

NMI Holdings, Inc. Reports Third Quarter 2015 Financial Results

New Insurance Written Grows 43% Sequentially

EMERYVILLE, Calif., Oct. 27, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- NMI Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: NMIH) today reported results for the third quarter ended Sep. 30, 2015. The company reported a net loss for the third quarter of \$4.8 million, or \$0.08 per share, which compares with a net loss of \$10.4 million, or \$0.18 per share, in the prior quarter, and a net loss of \$11.0 million, or \$0.19 per share, in the third quarter of 2014.

Bradley Shuster, chairman and CEO of National MI, said, "In the third quarter, we continued to execute on our growth plan, as our 43% sequential increase in new insurance written significantly exceeded estimated market growth for the quarter. Strength in our flow business drove the majority of the gains. For the quarter, we grew cash and investments by approximately \$13 million, signed up 64 new customers to master policies, and achieved record premiums earned. We expect to end the year in a solid competitive position, and look forward to continued growth and becoming profitable in 2016."

- Total new insurance written (NIW) for the third quarter was \$3.6 billion, up 43% from \$2.5 billion in the prior quarter.
- Premiums earned for the quarter were \$12.8 million, up from \$8.9 million in the prior quarter. Investment income in the third quarter was \$1.9 million, up from \$1.7 million in the prior quarter. Total revenues were \$14.7 million, up from \$10.9 million in the prior quarter.
- Total underwriting and operating expenses in the third quarter were \$19.7 million, including share-based compensation expense of \$1.8 million. This compares with total underwriting and operating expenses of \$20.9 million, including \$2.1 million of share-based compensation, in the prior quarter.
- As of the end of the third quarter, the company had approved master policies in place with 906 customers, up from 842 as of the end of the prior quarter, and up from 664 as of the end of the third quarter of 2014. Customers delivering NIW in the quarter grew to 391, which compares with 340 in the prior quarter and 180 in the same quarter a year ago.
- As of Sep. 30, 2015, the company had primary insurance-in-force of \$10.6 billion, which compares with \$7.2 billion at the prior quarter end and \$1.8 billion as of Sep. 30, 2014. Pool insurance-in-force as of the end of the third quarter was \$4.3 billion, which compares with \$4.5 billion at the prior quarter-end and \$4.8 billion as of Sep. 30, 2014.
- As of Sep. 30, 2015, cash and investments were \$447 million, including \$161 million at the holding company, and book equity was \$408 million, equal to \$6.95 per share. This book value excludes any benefit attributable to the company's deferred tax asset of approximately \$54 million as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- As of Sep. 30, 2015, the company's risk-to-available assets ratio in its primary insurance company was 11.6:1.

Conference Call and Webcast Details

NMI Holdings, Inc. will hold a conference call today, Oct. 27, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. Pacific / 5:00 p.m. Eastern to discuss results for the quarter. The conference call will be broadcast live on the company's website, on the "Events and Presentations" page of the "Investors" section at http://ir.nationalmi.com. The call may also be accessed by dialing (888) 734-0328 inside the U.S., or (914) 495-8578 for international callers using Conference ID: 60950406, or by referencing NMI Holdings, Inc. Investors and analysts are asked to dial-in ten minutes before the conference call begins.

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 <u>www.nationalmi.com</u>.

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 ability to comply with the financial requirements of the PMIERs, once effective; our ability to maintain sufficient holding company liquidity to meet our short- and long-term liquidity needs; 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 or their enforcement and implementation by regulators, including 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 and potential future lawsuits, investigations or inquiries or resolution of current inquiries, including a June 2015 letter from the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance requesting that each MI company, including us, respond to a number of inquiries related to whether the company has offered customized terms or rates; 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, 2014 as updated in Part II, Item 1A of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the guarter ended June 30, 2015 and 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 (unaudited)	For the three month	s ended September 30,	For the nine months ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Revenues		(In Thou	ısands)		
Net premiums written	\$ 35,360	\$ 9,661	\$ 68,629	\$ 19,890	
Increase in unearned premiums	(22,526)	(5,761)	(40,003)	(11,993)	
Net premiums earned	12,834	3,900	28,626	7,897	
Net investment income	1,884	1,342	5,168	4,299	
Net realized investment (losses) gains	(15)	134	952	134	
Total revenues	14,703	5,376	34,746	12,330	
Expenses					
Insurance claims and claims expenses	181	(26)	279	2	
Underwriting and operating expenses	19,653	17,895	58,912	55,833	
Total expenses	19,834	17,869	59,191	55,835	
Other income					
Gain from change in fair value of warrant liability	332	1,240	1,473	3,009	
Gain from settlement of warrants				37	
Loss before income taxes	(4,799)	(11,253)	(22,972)	(40,459)	
Income tax benefit		(277)		(1,574)	
Net loss	\$ (4,799)	\$ (10,976)	\$ (22,972)	\$ (38,885)	

Condensed consolidated balance sheets (unaudited)	Septe	mber 30, 2015	Dece	mber 31, 2014
		(In Thou	isands)	
Total investment portfolio	\$	314,455	\$	336,501
Cash and cash equivalents		132,791		103,021
Deferred policy acquisition costs, net		12,181		2,985
Software and equipment, net		13,902		11,806
Other assets		13,568		8,952

Total assets	\$ 486,897	\$ 463,265
Unearned premiums	 62,072	 22,069
Reserve for insurance claims and claims expenses	\$ 358	\$ 83
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	14,230	10,646
Warrant liability	1,899	3,372
Deferred tax liability	 137	 137
Total liabilities	 78,696	 36,307
Total shareholders' equity	408,201	 426,958
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 486,897	\$ 463,265

New Insurance Written, Insurance in Force and Premiums

The table below shows primary and pool IIF, NIW and premiums written and earned.

