrounds, with prior experience at investment banks,
  specialty finance companies, commercial banks, and privately and publicly held companies in the capacity of executive officers. We believe this diverse experience provides us
  with an in depth understanding of the strategic, financial and operational challenges and opportunities of lower middle market companies. We believe this understanding allows us
  to select and structure better investments and to efficiently monitor and provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies.
- Applying Rigorous Underwriting Policies and Active Portfolio Management. Our senior management team has implemented rigorous underwriting policies that are followed in each transaction. These policies include a thorough analysis of each potential portfolio company's competitive position,

financial performance, management team operating discipline, growth potential and industry attractiveness, allowing us to better assess the company's prospects. After investing in a company, we monitor the investment closely, typically receiving monthly, quarterly and annual financial statements. We analyze and discuss in detail the company's financial performance with management in addition to attending regular board of directors meetings. We believe that our initial and ongoing portfolio review process allows us to monitor effectively the performance and prospects of our portfolio companies.

- Taking Advantage of Low Cost Debentures Guaranteed by the SBA. Our license to do business as an SBIC allows us to issue fixed-rate, low interest debentures which are
  guaranteed by the SBA and sold in the capital markets, potentially allowing us to increase our net interest income beyond the levels achievable by other BDCs utilizing traditional
  leverage.
- Maintaining Portfolio Diversification. While we focus our investments in lower middle market companies, we seek to diversify across various industries. We monitor our investment
  portfolio to ensure we have acceptable diversification, using industry and market metrics as key indicators. By monitoring our investment portfolio for diversification we seek to
  reduce the effects of economic downturns associated with any particular industry or market sector. However, we may from time to time hold securities of a single portfolio company
  that comprise more than 5.0% of our total assets and/or more than 10.0% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company. For that reason, we are classified as a nondiversified management investment company under the 1940 Act.
- Utilizing Long-Standing Relationships to Source Deals. Our senior management team maintains extensive relationships with entrepreneurs, financial sponsors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, commercial bankers and other non-bank providers of capital who refer prospective portfolio companies to us. These relationships historically have generated significant investment opportunities. We believe that our network of relationships will continue to produce attractive investment opportunities.

#### Investments

### Debt Investments

We tailor the terms of our debt investments to the facts and circumstances of each transaction and prospective portfolio company, negotiating a structure that seeks to protect our rights and manage our risk while creating incentives for the portfolio company to achieve its business plan. To that end, we typically seek board observation rights with each of our portfolio companies and offer managerial assistance. We also seek to limit the downside risks of our investments by negotiating covenants that are designed to protect our investments while affording our portfolio companies as much flexibility in managing their businesses as possible. Such restrictions may include affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, lien protection, change of control provisions and put rights. We typically add a prepayment penalty structure to enhance our total return on our investments.

We typically invest in senior secured debt and subordinated notes. Senior subordinated notes are junior to senior secured debt but senior to other series of subordinated notes. Our senior secured debt investments and subordinated note investments generally have terms of three to seven years. Our senior secured debt investments generally provide for variable interest at rates ranging from LIBOR plus 350 basis points to LIBOR plus 950 basis points and our subordinated debt investments generally provide for fixed interest rates between 12.0% and 19.0% per annum. Our subordinated note investments generally are secured by a second priority security interest in the assets of the borrower and generally include an equity component, such as warrants to purchase common stock in the portfolio company. In addition, certain loan investments may have a form of interest that is not paid currently but is accrued and added to the loan balance and paid at the end of the term, referred to as payment-in-kind, or PIK interest. In our negotiations with potential portfolio companies, we generally seek to minimize PIK interest as we have to pay out such accrued interest as dividends to our stockholders, and we may have to borrow money or raise additional capital in order to meet the requirement of having to pay out at least 90.0% of our income to continue to qualify as a Regulated Investment Company, or RIC, for federal tax purposes. At December 31, 2008, the weighted average yield on

all of our outstanding debt investments (including PIK interest) was approximately 14.4% and the weighted average yield on all of outstanding investments (including equity and equity-linked investments) was approximately 13.2%.

## Equity Investments

When we provide financing, we may acquire equity interests in the portfolio company. We generally seek to structure our equity investments as non-control investments to provide us with minority rights and event-driven or time-driven puts. We also seek to obtain registration rights in connection with these investments, which may include demand and "piggyback" registration rights, board seats and board observation rights. Our investments have in the past and may in the future contain a synthetic equity position pursuant to a formula typically setting forth royalty rights we may exercise in accordance with such formula.

### Investment Criteria

We utilize the following criteria and guidelines in evaluating investment opportunities. However, not all of these criteria and guidelines have been, or will be, met in connection with each of our investments.

- Established Companies With Positive Cash Flow. We seek to invest in established companies with a history of generating revenues and positive cash flows. We typically focus on companies with a history of profitability and minimum trailing twelve month EBITDA of \$2.0 million. We do not invest in start-up companies, distressed situations, "turn-around" situations or companies that we believe have unproven business plans.
- Experienced Management Teams With Meaningful Equity Ownership. Based on our prior investment experience, we believe that a management team with significant experience with a portfolio company or relevant industry experience and meaningful equity ownership is more committed to a portfolio company. We believe a management team with these attributes is more likely to manage the portfolio company in a manner that enhances the value of our investment.
- Strong Competitive Position. We seek to invest in companies that have developed strong positions within their respective markets, are well positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities and compete in industries with barriers to entry. We also seek to invest in companies that exhibit a competitive advantage, which may help to protect their market position and profitability.
- Diversified Customer and Supplier Base. We prefer to invest in companies that have a diversified customer and supplier base. Companies with a diversified customer and supplier base are generally better able to endure economic downturns, industry consolidation and shifting customer preferences.
- Significant Invested Capital. We believe the existence of significant underlying equity value provides important support to investments. We will look for portfolio companies that we believe have sufficient embedded equity or franchise value.

### **Investment Committees**

Triangle Capital Corporation has an investment committee that is responsible for all aspects of our investment process relating to investments made by Triangle Capital Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, other than investments made by Triangle Mezzanine Fund. The members of the Triangle Capital Corporation investment committee are Messrs. Garland S. Tucker III, Brent P.W. Burgess, Steven C. Lilly, Jeffrey A. Dombcik, Douglas A. Vaughn, Tarlton H. Long, and David F. Parker. Triangle Mezzanine Fund has an investment committee that is responsible for all aspects of our investment process relating to investments made by Triangle Mezzanine Fund.

The members of the Triangle Mezzanine Fund investment committee are Messrs. Garland S. Tucker III, Brent P.W. Burgess, Steven C. Lilly, Jeffrey A. Dombcik, Douglas A. Vaughn, Tarlton H. Long, and David F. Parker. Both Jeffrey A. Dombcik's and Douglas A. Vaughn's appointments to the Triangle Mezzanine Fund investment committee are contingent upon our receiving confirmation from the U.S. Small Business

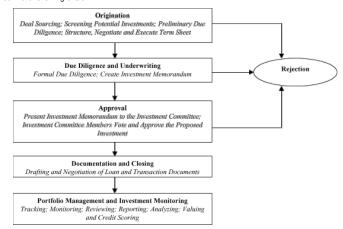
Administration. For purposes of the discussion herein, any reference to the "investment committee" refers to both the investment committee of Triangle Capital Corporation and the investment committee of Triangle Mezzanine Fund.

### **Investment Process**

Our investment committee meets once a week but also meets on an as needed basis depending on transaction volume. Our investment committee has organized our investment process into five distinct stages:

- Origination
- · Due Diligence and Underwriting
- Approval
- · Documentation and Closing
- · Portfolio Management and Investment Monitoring

Our investment process is summarized in the following chart:



## Origination

The origination process for our investments includes sourcing, screening, preliminary due diligence, transaction structuring, and negotiation. Our origination process ultimately leads to the issuance of a non-binding term sheet. Investment origination is conducted by our eight investment professionals who are responsible for sourcing potential investment opportunities. Our investment professionals utilize their extensive relationships with various financial sponsors, entrepreneurs, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers and other non-bank providers of capital to source transactions with prospective portfolio companies.

If a transaction meets our investment criteria, we perform preliminary due diligence, taking into consideration some or all of the following factors:

- A comprehensive financial model that we prepare based on quantitative analysis of historical financial performance, financial projections and pro forma financial ratios assuming investment:
- Competitive landscape surrounding the potential investment;
- $\bullet \quad \text{Strengths and weaknesses of the potential investment's business strategy and industry};\\$

- · Results of a broad qualitative analysis of the company's products or services, market position, market dynamics and customers and suppliers; and
- Potential investment structures, certain financing ratios and investment pricing terms.

If the results of our preliminary due diligence are satisfactory, the origination team prepares a Summary Transaction Memorandum which is presented to our investment committee. If our investment committee recommends moving forward, we issue a non-binding term sheet to the potential portfolio company. Upon execution of a term sheet, we begin our formal due diligence and underwriting process as we move toward investment approval.

## Due Diligence and Underwriting

Our due diligence on a prospective investment is completed by a minimum of two investment professionals, which we define as the underwriting team. The members of the underwriting team work together to conduct due diligence and to understand the relationships among the prospective portfolio company's business plan, operations and financial performance through various methods, including, among others, on-site visits with management, in-depth review of historical and projected financial data, interviews with customers and suppliers, management background checks, third-party accounting reports and review of any material contracts.

In most circumstances, we utilize outside experts to review the legal affairs, accounting systems and results, and, where appropriate, we engage specialists to investigate issues like environmental matters and general industry outlooks. During the underwriting process, significant attention is given to sensitivity analyses and how companies might be expected to perform in a protracted "downside" operating environment. In addition, we analyze key financing ratios and other industry metrics, including total debt to EBITDA to fixed charges, EBITDA to total interest expense, total debt to total capitalization and total senior debt to total capitalization.

Upon completion of a satisfactory due diligence review and as part of our evaluation of a proposed investment, the underwriting team prepares an Investment Memorandum for presentation to our investment committee. The Investment Memorandum includes information about the potential portfolio company such as its history, business strategy, potential strengths and risks involved, analysis of key customers and suppliers, working capital analysis, third party consultant findings, expected returns on investment structure, anticipated sources of repayment and exit strategies, analysis of historical financials, and potential capitalization and ownership.

#### Approval

The underwriting team for the proposed investment presents the Investment Memorandum to our investment committee for consideration and approval. After reviewing the Investment Memorandum, members of the investment committee may request additional due diligence or modify the proposed financing structure or terms of the proposed investment. Before we proceed with any investment, the investment committee must approve the proposed investment. Upon receipt of transaction approval, the involved investment professionals proceed to document and, upon satisfaction of applicable closing conditions, fund the investment.

### Documentation and Closing

The underwriting team is responsible for leading the negotiation of all documentation related to investment closings. We also rely on law firms with whom we have worked on multiple transactions to help us complete the necessary documentation associated with transaction closings. If a transaction changes materially from what was originally approved by the investment committee, the underwriting team requests a formal meeting of the investment committee to communicate the contemplated changes. The investment committee has the right to approve the amended transaction structure, to suggest alternative structures or not to approve the contemplated changes.

#### Portfolio Management and Investment Monitoring

Our investment professionals generally employ several methods of evaluating and monitoring the performance of our portfolio companies, which, depending on the particular investment, may include the following specific processes, procedures and reports:

- · Monthly and quarterly review of actual financial performance versus the corresponding period of the prior year and financial projections;
- · Monthly and quarterly monitoring of all financial and other covenants;
- · Review of senior lender loan compliance certificates, where applicable;
- Quarterly review of operating results, and general business performance, including the preparation of a portfolio monitoring report which is distributed to members of our investment committee:
- · Periodic face-to-face meetings with management teams and financial sponsors of portfolio companies;
- · Attendance at portfolio company board meetings through board seats or observation rights; and
- · Application of our investment rating system to each investment.

In the event that our investment committee determines that an investment is underperforming, or circumstances suggest that the risk associated with a particular investment has significantly increased, we undertake more aggressive monitoring of the affected portfolio company. The frequency of our monitoring of an investment is determined by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the trends in the financial performance of the portfolio company, the investment structure and the type of collateral securing our investment, if any.

### Investment Rating System

We monitor a wide variety of key credit statistics that provide information regarding our portfolio companies to help us assess credit quality and portfolio performance. We generally require our portfolio companies to provide annual audits in addition to monthly and quarterly unaudited financial statements. Using these statements, we calculate and evaluate certain financing ratios. For purposes of analyzing the financial performance of our portfolio companies, we may make certain adjustments to their financial statements to reflect the pro forma results of a company consistent with a change of control transaction, to reflect anticipated cost savings resulting from a merger or restructuring, costs related to new product development, compensation to previous owners, and other acquisition or restructuring related items.

As part of our valuation procedures we risk rate all of our investments in debt securities. Our investment rating system uses a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being the lowest probability of default and principal loss. This system is used to estimate the probability of default on our debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. The system is also used to assist us in estimating the fair value of equity related securities. These types of systems are referred to as risk rating systems and are used by banks and rating agencies. Our risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities we hold.

In connection with the monitoring of our portfolio companies, each investment we hold is rated based upon the following numeric investment rating system:

| Investment<br>Rating | Description   |
|----------------------|---|
| 10                   | Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 30.0% or more above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Investment has been positively influenced by an unforeseen external event. Full return of principal and interest is expected.   |
| 9                    | Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 30.0% or more above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Investment may have been or is soon to be positively influenced by an unforeseen external event. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Capital gain is expected. |
| 8                    | Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 21.0% to 30.0% above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Full return of principal and interest is expected.   |
| 7                    | Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 11.0% to 21.0% above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Depending on age of transaction, potential for capital gain exists.   |
| 6                    | Investment is performing above original expectations and possibly 5.0% to 11.0% above original projections provided by the portfolio company. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Depending on age of transaction, potential for capital gain exists.  |
| 5                    | Investment is performing in line with expectations. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Depending on age of transaction, potential for nominal capital gain may be expected.   |
| 4                    | Investment is performing below expectations, but no covenant defaults have occurred. Full return of principal and interest is expected. Little to no capital gain is expected.  |
| 3                    | Investment is in default of transaction covenants but interest payments are current. No loss of principal is expected.  |
| 2                    | Investment is in default of transaction covenants and interest (and possibly principal) payments are not current. A principal loss of between 1.0% and 33.0% is expected.   |
| 1                    | Investment is in default of transaction covenants and interest (and possibly principal) payments are not current. A principal loss of between 34.0% and 67.0% is expected.  |
| 0                    | Investment is in default and a principal loss of between 68.0% and 100.0% is expected.  |

## Valuation Process and Determination of Net Asset Value

#### Valuation Process

The most significant estimate inherent in the preparation of our financial statements is the valuation of investments and the related amounts of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments recorded. We have established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of portfolio company investments on a recurring (quarterly) basis. As discussed below, we have engaged an independent valuation firm to assist us in our valuation process.

On January 1, 2008, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

SFAS 157 clarifies that the exchange price is the price in an orderly transaction between market participants to sell an asset or transfer a liability in the market in which the reporting entity would transact for the asset or liability, that is, the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability is a hypothetical transaction at the measurement date, considered from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability. SFAS 157 provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on exit price and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over entity-specific inputs. In addition, SFAS 157 provides a

framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels of valuation hierarchy established by SFAS 157 are defined as follows:

Level 1 — inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 — inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 — inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. We invest primarily in debt and equity of privately held companies for which quoted prices falling within the categories of Level 1 and Level 2 inputs are not available. Therefore, we value all of our investments at fair value, as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors, using Level 3 inputs, as further described below. Due to the inherent uncertainty in the valuation process, our Board of Directors' estimate of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned. For a discussion of the risks inherent in determining the value of securities for which readily available market values do not exist, see "Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure — Our investment portfolio is and will continue to be recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors and, as a result, there is and will continue to be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments."

Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded and for which a limited market does not exist are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith, as fair value depends upon circumstances of each individual case. In general, fair value is the amount that we might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security.

We evaluate the investments in portfolio companies using the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts. We also consult with the portfolio company's senior management to obtain further updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development and other operational issues. Additionally, we consider some or all of the following factors:

- · financial standing of the issuer of the security;
- · comparison of the business and financial plan of the issuer with actual results;
- · the size of the security held as it relates to the liquidity of the market for such security;
- · pending public offering of common stock by the issuer of the security;
- · pending reorganization activity affecting the issuer, such as merger or debt restructuring;
- · ability of the issuer to obtain needed financing;
- · changes in the economy affecting the issuer;
- · financial statements and reports from portfolio company senior management and ownership;
- the type of security, the security's cost at the date of purchase and any contractual restrictions on the disposition of the security;
- · discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase;

- · special reports prepared by analysts;
- · information as to any transactions or offers with respect to the security and/or sales to third parties of similar securities;
- · the issuer's ability to make payments and the type of collateral;
- · the current and forecasted earnings of the issuer:
- statistical ratios compared to lending standards and to other similar securities; and
- · other pertinent factors.

In making the good faith determination of the value of debt securities, we start with the cost basis of the security, which includes the amortized original issue discount, and payment — in — kind (PIK) interest, if any. We also use the risk rating system discussed above under "Investment Rating System" to estimate the probability of default on the debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. The risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities held. In valuing debt securities, we utilize an "income approach" model that considers factors including, but not limited to, (i) the portfolio investment's current risk rating (discussed below), (ii) the portfolio company's current trailing twelve months' ("TTM") results of operations as compared to the portfolio company's TTM results of operations as of the date the investment was made, (iii) the portfolio company's current leverage as compared to its leverage as of the date the investment was made, and (iv) current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions. In valuing equity securities of private companies, we consider valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice, including (i) valuation using a valuation model based on original transaction multiples and the portfolio company's recent financial performance, (ii) valuation of the securities based on recent sales in comparable transactions, and (iii) a review of similar companies that are publicly traded and the market multiple of their equity securities.

Unrealized appreciation or depreciation on portfolio investments are recorded as increases or decreases in investments on the balance sheets and are separately reflected on the statements of operations in determining net increase or decrease in net assets resulting from operations.

Determination of the fair value involves subjective judgments and estimates not susceptible to substantiation by auditing procedures. Accordingly, under current auditing standards, the notes to our financial statements will refer to the uncertainty with respect to the possible effect of such valuations, and any change in such valuations, on our financial statements. In addition, the SBA has established certain valuation guidelines for SBICs to follow when valuing portfolio investments.

Duff & Phelps, LLC ("Duff & Phelps"), an independent valuation firm, provides third party valuation consulting services to us, which consist of certain limited procedures that we identified and requested Duff & Phelps to perform (hereinafter referred to as the "procedures"). We generally request Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on each portfolio company at least once in every calendar year and for new portfolio companies, at least once in the twelve-month period subsequent to the initial investment. In certain instances, we may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in our shareholders' best interest, to request Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on one or more portfolio companies. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of our investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to our total investment portfolio. For a further discussion of Duff & Phelps' procedures, see the section entitled "Investment Valuation" included in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in Item 7 of Part II of this Annual Report.

#### **Determination of Net Asset Value**

We determine the net asset value per share of our common stock on a quarterly basis. The net asset value per share is equal to the value of our total assets minus liabilities and any preferred stock outstanding divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.

#### Managerial Assistance

As a BDC, we offer, and must provide upon request, managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies. This assistance typically involves, among other things, monitoring the operations of our portfolio companies, participating in board and management meetings, consulting with and advising officers of portfolio companies and providing other organizational and financial guidance. Our senior management team provides such services. We believe, based on our management team's combined experience at investment banks, specialty finance companies, commercial banks, and operating in executive-level capacities in various operating companies, we offer this assistance effectively. We may receive fees for these services.

### Competition

We compete for investments with a number of BDCs and investment funds (including private equity funds, mezzanine funds and other SBICs), as well as traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks and other sources of financing. Many of these entities have greater financial and managerial resources than we do. We believe we compete with these entities primarily on the basis of our willingness to make smaller investments, the experience and contacts of our management team, our responsive and efficient investment analysis and decision-making processes, our comprehensive suite of customized financing solutions and the investment terms we offer.

We believe that some of our competitors make senior secured loans, junior secured loans and subordinated debt investments with interest rates that are comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. Therefore, we do not seek to compete primarily on the interest rates we offer to potential portfolio companies.

Our competitors also do not always require equity components in their investments. For additional information concerning the competitive risks we face, see "Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure — We may face increasing competition for investment opportunities."

## **Brokerage Allocation and Other Practices**

Since we generally acquire and dispose of our investments in privately negotiated transactions, we infrequently use brokers in the normal course of our business. Our management team is primarily responsible for the execution of any publicly traded securities portion of our portfolio transactions and the allocation of brokerage commissions. We do not expect to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but will seek to obtain the best net results for us, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, and operational facilities of the firm and the firm's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities. While we will generally seek reasonably competitive trade execution costs, we will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, we may select a broker based partly upon brokerage or research services provided to us. In return for such services, we may pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge if we determine in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided. We did not pay any brokerage commissions during the year ended December 31, 2008.

## **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of our distributions on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. As a result, if our board of directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our stockholders who have not "opted out" of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividends.

No action will be required on the part of a registered stockholder to have their cash dividend reinvested in shares of our common stock. A registered stockholder may elect to receive an entire dividend in cash by notifying The Bank of New York Mellon, the "Plan Administrator" and our transfer agent and registrar, in writing so that such notice is received by the plan administrator no later than the record date for dividends to

stockholders. The plan administrator will set up an account for shares acquired through the plan for each stockholder who has not elected to receive dividends in cash and hold such shares in non-certificated form. Upon request by a stockholder participating in the plan, received in writing not less than 10 days prior to the record date, the plan administrator will, instead of crediting shares to the participant's account, issue a certificate registered in the participant's name for the number of whole shares of our common stock and a check for any fractional share. Those stockholders whose shares are held by a broker or other financial intermediary may receive dividends in cash by notifying their broker or other financial intermediary of their election.

We intend to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the plan, so long as our shares are trading at or above net asset value. If our shares are trading below net asset value, we intend to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our implementation of the plan. If we use newly issued shares to implement the plan, the number of shares to be issued to a stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to such stockholder by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq Global Market on the dividend payment date. Market price per share on that date will be the closing price for such shares on the Nasdaq Global Market or, if no sale is reported for such day, at the average of their reported bid and asked prices. If we purchase shares in the open market to implement the plan, the number of shares to be issued to a stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to such stockholder by the average price per share for all shares purchased by the Plan Administrator in the open market in connection with the dividend. The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after giving effect to payment of the dividend cannot be established until the value per share at which additional shares will be issued has been determined and elections of our stockholders have been tabulated.

There will be no brokerage charges or other charges to stockholders who participate in the plan. We will pay the plan administrator's fees under the plan. If a participant elects by written notice to the plan administrator to have the plan administrator sell part or all of the shares held by the plan administrator in the participant's account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the plan administrator is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 transaction fee plus a \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

Stockholders who receive dividends in the form of stock generally are subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as are stockholders who elect to receive their dividends in cash. A stockholder's basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock received in a dividend from us will be equal to the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to the stockholder. Any stock received in a dividend will have a holding period for tax purposes commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the

Participants may terminate their accounts under the plan by notifying the plan administrator via its website at https://www.bnymellon.com/shareowner/isd, by filling out the transaction request form located at the bottom of their statement and sending it to the plan administrator at BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15252-8015, or by calling the plan administrator at (866) 228-7201.

We may terminate the plan upon notice in writing mailed to each participant at least 30 days prior to any record date for the payment of any dividend by us. All correspondence concerning the plan should be directed to the plan administrator by mail at BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15252-8015.

### **Employees**

At December 31, 2008, we employed fourteen individuals, including investment and portfolio management professionals, operations professionals and administrative staff. We expect to expand our management team and administrative staff in the future in proportion to our growth.

#### Election to be Regulated as a Business Development Company and Regulated Investment Company

We and the Fund have elected to be regulated as BDCs under the 1940 Act. In addition, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Our election to be regulated as a BDC and our election to be treated as a RIC have a significant impact on our operations. Some of the most important effects on our operations of our election to be regulated as a BDC and our election to be treated as a RIC are outlined below.

· We report our investments at market value or fair value with changes in value reported through our statement of operations.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of Regulation S-X, we report all of our investments, including debt investments, at market value or, for investments that do not have a readily available market value, at their "fair value" as determined by our board of directors. Changes in these values are reported through our statement of operations under the caption of "net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments." See "Valuation Process and Determination of Net Asset Value" above.

· We generally will be required to pay income taxes only on the portion of our taxable income we do not distribute to stockholders (actually or constructively).

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. As a RIC, so long as we meet certain minimum distribution, source-of-income and asset diversification requirements, we generally are required to pay income taxes only on the portion of our taxable income and gains we do not distribute (actually or constructively) and certain built-in gains. Any capital gains we recognized prior to the effective date of our election to be taxed as a RIC will, when distributed to our shareholders, be taxed as ordinary income and not as capital gains, as would have been the case had we been taxed as a RIC as of the date of the IPO. However, such distribution may qualify for taxation at reduced rates applicable to qualifying dividend income.

In addition, we have certain wholly owned taxable subsidiaries (the "Taxable Subsidiaries"), each of which holds one or more of our portfolio investments that are listed on the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The Taxable Subsidiaries are consolidated for GAAP purposes, such that our consolidated financial statements reflect our investments in the portfolio companies owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries. The purpose of the Taxable Subsidiaries is to permit us to hold portfolio companies that are organized as limited liability companies ("LLCs") (or other forms of pass — through entities) and still satisfy the RIC tax requirement that at least 90% of the RIC's gross revenue for income tax purposes must consist of investment income. Absent the Taxable Subsidiaries, a proportionate amount of any gross income of an LLC (or other pass — through entity) portfolio investment would flow through directly to the RIC. To the extent that such income did not consist of investment income, it could jeopardize our ability to qualify as a RIC and therefore cause us to incur significant amounts of federal income taxes. Where the LLCs (or other pass-through entities) are owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries, however, their income is taxed to the Taxable Subsidiaries and does not flow through to the RIC, thereby helping us preserve our RIC status and resultant tax advantages. The Taxable Subsidiaries are not consolidated for income tax purposes and may generate income tax expense as a result of their ownership of the portfolio companies. This income tax expense, if any, is reflected in our Statement of Operations.

• Our ability to use leverage as a means of financing our portfolio of investments will be limited.

As a BDC, we are required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total senior securities of at least 200.0%. For this purpose, senior securities include all borrowings (other than SBA leverage and certain other short-term borrowings) and any preferred stock we may issue in the future. Additionally, our ability to continue to utilize leverage as a means of financing our portfolio of investments may be limited by this asset coverage test.

· We intend to distribute substantially all of our income to our stockholders.

As a RIC, we intend to distribute to our stockholders substantially all of our income, except for certain net long-term capital gains. We may make deemed distributions to our stockholders of any retained net long-term capital gains. If this happens, our shareholders will be treated as if they received an actual distribution of the capital gains and reinvested the net after-tax proceeds in us. Our shareholders also may be eligible to claim a tax credit (or, in certain circumstances, a tax refund) equal to their allocable share of the tax we pay on the deemed distribution. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations."

### **Exemptive Relief**

The 1940 Act prohibits certain transactions between us, the Fund, as well as our and their affiliates, without first obtaining an exemptive order from the SEC. We and the Fund filed a joint exemptive application with the SEC in 2007 requesting relief under various Sections of the 1940 Act that would permit us, as the BDC parent, and the Fund, as a BDC/SBIC subsidiary, to operate effectively as one company for 1940 Act regulatory purposes. Specifically, the application requested relief for us and the Fund to (a) engage in certain transactions with each other, (b) invest in securities in which the other is an investor and engage in transactions with portfolio companies that would not otherwise be prohibited if the BDC and its subsidiary were one company, (c) be subject to modified consolidated asset coverage requirements for senior securities issued by the BDC and the BDC/SBIC subsidiary, (d) allow the BDC/SBIC subsidiary to have the maximum amount of borrowing capacity for SBICs permitted under the SBA and the 1940 Act, and (e) allow the Fund, as the BDC/SBIC subsidiary, to file Exchange Act reports on a consolidated basis with us, the parent BDC. In October 2008, the SEC issued an exemptive relief order approving the above requests.

In addition, under current SEC rules and regulations, BDCs may not grant options or restricted stock to directors who are not officers or employees of the business development company. Similarly, under the 1940 Act, BDCs cannot issue stock for services to their executive officers and employees other than options, warrants and rights to acquire capital stock. In March 2008, we received an exemptive relief order from the SEC that permits us to grant restricted stock to our independent directors as a portion of their compensation for service on our Board of Directors and permits us to grant restricted stock in exchange for or in recognition of services by our executive officers and employees.

## **Regulation of Business Development Companies**

The following is a general summary of the material regulatory provisions affecting BDCs generally. It does not purport to be a complete description of all of the laws and regulations affecting BDCs.

Both we and the Fund have elected to be regulated as BDCs under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to transactions between BDCs and their affiliates, principal underwriters and affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters. The 1940 Act requires that a majority of the directors be persons other than "interested persons," as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw our election as, a BDC unless approved by a majority of our outstanding voting securities.

The 1940 Act defines "a majority of the outstanding voting securities" as the lesser of (i) 67.0% or more of the voting securities present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50.0% of our outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) 50.0% of our voting securities.

### Qualifying Assets

Under the 1940 Act, a BDC may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, which are referred to as qualifying assets, unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70.0% of the company's total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are any of the following:

(1) Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer (subject to certain limited exceptions) is an eligible portfolio company, or from

any person who is, or has been during the preceding 13 months, an affiliated person of an eligible portfolio company, or from any other person, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the SEC. An eligible portfolio company is defined in the 1940 Act as any issuer which:

- (a) is organized under the laws of, and has its principal place of business in, the United States;
- (b) is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by the BDC) or a company that would be an investment company but for certain exclusions under the 1940 Act; and
  - (c) satisfies any of the following:
    - (i) does not have any class of securities that is traded on a national securities exchange:
    - (ii) is controlled by a BDC or a group of companies including a BDC and the BDC has an affiliated person who is a director of the eligible portfolio company; or
    - (iii) is a small and solvent company having total assets of not more than \$4.0 million and capital and surplus of not less than \$2.0 million.
  - (2) Securities of any eligible portfolio company that we control.
- (3) Securities purchased in a private transaction from a U.S. issuer that is not an investment company or from an affiliated person of the issuer, or in transactions incident thereto, if the issuer is in bankruptcy and subject to reorganization or if the issuer, immediately prior to the purchase of its securities was unable to meet its obligations as they came due without material assistance other than conventional lending or financing arrangements.
- (4) Securities of an eligible portfolio company purchased from any person in a private transaction if there is no ready market for such securities and we already own 60.0% of the outstanding equity of the eligible portfolio company.
- (5) Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described in (1) through (4) above, or pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights relating to such securities
  - (6) Cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

In addition, a BDC must have been organized and have its principal place of business in the United States and must be operated for the purpose of making investments in the types of securities described in (1), (2) or (3) above.

## Managerial Assistance to Portfolio Companies

In order to count portfolio securities as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70.0% test, we must either control the issuer of the securities or must offer to make available to the issuer of the securities (other than small and solvent companies described above) significant managerial assistance; except that, where we purchase such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, one of the other persons in the group may make available such managerial assistance. Making available managerial assistance means, among other things, any arrangement whereby the BDC, through its directors, officers or employees, offers to provide, and, if accepted, does so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company.

### Temporary Investments

Pending investment in other types of "qualifying assets," as described above, our investments may consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment, which we refer to, collectively, as temporary investments, so that 70.0% of our assets are qualifying assets. Typically, we will invest in U.S. Treasury bills or in repurchase agreements, provided that such agreements are fully collateralized by cash or securities issued by the U.S. Government or

its agencies. A repurchase agreement involves the purchase by an investor, such as us, of a specified security and the simultaneous agreement by the seller to repurchase it at an agreed-upon future date and at a price that is greater than the purchase price by an amount that reflects an agreed-upon interest rate. There is no percentage restriction on the proportion of our assets that may be invested in such repurchase agreements. However, if more than 25.0% of our total assets constitute repurchase agreements from a single counterparty, we would not meet the Diversification Tests in order to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. Thus, we do not intend to enter into repurchase agreements with a single counterparty in excess of this limit. Our management team will monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparties with which we enter into repurchase agreement transactions.

### Senior Securities

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of debt and one class of stock senior to our common stock if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 200.0% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our stockholders or the repurchase of such securities or shares unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratios at the time of the distribution or repurchase. We may also borrow amounts up to 5.0% of the value of our total assets for temporary or emergency purposes without regard to asset coverage. For a discussion of the risks associated with leverage, see "Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure — Because we intend to distribute substantially all of our income to our stockholders upon our election to be treated as a RIC, we will continue to need additional capital to finance our growth, and regulations governing our operation as a business development company will affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital."

### Code of Ethics

We have adopted the Code of Conduct for Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act, that establishes procedures for personal investments and restricts certain personal securities transactions. Personnel subject to the code may invest in securities for their personal investment accounts, including securities that may be purchased or held by us, so long as such investments are made in accordance with the code's requirements. For information on how to obtain a copy of the code of ethics, see "Business — Available Information."

### Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

We vote proxies relating to our portfolio securities in the best interest of our stockholders. We review on a case-by-case basis each proposal submitted to a stockholder vote to determine its impact on the portfolio securities held by us. Although we generally vote against proposals that may have a negative impact on our portfolio securities, we may vote for such a proposal if there exists compelling long-term reasons to do so.

Our proxy voting decisions are made by the investment professionals who are responsible for monitoring each of our investments. To ensure that our vote is not the product of a conflict of interest, we require that: (i) anyone involved in the decision making process disclose to our chief compliance officer any potential conflict that he or she is aware of and any contact that he or she has had with any interested party regarding a proxy vote; and (ii) employees involved in the decision making process or vote administration are prohibited from revealing how we intend to vote on a proposal in order to reduce any attempted influence from interested parties.

Stockholders may obtain information regarding how we voted proxies with respect to our portfolio securities by making a written request for proxy voting information to: Chief Compliance Officer, 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612.

#### Other

We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our board of directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC.

We will be periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

We are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect us against larceny and embezzlement. Furthermore, as a BDC, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our stockholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.

We are required to adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws, review these policies and procedures annually for their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation, and to designate a chief compliance officer to be responsible for administering the policies and procedures.

### **Small Business Administration Regulations**

The Fund is licensed by the Small Business Administration to operate as a Small Business Investment Company under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. The Fund is a wholly-owned subsidiary of us, holds its SBIC license and has also elected to be a BDC. The Fund initially obtained its SBIC license on September 11, 2003.

SBICs are designed to stimulate the flow of private equity capital to eligible small businesses. Under SBA regulations, SBICs may make loans to eligible small businesses, invest in the equity securities of such businesses and provide them with consulting and advisory services. The Fund has typically invested in senior and subordinated debt, acquired warrants and/or made equity investments in qualifying small businesses.

Under present SBA regulations, eligible small businesses generally include businesses that (together with their affiliates) have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$18.0 million and have average annual net income after Federal income taxes not exceeding \$6.0 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, an SBIC must devote 20.0% of its investment activity to "smaller" concerns as defined by the SBA. A smaller concern generally includes businesses that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6.0 million and have average annual net income after Federal income taxes not exceeding \$2.0 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any net carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. SBA regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility for designation as an eligible small business or smaller concern, which criteria depend on the industry in which the business is engaged and are based on such factors as the number of employees and gross revenue. However, once an SBIC has invested in a company, it may continue to make follow on investments in the company, regardless of the size of the portfolio company at the time of the follow on investment, up to the time of the portfolio company's initial public offering.

The SBA prohibits an SBIC from providing funds to small businesses for certain purposes, such as relending and investment outside the United States, to businesses engaged in a few prohibited industries, and to certain "passive" (non-operating) companies. In addition, without prior SBA approval, an SBIC may not invest an amount equal to more than 20.0% of the SBIC's regulatory capital in any one portfolio company.

The SBA places certain limitations on the financing terms of investments by SBICs in portfolio companies (such as limiting the permissible interest rate on debt securities held by an SBIC in a portfolio company). Although prior regulations prohibited an SBIC from controlling a small business concern except in limited circumstances, regulations adopted by the SBA in 2002 now allow an SBIC to exercise control over a small business for a period of seven years from the date on which the SBIC initially acquires its control position. This control period may be extended for an additional period of time with the SBA's prior written approval.

The SBA restricts the ability of an SBIC to lend money to any of its officers, directors and employees or to invest in affiliates thereof. The SBA also prohibits, without prior SBA approval, a "change of control" of an SBIC or transfers that would result in any person (or a group of persons acting in concert) owning 10.0% or more of a class of capital stock of a licensed SBIC. A "change of control" is any event which would result in the transfer of the power, direct or indirect, to direct the management and policies of an SBIC, whether through ownership, contractual arrangements or otherwise.

An SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) may generally have outstanding debentures guaranteed by the SBA in amounts up to twice the amount of the regulatory capital of the SBIC(s). Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of ten years, require semi-annual payments of interest, do not require any principal payments prior to maturity, and, historically, were subject to certain prepayment penalties. Those prepayment penalties no longer apply as of September 2006. As of December 31, 2008, we had issued \$115.1 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures, which had an annual weighted average interest rate of 5.1%, which includes \$93.1 million of pooled SBA-guaranteed debentures with a weighted average fixed interest rate of 6.19% and \$2.0 million of unpooled SBA-guaranteed debentures with a weighted average interim interest rate of 4.19%. As of December 31, 2008, SBA regulations limited the dollar amount of outstanding SBA-guaranteed debentures that may be issued by any one SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) to \$137.1 million (which amount is subject to an annual inflation adjustment). Under the provisions of the recently enacted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, our maximum borrowing under the SBA-guaranteed debentures program has been increased to \$150 million. With \$65.3 million of regulatory capital as of December 31, 2008, we have the current capacity to issue up to a total of \$130.6 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures.

SBICs must invest idle funds that are not being used to make loans in investments permitted under SBA regulations in the following limited types of securities: (i) direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the United States government, which mature within 15 months from the date of the investment; (ii) repurchase agreements with federally insured institutions with a maturity of seven days or less (and the securities underlying the repurchase obligations must be direct obligations of or guaranteed by the federal government); (iii) certificates of deposit with a maturity of one year or less, issued by a federally insured institution; (iv) a deposit account in a federally insured institution that is subject to a withdrawal restriction of one year or less; (v) a checking account in a federally insured institution; or (vi) a reasonable petty cash fund.

SBICs are periodically examined and audited by the SBA's staff to determine its compliance with SBIC regulations and are periodically required to file certain forms with the SBA.

Neither the SBA nor the U.S. government or any of its agencies or officers has approved any ownership interest to be issued by us or any obligation that we or any of our subsidiaries may incur.

## Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following discussion is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to us and to an investment in our shares. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the income tax considerations applicable to such an investment. For example, we have not described tax consequences that may be relevant to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including stockholders subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, dealers in securities, pension plans and trusts, and financial institutions. This summary assumes that investors hold our common stock as capital assets (within the meaning of the Code). This discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and all of which are subject to change, possibly retroactively, which could affect the continuing validity of this discussion. This summary does not discuss any aspects of U.S. estate or gift tax or foreign, state or local tax. It does not discuss the special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws that could result if we invested in tax-exempt securities or certain other investment assets.

A "U.S. stockholder" generally is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock who is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- A citizen or individual resident of the United States
- A corporation or other entity treated as a corporation, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivisions thereof.
- A trust if a court within the United States is asked to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantive decisions of the trust; or
- · A trust or an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

A "Non-U.S. stockholder" is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock that is not a U.S. stockholder.

If a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds shares of our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A prospective stockholder that is a partner of a partnership holding shares of our common stock should consult his, her or its tax advisors with respect to the purchase, ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock.

Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our shares will depend on the facts of his, her or its particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisors regarding the specific consequences of such an investment, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in the tax laws.

### Election to be Taxed as a Regulated Investment Company

As a BDC, we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code effective January 1, 2007. As a RIC, we generally will not have to pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any income that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements (as described below). In addition, in order to obtain RIC tax treatment, we must distribute to our stockholders, for each taxable year, at least 90.0% of our "investment company taxable income," which is generally our net ordinary income plus the excess of realized net short-term capital gains over realized net long-term capital losses (the "Annual Distribution Requirement").

## Taxation as a Regulated Investment Company

If we qualify as a RIC and satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement, then we will not be subject to federal income tax on the portion of our income we distribute (or are deemed to distribute) to stockholders (other than any built-in gain recognized before January 1, 2017). We will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rates on any income or capital gains not distributed (or deemed distributed) to our stockholders.

We will be subject to a 4.0% nondeductible federal excise tax on certain undistributed income unless we distribute in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98.0% of our net ordinary income for each calendar year, (2) 98.0% of our capital gain net income for each calendar year and (3) any income recognized, but not distributed, in preceding years (the "Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement"). We generally will endeavor in each taxable year to avoid any U.S. federal excise tax on our earnings.

In order to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes, we must, among other things:

• continue to qualify as a BDC under the 1940 Act at all times during each taxable year;

- derive in each taxable year at least 90.0% of our gross income from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale of stock or other securities, or other income derived with respect to our business of investing in such stock or securities (the "90.0% Income Test"); and
- · diversify our holdings so that at the end of each quarter of the taxable year:
  - at least 50.0% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities if such other securities of
    any one issuer do not represent more than 5.0% of the value of our assets or more than 10.0% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer; and
  - no more than 25.0% of the value of our assets is invested in the securities, other than U.S. government securities or securities of other RICs, of one issuer or of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable Internal Revenue Code rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses (the "Diversification Tests").

We may be required to recognize taxable income in circumstances in which we do not receive cash. For example, if we hold debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (such as debt instruments with PIK interest or, in certain cases, increasing interest rates or issued with warrants), we must include in income each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by us in the same taxable year. We may also have to include in income other amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as PIK interest and deferred loan origination fees that are paid after origination of the loan or are paid in non-cash compensation such as warrants or stock. Because any original issue discount or other amounts accrued will be included in our investment company taxable income for the year of accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement, even though we will not have received any corresponding cash amount.

Although we do not presently expect to do so, we are authorized to borrow funds and to sell assets in order to satisfy distribution requirements. However, under the 1940 Act, we are not permitted to make distributions to our stockholders while our debt obligations and other senior securities are outstanding unless certain "asset coverage" tests are met. See "Business — Regulation of Business Development Companies — Senior Securities." Moreover, our ability to dispose of assets to meet our distribution requirements may be limited by (1) the illiquid nature of our portfolio and/or (2) other requirements relating to our status as a RIC, including the Diversification Tests. If we dispose of assets in order to meet the Annual Distribution Requirement or the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement, we may make such dispositions at times that, from an investment standpoint, are not advantageous.

The remainder of this discussion assumes that we qualify as a RIC and have satisfied the Annual Distribution Requirement.

## Taxation of U.S. Stockholders

Distributions by us generally are taxable to U.S. stockholders as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions of our "investment company taxable income" (which is, generally, our net ordinary income plus realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses) will be taxable as ordinary income to U.S. stockholders to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. To the extent such distributions paid by us to non-corporate stockholders (including individuals) are attributable to dividends from U.S. corporations and certain qualified foreign corporations, such distributions ("Qualifying Dividends") may be eligible for a maximum tax rate of 15.0%. In this regard, it is anticipated that distributions paid by us will generally not be attributable to Qualifying Dividends. Distributions of our net capital gains (which is generally our realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses) properly designated by us as "capital gain dividends" will be taxable to a U.S. stockholder as long-term capital gains that are currently taxable at a

maximum rate of 15.0% in the case of individuals, trusts or estates, regardless of the U.S. stockholder's holding period for his, her or its common stock and regardless of whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits first will reduce a U.S. stockholder's adjusted tax basis in such stockholder's common stock and, after the adjusted basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to such U.S. stockholder.

