

NMI Holdings, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2017 Financial Results

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NMI Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: NMIH) today reported net income of \$5.5 million, or \$0.09 per share, for the first quarter ended Mar. 31, 2017. Results for the quarter include fees and expenses of approximately \$1.6 million related to repricing and extension of the company's Term Loan and the previously announced issuance of Insurance-Linked Notes. The company reported a net loss of \$3.9 million, or \$0.07 per share, in the first quarter of 2016.

Bradley Shuster, chairman and CEO of National MI, said, "We had another great quarter at National MI, achieving new records in the important metrics of insurance in force, premiums earned, master policies and customers generating NIW. Also, subsequent to the end of the quarter, we executed an Insurance-Linked Notes transaction that enhances National MI's financial strength by providing a layer of protection against adverse losses, while at the same time providing expected additional writing capacity under PMIERs of approximately \$200 million. Our estimated after-tax cost of this coverage and capital relief is approximately three percent."

- As of March 31, 2017, the company had primary insurance-in-force of \$34.8 billion, up 8% from \$32.2 billion at the prior guarter end and up 87% over \$18.6 billion as of March 31, 2016.
- Premiums earned for the quarter were \$33.2 million, including \$2.5 million attributable to cancellation of single premium policies, which compares with \$32.8 million, including \$5.1 million related to cancellations, in the prior quarter. Premiums earned in the first quarter of 2017 were up 68% over premium revenue of \$19.8 million in the same quarter a year ago, which included \$2.3 million related to cancellations.
- NIW mix was 81% monthly premium product, which compares with 75% in the prior quarter and 59% in the first quarter of 2016.
- Total underwriting and operating expenses in the first quarter were \$26.0 million, including share-based compensation expense of \$1.9 million. Expense in the quarter includes fees and expenses of approximately \$1.6 million related to repricing and extension of the company's Term Loan and the previously announced issuance of Insurance-Linked Notes. This compares with total underwriting and operating expenses of \$23.3 million, including \$1.9 million of share-based compensation, in the prior quarter, and \$22.7 million, including \$1.4 million of share-based compensation, in the same quarter a year ago.
- Loss expense for the quarter was \$0.6 million, resulting in a loss ratio of 2%.
- At quarter-end, cash and investments were \$671 million, including \$59 million at the holding company, and book equity was \$484 million, equal to \$8.09 per share.
- At quarter-end, the company had total PMIERs available assets of \$467 million, which compares with risk- based required assets under PMIERs of \$399 million.

	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended 12/31/2016	Quarter Ended	Growth Q/Q	Growth Y/Y
	3/31/2017	(1)	3/31/2016		
Primary Insurance-in-Force (\$billions)	34.78	32.17	18.56	8%	87%
New Insurance Written - NIW (\$billions)					
Monthly premium	2.89	3.9	2.49	-26%	16%
Single premium	0.67	1.34	1.76	-50%	-62%
Total	3.56	5.24	4.25	-32%	-16%
Premiums Earned (\$millions)	33.23	32.83	19.81	1%	68%
Underwriting & Operating Expense					
(\$millions)	25.99	23.28	22.67	12%	15%
Loss Expense (\$millions)	0.64	0.80	0.46	-20%	39%

Loss Ratio	2%	2%	2%		
Cash & Investments (\$millions)	671	677	630	-1%	7%
Book Equity (\$millions)	484	476	410	2%	18%
Book Value per Share	8.09	8.04	6.94	1%	17%
Approved Master Policies	1,174	1,131	1,023	4%	15%
Customers Generating NIW	537	532	469	1%	14%

⁽¹⁾ The 2016 prior period balance sheet has been revised. Please refer to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 for further details.

Conference Call and Webcast Details

The company will hold a conference call and live webcast today at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time / 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The webcast will be available on the company's website, www.nationalmi.com, in the "Investor Relations" section. The call also can be accessed by dialing (888) 734-0328 in the U.S., or (914) 495-8578 for international callers using Conference ID: 3499361, or by referencing NMI Holdings, Inc.