Primary and pool IIF and NIW		As of and for t	For the nine months ended				
	Septem	ber 30, 2015	June 30), 2015	September 30, 2015		
	liF	NIW	liF	NIW	NIW		
			(In Thousand	ls)			
Monthly	\$ 5,087,431	\$ 1,581,617	\$ 3,616,951	\$ 1,460,166	\$ 3,960,480		
Single	5,514,061	2,051,123	3,573,463	1,088,349	3,916,917		
Primary	10,601,492	3,632,740	7,190,414	2,548,515	7,877,397		
Deal	1 000 500						
Pool	4,339,508		4,475,653				
Total	\$ 14,941,000	\$ 3,632,740	\$ 11,666,067	\$ 2,548,515	\$ 7,877,397		

Primary and pool premiums written and earned	For the quarter ended					
	Septen	nber 30, 2015	June 30, 2015			
		(In Thousa	nds)			
Net premiums written	\$	35,360	\$	20,347		
Net premiums earned		12,834		8,856		

Portfolio Statistics

The table below shows primary NIW, IIF, RIF, policies in force, the weighted average coverage and loans in default, by quarter, for the last five quarters.

Primary portfolio trends	As of and for the quarter ended														
	Sep	otember 30, 2	015		June 30, 201	5	N	larch 31, 20	15	December 31, 2014			September 30, 2014		014
							(Dol	lars in Thou	sands)						
New insurance written	\$	3,632,740		\$	2,548,515		\$	1,696,142		\$	1,692,187		\$	974,910	
Insurance in force ⁽¹⁾	\$	10,601,492		\$	7,190,414		\$	4,835,248		\$	3,369,664		\$	1,812,956	
Risk in force ⁽¹⁾	\$	2,553,347		\$	1,715,442		\$	1,145,602		\$	801,561		\$	435,722	
Policies in force ⁽¹⁾		46,175			31,682			21,225			14,603			7,628	
Weighted average coverage ⁽²⁾		24.1	%		23.9	%		23.7	%		23.8	%		24.0	%
Loans in default (count)		20			9			6			4			_	
Risk in force on defaulted loans	\$	962		\$	528		\$	350		\$	208		\$	_	

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

(2) End of period RIF divided by IIF.

Primary IIF	For	For the three months ended September 30,			For	September 30,		
		2015		2014		2015		2014
				(In Tho	usands)			
IIF, beginning of period	\$	7,190,414	\$	939,753	\$	3,369,664	\$	161,731
NIW		3,632,740		974,910		7,877,397		1,759,167
Cancellations and other reductions		(221,662)		(101,707)		(645,569)		(107,942)
IIF, end of period	\$	10,601,492	\$	1,812,956	\$	10,601,492	\$	1,812,956

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

Primary IIF and RIF	As of September 30, 2015					
		lif		RIF		
		(In Th	ousand	ls)	_	
2015, through September 30, 2015	\$	7,725,632	\$	1,862,737		
2014		2,800,015		672,745		
2013		75,845		17,865		
Total	\$	10,601,492	\$	2,553,347		

The table below reflects our total primary IIF, RIF and average loan size, by FICO.

				As of	f September 3	30, 2015			
Primary	 liF				RIF			-	primary loan size
				(Do	ollars in Thous	ands)			
> = 740	\$ 6,673,029	63.0	%	\$	1,587,567	62.2	%	\$	237
680 - 739	3,492,541	32.9			859,823	33.7			221
620 - 679	435,922	4.1			105,957	4.1			205
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Total	\$ 10,601,492	100.0	%	\$	2,553,347	100.0	%		

The table below reflects the percentage of our primary RIF by loan type.

Percentage of Primary RIF by loan type	As of September 30, 2015
Fixed	97.5%
Adjustable rate mortgages:	
Less than five years	_
Five years and longer	2.5
Total	100.0%

As of September 30, 2015, 100% of our pool risk-in-force was comprised of insurance on fixed rate mortgages.

The following table reflects the percentage and policy count of our RIF by LTV.

Total RIF by LTV	As of September 30, 2015						
	% of Total RIF	Policy Count					
Primary							
95.01% and above	3.1 %	1,520					
90.01% to 95.00%	54.5	21,808					
85.01% to 90.00%	34.0	14,803					

80.01% to 85.00%	8.4	8,043
80.00% and below		1
Total primary	100.0 %	46,175
Pool		
80.00% and below	100.0 %	19,296
Total pool	100.0 %	19,296

Geographic Dispersion

The following tables show the distribution by state of our IIF and RIF, for both primary and pool insurance.

Top 10 primary IIF and RIF by state		lif	RIF		
As of September 30, 2015					
1.	California	14.0 %	13.2 %		
2.	Texas	6.9	7.1		
3.	Florida	5.2	5.4		
4.	Michigan	4.5	4.6		
5.	Colorado	4.3	4.3		
6.	Virginia	4.0	3.9		
7.	Pennsylvania	3.8	3.9		
8.	New Jersey	3.7	3.4		
9.	Ohio	3.6	3.8		
10.	Arizona	3.5	3.6		
	Total	53.5 %	53.2 %		

Top 10 pool IIF and RIF by state _ As of September 30, 2015		IIF		RIF	
1.	California	28.4	%	27.8	%
2.	Texas	5.3		5.4	
3.	Washington	3.8		3.8	
4.	Colorado	3.8		3.8	
5.	Massachusetts	3.7		3.6	
6.	Illinois	3.7		3.7	
7.	Virginia	3.6		3.6	
8.	New York	2.9		2.9	
9.	New Jersey	2.8		2.8	
10.	Florida	2.8		2.8	
	Total	60.8	%	60.2	%

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