We may retain some or all of any future realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses, but elect to designate such retained net capital gains as "deemed distributions." In that case, among other consequences, we will pay tax on the retained amount, each U.S. stockholder will be required to include his, her or its share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the U.S. stockholder, and the U.S. stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit equal to his, her or its share of the tax paid thereon by us. Because we expect to pay tax on any retained capital gains at our regular corporate tax rate, and because that rate is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by individuals on long-term capital gains, the amount of tax that individual U.S. stockholders will be treated as having paid will exceed the tax they owe on the capital gain distribution and such excess generally may be refunded or claimed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder's other U.S. federal income tax obligations. The amount of the deemed distribution net of such tax will be added to the U.S. stockholder's cost basis for his, her or its common stock. In order to utilize the deemed distribution approach, we must provide written notice to our stockholders prior to the expiration of 60 days after the close of the relevant taxable year. We cannot treat any of our investment company taxable income as a "deemed distribution."

In any fiscal year, we may elect to make distributions to our stockholders in excess of our taxable earnings for that fiscal year. As a result, a portion of those distributions may be deemed a return of capital to our stockholders.

The Internal Revenue Service recently issued guidance that permits certain distributions made by a RIC consisting of both cash and its stock to be treated as dividend distributions for purposes of satisfying the annual distribution requirements applicable to RICs. Based on that guidance, if we satisfy certain requirements, including the requirement that at least 10% of the total value of any such distribution consists of cash, the cash and our shares that we distribute will be treated as a dividend, to the extent of our earnings and profits. If we make such a distribution to our stockholders, each of our stockholders will be required to treat the total value of the distribution that each shareholder receives as a dividend, to the extent of each shareholder's pro-rata share of our earnings and profits, regardless of whether such shareholder receives cash, our shares or a combination of cash and our shares.

We advise each of our stockholders that the taxes resulting from your receipt of a distribution consisting of cash and our shares may exceed the cash that you receive in the distribution. We urge each of our stockholders to consult your tax advisor regarding the specific federal, state, local and foreign income and other tax consequences of distributions consisting of both cash and our shares.

For purposes of determining (1) whether the Annual Distribution Requirement is satisfied for any year and (2) the amount of capital gain dividends paid for that year, we may, under certain circumstances, elect to treat a dividend that is paid during the following taxable year as if it had been paid during the taxable year in question. If we make such an election, the U.S. stockholder will still be treated as receiving the dividend in the taxable year in which the distribution is made. However, any dividend declared by us in October, November or December of any calendar year, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in such a month and actually paid during January of the following year, will be treated as if it had been received by our U.S. stockholders on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

If an investor purchases shares of our common stock shortly before the record date of a distribution, the price of the shares will include the value of the distribution and the investor will be subject to tax on the distribution even though economically it may represent a return of his, her or its investment.

A stockholder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss if the stockholder sells or otherwise disposes of his, her or its shares of our common stock. The amount of gain or loss will be measured by the difference between such stockholder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock sold and the amount of the proceeds

received in exchange. Any gain arising from such sale or disposition generally will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the stockholder has held his, her or its shares for more than one year. Otherwise, it will be classified as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or disposition of shares of our common stock held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received, or undistributed capital gain deemed received, with respect to such shares. In addition, all or a portion of any loss recognized upon a disposition of shares of our common stock may be disallowed if other shares of our common stock are purchased (whether through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the disposition.

In general, individual U.S. stockholders currently are subject to a maximum federal income tax rate of 15.0% on their net capital gain (i.e., the excess of realized net long-term capital gains over realized net short-term capital losses), recognized prior to January 1, 2011, including any long-term capital gain derived from an investment in our shares. Such rate is lower than the maximum rate on ordinary income currently payable by individuals. Corporate U.S. stockholders currently are subject to federal income tax on net capital gain at the maximum 35.0% rate also applied to ordinary income. Non-corporate stockholders with net capital losses for a year (i.e., capital losses in excess of capital gains) generally may deduct up to \$3,000 of such losses against their ordinary income each year; any net capital losses of a non-corporate stockholder in excess of \$3,000 generally may be carried forward and used in subsequent years as provided in the Code. Corporate stockholders generally may not deduct any net capital losses for a year, but may carry back such losses for three years or carry forward such losses for five years.

We will send to each of our U.S. stockholders, as promptly as possible after the end of each calendar year, a notice detailing, on a per share and per distribution basis, the amounts includible in such U.S. stockholder's taxable income for such year as ordinary income and as long-term capital gain. In addition, the federal tax status of each year's distributions generally will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service (including the amount of dividends, if any, eligible for the 15.0% maximum rate). Dividends paid by us generally will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction or the preferential tax rate applicable to Qualifying Dividends because our income generally will not consist of Qualifying Dividends. Distributions may also be subject to additional state, local and foreign taxes depending on a U.S. stockholder's particular situation.

We may be required to withhold federal income tax ("backup withholding") currently at a rate of 28.0% from all taxable distributions to any non-corporate U.S. stockholder (1) who fails to furnish us with a correct taxpayer identification number or a certificate that such stockholder is exempt from backup withholding, or (2) with respect to whom the IRS notifies us that such stockholder has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect. An individual's taxpayer identification number is his or her social security number. Any amount withheld under backup withholding is allowed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder's federal income tax liability, provided that proper information is provided to the IRS.

### Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders

Whether an investment in the shares is appropriate for a Non-U.S. stockholder will depend upon that person's particular circumstances. An investment in the shares by a Non-U.S. stockholder may have adverse tax consequences. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their tax advisers before investing in our common stock.

In general, distributions of our "investment company taxable income" to Non-U.S. stockholders (other than certain distributions derived from net long-term capital gains, certain short-term capital gains and certain interest income interest income, as described below) will be subject to withholding of federal tax at a 30.0% rate (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits unless an applicable exception applies. If the distributions are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder, and, if an income tax treaty applies, attributable to a permanent establishment in the United States, we will not be required to withhold federal tax if the Non-U.S. stockholder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements, although the distributions will be subject to

federal income tax at the rates applicable to U.S. persons. (Special certification requirements apply to a Non-U.S. stockholder that is a foreign partnership or a foreign trust, and such entities are urged to consult their own tax advisors.)

With respect to certain distributions of (1) U.S.-source interest income that meets certain requirements, and (2) net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses, in each case to the extent we properly designate such distributions, made to Non-U.S. stockholders in our taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004 and before January 1, 2010, no withholding will be required and the distributions generally will not be subject to federal income tax if (i) the distributions are properly designated in a notice timely delivered to our stockholders as "interest-related dividends" or "short-term capital gain dividends," (ii) the distributions are derived from sources specified in the Code for such dividends and (iii) certain other requirements are satisfied. Currently, we do not anticipate that a significant amount of our distributions will be eligible for this exemption from withholding.

Actual or deemed distributions of our net capital gains to a Non-U.S. stockholder, and gains realized by a Non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale of our common stock, will not be subject to federal withholding tax and generally will not be subject to federal income tax unless the distributions or gains, as the case may be, are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder (and, if an income tax treaty applies, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. stockholder in the United States), or in the case of an individual stockholder, the stockholder is present in the U.S. for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale or capital gain dividend and certain other conditions are met.

If we distribute our net capital gains in the form of deemed rather than actual distributions, a Non-U.S. stockholder will be entitled to a federal income tax credit or tax refund equal to the stockholder's allocable share of the tax we pay on the capital gains deemed to have been distributed. In order to obtain the refund, the Non-U.S. stockholder must obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and file a federal income tax return even if the Non-U.S. stockholder would not otherwise be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number or file a federal income tax return. For a corporate Non-U.S. stockholder, distributions (both actual and deemed), and gains realized upon the sale of our common stock that are effectively connected to a U.S. trade or business may, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30.0% rate (or at a lower rate if provided for by an applicable treaty). Accordingly, investment in the shares may not be appropriate for a Non-U.S. stockholder.

A Non-U.S. stockholder who is a non-resident alien individual, and who is otherwise subject to withholding of federal tax, may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding of federal income tax on dividends unless the Non-U.S. stockholder provides us or the dividend paying agent with an IRS Form W-8BEN (or an acceptable substitute form) or otherwise meets documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a Non-U.S. stockholder or otherwise establishes an exemption from backup withholding.

As a RIC, we will be subject to the alternative minimum tax ("AMT"), but any items that are treated differently for AMT purposes must be apportioned between us and our stockholders and this may affect the stockholders' AMT liabilities. Although regulations explaining the precise method of apportionment have not yet been issued by the Internal Revenue Service, we intend in general to apportion these items in the same proportion that dividends paid to each stockholder bear to our taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction), unless we determine that a different method for a particular item is warranted under the circumstances.

Non-U.S. persons should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal income tax and withholding tax, and state, local and foreign tax consequences of an investment in the shares

## Failure to Qualify as a Regulated Investment Company

If we are unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, we would be subject to tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates, regardless of whether we make any distributions to our stockholders. Distributions would not be required, and any distributions would be taxable to our stockholders as ordinary

dividend income eligible for the 15.0% maximum rate to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Subject to certain limitations under the Code, corporate distributees would be eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's tax basis, and any remaining distributions would be treated as a capital gain.

### **Available Information**

We intend to make this Annual Report, as well as our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, our current reports on Form 8-K and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act, publicly available on our website (www.tcap.com) without charge as soon as reasonably practicable following our filing of such reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Our SEC reports can be accessed through the investor relations section of our website. The information found on our website is not part of this or any other report we file with or furnish to the SEC. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward looking statements in this Annual Report or in other reports filed with the SEC, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless we are required to do so by law. A copy of this Annual Report and our other reports is available without charge upon written request to Investor Relations, Triangle Capital Corporation, 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612.

Further, a copy of this Annual Report is obtainable from the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and our other filings at www.sec.gov.

We have adopted a code of ethics for Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, which we call our "Code of Conduct"), which every director, officer and employee is expected to observe. The Code of Conduct for Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP is publicly available on our website under "Corporate Governance" at the following URL: <a href="http://ir.tcap.com/governance.cfm">http://ir.tcap.com/governance.cfm</a> and is referenced in this Annual Report as Exhibit 14.1.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors.

As indicated above in this Annual Report under "Forward-Looking Statements," those statements in this Annual Report that are not historical facts may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Investing in our common stock involves a number of significant risks. The risks set out below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or not presently deemed material by us might also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, our net asset value and the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

### Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure

### Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to manage and deploy capital effectively.

Our ability to achieve our investment objective will depend on our ability to effectively manage and deploy our available capital, which will depend, in turn, on our management team's ability to identify, evaluate and monitor, and our ability to finance and invest in, companies that meet our investment criteria. We cannot assure you that we will achieve our investment objective.

Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis will be largely a function of our management team's handling of the investment process, its ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services and our access to investments offering acceptable terms. In addition to monitoring the performance of our existing investments, members of our management team and our investment professionals may also be called upon to

provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. These demands on their time may distract them or slow the rate of investment.

Even if we are able to grow and build upon our investment operations in a manner commensurate with the increased capital available to us as a result of our recent IPO, any failure to manage our growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The results of our operations will depend on many factors, including the availability of opportunities for investment, readily accessible short and long-term funding alternatives in the financial markets and economic conditions. Furthermore, if we cannot successfully operate our business or implement our investment policies and strategies as described in this Annual Report, it could negatively impact our ability to pay dividends and cause you to lose all or part of your investment.

Our investment portfolio is and will continue to be recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors and, as a result, there is and will continue to be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments.

Under the 1940 Act, we are required to carry our portfolio investments at market value or, if there is no readily available market value, at fair value as determined by our board of directors. Typically there is not a public market for the securities of the privately held companies in which we have invested and will generally continue to invest. As a result, we value these securities quarterly at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors based on input from management, a third party independent valuation firm and our audit committee.

The determination of fair value and consequently, the amount of unrealized gains and losses in our portfolio, is to a certain degree subjective and dependent on the judgment of our board. Certain factors that may be considered in determining the fair value of our investments include the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's earnings and its ability to make payments on its indebtedness, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparison to comparable publicly-traded companies, comparisons to comparable transactions, discounted cash flows and other relevant factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed. Due to this uncertainty, our fair value determinations may cause our net asset value on a given date to materially understate or overstate the value that we may ultimately realize upon one or more of our investments. As a result, investors purchasing our Securities based on an overstated net asset value would pay a higher price than the value of our investments might warrant. Conversely, investors selling shares during a period in which the net asset value understates the value of our investments might warrant.

The current state of the economy and the capital markets increases the possibility of adverse effects on our financial position and results of operations. Further deterioration in the economy could impair our portfolio companies' financial position and operating results and disproportionately affect the industries in which we invest, which could, in turn, harm our operating results and reduce our volume of new investments.

There have been unusual disruptions in the capital markets in the United States and abroad since 2007. These disruptions have increased the spread between the yields realized on risk-free and higher risk securities, resulting in illiquidity in parts of the debt capital markets. The longer this economic downturn persists, the greater the probability that these risks could have an adverse effect on our operations and financial results.

Many of the companies in which we have made or will make investments may be susceptible to an economic downturn or recession. An economic downturn or recession may affect the ability of a company to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event, such as a sale, recapitalization or initial public offering. An economic downturn could also disproportionately impact the industries in which we invest, causing us to be more vulnerable to losses in our portfolio. Therefore, our non-performing assets could increase and the value

of our portfolio could decrease during these periods. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments. An economic downturn or recession could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and decreases in revenue, net income and assets.

Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing our investment originations and negatively impact our operating results.

### We may face increasing competition for investment opportunities.

We compete for investments with other BDCs and investment funds (including private equity funds and mezzanine funds), as well as traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks and other sources of funding. Moreover, alternative investment vehicles, such as hedge funds, have begun to invest in areas they have not traditionally invested in, including making investments in lower middle market companies. As a result of these new entrants, competition for investment opportunities in lower middle market companies may intensify. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of capital and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments than we have. These characteristics could allow our competitors to consider a wider variety of investments, establish more relationships and offer better pricing and more flexible structuring than we are able to do. We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure. If we match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure. If we match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure, we may not be able to achieve acceptable returns on our investments or may bear substantial risk of capital loss. A significant part of our competitive advantage stems from the fact that the market for investments in lower middle market companies is underserved by traditional commercial banks and other financing sources. A significant increase in the number and/or the size of our competitors in this target market could result in less attractive investment terms. Furthermore, many of our competitors have greater experience operating under, or are not subject to, the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC.

## We are dependent upon our key investment personnel for our future success.

We depend on the members of our senior management team, particularly Garland S. Tucker III, Brent P.W. Burgess and Steven C. Lilly, for the identification, final selection, structuring, closing and monitoring of our investments. These employees have critical industry experience and relationships that we rely on to implement our business plan. If we lose the services of these individuals, we may not be able to operate our business as we expect, and our ability to compete could be harmed, which could cause our operating results to suffer.

## Our success depends on attracting and retaining qualified personnel in a competitive environment.

We have experienced competition in attracting and retaining qualified personnel, particularly investment professionals, and we may be unable to maintain or grow our business if we cannot attract and retain such personnel. Our ability to attract and retain personnel with the requisite credentials, experience and skills depends on several factors including, but not limited to, our ability to offer competitive wages, benefits and professional growth opportunities. Many of the entities, including investment funds (such as private equity funds and mezzanine funds) and traditional financial services companies, with which we compete for experienced personnel have greater resources than we have.

The competitive environment for qualified personnel may require us to take certain measures to ensure that we are able to attract and retain experienced personnel. Such measures may include increasing the attractiveness of our overall compensation packages, altering the structure of our compensation packages through the use of additional forms of compensation, or other steps. The inability to attract and retain experienced personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our business model depends to a significant extent upon strong referral relationships, and our inability to maintain or develop these relationships, as well as the failure of these relationships to generate investment opportunities, could adversely affect our business.

We expect that members of our management team will maintain their relationships with financial institutions, private equity and other non-bank investors, investment bankers, commercial bankers, attorneys, accountants and consultants, and we will rely to a significant extent upon these relationships to provide us with potential investment opportunities. If our management team fails to maintain its existing relationships or develop new relationships with other sponsors or sources of investment opportunities, we may not be able to grow our investment portfolio. In addition, individuals with whom members of our management team have relationships are not obligated to provide us with investment opportunities, and, therefore, there is no assurance that such relationships will generate investment opportunities for us.

### We have limited operating history as a business development company and as a regulated investment company, which may impair your ability to assess our prospects.

The 1940 Act imposes numerous constraints on the operations of BDCs. Prior to the consummation of our initial public offering in February 2007, we had not operated, and our management team had no experience operating, as a BDC under the 1940 Act or as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. As a result, we have limited operating results under these regulatory frameworks that can demonstrate to you either their effect on our business or our ability to manage our business under these frameworks. Our management team's limited experience in managing a portfolio of assets under such constraints may hinder our ability to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities and, as a result, achieve our investment objective. Furthermore, any failure to comply with the requirements imposed on BDCs by the 1940 Act could cause the SEC to bring an enforcement action against us. If we do not remain a BDC, we might be regulated as a closed-end investment company under the 1940 Act, which would further decrease our operating flexibility.

### Regulations governing our operation as a business development company will affect our ability to, and the way in which we raise additional capital.

Our business will require capital to operate and grow. We may acquire such additional capital from the following sources:

Senior Securities. Currently we, through Triangle SBIC, issue debt securities guaranteed by the SBA. In the future, we may issue debt securities or preferred stock and/or borrow money from banks or other financial institutions, which we refer collectively as senior securities. As a result of issuing senior securities, we will be exposed to additional risks, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted, as a BDC, to issue senior securities only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our debt at a time when such sales and/or repayments may be disadvantageous.
- · Any amounts that we use to service our debt or make payments on preferred stock will not be available for dividends to our common stockholders.
- It is likely that any senior securities or other indebtedness we issue will be governed by an indenture or other instrument containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility.

  Additionally, some of these securities or other indebtedness may be rated by rating agencies, and in obtaining a rating for such securities and other indebtedness, we may be required to abide by operating and investment guidelines that further restrict operating and financial flexibility.
- · We and, indirectly, our stockholders will bear the cost of issuing and servicing such securities and other indebtedness.

 Preferred stock or any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our common stock, including separate voting rights and could delay or prevent a transaction or a change in control to the detriment of the holders of our common stock.

Additional Common Stock. We are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in our best interests and that of our stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. At our Annual Stockholders Meeting on May 7, 2008, our stockholders voted to allow us to issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending May 6, 2009. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below net asset value at which we are able to issue our common stock; however, we do not intend to issue shares of our common stock below net asset value unless our board of directors determines that it would be in our stockholders' best interests to do so. In any such case, however, the price at which our common stock is to be issued and sold may not be less than a price which, in the determination of our board of directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any distributing commission or discount). We may also make rights offerings to our stockholders at prices per share less than the net asset value per share, subject to applicable requirements of the 1940 Act. If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock or senior securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, our common stock, the percentage ownership of our stockholders at that time would decrease, and they may experience dilution. Moreover, we can offer no assurance that we will be able to issue and sell additional equity securities in the future, on favorable terms or at all.

## The Fund is licensed by the SBA, and therefore subject to SBA regulations.

The Fund is licensed to act as a small business investment company and is regulated by the SBA. Under current SBA regulations, a licensed SBIC can provide capital to those entities that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$1.0 million and an average annual net income after Federal income taxes not exceeding \$6.0 million for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, a licensed SBIC must devote 20.0% of its investment activity to those entities that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6.0 million and an average annual net income after Federal income taxes not exceeding \$2.0 million for the two most recent fiscal years. The SBA regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility, which depend on the industry in which the business is engaged and are based on factors such as the number of employees and gross sales. The SBA regulations permit licensed SBICs to make long term loans to small businesses, invest in the equity securities of such businesses and provide them with consulting and advisory services. The SBA also places certain limitations on the financing terms of investments by SBICs in portfolio companies and prohibits SBICs from providing funds for certain purposes or to businesses in a few prohibited industries. Compliance with SBA requirements may cause the Fund, and us, as its parent, to forego attractive investment opportunities that are not permitted under SBA regulations.

Further, the SBA regulations require that a licensed SBIC be periodically examined and audited by the SBA to determine its compliance with the relevant SBA regulations. The SBA prohibits, without prior SBA approval, a "change of control" of an SBIC or transfers that would result in any person (or a group of persons acting in concert) owning 10.0% or more of a class of capital stock of a licensed SBIC. If the Fund fails to comply with applicable SBA regulations, the SBA could, depending on the severity of the violation, limit or prohibit the Fund's use of debentures, declare outstanding debentures immediately due and payable, and/or limit the Fund from making new investments. Such actions by the SBA would, in turn, negatively affect us because the Fund is our wholly owned subsidiary.

### Because we borrow money, the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested in us is magnified and may increase the risk of investing in us.

Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increases the risks associated with investing in us. The Fund issues debt securities guaranteed by the SBA and sold in the capital markets. As a result of its guarantee of the debt securities, the SBA has fixed

dollar claims on the Fund's assets that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders. We may also borrow from banks and other lenders in the future. If the value of our assets increases, then leveraging would cause the net asset value attributable to our common stock to increase more sharply than it would have had we not leveraged. Conversely, if the value of our assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any increase in our income in excess of interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause our net income to increase more than it would without the leverage, while any decrease in our income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could negatively affect our ability to make common stock dividend payments. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique.

As a BDC, we are generally required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total borrowings and other senior securities, which include all of our borrowings (other than SBA leverage) and any preferred stock we may issue in the future, of at least 200%. If this ratio declines below 200%, we may not be able to incur additional debt and may need to sell a portion of our investments to repay some debt when it is disadvantageous to do so, and we may not be able to make distributions. Currently, we do not have senior securities outstanding and therefore are not limited by this ratio.

On December 31, 2008, we had \$115.1 million of outstanding indebtedness guaranteed by the SBA, which had a weighted average annualized interest cost of 5.81%. The calculation of this weighted average interest rate includes i) the interim rates charged on \$22.0 million of SBA guaranteed debentures that have not yet been pooled and ii) the fixed rates charged on \$93.1 million of pooled SBA guaranteed debentures have a weighted average interim interest rate of 4.19% and the pooled SBA guaranteed debentures have a weighted average interest rate of 6.19%.

Our ability to achieve our investment objectives may depend in part on our ability to achieve additional leverage on favorable terms by issuing debentures guaranteed by the SBA or by borrowing from banks, or insurance companies, and there can be no assurance that such additional leverage can in fact be achieved.

### SBA regulations limit the outstanding dollar amount of SBA-quaranteed debentures that may be issued by an SBIC or group of SBIC's under common control.

The SBA regulations currently limit the dollar amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures that can be issued by any one SBIC or group of SBICs under common control to \$150.0 million (which amount is subject to an annual inflation adjustment). Moreover, an SBIC may not borrow an amount in excess of two times its regulatory capital. As of December 31, 2008, the Fund had issued \$115.1 million in debentures guaranteed by the SBA. With \$65.3 million of regulatory capital as of December 31, 2008, we have the current capacity to issue up to a total of \$130.6 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures. While we cannot presently predict whether or not we will borrow the maximum permitted amount, if we reach the maximum dollar amount of SBA-guaranteed debentures permitted, and thereafter require additional capital, our cost of capital may increase, and there is no assurance that we will be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms.

Moreover, the Fund's current status as an SBIC does not automatically assure that the Fund will continue to receive SBA-guaranteed debenture funding. Receipt of SBA leverage funding is dependent upon the Fund continuing to be in compliance with SBA regulations and policies and there being funding available. The amount of SBA leverage funding available to SBICs is dependent upon annual Congressional authorizations and in the future may be subject to annual Congressional appropriations. There can be no assurance that there will be sufficient debenture funding available at the times desired by the Fund.

The debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of ten years and require semi-annual payments of interest. The Fund will need to generate sufficient cash flow to make required interest payments on the debentures. If the Fund is unable to meet its financial obligations under the debentures, the SBA, as a creditor, will have a superior claim to the Fund's assets over our stockholders in the event we liquidate the Fund or the SBA exercises its remedies under such debentures as the result of a default by us. In addition, the SBA must approve our independent directors before the Fund will be permitted to issue additional debentures guaranteed by the SBA.

#### We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly results.

We could experience fluctuations in our quarterly operating results due to a number of factors, including our ability or inability to make investments in companies that meet our investment criteria, the interest rate payable on the debt securities we acquire, the level of our expenses, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets and general economic conditions. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

### Our ability to enter into and exit investment transactions with our affiliates will be restricted.

Except in those instances where we have received prior exemptive relief from the SEC, we will be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our independent directors. Any person that owns, directly or indirectly, 5.0% or more of our outstanding voting securities will be our affiliate for purposes of the 1940 Act and we will generally be prohibited from buying or selling any security from or to such affiliate, absent the prior approval of our independent directors. The 1940 Act also prohibits "joint" transactions with an affiliate, which could include investments in the same portfolio company (whether at the same or different times), without prior approval of our independent directors. If a person acquires more than 25.0% of our voting securities, we will be prohibited from buying or selling any security from or to such person, or entering into joint transactions with such person, absent the prior approval of the SEC. These restrictions could limit or prohibit us from making certain attractive investments that we might otherwise make absent such restrictions.

## Our board of directors may change our operating policies and strategies without prior notice or stockholder approval, the effects of which may be adverse.

Our board of directors has the authority to modify or waive our current operating policies and strategies without prior notice and without stockholder approval. We cannot predict the effect any changes to our current operating policies and strategies would have on our business, operating results and value of our stock. However, the effects might be adverse, which could negatively impact our ability to pay you dividends and cause you to lose all or part of your investment. Moreover, we will have significant flexibility in investing the net proceeds from any future offerings of our common stock and may use the net proceeds from such offerings in ways with which investors may not agree or for purposes other than those currently contemplated.

# We will be subject to corporate-level income tax if we are unable to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, which will adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

To obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code, we must meet the following annual distribution, income source and asset diversification requirements.

We have elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code, which generally will allow us to avoid being subject to an entity level tax. To obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code, we must meet the following annual distribution, income source and asset diversification requirements:

• The annual distribution requirement for a RIC will be satisfied if we distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90.0% of our net ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. We will be subject to a 4.0% nondeductible federal excise tax, however, to the extent that we do not satisfy certain additional minimum distribution requirements on a calendar year basis. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations." Because we use debt financing, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and may in the future become subject to certain financial covenants under loan and credit agreements that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to satisfy the distribution requirement. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources, we could fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level income tax.

- The income source requirement will be satisfied if we obtain at least 90.0% of our income for each year from distributions, interest, gains from the sale of stock or securities or similar sources.
- The asset diversification requirement will be satisfied if we meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each quarter of our taxable year. To satisfy this requirement, at least 50.0% of the value of our assets must consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities, securities of other RICs, and other acceptable securities; and no more than 25.0% of the value of our assets can be invested in the securities, other than U.S. government securities or securities of other RICs, of one issuer, of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable Code rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or of certain "qualified publicly traded partnerships." Failure to meet these requirements may result in our having to dispose of certain investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC status. Because most of our investments will be in private companies, and therefore will be relatively illiquid, any such dispositions could be made at disadvantageous prices and could result in substantial losses.

If we fail to qualify for or maintain RIC tax treatment for any reason and are subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the amount of our distributions.

### We may not be able to pay you dividends, our dividends may not grow over time, and a portion of dividends paid to you may be a return of capital.

We intend to pay quarterly dividends to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results that will allow us to make a specified level of cash dividends or year-to-year increases in cash dividends. Our ability to pay dividends might be harmed by, among other things, the risk factors described in this Annual Report. In addition, the inability to satisfy the asset coverage test applicable to us as a BDC could, in the future, limit our ability to pay dividends. All dividends will be paid at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our earnings, our financial condition, maintenance of our RIC status, compliance with applicable BDC regulations, the Fund's compliance with applicable SBIC regulations and such other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant from time to time. We cannot assure you that we will pay dividends to our stockholders in the future.

When we make quarterly distributions, we will be required to determine the extent to which such distributions are paid out of current or accumulated earnings, recognized capital gains or capital. To the extent there is a return of capital, investors will be required to reduce their basis in our stock for federal tax purposes.

## We may have difficulty paying our required distributions if we recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income.

For federal income tax purposes, we will include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as original issue discount, which may arise if we receive warrants in connection with the origination of a loan or possibly in other circumstances, or contractual PIK interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance and due at the end of the loan term. Such original issue discounts or increases in loan balances as a result of contractual PIK arrangements will be included in income before we receive any corresponding cash payments. We also may be required to include in income certain other amounts that we will not receive in cash.

Since, in certain cases, we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the annual distribution requirement necessary to obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code. Accordingly, we may have to sell some of our investments at times and/or at prices we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investment originations for this purpose. If we are not able to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level income tax. For additional discussion regarding the tax implications of a RIC, please see "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations — Taxation as a Regulated Investment Company."

The Fund, as an SBIC, may be unable to make distributions to us that may harm our ability to meet registered investment company requirements, which could result in the imposition of an entity-level tax.

In order for us to continue to qualify as a RIC, we will be required to distribute on an annual basis substantially all of our taxable income, including income from our subsidiaries, including the Fund. As all of our investments are initially being made by the Fund, we will be substantially dependent on the Fund for cash distributions to enable us to meet the RIC distribution requirements. The Fund may be limited by the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and SBA regulations governing SBICs, from making certain distributions to us that may be necessary to enable us to qualify as a RIC. We may have to request a waiver of the SBA's restrictions for the Fund to make certain distributions to maintain our status as a RIC. We cannot assure you that the SBA will grant such waiver and if the Fund is unable to obtain a waiver, compliance with the SBA regulations may result in loss of RIC status and a consequent imposition of an entity-level tax on us.

Because we intend to distribute substantially all of our income to our stockholders upon our election to be treated as a RIC, we will continue to need additional capital to finance our growth, and regulations governing our operation as a business development company will affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital.

In order to satisfy the requirements applicable to a RIC and to avoid payment of excise taxes, we intend to distribute to our stockholders substantially all of our net ordinary income and net capital gain income except for certain net long-term capital gains recognized after we become a RIC, which we may retain, pay applicable income taxes with respect thereto, and elect to treat as deemed distributions to our stockholders. As a BDC, we generally are required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total senior securities, which includes all of our borrowings (other than SBA leverage) and any preferred stock we may issue in the future, of at least 200.0%. This requirement limits the amount that we may borrow. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments or sell additional shares of common stock and, depending on the nature of our leverage, to repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous. In addition, issuance of additional securities could dilute the percentage ownership of our current stockholders in us.

While we expect to be able to borrow and to issue additional debt and equity securities, we cannot assure you that debt and equity financing will be available to us on favorable terms, or at all. If additional funds are not available to us, we could be forced to curtail or cease new investment activities, and our net asset value could decline. In addition, as a BDC, we generally are not permitted to issue equity securities priced below net asset value without stockholder approval. At our Annual Stockholders Meeting on May 7, 2008, our stockholders voted to allow us to issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending May 6, 2009. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below net asset value at which we are able to issue our common stock; however, we do not intend to issue shares of our common stock below net asset value unless our board of directors determines that it would be in our stockholders' best interests to do so.

## Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business or cause us to alter our business strategy.

We, the Fund and our portfolio companies will be subject to regulation at the local, state and federal level. New legislation may be enacted or new interpretations, rulings or regulations could be adopted, including those governing the types of investments we are permitted to make, any of which could harm us and our stockholders, potentially with retroactive effect. In addition, any change to the SBA's current debenture program could have a significant impact on our ability to obtain low-cost leverage and, therefore, our competitive advantage over other finance companies.

Additionally, any changes to the laws and regulations governing our operations relating to permitted investments may cause us to alter our investment strategy in order to avail ourselves of new or different opportunities. Such changes could result in material differences to the strategies and plans set forth in this Annual Report and may result in our investment focus shifting from the areas of expertise of our management

team to other types of investments in which our management team may have less expertise or little or no experience. Thus, any such changes, if they occur, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and the value of your investment.

### Efforts to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act will involve significant expenditures, and non-compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act may adversely affect us.

We are subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the related rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC. Among other requirements, under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder, our management is required to report on our internal controls over financial reporting. We are required to review on an annual basis our internal controls over financial reporting, and on a quarterly and annual basis to evaluate and disclose significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting. We have and expect to continue to incur significant expenses related to compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which will negatively impact our financial performance and our ability to make distributions. In addition, this process results in a diversion of management's time and attention. Since we have a limited operating history as a company subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, we cannot assure you that our internal controls over financial reporting will continue to be effective. In the event that we are unable to maintain compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related rules, we may be adversely affected.

## Risks Related to Our Investments

### Our investments in portfolio companies may be risky, and we could lose all or part of our investment.

Investing in lower middle market companies involves a number of significant risks. Among other things, these companies:

- may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations under their debt instruments that we hold, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the
  value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing any guarantees from subsidiaries or affiliates of our portfolio companies that we may have obtained in
  connection with our investment:
- may have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines, smaller market shares and/or significant customer concentration than larger businesses, which tend to render them
  more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;
- are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us;
- generally have less predictable operating results, may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence, and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position; and
- generally have less publicly available information about their businesses, operations and financial condition. If we are unable to uncover all material information about these companies, we may not make a fully informed investment decision, and may lose all or part of our investment.

In addition, in the course of providing significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies, certain of our officers and directors may serve as directors on the boards of such companies. To the extent that litigation arises out of our investments in these companies, our officers and directors may be named as defendants in such litigation, which could result in an expenditure of funds (through our indemnification of such officers and directors) and the diversion of management time and resources.

### The lack of liquidity in our investments may adversely affect our business.

We invest, and will continue to invest in companies whose securities are not publicly traded, and whose securities will be subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or will otherwise be less liquid than publicly

traded securities. The illiquidity of these investments may make it difficult for us to sell these investments when desired. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we had previously recorded these investments. As a result, we do not expect to achieve liquidity in our investments in the near-term. Our investments are usually subject to contractual or legal restrictions on resale or are otherwise illiquid because there is usually no established trading market for such investments. The illiquidity of most of our investments may make it difficult for us to dispose of them at a favorable price, and, as a result, we may suffer losses.

# We are a non-diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act, and therefore we are not limited with respect to the proportion of our assets that may be invested in securities of a single issuer.

We are classified as a non-diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act, which means that we are not limited by the 1940 Act with respect to the proportion of our assets that we may invest in securities of a single issuer. To the extent that we assume large positions in the securities of a small number of issuers, our net asset value may fluctuate to a greater extent than that of a diversified investment company as a result of changes in the financial condition or the market's assessment of the issuer. We may also be more susceptible to any single economic or regulatory occurrence than a diversified investment company. Beyond our regulated investment company asset diversification requirements and certain SBA diversification requirements for our investments held by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, we do not have fixed guidelines for diversification, and our investments could be concentrated in relatively few portfolio companies.

## We may not have the funds or ability to make additional investments in our portfolio companies.

We may not have the funds to make additional investments in our portfolio companies. After our initial investment in a portfolio company, we may be called upon from time to time to provide additional funds to such company or have the opportunity to increase our investment through the exercise of a warrant to purchase common stock. There is no assurance that we will make, or will have sufficient funds to make, follow-on investments. Any decisions not to make a follow-on investment or any inability on our part to make such an investment may have a negative impact on a portfolio company in need of such an investment, may result in a missed opportunity for us to increase our participation in a successful operation or may reduce the expected yield on the investment.

## Our portfolio companies may incur debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies.

We invest primarily in senior subordinated debt as well as equity issued by lower middle market companies. Our portfolio companies may have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, the debt in which we invest. By their terms, such debt instruments may entitle the holders to receive payment of interest or principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments with respect to the debt instruments in which we invest. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of debt instruments ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution. After repaying such senior creditors, such portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. In the case of debt ranking equally with debt instruments in which we invest, we would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other creditors holding such debt in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant portfolio company.

### There may be circumstances where our debt investments could be subordinated to claims of other creditors or we could be subject to lender liability claims.

Even though we may have structured certain of our investments as senior loans, if one of our portfolio companies were to go bankrupt, depending on the facts and circumstances and based upon principles of

equitable subordination as defined by existing case law, a bankruptcy court could subordinate all or a portion of our claim to that of other creditors and transfer any lien securing such subordinated claim to the bankruptcy estate. The principles of equitable subordination defined by case law have generally indicated that a claim may be subordinated only if its holder is guilty of misconduct or where the senior loan is re-characterized as an equity investment and the senior lender has actually provided significant managerial assistance to the bankrupt debtor. We may also be subject to lender liability claims for actions taken by us with respect to a borrower's business or instances where we exercise control over the borrower. It is possible that we could become subject to a lender's liability claim, including as a result of actions taken in rendering significant managerial assistance or actions to compel and collect payments from the borrower outside the ordinary course of business.

Second priority liens on collateral securing loans that we make to our portfolio companies may be subject to control by senior creditors with first priority liens. If there is a default, the value of the collateral may not be sufficient to repay in full both the first priority creditors and us.

Certain loans that we make are secured by a second priority security interest in the same collateral pledged by a portfolio company to secure senior debt owed by the portfolio company to commercial banks or other traditional lenders. Often the senior lender has procured covenants from the portfolio company prohibiting the incurrence of additional secured debt without the senior lender's consent. Prior to and as a condition of permitting the portfolio company to borrow money from us secured by the same collateral pledged to the senior lender, the senior lender will require assurances that it will control the disposition of any collateral in the event of bankruptcy or other default. In many such cases, the senior lender will require us to enter into an "intercreditor agreement" prior to permitting the portfolio company to borrow from us. Typically the intercreditor agreements we are requested to execute expressly subordinate our debt instruments to those held by the senior lender and further provide that the senior lender shall control: (1) the commencement of foreclosure or other proceedings to liquidate and collect on the collateral; (2) the nature, timing and conduct of foreclosure or other collection proceedings; (3) the amendment of any collateral document; (4) the release of the security interests in respect of any collateral; and (5) the waiver of defaults under any security agreement. Because of the control we may cede to senior lenders under intercreditor agreements we may be unable to realize the proceeds of any collateral securing some of our loans.

Finally, the value of the collateral securing our debt investment will ultimately depend on market and economic conditions, the availability of buyers and other factors. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the proceeds, if any, from the sale or sales of all of the collateral would be sufficient to satisfy the loan obligations secured by our second priority liens after payment in full of all obligations secured by the senior lender's first priority liens on the collateral. There is also a risk that such collateral securing our investments may decrease in value over time, may be difficult to sell in a timely manner, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value based upon the success of the portfolio company and market conditions. If such proceeds are not sufficient to repay amounts outstanding under the loan obligations secured by our second priority liens, then we, to the extent not repaid from the proceeds of the sale of the collateral, will only have an unsecured claim against the company's remaining assets, if any.

If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could fail to qualify as a business development company or be precluded from investing according to our current business strategy.

As a business development company ("BDC"), we may not acquire any assets other than "qualifying assets" unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70.0% of our total assets are qualifying assets.

We believe that substantially all of our investments are currently or will in the future constitute qualifying assets. However, we may be precluded from investing in what we believe are attractive investments if such investments are not qualifying assets for purposes of the 1940 Act. If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could lose our status as a BDC, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Similarly, these rules could prevent us from

making follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies (which could result in the dilution of our position).

#### We generally will not control our portfolio companies.

We do not, and do not expect to, control many of our portfolio companies, even though we may have board representation or board observation rights, and our debt agreements may contain certain restrictive covenants. As a result, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company in which we invest may make business decisions with which we disagree and the management of such company, as representatives of the holders of their common equity, may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve our interests as debt investors. Due to the lack of liquidity for our investments in non-traded companies, we may not be able to dispose of our interests in our portfolio companies as readily as we would like or at an appropriate valuation. As a result, a portfolio company may make decisions that could decrease the value of our portfolio holdings.

## Our financial results may be affected adversely if one or more of our portfolio investments defaults on its loans or fails to perform as we expect.

Our portfolio consists primarily of debt and equity investments in privately owned middle-market businesses. Compared to larger publicly owned companies, these middle-market companies may be in a weaker financial position and experience wider variations in their operating results, which may make them more uninerable to economic downturms. Typically, these companies need more capital to compete; however, their access to capital is limited and their cost of capital is often higher than that of their competitors. Our portfolio companies face intense competition from larger companies with greater financial, technical and marketing resources and their success typically depends on the management talents and efforts of an individual or a small group of persons. The loss of any of their key employees could affect their ability to compete effectively and harm their financial condition. Further, some of these companies conduct business in regulated industries that are susceptible to regulatory changes. These factors could impair the cash flow of our portfolio companies and result in other events, such as bankruptcy. These events could limit a portfolio company's ability to repay their obligations to us, which may have an adverse affect on the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in these businesses. Deterioration in a borrower's financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in the value of the loan's collateral.

Some of these companies cannot obtain financing from public capital markets or from traditional credit sources, such as commercial banks. Accordingly, loans made to these types of companies pose a higher default risk, than loans made to companies who have access to traditional credit sources.

Generally, little, if any, public information is available about such companies. Therefore, we must rely on our employees' diligence to obtain the information needed to make well-informed investment decisions. If we do not uncover material information about these companies, we may not make a fully informed investment decision, which could, in turn cause us to lose money on our investments.

#### Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results.

Many of our portfolio companies may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions and may be unable to repay our debt investments during these periods. Therefore, our non-performing assets are likely to increase, and the value of our portfolio is likely to decrease during these periods. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of collateral securing some of our debt investments and the value of our equity investments. Economic slowdowns or recessions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in investment income, net investment income and assets. Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing investments and harm our operating results.

An economic downturn could disproportionately impact the industries in which we invest, causing us to be more vulnerable to losses in our portfolio, which could negatively impact our financial results. Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in

a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing our loan originations and investments and negatively impact our financial results.

#### Any unrealized losses we experience on our loan portfolio may be an indication of future realized losses, which could reduce our income available for distribution.

As a BDC, we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at the fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments will be recorded as unrealized depreciation. Any unrealized losses in our loan portfolio could be an indication of a portfolio company's inability to meet its repayment obligations to us with respect to the affected loans. This could result in realized losses in the future and ultimately in reductions of our income available for distribution in future periods.

## Defaults by our portfolio companies will harm our operating results.

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans and foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross-defaults under other agreements and jeopardize a portfolio company's ability to meet its obligations under the debt or equity securities that we hold. We may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms, which may include the waiver of certain financial covenants, with a defaulting portfolio company.

#### Prepayments of our debt investments by our portfolio companies could adversely impact our results of operations and reduce our return on equity.

We are subject to the risk that the investments we make in our portfolio companies may be repaid prior to maturity. When this occurs, we will generally reinvest these proceeds in temporary investments, pending their future investment in new portfolio companies. These temporary investments will typically have substantially lower yields than the debt being prepaid and we could experience significant delays in reinvesting these amounts. Any future investment in a new portfolio company may also be at lower yields than the debt that was repaid. As a result, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected if one or more of our portfolio companies elect to prepay amounts owed to us. Additionally, prepayments could negatively impact our return on equity, which could result in a decline in the market price of our common stock.

#### Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital and net investment income.

Most of our debt investments will bear interest at fixed rates and the value of these investments could be negatively affected by increases in market interest rates. In addition, an increase in interest rates would make it more expensive to use debt to finance our investments. As a result, a significant increase in market interest rates could both reduce the value of our portfolio investments and increase our cost of capital, which would reduce our net investment income. Also, an increase in interest rates available to investors could make an investment in our common stock less attractive if we are not able to increase our dividend rate which could reduce the value of our common stock. Conversely, a decrease in interest rates may have an adverse impact on our returns by requiring us to seek lower yields on our debt investments and by increasing the risk that our portfolio companies will prepay our debt investments, resulting in the need to redeploy capital at potentially lower rates.