About National MI

National Mortgage Insurance Corporation (National MI), a subsidiary of NMI Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: NMIH), is a U.S.-based, private mortgage insurance company enabling low down payment borrowers to realize home ownership while protecting lenders and investors against losses related to a borrower's default. To learn more, please visit www.nationalmi.com.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press release or any other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of the Company in connection therewith may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), and the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA). The PSLRA provides a "safe harbor" for any forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in or incorporated by reference in this release are forward-looking statements, including any statements about our expectations, outlook, beliefs, plans, predictions, forecasts, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "can," "could," "may," "predict," "assume," "potential," "should," "will," "estimate," "plan," "project," "continuing," "ongoing," "expect," "intend" and similar words or phrases. All forward-looking statements are only predictions and involve estimates, known and unknown risks, assumptions and uncertainties that may turn out to be inaccurate and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in them. Many risks and uncertainties are inherent in our industry and markets. Others are more specific to our business and operations. Important factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those indicated in such statements include, but are not limited to: our ability to implement our business strategy, including our ability to attract and retain a diverse customer base and to achieve a diversified mix of business across the spectrum of our product offerings; changes in the business practices of the GSEs that may impact the use of private mortgage insurance; our ongoing ability to comply with the financial requirements of the PMIERs; our ability to maintain sufficient holding company liquidity to meet our short- and long-term liquidity needs; our ability to successfully execute and implement our capital plans, including our ability to access the reinsurance market and to enter into, and receive approval of, reinsurance arrangements on terms and conditions that are acceptable to us, the GSEs and our regulators; heightened competition for our mortgage insurance business from other private mortgage insurers and the FHA; adoption of new or changes to existing laws and regulations that impact the mortgage insurance industry or their enforcement and implementation by regulators; changes to the GSEs' role in the secondary mortgage market or other changes that could affect the residential mortgage industry generally or mortgage insurance in particular; our implementation of complex infrastructure, systems, procedures and internal controls to support our business and regulatory and reporting requirements; potential future lawsuits, investigations or inquiries or resolution of current lawsuits or inquiries; emergence of unexpected claims and coverage issues, including claims exceeding our reserves or amounts we expected to experience; our ability to utilize our net operating loss carry forwards, which could be limited or eliminated in various ways, including if we experience an ownership change as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code; and general economic downturns and volatility. These risks and uncertainties also include, but are not limited to, those set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" detailed in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, as subsequently updated through other reports we file with the SEC. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement, which speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect new information, future events or circumstances that occur after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events except as required by law.

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Consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income	Fo	r the three month	ıs en	ded March 31,
·		2017		2016
Revenues Net premiums earned	\$ (I	n Thousands, exc 33,225	ept fo	or share data) 19,807
Net investment income		3,807		3,231
Net realized investment gains (losses)		(58)		(885)
Other revenues		80		32
Total revenues		37,054		22,185
Expenses				
Insurance claims and claims expenses		635		458
Underwriting and operating expenses		25,989		22,672
Total expenses		26,624		23,130
Other (expense) income				
(Loss) gain from change in fair value of warrant liability		(196)		670
Interest expense		(3,494)		(3,632)
Total other (expense)		(3,690)		(2,962)
Income (loss) before income taxes		6,740		(3,907)
Income tax expense		1,248		(=,===)
Net income (loss)	\$	5,492	\$	(3,907)
Farrings (lass) per share				
Earnings (loss) per share Basic	c	0.00	ф	(0.07)
	\$ \$	0.09	\$ \$	(0.07)
Diluted	Ф	0.09	Ф	(0.07)
Weighted average common shares outstanding		50 400 070		50,000,004
Basic		59,183,973		58,936,694
Diluted		62,338,856		58,936,694
Loss Ratio ⁽¹⁾		2%		2%
Expense Ratio ⁽²⁾		78		114
Combined ratio		80%		117%
Net income (loss)	\$	5,492	\$	(3,907)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:		2, 12=	•	(2,221)
Net unrealized gains in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of				
tax expense of \$664 and \$0 for the quarters ended March 31, 2017 and		4 475		0.404
March 31, 2016, respectively		1,175		9,101
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in net loss (gain), net of				005
tax expense of \$0 for the quarters ended March 31, 2017 and 2016		58		885
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax		1,233		9,986
Comprehensive income	\$	6,725	\$	6,079
(1)				

⁽¹⁾ Loss ratio is calculated by dividing the provision for insurance claims and claims expenses by net premiums earned.

