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**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT
OF PUBLIC OFFERING OF COMMON STOCK**

RALEIGH, NC — December 7, 2009 — Triangle Capital Corporation (Nasdaq: TCAP) (the "Company") today announced the commencement of a public offering of 1,300,000 shares of common stock in an underwritten public offering. The Company also plans to grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 195,000 shares of its common stock to cover over-allotments, if any.

The Company intends to invest the net proceeds of this public offering in lower middle market companies in accordance with its investment objective and strategies, and for working capital and general corporate purposes. The underwriters of this offering are Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, LLC, and Janney Montgomery Scott LLC.

This offering will be made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form N-2 that has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. This offering of common stock of the Company is being made solely by means of a prospectus supplement, copies of which may be obtained from Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., Attn: Equity Syndicate Department, 50 N. Front Street, 19th Floor, Memphis, TN 38103. Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the Company before investing. The prospectus supplement and prospectus contain this and other information about the Company and should be read carefully before investing.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor will there be any sale of the shares referred to in this press release in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or jurisdiction.

About Triangle Capital Corporation

Triangle Capital Corporation (www.TCAP.com) is a specialty finance company organized to provide customized financing solutions to lower middle market companies located throughout the United States. Triangle's investment objective is to seek attractive returns by generating current income from debt investments and capital appreciation from equity related investments. Triangle's investment philosophy is to partner with business owners, management teams and financial sponsors to provide flexible financing solutions to fund growth, changes of control, or other corporate events. Triangle typically invests \$5.0 – \$15.0 million per transaction in companies with annual revenues between \$20.0 and \$75.0 million and EBITDA between \$2.0 and \$20.0 million.

Triangle has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act"). Triangle is required to comply with a series of regulatory requirements under the

1940 Act as well as applicable NASDAQ, federal and state laws and regulations. Triangle has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Failure to comply with any of the laws and regulations that apply to Triangle could have a material adverse effect on Triangle and its stockholders.

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any such statements, other than statements of historical fact, are likely to be affected by other unknowable future events and conditions, including elements of the future that are or are not under the Company's control, and that the Company may or may not have considered; accordingly, such statements cannot be guarantees or assurances of any aspect of future performance. Actual developments and results are highly likely to vary materially from these estimates and projections of the future. Such statements speak only as of the time when made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any such statement now or in the future.

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