#### We may not realize gains from our equity investments.

Certain investments that we have made in the past and may make in the future include warrants or other equity securities. Investments in equity securities involve a number of significant risks, including the risk of further dilution as a result of additional issuances, inability to access additional capital and failure to pay current distributions. Investments in preferred securities involve special risks, such as the risk of deferred distributions, credit risk, illiquidity and limited voting rights. In addition, we may from time to time make non-control, equity co-investments in companies in conjunction with private equity sponsors. Our goal is

ultimately to realize gains upon our disposition of such equity interests. However, the equity interests we receive may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests, and any gains that we do realize on the disposition of any equity interests may not be sufficient to offset any other losses we experience. We also may be unable to realize any value if a portfolio company does not have a liquidity event, such as a sale of the business, recapitalization or public offering, which would allow us to sell the underlying equity interests. We often seek puts or similar rights to give us the right to sell our equity securities back to the portfolio company issuer. We may be unable to exercise these puts rights for the consideration provided in our investment documents if the issuer is in financial distress.

## Risks Relating to Our Common Stock

### Shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, may trade at a discount to their net asset value.

Shares of closed-end investment companies, including BDCs, frequently trade at a discount from net asset value. This characteristic of closed-end investment companies and BDCs is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our common stock will trade at, above or below net asset value. In addition, if our common stock trades below net asset value, we will generally not be able to issue additional common stock at the market price without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders and our independent directors. At our Annual Stockholders Meeting on May 7, 2008, our stockholders voted to allow us to issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending May 6, 2009. Our stockholders did not specify a maximum discount below net asset value at which we are able to issue our common stock; however, we do not intend to issue shares of our common stock below net asset value unless our board of directors determines that it would be in our stockholders' best interests to do so.

#### Investing in our common stock may involve an above average degree of risk.

The investments we make in accordance with our investment objective may result in a higher amount of risk than alternative investment options and a higher risk of volatility or loss of principal. Our investments in portfolio companies may be highly speculative, and therefore, an investment in our shares may not be suitable for someone with lower risk tolerance.

#### The market price of our common stock may be volatile and fluctuate significantly.

Fluctuations in the trading prices of our shares may adversely affect the liquidity of the trading market for our shares and, if we seek to raise capital through future equity financings, our ability to raise such equity capital. The market price and liquidity of the market for our common stock may be significantly affected by numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include:

- significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of BDCs or other companies in our sector, which are not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;
- changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines, particularly with respect to RICs, BDCs or SBICs;
- · loss of RIC status or the Fund's status as an SBIC;
- · changes in earnings or variations in operating results;
- · changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;
- any shortfall in investment income or net investment income or any increase in losses from levels expected by investors or securities analysts;
- · loss of a major funding source;
- · fluctuations in interest rates;

- · the operating performance of companies comparable to us;
- · departure of our key personnel;
- · global or national credit market changes; and
- · general economic trends and other external factors.

As illustrated by recent events in the market for subprime loans, and mortgage securities generally, the market for any security is subject to volatility. The loans and securities purchased by us and issued by us are no exception to this fundamental investment truism that prices will fluctuate, although we lack any material exposure to the subprime and mortgage markets.

#### If a substantial number of shares become available for sale and are sold in a short period of time, the market price of our common stock could decline.

As of December 31, 2008, we had 6,917,363 shares of common stock outstanding. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, or the availability of shares for sale, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock. If this occurs and continues, it could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of equity securities should we desire to do so.

# Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and our articles of incorporation and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our articles of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging, delaying or making difficult a change in control of our company or the removal of our incumbent directors. Specifically, our board of directors may adopt resolutions to classify our board of directors so that stockholders do not elect every director on an annual basis. Also, our articles of incorporation provide that a director may be removed only for cause by the vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast for the election of directors generally. In addition, our bylaws provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called by the stockholders only upon the written request of the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting.

In addition, subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, our articles of incorporation permit our board of directors, without stockholder action, to authorize the issuance of shares of stock in one or more classes or series, including preferred stock. Subject to compliance with the 1940 Act, our board of directors may, without stockholder action, amend our articles of incorporation to increase the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. The existence of these provisions, among others, may have a negative impact on the price of our common stock and may discourage third party bids for ownership of our company. These provisions may prevent any premiums being offered to you for shares of our common stock.

# Terrorist attacks, acts of war or national disasters may affect any market for our common stock, impact the businesses in which we invest and harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

Terrorist acts, acts of war or national disasters may disrupt our operations, as well as the operations of the businesses in which we invest. Such acts have created, and continue to create, economic and political uncertainties and have contributed to global economic instability. Future terrorist activities, military or security operations, or natural disasters could further weaken the domestic/global economies and create additional uncertainties, which may negatively impact the businesses in which we invest directly or indirectly and, in turn, could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results and financial condition. Losses from terrorist attacks and natural disasters are generally uninsurable.

# We could face losses and potential liability if intrusion, viruses or similar disruptions to our technology jeopardize our confidential information or that of users of our technology.

Although we have implemented, and will continue to implement, security measures, our technology platform is and will continue to be vulnerable to intrusion, computer viruses or similar disruptive problems

caused by transmission from unauthorized users. The misappropriation of proprietary information could expose us to a risk of loss or litigation.

## Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

Not applicable.

## Item 2. Properties

We do not own any real estate or other physical properties materially important to our operation or any of our subsidiaries. Currently, we lease approximately 11,027 square feet of office space located at 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612. We believe that our current facilities are adequate for our business as we intend to conduct it.

## Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

Neither Triangle Capital Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries are a party to any pending legal proceedings.

## Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None.

#### PART II

## Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

#### Common Stock and Holders

Our common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "TCAP" on February 15, 2007. Prior to that date, there was no established public trading market for our common stock. The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices per share of our common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Market for the periods indicated.

|                                     | High_    | Low      |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| February 15, 2007 to March 31, 2007 | \$ 16.00 | \$ 13.45 |
| Second Quarter of 2007              | 15.79    | 13.58    |
| Third Quarter of 2007               | 14.99    | 11.95    |
| Fourth Quarter of 2007              | 14.50    | 10.75    |
| First Quarter of 2008               | 13.40    | 12.94    |
| Second Quarter of 2008              | 12.25    | 11.85    |
| Third Quarter of 2008               | 13.75    | 9.91     |
| Fourth Quarter of 2008              | 13.18    | 4.00     |

As of February 13, 2009, there were approximately 78 holders of record of the common stock. This number does not include shareholders for whom shares are held in "nominee" or "street name."

#### **Dividends Declared**

We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders of substantially all of our income. We may make deemed distributions of certain net capital gains to our stockholders.

The following table summarizes our distributions declared since February 21, 2007, the date of our IPO:

|                   | Record            | Payment            |         |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Date Declared     | Date              | Date               | Amount  |
| May 9, 2007       | May 31, 2007      | June 28, 2007      | \$ 0.15 |
| August 8, 2007    | August 30, 2007   | September 27, 2007 | 0.26    |
| November 7, 2007  | November 29, 2007 | December 27, 2007  | 0.27    |
| December 14, 2007 | December 31, 2007 | January 28, 2008   | 0.30    |
| May 7, 2008       | June 5, 2008      | June 26, 2008      | 0.31    |
| July 21, 2008     | August 14, 2008   | September 4, 2008  | 0.35    |
| October 9, 2008   | October 30, 2008  | November 20, 2008  | 0.38    |
| December 7, 2008  | December 23, 2008 | January 6, 2009    | 0.40    |

Each year, a statement on Form 1099-DIV identifying the source of the distribution (i.e., paid from ordinary income, paid form net capital gains on the sale of securities, and/or a return of paid-in-capital surplus which is a nontaxable distribution) is mailed to our stockholders. To the extent that our taxable earnings fall below the total amount of our distributions for that fiscal year, a portion of those distributions may be deemed a tax return of capital to our stockholders. Thus, the source of a distribution to our stockholders may be the original capital invested by the stockholder rather than our taxable ordinary income or capital gains. Stockholders should read any written disclosure accompanying a dividend payment carefully and should not assume that the source of any distribution is our taxable ordinary income or capital gains.

The table below shows the detail of our distributions for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007:

| December 31, 2008:                  |                |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Ordinary income                     | <u>\$ 1.53</u> | 100.0% |
| Total reported on tax Form 1099-DIV | \$ 1.53        | 100.0% |
| December 31, 2007:                  | <u></u>        |        |
| Ordinary income                     | \$ 0.89        | 100.0% |
| Total reported on tax Form 1099-DIV | \$ 0.89        | 100.0% |

Ordinary income is reported on Form 1099-DIV as either qualified or non-qualified and capital gains are reported on Form 1099-DIV in various subcategories which have differing tax treatments to shareholders. Those subcategories are not presented herein.

#### **Dividend Policy**

We generally intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders of substantially all of our income. In order to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we must distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (2) 98% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the calendar year, and (3) any ordinary income and net capital gains for the preceding year that were not distributed during such year. We will not be subject to excise taxes on amounts on which we are required to pay corporate income tax (such as retained net capital gains). In order to obtain the tax benefits applicable to RICs, we will be required to distribute to our stockholders with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses. We may make deemed distributions to our stockholders of any retained net capital gains. If this happens, our stockholders will be treated as if they received an actual distribution of the capital gains we retain and then reinvested the net after-tax proceeds in our common stock. Our stockholders also may be eligible to claim a tax credit (or, in certain circumstances, a tax refund) equal to their allocable share of the tax we paid on the capital gains deemed distributed to them. Please refer to "Business — Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" for further information regarding the consequences of our retention of net capital gains. We may, in the future, make actual

distributions to our stockholders of some or all realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses. We can offer no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and, if we issue senior securities, we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings. See "Business — Regulation of Business Development Companies."

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of our distributions on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. As a result, if our board of directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our stockholders who have not "opted out" of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividends.

No action will be required on the part of a registered stockholder to have their cash dividend reinvested in shares of our common stock. A registered stockholder may elect to receive an entire dividend in cash by notifying The Bank of New York Mellon, the "Plan Administrator" and our transfer agent and registrar, in writing so that such notice is received by the plan administrator no later than the record date for dividends to stockholders. The plan administrator will set up an account for shares acquired through the plan for each stockholder who has not elected to receive dividends in cash and hold such shares in non-certificated form. Upon request by a stockholder participating in the plan, received in writing not less than 10 days prior to the record date, the plan administrator will, instead of crediting shares to the participant's account, issue a certificate registered in the participant's name for the number of whole shares of our common stock and a check for any fractional share. Those stockholders whose shares are held by a broker or other financial intermediary may receive dividends in cash by notifying their broker or other financial intermediary of their election.

We intend to use primarily newly issued shares to implement the plan, so long as our shares are trading at or above net asset value. If our shares are trading below net asset value, we intend to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our implementation of the plan. If we use newly issued shares to implement the plan, the number of shares to be issued to a stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to such stockholder by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq Global Market on the dividend payment date. Market price per share on that date will be the closing price for such shares on the Nasdaq Global Market or, if no sale is reported for such day, at the average of their reported bid and asked prices. If we purchase shares in the open market to implement the plan, the number of shares to be issued to a stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to such stockholder by the average price per share for all shares purchased by the Plan Administrator in the open market in connection with the dividend. The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after giving effect to payment of the dividend cannot be established until the value per share at which additional shares will be issued has been determined and elections of our stockholders have been tabulated.

There are no brokerage charges or other charges to stockholders who participate in the plan. We pay the plan administrator's fees under the plan. If a participant elects by written notice to the plan administrator to have the plan administrator sell part or all of the shares held by the plan administrator in the participant's account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the plan administrator is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 transaction fee plus a \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

Stockholders who receive dividends in the form of stock generally are subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as are stockholders who elect to receive their dividends in cash. A stockholder's basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock received in a dividend from us will be equal to the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to the stockholder. Any stock received in a dividend will have a holding period for tax purposes commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the

Participants may terminate their accounts under the plan by notifying the plan administrator via its website at https://www.bnymellon.com/shareowner/isd, by filling out the transaction request form located at

the bottom of their statement and sending it to the plan administrator at BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15252-8015, or by calling the plan administrator at (866) 228-7201.

We may terminate the plan upon notice in writing mailed to each participant at least 30 days prior to any record date for the payment of any dividend by us. All correspondence concerning the plan should be directed to the plan administrator by mail at BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 358035, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15252-8015.

Our ability to make distributions will be limited by the asset coverage requirements under the 1940 Act. For a more detailed discussion, see "Regulation."

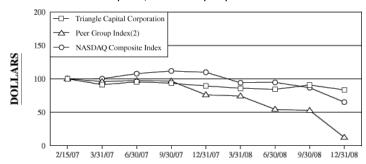
## **Equity Compensation Plans**

Our equity compensation plan information required to be provided in this Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated by reference to the section of our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, entitled "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans," to be filed with the Commission.

#### Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative total return on our common stock with the cumulative total return of the Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index and the Nasdaq Composite Index for the two years ended December 31, 2008. This comparison assumes \$100.00 was invested at the closing price of our common stock on February 15, 2007 (the date our common stock began to trade on the Nasdaq Global Market in connection with our initial public offering) in our common stock and in the comparison groups and assumes the reinvestment of all cash dividends on the ex-dividend date prior to any tax effect. The stock price performance shown on the graph below is not necessarily indicative of future price performance.

## Comparison of Annual Cumulative Total Return(1) among Triangle Capital Corporation, the Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index, and the Nasdaq Composite Index



|  | 2/15/07 | 3/31/07 | 6/30/07 | 9/30/07 | 12/31/07 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Triangle Capital Corporation                     | 100.00  | 91.03   | 95.43   | 93.44   | 89.40    |
| Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index(2) | 100.00  | 96.03   | 97.44   | 96.63   | 76.06    |
| NASDAQ Composite Index                           | 100.00  | 100.27  | 107.82  | 111.83  | 109.88   |

|  | 3/31/08 | 6/30/08 | 9/30/08 | 12/31/08 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Triangle Capital Corporation                     | 85.94   | 84.29   | 90.74   | 83.45    |
| Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group Index(2) | 74.22   | 54.38   | 52.64   | 12.41    |
| NASDAQ Composite Index                           | 94.14   | 94.77   | 86.70   | 65.17    |

<sup>(1)</sup> From February 15, 2007, the date our common stock began to trade on the Nasdaq Global Market in connection with our initial public offering to December 31, 2008.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Triangle Capital Corporation Peer Group consists of the following internally-managed closed-end investment companies that have elected to be regulated as BDCs under the 1940 Act: Allied Capital Corporation, American Capital Strategies Ltd., Harris & Harris Group, Inc., Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc., Kohlberg Capital Corporation, MCG Capital Corporation and Patriot Capital Funding, Inc.

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Pursuant to Section 23(c)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, we intend to purchase our common stock in the open market in order to satisfy our Dividend Reinvestment Plan obligations if, at the time of the distribution of any dividend, our common stock is trading at a price per share below net asset value.

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, in connection with our Dividend Reinvestment Plan for our common stockholders, we directed the plan administrator to purchase 78,674 shares of our common stock for \$844,368 in the open market in order to satisfy our obligations to deliver shares of common stock to our stockholders with respect to our dividend paid in the fourth quarter of 2008. The following chart summarizes repurchases of our common stock for the three months ended December 31, 2008.

| Period              | Total Number of<br>Shares(1) |    | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of<br>Shares Purchased<br>as Part of Publicly<br>Announced Plans<br>or Programs | Number (or<br>Approximate<br>Dollar Value)<br>of Shares That<br>May Yet Be<br>Purchased<br>Under the<br>Plans or<br>Programs |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----|------------------------------|--|--|
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| October 1-31, 2008  | _                            |    | _                            | _  | _  |
| November 1-30, 2008 | 78,674                       | \$ | 10.7324                      | _  | _  |
| December 1-31, 2008 | _                            |    | _                            | _  | _  |
| Total               | 78,674                       | \$ | 10.7324                      | _  | _  |

<sup>(1)</sup> All shares purchased in the open market pursuant to the terms of our Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

As discussed further in Note 1 to our financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, on February 21, 2007, concurrent with the closing of our initial public offering (the "IPO"), we acquired the Fund and TML (the Fund's General Partner) in exchange for shares of our common stock. These acquisitions constituted an exchange of shares between entities under common control. In accordance with the guidance on exchanges of shares between entities under common control contained in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, Business Combinations, the selected historical financial and other data below for the year ended December 31, 2007 are presented as if the acquisition had occurred as of January 1, 2007. In addition, the selected historical financial and other data below for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 are presented on a combined basis in order to provide comparative information with respect to prior periods. The selected financial data at and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 have been derived from our financial statements that have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. You should read this selected financial and other data in conjunction with our "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the financial statements and notes thereto.

|  |            | Year Ended December 31, |                    |           |       |        |  |
|--|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|--------|--|
|  | 2004       | 2005                    | 2006               | 2007      | 200   | )8     |  |
|  |            |                         | (Dollars in thousa | ands)     |       |        |  |
| Income statement data:   |            |                         |                    |           |       |        |  |
| Investment income:   |            |                         |                    |           |       |        |  |
| Total interest, fee and dividend income  | \$ 1,969   | \$ 5,855                | \$ 6,443           | \$ 10,912 | \$ 21 | 1,056  |  |
| Interest income from cash and cash equivalent investments                          | 18         | 108                     | 280                | 1,824     |       | 303    |  |
| Total investment income  | 1,987      | 5,963                   | 6,723              | 12,736    | 21    | 1,359  |  |
| Expenses:  |            |                         |                    |           |       |        |  |
| Interest expense   | 339        | 1,543                   | 1,834              | 2,073     | 4     | 4,228  |  |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees  | 38         | 90                      | 100                | 113       |       | 255    |  |
| Management fees  | 1,564      | 1,574                   | 1,589              | 233       |       | _      |  |
| General and administrative expenses  | 83         | 58                      | 115                | 3,894     | 6     | 6,254  |  |
| Total expenses   | 2,024      | 3,265                   | 3,638              | 6,313     | 10    | 0,737  |  |
| Net investment income (loss)   | (37)       | 2,698                   | 3,085              | 6,423     | 10    | 0,622  |  |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments — Non-Control/Non-Affiliate                | _          | (3,500)                 | 6,027              | (760)     | (1    | 1,393) |  |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments — Affiliate                                | _          | _                       | _                  | 141       |       | _      |  |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments — Control                                  | _          | _                       | _                  | _         | 2     | 2,829  |  |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments                          | (1,225)    | 3,975                   | (415)              | 3,061     | (4    | 4,286) |  |
| Total net gain (loss) on investments   | (1,225)    | 475                     | 5,612              | 2,442     | (2    | 2,850) |  |
| Provision for income taxes   |            |                         |                    | (52)      |       | (133)  |  |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations                    | \$ (1,262) | \$ 3,173                | \$ 8,697           | \$ 8,813  | \$ 7  | 7,639  |  |
| Net investment income per share — basic and diluted                                | N/A        | N/A                     | N/A                | \$ 0.95   | \$    | 1.54   |  |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per share — basic and diluted | N/A        | N/A                     | N/A                | \$ 1.31   | \$    | 1.11   |  |
| Net asset value per common share   | N/A        | N/A                     | N/A                | \$ 13.74  | \$ 1  | 13.22  |  |
| Dividends declared per common share  | N/A        | N/A                     | N/A                | \$ 0.98   | \$    | 1.44   |  |

|   |            | Year Ended December 31, |    |        |         |               |     |         |    |         |
|---|------------|-------------------------|----|--------|---------|---------------|-----|---------|----|---------|
|   | _          | 2004                    |    | 2005   |         | 2006          |     | 2007    |    | 2008    |
|   |            |                         |    |        | (Dollar | s in thousand | ds) |         |    |         |
| Balance sheet data:                                   |            |                         |    |        |         |               |     |         |    |         |
| Assets:   |            |                         |    |        |         |               |     |         |    |         |
| Investments at fair value                             | \$         | 19,415                  | \$ | 36,617 | \$      | 54,247        | \$  | 113,037 | \$ | 182,105 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             |            | 2,849                   |    | 6,067  |         | 2,556         |     | 21,788  |    | 27,193  |
| Interest and fees receivable                          |            | 98                      |    | 50     |         | 135           |     | 305     |    | 680     |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets             |            | _                       |    | _      |         | _             |     | 47      |    | 95      |
| Deferred offering costs                               |            | _                       |    | _      |         | 1,021         |     | _       |    | _       |
| Property and equipment, net                           |            | _                       |    | _      |         | _             |     | 34      |    | 48      |
| Deferred financing fees                               |            | 823                     |    | 1,085  |         | 985           |     | 999     |    | 3,546   |
| Total assets  | \$         | 23,185                  | \$ | 43,819 | \$      | 58,944        | \$  | 136,210 | \$ | 213,667 |
| Liabilities and partners' capital:                    |            |                         |    |        |         |               |     |         |    |         |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities              | \$         | _                       | \$ | 13     | \$      | 825           | \$  | 1,144   | \$ | 1,609   |
| Interest payable                                      |            | 230                     |    | 566    |         | 606           |     | 699     |    | 1,882   |
| Distribution / dividends payable                      |            | _                       |    | _      |         | 532           |     | 2,041   |    | 2,767   |
| Income taxes payable                                  |            | _                       |    | _      |         | _             |     | 52      |    | 30      |
| Deferred revenue                                      |            | 251                     |    | 75     |         | 25            |     | 31      |    | _       |
| Deferred income taxes                                 |            | _                       |    | _      |         | _             |     | 1,760   |    | 844     |
| SBA-guaranteed debentures payable                     | _          | 17,700                  |    | 31,800 | _       | 31,800        | _   | 37,010  |    | 115,110 |
| Total liabilities                                     |            | 18,181                  |    | 32,454 |         | 33,788        |     | 42,737  |    | 122,242 |
| Total partners' capital / shareholders' equity        |            | 5,004                   |    | 11,365 |         | 25,156        |     | 93,473  |    | 91,425  |
| Total liabilities and partners' capital               | \$         | 23,185                  | \$ | 43,819 | \$      | 58,944        | \$  | 136,210 | \$ | 213,667 |
| Other data:   | ' <u>-</u> | <u> </u>                |    |        |         |               |     |         |    |         |
| Weighted average yield on investments                 |            | 15.5%                   |    | 14.2%  |         | 13.3%         |     | 12.6%   |    | 13.2%   |
| Number of portfolio companies                         |            | 6                       |    | 12     |         | 19            |     | 26      |    | 34      |
| Expense ratios (as percentage of average net assets): |            |                         |    |        |         |               |     |         |    |         |
| Operating expenses                                    |            | 32.2%                   |    | 21.3%  |         | 8.3%          |     | 4.4%    |    | 6.6%    |
| Interest expense and deferred financing fees          |            | 7.4                     |    | 21.4   |         | 9.5           |     | 2.4     |    | 4.7     |
| Total expenses  |            | 39.6%                   | _  | 42.7%  |         | 17.8%         |     | 6.8%    | _  | 11.3%   |

#### Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The information in this section contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Please see "Risk Factors" and "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with the combined financial statements and related notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report.

The following discussion is designed to provide a better understanding of our financial statements, including a brief discussion of our business, key factors that impacted our performance and a summary of our operating results. As discussed further in Note 1 to our financial statements, on February 21, 2007, concurrent with the closing of our initial public offering (the "IPO"), we acquired Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (the "Fund") and the Fund's General Partner, Triangle Mezzanine LLC ("TML") in exchange for shares of our common stock. These acquisitions constituted an exchange of shares between entities under common control. In accordance with the guidance on exchanges of shares between entities under common control contained in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, Business Combinations, the financial data and information discussed herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007 are presented as if the acquisition had occurred as of January 1, 2007. In addition, the results of our operations and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2006 and our financial position as of December 31, 2006 are presented on a combined basis in order to provide comparative information with respect to prior periods. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements and the notes thereto included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Historical results and percentage relationships among any amounts in the financial statements are not necessarily indicative of trends in operating results for any future periods.

#### Overview of our Business

We are a Maryland corporation incorporated on October 10, 2006, for the purpose of acquiring the Fund and TML, raising capital in the IPO and thereafter operating as an internally managed business development company, or BDC, under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund is licensed as a small business investment company, or SBIC, by the United States Small Business Administration, or SBA, and has also elected to be treated as a BDC. The Fund has invested primarily in debt instruments, equity investments, warrants and other securities of lower middle market privately held companies located in the United States. Upon the consummation of the IPO, we completed the Formation Transactions described in Item 1 of Part I of this Annual Report, at which time the Fund became our wholly-owned subsidiary, and the former partners of the Fund became our stockholders.

Our business is to provide capital to lower middle market companies in the United States. We define lower middle market companies as those with annual revenues between \$10.0 million. We focus on investments in companies with a history of generating revenues and positive cash flows, an established market position and a proven management team with a strong operating discipline. Our target portfolio company has annual revenues between \$2.0 million and \$75.0 million and annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, between \$2.0 million and \$20.0 million.

We invest primarily in senior and subordinated debt securities secured by first and second lien security interests in portfolio company assets, coupled with equity interests. Our investments generally range from \$5.0 million to \$15.0 million per portfolio company. In certain situations, we have partnered with other funds to provide larger financing commitments.

We generate revenues in the form of interest income, primarily from our investments in debt securities, loan origination and other fees and dividend income. Fees generated in connection with our debt investments are recognized over the life of the loan using the effective interest method or, in some cases, recognized as earned. In addition, we generate revenue in the form of capital gains, if any, on warrants or other equity-related securities that we acquire from our portfolio companies. Our debt investments generally have a term of between three and seven years and typically bear interest at fixed rates between 11.0% and 16.0% per annum. Certain of our debt investments have a form of interest, referred to as payment in kind, or PIK, interest, that is not paid currently but that is accrued and added to the loan balance and paid at the end of the term. In our negotiations with potential portfolio companies, we generally seek to minimize PIK interest. Cash interest on a quarterly basis. As of

December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the weighted average yield on all of our outstanding debt investments (including PIK interest) was approximately 14.4% and 13.9%, respectively. The weighted average yield on all of our outstanding investments (including equity and equity-linked investments) was approximately 13.2% and 12.6% as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

The Fund is eligible to sell debentures guaranteed by the SBA to the capital markets at favorable interest rates and invest these funds in portfolio companies. We intend to continue to operate the Fund as an SBIC, subject to SBA approval, and to utilize the proceeds of the sale of SBA-guaranteed debentures, referred to herein as SBA leverage, to enhance returns to our stockholders.

## **Portfolio Composition**

The total value of our investment portfolio was \$182.1 million as of December 31, 2008, as compared to \$113.0 million as of December 31, 2007. As of December 31, 2008, we had investments in 34 portfolio companies with an aggregate cost of \$180.2 million. As of December 31, 2007, we had investments in 26 portfolio companies with an aggregate cost of \$105.9 million. As of December 31, 2008, none of our portfolio investments represented greater than 10% of the total fair value of our investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2007, we had one portfolio investment that individually represented greater than 10% of the total fair value of our investment represented approximately 11% of the total fair value of our investment portfolio.

As of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, our investment portfolio consisted of the following investments:

|   | Percentage of     |                 |    |             | Percentage of   |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|----|-------------|-----------------|
|   | <br>Cost          | Total Portfolio |    | Fair Value  | Total Portfolio |
| December 31, 2008:                                  |                   |                 |    |             |                 |
| Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes    | \$<br>147,493,871 | 82%             | \$ | 143,015,291 | 79%             |
| Senior debt   | 16,269,628        | 9               |    | 16,269,628  | 9               |
| Equity shares                                       | 13,684,269        | 8               |    | 17,301,372  | 9               |
| Equity warrants                                     | 1,829,370         | 1               |    | 4,644,600   | 3               |
| Royalty rights                                      | <br>874,400       |                 |    | 874,400     |                 |
|   | \$<br>180,151,538 | 100%            | \$ | 182,105,291 | 100%            |
| December 31, 2007:                                  |                   |                 |    |             |                 |
| Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes(1) | \$<br>80,902,982  | 76%             | \$ | 80,902,982  | 72%             |
| Senior debt(1)                                      | 14,728,958        | 14              |    | 14,728,958  | 13              |
| Equity shares                                       | 9,699,689         | 9               |    | 15,335,900  | 13              |
| Equity warrants                                     | 548,172           | 1               |    | 1,870,500   | 2               |
| Royalty rights                                      | <br>              |                 |    | 197,900     |                 |
|   | \$<br>105,879,801 | 100%            | \$ | 113,036,240 | 100%            |

<sup>(1)</sup> We have changed our balance sheet presentation for all periods to net deferred loan origination revenue against the associated debt investments for all periods subsequent to the adoption of SFAS 157 on January 1, 2008.

#### Investment Activity

During the year ended December 31, 2008, we made twelve new investments totaling \$91.0 million, additional debt investments in an existing portfolio company of \$1.9 million and four additional equity investments in existing portfolio companies of approximately \$0.2 million. We also sold three investments in portfolio companies for approximately \$3.6 million, resulting in realized gains totaling \$2.9 million and recognized a realized loss on the writeoff of one investment totaling \$1.5 million. We had four portfolio company loans repaid at par in the amount of \$12.5 million. In addition, we received normal principal repayments, partial loan prepayments and payment in kind (PIK) interest repayments totaling approximately \$6.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2008.

Total portfolio investment activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

|   |    | Year Ended<br>December 31, 2008 |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| Fair value of portfolio, January 1, 2008                            | \$ | 113,036,240                     |
| New investments   |    | 93,054,022                      |
| Proceeds from sale of investment                                    |    | (3,631,876)                     |
| Loan origination fees received                                      |    | (1,686,996)                     |
| Principal repayments received                                       |    | (17,336,521)                    |
| Payment in kind interest earned                                     |    | 3,761,786                       |
| Payment in kind interest payments received                          |    | (1,978,498)                     |
| Accretion of loan discounts   |    | 169,548                         |
| Accretion of deferred loan origination revenue                      |    | 484,664                         |
| Realized gains on investments                                       |    | 1,435,608                       |
| Unrealized losses on investments                                    |    | (5,202,686)                     |
| Fair value of portfolio, December 31, 2008                          | \$ | 182,105,291                     |
| Weighted average yield on debt investments as of December 31, 2008  |    | 14.4%                           |
| Weighted average yield on total investments as of December 31, 2008 | _  | 13.2%                           |

During the year ended December 31, 2007, we made nine new investments totaling \$62.2 million, one additional debt investment in an existing portfolio company of \$1.9 million and one additional equity investment in an existing portfolio company of approximately \$0.1 million. In 2007, we sold one investment in a portfolio company for approximately \$1.3 million, resulting in a realized loss of approximately \$1.4 million. We also received principal prepayments from two portfolio companies totaling \$3.2 million, which resulted in a realized gain of approximately \$0.1 million. In the fourth quarter of 2007, we sold an equity investment in a portfolio company for total proceeds of \$0.9 million, resulting in a realized gain of approximately \$0.6 million and we received a principal prepayment from this portfolio company of \$4.2 million, which resulted in a realized gain of approximately \$0.1 million. In addition, we received normal principal repayments and PIK interest payments totaling approximately \$1.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2007.

Total portfolio investment activity for the year ended December 31, 2007 was as follows:

|   | <br>Year Ended<br>December 31, 2007(1) |
|---|--|
| air value of portfolio, January 1, 2007                             | \$<br>54,247,212                       |
| lew investments   | 64,159,172                             |
| Proceeds from sale of investment                                    | (2,227,124)                            |
| oan origination fees received                                       | (875,905)                              |
| Principal repayments and payment in kind interest payments received | (8,483,843)                            |
| Payment in kind interest earned                                     | 1,521,114                              |
| Accretion/writeoff of loan discounts                                | 205,725                                |
| Accretion of deferred loan origination revenue                      | 287,143                                |
| Vet realized gain (loss) on investments                             | (618,620)                              |
| Net unrealized gain on investments                                  | <br>4,821,366                          |
| Fair value of portfolio, December 31, 2007                          | \$<br>113,036,240                      |
| Neighted average yield on debt investments as of December 31, 2007  | <br>13.9%                              |
| Neighted average yield on total investments as of December 31, 2007 | 12.6%                                  |

<sup>(1)</sup> We have changed our balance sheet presentation for all periods to net deferred loan origination revenue against the associated debt investments for all periods subsequent to the adoption of SFAS 157 on January 1, 2008.

#### Non-Accrual Assets

As of December 31, 2008, the fair value of our non-accrual assets comprised 1.6% of the total fair value of our portfolio, the cost of our non-accrual assets comprised 3.2% of the total cost of our portfolio. Our non-accrual assets as of December 31, 2008 are the following:

#### Gerli and Company

In the third quarter of 2008, we recognized an unrealized loss of \$0.3 million on our subordinated note investment in Gerli and Company ("Gerli"), which has a cost of approximately \$3.1 million. This unrealized loss reduced the fair value of our investment in Gerli to \$2.8 million as of September 30, 2008. During the third quarter of 2008, we continued to receive interest payments in accordance with our loan agreement. In November 2008, we placed our investment in Gerli on non-accrual status. As a result, under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), we no longer recognize interest income on our investment in Gerli. Additionally, in the fourth quarter of 2008, we recognized an additional unrealized loss on our investment in Gerli of \$0.9 million. As of December 31, 2008, the fair value of our investment in Gerli is \$1.9 million.

#### Fire Sprinkler Systems, Inc.

In the second quarter of 2008, we recognized an unrealized loss of \$0.3 million on our subordinated note investment in another of our portfolio companies, Fire Sprinkler Systems, Inc. ("Fire Sprinkler Systems"). This unrealized loss reduced the fair value of our investment in Fire Sprinkler Systems to \$2.1 million as of June 30, 2008. In the third quarter of 2008, based on the continued underperformance of Fire Sprinkler Systems, we recognized an additional unrealized loss on our investment of \$0.7 million. As of September 30, 2008, the fair value of our investment in Fire Sprinkler Systems was \$1.4 million. During both the second and third quarters of 2008, we continued to receive interest and principal payments in accordance with our loan agreement. In October 2008, we placed our investment in Fire Sprinkler Systems on non-accrual status. As a result, under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), we no longer recognize interest income on our investment in Fire Sprinkler Systems. In the fourth quarter of 2008, we recognized an additional unrealized loss on our investment in Fire Sprinkler Systems of \$0.4 million. As of December 31, 2008, the fair value of our investment in Fire Sprinkler Systems is \$1.0 million.

#### **Results of Operations**

## Comparison of year ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007

#### Investment Income

For the year ended December 31, 2008, total investment income was \$21.4 million, a 68% increase from \$12.7 million of total investment income for the year ended December 31, 2007. This increase was primarily attributable to a \$7.9 million increase in total loan interest, fee and dividend income and a \$2.2 million increase in total paid-in-kind interest income due to a net increase in our portfolio investments from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008, partially offset by a \$1.5 million decrease in interest income from cash and cash equivalent investments due to (i) a significant decrease in average cash balances in 2008 over the comparable period in 2007 and (ii) a decrease in overall interest rates. Non-recurring fee income was \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 as compared to \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

#### Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2008, expenses increased by 70% to \$10.7 million from \$6.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase in expenses was primarily attributable to a \$2.4 million increase in general and administrative expenses and a \$2.2 million increase in interest expense. As a result of the IPO and the Formation Transactions described in Note 1 to our unaudited financial statements, we are an internally managed investment company and on February 21, 2007, we began incurring general and administrative costs associated with employing our executive officers, key investment personnel and corporate

professionals and other general corporate overhead costs. As of December 31, 2008, we had 14 full-time employees, as compared to 11 full-time employees as of December 31, 2007. In addition, we experienced an increase in general and administrative costs in 2008 associated with being a publicly-traded company, such as increased insurance, accounting, corporate governance and legal costs. The increase in interest expense is related to higher average balances of SBA-guaranteed debentures outstanding during the year ended December 31, 2008 than in the comparable period in 2007. These increases in general and administrative costs and interest costs were partially offset by a \$0.2 million decrease in management fees. We incurred no management fees in 2008 compared to \$0.2 million in management fees in 2007.

#### Net Investment Income

As a result of the \$8.6 million increase in total investment income and the \$4.4 million increase in expenses, net investment income for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$10.6 million compared to net investment income of \$6.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2007.

## Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2008, total net realized gains on investments totaled approximately \$1.4 million. Net realized gain on control investments for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$2.8 million, which consisted of a realized gain on one investment. For the year ended December 31, 2008, net realized loss on non-control/non-affiliate investments was \$1.4 million, which consisted of a realized loss on the writeoff of one investment of \$1.5 million and a realized gain on one investment of \$0.1 million. For the year ended December 31, 2007, we recognized a realized gain of \$0.1 million an affiliate investment. In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2007, net realized loss on non-control/non-affiliate investments was \$0.8 million which related to a realized loss on one investment of \$1.4 million, offset by a realized gain on a second investment of \$0.6 million.

In the year ended December 31, 2008, we recorded net unrealized depreciation of investments, net of income taxes, in the amount of \$4.3 million, comprised partially of net unrealized depreciation reclassification adjustments of approximately \$1.2 million related to the realized gain on control investments and the realized losses on non-control/non-affiliate investments noted above. In addition, in the year ended December 31, 2008, we recorded unrealized appreciation, net of tax, on eleven other investments totaling \$5.6 million and unrealized depreciation on 17 investments totaling \$8.6 million. During the year ended December 31, 2007, we recorded net unrealized appreciation of investments, net of income taxes, in the amount of \$3.1 million, comprised partially of net unrealized appreciation/depreciation adjustments of approximately \$1.1 million related to the realized gain and loss noted above. In addition, in the year ended December 31, 2007, we recorded unrealized appreciation, net of tax, on nine other investments totaling \$4.3 million and unrealized depreciation on 11 investments totaling \$2.3 million.

As a result of these events, our net increase in net assets from operations during the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$7.6 million as compared to \$8.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

## Comparison of years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

#### Investment Income

For the year ended December 31, 2007, total investment income was \$12.7 million, an 89.4% increase from \$6.7 million of total investment income for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was primarily attributable to a \$4.5 million increase in total loan interest, fee, dividend income and PIK interest due to a net increase in our portfolio investments from December 31, 2006 to December 31, 2007. Fee income, consisting primarily of loan prepayment fees, debt amendment fees and certain management and advisory fees was approximately \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. In addition, interest income from cash and cash equivalent investments increased by \$1.5 million due to a significant increase in average cash balances in 2007 over 2006 resulting from the receipt of proceeds of \$64.7 million from our IPO in February 2007.

#### Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2007, expenses increased by 73.5% to \$6.3 million from \$3.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase in expenses was primarily attributable to a \$3.8 million increase in general and administrative expenses and an increase in interest expense of approximately \$0.2 million. As a result of the IPO and the Formation Transactions described in Note 1 to our financial statements, we are now an internally managed investment company and, on February 21, 2007, we began incurring general and administrative costs associated with employing our executive officers, key investment personnel and corporate professionals and other general corporate overhead costs. In addition, we experienced an increase in general and administrative costs associated with being a publicly-traded company, such as increased insurance, accounting, corporate governance and legal costs. These increases in general and administrative costs were partially offset by a \$1.4 million decrease in management fees. We incurred a full year of management fees in 2006 and only incurred management fees through February 21, 2007 in 2007.

#### Net Investment Income

As a result of the \$6.0 million increase in total investment income and the \$2.7 million increase in expenses, net investment income for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$6.4 million compared to net investment income of \$3.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2006.

## Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting From Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2007, net realized loss on non-control/non-affiliate investments was \$0.8 million which related to a realized loss on one investment of \$1.4 million, offset by a realized gain on a second investment of \$0.6 million. In addition, we recognized a realized gain of \$0.1 million on an affiliate investment during the year ended December 31, 2007. During the year ended December 31, 2007, we recorded appreciation of investments, net of income taxes, in the amount of \$3.1 million, comprised partially of net unrealized appreciation/depreciation reclassification adjustments of approximately \$1.1 million related to the realized gain and loss noted above. In addition, in the year ended December 31, 2007, we recorded unrealized appreciation, net of tax, on nine other investments totaling \$4.3 million and unrealized depreciation on 11 investments totaling \$2.3 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, net realized gain on non-control/non-affiliate investments was \$6.0 million which related to realized gains on two investments. During the year ended December 31, 2006, we recorded net unrealized depreciation of investments in the amount of \$0.4 million, consisting of (i) unrealized depreciation on three investments totaling \$1.6 million, (ii) an unrealized depreciation reclassification adjustment of approximately \$0.7 million related to the realized gains noted above and (iii) unrealized appreciation on ten investments totaling \$1.9 million.

In the year ended December 31, 2007, we recognized an income tax provision related to an investment held in one of our Taxable Subsidiaries, as discussed in Note 1 to our Financial Statements under "Income Taxes."

As a result of these events, our net increase in net assets from operations during the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$8.8 million as compared to \$8.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents on hand, our available SBA leverage and our anticipated cash flows from operations will be adequate to meet our cash needs for our daily operations for at least the next twelve months.

The Fund may be limited by the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and SBA regulations governing SBICs, from making certain distributions to Triangle Capital Corporation that may be necessary to enable Triangle Capital Corporation to make the minimum required distributions to its stockholders and qualify as a RIC.

#### Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2008, we experienced a net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$5.4 million. During that period, our operating activities used \$60.6 million in cash, consisting primarily of new portfolio investments of \$93.1 million, partially offset by repayments of loans received and proceeds from sales of investments of \$21.0 million. We generated \$66.1 million of cash from financing activities, consisting of proceeds from borrowings under SBA guaranteed debentures payable of \$78.1 million, offset by financing fees paid of \$2.8 million and cash dividends paid of \$9.2 million. At December 31, 2008, we had \$27.2 million of cash and cash equivalents on hand.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, we experienced a net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$19.2 million. During that period, our operating activities used \$47.8 million in cash, and we generated \$67.1 million of cash from financing activities, consisting of (i) proceeds from our IPO of \$64.7 million, (ii) proceeds from the issuance of SBA guaranteed debentures of \$5.2 million and (iii) a decrease in deferred offering costs of \$1.0 million, partially offset by cash dividends paid of \$3.0 million, tax distributions to partners of \$0.7 million and financing fees paid to the SBA of \$0.1 million. At December 31, 2007, we had \$21.8 million of cash and cash equivalents on hand.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, we experienced a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$3.5 million. During that period, we used \$8.1 million in cash to fund operating activities and we generated \$4.6 million of cash from financing activities, consisting of limited partner capital contributions in the amount of \$10.6 million offset by a cash distribution to limited partners in the amount of \$5.0 million and an increase in deferred offering costs of \$1.0 million. We invested the entire \$10.6 million of cash from the limited partner capital contributions in new subordinated debt investments during 2006. As of December 31, 2006, all limited partners in the Fund had fully funded their committed capital. At December 31, 2006, we had \$2.5 million of cash on hand.

#### Financing Transactions

Due to the Fund's status as a licensed SBIC, the Fund has the ability to issue debentures guaranteed by the SBA at favorable interest rates. Under the Small Business Investment Act and the SBA rules applicable to SBICs, an SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) can have outstanding at any time debentures guaranteed by the SBA in an amount up to twice the amount of its regulatory capital, which generally is the amount raised from private investors. The maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of outstanding debentures guaranteed by the SBA issued by a single SBIC is currently \$150.0 million (which amount is subject to an annual inflation adjustment). Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of ten years, with interest payable semi-annually. The principal amount of the debentures is not required to be paid before maturity but may be pre-paid at any time. Debentures issued prior to September 2006 were subject to pre-payment penalties of longer apply to debentures issued after September 1, 2006.