⁽²⁾ Expense ratio is calculated by dividing other underwriting and operating expenses by net premiums earned.

Consolidated balance sheets	Ma	arch 31, 2017	Dec	cember 31, 2016 (1)
Assets Fixed maturities, available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost of	(1	In Thousands, ex	cept f	or share data)
\$658,463 and \$630,688 as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	\$	658,640	\$	628,969

Cash and cash equivalents	12,543	47,746
Premiums receivable	15,566	13,728
Accrued investment income	3,900	3,421
Prepaid expenses	2,935	1,991
Deferred policy acquisition costs, net	32,165	30,109
Software and equipment, net	21,168	20,402
Intangible assets and goodwill	3,634	3,634
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	38,348	37,921
Deferred tax asset, net	50,529	51,434
Other assets	734	 542_
Total assets	\$ 840,162	\$ 839,897
Liabilities		
Term loan	\$ 144,010	\$ 144,353
Unearned premiums	154,711	152,906
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	14,175	25,297
Reserve for insurance claims and claim expenses	3,761	3,001
Reinsurance funds withheld	31,243	30,633
Deferred ceding commission	4,790	4,831
Warrant liability, at fair value	3,563	3,367
Deferred tax liability, net	=	 =
Total liabilities	356,253	 364,388
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock - class A shares, \$0.01 par value; 59,783,358 and		
59,145,161 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2017 and		
December 31, 2016, respectively (250,000,000 shares authorized)	598	591
Additional paid-in capital	578,081	576,927
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(4,054)	(5,287)
Accumulated deficit	(90,716)	 (96,722)
Total shareholders' equity	483,909	 475,509_
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 840,162	\$ 839,897
(4)		

⁽¹⁾ The 2016 prior period balance sheet has been revised. Please refer to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 for further details.

Historical Quarterly Data		2017			20	16				2015	
•	М	arch 31	ecember 31, ⁽⁴⁾	Se	ptember 30		June 30	M	arch 31	De	cember 31
Revenues			 (In	Thou	ısands, exc	cept	for share d	ata)			
Net premiums earned Net investment income	\$	33,225 3,807	\$ 32,825 3,634	\$	31,808 3,544	\$	26,041 3,342	\$	19,807 3,231	\$	16,880 2,078
Net realized investment											
(losses) gains		(58)	65		66		61		(885)		(121)
Other revenues		80	105		102		37		32		25
Total revenues		37,054	36,629		35,520		29,481		22,185		18,862
Expenses Insurance claims and claims expenses		635	800		664		470		458		371
Underwriting and operating expenses		25,989	23,281		24,037		23,234		22,672		21,686
Total expenses		26,624	24,081		24,701		23,704		23,130		22,057
Other (expense) income ⁽¹⁾		(3,690)	(5,490)		(4,530)		(3,766)		(2,962)		(1,626)
Income (loss) before income taxes Income tax expense (benefit)		6,740 1,248	7,058 (52,664)		6,289 114		2,011		(3,907)		(4,821)
Net income (loss)	\$	5,492	\$ 59,722	\$	6,175	\$	2,011	\$	(3,907)	\$	(4,821)

Earnings (loss) per share

Basic Diluted	\$ \$	0.09 0.09	\$ \$	1.01 0.98	\$ \$	0.10 0.10	\$ 0.03 0.03	\$	(0.07) (0.07)	\$	(0.08) (0.08)
Weighted average common shares outstanding Basic Diluted	,	83,973 38,856		,140,011 ,229,338		9,130,401 0,284,746	59,105,613 59,830,899		58,936,694 58,936,694	,	781,566 781,566
Other data Loss Ratio ⁽²⁾		2%	<u>.</u>	2%		2%	29	0/-	2%		2%
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Expense Ratio (3)		78%	, D	71%		76%	899	% _	114%		128%
Combined ratio		80%	, D	73%		78%	919	%	117%		131%

⁽¹⁾ Other (expense) income includes the gain from change in fair value of warrant liability, gain from settlement of warrants, and interest expense.

New Insurance Written (NIW), Insurance in Force (IIF) and Premiums

The tables below show primary and pool NIW and IIF, by quarter, for the last six quarters.

Primary NIW						Three mon	iths (ended				
	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016		September 30, 2016		J	une 30, 2016	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
						(In Mil	lions,					_
Monthly	\$	2,892	\$	3,904	\$	4,162	\$	3,700	\$	2,492	\$	2,029
Single		667		1,336		1,695		2,138		1,762		2,518
Primary	\$	3,559	\$	5,240	\$	5,857	\$	5,838	\$	4,254	\$	4,547

Primary and pool IIF	As of													
	 March 31,	De	ecember 31,	S	September 30,		June 30,		March 31,	D	ecember 31,			
	 2017		2016		2016		2016		2016		2015			
					(In Mill	lior	ns)							
Monthly	\$ 21,511	\$	19,205	\$	16,038	\$	12,529	\$	9,210	\$	6,958			
Single	13,268		12,963		12,190		11,095		9,354		7,866			
Primary	34,779		32,168		28,228		23,624		18,564		14,824			
Pool	3,545		3,650		3,826		3,999		4,136		4,238			
Total	\$ 38,324	\$	35,818	\$	32,054	\$	27,623	\$	22,700	\$	19,062			

Portfolio Statistics

The table below shows primary portfolio trends, by quarter, for the last six quarters.

Primary portfolio trends				4	As	of and for the	qua	rter ende	d			
	M	arch 31, 2017	E	December 31, 2016	,	September 30, 2016	J	une 30, 2016	M	larch 31, 2016		December 31, 2015
	(\$ Values In Millions)											
New insurance written New risk written	\$	3,559 868	\$	5,240 1,244	\$	5,857 1,415	\$	5,838 1,411	\$	4,254 1,016	\$	4,547 1,105
Insurance in force (1)		34,779		32,168		28,228		23,624		18,564		14,824

⁽²⁾ Loss ratio is calculated by dividing the provision for insurance claims and claims expenses by net premiums earned.

⁽³⁾ Expense ratio is calculated by dividing other underwriting and operating expenses by net premiums earned.

⁽⁴⁾ The Q4 2016 quarterly data has been revised. Please refer to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 for further details.

Risk in force ⁽¹⁾	8,444	7,790	6,847	5,721	4,487	3,586
Policies in force (count) (1) Weighted-average	145,632	134,662	119,002	100,547	79,700	63,948
coverage ⁽²⁾	24.3%	24.2%	24.3%	24.2%	24.2%	24.2%
Loans in default (count) Percentage of loans in	207	179	115	79	55	36
default	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Risk in force on defaulted						
loans	\$ 12 \$	10 \$	6 \$	4 \$	3 \$	2
Average premium yield ⁽³⁾ Earnings from	0.40%	0.44%	0.48%	0.47%	0.45%	0.49%
	\$ 2.5 \$	5.1 \$	5.8 \$	3.5 \$	2.3 \$	1.4
Annual persistency (4)	81.3%	80.7%	81.8%	83.3%	82.7%	79.6%
Quarterly persistency (5)	88.2%	81.6%	78.8%	83.2%	86.1%	87.8%

(1) Reported as of the end of the period.

(2) End of period risk in force (RIF) divided by IIF.

(4) Defined as the percentage of IIF that remains on our books after any 12-month period.

The tables below reflect our total primary NIW by FICO, loan-to-value (LTV), and purchase/refinance mix.

Primary NIW by FICO	Three months ended									
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2016							
		(In Millions)								
> = 760	\$ 1,683	\$ 2,566	\$ 2,283							
740-759	551	846	712							
720-739	456	647	473							
700-719	396	560	411							
680-699	264	375	245							
< =679	209	246	130							
Total	\$ 3,559	\$ 5,240	\$ 4,254							

Primary NIW by LTV	Three months ended					
•	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2016			
		(In Millions)				
95.01% and above	\$ 274	\$ 355	\$ 209			
90.01% to 95.00%	1,612	2,224	1,816			
85.01% to 90.00%	1,101	1,580	1,420			
85.00% and below	572	1,081	809			
Total	\$ 3,559	\$ 5,240	\$ 4,254			

Primary NIW by purchase/refinance mix			Three m	onths ended		
	Marc	h 31, 2017	Decem	ber 31, 2016	M	arch 31, 2016
			(In	Millions)		
Purchase	\$	2,984	\$	3,776	\$	2,919
Refinance		575		1,464		1,335
Total	\$	3,559	\$	5,240	\$	4,254

The tables below show the primary weighted average FICO and the weighted average LTV, by policy type, for NIW in the quarters presented.