With \$65.3 million of regulatory capital as of December 31, 2008, the Fund has the current capacity to issue up to a total of \$130.6 million of SBA guaranteed debentures, subject to the payment of a 1% commitment fee to the SBA on the amount of the commitment. As of December 31, 2008, the Fund has \$115.1 million of SBA guaranteed debentures outstanding. In addition to the one — time 1.0% fee on the total commitment from the SBA, the Company also pays a one — time 2.425% fee on the amount of each debenture issued. These fees are capitalized as deferred financing costs and are amortized over the term of the debt agreements using the effective interest method. The weighted average interest rate for all SBA guaranteed debentures as of December 31, 2008 was 5.81%, which includes \$93.1 million of pooled SBA-guaranteed debentures with a weighted average interest rate of 6.19% and \$22.0 million of unpooled SBA-guaranteed debentures with a weighted average interim interest rate of 4.19%.

#### Current Market Conditions

During 2008, the debt and equity capital markets in the United States have been severely impacted by significant write-offs in the financial services sector relating to subprime mortgages and the re-pricing of credit

risk in the broadly syndicated bank loan market, among other things. These events, along with the deterioration of the housing market, have led to an economic recession in the U.S and abroad, which could be long-term. Banks and others in the financial services industry have continued to report significant write-downs in the fair value of their assets, which has led to the failure of a number of banks and investment companies, a number of distressed mergers and acquisitions, the government take-over of the nation's two largest government-sponsored mortgage companies, and the passage of the \$700 billion Emergency Economic Stabilization of 2008 in early October 2008. These events have significantly impacted the financial and credit markets and have reduced the availability of debt and equity capital for the market as a whole, and for financial firms in particular. While we have capacity to issue additional SBA guaranteed debentures as discussed above, we may not be able to access additional equity capital, which could result in the slowing of our origination activity during 2009 and beyond.

In the event that the United States economy remains in a recession, it is possible that the results of some of the middle market companies in which we invest could experience deterioration, which could ultimately lead to difficulty in meeting debt service requirements and an increase in defaults. While we are not seeing signs of an overall, broad deterioration in our portfolio company results at this time, there can be no assurance that the performance of certain of our portfolio companies will not be negatively impacted by economic conditions which could have a negative impact on our future results.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates

The preparation of our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the periods covered by such financial statements. We have identified investment valuation and revenue recognition as our most critical accounting estimates. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to the matters described below. These estimates are based on the information that is currently available to us and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions. A discussion of our critical accounting policies follows:

#### Investment Valuation

The most significant estimate inherent in the preparation of our financial statements is the valuation of investments and the related amounts of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments recorded. We have established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of portfolio company investments on a recurring (quarterly) basis. As discussed below, we have engaged an independent valuation firm to assist us in our valuation process.

On January 1, 2008, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

SFAS 157 clarifies that the exchange price is the price in an orderly transaction between market participants to sell an asset or transfer a liability in the market in which the reporting entity would transact for the asset or liability, that is, the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability is a hypothetical transaction at the measurement date, considered from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability. SFAS 157 provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on exit price and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over entity-specific inputs. In addition, SFAS 157 provides a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels of valuation hierarchy established by SFAS 157 are defined as follows:

Level 1 — inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 — inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 — inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. We invest primarily in debt and equity of privately held companies for which quoted prices falling within the categories of Level 1 and Level 2 inputs are not available. Therefore, we value all of our investments at fair value, as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors, using Level 3 inputs, as further described below. Due to the inherent uncertainty in the valuation process, our Board of Directors' estimate of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned.

Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded and for which a limited market does not exist are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith, as fair value depends upon circumstances of each individual case. In general, fair value is the amount that we might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security.

We evaluate the investments in portfolio companies using the most recently available portfolio company financial statements and forecasts. We also consult with the portfolio company's senior management to obtain further updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development and other operational issues. Additionally, we consider some or all of the following factors:

- · financial standing of the issuer of the security;
- · comparison of the business and financial plan of the issuer with actual results;
- the size of the security held as it relates to the liquidity of the market for such security;
- pending public offering of common stock by the issuer of the security;
- · pending reorganization activity affecting the issuer, such as merger or debt restructuring;
- · ability of the issuer to obtain needed financing;
- · changes in the economy affecting the issuer;
- financial statements and reports from portfolio company senior management and ownership;
- the type of security, the security's cost at the date of purchase and any contractual restrictions on the disposition of the security;
- · discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase;
- · special reports prepared by analysts;
- information as to any transactions or offers with respect to the security and/or sales to third parties of similar securities;
- the issuer's ability to make payments and the type of collateral;
- · the current and forecasted earnings of the issuer;
- statistical ratios compared to lending standards and to other similar securities; and
- · other pertinent factors.

In making the good faith determination of the value of debt securities, we start with the cost basis of the security, which includes the amortized original issue discount, and payment — in — kind (PIK) interest, if any. We also use a risk rating system to estimate the probability of default on the debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. The risk rating system covers both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the business and the securities held. In valuing debt securities, we utilize an "income approach" model that considers factors including, but not limited to, (i) the portfolio investment's current risk rating (discussed below), (ii) the portfolio company's current trailing twelve months' ("TTM") results of operations as compared to the portfolio company's TTM results of operations as of the date the investment was made, (iii) the portfolio company's current leverage as compared to its leverage as of the date the investment was made, and (iv) current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions. In valuing equity securities of private companies, we consider valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice, including (i) valuation using a valuation model based on original transaction multiples and the portfolio company's recent financial performance, (ii) valuation of the securities based on recent sales in comparable transactions, and (iii) a review of similar companies that are publicly traded and the market multiple of their equity securities.

Unrealized appreciation or depreciation on portfolio investments are recorded as increases or decreases in investments on the balance sheets and are separately reflected on the statements of operations in determining net increase or decrease in net assets resulting from operations.

Duff & Phelps, LLC ("Duff & Phelps"), an independent valuation firm, provides third party valuation consulting services to us, which consist of certain limited procedures that we identified and requested Duff & Phelps to perform (hereinafter referred to as the "procedures"). We generally request Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on each portfolio company at least once in every calendar year and for new portfolio companies, at least once in the twelve-month period subsequent to the initial investment. In certain instances, we may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in our stockholders' best interest, to request Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on one or more portfolio companies. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of our investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to our total investment portfolio.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2007, we asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in five portfolio companies comprising approximately 26% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of March 31, 2007. For the quarter ended June 30, 2007, we asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in five portfolio companies comprising approximately 28% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of June 30, 2007. For the quarter ended September 30, 2007, we asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in five portfolio companies comprising approximately 29% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of September 30, 2007. For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, we asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in six portfolio companies comprising approximately 23% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of December 31, 2007. For the quarter ended March 31, 2008, we asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in six portfolio companies comprising approximately 35% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of June 30, 2008. For the quarter ended June 30, 2008, we asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in five portfolio companies comprising approximately 18% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of June 30, 2008. For the quarter ended September 30, 2008, we asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in eight portfolio companies comprising approximately 29% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of

to the procedures did not appear to be unreasonable. Our Board of Directors is ultimately and solely responsible for determining the fair value of our investments in good faith.

#### Revenue Recognition

Interest and Dividend Income

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of original issue discount, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if we otherwise do not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, we will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing interest income on that loan until all principal and interest has been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. We write off any previously accrued and uncollected interest when it is determined that interest is no longer considered collectible. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Fee Income

Loan origination, facility, commitment, consent and other advance fees received by us on loan agreements or other investments are recorded as deferred income and recognized as income over the term of the loan.

Payment in Kind Interest (PIK)

We currently hold, and we expect to hold in the future, some loans in our portfolio that contain a PIK interest provision. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the loan, rather than being paid to us in cash, and recorded as interest income. To maintain our status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends, even though we have not yet collected the cash. Generally, when current cash interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if we otherwise do not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, we will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing PIK interest income on that loan until all principal and interest has been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. We write off any accrued and uncollected PIK interest when it is determined that the PIK interest is no longer collectible.

## Recently Issued Accounting Standards

On January 1, 2008, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The changes to previous practice resulting from the application of SFAS 157 relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. The definition of fair value retains the exchange price in an orderly transaction between market participants to sell the asset or transfer the liability in the market in which the reporting entity would transact for the asset or liability. The transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability is a hypothetical transaction at the measurement date, considered from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability. SFAS 157 provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on exit price and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over entity-specific inputs. In addition, SFAS 157 provides a framework for measurement date. Our adoption of SFAS 157 resulted in additional unrealized depreciation of approximately \$0.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2008. See Note 1 to our financial statements for a further discussion of the impact of

the adoption of SFAS 157 on our financial statements and for expanded disclosures about our fair value measurements.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We currently have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

Interest rate risk is defined as the sensitivity of our current and future earnings to interest rate volatility, variability of spread relationships, the difference in re-pricing intervals between our assets and liabilities and the effect that interest rates may have on our cash flows. Changes in the general level of interest rates can affect our net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on interest earning assets and our interest expense incurred in connection with our interest bearing debt and liabilities. Changes in interest rates can also affect, among other things, our ability to acquire and originate loans and securities and the value of our investment portfolio.

Our investment income is affected by fluctuations in various interest rates, including LIBOR and prime rates. We regularly measure exposure to interest rate risk and determine whether or not any hedging transactions are necessary to mitigate exposure to changes in interest rates. As of December 31, 2008, we were not a party to any hedging arrangements.

As of December 31, 2008, approximately 87.2%, or \$138.8 million of our debt portfolio investments bore interest at fixed rates and approximately 12.8%, or \$20.5 million of our debt portfolio investments bore interest at variable rates. A 100 basis point decrease in the interest rates on our variable-rate debt investments would decrease our investment income by approximately \$0.2 million on an annual basis. All of our pooled SBA debentures bear interest at fixed rates.

Because we currently borrow, and plan to borrow in the future, money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest the funds borrowed. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which could reduce our net investment income if there is not a corresponding increase in interest income generated by floating rate assets in our investment portfolio.

#### Related Party Transactions

Effective concurrently with the closing of the IPO, TML, the general partner of the Fund, merged into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Triangle Capital Corporation. A substantial majority of the ownership interests of TML at that time were owned by our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer and two of our Managing Directors. As a result of such merger, these five individuals collectively received shares of our common stock valued at approximately \$6.7 million.

Three members of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, collectively own approximately 67% of Triangle Capital Partners, LLC. As of December 31, 2008, Triangle Capital Partners, LLC does not own any shares of Triangle Capital Corporation's common stock. Prior to the closing of the IPO, Triangle Capital Partners, LLC provided management and advisory services to the Fund pursuant to a management services agreement dated as of February 3, 2003. Under the terms of this management services agreement, Triangle Capital Partners, LLC received approximately \$0.2 million in management fees from the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2007. This agreement terminated upon the closing of the IPO.

#### Contractual Obligations

As of December 31, 2008, our future fixed commitments for cash payments are as follows (in thousands):

|   | Total |             | Total 2009 |           | 2010 to<br>2011 |            | 2012 to<br>2013 |            | <br>2014 and<br>Thereafter |
|---|-------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|
| SBA guaranteed debentures payable                 | \$    | 115,110,000 | \$         | _         | \$              | _          | \$              | _          | \$<br>115,110,000          |
| Interest due on SBA guaranteed debentures payable |       | 50,901,420  |            | 5,933,709 |                 | 11,534,358 |                 | 11,550,158 | 21,883,195                 |
| Unused commitments to extend credit(1)            |       | 271,746     |            | 271,746   |                 | _          |                 | _          | _                          |
| Operating lease payments(2)                       |       | 1,440,236   |            | 275,124   |                 | 569,214    |                 | 595,899    |                            |
| Total   | \$    | 167,723,402 | \$         | 6,480,579 | \$              | 12,103,572 | \$              | 12,146,057 | \$<br>136,993,195          |

<sup>(1)</sup> We have a commitment to extend credit, in the form of loans, to one of our portfolio companies which is undrawn as of December 31, 2008. Since this commitment may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements, however we have chosen to present the amount of this unused commitment as an obligation in this table.

#### Recent Developments

On February 6, 2009, we invested an additional \$3.8 million subordinated debt of Inland Pipe Rehabilitation ("Inland Pipe"), a provider of maintenance, inspection and repair services for piping, sewers, drains and storm lines. Under the terms of the investment, Inland Pipe will pay interest on the subordinated debt at a fixed rate of 18% per annum.

## Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

See the section entitled "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk" included in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in Item 7 of Part II of this Annual Report and incorporated by reference herein.

## Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

See our Financial Statements included herein and listed in Item 15(a) of this Annual Report.

## Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

Not applicable.

<sup>(2)</sup> We lease our corporate office facility under an operating lease that terminates on December 31, 2013. We believe that our existing facilities will be adequate to meet our needs at least through 2009, and that we will be able to obtain additional space when, where and as needed on acceptable terms.

#### Item 9A(T). Controls and Procedures.

### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on the evaluation of these disclosure controls and procedures, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective. It should be noted that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

#### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management (with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2008.

This Annual Report does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit us to provide only management's report in this Annual Report.

### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### Item 9B. Other Information

#### Second Amended and Restated Bylaws

On February 24, 2009, our board of directors approved and adopted Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (the "Amended Bylaws") to make the following changes to the previous bylaws of the Company:

- · Clarify that notice of stockholder director nominations or other business proposals must be timely and that any proposed business must be a proper matter for stockholder action;
- Update and/or clarify the information required to be provided to the Company by stockholders that desire to make a director nomination or business proposal to be considered at an annual or special meeting of stockholders to include:
  - disclosure of all information relating to a proposed director nominee that would be required to be disclosed in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of the proposed director nominee in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or would otherwise be required in connection with such a solicitation;
  - disclosure of any proposed business, the interests of the proponent in the proposed business and any agreements with others (including any proposed director nominee) regarding the proposed business;
  - · disclosure of all direct and indirect ownership interests of the proponent in the Company;
  - disclosure of the name and address of the proponent, as well as the investment strategy and a copy of any prospectus, offering memorandum or other similar document sent to investors or potential investors of the proponent if the proponent is not an individual;
  - · disclosure of the name and address of any other stockholders supporting any director nominations or other business proposals;
- Clarify that stockholder director nominations or other business proposals must be submitted in accordance with the advance notice requirements of the Amended Bylaws to be
  considered at special meetings of stockholders;
- Clarify that material inaccuracies contained in notices provided by a stockholder in connection with director nominations or business proposals may cause such notice to be
  deemed not to have been provided in accordance with the advance notice requirements and that a stockholder must notify the Company of any inaccuracy or change in any
  information disclosure; and
- · Clarify that the right to indemnification and the advancement of expenses paid by the Company shall vest immediately upon the election of a director or officer.

In addition, the Amended Bylaws reflect updates to the Maryland General Corporation Law and make various non-material changes. These changes include, but are not limited to:

- · Removal of outdated provisions with respect to director liability for any loss of deposits and any obligation to provide surety bonds;
- Specification of notice and quorum requirements for board meetings conducted in emergency situations;
- Clarification that stockholders are not entitled to certificates evidencing shares of stock held by them;
- Requirement that a written statement of information be provided to a stockholder without charge upon a request of the stockholder; and
- Requirement that the board of directors set a record date for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders, receive payment of any dividend, or any allotment of other rights.

The amendments to the Amended Bylaws became effective on February 24, 2009 in accordance with resolutions adopted by our board of directors. The foregoing description is a summary of the material changes to the previous bylaws of the Company and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended Bylaws filed as Exhibit 3.4 hereto.

### **Amendments to Material Definitive Agreements**

Messrs. Tucker, Burgess and Lilly (collectively, the "Executive Officers") each was a party to a two-year employment agreement with the Company effective as of February 21, 2007, such terms having ended on February 20, 2009 (collectively, the "Employment Agreements"). The Employment Agreements provided that, absent termination by either the Company or the respective Executive Officer by notice at least three months prior to February 20, 2009, the term of each Employment Agreement would automatically renew for an additional year through February 20, 2010.

After consideration, our Board of Directors and its Compensation Committee determined that it would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders if the Employment Agreements were not renewed for additional one-year terms; however, the Company had not given any of the Executive Officers the requisite three-month notice in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreements. To that end, Messrs. Tucker, Burgess and Lilly are in agreement with our Board and its Compensation Committee that non-renewal of the Employment Agreements is desirable, and accordingly, on February 20, 2009, each Executive Officer affirmatively waived his non-renewal notice rights set forth in his Employment Agreement, and the Company formally acknowledged such waivers.

Effective February 21, 2009, none of the Executive Officers is employed by the Company pursuant to an employment agreement. Rather, each Executive Officer is currently employed by the Company on an at-will basis. Each Executive Officer will continue to be paid his respective salary set forth in his Employment Agreement (copies of which are incorporated by reference in Exhibits 10.1 — 10.3 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K) and is eligible to receive cash bonuses and equity incentives in the discretion of our Board of Directors and its Compensation Committee.

#### PART III

### Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The information required by this Item with respect to our directors, executive officers and corporate governance matters is contained in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our Proxy Statement will be filed with the Commission within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2008

We have adopted a code of ethics for Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (which we call our "Code of Conduct"), which every director, officer and employee is expected to observe. The Code of Conduct for Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP is publicly available on our website under "Corporate Governance" at the following URL: http://ir.tcap.com/governance.cfm and is referenced in this Annual Report as Exhibit 14.1.

We will provide any person, without charge, upon request, a copy of our Code of Conduct. To receive a copy, please provide a written request to: Triangle Capital Corporation; Attn: Chief Compliance Officer, 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530; Raleigh, North Carolina; 27612.

#### Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this Item with respect to compensation of executive officers and directors is contained in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our Proxy Statement will be filed with the Commission within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2008.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by this Item with respect to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and equity compensation plans is contained in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our Proxy Statement will be filed with the Commission within 120 days after the date of our fiscal yearend, which was December 31, 2008.

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by this Item with respect to certain relationships and related transactions and director independence is contained in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our Proxy Statement will be filed with the Commission within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2008.

#### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The information required by this Item with respect to principal accountant fees and services is contained in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is incorporated in this Annual Report by reference in response to this Item. Our Proxy Statement will be filed with the Commission within 120 days after the date of our fiscal year-end, which was December 31, 2008.

## PART IV

## Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

## (a) The following documents are filed as part of this Report:

(1) Financial Statements

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## (2) Financial Statement Schedules

None

Schedules that are not listed herein have been omitted because they are not applicable or the information required to be set forth therein is included in the Financial Statements or notes thereto.

#### (3) List of Exhibits

The exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K, except as otherwise noted, have been filed with previous reports by the registrant and are herein incorporated by reference.

| Number | Exhibit   |
|--------|---|
| 3.1    | Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit(a)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 3.2    | Certificate of Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit(a)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 13, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 3.3    | Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 11, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 3.4    | Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant.   |
| 4.1    | Form of Common Stock Certificate (Filed as Exhibit(d) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 4.2    | Triangle Capital Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 4.3    | Debenture No. 0800219 dated March 27, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit(f)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |

| Number | <u>Exhibit</u>   |
|--------|--|
| 4.4    | Debenture No. 0800216 dated April 11, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit(f)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 4.5    | Debenture No. 0800218 dated April 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 4.6    | Debenture No. 0800403 dated May 29, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 4.7    | Debenture No. 0800404 dated May 29, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(5) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 4.8    | Debenture No. 0800405 dated June 11, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(6) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 4.9    | Debenture No. 0800406 dated June 24, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.10   | Debenture No. 0800527 dated August 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.11   | Debenture No. 0800528 dated August 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.12   | Debenture No. 0800531 dated August 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.13   | Debenture No. 0800847 dated October 24, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.   |
| 4.14   | Debenture No. 0800848 dated October 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.   |
| 4.15   | Debenture No. 0800849 dated October 31, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.   |
| 4.16   | Debenture No. 0800850 dated October 31, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.   |
| 4.17   | Debenture No. 0800851 dated November 4, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.   |
| 4.18   | Debenture No. 0800861 dated November 4, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.   |
| 4.19   | Agreement to Furnish Certain Instruments.  |
| 10.1†  | Employment Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Garland S. Tucker, III dated February 21, 2007 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on   |
|        | Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 10.2†  | Employment Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Brent P.W. Burgess dated February 21, 2007 (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on   |
|        | Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).  |

| Number | Exhibit   |
|--------|---|
| 10.3†  | Employment Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Steven C. Lilly dated February 21, 2007 (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).           |
| 10.4†  | Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 10.5†  | Triangle Capital Corporation form of Non-employee Director Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 10.6†  | Triangle Capital Corporation form of Executive Officer Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 10.7   | Custodian Agreement with U.S. Bank National Association (Filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 10.8   | Amendment to Custody Agreement between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association dated February 5, 2008 (Filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.9   | Stock Transfer Agency Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and The Bank of New York (Filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).                  |
| 10.10  | Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated March 27, 2008 (Filed as Exhibit(k)(6) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-151930) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).               |
| 14.1   | Code of Conduct.  |
| 21.1   | List of Subsidiaries.   |
| 23.1   | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.   |
| 31.1   | Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 31.2   | Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 32.1   | Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 32.2   | Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |

<sup>†</sup> Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

## (b) Exhibits

See Item 15(a)(3) above.

## (c) Financial Statement Schedules

See Item 15(a)(2) above.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 25, 2009

## TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Garland S. Tucker, III

Name: Garland S. Tucker, III

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature  | Title  | Date              |
|--|--|-------------------|
| /s/ Garland S. Tucker, III<br>Garland S. Tucker, III | President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer) | February 25, 2009 |
| /s/ Steven C. Lilly Steven C. Lilly                  | Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and Director (Principal Financial Officer)   | February 25, 2009 |
| /s/ C. Robert Knox, Jr. C. Robert Knox, Jr.          | Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)  | February 25, 2009 |
| /s/ Brent P. W. Burgess Brent P. W. Burgess          | Chief Investment Officer and Director  | February 25, 2009 |
| /s/ W. McComb Dunwoody<br>W. McComb Dunwoody         | Director   | February 25, 2009 |
| /s/ Benjamin S. Goldstein<br>Benjamin S. Goldstein   | Director   | February 25, 2009 |
| /s/ Simon B. Rich, Jr.<br>Simon B. Rich, Jr.         | Director   | February 25, 2009 |
| /s/ Sherwood H. Smith, Jr. Sherwood H. Smith, Jr.    | Director   | February 25, 2009 |
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#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders Triangle Capital Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Triangle Capital Corporation (the Company), including the schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the consolidated financial highlights for the years then ended. We have also audited the accompanying combined statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows of Triangle Capital Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2006 and the combined financial highlights for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated and combined financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 by correspondence with the portfolio companies. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Triangle Capital Corporation at December 31, 2008 and 2007, the consolidated results of its operations, changes in net assets, and its cash flows for the years then ended, the financial highlights for the years then ended, and the combined results of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows of Triangle Capital Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2006, and the combined financial highlights for the three years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina February 24, 2009

# Triangle Capital Corporation Consolidated Balance Sheets

|  | December 31, |             |    |             |
|--|--------------|-------------|----|-------------|
|  |              | 2008        |    | 2007        |
| ASSETS   |              |             |    |             |
| Investments at fair value:   |              |             |    |             |
| Non - Control / Non - Affiliate investments (cost of \$138,413,589 and \$66,129,119 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively) | \$           | 135,712,877 | \$ | 68,388,014  |
| Affiliate investments (cost of \$30,484,491 and \$24,023,264 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively)                        |              | 33,894,556  |    | 24,576,462  |
| Control investments (cost of \$11,253,458 and \$15,727,418 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively)                          |              | 12,497,858  |    | 20,071,764  |
| Total investments at fair value  |              | 182,105,291 |    | 113,036,240 |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |              | 27,193,287  |    | 21,787,750  |
| Interest and fees receivable   |              | 679,828     |    | 305,159     |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  |              | 95,325      |    | 47,477      |
| Deferred financing fees  |              | 3,545,410   |    | 999,159     |
| Property and equipment, net  |              | 48,020      |    | 34,166      |
| Total assets   | \$           | 213,667,161 | \$ | 136,209,951 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS   |              |             |    |             |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | \$           | 1.608.909   | \$ | 1,144,222   |
| Interest payable   |              | 1,881,761   |    | 698,735     |
| Dividends payable  |              | 2,766,945   |    | 2,041,159   |
| Taxes payable  |              | 30,436      |    | 52,598      |
| Deferred revenue   |              | _           |    | 30,625      |
| Deferred income taxes  |              | 843,947     |    | 1,760,259   |
| SBA guaranteed debentures payable  |              | 115,110,000 |    | 37,010,000  |
| Total liabilities  |              | 122,241,998 |    | 42,737,598  |
| Net assets:  |              |             |    |             |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (150,000,000 shares authorized, 6,917,363 and 6,803,863 shares issued and              |              |             |    |             |
| outstanding as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively)  |              | 6,917       |    | 6,804       |
| Additional paid-in-capital   |              | 87,836,786  |    | 86,949,189  |
| Investment income in excess of distributions   |              | 2,115,157   |    | 1,738,797   |
| Accumulated realized gains (losses) on investments   |              | 356,495     |    | (618,620)   |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments   |              | 1,109,808   |    | 5,396,183   |
| Total net assets   |              | 91,425,163  |    | 93,472,353  |
| Total liabilities and net assets   | \$           | 213,667,161 | \$ | 136,209,951 |
| Net asset value per share  | \$           | 13.22       | \$ | 13.74       |

# Triangle Capital Corporation Statements of Operations

|  |                        | Years Ended December 31, |                    |  |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
|  | 2008<br>(Consolidated) | 2007<br>(Consolidated)   | 2006<br>(Combined) |  |
| Investment income:   |                        |                          |                    |  |
| Loan interest, fee and dividend income:  |                        |                          |                    |  |
| Non - Control / Non - Affiliate investments  | \$ 12,381,411          | \$ 6,258,670             | \$ 4,488,831       |  |
| Affiliate investments  | 3,478,644              | 1,808,664                | 638,318            |  |
| Control investments  | 1,434,687              | 1,323,876                | 293,532            |  |
| Total loan interest, fee and dividend income                                       | 17,294,742             | 9,391,210                | 5,420,681          |  |
| Paid - in - kind interest income:  |                        |                          |                    |  |
| Non - Control / Non - Affiliate investments  | 2,657,281              | 871,184                  | 815,408            |  |
| Affiliate investments  | 665,817                | 225,622                  | 40,208             |  |
| Control investments  | 438,688                | 424,308                  | 166,690            |  |
| Total paid - in - kind interest income   | 3,761,786              | 1,521,114                | 1,022,306          |  |
| Interest income from cash and cash equivalent investments                          | 302,970                | 1,823,519                | 279,817            |  |
| Total investment income  | 21,359,498             | 12,735,843               | 6,722,804          |  |
| Expenses:  |                        |                          |                    |  |
| Interest expense   | 4,227,851              | 2,073,311                | 1,833,458          |  |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees  | 255,273                | 112,660                  | 99,920             |  |
| Management fees  | _                      | 232,423                  | 1,589,070          |  |
| General and administrative expenses  | 6,254,096              | 3,894,240                | 115,040            |  |
| Total expenses   | 10,737,220             | 6,312,634                | 3,637,488          |  |
| Net investment income  | 10,622,278             | 6,423,209                | 3,085,316          |  |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments — Non Control / Non -Affiliate             | (1,393,139)            | (759,634)                | 6,026,948          |  |
| Net realized gain on investment — Affiliate  | _                      | 141,014                  | _                  |  |
| Net realized gain on investment — Control  | 2,828,747              | _                        | _                  |  |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments                          | (4,286,375)            | 3,061,107                | (414,924)          |  |
| Total net gain (loss) on investments before income taxes                           | (2,850,767)            | 2,442,487                | 5,612,024          |  |
| Provision for taxes  | 133,010                | 52,598                   |                    |  |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations                               | \$ 7,638,501           | \$ 8,813,098             | \$ 8,697,340       |  |
| Net investment income per share — basic and diluted                                | \$ 1.54                | \$ 0.95                  | N/A                |  |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per share — basic and diluted | \$ 1.11                | \$ 1.31                  | N/A                |  |
| Dividends declared per common share  | \$ 1.44                | \$ 0.98                  | N/A                |  |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding — basic and diluted                  | 6,877,669              | 6,728,733                | N/A                |  |
| Allocation of net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations to:  |                        |                          |                    |  |
| General partner  | N/A                    | N/A                      | \$ 1,739,386       |  |
| Limited partners   | N/A                    | N/A                      | \$ 6,957,954       |  |
|  |                        | 1471                     | ÷ 0,007,           |  |

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

|   | General<br>Partner's<br>Capital | Limited<br>Partners'<br>Capital | Capital Contribution Commitment Receivable | Common<br>Number<br>of Shares | Stock<br>Par<br>Value | Additional<br>Paid In<br>Capital | Investment<br>Income<br>in Excess of<br>(Less Than)<br>Distributions | Accumulated Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments | (De | Net<br>Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>epreciation) of<br>nyestments | Total<br>Net<br>Assets |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|-----|--|------------------------|
| Balance, January 1, 2006                            | \$ 100                          | \$ 21.250.000                   | \$ (10,625,000)                            |                               | \$ _                  | \$ -                             | \$ 1,489,447   | \$ (3,500,000)                                     | \$  | 2,750,000  | \$ 11,364,547          |
| Partners' capital contributions                     | ų .cc                           | Ψ 21,200,000<br>—               | 10,625,000                                 | _                             | _                     | _                                | - 1,100,111  | ψ (ö,ööö,ööö)<br>—                                 | Ψ   |  | 10,625,000             |
| Net investment income                               | _                               | _                               |  | _                             | _                     | _                                | 3.085.316  | _  |     | _  | 3.085.316              |
| Realized gains on investments                       | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | _  | 6,026,948  |     | _  | 6,026,948              |
| Net unrealized losses on investments                | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | _  |  |     | (414,924)  | (414,924)              |
| Distributions to partners                           | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | (3,004,628)  | (2,526,948)  |     |  | (5,531,576)            |
| Issuance of common stock                            | _                               | _                               | _  | 100                           | _                     | 1,500                            | _  |  |     | _  | 1,500                  |
| Balance, December 31, 2006                          | \$ 100                          | \$ 21,250,000                   | \$ —                                       | 100                           | \$ —                  | \$ 1,500                         | \$ 1,570,135   | \$ —   | \$  | 2,335,076  | \$ 25,156,811          |
| Public offering of common stock                     | _                               | _                               | _  | 4,770,000                     | 4,770                 | 64,723,267                       | _  | _  |     | _  | 64,728,037             |
| Formation transactions                              | (100)                           | (21,250,000)                    | _  | 1,916,660                     | 1,917                 | 21,248,183                       | _  | _  |     | _  | _                      |
| Net investment income                               | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | 6,423,209  | _  |     | _  | 6,423,209              |
| Realized gain (loss) on investments                 | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | _  | (618,620)  |     | 1,111,306  | 492,686                |
| Net unrealized gains on investments                 | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | _  | _  |     | 1,949,801  | 1,949,801              |
| Provision for income taxes                          | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | (52,598)   | _  |     | _  | (52,598)               |
| Return of capital and other tax related adjustments | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | (649,856)                        | 649,856  | _  |     | _  | _                      |
| Dividends declared                                  | _                               | _                               | _  | 117,103                       | 117                   | 1,626,095                        | (6,631,758)  | _  |     | _  | (5,005,546)            |
| Tax distribution to partners                        |                                 |                                 |  |                               |                       |                                  | (220,047)  |  |     |  | (220,047)              |
| Balance, December 31, 2007                          | \$ —                            | \$ —                            | \$ —                                       | 6,803,863                     | \$ 6,804              | \$ 86,949,189                    | \$ 1,738,797   | \$ (618,620)                                       | \$  | 5,396,183  | \$ 93,472,353          |
| Net investment income                               | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | 10,622,278   | _  |     | _  | 10,622,278             |
| Stock-based compensation                            | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | 275,311                          | _  | _  |     | _  | 275,311                |
| Realized gain (loss) on investments                 | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | _  | 1,435,608  |     | (1,269,437)  | 166,171                |
| Net unrealized losses on investments                | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | _  | _  |     | (3,016,938)  | (3,016,938)            |
| Provision for taxes                                 | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | (133,010)  | _  |     | _  | (133,010)              |
| Return of capital and other tax related adjustments | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | 612,399                          | (151,906)  | (460,493)  |     | _  | _                      |
| Dividends declared                                  | _                               | _                               | _  | _                             | _                     | _                                | (9,961,002)  | _  |     | _  | (9,961,002)            |
| Issuance of restricted stock                        |                                 |                                 |  | 113,500                       | 113                   | (113)                            |  |  |     |  |                        |
| Balance, December 31, 2008                          | \$ <u> </u>                     | \$ <u> </u>                     | <u> </u>                                   | 6,917,363                     | \$ 6,917              | \$ 87,836,786                    | \$ 2,115,157   | \$ 356,495   | \$  | 1,109,808  | \$ 91,425,163          |

# Triangle Capital Corporation Statements of Cash Flows

|   | Years Ended December 31, |                      |    |                       |    |                    |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
|   | (C                       | 2008<br>onsolidated) | (0 | 2007<br>Consolidated) |    | 2006<br>(Combined) |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                          |                      |    |                       |    |                    |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations  | \$                       | 7,638,501            | \$ | 8,813,098             | \$ | 8,697,340          |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash used in operating activities: |                          |                      |    |                       |    |                    |
| Purchases of portfolio investments  |                          | (93,054,022)         |    | (64,159,172)          |    | (21,458,478)       |
| Repayments received/sales of portfolio investments  |                          | 20,968,397           |    | 10,470,803            |    | 9,965,446          |
| Loan origination and other fees received  |                          | 1,686,996            |    | 1,272,002             |    | 607,794            |
| Net realized (gain) loss on investments   |                          | (1,435,608)          |    | 618,620               |    | (6,026,948)        |
| Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments   |                          | 3,516,855            |    | (4,821,366)           |    | 414,923            |
| Deferred income taxes   |                          | 769,519              |    | 1,760,259             |    | _                  |
| Paid - in - kind interest accrued, net of payments received   |                          | (1,783,288)          |    | (1,280,950)           |    | (578,724)          |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees   |                          | 255,273              |    | 112,660               |    | 99,920             |
| Recognition of loan origination and other fees  |                          | (515,289)            |    | (677,615)             |    | (435,492)          |
| Accretion of loan discounts   |                          | (169,548)            |    | (205,725)             |    | (169,036)          |
| Depreciation  |                          | 16,681               |    | 7,814                 |    | _                  |
| Stock-based compensation  |                          | 275,311              |    | _                     |    | _                  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:  |                          |                      |    |                       |    |                    |
| Interest and fees receivable  |                          | (374,669)            |    | (170,340)             |    | (85,236)           |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   |                          | (47,848)             |    | (47,477)              |    | _                  |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  |                          | 464,687              |    | 349,239               |    | 781,757            |
| Interest payable  |                          | 1,183,026            |    | 92,439                |    | 40,228             |
| Taxes payable   |                          | (22,162)             |    | 52,598                |    | _                  |
| Payable to Triangle Capital Partners, LLC   |                          |                      |    | (30,000)              |    | 30,000             |
| Net cash used in operating activities   |                          | (60,627,188)         |    | (47,843,113)          |    | (8,116,506)        |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                          |                      |    |                       |    |                    |
| Purchases of property and equipment   |                          | (30,535)             |    | (41,980)              |    | _                  |
| Net cash used in investing activities   |                          | (30,535)             |    | (41,980)              |    |                    |
| Ç.  |                          | (00,000)             |    | (+1,000)              |    |                    |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  Borrowings under SBA guaranteed debentures payable                               |                          | 78,100,000           |    | 5,210,000             |    |                    |
| Financing fees paid   |                          | (2,801,524)          |    | (126,342)             |    | _                  |
| Issuance of common stock  |                          | (2,001,324)          |    | (126,342)             |    | 1,500              |
| Proceeds from initial public offering, net of expenses  |                          |                      |    | 64,728,037            |    | 1,300              |
| Change in deferred offering costs   |                          |                      |    | 1,020,646             |    | (1,020,646)        |
| Partners' capital contributions   |                          |                      |    | 1,020,040             |    | 10,625,000         |
| Cash dividends paid   |                          | (9,235,216)          |    | (2,964,387)           |    | 10,023,000         |
| Distribution to partners  |                          | (9,233,210)          |    | (751,613)             |    | (5,000,010)        |
| ·   | _                        |                      |    |                       |    |                    |
| Net cash provided by financing activities   |                          | 66,063,260           |    | 67,116,341            | _  | 4,605,844          |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents  |                          | 5,405,537            |    | 19,231,248            |    | (3,510,662)        |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year  |                          | 21,787,750           |    | 2,556,502             |    | 6,067,164          |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year  | \$                       | 27,193,287           | \$ | 21,787,750            | \$ | 2,556,502          |
| Supplemental Disclosure of cash flow information:   |                          | <u>.</u>             |    |                       |    |                    |
| Cash paid for interest  | \$                       | 3,044,825            | \$ | 1,980,872             | \$ | 1,793,230          |
| Summary of non-cash financing transactions:   |                          |                      |    |                       |    |                    |
| Dividends declared but not paid   | \$                       | 2,766,945            | \$ | 2,041,159             | \$ | _                  |
| Accrued distribution to partners  | \$                       |                      | \$ |                       | \$ | 531,566            |
| Additional to partition   | Ψ                        | _ <del>_</del>       | Ψ  | _ <del>_</del>        | Ψ  | 331,300            |

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| Portfolio Company   | Industry                       | Type of<br>Investment(1)(2)                           | Principal<br>Amount | Cost         | Fair<br>Value(3) |
|---|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Non - Control / Non - Affiliate Investments: Ambient Air Corporation ("AAC") and Peaden-Hobbs Mechanical, LLC ("PHM") (6%)* | Specialty Trade<br>Contractors | Subordinated<br>Note-AAC (14%, Due                    |                     |              |                  |
|   | Contactor                      | 03/11)<br>Subordinated<br>Note-AAC (18%,              | \$ 3,182,231        | \$ 3,074,633 | \$ 3,074,633     |
|   |                                | Due 03/11)<br>Common Stock-PHM                        | 1,917,045           | 1,888,343    | 1,888,343        |
|   |                                | (126,634 shares)<br>Common Stock<br>Warrants-AAC (455 |                     | 126,634      | 126,634          |
|   |                                | shares)   |                     | 142,361      | 600,100          |
|   |                                |   | 5,099,276           | 5,231,971    | 5,689,710        |
| American De-Rosa Lamparts, LLC and Hallmark Lighting (8%)*  | Wholesale and                  | Subordinated Note                                     |                     |              |                  |
|   | Distribution                   | (15.25%, Due 10/13)                                   | 8,208,166           | 8,064,571    | 6,894,500        |
|   |                                |   | 8,208,166           | 8,064,571    | 6,894,500        |
| American Direct Marketing Resources, LLC (4%)*  | Direct Marketing               | Subordinated Note                                     |                     |              |                  |
|   | Services                       | (15%, Due 03/15)                                      | 4,035,038           | 3,957,113    | 3,957,113        |
|   |                                |   | 4,035,038           | 3,957,113    | 3,957,113        |
| APO Newco, LLC (3%)*  | Commercial and                 | Subordinated Note                                     |                     |              |                  |
|   | Consumer                       | (14%, Due 03/13)                                      | 1,993,336           | 1,907,664    | 1,907,664        |
|   | Marketing Products             | Unit purchase   |                     |              |                  |
|   |                                | warrant (87,302                                       |                     | 05.000       | 4 000 400        |
|   |                                | Class C units)  |                     | 25,200       | 1,033,400        |
|   |                                |   | 1,993,336           | 1,932,864    | 2,941,064        |
| ARC Industries, LLC (3%)*   | Remediation Services           | Subordinated Note                                     |                     |              |                  |
|   |                                | (19%, Due 11/10)                                      | 2,528,587           | 2,508,276    | 2,508,276        |
|   |                                |   | 2,528,587           | 2,508,276    | 2,508,276        |
| Art Headquarters, LLC (3%)*   | Retail, Wholesale              | Subordinated Note                                     |                     | 0.000.054    | 0.000.054        |
|   | and Distribution               | (14%, Due 01/10)<br>Membership unit                   | 2,333,488           | 2,309,951    | 2,309,951        |
|   |                                | warrants (15% of                                      |                     |              |                  |
|   |                                | units (150 units))                                    |                     | 40,800       | _                |
|   |                                | (),   | 2,333,488           | 2,350,751    | 2,309,951        |
| Assurance Operations Corporation (4%)*  | Auto Components /              | Subordinated Note                                     | 2,000,400           | 2,000,701    | 2,309,931        |
| (1.10)  | Metal Fabrication              | (17%, Due 03/12)                                      | 4,026,884           | 3,985,742    | 3,261,800        |
|   |                                | Common Stock (57                                      | , , , , , ,         | -,,          | -, -,            |
|   |                                | shares)   |                     | 257,143      | _                |
|   |                                |   | 4,026,884           | 4,242,885    | 3,261,800        |
| CV Holdings, LLC (12%)*   | Specialty                      | Subordinated Note                                     |                     |              |                  |
|   | Healthcare Products            | (16%, Due 09/13)                                      | 10,776,412          | 9,780,508    | 9,780,508        |
|   | Manufacturer                   | Royalty rights  |                     | 874,400      | 874,400          |
|   |                                |   | 10,776,412          | 10,654,908   | 10,654,908       |
| Cyrus Networks, LLC (8%)*   | Data Center                    | Senior Note   |                     |              |                  |
|   | Services Provider              | (6%, Due 07/13)                                       | 5,539,867           | 5,524,881    | 5,524,881        |
|   |                                | 2nd Lien Note   |                     |              |                  |
|   |                                | (9%, Due 01/14)                                       | 1,196,809           | 1,196,809    | 1,196,809        |
|   |                                | Revolving Line of                                     | 050 444             | 050 444      | 050.444          |
|   |                                | Credit (6)%   | 253,144             | 253,144      | 253,144          |
|   |                                |   | 6,989,820           | 6,974,834    | 6,974,834        |
|   |                                |   |                     |              |                  |
|   |                                |   |                     |              |                  |

# ${\bf Consolidated\ Schedule\ of\ Investments--(Continued)}$

| Portfolio Company                                     | Industry                | Type of<br>Investment(1)(2)      | Principal<br>Amount | Cost       | Fair<br>Value(3) |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|
| DataPath, Inc. (0%)*                                  | Satellite               | •                                | •                   | •          |                  |
|   | Communication           | Common Stock                     |                     |            |                  |
|   | Manufacturer            | (210,263 shares)                 | \$                  | \$ 101,500 | \$ —             |
|   |                         |                                  |                     | 101,500    |                  |
| Electronic Systems Protection, Inc. (5%)*             | Power Protection        | Subordinated Note                |                     |            |                  |
|   | Systems                 | (14%, Due 12/15)                 | 3,059,267           | 3,032,533  | 3,032,533        |
|   | Manufacturing           | Senior Note                      |                     |            |                  |
|   |                         | (6%, Due 01/14)                  | 930,635             | 930,635    | 930,635          |
|   |                         | Common Stock                     |                     |            |                  |
|   |                         | (500 shares)                     |                     | 285,000    | 285,000          |
|   |                         |                                  | 3,989,902           | 4,248,168  | 4,248,168        |
| Energy Hardware Holdings, LLC (0%)*                   | Machined Parts          | Voting Units (4,833              |                     |            |                  |
|   | Distribution            | units)                           |                     | 4,833      | 292,300          |
|   |                         |                                  |                     | 4,833      | 292,300          |
| FCL Graphics, Inc. (8%)*                              | Commercial Printing     | Senior Note                      |                     |            |                  |
|   | Services                | (8%, Due 5/12)                   | 1,669,200           | 1,663,083  | 1,663,083        |
|   |                         | Senior Note                      |                     |            |                  |
|   |                         | (12%, Due 5/13)                  | 2,000,000           | 1,993,191  | 1,993,191        |
|   |                         | 2nd Lien Note                    |                     |            |                  |
|   |                         | (18%, Due 11/13)                 | 3,393,186           | 3,382,162  | 3,382,162        |
|   |                         |                                  | 7,062,386           | 7,038,436  | 7,038,436        |
| Fire Sprinkler Systems, Inc. (1%)*                    | Specialty Trade         | Subordinated Notes               |                     |            |                  |
|   | Contractors             | (12%, Due 04/11)                 | 2,388,362           | 2,356,781  | 1,000,000        |
|   |                         | Common Stock (283                |                     | 000.005    |                  |
|   |                         | shares)                          |                     | 282,905    | 11,719           |
|   |                         |                                  | 2,388,362           | 2,639,686  | 1,011,719        |
| Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp. (4%)*                   | Restaurant              | 2nd Lien Note                    |                     |            |                  |
|   |                         | (11%, Due 12/11)                 | 3,000,000           | 3,000,000  | 3,000,000        |
|   |                         | Membership Units                 |                     | 500.000    | F00 000          |
|   |                         | (5,000 units)                    |                     | 500,000    | 583,600          |
|   |                         |                                  | 3,000,000           | 3,500,000  | 3,583,600        |
| Gerli & Company (2%)*                                 | Specialty Woven         | Subordinated Note                |                     |            |                  |
|   | Fabrics<br>Manufacturer | (14%, Due 08/11)<br>Common Stock | 3,161,439           | 3,092,786  | 1,865,000        |
|   | Manufacturer            | Warrants (56,559                 |                     |            |                  |
|   |                         | shares)                          |                     | 83,414     | _                |
|   |                         | Silai 63)                        | 0.101.100           |            |                  |
| Inland Pipe Rehabilitation Holding Company LLC (10%)* | Cleaning and Repair     | Subordinated Note                | 3,161,439           | 3,176,200  | 1,865,000        |
| mand Pipe Henabilitation Holding Company LLC (10%)    | Services                | (14%, Due 01/14)                 | 8.095.149           | 7.422.265  | 7.422.265        |
|   | Services                | Membership Interest              | 6,093,149           | 7,422,263  | 7,422,203        |
|   |                         | Purchase Warrant                 |                     |            |                  |
|   |                         | (2.5%)                           |                     | 563,300    | 1,407,300        |
|   |                         | (2.070)                          | 8,095,149           | 7,985,565  | 8,829,565        |
| Jenkins Service, LLC (10%)*                           | Restoration Services    | Subordinated Note                | 0,000,140           | 7,300,000  | 0,029,000        |
| 50 min 50 moo, 220 (10 m)                             | . lestoration del vices | (17.5%, Due 04/14)               | 8,411,172           | 8,266,277  | 8,266,277        |
|   |                         | Convertible Note                 | 5,,                 | 0,200,277  | 5,230,277        |
|   |                         | (10%, Due 04/14)                 | 1,375,000           | 1,336,993  | 1,336,993        |
|   |                         | ,,                               | 9.786.172           | 9,603,270  | 9,603,270        |
|   |                         |                                  | 0,700,772           | 0,000,270  | 0,000,270        |
|   | F-7                     |                                  |                     |            |                  |
|   | F-/                     |                                  |                     |            |                  |

# ${\bf Consolidated\ Schedule\ of\ Investments-(Continued)}$

|  |                                    | Type of   | Principal                 |              | Fair         |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Portfolio Company  | Industry                           | Investment(1)(2)  | Amount                    | Cost         | Value(3)     |
| ibrary Systems & Services, LLC (3%)*   | Municipal Business<br>Services     | Subordinated Note<br>(12%, Due 03/11)<br>Common Stock       | \$ 2,000,000              | \$ 1,948,573 | \$ 1,948,573 |
|  |                                    | Warrants (112 shares)                                       |                           | 58,995       | 802,500      |
|  |                                    | anarea)   | 2.000.000                 | 2.007.568    | 2.751.073    |
| ovolyte Technologies, Inc. (8%)*   | Specialty                          | Subordinated Note   | 2,000,000                 | 2,007,366    | 2,751,075    |
| orașie realizatea, ii.e. (o.s.)  | Manufacturing                      | (16%, Due 04/15)<br>Preferred Units                         | 7,048,222                 | 6,880,696    | 6,880,696    |
|  |                                    | (600 units)<br>Common Units                                 |                           | 600,000      | 600,000      |
|  |                                    | (22,960 units)  |                           | 150,000      | 150,000      |
|  |                                    |   | 7,048,222                 | 7,630,696    | 7,630,696    |
| yyrgis Holdings, Inc. (6%)*  | Specialty Chemical<br>Manufacturer | Senior Note (7%,<br>Due 08/12-02/14)<br>Common Units (2,114 | 4,632,500                 | 4,602,773    | 4,602,773    |
|  |                                    | units)  |                           | 1,000,000    | 532,700      |
|  |                                    |   | 4,632,500                 | 5,602,773    | 5,135,473    |
| rustHouse Services Group, Inc. (5%)*   | Food Management                    | Subordinated Note   |                           |              |              |
|  | Services                           | (14%, Due 09/15)  | 4,264,494                 | 4,186,542    | 4,186,542    |
|  |                                    | Class A Units<br>(1,495 units)<br>Class B Units             |                           | 475,000      | 207,500      |
|  |                                    | (79 units)  |                           | 25,000       |              |
|  |                                    | (79 units)  | 4,264,494                 | 4,686,542    | 4,394,042    |
| win-Star International, Inc. (6%)*   | Consumer Home                      | Subordinated Note   | 4,264,494                 | 4,686,542    | 4,394,042    |
| WIT-Stal International, Inc. (6%)  | Furnishings                        | (15%, Due 04/14)  | 4,500,000                 | 4,439,137    | 4,439,137    |
|  | Manufacturer                       | Senior Note (8%,  | 4,000,000                 | 4,400,107    | 4,400,107    |
|  |                                    | Due 04/13)  | 1,301,921                 | 1,301,921    | 1,301,921    |
|  |                                    |   | 5,801,921                 | 5,741,058    | 5,741,058    |
| aste Recyclers Holdings, LLC (13%)*  | Environmental and                  | Subordinated Note   |                           |              |              |
|  | Facilities Services                | (15.5%, Due 01/13)  | 9,106,995                 | 8,935,266    | 8,935,266    |
|  |                                    | Class A Preferred   |                           |              |              |
|  |                                    | Units (300 Units)<br>Common Unit                            |                           | 2,251,100    | 2,251,100    |
|  |                                    | Purchase Warrant  |                           |              |              |
|  |                                    | (1,170,083 Units)   |                           | 748,900      | 748,900      |
|  |                                    | Common Units  |                           |              |              |
|  |                                    | (153,219 Units)   |                           | 153,219      | 153,219      |
|  |                                    |   | 9,106,995                 | 12,088,485   | 12,088,485   |
| holesale Floors, Inc. (4%)*  | Commercial Services                | Subordinated Note   |                           |              |              |
|  |                                    | (14%, Due 06/14)  | 3,500,000                 | 3,341,947    | 3,341,947    |
|  |                                    | Membership Interest   |                           |              |              |
|  |                                    | Purchase Warrant<br>(4.0)%                                  |                           | 132,800      |              |
|  |                                    | (4.0)%  | 0.500.000                 |              |              |
|  | Landscaping Services               | Subordinated Note   | 3,500,000                 | 3,474,747    | 3,341,947    |
|  | Lanuscaping Services               | (15%, Due 04/14)  | 13,261,710                | 12,965,889   | 12,965,889   |
| ellowstone Landscape Group, Inc. (14%)*  |                                    |   | ,,///                     | ,500,000     | 12,000,000   |
| llowstone Landscape Group, Inc. (14%)*   |                                    |   | 13 261 710                | 12 065 880   | 12 065 990   |
| ellowstone Landscape Group, Inc. (14%)*  ubtotal Non — Control / Non — Affiliate Investments |                                    |   | 13,261,710<br>133,090,259 | 12,965,889   | 12,965,889   |

# ${\bf Consolidated\ Schedule\ of\ Investments--(Continued)}$

| Portfolio Company  | Industry                              | Type of<br>investment(1)(2)   | Principal<br>Amount     | Cost                    | Fair<br>Value(3)        |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Affiliate Investments: Asset Point, LLC (6%)*  | Asset Management<br>Software Provider | Subordinated Note<br>(15%, Due 03/13)<br>Membership Units                 | \$ 5,123,925            | \$ 5,035,428            | \$ 5,035,428            |
|  |                                       | (10 units)  | 5,123,925               | 500,000<br>5,535,428    | 371,400<br>5,406,828    |
| Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. (3%)*   | Industrial Equipment<br>Manufacturer  | Subordinated Note<br>(14%, Due 01/11)<br>Common Stock                     | 2,124,037               | 2,103,277               | 2,103,277               |
|  |                                       | (34,100 shares)<br>Common Stock Warrant                                   |                         | 200,000                 | 408,900                 |
|  | 01. 10. 0                             | (1,000 shares)  | 2,124,037               | 2,303,277               |                         |
| Brantley Transportation,<br>LLC ('Brantley<br>Transportation') and Pine<br>Street Holdings, LLC ('Pine Street')(4) (4%)* | Oil and Gas Services                  | Subordinated Note  — Brantley Transportation (14%, Due 12/12) Common Unit | 3,800,000               | 3,690,525               | 3,690,525               |
|  |                                       | Warrants-<br>Brantley<br>Transportation<br>(4,560 common<br>units)        |                         | 33,600                  | 41,800                  |
|  |                                       | Preferred Units — Pine Street (200 units) Common Unit Warrants — Pine     |                         | 200,000                 | 139,200                 |
|  |                                       | Street (2,220 units)  |                         |                         | <u>-</u> _              |
| Dyson Corporation (12%)*   | Custom Forging and<br>Fastener        | Subordinated Note<br>(15%, Due 12/13)                                     | 3,800,000<br>10,318,750 | 3,924,125<br>10,123,339 | 3,871,525<br>10,123,339 |
|  | Supplies                              | Class A Units<br>(1,000,000 units)  |                         | 1,000,000               | 964,700                 |
| Equisales, LLC (9%)*   | Energy Products and<br>Services       | Subordinated Note<br>(15%, Due 04/12)                                     | 10,318,750<br>6,319,315 | 11,123,339<br>6,226,387 | 11,088,039<br>6,226,387 |
|  |                                       | Class A Units<br>(500,000 units)  | 6.319.315               | 500,000<br>6,726,387    | 2,322,400<br>8,548,787  |
| Flint Acquisition Corporation (2%)*  | Specialty Chemical<br>Manufacturer    | Preferred Stock<br>(9,875 shares)   | 6,319,315               | 308,333                 | 1,984,500               |
| Genapure Corporation (1%)*   | Lab Testing Services                  | Genapure Common<br>Stock (5,594   |                         | 308,333                 | 1,984,500               |
|  |                                       | shares)   |                         | 563,602<br>563,602      | 472,100<br>472,100      |
| Subtotal Affiliate Investments   |                                       |   | 27,686,027              | 30,484,491              | 33,894,556              |
|  | F-9                                   |   |                         |                         |                         |

# Consolidated Schedule of Investments — (Continued)

| Portfolio Company                            | Industry           | Type of<br>Investment(1)(2) | Principal<br>Amount | Cost                  | Fair<br>Value(3) |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
|  | industry           | investment(1)(2)            | Amount              |                       | value(3)         |
| Control Investments:                         |                    |                             |                     |                       |                  |
| Fischbein, LLC (14%)*                        | Packaging and      | Subordinated Note           |                     |                       |                  |
|  | Materials Handling | (16.5%, Due 05/13)          | \$ 7,184,066        | \$ 7,053,458          | \$ 7,053,458     |
|  | Equipment          | Membership Units            |                     |                       |                  |
|  | Manufacturer       | (4,200,000 units)           |                     | 4,200,000             | 5,444,400        |
|  |                    |                             | 7,184,066           | 11,253,458            | 12,497,858       |
| Subtotal Control Investments                 |                    |                             | 7,184,066           | 11,253,458            | 12,497,858       |
|  |                    |                             |                     |                       |                  |
| Total Investments, December 31, 2008 (199%)* |                    |                             | \$167,960,352       | \$ <u>180,151,538</u> | \$182,105,291    |

<sup>\*</sup> Value as a percent of net assets

- $(1) \quad \text{All debt investments are income producing. Common stock, preferred stock and all warrants are non-income producing.}$
- $(2) \quad \text{Interest rates on subordinated debt include cash interest rate and, where applicable, paid} \\ -\text{in} -\text{kind interest rate}.$
- (3) All investments are restricted as to resale and were valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Pine Street Holdings, LLC is the majority owner of Brantley Transportation, LLC and its sole business purpose is its ownership of Brantley Transportation, LLC.

# Consolidated Schedule of Investments December 31, 2007

| Portfolio Company  | Industry                               | Type of<br>Investment(1)(2)  | Principal<br>Amount | Cost        | Fair<br>Value(3) |
|--|--|--|---------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Non - Control / Non - Affiliate Investments:               |  |  |                     |             |                  |
| Non - Annate investments:<br>Ambient Air Corporation (6%)* | Specialty Trade<br>Contractors         | Subordinated Note<br>(12%, Due 03/11)<br>Subordinated Note                   | \$3,144,654         | \$2,997,686 | \$2,997,686      |
|  |  | (14%, Due 03/11)<br>Common Stock<br>Warrants (455                            | 1,872,075           | 1,833,206   | 1,833,206        |
|  |  | shares)  |                     | 142,361     | 929,700          |
| APO Newco, LLC (5%)*                                       | Commercial and                         | Subordinated Note  | 5,016,729           | 4,973,253   | 5,760,592        |
| APU NEWCO, LLC (5%)  | Consumer  Marketing Products           | (14%, Due 03/13) Unit purchase warrant (87,302                               | 4,315,262           | 4,214,957   | 4,214,957        |
|  |  | Class C units)   |                     | 25,200      | 199,000          |
|  |  |  | 4,315,262           | 4,240,157   | 4,413,957        |
| Art Headquarters, LLC (3%)*                                | Retail, Wholesale<br>and Distribution  | Subordinated Note<br>(14%, Due 01/10)<br>Membership unit<br>warrants (15% of | 2,441,824           | 2,397,556   | 2,397,556        |
|  |  | units (150 units))   |                     | 40,800      | 9,800            |
|  |  |  | 2,441,824           | 2,438,356   | 2,407,356        |
| Assurance Operations Corporation (4%)*                     | Auto Components /<br>Metal Fabrication | Subordinated Note<br>(17%, Due 03/12)<br>Common Stock (200                   | 3,828,527           | 3,776,608   | 3,776,608        |
|  |  | shares)  |                     | 200,000     |                  |
| Desire Disables les (40/)t                                 | Plastic Component                      | Subordinated Note  | 3,828,527           | 3,976,608   | 3,776,608        |
| Bruce Plastics, Inc. (1%)*                                 | Manufacturing                          | (14%, Due 10/11) Common Stock Warrants (12% of                               | 1,500,000           | 1,371,527   | 1,371,527        |
|  |  | common stock)  |                     | 108,534     |                  |
|  |  |  | 1,500,000           | 1,480,061   | 1,371,527        |
| CV Holdings, LLC (5%)*                                     | Specialty<br>Healthcare Products       | Subordinated Note<br>(16%, Due 03/10)  | 4,976,360           | 4,932,535   | 4,932,535        |
|  | Manufacturer                           | Royalty rights   | 4,976,360           | 4,932,333   | 197,900          |
|  |  | ,,,,,  | 4,976,360           | 4,932,535   | 5,130,435        |
| Cyrus Networks, LLC (6%)*                                  | Data Center                            | Senior Note  |                     |             |                  |
|  | Services Provider                      | (9%, Due 07/13)<br>2nd Lien Note   | 4,382,257           | 4,364,705   | 4,364,705        |
|  |  | (12%, Due 01/14)<br>Revolving Line of  | 907,663             | 907,663     | 907,663          |
|  |  | Credit (9)%  | 70,880              | 70,880      | 70,880           |
|  |  |  | 5,360,800           | 5,343,248   | 5,343,248        |
| DataPath, Inc. (1%)*                                       | Satellite<br>Communication             | Common Stock<br>(210,263 shares)   |                     |             |                  |
|  | Manufacturer                           | (210,200 0111100)  |                     | 101,500     | 576,400          |
|  |  |  |                     | 101,500     | 576,400          |
|  |  |  |                     |             |                  |
|  | F-11                                   |  |                     |             |                  |

# ${\bf Consolidated\ Schedule\ of\ Investments--(Continued)}$

| Portfolio Company                     | Industry                          | Type of<br>Investment(1)(2)  | Principal<br>Amount    | Cost                   | Fair<br>Value(3) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Eastern Shore Ambulance, Inc. (1%)*   | Specialty Health<br>Care Services | Subordinated Note<br>(13%, Due 03/11)<br>Common Stock<br>Warrants (6% of | \$1,000,000            | \$ 958,715             | \$ 958,715       |
|                                       |                                   | common stock)<br>Common Stock  |                        | 55,268                 | 7,400            |
|                                       |                                   | (30 shares)  |                        | 30,000                 | 1,900            |
|                                       |                                   |  | 1,000,000              | 1,043,983              | 968,015          |
| Energy Hardware Holdings, LLC (4%)*   | Machined Parts<br>Distribution    | Subordinated Note<br>(14.5%, Due 10/12)<br>Junior Subordinated           | 3,265,142              | 3,196,108              | 3,196,108        |
|                                       |                                   | Note   |                        |                        |                  |
|                                       |                                   | (8%, Due 10/12)  | 207,667                | 207,667                | 207,667          |
| FCL Graphics, Inc. (8%)*              | Commercial Printing               | Senior Note  | 3,472,809              | 3,403,775              | 3,403,775        |
| FOE diaphics, inc. (6%)               | Services                          | (9%, Due 5/12)   | 1,920,000              | 1,912,331              | 1,912,331        |
|                                       | 22.1000                           | Senior Note  |                        |                        |                  |
|                                       |                                   | (13%, Due 5/13)  | 2,000,000              | 1,992,061              | 1,992,061        |
|                                       |                                   | 2nd Lien Note  | 0.445.404              | 0.400.000              | 3,133,096        |
|                                       |                                   | (18%, Due 11/13)   | 3,145,481<br>7,065,481 | 3,133,096<br>7,037,488 | 7,037,488        |
| Fire Sprinkler Systems, Inc. (3%)*    | Specialty Trade                   | Subordinated Notes   | 7,065,481              | 7,037,488              | 7,037,488        |
| The opinion Systems, Inc. (576)       | Contractors                       | (13%—17.5%, Due  |                        |                        |                  |
|                                       |                                   | 04/11)   | 2,517,986              | 2,474,943              | 2,474,943        |
|                                       |                                   | Common Stock (250  |                        | 050.000                | 44.700           |
|                                       |                                   | shares)  | <del></del>            | 250,000                | 41,700           |
| Flint Acquisition Corporation (5%)*   | Specialty Chemical                | Subordinated Note  | 2,517,986              | 2,724,943              | 2,516,643        |
| Fillit Acquisition Corporation (5%)   | Manufacturer                      | (12.5%, Due 09/09)   | 3,750,000              | 3,719,770              | 3,719,770        |
|                                       |                                   | Preferred Stock  | -,,                    | 4,,                    | 4,,              |
|                                       |                                   | (9,875 shares)   |                        | 308,333                | 1,074,100        |
|                                       |                                   |  | 3,750,000              | 4,028,103              | 4,793,870        |
| Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp. (4%)*   | Restaurant                        | 2nd Lien Note<br>(13%, Due 12/11)  | 3,000,000              | 3,000,000              | 3,000,000        |
|                                       |                                   | Membership Units   | 3,000,000              | 3,000,000              | 3,000,000        |
|                                       |                                   | (5,000 units)  |                        | 500,000                | 446,600          |
|                                       |                                   |  | 3,000,000              | 3,500,000              | 3,446,600        |
| Gerli & Company (3%)*                 | Specialty Woven                   | Subordinated Note  |                        |                        |                  |
|                                       | Fabrics<br>Manufacturer           | (14%, Due 08/11)   | 3,114,063              | 3,017,205              | 3,017,205        |
|                                       | Manufacturer                      | Common Stock   | 3,114,063              | 3,017,205              | 3,017,205        |
|                                       |                                   | Warrants (56,559   |                        |                        |                  |
|                                       |                                   | shares)  |                        | 83,414                 | 84,500           |
|                                       |                                   |  | 3,114,063              | 3,100,619              | 3,101,705        |
| Library Systems & Services, LLC (3%)* | Municipal Business<br>Services    | Subordinated Note<br>(12%, Due 03/11)                                    | 2.000.000              | 1,927,075              | 1,927,075        |
|                                       | Services                          | Common Stock<br>Warrants (112  | 2,000,000              | 1,927,075              | 1,927,073        |
|                                       |                                   | shares)  |                        | 58,995                 | 594,300          |
|                                       |                                   |  | 2,000,000              | 1,986,070              | 2,521,375        |
|                                       | F-12                              |  |                        |                        |                  |

# ${\bf Consolidated\ Schedule\ of\ Investments-(Continued)}$

| Portfolio Company   | Industry                                     | Type of<br>Investment(1)(2)   | Principal<br>Amount | Cost              | Fair<br>Value(3)  |
|---|--|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Syrgis Holdings, Inc. (6%)*   | Specialty Chemical<br>Manufacturer           | Senior Note (9%,<br>Due 08/12-2/14)<br>Common Units (2,114  | \$ 4,932,500        | \$ 4,896,481      | \$ 4,896,481      |
|   |  | units)  |                     | 1,000,000         | 1,000,000         |
|   |  |   | 4,932,500           | 5,896,481         | 5,896,481         |
| Twin-Star International, Inc. (6%)*   | Consumer Home<br>Furnishings<br>Manufacturer | Subordinated Note<br>(13%, Due 04/14)<br>Senior Note (8%,   | 4,500,000           | 4,429,439         | 4,429,439         |
|   | Walldlacturer                                | Due 04/13)  | 1,492,500           | 1,492,500         | 1,492,500         |
|   |  |   | 5,992,500           | 5,921,939         | 5,921,939         |
| Subtotal Non — Control / Non — Affiliate Investments  |  |   | 64,284,841          | 66,129,119        | 68,388,014        |
| Affiliate Investments:  |  |   |                     |                   |                   |
| Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. (3%)*  | Industrial Equipment                         | Subordinated Note   |                     | 0.051.000         | 0.054.000         |
|   | Manufacturer                                 | (14%, Due 01/11)<br>Common Stock  | 2,081,321           | 2,051,882         | 2,051,882         |
|   | Manuacturer                                  | (34,100 shares)<br>Common Stock Warrant   |                     | 200,000           | 543,600           |
|   |  | (1,000 shares)  |                     | _                 | 12,200            |
|   |  |   | 2,081,321           | 2,251,882         | 2,607,682         |
| Brantley Transportation, LLC ("Brantley Transportation") and Pine Street Holdings, LLC ("Pine Street")(4) (4%)* | Oil and Gas Services                         | Subordinated Note  — Brantley Transportation (14%, Due 12/12) Common Unit Warrants —                      | 3,800,000           | 3,670,336         | 3,670,336         |
|   |  | Transportation (4,560 common units) Preferred Units — Pine Street (200 units) Common Unit Warrants — Pine |                     | 33,600<br>200,000 | 33,600<br>200,000 |
|   |  | Street (2,220   |                     |                   |                   |
|   |  | units)  |                     |                   | <u></u>           |
|   |  |   | 3,800,000           | 3,903,936         | 3,903,936         |
| Dyson Corporation (12%)*  | Custom Forging and<br>Fastener<br>Supplies   | Subordinated Note<br>(15%, Due 12/13)<br>Class A Units  | 10,009,167          | 9,789,167         | 9,789,167         |
|   | ••   | (1,000,000 units)   |                     | 1,000,000         | 1,000,000         |
|   |  |   | 10,009,167          | 10,789,167        | 10,789,167        |
| Equisales, LLC (7%)*  | Energy Products and                          | Subordinated Note   |                     |                   |                   |
|   | Services                                     | (15%, Due 04/12)<br>Class A Units   | 6,129,723           | 6,014,677         | 6,014,677         |
|   |  | (500,000 units)   |                     | 500,000           | 500,000           |
|   |  |   | 6,129,723           | 6,514,677         | 6,514,677         |
|   | F-13   |   |                     |                   |                   |

# Consolidated Schedule of Investments — (Continued)

| Portfolio Company  | Industry                        | Type of<br>Investment(1)(2)                                     | Principal<br>Amount | Cost                            | Fair<br>Value(3)                |
|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Genapure Corporation ("Genapure") and Genpref, LLC ("Genpref")(5)(1%)* | Lab Testing Services            | Genapure Common<br>Stock (4,286<br>shares)<br>Genpref Preferred |                     | \$ 500,000                      | \$ 675,122                      |
| Subtotal Affiliate Investments   |                                 | Stock (455 shares)  | 22,020,211          | 63,602<br>563,602<br>24,023,264 | 85,878<br>761,000<br>24,576,462 |
| Control Investments: ARC Industries, LLC (3%)*                         | Remediation Services            | Subordinated Note   | 22,020,211          | 24,023,204                      | 24,370,462                      |
| And industries, LLG (376)  | Hemediation Services            | (19%, Due 11/10)<br>Membership Units                            | 2,403,521           | 2,373,358                       | 2,373,358                       |
|  |                                 | (3,000 units)   | 2,403,521           | 175,000<br>2,548,358            | 118,700<br>2,492,058            |
| Fischbein, LLC (14%)*  | Packaging and                   | Subordinated Note   |                     |                                 |                                 |
|  | Materials Handling<br>Equipment | (16.5%, Due 05/13)<br>Membership Units                          | 8,660,723           | 8,507,806                       | 8,507,806                       |
|  | Manufacturer                    | (4,200,000 units)   | 8,660,723           | 4,200,000<br>12,707,806         | 4,200,000<br>12,707,806         |
| Porter's Group, LLC (5%)*  | Metal Fabrication               | Membership Units<br>(4,730 units)                               | <u></u> ,           | 471,254                         | 4,871,900                       |
| Subtotal Control Investments   |                                 |   | 11,064,244          | 471,254<br>15,727,418           | 4,871,900<br>20,071,764         |
| Total Investments,<br>December 31, 2007 (121%)*                        |                                 |   | \$97,369,296        | \$105,879,801                   | \$113,036,240                   |

<sup>\*</sup> Value as a percent of net assets

- $(1) \quad \text{All debt investments are income producing. Common stock, preferred stock and all warrants are non-income producing.}$
- $(2) \quad \text{Interest rates on subordinated debt include cash interest rate and, where applicable, paid} \text{in} \text{kind interest rate}.$
- (3) All investments are restricted as to resale and were valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Pine Street Holdings, LLC is the majority owner of Brantley Transportation, LLC and its sole business purpose is its ownership of Brantley Transportation, LLC.
- (5) Genpref is the sole owner of Genapure's preferred stock and its sole business purpose is its ownership of Genapure's preferred stock.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Organization

Triangle Capital Corporation (the "Company"), was formed on October 10, 2006 for the purposes of acquiring 100% of the equity interest in Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (the "Fund") and its general partner, Triangle Mezzanine LLC ("TML"), raising capital in an initial public offering, which was completed in February 2007 (the "IPO") and thereafter operating as an internally managed Business Development Company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

The Fund is a specialty finance limited liability limited partnership formed to make investments primarily in middle market companies located throughout the United States. The Fund's term is ten years from the date of formation (August 14, 2002) unless terminated earlier or extended in accordance with provisions of the limited partnership agreement. On September 11, 2003, the Fund was licensed to operate as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) under the authority of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). As a SBIC, the Fund is subject to a variety of regulations concerning, among other things, the size and nature of the companies in which it may invest and the structure of those investments.

On February 21, 2007, concurrent with the closing of the IPO, the following formation transactions were consummated (the "Formation Transactions"):

- The Company acquired 100% of the limited partnership interests in the Fund in exchange for approximately 1.9 million shares of the Company's common stock. The Fund became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, retained its license under the authority of the United States Small Business Administrations ("SBA") to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") and continues to hold its existing investments and make new investments with the proceeds of the IPO; and
- The Company acquired 100% of the equity interests in TML, and the management agreement between the Fund and Triangle Capital Partners, LLC was terminated.

The IPO consisted of the sale of 4,770,000 shares of Common Stock at a price of \$15 per share, resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$64.7 million, after deducting offering costs totaling approximately \$6.8 million. Upon completion of the IPO, the Company had 6,686,760 common shares outstanding.

As a result of completion of the IPO and formation transactions, the Fund became a 100% wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. The General partner of the Fund is the New General Partner (which is wholly owned by the Company) and the limited partners of the Fund are the Company (99.9%) and the New General Partner (0.1%).

The Company currently operates as a closed - end, non - diversified investment company and has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. The Company is internally managed by its executive officers (previously employed by the Fund's external manager) under the supervision of its board of directors. For all periods subsequent to the consummation of the IPO and the Formation Transactions, the Company does not pay management or advisory fees, but instead incurs the operating costs associated with employing executive management and investment and portfolio management professionals.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Company include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the Fund. The Fund does not consolidate portfolio company investments.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The Formation Transactions discussed above involved an exchange of shares of the Company's common stock between companies under common control. In accordance with the guidance on exchanges of shares between entities under common control contained in Statement of Financial

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Accounting Standards No. 141, *Business Combinations* ("SFAS 141"), the Company's results of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2007 are presented as if the Formation Transactions had occurred as of January 1, 2007. In addition, in accordance with SFAS 141, the results of the Company's operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2006 have been presented on a combined basis in order to provide comparative information with respect to prior periods. The effects of all intercompany transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation/combination. All financial data and information included in these financial statements have been presented on the basis described above.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

# Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Valuation of Investments

The Company has established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of portfolio company investments on a recurring basis in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"). Under SFAS 157, a financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of valuation hierarchy established by SFAS 157 are defined as follows:

Level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets

Level 2 - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The Company invests primarily in debt and equity of privately held companies for which quoted prices falling within the categories of Level 1 and Level 2 inputs are not available. Therefore, the Company values all of its investments at fair value, as determined in good failth by the Board of Directors (Level 3 inputs, as further described below). Due to the inherent uncertainty in the valuation process, the Board of Directors' estimate of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned.

Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded and for which a limited market does not exist are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith, as fair value depends upon circumstances of each individual case. In general, fair value is the amount that the Company might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security.

Management evaluates the investments in portfolio companies using the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts. Management also consults with the portfolio company's senior management

#### Notes to Financial Statements — (Continued)

to obtain further updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development and other operational issues

In making the good faith determination of the value of debt securities, the Company starts with the cost basis of the security, which includes the amortized original issue discount, and payment — in — kind (PIK) interest, if any. The Company also uses a risk rating system to estimate the probability of default on the debt securities and the probability of loss if there is a default. The risk rating system covers both qualitative aspects of the business and the securities held. In valuing debt securities, management utilizes an "income approach" model that considers factors including, but not limited to, (i) the portfolio investment's current risk rating (discussed below), (ii) the portfolio company's current trailing twelve months' ("TTM") results of operations as compared to the portfolio company's current leverage as compared to its leverage as of the date the investment was made, and (iv) current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed and executed investment transactions. In valuing equity securities of private companies, the Company considers valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice, including (i) valuation using a valuation model based on original transaction multiples and the portfolio company's recent financial performance, (ii) valuation of the securities based on recent sales in comparable transactions, and (iii) a review of similar companies that are publicly traded and the market multiple of their equity securities.

Duff & Phelps, LLC ("Duff & Phelps"), an independent valuation firm, provides third party valuation consulting services to the Company which consist of certain limited procedures that the Company identified and requested Duff & Phelps to perform (hereinafter referred to as the "procedures"). We generally request Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on each portfolio company at least once in every calendar year and for new portfolio companies, at least once in the twelve-month period subsequent to the initial investment. In certain instances, we may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in our stockholders' best interest, to request Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on one or more portfolio companies. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of our investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to our total investment portfolio.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the Company asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in five portfolio companies comprising approximately 26% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of March 31, 2007. For the quarter ended June 30, 2007, the Company asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in five portfolio companies comprising approximately 28% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of June 30, 2007. For the quarter ended September 30, 2007, the Company asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in five portfolio companies comprising approximately 29% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of September 30, 2007. For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, the Company asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in six portfolio companies comprising approximately 35% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of March 31, 2008. For the quarter ended June 30, 2008, the Company asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in six portfolio companies comprising approximately 35% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of March 31, 2008. For the quarter ended June 30, 2008, the Company asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in eight portfolio companies comprising approximately 18% of the total investments at fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of September 30, 2008. For the quarter ended December 31, 2008, the Company asked Duff & Phelps to perform the procedures on investments in eight portfolio companies comprising approximately 29% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new invest

#### Notes to Financial Statements — (Continued)

comprising approximately 34% of the total investments at fair value (exclusive of the fair value of new investments made during the quarter) as of December 31, 2008. Upon completion of the procedures, Duff & Phelps concluded that the fair value, as determined by the Board of Directors, of those investments subjected to the procedures did not appear to be unreasonable. The Board of Directors of Triangle Capital Corporation is ultimately and solely responsible for determining the fair value of the Company's investments in good faith.

#### Warrants

When originating a debt security, the Company will sometimes receive warrants or other equity — related securities from the borrower. The Company determines the cost basis of the warrants or other equity — related securities received based upon their respective fair values on the date of receipt in proportion to the total fair value of the debt and warrants or other equity - related securities received. Any resulting difference between the face amount of the debt and its recorded fair value resulting from the assignment of value to the warrant or other equity instruments is treated as original issue discount and accreted into interest income over the life of the loan.

#### Realized Gain or Loss and Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation of Portfolio Investments

Realized gains or losses are recorded upon the sale or liquidation of investments and calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from the sale or liquidation, if any, and the cost basis of the investment using the specific identification method. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflects the difference between the valuation of the investments and the cost basis of the investments.

#### Investment Classification

In accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act, the Company classifies investments by level of control. As defined in the 1940 Act, "Control Investments" are investments in those companies that the Company is deemed to "Control." "Affiliate Investments" are investments in those companies that are "Affiliated Companies" of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act, other than Control Investments. "Non - Control/Non - Affiliate Investments" are those that are neither Control Investments nor Affiliate Investments. Generally, under the 1940 Act, the Company is deemed to control a company in which it has invested if the Company owns more than 25.0% of the voting securities of such company on the such company is deemed to be an affiliate of a company in which the Company has invested if it owns between 5.0% and 25.0% of the voting securities of such company.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents.

#### Deferred Financing Fees

Costs incurred to obtain long — term debt are capitalized and are amortized over the term of the debt agreements using the effective interest method.

#### Depreciation

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of five years. Software and computer equipment are depreciated over an estimated useful life of three years.

#### Notes to Financial Statements — (Continued)

#### Investment Income

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of original issue discount, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if the Company otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Company will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing interest income on that loan until all principal and interest has been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The Company writes off any previously accrued and uncollected interest when it is determined that interest is no longer considered collectible. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

#### Fee Income

Loan origination, facility, commitment, consent and other advance fees received in connection with loan agreements are recorded as deferred income and recognized as income over the term of the loan. Loan prepayment penalties and loan amendment fees are recorded into income when received. Any previously deferred fees are immediately recorded into income upon prepayment of the related loan.

#### Payment in Kind Interest

The Company holds loans in its portfolio that contain a payment - in - kind ("PIK") interest provision. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the loan and is recorded as interest income. To maintain the Company's status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends, even though the Company has not yet collected the cash. Generally, when current cash interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if the Company otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Company will place the loan on non-accrual status and will generally cease recognizing PIK interest income on that loan until all principal and interest has been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The Company writes off any accrued and uncollected PIK interest when it is determined that the PIK interest is no longer collectible.

#### Management Fee

Prior to the consummation of the Formation Transactions, the Fund was managed by Triangle Capital Partners, LLC, a related party that was majority-owned by three members of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer. Triangle Capital Partners, LLC was entitled to a quarterly management fee, which was payable at an annual rate of 2.5% of total aggregate subscriptions of all institutional partners and capital available from the SBA. Payments of the management fee were made quarterly in advance. Certain direct expenses such as legal, audit, tax and limited partner expense were the responsibility of the Fund. The management fee for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$232,423 and \$1,589,070, respectively. In conjunction with the consummation of the Formation Transactions in February 2007, the management agreement was terminated.

#### Income Taxes

From the date of its formation, October 10, 2006 through December 31, 2006, Triangle Capital Corporation was taxed under Subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code. Prior to the consummation of the Formation Transactions, Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP recorded no provision for income taxes in its financial statements because all income, deductions, gains, losses, and credits were reported in the tax returns of the partners.

#### Notes to Financial Statements — (Continued)

For all periods subsequent to February 21, 2007, the Company intends to elect to be treated as a Regulated Investment Company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Code. As a RIC, so long as the Company meets certain minimum distribution, source-of-income and asset diversification requirements, it generally is required to pay income taxes only on the portion of its taxable income and gains it does not distribute (actually or constructively) and certain built-in gains.

In addition, the company has certain wholly owned taxable subsidiaries (the "Taxable Subsidiaries"), each of which holds one or more of its portfolio investments that are listed on the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The Taxable Subsidiaries are consolidated for GAAP purposes, such that the company's consolidated financial statements reflect the Company's investments in the portfolio companies owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries is to permit the Company to hold portfolio companies that are organized as limited liability companies ("LLCs") (or other forms of pass - through entities) and still satisfy the RIC tax requirement that at least 90% of the RIC's gross revenue for income tax purposes must consist of investment income. Absent the Taxable Subsidiaries, a proprionate amount of any gross income of an LLC (or other pass - through entity) portfolio investment would flow through directly to the RIC. To the extent that such income did not consist of investment income, it could jeopardize the Company's ability to qualify as a RIC and therefore cause the Company to incur significant amounts of federal income taxes. Where the LLCs (or other pass-through entities) are owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries, however, their income is taxed to the Taxable Subsidiaries and does not flow through to the RIC, thereby helping the Company preserve its RIC status and resultant tax advantages. The Taxable Subsidiaries are not consolidated for income tax expense is reflected in the Company's Statements of Operations.

#### Segments

The Company lends to and invests in customers in various industries. The Company separately evaluates the performance of each of its lending and investment relationships. However, because each of these loan and investment relationships has similar business and economic characteristics, they have been aggregated into a single lending and investment segment. All applicable segment disclosures are included in or can be derived from the Company's financial statements.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company's investees are generally lower middle - market companies in a variety of industries. At December 31, 2008, there were no individual investments greater than 10% of the fair value of the Company's portfolio. At December 31, 2007, the Company had one investment that was individually greater than or equal to 10% of the total fair value of its investment portfolio. This investment represented approximately 11% of the total fair value of the Company's investment portfolio. Income, consisting of interest, dividends, fees, other investment income, and realization of gains or losses on equity interests, can fluctuate dramatically upon repayment of an investment or sale of an equity interest and in any given year can be highly concentrated among several investees.

The Company's investments carry a number of risks including, but not limited to: 1) investing in lower middle market companies which have a limited operating history and financial resources; 2) investing in senior subordinated debt which ranks equal to or lower than debt held by other investors; 3) holding investments that are not publicly traded and are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and other risks common to investing in below investment grade debt and equity instruments.

#### Dividends

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are approved by the Company's Board of Directors and the dividend payable is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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

On May 9, 2007, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.15 per common share, payable on June 28, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 31, 2007. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$1.0 million, of which approximately \$358,000 was paid in cash and approximately \$645,000 was reinvested in new shares of the Company's common stock.

On August 8, 2007, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.26 per common share, payable on September 27, 2007 to shareholders of record on August 30, 2007. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$1.75 million, of which approximately \$769,000 was paid in cash and approximately \$981,000 was reinvested in new shares of the Company's common stock.

On November 7, 2007, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.27 per common share, payable on December 27, 2007 to shareholders of record on November 29, 2007. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$1.84 million, all of which was paid in cash.

On December 14, 2007, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.30 per common share, payable on January 28, 2008 to shareholders of record on December 31, 2007. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$2.04 million and is reflected as dividends payable in the Company's financial statements as of December 31, 2007.

On May 7, 2008, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.31 per common share, payable on June 26, 2008 to shareholders of record on June 5, 2008. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$2.14 million, all of which was paid in cash.

On July 21, 2008, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.35 per common share, payable on September 4, 2008 to shareholders of record on August 14, 2008. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$2.42 million, all of which was paid in cash.

On October 9, 2008, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.38 per common share, payable on November 20, 2008 to shareholders of record on October 30, 2008. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$2.63 million, all of which was paid in cash.

On December 7, 2008, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.40 per common share, payable on January 6, 2009 to shareholders of record on December 23, 2008. The total amount of the dividend was approximately \$2.77 million and is reflected as dividends payable in the Company's financial statements as of December 31, 2008.

#### Allocations and Distributions of the Fund

During 2006, the Fund distributed \$5,000,010 in cash to the former limited partners of the Fund and recorded a partners distribution payable of \$531,566 to the former General Partner, which was distributed in the first quarter of 2007. In addition, in the second quarter of 2007, the Fund distributed \$220,047 in cash to the former General Partner and former limited partners of the Fund.

#### Per Share Amounts

Per share amounts included in the Statements of Operations are computed by dividing net investment income and net increase in net assets resulting from operations by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. As the Company has no common stock equivalents outstanding,

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diluted per share amounts are the same as basic per share amounts. Net asset value per share is computed by dividing total net assets by the number of common shares outstanding as of the end of the period.

#### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The changes to previous practice resulting from the application of SFAS 157 relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. The definition of fair value retains the exchange price notion used in earlier definitions of fair value. SFAS 157 clarifies that the exchange price is the price in an orderly transaction between market participants to sell the asset or transfer the liability in the market in which the reporting entity would transact for the asset or liability. The transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability is a hypothetical transaction at the measurement date, considered from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or lowes the liability. SFAS 157 provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on exit price and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over entity-specific inputs. In addition, SFAS 157 provides a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The Company's adoption of SFAS 157 resulted in additional unrealized depreciation of approximately \$0.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2008.

#### Investments

As described above, effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted SFAS 157 for its financial assets. The Company has changed its balance sheet presentation for all periods to reclassify deferred loan origination revenue to the associated debt investments. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 157, the Company reported deferred loan origination revenue as a single line item on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. This change in presentation had no impact on the aggregate net cost or fair value of the Company's investment portfolio and had no impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

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Summaries of the composition of the Company's investment portfolio at cost and fair value as a percentage of total investments are shown in the following tables:

|  |          |           |             | Percentage of   |           |             | Percentage of   |
|--|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
|  | <u>-</u> | Cost      |             | Total Portfolio |           | Fair Value  | Total Portfolio |
| December 31, 2008:                               |          |           |             |                 |           |             |                 |
| Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes | \$       | \$        | 147,493,871 | 82%             | \$        | 143,015,291 | 79%             |
| Senior debt                                      |          |           | 16,269,628  | 9               |           | 16,269,628  | 9               |
| Equity shares                                    |          |           | 13,684,269  | 8               |           | 17,301,372  | 9               |
| Equity warrants                                  |          | 1,829,370 |             | 1               | 4,644,600 |             | 3               |
| Royalty rights                                   |          |           | 874,400     | _               |           | 874,400     | _               |
|  | \$       | \$        | 180,151,538 | 100%            | \$        | 182,105,291 | 100%            |
| December 31, 2007:                               |          |           |             |                 |           |             |                 |
| Subordinated debt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lien notes | \$       | \$        | 80,902,982  | 76%             | \$        | 80,902,982  | 72%             |
| Senior debt                                      |          |           | 14,728,958  | 14              |           | 14,728,958  | 13              |
| Equity shares                                    |          |           | 9,699,689   | 9               |           | 15,335,900  | 13              |
| Equity warrants                                  |          |           | 548,172     | 1               |           | 1,870,500   | 2               |
| Royalty rights                                   | _        |           |             |                 |           | 197,900     |                 |
|  | 9        | \$        | 105,879,801 | 100%            | \$        | 113,036,240 | 100%            |

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company made twelve new investments totaling \$91.0 million, additional debt investments in an existing portfolio company of \$1.9 million and four additional equity investments in existing portfolio companies totaling approximately \$0.2 million. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company made nine new investments totaling \$62.2 million, one additional debt investment in an existing portfolio company of \$1.9 million and one additional equity investment in an existing portfolio company of approximately \$0.1 million. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company made nine new investments totaling \$21.5 million.