⁽³⁾ Average premium yield is calculated by dividing net primary and pool premiums earned, net of reinsurance, by average gross IIF for the period, annualized.

⁽⁵⁾ Defined as the percentage of IIF that remains on our books after any 3-month period, annualized.

	December 31,				
	March 31, 2017	2016	March 31, 2016		
Monthly	745	746	753		
Single	764	764	759		

Weighted Average LTV	Weig	ihted	Average	LTV
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3		December 31,	
	March 31, 2017	2016	March 31, 2016
Monthly	92%	92%	92%
Single	91	90	91

The table below reflects a summary of our primary IIF and RIF by book year.

Primary IIF and RIF	As of March 31,	2017
•	 IIF	RIF
	(In Millions)	
March 31, 2017	\$ 3,544 \$	865
2016	19,774	4,756
2015	9,681	2,384
2014	1,735	428
2013	45	11
Total	\$ 34,779 \$	8,444

The tables below reflect our total primary IIF and RIF by FICO, average loan size, LTV, and loan type.

Primary IIF by FICO	As of					
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2016			
			(In Millions)			
> = 760	17,408	\$ 16,166	\$ 9,146			
740-759	5,658	5,248	3,045			
720-739	4,460	4,130	2,515			
700-719	3,533	3,245	1,877			
680-699	2,336	2,151	1,305			
< =679	1,384	1,228	676			
Total	34,779	\$ 32,168	\$ 18,564			

Primary RIF by FICO		As of	
-	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2016
-		(In Millions)	
> = 760	4,253	,	\$ 2,206
740-759	1,383	1,281	747
720-739	1,081	1,000	614
700-719	851	782	453
680-699	556	511	312
< =679	320	282	155
Total	8,444	\$ 7,790	\$ 4,487

Primary Average Loan Size by FICO	As of					
		December 31,				
	March 31, 2017	2016	March 31, 2016			
		(In Thousands)				
> = 760	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 247			
740-759	241	241	237			
720-739	235	235	232			
700-719	233	233	229			
680-699	224	224	220			

		As of	
March 31, 2017	De	ecember 31, 2016	March 31, 2016
_		(In Millions)	
\$ 1,931	\$	1,686	\$ 699
15,601		14,358	8,220
11,058		10,282	6,326
6,189		5,842	3,319
\$ 34,779	\$	32,168	\$ 18,564

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Primary RIF by LTV	As of					
	March	31, 2017	Decemi	ber 31, 2016	March 31, 2016	
			(In	Millions)		
95.01% and above	\$	533	\$	467	\$ 196	
90.01% to 95.00%		4,585		4,226	2,423	
85.01% to 90.00%		2,626		2,439	1,498	
85.00% and below		700		658	370	
Total	\$	8,444	\$	7,790	\$ 4,487	

Primary RIF by Loan Type	As of					
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2016			
Fixed Adjustable rate mortgages:	99%	99%	98%			
Less than five years	-	-	-			
Five years and longer	1	1	2			
Total	100%	100%	100%			

As of March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016, 100% of each of our pool IIF and RIF was comprised of insurance on fixed rate mortgages.

The table below reflects a summary of the change in total primary IIF for the following periods.

Primary IIF	Three months ended						
·	March 31, 2017 D		Decen	December 31, 2016		March 31, 2016	
			(Ir	Millions)			
IIF, beginning of period	\$	32,168	\$	28,228	\$	14,824	
NIW		3,559		5,240		4,254	
Cancellations and other reductions		(948)		(1,300)		(514)	
IIF, end of period	\$	34,779	\$	32,168	\$	18,564	

Geographic Dispersion

Primary IIF by LTV

95.01% and above 90.01% to 95.00%

85.01% to 90.00%

85.00% and below

Total

The following table shows the distribution by state of our primary RIF.