The following table presents the Company's financial instruments carried at fair value as of December 31, 2008, on the consolidated balance sheet by SFAS 157 valuation hierarchy, as previously described:

|                               | Fair value at December 31, 2008 |       |     |       |    |             |    |             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|----|-------------|----|-------------|
|                               | Le                              | /el 1 | Lev | rel 2 |    | Level 3     |    | Total       |
| Portfolio company investments | \$                              |       | \$  |       | \$ | 182,105,291 | \$ | 182,105,291 |
|                               | \$                              |       | \$  | _     | \$ | 182,105,291 | \$ | 182,105,291 |

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The following table reconciles the beginning and ending balances of our portfolio company investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2008:

|  | <br>Year Ended<br>December 31,<br>2008 |
|--|--|
| Fair value of portfolio, January 1, 2008       | \$<br>113,036,240                      |
| New investments                                | 93,054,022                             |
| Proceeds from sale of investment               | (3,631,876)                            |
| Loan origination fees received                 | (1,686,996)                            |
| Principal repayments received                  | (17,336,521)                           |
| Payment in kind interest earned                | 3,761,786                              |
| Payment in kind interest payments received     | (1,978,498)                            |
| Accretion of loan discounts                    | 169,548                                |
| Accretion of deferred loan origination revenue | 484,664                                |
| Realized gains on investments                  | 1,435,608                              |
| Unrealized losses on investments               | (5,202,686)                            |
| Fair value of portfolio, December 31, 2008     | \$<br>182,105,291                      |

All realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in earnings (changes in net assets) and are reported on separate line items within the Company's statements of operations. Pre-tax net unrealized losses on investments of \$0.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2008 are related to portfolio company investments that are still held by the Company as of December 31, 2008.

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#### 3. Long - Term Debt

The Company has the following debentures outstanding guaranteed by the SBA:

| Issuance/Pooling Date | Maturity Date     | Prioritized<br>Return Rate | December 31,<br>2008 | D  | ecember 31,<br>2007 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----|---------------------|
|                       |                   |                            |                      |    |                     |
| September 22, 2004    | September 1, 2014 | 5.539%                     | \$ 8,700,000         | \$ | 8,700,000           |
| March 23, 2005        | March 1, 2015     | 5.893%                     | 13,600,000           |    | 13,600,000          |
| September 28, 2005    | September 1, 2015 | 5.796%                     | 9,500,000            |    | 9,500,000           |
| February 1, 2007      | March 1, 2017     | 6.231%                     | 4,000,000            |    | 4,000,000           |
| March 26, 2008        | March 1, 2018     | 6.191%                     | 6,410,000            |    | 1,210,000           |
| March 27, 2008        | September 1, 2018 | 6.580%                     | 4,840,000            |    | _                   |
| April 11, 2008        | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 9,400,000            |    | _                   |
| April 28, 2008        | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 15,160,000           |    | _                   |
| May 29, 2008          | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 5,000,000            |    | _                   |
| May 29, 2008          | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 5,000,000            |    | _                   |
| June 11, 2008         | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 5,000,000            |    | _                   |
| June 24, 2008         | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 2,500,000            |    | _                   |
| August 28, 2008       | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 1,000,000            |    | _                   |
| August 28, 2008       | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 2,000,000            |    | _                   |
| August 28, 2008       | September 1, 2018 | 6.442%                     | 1,000,000            |    | _                   |
| October 24, 2008      | March 1, 2019     | 4.545%                     | 4,000,000            |    | _                   |
| October 28, 2008      | March 1, 2019     | 4.500%                     | 4,000,000            |    | _                   |
| October 31, 2008      | March 1, 2019     | 4.099%                     | 4,000,000            |    | _                   |
| October 31, 2008      | March 1, 2019     | 4.099%                     | 4,000,000            |    | _                   |
| November 4, 2008      | March 1, 2019     | 3.861%                     | 4,000,000            |    | _                   |
| November 4, 2008      | March 1, 2019     | 3.861%                     | 2,000,000            |    | _                   |
|                       |                   |                            | \$ 115,110,000       | \$ | 37,010,000          |

Interest payments are payable semi - annually. There are no principal payments required on these issues prior to maturity. Debentures issued prior to September 2006 were subject to prepayment penalties during their first five years. Those pre-payment penalties no longer apply to debentures issued after September 1, 2006.

Under the Small Business Investment Act and current SBA policy applicable to SBICs, an SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) can have outstanding at any time SBA guaranteed debentures up to twice the amount of its regulatory capital. As of December 31, 2008, the maximum statutory limit on the dollar amount of outstanding SBA guaranteed debentures issued by a single SBIC is \$137.1 million (which amount is subject to an annual inflation adjustment). Under the provisions of the recently enacted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Company's maximum borrowing under the SBA-guaranteed debenture program has been increased to \$150 million. With \$65.3 million of regulatory capital as of December 31, 2008, the Fund has the current capacity to issue up to a total of \$130.6 million of SBA guaranteed debentures. In addition to the one - time 1.0% fee on the total commitment from the SBA, the Company also pays a one - time 2.425% fee on the amount of each debenture issued. These fees are capitalized as deferred financing costs and are amortized over the term of the debt agreements using the effective interest method. The weighted average interest rates for all SBA guaranteed debentures as of December 31, 2007 were 5.811% and 5.826%, respectively. The weighted average interest rate as of December 31, 2008 includes \$93.1 million of pooled SBA-guaranteed debentures with a weighted average interim interest rate of 4.19%.

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During 2008, the Company entered into an uncommitted short-term offering basis loan agreement with a financial institution (the "Loan Agreement") under which the financial institution may make loans to the Company in amounts not exceeding \$15.0 million in the aggregate. The term of any advances made under the Loan Agreement may not exceed 45 days and bear interest at LIBOR plus 275 basis points. As of December 31, 2008, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Loan Agreement.

#### 4. Income Taxes

From the date of its formation, October 10, 2006 up to December 31, 2006, Triangle Capital Corporation was taxed under Subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code. Prior to the consummation of the Formation Transactions, Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP recorded no provision for income taxes in its financial statements because all income, deductions, gains, losses, and credits were reported in the tax returns of the partners.

For all periods subsequent to February 21, 2007, the Company intends to elect to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). Provided the Company continues to qualify as a RIC, its income generally will not be subject to federal income or excise tax to the extent it makes the requisite distributions to stockholders.

To qualify as a RIC, the Company is required to meet certain income and asset diversification tests in addition to distributing at least 90% of its investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code. Because federal income tax regulations differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, distributions in accordance with tax regulations may differ from net investment income and realized gains recognized for financial reporting purposes. Differences may be permanent or temporary in nature. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts in the financial statements to reflect their tax character. Differences in classification may also result from the treatment of short-term gains as ordinary income for tax purposes. During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company reclassified for book purposes amounts arising from permanent book/tax differences primarily related to differences in the tax basis and book basis of investments sold during the year as follows:

| Year Ended December 31, 2008:                |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Additional paid-in capital                   | \$<br>612,399   |
| Investment income in excess of distributions | \$<br>(151,906) |
| Accumulated realized gains on investments    | \$<br>(460,493) |
| Year Ended December 31, 2007:                |                 |
| Investment income in excess of distributions | \$<br>649,856   |
| Additional paid-in capital                   | \$<br>(649,856) |

For income tax purposes, distributions paid to shareholders are reported as ordinary income, return of capital, long term capital gains or a combination thereof. The tax character of distributions paid for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 was as follows:

| Year Ended December 31, 2008: |        |         |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Ordinary income(a)            | \$ 9,8 | 317,002 |
| Distributions on a Tax Basis  | \$ 9,8 | 317,002 |
| Year Ended December 31, 2007: |        |         |
| Ordinary income(a)            | \$ 5,9 | 993,469 |
| Distributions on a Tax Basis  | \$ 5,9 | 993,469 |

(a) Ordinary income is reported on form 1099-DIV as non-qualified.

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For federal income tax purposes, the cost of investments owned at December 31, 2008 and 2007 was approximately \$181.2 and \$107.3 million, respectively.

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis detailed below differ from the amounts reflected in the Company's Statement of Assets and Liabilities by temporary and other book/tax differences, primarily relating to depreciation expense, stock-based compensation, accruals of defaulted debt investment interest and the tax treatment of certain partnership investments, as follows.

| December 31, 2008:  |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Undistributed net investment income                             | \$<br>634,803   |
| Accumulated Capital Gains                                       | 356,495         |
| Other permanent differences relating to the Company's Formation | 1,975,543       |
| Other temporary differences                                     | (317,111)       |
| Unrealized Appreciation   | 931,730         |
| Components of Distributable Earnings at December, 31, 2008      | \$<br>3,581,460 |
| December 31, 2007:  | <br>            |
| Accumulated Capital Losses                                      | \$<br>(618,620) |
| Other permanent differences relating to the Company's Formation | 1,834,692       |
| Other temporary differences                                     | 34,166          |
| Unrealized Appreciation   | 5,266,122       |
| Components of Distributable Earnings at December, 31, 2007      | \$<br>6,516,360 |

During 2008, the Company utilized net capital loss carryforwards of \$618,620.

#### 5. Equity Compensation Plan

The Company's Board of Directors and stockholders have approved the Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), under which there are 900,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock authorized for issuance. Under the Plan, the Board (or compensation committee, if delegated administrative authority by the Board) may award stock options, restricted stock or other stock based incentive awards to executive officers, employees and directors. The terms of equity-based awards granted under the Plan generally will vest ratably over one- to four-year periods.

The Company accounts for its equity-based compensation plan using the fair value method, as prescribed by Statement of Accounting Standards No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment." Accordingly, for restricted stock awards, we measure the grant date fair value based upon the market price of our common stock on the date of the grant and amortize this fair value to compensation expense over the requisite service period or vesting term.

On May 7, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors granted 113,500 restricted shares of our common stock to certain employees and independent directors. These restricted shares had a total grant date fair value of approximately \$1.3 million, which will be expensed on a straight-line basis over each respective award's vesting period. In the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company recognized equity-based compensation expense of approximately \$0.3 million. This expense is included in general and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. As of December 31, 2008, the Company has a total of 113,500 restricted shares outstanding.

As of December 31, 2008, there was approximately \$1.0 million of total unrecognized compensation cost, related to the Company's non-vested restricted shares. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 3.0 years.

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#### 6. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company is party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, consisting primarily of unused commitments to extend credit, in the form of loans, to the Company's portfolio companies. The balance of unused commitments to extend credit as of December 31, 2008 was approximately \$0.3 million. Since these commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

The Company's headquarters is leased under an agreement that expires on December 31, 2013. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 was approximately \$122,000 and \$98,000, respectively, and the rent commitment for the five years ending December 31, 2013 are as follows: 2009 - \$275,124, 2010 - \$281,409, 2011 - \$287,805, 2012 - \$294,531, 2013 - \$301,368.

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# 7. Financial Highlights

|  |    | Year Ended December 31, |    |               |    |            |    |            |    |           |
|--|----|-------------------------|----|---------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|-----------|
|  |    | 2008                    |    | 2007          |    | 2006(1)    |    | 2005(1)    | 2  | 2004(1)   |
|  | (0 | Consolidated)           | (( | Consolidated) |    | (Combined) | (  | (Combined) | (( | Combined) |
| Per share data:  |    |                         |    |               |    |            |    |            |    |           |
| Net asset value at beginning of period(2)                    | \$ | 13.74                   | \$ | 13.44         |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Net investment income(3)                                     |    | 1.54                    |    | 0.96          |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments(3)                   |    | 0.21                    |    | (0.09)        |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments(3) |    | (0.62)                  |    | 0.45          |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Total increase from investment operations(3)                 |    | 1.13                    |    | 1.32          |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Dividends declared   |    | (1.44)                  |    | (0.98)        |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Shares issued pursuant to Dividend Reinvestment Plan         |    | _                       |    | 0.24          |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Distribution to partners(3)                                  |    | _                       |    | (0.03)        |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Income tax provision(3)                                      |    | (0.02)                  |    | (0.01)        |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Other(4)   |    | (0.19)                  |    | (0.24)        |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Net asset value at end of period                             | \$ | 13.22                   | \$ | 13.74         |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Market value at end of period(5)                             | \$ | 10.20                   | \$ | 12.40         |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Shares outstanding at end of period                          |    | 6,917,363               |    | 6,803,863     |    | N/A        |    | N/A        |    | N/A       |
| Net assets at end of period                                  | \$ | 91,514,982              | \$ | 93,472,353    | \$ | 25,156,811 | \$ | 11,364,547 | \$ | 5,003,825 |
| Average net assets(2)  | \$ | 94,584,281              | \$ | 92,765,399    | \$ | 20,447,456 | \$ | 7,654,010  | \$ | 5,104,796 |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets            |    | 11%                     |    | 7%            |    | 18%        |    | 43%        |    | 40%       |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets         |    | 11%                     |    | 7%            |    | 15%        |    | 35%        |    | (1)%      |
| Ratio of total capital called to total capital commitments   |    | N/A                     |    | N/A           |    | 100%       |    | 50%        |    | 35%       |
| Portfolio turnover ratio                                     |    | 13%                     |    | 13%           |    | 7%         |    | 39%        |    | 0%        |
| Total return(6)  |    | (6)%                    |    | (11)%         |    | 18%        |    | 4%         |    | (29%)     |

<sup>(1)</sup> Per share data for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004 is not presented as there were no shares of Triangle Capital Corporation outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Average net assets for the year ended December 31, 2007 are presented as if the IPO and Formation Transactions had occurred on January 1, 2007. See Note 1 for a further description of the basis of presentation of the Company's financial statements.

<sup>(3)</sup> Weighted average basic per share data.

<sup>(4)</sup> Represents the impact of the different share amounts used in calculating per share data as a result of calculating certain per share data based upon the weighted average basic shares outstanding during the period and certain per share data based on the shares outstanding as of a period end or transaction date.

<sup>(5)</sup> Represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on the last day of the period.

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(6) The total return for the year ended December 31, 2008 equals the change in the ending market value of the Company's common stock during the period, plus dividends declared per share during the period, divided by the market value of the Company's common stock on the first day of the period. The total return for the year ended December 31, 2007 equals the change in the ending market value of the Company's common stock from the IPO price of \$15.00 per share plus dividends declared per share during the period, divided by the IPO price. Total return is not annualized.

#### 8. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

The following tables set forth certain quarterly financial information for each of the eight quarters in the two years ended December 31, 2008. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or for any future quarter.

|  |                   | Quarter Ended |                  |           |               |           |    |             |  |  |
|--|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----|-------------|--|--|
|  | March 31,<br>2008 |               | June 30,<br>2008 |           | September 30, |           | D  | ecember 31, |  |  |
|  |                   |               |                  |           |               | 2008      |    | 2008        |  |  |
| Total investment income                              | \$                | 3,863,984     | \$               | 5,020,091 | \$            | 5,869,637 | \$ | 6,605,786   |  |  |
| Net investment income                                |                   | 1,913,695     |                  | 2,542,442 |               | 3,211,706 |    | 2,954,435   |  |  |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations |                   | 765,391       |                  | 2,848,507 |               | 2,476,346 |    | 1,548,257   |  |  |
| Net investment income per share                      | \$                | 0.28          | \$               | 0.37      | \$            | 0.46      | \$ | 0.43        |  |  |

|  |    | Quarter Ended     |    |                                 |    |           |    |           |   |                     |
|--|----|-------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|---|---------------------|
|  |    | March 31,<br>2007 |    | March 31, June 30,<br>2007 2007 |    |           |    | •         | D | ecember 31,<br>2007 |
| Total investment income                              | \$ | 2,112,116         | \$ | 3,287,224                       | \$ | 3,594,287 | \$ | 3,742,216 |   |                     |
| Net investment income                                |    | 804,730           |    | 1,643,998                       |    | 1,992,001 |    | 1,982,480 |   |                     |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations |    | 1,065,835         |    | 2,230,084                       |    | 3,366,681 |    | 2,150,498 |   |                     |
| Net investment income per share                      | \$ | 0.12              | \$ | 0.25                            | \$ | 0.30      | \$ | 0.29      |   |                     |

#### 9. Subsequent Event

On February 6, 2009, the Company invested an additional \$3.8 million in the subordinated debt of Inland Pipe Rehabilitation ("Inland Pipe"), a provider of maintenance, inspection and repair services for piping, sewers, drains and storm lines. Under the terms of the investment, Inland Pipe will pay interest on the subordinated debt at a fixed rate of 18% per annum.

# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit | 5.00   |
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| Number  | <u>Exhibit</u>   |
| 3.1     | Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (a)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 3.2     | Certificate of Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit (a)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 13, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 3.3     | Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (Filed as Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 11, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 3.4     | Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant.  |
| 4.1     | Form of Common Stock Certificate (Filed as Exhibit (d) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 4.2     | Triangle Capital Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 4.3     | Debenture No. 0800219 dated March 27, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 4.4     | Debenture No. 0800216 dated April 11, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 4.5     | Debenture No. 0800218 dated April 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 4.6     | Debenture No. 0800403 dated May 29, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 4.7     | Debenture No. 0800404 dated May 29, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(5) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 4.8     | Debenture No. 0800405 dated June 11, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration (Filed as Exhibit (f)(6) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 File No. 333-151930, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 4.9     | Debenture No. 0800406 dated June 24, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.10    | Debenture No. 0800527 dated August 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.11    | Debenture No. 0800528 dated August 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.12    | Debenture No. 0800531 dated August 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.13    | Debenture No. 0800847 dated October 24, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.   |

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| 4.14              | Debenture No. 0800848 dated October 28, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.15              | Debenture No. 0800849 dated October 31, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.16              | Debenture No. 0800850 dated October 31, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.17              | Debenture No. 0800851 dated November 4, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.18              | Debenture No. 0800861 dated November 4, 2008 by and between Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP and the U.S. Small Business Administration.  |
| 4.19              | Agreement to Furnish Certain Instruments.   |
| 10.1†             | Employment Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Garland S. Tucker, III dated February 21, 2007 (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).    |
| 10.2†             | Employment Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Brent P.W. Burgess dated February 21, 2007 (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).        |
| 10.3†             | Employment Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and Steven C. Lilly dated February 21, 2007 (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).           |
| 10.4†             | Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).  |
| 10.5†             | Triangle Capital Corporation form of Non-employee Director Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 10.6†             | Triangle Capital Corporation form of Executive Officer Restricted Share Award Agreement (Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 10.7              | Custodian Agreement with U.S. Bank National Association (Filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).   |
| 10.8              | Amendment to Custody Agreement between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association dated February 5, 2008 (Filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.9              | Stock Transfer Agency Agreement between Triangle Capital Corporation and The Bank of New York (Filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).                  |
| 10.10             | Office Lease Agreement between 3700 Glenwood LLC and Triangle Capital Corporation dated March 27, 2008 (Filed as Exhibit (k)(6) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-151930) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).              |
| 14.1              | Code of Conduct.  |
| 21.1              | List of Subsidiaries.   |
| 23.1              | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.   |
| 31.1              | Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |

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| Exhibit |   |
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| Number  | Exhibit   |
| 31.2    | Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.       |
| 32.1    | Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
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† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

# SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION (the "Corporation")

# ARTICLE I. OFFICES

<u>Section 1.1</u> <u>Principal Office.</u> The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Maryland shall be located at such place as the Board of Directors may designate.

<u>Section 1.2</u> Additional Offices. The Corporation may have additional offices, including a principal executive office, at such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

# ARTICLE II. MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

Section 2.1 Place. All meetings of the stockholders shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation or at such other place as shall be set by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting.

<u>Section 2.2 Annual Meetings</u>. An annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held to elect directors whose terms expire at the meeting and to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. The annual meeting shall be held on the date and at the time designated by the Board of Directors. Failure to hold an annual meeting does not invalidate the Corporation's existence or affect any otherwise valid acts of the Corporation.

# Section 2.3 Special Meetings.

- (a) General. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or the Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the stockholders. Subject to Section 2.3(b), the Secretary of the Corporation shall also call a special meeting of stockholders to act upon any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on such matter at such meeting.
  - (b) Stockholder Requested Special Meetings.
- (1) Any stockholder of record seeking to have stockholders request a special meeting shall, by sending written notice to the Secretary (the "Record Date Request Notice") by registered mail, return receipt requested, request the Board of Directors to fix a record date to determine the stockholders entitled to request a special meeting ("Request

Record Date"). The Record Date Request Notice shall set forth the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted on at it (which shall only be lawful matters), shall be signed by one or more stockholders of record as of the date of signature (or their agents duly authorized in a writing accompanying the Record Date Request Notice), shall bear the date of signature of each such stockholder (or such agent), and shall set forth all information relating to each such stockholder and each matter proposed to be acted on at the meeting that would be required to be disclosed in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of directors in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or would otherwise be required in connection with such a solicitation, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Upon receiving the Record Date Request Notice, the Board of Directors may fix a Request Record Date. The Request Record Date shall not precede and shall not be more than ten days after the close of business on the date on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution fixing the Request Record Date. If the Board of Directors, within ten days after the date on which a valid Record Date Request Notice is received, fails to adopt a resolution fixing the Request Record Date, the Request Record Date shall be the close of business on the tenth day after the first date on which the Record Date Request Notice is received by the Secretary.

(2) In order for any stockholder to request a special meeting to act on any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders, one or more written requests for a special meeting (collectively the "Special Meeting Request") signed by the stockholders of record (or their agents duly authorized in a writing accompanying the request) as of the Request Record Date entitled to cast not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on such matter at such meeting (the "Special Meeting Request Percentage") shall be delivered to the Secretary. In addition, the Special Meeting Request shall (a) set forth the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted on at it (which shall be limited to those lawful matters set forth in the Record Date Request Notice received by the Secretary), (b) bear the date of signature of each such stockholder (or such agent) signing the Special Meeting Request, (c) set forth the name and address, as they appear in the Corporation's books, of each stockholder signing such request (or on whose behalf the Special Meeting Request is signed), the class, series and number of all shares of stock of the Corporation which are owned (beneficially or of record) by such stockholder, and the nominee holder for, and number of, shares of stock of the Corporation owned beneficially but not of record by such stockholder, (d) be sent to the Secretary by registered mail, return receipt requested, and (e) be received by the Secretary within 60 days after the Request Record Date. Any requesting stockholder (or agent duly authorized in a writing accompanying the revocation or the Special Meeting Request) may revoke his, her or its Special Meeting Request at any time by written revocation delivered to the Secretary.

(3) The Secretary shall inform the requesting stockholders of the reasonably estimated cost of preparing and delivering the notice of the meeting (including the Corporation's proxy materials). The Secretary shall not be required to call a special meeting upon a stockholder request and such meeting shall not be held unless, in addition to the documents required by Section 2.3(b)(2), the Secretary receives payment of such reasonably estimated cost prior to the preparation and mailing or delivery of such notice of the meeting.

- (4) In the case of any special meeting called by the Secretary upon the request of stockholders (a "Stockholder Requested Meeting"), such meeting shall be held at such place, date and time as may be designated by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the date of any Stockholder Requested Meeting shall not be more than 90 days after the record date for such meeting (the "Meeting Record Date"); and provided further that if the Board of Directors fails to designate, within ten days after the date that a valid Special Meeting Request is actually received by the Secretary (the "Delivery Date"), a date and time for a Stockholder Requested Meeting, then such meeting shall be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on the 90th day after the Meeting Record Date or, if such 90th day is not a Business Day (as defined below), on the first preceding Business Day; and provided further that in the event that the Board of Directors fails to designate a place for a Stockholder Requested Meeting within ten days after the Delivery Date, then such meeting shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation. In fixing a date for any special meeting, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or the Board of Directors may consider such factors as he, she or it deems relevant, including, without limitation, the nature of the matters to be considered, the facts and circumstances surrounding any request for the meeting and any plan of the Board of Directors to call an annual meeting or a special meeting. In the case of any Stockholder Requested Meeting, if the Board of Directors fails to fix a Meeting Record Date that is a date within 30 days after the Delivery Date, then the close of business on the 30th day after the Delivery Date shall be the Meeting Record Date. The Board of Directors may revoke the notice for any Stockholder Request Meeting in the event that the requesting stockholders fail to comply with the provisions of Section 2.3(b)(3).
- (5) If written revocations of requests of the Special Meeting Request have been delivered to the Secretary and the result is that stockholders of record (or their agents duly authorized in writing), as of the Request Record Date, entitled to cast less than the Special Meeting Percentage have delivered, and not revoked, requests for a special meeting to the Secretary: (i) if the notice of meeting has not already been delivered, the Secretary shall refrain from delivering the notice of the meeting and send to all requesting stockholders who have not revoked such requests written notice of any revocation of a request for the special meeting, or (ii) if the notice of meeting has been delivered and if the Secretary first sends to all requesting stockholders who have not revoked requests for a special meeting on a matter written notice of any revocation of a request for the special meeting and written notice of the Corporation's intention to revoke the notice of the meeting or for the chairman of the meeting without action on the matter, (A) the Secretary may revoke the notice of the meeting at any time before ten days before the commencement of the meeting or (B) the chairman of the meeting may call the meeting to order and adjourn the meeting without acting on the matter. Any request for a special meeting received after a revocation by the Secretary of a notice of a meeting shall be considered a request for a new special meeting.
- (6) The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or the Board of Directors may appoint independent inspectors of elections to act as the agent of the Corporation for the purpose of promptly performing a ministerial review of the validity of any purported Special Meeting Request received by the Secretary. For the purpose of permitting the inspectors to perform such review, no such purported Special Meeting Request shall be

deemed to have been delivered to the Secretary until the earlier of (i) five Business Days after receipt by the Secretary of such purported request and (ii) such date as the independent inspectors certify to the Corporation that the valid requests received by the Secretary represent, as of the Request Record Date, stockholders of record entitled to cast not less than the Special Meeting Percentage. Nothing contained in this Section 2.3(b)(6) shall in any way be construed to suggest or imply that the Corporation or any stockholder shall not be entitled to contest the validity of any request, whether during or after such five Business Day period, or to take any other action (including, without limitation, the commencement, prosecution or defense of any litigation with respect thereto, and the seeking of injunctive relief in such litigation).

(7) For purposes of these Bylaws, "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

Section 2.4 Notice of Meetings. At least ten days, but not more than 90 days, prior to the date designated for each meeting of stockholders, the Secretary of the Corporation shall give to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting and to each stockholder not entitled to vote who is entitled to notice of the meeting notice in writing or by electronic transmission of the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting or as otherwise may be required by any statute, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, by placing the notice in the mail, delivering it by overnight delivery service or transmitting the notice by electronic mail or any other electronic means. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to each stockholder at such stockholder's address appearing on the books of the Corporation or supplied by the stockholder to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. If transmitted electronically, such notice shall be deemed to be given when transmitted to the stockholder by an electronic transmission to any address or number of the stockholder at which the stockholder receives electronic transmissions. A single notice to all stockholders who share an address shall be effective as to any stockholder at such address who consents to such notice or after having been notified of the Corporation's intent to give a single notice fails to object in writing to such single notice within 60 days. Failure to give notice of any meeting to one or more stockholders, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any meeting fixed in accordance with this Article II, or the validity of any proceedings at any such meeting. The notice of any meeting of stockholders may be accompanied by a form of proxy approved by the Board of Directors in favor of the actions or director nominees as the Board of Directors may select. Notice of any meeting of stockholders shall be deemed waived by any stockholder who attends the meeting in person or by proxy or who before or after the meeting submits a waiver of notice in writing or by electronic transmission that is filed with the records of the meeting. Subject to Section 2.11 of this Article II, any business of the Corporation may be transacted at an annual meeting of stockholders without being specifically designated in the notice of such meeting, except such business as is required by any statute to be stated in such notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting of stockholders except as specifically designated in the notice of such meeting. The Corporation may postpone or cancel a meeting of stockholders by making a "public announcement" (as defined in Section 2.11(c)(3) of such postponement or cancellation prior to the meeting. Notice of the date to which the meeting is postponed shall be given not less than ten days prior to such date and otherwise in the manner

set forth in this Section 2.4.

Section 2.5 Organization and Conduct. Every meeting of stockholders shall be conducted by an individual appointed by the Board of Directors to be chairman of the meeting or, in the absence of such appointment, by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, if any, or, in the case of a vacancy in the office or absence of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, by one of the following officers present at the meeting: the Vice Chairman of the Board, if any, the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer or, in the absence of such officers, a chairman chosen by the stockholders by the vote of a majority of the votes cast by stockholders present in person or by proxy. The Secretary or, in the Secretary's absence, an individual appointed by the Board of Directors or, in the absence of such appointment, an individual appointed by the chairman of the meeting shall act as secretary. In the event that the Secretary presides at a meeting of the stockholders, an individual appointed by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, shall record the minutes of the meeting. The chairman of the meeting shall determine the order of business and all other matters of procedure at any meeting of stockholders. The chairman of the meeting may prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and take such action as, in the discretion of the chairman and without any action by the stockholders, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation, (a) restricting admission to the time set for the commencement of the meeting; (b) limiting attendance at the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized proxies or other such individuals as the chairman of the meeting may determine; (c) limiting participation at the meeting on any matter to stockholders of record of the Corporation entitled to vote on such matter, their duly authorized proxies or other such individuals as the chairman of the meeting may determine; (d) limiting the time allotted to questions or comments by participants; (e) determining when and for how long the polls should be opened and when the polls should be closed; (f) maintaining order and security at the meeting; (g) removing any stockholder or any other individual who refuses to comply with meeting procedures, rules or guidelines as set forth by the chairman of the meeting; (h) concluding a meeting or recessing or adjourning the meeting to a later date and time and at a place announced at the meeting; and (i) complying with any state and local laws and regulations concerning safety and security. Unless otherwise determined by the chairman of the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Section 2.6 Quorum. The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares of stock of the Corporation entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast (without regard to class) at any meeting shall constitute a quorum at such meeting of the stockholders, except with respect to any such matter that, under applicable statutes or regulatory requirements, requires approval by a separate vote of one or more classes of stock, in which case the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by each such class on such a matter shall constitute a quorum. If, however, such quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the stockholders, the chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date without notice other than announcement at the meeting. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified. The stockholders present either in person or by proxy, at a meeting which has been duly called and at which a quorum was established, may continue to

transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough stockholders to leave less than a guorum.

Section 2.7 Voting. A plurality of all the votes cast at a meeting of the stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to elect a director. Each share may be voted for as many individuals as there are directors to be elected and for whose election the share is entitled to be voted. A majority of the votes cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to approve any other matter which may properly come before the meeting, unless more than a majority of the votes cast is required by statute or by the charter of the Corporation. Unless otherwise provided by statute or in the charter of the Corporation, each outstanding share, regardless of class, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the stockholders.

Section 2.8 Proxies. A stockholder may cast the votes entitled to be cast by the shares of stock owned of record by the stockholder in person or by proxy executed by the stockholder or by the stockholder's duly authorized agent in any manner permitted by law. Such proxy or evidence of authorization of such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation before or at the meeting. No proxy shall be valid more than eleven months after its date unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 2.9 Voting of Stock by Certain Holders. Stock of the Corporation registered in the name of a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity, if entitled to be voted, may be voted by the president or a vice president, a general partner or trustee thereof, as the case may be, or a proxy appointed by any of the foregoing individuals, unless some other person who has been appointed to vote such stock pursuant to a bylaw or a resolution of the governing body of such corporation or other entity or agreement of the partners of a partnership presents a certified copy of such bylaw, resolution or agreement, in which case such person may vote such stock. Any director or other fiduciary may vote stock registered in his or her name in his or her capacity as such a fiduciary, either in person or by proxy. Shares of stock of the Corporation directly or indirectly owned by it shall not be voted at any meeting and shall not be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares entitled to be voted at any given time, unless they are held by it in a fiduciary capacity, in which case they may be voted and shall be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time. The Board of Directors may adopt by resolution a procedure by which a stockholder may certify in writing to the Corporation that any shares of stock registered in the name of the stockholder are held for the account of a specified person other than the stockholder. The resolution shall set forth the class of stockholders who may make the certification, the purpose for which the certification may be made, the form of certification and the information to be contained in it; if the certification is with respect to a record date, the time after the record date within which the certification must be received by the Corporation; and any other provisions with respect to the procedure which the Board of Directors considers necessary or desirable. On receipt of such certification, the person specified in the certification.

Section 2.10 Inspectors. The Board of Directors, or the chairman of the meeting may

appoint, before or at the meeting, one or more inspectors for the meeting and any successor thereto. The inspectors, if any, shall (i) determine the number of shares of stock represented at the meeting, in person or by proxy, and the validity and effect of proxies, (ii) receive and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents, (iii) report such tabulation to the chairman of the meeting, (iv) hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote, and/or (v) do such acts as are proper to fairly conduct the election or vote. Each such report shall be in writing and signed by him or her or by a majority of them if there is more than one inspector acting at such meeting. If there is more than one inspector, the report of a majority shall be the report of the inspectors. The report of the inspectors on the number of shares represented at the meeting and the results of the voting shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

#### Section 2.11 Advance Notice of Stockholder Nominees for Director and Other Stockholder Proposals .

- (a) Annual Meetings of Stockholders.
- (1) Nominations of individuals for election to the Board of Directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders (i) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting, (ii) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (iii) by any stockholder of the Corporation who was a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 2.11(a) and at the time of the annual meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of each individual so nominated or on any such other business and who has complied with this Section 2.11(a).
- (2) For nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to Section 2.11(a)(1)(iii), the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation and such other business must otherwise be a proper matter for action by the stockholders. To be timely, a stockholder's notice shall set forth all information required under this Section 2.11 and shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not earlier than the 120th day nor later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 90th day prior to the first anniversary of the date of the proxy statement for the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the first anniversary of the date of the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the 120th day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. In no event shall the public announcement of a postponement or adjournment of an annual meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above. Such stockholder's notice shall set forth: (i) as to each individual whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection (each, a "Proposed Nominee"), all information relating to the Proposed Nominee that would be required to be disclosed in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of the Proposed Nominee as a director in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or would otherwise be required in connection with such solicitation, in each case pursuant to

Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder (including the Proposed Nominee's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); (ii) as to any business that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, a description of such business, the stockholder's reasons for proposing such business at the meeting and any material interest in such business of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined below), individually or in the aggregate, including any anticipated benefit to the stockholder or the Stockholder Associated Person therefrom; (iii) as to the stockholder giving the notice, any Proposed Nominee and any Stockholder Associated Person, (A) the class, series and number of all shares of stock or other securities of the Corporation or any affiliate thereof (collectively, the "Corporation Securities"), if any, which are owned (beneficially or of record) by such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person, the date on which each such Corporation Security was acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition, and any short interest (including any opportunity to profit or share in any benefit from any decrease in the price of such stock or other security) in any Corporation Securities of any such person; (B) the nominee holder for, and number of, any Corporation Securities owned beneficially but not of record by such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person; (C) whether and the extent to which such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person, directly or indirectly (through brokers, nominees or otherwise), is subject to or during the last six months has engaged in any hedging, derivative or other transaction or series of transactions or entered into any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any short interest, any borrowing or lending of securities or any proxy or voting agreement), the effect or intent of which is to (I) manage risk or benefit of changes in the price of (x) Corporation Securities or (y) any security of any entity that was listed in the Peer Group in the Stock Performance Graph in the most recent annual report to security holders of the Corporation (a "Peer Group Company") for such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person or (II) increase or decrease the voting power of such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person in the Corporation or any affiliate thereof (or, as applicable, in any Peer Group Company) disproportionately to such person's economic interest in the Corporation Securities (or, as applicable, in any Peer Group Company); (D) any substantial interest, direct or indirect (including, without limitation, any existing or prospective commercial, business or contractual relationship with the Corporation), by security holdings or otherwise, of such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person, in the Corporation or any affiliate thereof, other than an interest arising from the ownership of Corporation Securities where such stockholder, Proposed Nominee or Stockholder Associated Person receives no extra or special benefit not shared on a pro rata basis by all other holders of the same class or series; and (E) whether such stockholder believes any Proposed Nominee is, or is not, an "interested person" of the Corporation, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder (the "Investment Company Act") and information regarding such Proposed Nominee that is sufficient, in the discretion of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof or any authorized officer of the Corporation, to make such determination; (iv) as to the stockholder giving the notice, any Stockholder Associated Person with an interest or ownership re ferred to in Section 11(a)(2)(ii) and Section 11(a)(2)(iii) and any Proposed Nominee, (A) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's stock ledger, and the current name and business address, if different, of each such Stockholder Associated Person and any Proposed Nominee; and (B) the investment strategy or objective, if any, of such stockholder

and each such Stockholder Associated Person who is not an individual and a copy of the prospectus, offering memorandum or similar document, if any, provided to investors or potential investors in such stockholder, and each such Stockholder Associated Person; and (v) to the extent known by the stockholder giving the notice, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the nominee for election or reelection as a director or the proposal of other business on the date of such stockholder's notice.

- (3) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 2.11(a) to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors is increased, and there is no public announcement of such action at least 100 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the proxy statement for the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice required by this Section 2.11(a) shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the tenth day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the Corporation.
- (4) For purposes of this Section 2.11, "Stockholder Associated Person" of any stockholder shall mean (i) any person acting in concert with such stockholder, (ii) any beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Corporation owned of record or beneficially by such stockholder (other than a stockholder that is a depository) and (iii) any person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with such stockholder or Stockholder Associated Person.
- (b) Special Meetings of Stockholders. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, nominations of individuals for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected only (i) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (ii) provided that the special meeting has been called in accordance with Section 2.3 for the purpose of electing directors, by any stockholder of the Corporation who is a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 2.11(b) and at the time of the special meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of each individual so nominated and who has complied with this Section 2.11(b). In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more individuals to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder may nominate an individual or individuals (as the case may be) for election as a director as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice containing the information required by Section 2.11(a)(2) shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not earlier than the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on the later of the 90th day prior to such special meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall the public announcement of a postponement or adjournment of a special meeting to a later date or time commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

#### (c) General.

- (1) If information submitted pursuant to this Section 2.11 by any stockholder proposing a nominee for election as a director or any proposal for other business at a meeting of stockholders shall be inaccurate in any material respect, such information may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this Section 2.11. Any such stockholder shall notify the Corporation of any inaccuracy or change (within two Business Days of becoming aware of such inaccuracy or change) in any such information. Upon written request by the secretary or the Board of Directors, any such stockholder shall provide, within five Business Days of delivery of such request (or such other period as may be specified in such request), (A) written verification, satisfactory in the discretion of the Board of Directors or any authorized officer of the Corporation, to demonstrate the accuracy of any information submitted by the stockholder pursuant to this Section 2.11 and (B) a written update of any information submitted by the stockholder pursuant to this Section 2.11 as of an earlier date. If a stockholder fails to provide such written verification or written update within such period, the information as to which written verification or a written update was requested may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this Section 2.11.
- (2) Only such individuals who are nominated in accordance with this Section 2.11 shall be eligible for election by stockholders as directors, and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with this Section 2.11. The chairman of the meeting shall have the power to determine whether a nomination or any other business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with this Section 2.11.
- (3) "Public announcement" shall mean disclosure (i) in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press, Business Wire, PR Newswire or other widely circulated news or wire service or (ii) in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act or the Investment Company Act.
- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.11, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of state law and of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 2.11. Nothing in this Section 2.11 shall be deemed to affect any right of a stockholder to request inclusion of a proposal in, nor the right of the Corporation to omit a proposal from, the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act. Nothing in this Section 2.11 shall require disclosure of revocable proxies received by the stockholder or Stockholder Associated Person pursuant to a solicitation of proxies after the filing of an effective Schedule 14A by such stockholder or Stockholder Associated Person under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act.

<u>Section 2.12 Voting by Ballot</u>. Voting on any question or in any election may be viva voce unless the presiding officer shall order or any stockholder shall demand that voting be by ballot.

# ARTICLE III.

Section 3.1 General Powers. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of its Board of Directors.

Section 3.2 Number and Tenure. At any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, a majority of the entire Board of Directors may establish, increase or decrease the number of directors, provided that the number shall never be less than one (1) nor more than twelve (12), and the tenure of office of a director shall not be affected by any decrease in the number of directors. At such time as permitted by Section 3-802(a) of Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"), the Corporation elects to be subject to Section 3-804(b) of Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the MGCL.

Section 3.3 Annual and Regular Meetings. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after and at the same place as the annual meeting of stockholders, no notice other than this Bylaw being necessary. In the event such meeting is not so held, the meeting may be held at such time and place as shall be specified in a notice given as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the Board of Directors. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held from time to time at such places and times as provided by the Board of Directors by resolution, without notice other than such resolution.

Section 3.4 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or by a majority of the directors then in office. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of special meetings of the Board of Directors without notice other than such resolution.

Section 3.5 Notice. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be delivered personally or by telephone, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, United States mail or courier to each director at his or her business or residence address. Notice by personal delivery, telephone, electronic mail or facsimile transmission shall be given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Notice by United States mail shall be given at least three days prior to the meeting. Notice by courier shall be given at least two days prior to the meeting. Telephone notice shall be deemed to be given when the director or his or her agent is personally given such notice in a telephone call to which the director or his or her agent is a party. Electronic mail notice shall be deemed to be given upon transmission of the message to the electronic mail address given to the Corporation by the director. Facsimile transmission notice shall be deemed to be given upon completion of the transmission of the message to the number given to the Corporation by the director and receipt of a completed answer back indicating receipt. Notice by United States mail shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail properly addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Notice by courier shall be deemed to be given when deposited with or delivered to a courier properly addressed. Neither the business to be

transacted at, nor the purpose of, any annual, regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be stated in the notice, unless specifically required by statute or these Bylaws.

Section 3.6 Quorum. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that, if less than a majority of such directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice, and provided further that if, pursuant to applicable law, the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws, the vote of a majority or other percentage of a particular group of directors is required for action a quorum must also include a majority of such group. The directors present at a meeting, which has been duly called and at which a quorum was established may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal from the meeting of enough directors to leave fewer than were required to establish a quorum

Section 3.7 Voting. The action of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the Board of Directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by applicable law, the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws. If enough directors have withdrawn from a meeting to leave fewer than were required to establish a quorum but the meeting is not adjourned, the action of a majority of that number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum at such meeting shall be the action of the Board of Directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by applicable law, the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws.

<u>Section 3.8 Chairman of the Board</u>. The Board of Directors shall designate one or more chairmen of the board who shall preside over board meetings and stockholders' meetings at which he or she must be present. The Board of Directors may also designate a Vice Chairman of the Board who shall perform the same duties as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.9 Organization. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors or, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, if any, shall act as chairman of the meeting. In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, the President or in the absence of the President, a director chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall act as chairman of the meeting. The Secretary or, in his or her absence, an individual appointed by the chairman of the meeting, shall act as secretary of the meeting.

<u>Section 3.10 Telephone Meetings</u>. Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time; provided however, this Section 3.10 does not apply to any action of the directors pursuant to the Investment Company Act that requires the vote of the directors to be cast in person at a meeting. Participation in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

<u>Section 3.11 Consent by Directors Without a Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing or by electronic transmission to such action is given by each director and is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors; provided, however, this Section 3.11 does not apply to any action of the directors pursuant to the Investment Company Act that requires the vote of the directors to be cast in person at a meeting.

Section 3.12 Vacancies. If for any reason any or all the directors cease to be directors, such event shall not terminate the Corporation or affect these Bylaws or the powers of the remaining directors hereunder, if any. At such time as permitted by Section 3-802(a) of Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the MGCL, the Corporation elects to be subject to Section 3-804(c) of Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the MGCL. Accordingly, at such time, except as may be provided by the Board of Directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, any vacancy and all vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum. Any director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies, subject to any applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act.

Section 3.13 Compensation. Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services as directors but, by resolution of the Board of Directors, may receive compensation per year and/or per meeting and for any service or activity they performed or engaged in as directors. Directors may be reimbursed for expenses of attendance, if any, at each annual, regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof and for their expenses, if any, in connection with such service or activity they performed or engaged in as directors; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any directors from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 3.14 Removal and Resignation of Directors. The stockholders may, at any time, remove any director in the manner provided in the charter of the Corporation. Any director of the Corporation may resign at any time by delivering his or her resignation to the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or the Secretary of the Corporation. Any resignation shall take effect immediately upon its receipt or at such later time specified in the resignation. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless otherwise stated in the resignation.

Section 3.15 Reliance. Each director and officer of the Corporation shall, in the performance of his or her duties with respect to the Corporation, be entitled to rely on any information, opinion, report or statement, including any financial statement or other financial data, prepared or presented by an officer or employee of the Corporation whom the director or officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented, by a lawyer, certified public accountant or other person, as to a matter which the director or officer reasonably believes to be within the person's professional or expert competence, or, with respect to a director, by a committee of the Board of Directors on which the director does not serve, as to a matter within its designated authority, if the director reasonably believes the committee to merit

confidence.

Section 3.16 Ratification. The Board of Directors or the stockholders may ratify and make binding on the Corporation any action or inaction by the Corporation or its officers to the extent that the Board of Directors or the stockholders could have originally authorized the matter. Moreover, any action or inaction questioned in any stockholders' derivative proceeding or any other proceeding on the ground of lack of authority, defective or irregular execution, adverse interest of a director, officer or stockholder, non-disclosure, miscomputation, the application of improper principles or practices of accounting, or otherwise, may be ratified, before or after judgment, by the Board of Directors or by the stockholders, and if so ratified, shall have the same force and effect as if the questioned action or inaction had been originally duly authorized, and such ratification shall be binding upon the Corporation and its stockholders and shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned action or inaction.

Section 3.17 Emergency Provisions. Notwithstanding any other provision in the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws, this Section 3.17 shall apply during the existence of any catastrophe, or other similar emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board of Directors under Article III of these Bylaws cannot readily be obtained (an "Emergency"). During any Emergency, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, (i) a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof may be called by any director or officer by any means feasible under the circumstances; (ii) notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors during such an Emergency may be given less than 24 hours prior to the meeting to as many directors and by such means as may be feasible at the time, including publication, television or radio and (iii) the number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum shall be one-third of the entire Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES

<u>Section 4.1 Number, Tenure and Qualifications</u>. The Board of Directors may appoint from among its members an Executive Committee, an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and other committees, composed of one or more directors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 4.2 Powers</u>. The Board of Directors may delegate to committees appointed under Section 4.1 of this Article any of the powers of the Board of Directors, except as prohibited by law.

Section 4.3 Meetings. Notice of committee meetings shall be given in the same manner as notice for special meetings of the Board of Directors. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the committee. The act of a majority of the committee members present at a meeting shall be the act of such committee. The Board of Directors may designate a chairman of any committee, and such chairman or, in the absence of a chairman, any two members of any committee (if there are

at least two members of the Committee) may fix the time and place of its meeting unless the Board shall otherwise provide. In the absence of any member of any such committee, the members thereof present at any meeting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may appoint another director to act in the place of such absent member. Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings.

<u>Section 4.4 Telephone Meetings</u>. Members of a committee of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

<u>Section 4.5 Consent by Committees Without a Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of a committee of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing or by electronic transmission to such action is given by each member of the committee is filed with the minutes of proceedings of such committee.

<u>Section 4.6 Vacancies</u>. Subject to the provisions hereof, the Board of Directors shall have the power at any time to change the membership of any committee, to fill any vacancy to designate an alternate member to replace any absent or disqualified member or to dissolve any such committee. Subject to the power of the Board of Directors, the members of the committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies on the committee.

## ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 5.1 General Provisions. The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, a Chief Executive Officer, a Secretary and a Treasurer and may include one or more Vice Presidents, a Chief Operating Officer, a Chief Financial Officer, a Chief Investment Officer, and one or more Managing Directors. In addition, the Board of Directors may from time to time elect such other officers with such powers and duties as it shall deem necessary or desirable. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, except that the Chief Executive Officer or President may from time to time appoint one or more Vice Presidents or other officers. Each officer shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualifies or until his or her death or his or her resignation or removal in the manner hereinafter provided. The same person may hold any two or more offices except President and Vice President. Election of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights between the Corporation and such officer or agent.

Section 5.2 Removal and Resignation. Any officer or agent of the Corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors if in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Any officer of the Corporation may resign at any time by delivering his or her resignation to the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or the Secretary. Any resignation shall take effect immediately upon its receipt or at such later time specified in the notice of resignation. The acceptance of a

resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless otherwise stated in the resignation. Such resignation shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the Corporation.

Section 5.3 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the balance of the term.

Section 5.4 Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors may designate a Chief Executive Officer. In the absence of such designation, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The Chief Executive Officer shall have general responsibility for implementation of the policies of the Corporation, as determined by the Board of Directors, and for the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. He or she may execute any deed, mortgage, bond, contract or other instrument, except in cases where the execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation or shall be required by law to be otherwise executed, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chief Executive Officer and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 5.5 President. In the absence of a designation of a Chief Executive Officer by the Board of Directors, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer. He or she may execute any deed, mortgage, bond, contract or other instrument, except in cases where the execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation or shall be required by law to be otherwise executed, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

<u>Section 5.6 Chief Financial Officer</u>. The Board of Directors may designate a Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall have the responsibilities and duties as determined by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

<u>Section 5.7 Chief Investment Officer</u>. The Board of Directors may designate a Chief Investment Officer. The Chief Investment Officer shall have the responsibilities and duties as determined by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 5.8 Secretary. The Secretary shall (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the stockholders, the Board of Directors, committees of the Board of Directors, and committees of the officers in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of any seal adopted by the Corporation; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each stockholder which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such stockholder; (e) have general charge of the stock transfer books of the Corporation; and (f) in general perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chief Executive Officer, the President or the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 5.9 Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all moneys and other

valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. In the absence of a designation of a Chief Financial Officer by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Board of Directors, at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors or whenever it may so require, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

<u>Section 5.10 Managing Directors</u>. The Managing Directors, if any, shall serve as officers of the Corporation. The Managing Directors shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the President, the Chief Executive Officer or the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 5.11 Investment Committee and Other Committees</u>. The President, Chief Executive Officer, and Board of Directors shall appoint individuals to serve as members of the Corporation's Investment Committee. The Investment Committee shall perform such duties as required to evaluate investments of the Corporation, and shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to it by the President, the Chief Executive Officer or the Board of Directors. The President and Chief Executive Officer may, from time to time, establish other committees.

# ARTICLE VI. CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

Section 6.1 Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Any agreement, deed, mortgage, lease or other document shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation when duly authorized or ratified by action of the Board of Directors and executed by an authorized person.

<u>Section 6.2 Checks and Drafts</u>. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or agent of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 6.3 Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited or invested from time to time to the credit of the Corporation as the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer or any other officer designated by the Board of Directors may determine.

#### ARTICLE VII. STOCK

<u>Section 7.1 Certificates</u>; <u>Required Information</u>. Except as otherwise may be provided by the Board of Directors, stockholders of the Corporation are not entitled to certificates representing the shares of stock held by them. In the event that the Corporation

issues shares of stock represented by certificates, such certificates shall be in such form as prescribed by the Board of Directors or a duly authorized officer, shall contain any information required by the MGCL and shall be signed by the officers of the Corporation in the manner permitted by the MGCL. In the event that the Corporation issues shares of stock without certificates, to the extent then required by the MGCL, the Corporation shall provide to the record holders of such shares a written statement of the information required by the Maryland General Corporation Law to be included on stock certificates. There shall be no differences in the rights and obligations of stockholders based on whether or not their shares are represented by certificates.

Section 7.2 Transfers When Certificates Issued. All transfers of shares of stock shall be made on the books of the Corporation, by the holder of the shares, in person or by his or her attorney, in such manner as the Board of Directors or any officer of the Corporation may prescribe and, if such shares are certificated, upon surrender of certificates duly endorsed. The issuance of a new certificate upon the transfer of certificated shares is subject to the determination of the Board of Directors that such shares shall no longer be represented by certificates. Upon the transfer of uncertificated shares, to the extent then required by the MGCL, the Corporation shall provide to record holders of such shares a written statement of the information required by the MGCL to be included on stock certificates. The Corporation shall be entitled to treat the holder of record of any share of stock as the holder in fact thereof and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of Maryland. Notwithstanding the foregoing, transfers of shares of any class or series of stock will be subject in all respects to the charter of the Corporation and all of the terms and conditions contained therein.

Section 7.3 Replacement Certificate. The President, the Secretary, the Treasurer or any other officer of the Corporation may direct a new certificate to be issued in place of any certificate previously issued by the Corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate to be lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated; provided, however, if such shares have ceased to be certificated, no new certificate shall be issued unless requested in writing by such stockholder and the Board of Directors has determined that such certificates may be issued. Unless otherwise determined by an officer of the Corporation, the owner of such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated certificate or certificates, or his or her legal representative, shall be required, as a condition precedent to the issuance of a new certificate or certificates, to give the Corporation a bond in such sums as it may direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against the Corporation.

Section 7.4 Closing of Transfer Books or Fixing of Record Date. The Board of Directors may set, in advance, a record date for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or determining stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or the allotment of any other rights, or in order to make a determination of stockholders for any other proper purpose. Such date, in any case, shall not be prior to the close of business on the day the record date is fixed and shall be not more than 90 days and, in the case of a meeting of stockholders, not less than ten days, before the date on

which the meeting or particular action requiring such determination of stockholders of record is to be held or taken. When a record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting of stockholders has been set as provided in this Section 7.4, such record date shall continue to apply to the meeting if adjourned or postponed, except if the meeting is adjourned to a date more than 120 days or postponed to a date more than 90 days after the record date originally fixed for the meeting, in which case a new record date for such meeting may be determined as set forth herein.

<u>Section 7.5 Stock Ledger</u>. The Corporation shall maintain at its principal office or at the office of its counsel, accountants or transfer agent, an original or duplicate stock ledger containing the name and address of each stockholder and the number of shares of stock of each class held by such stockholder.

Section 7.6 Fractional Stock; Issuance of Units. The Board of Directors may issue fractional stock or provide for the issuance of scrip, all on such terms and under such conditions as they may determine. Notwithstanding any other provision of the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may issue units consisting of different securities of the Corporation. Any security issued in a unit shall have the same characteristics as any identical securities issued by the Corporation, except that the Board of Directors may provide that for a specified period securities of the Corporation issued in such unit may be transferred on the books of the Corporation only in such unit.

### ARTICLE VIII. ACCOUNTING YEAR

The Board of Directors shall have the power, from time to time, to fix the fiscal year of the Corporation by a duly adopted resolution.

### ARTICLE IX. DISTRIBUTIONS

<u>Section 9.1 Authorization</u>. Dividends and other distributions upon the stock of the Corporation may be authorized by the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of law and the charter of the Corporation. Dividends and other distributions may be paid in cash, property or stock of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of law and the charter of the Corporation.

Section 9.2 Contingencies. Before payment of any dividends or other distributions, there may be set aside out of any assets of the Corporation available for dividends or other distributions such sum or sums as the Board of Directors may from time to time, in its absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve fund for contingencies, for equalizing dividends, for repairing or maintaining any property of the Corporation or for such other purpose as the Board of Directors shall determine, and the Board of Directors may modify or abolish any such reserve.

#### ARTICLE X. SEAL

<u>Section 10.1 Seal</u>. The Board of Directors may authorize the adoption of a seal by the Corporation. The seal shall contain the name of the Corporation and the year of its incorporation and the words "Incorporated Maryland." The Board of Directors may authorize one or more duplicate seals and provide for the custody thereof.

Section 10.2 Affixing Seal. Whenever the Corporation is permitted or required to affix its seal to a document, it shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of any law, rule or regulation relating to a seal to place the word "(SEAL)" adjacent to the signature of the person authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE XI. INDEMNIFICATION AND ADVANCE OF EXPENSES

To the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and the Investment Company Act. in effect from time to time, the Corporation shall indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, shall pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to (a) any individual who is a present or former director or officer of the Corporation and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity or (b) any individual who, while a director or officer of the Corporation and at the request of the Corporation, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner or trustee of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in any such capacity. The rights to indemnification and advance of expenses provided by the charter of the Corporation and these Bylaws shall vest immediately upon election of a director or officer. The Corporation may, with the approval of its Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee thereof, provide such indemnification and advance for expenses to a person who served a predecessor of the Corporation in any of the capacities described in (a) or (b) above and to any employee or agent of the Corporation or a predecessor of the Corporation upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such indemnified person to repay amounts that have so been paid if it is ultimately determined that indemnification of such expenses is not authorized under these Bylaws. The indemnification and payment or reimbursement of expenses provided in these Bylaws shall not be deemed exclusive of or limit in any way other rights to which any person seeking indemnification or payment of expenses may be or may become entitled under any bylaw, regulation, insurance, agreement or otherwise. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Article, nor the adoption or amendment of any other provision of the Bylaws or charter of the Corporation inconsistent with this Article, shall apply to or affect in any respect the applicability of the preceding paragraph with respect to any act or failure to act that occurred prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption. Any indemnification or payment or reimbursement of expenses made pursuant to these Bylaws shall be subject to applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act.

# ARTICLE XII. WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice of a meeting is required to be given pursuant to the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws or pursuant to applicable law, a waiver thereof in writing or by electronic transmission, given by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any meeting need be set forth in the waiver of notice, unless specifically required by statute. The attendance of any person at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where such person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

## ARTICLE XIII. INSPECTION OF RECORDS

A stockholder who is otherwise eligible under the MGCL to inspect certain books and records of the Corporation shall have no right to inspect any such books and records if the Board of Directors determines that such stockholder has an improper purpose for such inspection.

## ARTICLE XIV. INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT

If and to the extent that any provision of the MGCL, including, without limitation, Subtitle 6 and, if then applicable, Subtitle 7, of Title 3 of the MGCL, or any provision of the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws conflicts with any provision of the Investment Company Act, the applicable provision of the Investment Company Act shall control.

# ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall have the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of these Bylaws and to make new Bylaws.

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### DEBENTURE

| \$ 2,500,000,00 (the "Original Principa  | 1 Amount")                            |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 9-1-2018 (the "Maturity Date")   |                                       |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP   | (the "Company")                       |
| 3600 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 104 Raleigh, NC. 27612 (Street) (City) (State) (   | Zip)                                  |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS  A. Applicable for the Scheduled Interim Period (an   | d New Interim                         |
| Periods, as applicable)  | 2 10900                               |
| Interest rate per annum for the Scheduled Interim Period:  | 3.101008                              |
| Annual Charge applicable to the Scheduled Interim Period:  |                                       |
| Date of Issuance: $6/24/08$  |                                       |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: September 24, 2008   |                                       |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from and including the Date of to but excluding the Scheduled  |                                       |
| The following italicized terms will apply if the Interim P extended by SBA:  | eriod is                              |
| New interest rate(s) per annum (a) % (b)  New Annual Charge per annum (a) % (b)  New Pooling Date(s): (a) (b)  New Interim Period(s): from and including: (a) (b)  to but excluding: (a) (b) | * (c) *<br>* (c) *<br>(c) (c) (c) (c) |
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The Company, for value received, promises to pay to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., as Custodian (the "Custodian") for the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA") and SBIC Funding Corporation (the "Funding Corporation"), pursuant to the Custody and Administration Agreement (the "Custody Agreement") dated as of April 27, 1998 among SBA, the Funding Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, as Interim Funding Provider (the "Interim Funding Provider"), and the Custodian, as amended,: (i) interest on the Original Principal Amount listed above at the applicable rate per annum listed above, and (ii) an Annual Charge on the Original Principal Amount listed above at the applicable rate per annum listed above, each at such location as SBA, as guarantor of this Debenture, may direct and each at the related rate per annum identified for the Scheduled Interim Period (and each New Interim Period, if any).

This Debenture will bear interest for, and the Annual Charge will apply to, the Scheduled Interim Period (and each New Interim Period, if any) at the rate(s) and for the applicable period(s) indicated above, to be paid in arrears by 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day prior to the Scheduled Pooling Date (and each New Pooling Date, if any) listed above. As used throughout this Debenture, "Business Day" means any day other than: (i) a Saturday or Sunday; (ii) a legal holiday in Washington, D.C.; and (iii) a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed. Interest on this Debenture and the Annual Charge for the Scheduled Interim Period (and each New Interim Period, if any) will each be computed on the basis of the actual number of days in the applicable Interest Period divided by 360. The Company may not prepay this Debenture, in whole or in part, during the Scheduled Interim Period or any New Interim Period.

B. This Section B. is effective only after (i) the Scheduled Interim Period and any New Interim Period(s) expire and (ii) the Custodian receives this Debenture for pooling.

The Company may elect to prepay this Debenture, in whole and not in part, on any Payment Date, in the manner and at the price as next described. The prepayment price (the "Prepayment Price") must be an amount equal to the Original Principal Amount, plus interest accrued and unpaid thereon to the Payment Date selected for prepayment together with the accrued and unpaid Annual Charge thereon to the Payment Date selected for prepayment.

The amount of the Prepayment Price must be sent to SBA or such agent as SBA may direct, by wire payment in immediately available funds, not less than three Business Days prior to the regular Payment Date. Until the Company is notified otherwise in writing by SBA, any Prepayment Price must be paid to the account maintained by the Trustee, entitled the SBA Prepayment Subaccount and must include an identification of the Company by name and SBA-assigned license number, the loan number appearing on the face of this Debenture, and such other information as SBA or its agent may specify.

#### II. -- GENERAL TERMS

For value received, the Company promises to pay to the order of the Trustee the Original Principal Amount on the Maturity Date at such location as SBA, as guarantor of this Debenture, may direct.

This Debenture is issued by the Company and guaranteed by SBA, pursuant and subject to Section 303 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the "Act") (15 U.S.C. Section 683). This Debenture is subject to all of the regulations promulgated under the Act, as amended from time to time, provided, however, that 13 C.F.R. Sections 107.1810 and 107.1830 through 107.1850 as in effect on the date of this Debenture are incorporated in this Debenture as if fully set forth. If this Debenture is accelerated, then the Company promises to pay an amount equal to the Original Principal Amount of this Debenture, plus interest and Annual Charge accrued and unpaid thereon to but excluding the next Payment Date following such acceleration.

This Debenture is deemed issued in the District of Columbia as of the day, month, and year first stated above. The terms and conditions of this Debenture must be construed in accordance with, and its validity and enforcement governed by, federal law.

The warranties, representations, or certification made to SBA on any SBA Form 1022 or any application letter of the Company for an SBA commitment related to this Debenture, and any documents submitted in connection with the issuance of this Debenture, are incorporated in this Debenture as if fully set forth.

Should any provision of this Debenture or any of the documents incorporated by reference in this Debenture be declared illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect and this Debenture must be construed as if such provisions were not contained in this Debenture.

All notices to the Company which are required or may be given under this Debenture shall be sufficient in all respects if sent to the above-noted address of the Company. For the purposes of this Debenture, the Company may change this address only upon written approval of SBA.

Execution of this debenture by the Company's general partner, in the case that the Company is organized as a limited partnership, shall not subject the Company's general partner to liability, as such, for the payment of any part of the debt evidenced by this debenture.

# COMPANY ORGANIZED AS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY GENERAL PARTNER)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company's general partner has caused this debenture to be signed by its duly authorized representative as of the date of issuance stated above.

Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP

(Name of Licensee)

New Triangle GP 44C
(Name of Limited Liability Company General Partner)

By: Juffy

(Typed Name) J GENERAL PARTNER

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| \$ 1,000,000.00                                      | (the     | "Original           | Principal  | Amount")               |
|--|----------|---------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 9-1-2018   | _ (the   | "Maturity           | Date")     |                        |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP                         |          |                     |            | _(the "Company")       |
| 3600 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 104                      | Raleigh  | NC. 2761<br>(State) | 12         | ip)                    |
| (Street) (City)                                      |          | (Scace)             | (2.        |                        |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS                         |          |                     |            |                        |
| A. Applicable for the Sch<br>Periods, as applicable) |          |                     | _          |                        |
| Interest rate per annum for the S                    | Schedule | ed Interim          | Period: 2  | 77300*                 |
| Annual Charge applicable to the S                    |          | ed Interim          | Period: _  | .717% per annum        |
| Date of Issuance: 8-38-                              | 08       |                     |            |                        |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: September                    | er 24, 2 | 8008                |            |                        |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from a to but              |          |                     |            | ssuance<br>ooling Date |
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| New interest rate(s) per annum                       |          | (a)                 | (b)        | \$ (C)\$<br>\$ (C)\$   |
| New Annual Charge per annum<br>New Pooling Date(s):  |          | (a)=                | (b)        | * (c)                  |
| New Interim Period(s): from and inc                  | cluding: | (a)                 | (b)        | (c)                    |
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B. This Section B. is effective only after (i) the Scheduled Interim Period and any New Interim Period(s) expire and (ii) the Custodian receives this Debenture for pooling.

The Company may elect to prepay this Debenture, in whole and not in part, on any Payment Date, in the manner and at the price as next described. The prepayment price (the "Prepayment Price") must be an amount equal to the Original Principal Amount, plus interest accrued and unpaid thereon to the Payment Date selected for prepayment together with the accrued and unpaid Annual Charge thereon to the Payment Date selected for prepayment.

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COMPANY ORGANIZED AS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY GENERAL PARTNER)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company's general partner has caused this debenture to be signed by its duly authorized representative as of the date of issuance stated above.

Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP

: New Triangle GP LLC
(Name of Limited Liability Company General Partner)

By: Sulf

Brent P.W. Burgess
(Typed Name)
GENERAL PARTNER

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| \$ 2,000,000.00  | (the   | "Original                | Principal               | Amount")                    |
| 9-1-2018   | (the   | "Maturity                | Date")                  |                             |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP   |        |                          |                         | (the "Company")             |
| 3600 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 104 R<br>(Street) (City)   | aleigh | (State)                  |                         | ip)                         |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS   |        |                          |                         |                             |
| A. Applicable for the Scheen   |        |                          |                         |                             |
| Interest rate per annum for the Sc   | hedule | ed Interim               | Period:                 | .77300*                     |
| Annual Charge applicable to the Sc   |        | ed Interim               | Period: _               | .717% per annum             |
| Date of Issuance: 8-38-09  | 3      |                          |                         |                             |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: September  | 24,    | 2008_                    |                         |                             |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from an to but   | d inc  | luding the<br>ding the S | Date of I<br>cheduled P | ssuance<br>ooling Date      |
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| New interest rate(s) per annum<br>New Annual Charge per annum<br>New Pooling Date(s):<br>New Interim Period(s): from and inclu |        | (a)                      | (b)<br>(b)<br>(b)       | \$ (c)\$<br>\$ (c)\$<br>(c) |
| to but excludi   | ing:   | (a)                      | (b)                     | (c)                         |
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By:

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Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP

New Triangle GP LLC
(Name of Limited Liability Company General Partner)

By:

GENERAL PARTNER

Brent P.W. Burgess

I.D. Control # <u>08000531</u>

License # 04/04-0292

| DEBE<br>******  | ENTURE  | ***                 |            |                  |
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| \$ 1,000,000.00<br>9-1-2018   |         | "Original           | Principal  | Amount")         |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP  | (che    | -Macuricy           | Date"/     | _(the "Company") |
| 3600 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 104 Ra<br>(Street) (City)                           | aleigh, | NC. 2761<br>(State) | .2         | ip)              |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS  A. Applicable for the Schederiods, as applicable) |         |                     |            |                  |
| Interest rate per annum for the Sch   |         |                     |            |                  |
| Annual Charge applicable to the Sch Date of Issuance: $8-38-08$                 | -       |                     | Period: _  | .7178 per annum  |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: September Scheduled Interim Period: from and            |         |                     | Date of I  | aguange          |
|   | exclud  | ing the So          | cheduled P | ooling Date      |
| extended by SBA:  New interest rate(s) per annum                                |         |                     |            |                  |

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(a)

(a)

(b)

SBA FORM 444C (Revised 9/06)

New Annual Charge per annum New Pooling Date(s):

New Interim Period(s): from and including: (a)

to but excluding:

This Debenture will bear interest for, and the Annual Charge will apply to, the Scheduled Interim Period (and each New Interim Period, if any) at the rate(s) and for the applicable period(s) indicated above, to be paid in arrears by 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day prior to the Scheduled Pooling Date (and each New Pooling Date, if any) listed above. As used throughout this Debenture, "Business Day" means any day other than: (i) a Saturday or Sunday; (ii) a legal holiday in Washington, D.C.; and (iii) a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed. Interest on this Debenture and the Annual Charge for the Scheduled Interim Period (and each New Interim Period, if any) will each be computed on the basis of the actual number of days in the applicable Interest Period divided by 360. The Company may not prepay this Debenture, in whole or in part, during the Scheduled Interim Period or any New Interim Period.

B. This Section B. is effective only after (i) the Scheduled Interim Period and any New Interim Period(s) expire and (ii) the Custodian receives this Debenture for pooling.

The Company, for value received, promises to pay to the order of JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., acting as Trustee (the "Trustee") under that certain Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated as of February 1, 1997, as the same may be amended from time to time, by and among the Trustee, the SBA and SBIC Funding Corporation, and as the Holder hereof, interest semiannually on March 1st and September 1st (the "Payment Dates") of each year, at such location as SBA, as guarantor of this Debenture, may direct at the rate of \$\sumset 7.725\$ \rightarrow per annum (the "Stated Interest Rate"), and to pay a \frac{.717\%}{2} per annum fee (the "Annual Charge") to SBA on each Payment Date, each calculated on the basis of a year of 365 days, for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day), on the Original Principal Amount from the last day of the Interim Period until payment of such Original Principal Amount has been made or duly provided for. The Company shall deposit all payments with respect to this Debenture not later than 12:00 noon (New York City time) on the applicable Payment Date or the next Business Day if the Payment Date is not a Business Day, all as directed by SBA.

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#### II. -- GENERAL TERMS

For value received, the Company promises to pay to the order of the Trustee the Original Principal Amount on the Maturity Date at such location as SBA, as guarantor of this Debenture, may direct.

This Debenture is issued by the Company and guaranteed by SBA, pursuant and subject to Section 303 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the "Act") (15 U.S.C. Section 683). This Debenture is subject to all of the regulations promulgated under the Act, as amended from time to time, provided, however, that 13 C.F.R. Sections 107.1810 and 107.1830 through 107.1850 as in effect on the date of this Debenture are incorporated in this Debenture as if fully set forth. If this Debenture is accelerated, then the Company promises to pay an amount equal to the Original Principal Amount of this Debenture, plus interest and Annual Charge accrued and unpaid thereon to but excluding the next Payment Date following such acceleration.

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Should any provision of this Debenture or any of the documents incorporated by reference in this Debenture be declared illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect and this Debenture must be construed as if such provisions were not contained in this Debenture.

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Execution of this debenture by the Company's general partner, in the case that the Company is organized as a limited partnership, shall not subject the Company's general partner to liability, as such, for the payment of any part of the debt evidenced by this debenture.

COMPANY ORGANIZED AS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY GENERAL PARTNER)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company's general partner has caused this debenture to be signed by its duly authorized representative as of the date of issuance stated above.

GENERAL PARTNER

I.D. Control # <u>08000847</u> License # <u>04/04-0292</u>

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| \$ 4,000,000.00  | _ (the           | "Original                | Principal                | Amount")                    |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | _ (the           | "Maturity                | Date")                   |                             |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP   |                  |                          |                          | (the "Company")             |
| 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530 (Street) (City)  | Raleigh          | (State)                  | (2:                      | ip)                         |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS   |                  |                          |                          |                             |
| A. Applicable for the Sch<br>Periods, as applicable)   |                  |                          |                          |                             |
| Interest rate per annum for the S  | chedul           | ed Interim               | Period:                  | 5.8d8                       |
| Annual Charge applicable to the S Date of Issuance: $10-29$  | chedul           | ed Interim               | Period: _                | .717% per annum             |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: March 25   | , 2009           |                          |                          |                             |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from a to but  | and inc          | luding the<br>ding the S | Date of I                | ssuance<br>Pooling Date     |
| The following italicized terms wi extended by SBA:   | 11 app           | ly if the                | Interim Pe               | riod is                     |
| New interest rate(s) per annum<br>New Annual Charge per annum<br>New Pooling Date(s):<br>New Interim Period(s): from and inc<br>to but exclu | luding:<br>ding: | (a)                      | (b)<br>(b)<br>(b)<br>(b) | \$ (c)\$<br>\$ (c)\$<br>(c) |
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#### II. -- GENERAL TERMS

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Mezzanine Fund LLLP

New Triangle GP LLC
(Name of Limited Liabidity Company General Partner)

By:

(Typed Name) GENERAL PARTNER

I.D. Control # <u>08000848</u> License # 04/04-0292

|   | ENTURE                                     |             |   |
|---|--|-------------|---|
| <u>\$ 4,000,000.00</u>  | (the "Original                             | Principal A | mount")   |
|   | (the "Maturity                             | Date")      |   |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP  |  | (           | the "Company")  |
| 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530 F<br>(Street) (City)  | Raleigh, NC 2761<br>(State)                | 2(Zip       | )   |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS  |  |             |   |
| A. Applicable for the Sche<br>Periods, as applicable)  Interest rate per annum for the Sche   |  |             |   |
| Annual Charge applicable to the So  | cheduled Interim                           | Period:     | 717% per annum  |
| Date of Issuance: 10-26-  | 08   |             |   |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: March 25  | , 2009                                     |             |   |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from a to but   | nd including the excluding the So          | Date of Iso | suance<br>oling Date                                      |
| The following italicized terms wi extended by SBA:  | ll apply if the l                          | nterim Peri | iod is  |
| New interest rate(s) per annum New Annual Charge per annum New Pooling Date(s): New Interim Period(s): from and inc. to but exclusion | (a) \$ (a) \$ (a) \$ luding: (a) \$ (a) \$ | (b)         | (c) *<br>(c) *<br>(c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) |

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# COMPANY ORGANIZED AS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY GENERAL PARTNER)

By:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company's general partner has caused this debenture to be signed by its duly authorized representative as of the date of issuance stated above.

Triangle Hezzanine Fund LLLP

New Triangle GP LLC
(Name of Limited Liability Company General Partner)

By:

(Typed Name)
GENERAL PARTNER

I.D. Control # <u>08000849</u> License # <u>04/04-0292</u>

| DEBENTURE |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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| *         | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |  |

| \$ 4,000,000.00  | (the "Origin  |                                | al Amount")              |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | (the "Maturi  | ty Date")                      |                          |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP   |   |                                | (the "Company")          |
| 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 5<br>(Street) (City)   | 30 Raleigh, NC. 2<br>(Stat                                    | 27612<br>:e)                   | (Zip)                    |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TER   | MS  |                                |                          |
| A. Applicable for the Periods, as applicable)  |   |                                |                          |
| Interest rate per annum for t  | he Scheduled Inter  | rim Period:                    | 3.882,00                 |
| Annual Charge applicable to t  | he Scheduled Inter  | rim Period:                    | 717% per annum           |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: Marc   | h 25, 2009  |                                |                          |
| Scheduled Interim Period: fr   | om and including but excluding th                             | the Date of<br>e Scheduled     | Issuance<br>Pooling Date |
| The following italicized term extended by SBA:   | s will apply if th  | he Interim I                   | Period is                |
| New interest rate(s) per annum New Annual Charge per annum New Pooling Date(s): New Interim Period(s): from and to but s | (a)<br>(a)<br>(a)<br>(a)<br>(including: (a)<br>(xcluding: (a) | \$ (b)<br>\$ (b)<br>(b)<br>(b) | * (c)                    |
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# COMPANY ORGANIZED AS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY GENERAL PARTNER)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company's general partner has caused this debenture to be signed by its duly authorized representative as of the date of issuance stated above.

Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP

New Triangle GP LLC
(Name of Limited Liability Company General Partner)

By:

(Typed Name) GENERAL PARTNER

I.D. Control # 08000850

License # 04/04-0292

# DEBENTURE

| \$ 9,000,000.00  | _ (the             | "Original              | Principal                | Amour                            | nt")         |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
|  | _ (the             | "Maturity              | Date")                   |                                  |              |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP   |                    |                        |                          | _(the                            | "Company")   |
| 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530 (Street) (City)  | Raleigh            | , NC. 276<br>(State)   | 12<br>(Z:                | ip)                              |              |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS   |                    |                        |                          |                                  |              |
| <ul> <li>A. Applicable for the Sch<br/>Periods, as applicable)</li> </ul>  |                    |                        |                          |                                  |              |
| Interest rate per annum for the S  | chedule            | d Interim              | Period: 3                | -38                              | 2,00         |
| Annual Charge applicable to the S  | chedule            |                        |                          |                                  |              |
| Date of Issuance: 10-5/  | 1-08               |                        |                          |                                  |              |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: March 25   | , 2009             |                        |                          |                                  |              |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from a to but  | and incl<br>exclud | uding the<br>ing the S | Date of I<br>cheduled P  | ssuand                           | ce<br>g Date |
| The following italicized terms wi extended by SBA:   | 11 apply           | y if the :             | Interim Pe               | riod i                           | is           |
| New interest rate(s) per annum<br>New Annual Charge per annum<br>New Pooling Date(s):<br>New Interim Period(s): from and inc.<br>to but exclu- | (a<br>luding: (a   | a)                     | (b)<br>(b)<br>(b)<br>(b) | % (c)_<br>% (c)_<br>(c)_<br>(c)_ |              |
| The Company, for value received,   | promises           | to pay                 | to JPMorgan              | n Chas                           | se Bank      |

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B. This Section B. is effective only after (i) the Scheduled Interim Period and any New Interim Period(s) expire and (ii) the Custodian receives this Debenture for pooling.

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Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP

y: New Triangle GP LLC
(Name of Limited Liability Company General Partner)

By: Det So

(Typed Name)
GENERAL PARTNER

I.D. Control # <u>08000851</u> License # 04/04-0292

#### DEBENTURE \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

| \$ 4,000,000-00  | _ (the         | "Original                | Principal                | Amount                         | :")       |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|  | (the           | "Maturity                | Date")                   |                                |           |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP   |                |                          |                          | _(the '                        | Company") |
| 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530 (Street) (City)  | Raleigh        | (State)                  | 12 (Z                    | ip)                            |           |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS   |                |                          |                          |                                |           |
| A. Applicable for the Sch<br>Periods, as applicable)   |                |                          | _                        |                                |           |
| Interest rate per annum for the S  | Schedule       | ed Interim               | Period: 3                | . 1440                         | 28        |
| Annual Charge applicable to the $S$  | Schedule<br>OG | ed Interim               | Period: _                | .717%                          | per annum |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: March 2  | 5, 2009        |                          |                          |                                |           |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from to but  |                | luding the<br>ding the S |                          |                                |           |
| The following italicized terms we extended by SEA:   | ill appl       | ly if the                | Interim Pe               | riod i                         | . ·       |
| New interest rate(s) per annum<br>New Annual Charge per annum<br>New Pooling Date(s):<br>New Interim Period(s): from and ind<br>to but exclu | cluding:       | (a)                      | (b)<br>(b)<br>(b)<br>(b) | \$ (c)<br>\$ (c)<br>(c)<br>(c) | de de     |
| The Company, for value received,   | promise        | es to pay                | to JPMorga               | n Chas                         | e Bank    |

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B. This Section B. is effective only after (i) the Scheduled Interim Period and any New Interim Period(s) expire and (ii) the Custodian receives this Debenture for pooling.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company's general partner has caused this debenture to be signed by its duly authorized representative as of the date of issuance stated above.

Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP

(Name of Limited Lightly Company General Partner)

By: Suffy

Brent P.W. Burgess
(Typed Name)
GENERAL PARTNER

I.D. Control # 08000861 License # 04/04-0292

# DEBENTURE

| \$ 2,000,000.00   | (the "Original                  | Principal                    | Amount")                 |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ·   | (the "Maturity                  | Date")                       | *                        |
| Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP  |                                 |                              | (the "Company")          |
| 3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530 I<br>(Street) (City)  | Raleigh, NC. 276<br>(State)     | (Z                           | ip)                      |
| PART I PERIOD SPECIFIC TERMS  |                                 |                              |                          |
| A. Applicable for the Scho<br>Periods, as applicable)   |                                 |                              |                          |
| Interest rate per annum for the S   | cheduled Interin                | n Period:                    | 5.19900                  |
| Annual Charge applicable to the S   | cheduled Interin                | m Period: _                  | .717% per annum          |
| Date of Issuence.   |                                 |                              |                          |
| Scheduled Pooling Date: March 25  |                                 |                              |                          |
| Scheduled Interim Period: from a to but   | and including the excluding the | e Date of :<br>Scheduled :   | Issuance<br>Pooling Date |
| The following italicized terms wi extended by SBA:  | 11 apply if the                 | Interim Pe                   | eriod is                 |
| New interest rate(s) per annum New Annual Charge per annum New Pooling Date(s): New Interim Period(s): from and ind to but exclu- | (a)<br>(a)<br>:luding: (a)      | * (b)<br>* (b)<br>(b)<br>(b) | * (c)                    |
| The second of the second  | promises to pay                 | to JPMorg                    | an Chase Bank            |

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Brent P.W. Burgess

(Typed Name)

GENERAL FARTNER

# AGREEMENT TO FURNISH CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS

This Agreement to Furnish Certain Instruments is dated effective as of the 23rd day of February, 2009, by Triangle Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company").

WHEREAS, the Company intends to file an Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on or about February 25, 2009, in connection with its requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act");

WHEREAS, Item 601(b)(4)(iii)(A) of Regulation S-K (which is referenced Item 15(a) of Form 10-K) requires that the Company, upon request, agree to furnish copies of any instrument defining the rights of the holders of long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries for which consolidated or unconsolidated financial statements are required to be filed, if the total amount of securities authorized thereunder amounts to less than ten percent of the total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis (each, an "Accessible Debt Instrument"); and

WHEREAS, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, a North Carolina limited liability limited partnership, has issued a number of debentures which would qualify as Accessible Debt Instruments under Item 601(b)(4)(iii)(A) of Regulation S-K.

Now, THEREFORE, the Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that, upon request, it will furnish to the Commission copies of any Accessible Debt Instrument, either currently existing or issued in the future.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed by a duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

# TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven C. Lilly

Name: Steven C. Lilly

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

# Code of Conduct for Triangle Capital Corporation Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP

#### I. Introduction

This Code of Conduct (the "Code") covers a wide range of business practices and procedures. It does not cover every issue that may arise, but it sets out basic principles to guide all employees, officers and directors of Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP. We expect every employee, officer and director to read and understand this Code and its application to the performance of his or her business responsibilities. The Code should also be provided to and followed by the agents and representatives, including consultants of Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP (collectively, referred to herein as the "Company").

If a law conflicts with a policy in this Code, you must comply with the law. If you have any questions about these conflicts, you should ask your supervisor how to handle the situation.

Action by members of your immediate family or other persons who live in your household also may potentially result in ethical issues to the extent that they involve the Company's business. For example, acceptance of inappropriate gifts by a family member from one of our suppliers or portfolio companies could create a conflict of interest and result in a Code violation attributable to you. Consequently, in complying with this Code, you should consider not only your own conduct, but also that of your immediate family members and other persons who live in your household.

References in this Code to employees are intended to cover all employees including officers and, as applicable, directors. References to the "Company," "our companies" or the "Triangle group" means Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP. References to the Board of Directors mean the Boards of Directors of the Triangle group of companies, as applicable. References to the Audit Committee mean the Audit Committees of Triangle Capital Corporation and Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, as applicable.

Please note that you will be asked to certify compliance with this Code on an annual basis. Thus, you should not hesitate to ask questions, voice concerns or clarify gray areas about whether any conduct may violate this Code. In addition, you are responsible for reporting suspected or actual violation of this Code by others. You should be alert to possible violations of this Code by others, and must report suspected violations, without fear of any form of retaliation, as further described in Part V, Section 15 of this Code.

#### II. Implementing Guidance and Procedures

As with any written guidance, this Code may not clearly address every situation you may encounter. If concerns or questions that you have about a course of action are not addressed

specifically by this Code, you should ask yourself the following six questions to begin your evaluation process:

# Ethics "Quick Test"

- 1. Is it legal?
- 2. Would doing it make me feel bad or ashamed in any way?
- 3. Is it consistent with our Core Values?
- 4. Would I want my family or friends to read about it in the newspaper?
- 5. Would failing to act make the situation worse or allow a "wrong" to continue?
- 6. Does it follow the Golden Rule set out below?

If you still have questions or concerns, do not act until your questions and concerns have been raised and resolved. Our Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") and staff (the "Compliance Officers") or the Audit Committee are all available to help you. Additionally, if you are not comfortable addressing potential violations of this Code with any of these persons directly, you may also raise your concerns by anonymously contacting our whistleblower hotline provided and managed by Shareholder.com (See Part V, Section 15 of this Code for contact and other information regarding the compliance resources available to you).

If you are aware of a suspected or actual violation of Code standards by others, you have a responsibility to report it. You are expected to promptly notify a Compliance Officer or contact another compliance reporting resource to provide a specific description of the violation that you believe has occurred, including any information you have about the persons involved and the time of the violation. Whether you choose to speak with your supervisor or one of the Compliance Officers, you should do so without fear of any form of retaliation. We will take prompt disciplinary action against any employee who retaliates against you.

Supervisors must promptly report any complaints or observations of Code violations to the CCO. If you believe your supervisor has not taken appropriate action, you should contact one of our Compliance Officers directly. The Compliance Officers will investigate all reported possible Code violations promptly and with the highest degree of confidentiality that is possible under the specific circumstances. Neither you nor your supervisor may conduct any preliminary investigation, unless authorized to do so by the CCO. Your cooperation in the investigation will be expected. As needed, the CCO will consult with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. It is our policy to employ a fair process by which to determine violations of this Code.

With respect to any complaints or observations of Code violations that may involve accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing concerns, the CCO shall promptly inform the chair of the Audit Committee, who will then turn over such information to the Audit Committee or such other persons as the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors determines to be appropriate under the circumstances shall be responsible for supervising and overseeing the inquiry and any investigation that is undertaken.

If any investigation indicates that a potential violation of this Code has occurred, we will take such action as we believe to be appropriate under the circumstances. Violations of this Code will not be tolerated. Any employee who violates this Code may be subject to disciplinary action, which, depending on the nature of the violation and the history of the employee, may range from a warning or reprimand to and including termination of employment and, in

appropriate cases, civil legal action or referral for regulatory enforcement action. Appropriate action may also be taken to deter any future Code violations.