Top 10 primary RIF by state		As of				
	December 31,					
	March 31, 2017	2016	March 31, 2016			
California	13.8%	13.6%	13.2%			
Texas	7.2	7.0	6.8			
Virginia	6.3	6.5	5.8			
Florida	4.4	4.5	5.3			
Arizona	4.1	3.9	3.8			
Colorado	3.9	3.9	4.1			

Maryland	3.7	3.7	3.1
Michigan	3.7	3.7	4.3
Utah	3.6	3.7	3.6
Pennsylvania	3.6	3.6	3.6
Total	54.3%	54.1%	53.6%

The following table shows portfolio data by origination year.

As	of	Ma	rch	31.	2017

Origination year	In.	Original surance Vritten	_	emaining surance in Force	% Remaining of Original Insurance	Policies Ever in Force	Number of Policies in Force	Number of Loans in Default	# of Claims Paid	Incurred Loss Ratio (Inception to Date) ⁽¹⁾	Cumulative default rate ⁽²⁾
						(\$ Values i	n Millions)			
2013	\$	162	\$	45	28%	655	224	-	1	0.2%	0.2%
2014		3,451		1,735	50%	14,786	8,527	47	5	2.7%	0.4%
2015		12,422		9,681	78%	52,548	43,414	114	9	2.5%	0.2%
2016		21,188		19,774	93%	83,628	79,595	46	-	0.9%	0.1%
2017	\$	3,559	\$	3,544	100%	13,926	13,872		-	-%	-%
Total	\$	40,782	\$	34,779		165,543	145,632	207	15		

⁽¹⁾ The ratio of losses incurred (paid and reserved) divided by cumulative premiums earned, net of reinsurance.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending reserve balances for primary insurance claims and claims expenses:

	For the three months ended			ded
	March 31, 2017		March 31, 2016	
		(In Tho	usands)	
Beginning balance	\$	3,001	\$	679
Less reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾		(297)		-
Beginning balance, net of reinsurance recoverables		2,704		679
Add claims incurred:				
Claims and claim expenses incurred:				
Current year ⁽²⁾		955		553
Prior years ⁽³⁾		(320)		(95)
Total claims and claims expenses incurred		635		458
Less claims paid:				
Claims and claim expenses paid:				
Current year ⁽²⁾		_		-
Prior years ⁽³⁾		142		-
Total claims and claim expenses paid		142		
Reserve at end of period, net of reinsurance recoverables		3,197		1,137
Add reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾		564		_
Balance, March 31	\$	3,761	\$	1,137

⁽¹⁾ Related to ceded losses recoverable on our 2016 quota-share reinsurance transaction. To date, ceded losses have been immaterial.

⁽²⁾ The sum of claims paid ever to date and notices of default as of the end of the period divided by policies ever in force.

⁽²⁾ Related to defaults occurring in the current year.

⁽³⁾ Related to defaults occurring in prior years.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending count of loans in default.

	For the three months ended			
	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016		
Beginning default inventory	179	36		
Plus: new defaults	124	39		
Less: cures	(92)	(20)		
Less: claims paid	(4)			
Ending default inventory	207	55		

The following tables provide details of our claims and reserves.

	<i>M</i> a	rch 31, 2017 (\$ Values In Th	March 31, 2016
Number of claims paid Total amount paid for claims Average amount paid per claim Severity	\$ \$	4 42	\$ - \$ - -%
Average reserve per default:	A	As of March 31, 2017	As of March 31, 2016
		(In The	ousands)
Case	\$	16	\$ 19
IBNR		2	2
Total	\$	18	\$ 21

For the three months ended

The following table provides a comparison of the PMIERs financial requirements as reported by National MI.

	As of						
	Marc	ch 31, 2017	December 31, 2016		Mar	rch 31, 2016	
			(In	thousands)			
Available Assets	\$	466,982	\$	453,523	\$	434,138	
Net Risk-Based Required Assets		398,859		366,584		302,852	
Asset charge % ⁽¹⁾		6.14%	, D	6.15%)	6.12%	

⁽¹⁾ Asset charge represents the *risk based required asset amount* as defined in the PMIERs, divided by the outstanding RIF on performing primary loans.

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