Always remember that at our companies, your ethical behavior is the ultimate "bottom line." We are committed to do what is right even when it does not seem to be profitable, expedient or conventional. That means we will be truthful, ethical, law-abiding, and respectful in all of our dealings with others.

#### III. Core Values:

We are committed to the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct in all of our business operations, as well as in our interactions with customers, business partners and employees. The following are the values we hold in highest esteem — the values that we propose to use as our guide in our quest for excellence and success. To assist and encourage you to apply our Core Values in your day-to-day activities, each Core Value includes amplifying and implementing guidance.

# A. Golden Rule and Respect

- a. Following the Golden Rule means we will strive to always do the right thing ... the thing we would want others to do to us.
- b. Treating others the way we would like to be treated is our foundational value and the golden rule is a good summary of our other core values.
- c. Respect means we respect the rights, opinions and beliefs of others so long as they are consistent with our other core values.

# Amplifying and implementing guidance:

- Be a good listener, encourage diverse opinions and be willing to accept them.
- Recognize the achievement of others.
- Don't prejudge another person's qualities or intentions.
- Respect confidences.
- Recognize each individual's human dignity and value.

# B. Honesty and Openness

- a. Honesty means we refuse to lie, cheat, steal or deceive in any way.
- b. We will never deliberately mislead, or misrepresent the truth.
- c. We will always strive to do the legal and fair thing, fulfilling both the letter and intent of our commitments and the law.
- d. Openness means we will be free, forthright and sincere in our discussions, as candid as possible, and will openly share appropriate information in each relationship.

#### Amplifying and implementing guidance:

- Be forthright and never use information as a source of power.
- Strive for clarity.
- Focus on issues, not personalities.
- Carry no hidden agendas.
- Be willing to admit your own mistakes and be tolerant of others' mistakes.

# C. Integrity

- a. Integrity means we will refuse to be corrupted or unfaithful to our values.
- b. We will do what we say we will do, and we will conduct ourselves in accordance with our values and our code of ethics.
- c. We will always try to do the right thing.
- d. We will operate within both the letter and the spirit of the law.

#### Amplifying and implementing guidance:

- Act and speak ethically.
- What you do when no one is looking should agree with your professed ethics.

#### D. Teamwork and Innovation

- a. Teamwork means working together to achieve our goals and values as a group and not working at cross purposes.
- b. Innovation means encouraging each other to seek new ways of doing our business to improve our quality and efficiency.

# Amplifying and implementing guidance:

- Acknowledge all co-workers as valuable team members.
- Show confidence in the character and truthfulness of others.
- Practice solidarity by respecting and supporting team decisions.
- Encourage initiative and participation.
- Be accountable to the team.
- Lead by example.
- Recognize that taking and accepting reasonable risks is necessary business conduct.

#### E. Responsibility

- a. Responsibility means we are morally and legally accountable for our actions.
- b. We are determined to do the right thing, and to be good stewards of the things that have been entrusted into our care.

# Amplifying and implementing guidance:

- Accept responsibility for your own mistakes, and give credit to others for their accomplishments.
- Keep commitments.

# F. Loyalty and Hard Work

- a. We will be loyal to our Company and protect its assets and confidential information. We will be faithful in carrying out our duties.
- b. We will always work hard and do our best.

# Amplifying and implementing guidance:

- Demand excellence from yourself, and seek and encourage it from others.
- Demonstrate a sense of urgency in all that you do.
- Our success is directly related to our loyalty to each other and to our Company.

#### IV. Our Valued Relationships

We will deal fairly and honestly in all of our relationships, treating all our business associates as long-term valued partners. We will operate our business based on the practical application of the Golden Rule, our other values, and all other provisions of our Code of Conduct, for the mutual benefit of all our valued relationships. We will strive to be dependable and respectable in all our dealings with our business associates and our employees, value each shareholder and lender to our Company, and we will be faithful stewards of their funds. We are committed to providing a work environment where there is no conflict between work and moral or ethical values, or family responsibilities, and where everyone is treated equally and with respect.

We have certain relationships that we hold dear and they are:

- Customers and clients are the reason we are in business. We seek to help our customers and clients to achieve their goals. We know that if we help them reach their goals, they will help us reach our goals too.
- Employees are the heart of our Company. We are no greater than our employees. Each employee is an integral part of our team. We seek to have the best employees and the best organization to support the growth of each employee.
- Shareholders have entrusted us with their assets. We seek to increase the value of those assets. As trustees we will do our best to protect and
  grow the assets that have been entrusted to us.
- Suppliers provide us with the things we need to achieve our goals. They have the goods and services we need to grow our business. We will treat each supplier as a valued partner in the growth of our business.
- Corporate governance is part of our operations. We seek to fulfill the regulatory aspects of our business operations in a timely and accurate manner.

#### V. Standards of Ethics and Business Conduct

Underlying our Core Values, described in Part III above, is our commitment to maintain the highest standards of ethics and business conduct.

#### 1. Honest and Ethical Conduct

It is the policy of our companies to promote high standards of integrity by conducting our affairs in an honest and ethical manner. The integrity and reputation of our companies depends on the honesty, fairness and integrity brought to the job by each person associated with us. Unwavering personal integrity is the foundation of corporate integrity.

# 2. Legal Compliance

Obeying the law, both in letter and in spirit, is the foundation of this Code. Our success depends upon each employee's operating within legal guidelines and cooperating with local, national and international authorities. We expect employees to understand the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to their business units and areas of responsibility. We hold periodic training sessions to ensure that all employees comply with this Code, the compliance policies and procedures of our companies, and other relevant laws, rules and regulations

associated with their employment. While we do not expect you to know every detail of these laws, rules and regulations, we expect you to be familiar with this Code and our compliance policies and procedures, so that you are able to determine when to seek advice from others. If you do have a question in the area of legal compliance, it is important that you not hesitate to seek answers from your supervisor or one of the Compliance Officers (see Section 15 of this Part V below for more information about the Compliance Officers).

Disregard of the law will not be tolerated. Violation of domestic or foreign laws, rules and regulations may subject an individual, as well as our companies, to civil or criminal penalties. You should be aware that conduct and records, including emails, are subject to internal and external audits and to discovery by third parties in the event of a government investigation or civil litigation. It is in everyone's best interest to know and comply with our legal obligations.

#### 3. Insider Trading

Employees who have access to confidential (or "inside") information are not permitted to use or share that information for stock trading purposes or for any other purpose except to conduct our business. All non-public information about our companies or about companies with which we do business is considered confidential information. To use material non-public information in connection with buying or selling securities, including "tipping" others who might make an investment decision on the basis of this information, is not only unethical, it is illegal. You must exercise the utmost care when handling material inside information.

The Company's Insider Trading Policy (the "Trading Policy"), which is attached to this Code as Appendix A and is incorporated by reference into this Code, has been instituted to help you avoid prohibited insider trading, and to ensure that our companies comply with the separate requirements of Rules 17j-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. All employees are expected to understand and comply with all Trading Policy provisions applicable to them.

The Trading Policy addresses detailed legal provisions of the Securities Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 and imposes requirements, and in some cases, restrictions, on certain securities trades that you may wish to make. The Trading Policy contains provisions that require you to obtain preclearance for all investments in any initial public offering, and for securities trades for which you may have insider information. To request pre-clearance of a securities transaction, you should complete <u>Schedule A</u> of the attached <u>Appendix A</u> and forward it to our CCO. The Trading Policy also requires all employees to provide certain reports of their holdings or transactions in certain securities. The particular reports you will be required to provide are described more fully in the Trading Policy.

If you have questions regarding the requirements or compliance procedures under the Trading Policy, or if you don't know whether your situation requires pre-clearance or reporting, you should contact one of our Compliance Officers.

#### 4. International Business Laws

You are expected to comply with the applicable laws in all countries to which you travel, in which we operate and where we otherwise do business, including laws prohibiting bribery, corruption or the conduct of business with specified individuals, companies or countries. The fact that, in some countries, certain laws are not enforced or that violation of those laws is not subject to public criticism will not be accepted as an excuse for noncompliance. In addition, we

expect you to comply with U.S. laws, rules and regulations governing the conduct of business by its citizens and corporations outside the U.S. If you have a question as to whether an activity is restricted or prohibited, seek assistance before taking any action, including giving any verbal assurances that might be regulated by international laws.

# 5. Environmental Compliance

It is our policy to conduct our business in an environmentally responsible way that minimizes environmental impacts. We are committed to minimizing and, if practicable, eliminating the use of any substance or material that may cause environmental damage, reducing waste generation and disposing of all waste through safe and responsible methods, minimizing environmental risks by employing safe technologies and operating procedures, and being prepared to respond appropriately to accidents and emergencies.

# 6. Conflicts of Interest

We respect the rights of our employees to manage their personal affairs and investments and do not wish to impinge on their personal lives. At the same time, you should avoid conflicts of interest that occur when your personal interests may interfere in any way with the performance of your duties or the best interests of our companies. A conflicting personal interest could result from an expectation of personal gain now or in the future or from a need to satisfy a prior or concurrent personal obligation. We expect you to be free from influences that conflict with the best interests of our companies, or might deprive our companies of your undivided loyalty in business dealings. Even the appearance of a conflict of interest where none actually exists can be damaging and should be avoided. Whether or not a conflict of interest exists or will exist can be unclear.

If you have any questions about a potential conflict or if you become aware of an actual or potential conflict, and you are not an officer or director of one of our companies, you should discuss the matter with your supervisor or with one of our Compliance Officers. Supervisors may not authorize conflict of interest matters or make determinations as to whether a problematic conflict of interest exists without first seeking the approval of the CCO and providing the CCO with a written description of the activity. If the supervisor is involved in the potential or actual conflict, you should discuss the matter directly with the CCO. Officers and directors may seek authorizations and determinations from the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. Factors that may be considered in evaluating a potential conflict of interest are, among others:

- whether it may interfere with the employee's job performance, responsibilities or morale;
- whether the employee has access to confidential information;
- whether it may interfere with the job performance, responsibilities or morale of others within the organization;
- any potential adverse or beneficial impact on our business;
- any potential adverse or beneficial impact on our relationships with our customers or suppliers or other service providers;
- whether it would enhance or support a competitor's position;

- the extent to which it would result in financial or other benefit (direct or indirect) to the employee;
- the extent to which it would result in financial or other benefit (direct or indirect) to one of our customers, suppliers or other service providers; and
- the extent to which it would appear improper to an outside observer.

Although no list can include every possible situation in which a conflict of interest could arise, the following are examples of situations that may, depending on the facts and circumstances, involve problematic conflicts of interests:

- Employment by (including consulting for) or service on the board of a competitor, customer or supplier or other service provider (other than as part of your duties as an employee of the Company). Activity that enhances or supports the position of a competitor to the detriment of one or more of our companies is prohibited, including individual employment by or service on the board of a customer or supplier or other service provider is generally discouraged and you must seek authorization in advance if you plan to take such a position.
- Owning, directly or indirectly, a significant financial interest in any entity that does business, seeks to do business or competes with us. In addition to the factors described above, persons evaluating ownership in other entities for conflicts of interest will consider the size and nature of the investment; the nature of the relationship between the other entity and any one of our companies; the employee's access to confidential information and the employee's ability to influence one of our companies decisions. If you would like to acquire a financial interest of any kind, you must seek written approval in advance from the CCO.
- Soliciting or accepting gifts, favors, loans or preferential treatment from any person or entity that does business or seeks to do business with us. See Section 10 for further discussion of the issues involved in this type of conflict.
- Soliciting contributions to any charity or for any political candidate from any person or entity that does business or seeks to do business with us.
- Taking personal advantage of corporate opportunities. See Section 7 for further discussion of the issues involved in this type of conflict.
- · Working at a second job without permission.
- Conducting business transactions between any one of our companies and your family member or a business in which you or a family member has a significant financial interest. Material related-party transactions must be approved by the Audit Committee and, if that activity involves any executive officer or director, that activity will be required to be publicly disclosed as required by applicable laws and regulations.

Loans to, or guarantees of obligations of, employees or their family members by our companies could constitute an improper personal benefit to the recipients of these loans or guarantees, depending on the facts and circumstances. Some loans are expressly prohibited by

law and applicable law requires that our Board of Directors approve all loans and guarantees to employees. As a result, all loans and guarantees by our companies must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

# 7. Corporate Opportunities.

You may not take personal advantage of the opportunities of our companies that are presented to you or discovered by you as a result of your position with us or through your use of corporate property or information, unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Even opportunities that are acquired privately by you may be questionable if they are related to our existing or proposed lines of business. Significant participation in an investment or outside business opportunity that is directly related to our lines of business must be pre-approved by the board of directors of our Company that is affected. You may not use your position with us or corporate property or information for improper personal gain, nor should you compete with us in any way.

# 8. Maintenance of Corporate Books, Records, Documents and Accounts; Financial Integrity; Public Reporting

The integrity of our records and public disclosure depends upon the validity, accuracy and completeness of the information supporting the entries to our books of account. Therefore, our corporate and business records should be completed accurately and honestly. The making of false or misleading entries, whether they relate to financial results or test results, is strictly prohibited. Our records serve as a basis for managing our business and are important in meeting our obligations to customers, suppliers, creditors, employees and others with whom we do business. As a result, it is important that our books, records and accounts accurately and fairly reflect, in reasonable detail, our assets, liabilities, revenues, costs and expenses, as well as all transactions and changes in assets and liabilities. We require that:

- no entry be made in our books and records that intentionally hides or disguises the nature of any transaction or of any of our liabilities or misclassifies any transactions as to accounts or accounting periods;
- transactions be supported by appropriate documentation;
- the terms of sales and other commercial transactions be reflected accurately in the documentation for those transactions and all such documentation be reflected accurately in our books and records;
- · employees comply with our system of internal controls; and
- no cash or other assets be maintained for any purpose in any unrecorded or "off-the-books" fund.

Our accounting records are also relied upon to produce reports for our management, stockholders and creditors, as well as for governmental agencies. In particular, we rely upon our accounting and other business and corporate records in preparing the periodic and current reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Securities laws require that these reports provide full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure and fairly present our financial condition and results of operations. Employees who collect, provide or analyze information for or otherwise contribute in any way in preparing or verifying these reports should strive to ensure that our financial disclosure is accurate and transparent and that our reports

contain all of the information about the Triangle group of companies that would be important to enable stockholders and potential investors to assess the soundness and risks of our business and finances and the quality and integrity of our accounting and disclosures. In addition:

- no employee may take or authorize any action that would intentionally cause our financial records or financial disclosure to fail to comply with generally accepted accounting principles, the rules and regulations of the SEC or other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- all employees must cooperate fully with our Accounting Department and, when one is established, Internal Auditing Departments, as well as our independent public accountants and counsel, respond to their questions with candor and provide them with complete and accurate information to help ensure that our books and records, as well as our reports filed with the SEC, are accurate and complete; and
- no employee should knowingly make (or cause or encourage any other person to make) any false or misleading statement in any of our reports filed with the SEC or knowingly omit (or cause or encourage any other person to omit) any information necessary to make the disclosure in any of our reports accurate in all material respects.

Any employee who becomes aware of any departure from these standards has a responsibility to report his or her knowledge promptly to a supervisor, a Compliance Officer, the Audit Committee or one of the other compliance resources described in Section 15.

#### 9. Fair Dealing

We strive to outperform our competition fairly and honestly. Advantages over our competitors are to be obtained through superior performance of our products and services, not through unethical or illegal business practices. Acquiring proprietary information from others through improper means, possessing trade secret information that was improperly obtained, or inducing improper disclosure of confidential information from past or present employees of other companies is prohibited, even if motivated by an intention to advance our interests. If information is obtained by mistake that may constitute a trade secret or other confidential information of another business, or if you have any questions about the legality of proposed information gathering, you must consult your supervisor or one of our Compliance Officers, as further described in Section 15.

You are expected to deal fairly with our customers, suppliers, employees and anyone else with whom you have contact in the course of performing your job. Be aware that the Federal Trade Commission Act provides that "unfair methods of competition in commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in commerce, are declared unlawful." It is a violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act to engage in deceptive, unfair or unethical practices and to make misrepresentations in connection with sales activities.

Employees involved in procurement have a special responsibility to adhere to principles of fair competition in the purchase of products and services by selecting suppliers based exclusively on normal commercial considerations, such as quality, cost, availability, service and reputation, and not on the receipt of special favors.

#### 10. Gifts and Entertainment

Business gifts and entertainment are meant to create goodwill and sound working relationships and not to gain improper advantage with customers or facilitate approvals from government officials. The exchange, as a normal business courtesy, of meals or entertainment (such as tickets to a game or the theatre or a round of golf) is a common and acceptable practice as long as it is not extravagant. Unless express written permission is received from a supervisor, the CCO or the Audit Committee, gifts and entertainment cannot be offered, provided or accepted by any employee unless consistent with customary business practices and not (a) of more than token or nominal monetary value, (b) in cash, (c) susceptible of being construed as a bribe or kickback, (d) made or received on a regular or frequent basis or (e) in violation of any laws. This principle applies to our transactions everywhere in the world, even where the practice is widely considered "a way of doing business." Employees should not accept gifts or entertainment that may reasonably be deemed to affect their judgment or actions in the performance of their duties. Our customers, suppliers and the public at large should know that our employees' judgment is not for sale.

# 11. Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets

All employees are expected to protect our assets and ensure their efficient use. Theft, carelessness and waste have a direct impact on our profitability. Our property, such as office supplies, computer equipment, buildings and products, are expected to be used only for legitimate business purposes, although incidental personal use may be permitted. You may not, however, use our corporate name, any brand name or trademark owned or associated with our companies or any letterhead stationery for any personal purpose.

You may not, while acting on behalf of our companies or while using our computing or communications equipment or facilities, either:

- access the internal computer system (also known as "hacking") or other resource of another entity without express written authorization from the
  entity responsible for operating that resource; or
- commit any unlawful or illegal act, including harassment, libel, fraud, sending of unsolicited bulk email (also known as "spam") in violation of applicable law, trafficking in contraband of any kind or espionage.
- If you receive authorization to access another entity's internal computer system or other resource, you must make a permanent record of that authorization so that it may be retrieved for future reference, and you may not exceed the scope of that authorization.

Unsolicited bulk email is regulated by law in a number of jurisdictions. If you intend to send unsolicited bulk email to persons outside of our companies, either while acting on our behalf or using our computing or communications equipment or facilities, you should contact your supervisor or the CCO for approval.

All data residing on or transmitted through our computing and communications facilities, including email and word processing documents, is the property of our companies and subject to inspection, retention and review by us, with or without an employee's or third party's knowledge, consent or approval, in accordance with applicable law. Any misuse or suspected misuse of our assets must be immediately reported to your supervisor or a Compliance Officer.

#### 12. Confidentiality

One of our most important assets is our confidential information. As an employee of our companies, you may learn of information about our business that is confidential and proprietary. You also may learn of information before that information is released to the general public. Employees who have received or have access to confidential information should take care to keep this information confidential. Confidential information includes non-public information that might be of use to competitors or harmful to our companies or its customers if disclosed, such as business, marketing and service plans, financial information, product architecture, source codes, designs, databases, customer lists, pricing strategies, personnel data, personally identifiable information pertaining to our employees, customers or other individuals, and similar types of information provided to us by our customers, suppliers and partners. This information may be protected by patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret laws.

In addition, because we interact with other companies and organizations, there may be times when you learn confidential information about other companies before that information has been made available to the public. You must treat this information in the same manner as you are required to treat our confidential and proprietary information. There may even be times when you must treat as confidential the fact that we have an interest in, or are involved with, another company.

You are expected to keep confidential and proprietary information confidential unless and until that information is released to the public through approved channels (usually through a press release, an SEC filing or a formal communication from a member of senior management, as further described in Section 13). Every employee has a duty to refrain from disclosing to any person confidential or proprietary information about us or any other company learned in the course of employment here, until that information is disclosed to the public through approved channels. This policy requires you to refrain from discussing confidential or proprietary information with outsiders and even with other of our companies' employees, unless those fellow employees have a legitimate need to know the information in order to perform their job duties. Unauthorized use or distribution of this information could also be illegal and result in civil liability or criminal penalties.

You should also take care not to inadvertently disclose confidential information. Materials that contain confidential information, such as memos, notebooks, computer disks and laptop computers, should be stored securely. Unauthorized posting or discussion of any information concerning our business, information or prospects on the Internet is prohibited. You may not discuss our business, information or prospects in any "chat room," regardless of whether you use your own name or a pseudonym. Be cautious when discussing sensitive information in public places like elevators, airports, restaurants and "quasi-public" areas within the Triangle group of companies. All our companies' emails, voicemails and other communications are presumed confidential and should not be forwarded or otherwise disseminated outside of our companies, except where required for legitimate business purposes.

In addition to the above responsibilities, if you are handling information protected by any privacy policy published by us, such as our website privacy policy, then you must handle that information in accordance with the applicable policy.

#### 13. Media and Public Discussions

It is our policy to disclose material information concerning our companies to the public only through specific limited channels to avoid inappropriate publicity and to ensure that all those with an interest in the Company will have equal access to information. All inquiries or calls from the press and financial analysts should be referred to the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or our Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). We have designated our CEO and our CFO as our official spokespersons for all matters relating to the Company. Unless a specific exception has been made by the CEO or CFO, these designees are the only people who may communicate with the public (including the media and press) on behalf of our company. In addition, our compliance policies and procedures require that communications of this nature, including advertisements, presentations or speeches and website content, be reviewed by the CCO. You also may not provide any information to the media about us off the record, for background, confidentially or secretly.

#### 14. Waivers

Any waiver of this Code for executive officers (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller (or persons performing similar functions) or directors may be authorized only by the Board of Directors of our companies, and will be disclosed to stockholders as required by applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### Compliance Standards and Procedures

#### Compliance Resources; Compliance Officers

To facilitate compliance with this Code, we have implemented a program of Code awareness, training and review. We have designated our CCO to oversee this program. The CCO will have staff to assist in oversight of the program. The Compliance Officers are persons to whom you can address any questions or concerns. Please contact your manager or the head of Human Resources to determine who has been appointed as a Compliance Officer. In addition to fielding questions or concerns with respect to potential violations of this Code, the CCO is responsible for:

- investigating possible violations of this Code;
- training new employees in Code policies;
- conducting annual training sessions to refresh employees' familiarity with this Code;
- distributing certifications regarding this Code annually by hard copy or by email to each employee as a reminder that each employee is responsible for reading, understanding and complying with this Code;
- updating this Code as needed and alerting employees to any updates, with appropriate approval of the Audit Committee, to reflect changes in the law, our companies operations and in recognized best practices, and to reflect our companies experience; and
- otherwise promoting an atmosphere of responsible and ethical conduct.

Your most immediate resource for any matter related to this Code is your supervisor. He or she may have the information you need or may be able to refer the question to another appropriate source.

There may, however, be times when you prefer not to go to your supervisor. In these instances, you should feel free to discuss your concern with a Compliance Officer. If you are uncomfortable speaking with a Compliance Officer because he or she works in your department or is one of your supervisors, please contact a member of the Audit Committee. You may also report violations directly to members of the Audit Committee by (i) sending a letter to the attention of Benjamin S. Goldstein, Triangle Capital Corporation, 3600 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 104, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612, (ii) calling our companies' toll-free hotline run by Shareholder.com at 866-654-1540 and speaking with a representative who will transmit the information to the Audit Committee or (iii) submitting an e-mail to tcap@openboard.info or directly into the web address, www.openboard.info/tcap/, whereupon a representative of Shareholder.com will transmit the information to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will pass on to the Board of Directors all information related to complaints or observations that involve accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing concerns.

You may utilize Shareholder.com's whistleblower hotline services anonymously, although if you remain anonymous Shareholder.com will be unable to obtain follow-up details from you that may be necessary to investigate the matter. Whether you identify yourself or remain anonymous, your contact with Shareholder.com will be kept strictly confidential to the extent reasonably possible within the objectives of this Code.

#### 16. Amendments and Modifications

This Code of Conduct may not be amended or modified except in a written form, which is specifically approved by majority vote of the independent directors of the applicable entities.

This Code of Conduct was adopted by the Board of Directors of Triangle Capital Corporation, including the independent directors, on August 1, 2008.

# Appendix A Insider Trading Policy For Triangle Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries

This Policy was adopted by the Company's Board of Directors, including the independent directors, on August 1, 2008.

This Insider Trading Policy (the "Policy") has been adopted to comply with Rule 17j-l under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Investment Company Act"). The Policy establishes standards and procedures designed to address conflicts of interest and detect and prevent abuse of fiduciary duty by persons with knowledge of the investments and investment intentions of Triangle Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Company").

#### (a) General Prohibitions

- (i) This policy generally applies to the investment activities of all officers, directors and employees of the Company or any other entity in a Control relationship (as defined below) to the Company (the "Covered Persons"). However, there are certain provisions of the Investment Company Act and this Policy that are primarily concerned with the investment activities of those employees of the Company who are involved in or have access to information regarding securities recommendations made to the Company, which employees include only the officers, employees and directors of the Company, or any other company in a Control relationship to the Company (the "Access Persons").
- (ii) The Investment Company Act makes it "unlawful" for Covered Persons to engage in conduct which is deceitful, fraudulent or manipulative, or which involves false or misleading statements, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities by an investment company. Accordingly, under the Investment Company Act and this Policy no Covered Person shall use any information concerning the investments or investment intentions of the Company, or his or her ability to influence such investment intentions, for personal gain or in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Company.

In addition, no Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly in connection with the purchase or sale of a "security held or to be acquired" (as defined in Section (c)(xii) of this Policy) by the Company: (a) employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud the Company; or (b) make to the Company any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state to any of the foregoing a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; or (c) engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the Company; or (d) engage in any manipulative practice with respect to the Company.

#### (b) General Principles.

This Policy acknowledges the general principles that Covered Persons: (A) owe a fiduciary obligation to the Company; (B) have the duty at all times to place the interests of stockholders first; (C) must conduct all personal securities transactions in such a manner as to avoid any actual or potential conflict of interest or abuse of an individual's position of trust and responsibility; and (D) should not take inappropriate advantage of their positions in relation to the Company.

#### (c) Definitions.

For purposes of this Policy,

- (i) "Access Person" means any officer, employee, director or managing director of the Company, or any other company in a Control relationship to the Company.
- (ii) "Beneficial Interest" means any interest by which a Covered Person or any member of his or her Immediate Family, can directly or indirectly derive a monetary benefit from the purchase, sale (or other acquisition or disposition) or ownership of a Security, except such interests as Clearing Officers (defined below) shall determine to be too remote for the purpose of this Policy. (A transaction in which a Covered Person acquires or disposes of a Security in which he or she has or thereby acquires a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest is sometimes referred to in this Code of Ethics as a "personal securities" transaction or as a transaction for the person's "own account").
  - (iii) "Clearing Officers" has the meaning in Section (d)(ii)(1) below.
- (iv) "Control" means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company (unless such power is solely the result of an official position with such company). Any person who owns beneficially, directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company shall be presumed to control such company. For purposes of this Policy, natural persons and portfolio companies of the Company shall be presumed not to be controlled persons.
- (v) "Covered Security" includes any securities issued by the Company, and all debt obligations, stock and other instruments comprising the investments of the Company, including any warrant or option to acquire or sell a security and financial futures contracts, but excludes securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies, bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper and unaffiliated shares of a mutual fund (open-end fund). References to a "Covered Security" in this Policy shall include any warrant for, option in, or security immediately convertible into that "Covered Security."
- (vi) "Covered Person" means any officer, director or employee of the Company or any other company in a Control relationship to the Company, but does not include portfolio companies of the Company.
- (vii) "Immediate Family" includes any children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, or sisters-in-law, including adoptive relationships, who live in the same household.

- (viii) "Limited Offering" means an offering that is exempt from registration under Sections 4(2) or 4(6) of, or Regulation D under, the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Limited Offerings may include, among other things, limited partnership or limited liability company interests, or other Securities purchased through private placements.
  - (ix) "Loan Officer" means an Access Person who is responsible for making decisions as to Securities to be bought or sold for the Company' portfolio.
- (x) "Non-Access Person" means any employee of the Company, or any other company in a Control relationship to the Company, which employee is not an "Access Person."
  - (xi) "Prohibited Transaction" means any of the following transactions, if effected by a Covered Person without prior approval of the CCO:
- (1) a transaction in which such Covered Person knows or should know at the time of entering into the transaction that: (i) the Company has engaged in a transaction in the same Security within the last 180 days, or is engaging in a transaction or is going to engage in a transaction in the same Security in the next 180 days;
  - (2) a transaction that involves the direct or indirect acquisition of Securities in an initial public offering or Limited Offering of any issuer; or
- (3) a transaction in any Security issued by the Company during a closed trading window. Trading windows are generally closed on the last day of each fiscal quarter, and generally re-open three trading days following the filing of the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q, or annual report on Form 10-K, as applicable, with the SEC.
- (xii) A "Security held or to be acquired" by the Company means any Security (as defined above) which, within the most recent 180 days is or has been held by the Company or is being or has been considered for purchase by the Company.
- (xiii) A Security is "being considered for purchase or sale" from the time an amendment letter is signed by or on behalf of the Company until the closing with respect to that Security is completed or aborted.
- (xiv) "Security" means any note, stock, treasury stock, security future, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement, collateral-trust certificate, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, investment contract, voting-trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, fractional undivided interest in oil, gas, or other mineral rights, any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on any security (including a certificate of deposit) or on any group or index of securities (including any interest therein or based on the value thereof), or any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency, or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a "security," or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing.
- (d) Pre-Clearance of Certain Personal Transactions.
- (i) Requirement for Pre-Clearance. All Covered Persons must obtain Pre-Clearance under the procedures provided in Section (d)(ii) for any Prohibited Transactions which are not exempt under subsection (iv) of this Section (d).

#### (ii) Pre-Clearance Procedures.

- (1) From Whom Obtained. Pre-Clearance must be obtained from the CCO plus another officer, or from any two officers of the Company who are not either parties to the transaction or a relative of a party to the transaction. For purposes of this Policy, these officers are sometimes referred to as "Clearing Officers"
- (2) Form. Clearance must be obtained in writing by completing and signing the "Request for Permission to Engage in Personal Transaction" form attached hereto as <u>Schedule A</u>, which form shall set forth the details of the proposed transaction, and obtaining the signatures of any two of the Clearing Officers. <u>Schedule A</u> may be amended from time to time by the CCO, with the permission of the Chairman of the Audit Committee. In the event of such amendment, the CCO shall promptly provide any forms so amended to all Covered Persons.
  - (3) Filing. A copy of all completed clearance forms, with all required signatures, shall be retained by the CCO.
- (iii) Factors to be Considered in Clearance of Personal Transactions. The Clearing Officers may refuse to grant clearance of a Prohibited Transaction in their sole discretion without being required to specify any reason for the refusal. Generally, the Clearing Officers will consider the following factors in determining whether or not to clear a proposed transaction: (1) whether the amount or nature of the transaction or person making it is likely to affect the price or market for the Security; (2) whether the individual making the proposed purchase or sale is likely to benefit from purchases or sales being made or being considered by the Company; (3) whether the Security proposed to be purchased or sold is one that would qualify for purchase or sale by the Company; (4) whether the transaction is non-volitional on the part of the individual, such as receipt of a stock dividend, bequest or inheritance; (5) whether potential harm to the Company from the transaction is remote; (6) whether the transaction would be likely to affect a highly institutional market; and (7) whether the transaction is related economically to Securities being considered for purchase or sale (as defined in Section (c)(xiii) of this Policy) by the Company.

#### (iv) Exemptions From Pre-Clearance Requirements

The following transactions are exempt from the pre-clearance provisions of this Policy:

- (1) Not Controlled Securities. Purchases, sales or other acquisitions or dispositions of Securities for an account over which the Access Person has no direct influence or Control and does not exercise indirect influence or Control;
  - (2) Involuntary Transactions. Involuntary purchases or sales made by a Covered Person or an Access Person;
  - (3) DRPs. Purchases which are part of an automatic dividend reinvestment plan; and
- (4) Rights Offerings. Purchases or other acquisitions or dispositions resulting from the exercise of rights acquired from an issuer as part of a pro rata distribution to all holders of a class of Securities of such issuer and the sale of such rights.
- (e) Reporting Requirements.
  - (i) Access Persons.
    - (1) Holdings Reports.

- a. Initial Holdings Report. Within ten (10) days of becoming an Access Person, each Access Person shall make a written report to the CCO of all Securities in which such Access Person holds a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest. Access Persons need not report any such Securities that are exempt under subsection (i)(1)(d) of this Section (e). The initial holdings report shall be made on the form provided for such purpose by the CCO. In lieu of reporting individual Securities on such form, each Access Person may submit to the CCO duplicate brokerage statements that contain all such information. Each initial holdings report, including any duplicate brokerage statements submitted, must be current as of a date no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date that the reporting person became an Access Person.
- **b. Annual Holdings Reports**. No later than February 13th of each year, each Access Person shall make a written report to the CCO of all Securities in which such Access Person holds a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest. Access Persons need not report any such Securities that are exempt under subsection (i)(1)(d) of this Section (e). The annual holdings report shall be made on the form provided for such purpose by the CCO. In lieu of reporting individual Securities on such form, each Access Person may submit to the CCO duplicate brokerage statements that contain all such information with respect to the relevant time period. Each annual holdings report, including any duplicate brokerage statements submitted, must be current as of a date no later than December 31st of the prior year.
- c. Contents of Holdings Reports. Holdings reports (or duplicate brokerage statements, if applicable) must contain, at a minimum, the following information with respect to each Security: (i) the title and type of each Security for which an Access Person holds a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest; (ii) for publicly traded Securities, the ticker symbol or CUSIP number for each such Security; (iii) the principal amount of each Security; (iv) the name of any broker, dealer or bank with whom you, or any members of your Immediate Family, maintain an account in which any Securities are held for your direct or indirect benefit; and (v) the date of submission of the report.
  - d. Exemptions from Holdings Reports . The following Securities are not required to be included in holdings reports made by Access Persons:
    - i. Securities held in accounts over which an Access Person has no direct or indirect influence or control;
    - ii. Direct obligations of the Government of the United States;
    - iii. Bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper and high quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements; and
    - iv. Shares issued by open-end funds.

#### (2) Transaction Reports.

a. Quarterly Report. Within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter, each Access Person must submit a quarterly report to the CCO, on the form provided for such purpose by the CCO, of all transactions during the calendar quarter in any Securities in which such Access Person has any direct or indirect Beneficial Interest. In lieu of reporting individual Securities on such form, each Access Person may submit to the CCO duplicate brokerage statements that contain all such information for the relevant quarter.

- **b. Contents of Transaction Reports**. Quarterly Transaction Reports (or duplicate brokerage statements, if applicable) must contain, at a minimum, the following information with respect to each transaction in a Security: (i) the title and type of each Security involved; (ii) for publicly traded Securities, the ticker symbol or CUSIP number for each such Security; (iii) the number of shares, interest rate, and maturity date and principal amount, as applicable, of each Security involved; (iv) the price of the Security at which the transaction was effected; (v) the name of any broker, dealer or bank through which the transaction was effected; and (vi) the date of submission of the report.
- c. Exemptions from Transaction Reports . The following transactions are not required to be included in Quarterly transactions reports of Access Persons:
  - Transactions in Securities over which an Access Person has no direct or indirect influence or control;
  - ii. Transactions in Direct obligations of the Government of the United States;
  - iii. Transactions in Bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper and high quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements;
  - iv. Transactions in shares issued by unaffiliated open-end funds; and
  - **v.** Transactions which are part of an automatic dividend reinvestment plan.

#### (ii) Non-Access Persons.

- (1) Annual Transactions Report. Within 10 days of the end of each calendar year, each Non-Access Person shall make a written report to the CCO of all transactions by which they acquired or disposed of a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest in any Covered Security. In lieu of reporting individual Securities on such report, each Non-Access Person may submit to the CCO duplicate brokerage statements that contain all such information for the relevant time period.
- (2) Form. Each annual report shall be provided on the form "Annual Securities Transactions Confidential Report of Non-Access Persons" form attached hereto as <u>Schedule B</u>, which form shall set forth the information regarding each transaction requested in the form. <u>Schedule B</u> may be amended from time to time by the CCO, who shall promptly provide any forms so amended to all Non-Access Persons. In lieu of reporting individual Securities on such form, each Non-Access Person may submit to the CCO duplicate brokerage statements that contain all such information for the relevant time period.
  - (3) Filing. A copy of all reports submitted pursuant to this Section (e), with all required signatures, shall be retained by the CCO.
- (iii) Disclaimer. Any report made by an Access Person or Non-Access Person under this Section (e) may contain a statement that the report is not to be construed as an admission that the person making it has or had any direct or indirect Beneficial Interest in any Security or Covered Security to which the report relates.

(iv) Responsibility to Report. It is the responsibility of all Covered Persons to take the initiative to provide each report required to be made by them under this Policy. Any effort by the Company to facilitate the reporting process does not change or alter that responsibility.

#### (f) Confidentiality of Transactions

Until disclosed in a public report to stockholders or to the SEC in the normal course, all information concerning Securities being considered for purchase or sale by the Company shall be kept confidential by all Access Persons and disclosed by them only on a "need to know" basis. It shall be the responsibility of the Compliance Officer to report any inadequacy found by him or her to the Board of Directors of the Company or any committee appointed by the Board of Directors to deal with such information.

#### (g) Sanctions

Any violation of this Policy shall be subject to the imposition of such sanctions by the Company as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances to achieve the purposes of the Investment Company Act and this Policy, which may include suspension or termination of employment, a letter of censure or restitution of an amount equal to the difference between the price paid or received by the Company and the more advantageous price paid or received by the offending person. Sanctions for violation of this Policy by a director of the Company will be determined by a majority vote of the independent directors of the Company.

#### (h) Administration and Construction

- (i) Administration. The administration of this Policy shall be the responsibility of the CCO of the Company.
- (ii) Duties. The duties of the CCO under this Policy include: (1) continuous maintenance of a current list of the names of all Access and Non-Access Persons, with an appropriate description of their title or employment; (2) providing each Covered Person a copy of this Policy and informing them of their duties and obligations hereunder, and assuring that Covered Persons are familiar with applicable requirements of this Policy; (3) supervising the implementation of this Policy and its enforcement by the Company; (4) maintaining or supervising the maintenance of all records and reports required by this Policy; (5) preparing listings of all transactions effected by any Access Person within thirty (30) days of the date on which the same security was held, purchased or sold by the Company; (6) determining whether any particular securities transaction should be exempted pursuant to the provisions of this Policy; (7) issuing either personally or with the assistance of counsel, as may be appropriate, any interpretation of this Policy which may appear consistent with the objectives of the Investment Company Act and this Policy; (8) conducting of such inspections or investigations, including scrutiny of the listings referred to in the preceding subparagraph, as shall reasonably be required to detect and report, with recommendations, any apparent violations of this Policy to the Board of Directors of the Company or any Committee appointed by them to deal with such information; and (9) submitting a quarterly report to the directors of the Company containing a description of any violation and the sanction imposed; transactions which suggest the possibility of a violation of interpretations issued by and any exemptions or waivers found appropriate by the CCO; and any other significant information concerning the appropriateness of this Policy.

#### (i) Required Records.

The Compliance Officer shall maintain and cause to be maintained in an easily accessible place, the following records:

- (i) Code of Ethics and Policies. Copies of the Code of Ethics into which this Policy has been incorporated, this Policy, and any other codes of ethics or insider trading policies adopted pursuant to the Investment Company Act which have been in effect during the past five (5) years;
  - (ii) Violations. A record of any violation of Rule 17 of the Investment Company Act and of any action taken as a result of such violation;
- (iii) Reports. A copy of each report made by the CCO within two (2) years from the end of the fiscal year of the Company in which such report or interpretation is made or issued, and for an additional three (3) years in a place which need not be easily accessible; and
- (iv) List. A list of all persons who are, or within the past five (5) years have been, required to make reports pursuant to the Investment Company Act and any Rule 17 thereof.

#### (j) Amendments and Modifications

This Policy may not be amended or modified except in a written form which is specifically approved by majority vote of the independent directors of the Company.

This Policy was adopted by the Company's Board of Directors, including the independent directors, on August 1, 2008.

#### **SCHEDULE A**

#### TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION'S INSIDER TRADING POLICY

### Request For Permission To Engage In Personal Transaction

I hereby request permission to effect a transaction in securities as indicated below for my own account or other account in which I have a beneficial interest or legal title.

(Use approximate dates and amounts of proposed transactions.)

#### **PURCHASES AND ACQUISITIONS**

| Date                      | IPO or Limited<br>Offering   | No. of<br>Shares or<br>Principal<br>Amount | Name of Security | Unit Price | Total Price            | Broker              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                           |                              | SALES AND OTH                              | ER DISPOSITIONS  |            |                        |                     |
| Name -                    | Powerst D                    |  | Cimu             |            |                        |                     |
| Name:Permission Granted □ | Request D                    | ate:                                       | Sign             | ature:     |                        |                     |
| Permission Denied □       | Signature:(Clearing Officer) |  | Date:            |            |                        |                     |
|                           |                              | ature:<br>aring Officer)                   | Date:            |            |                        |                     |
|                           |                              |  |                  | Request to | Engage in Personal Sec | urities Transaction |

#### **SCHEDULE B**

#### TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION'S INSIDER TRADING POLICY

### Annual Securities Transactions Confidential Report Of Non-Access Persons

The following schedule lists all transactions during the year ending December 31, \_\_\_ in which I had any direct or indirect Beneficial Interest in any Covered Security. Capitalized terms used in this schedule have the meanings given them in the Insider Trading Policy as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company. (If no transactions took place you may write "None").

#### **PURCHASES AND ACQUISITIONS**

| Date   | No. of Shares<br>or Principal<br>Amount      | Name of Security             | Unit<br>Price               | Total<br>Price                | Broker                    |
|--|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|  |  |                              |                             |                               |                           |
| _  |  | SALES AND OTHER              | DISPOSITIONS                |                               |                           |
|  |  |                              |                             |                               |                           |
| If you wish to disclaim Be which you disclaim Benefi | neficial Ownership of any of cial Ownership. | the Covered Securities liste | d above, please check the   | e statement below and de      | scribe the Securities for |
| This report is not to be to which this report rela   | construed as an admission attes:             | that the person making it ha | s or had any direct or indi | rect Beneficial Interest in t | he following Securities   |
| For the year ending                                  |  |                              | Name:                       |                               |                           |
| Date:  |  |                              | Signature:                  |                               |                           |

Quarterly Securities Transactions Report

#### LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES

Triangle Mezzanine Fund LLLP, a North Carolina limited liability limited partnership

New Triangle GP, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company.

ARC Industries Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Brantley Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Emerald Waste Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Energy Hardware Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Peaden Holdings, Inc. a Delaware corporation

Tulcan Fund Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-141827) pertaining to the Triangle Capital Corporation 2007 Equity Incentive Plan of our reports dated February 24, 2009, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and financial highlights of Triangle Capital Corporation, included in the Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2008.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina February 24, 2009

### Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Triangle Capital Corporation pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

- I, Garland S. Tucker III, as Chief Executive Officer, certify that:
  - 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Triangle Capital Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
    - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ GARLAND S. TUCKER III
Garland S. Tucker III

Chief Executive Officer

### Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Triangle Capital Corporation pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

- I, Steven C. Lilly, as Chief Financial Officer, certify that:
  - 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Triangle Capital Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
    - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ STEVEN C. LILLY Steven C. Lilly Chief Financial Officer

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Triangle Capital Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Garland S. Tucker III, as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to and for the purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ GARLAND S. TUCKER III

Garland S. Tucker III Chief Executive Officer

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Triangle Capital Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven C. Lilly, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to and for the purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ STEVEN C. LILLY

Steven C. Lilly Chief Financial Officer