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# NMI Holdings, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2015 Financial Results, Flow NIW Grows 23% Sequentially

EMERYVILLE, Calif., May 5, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- NMI Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: NMIH) today reported results for the first quarter ended Mar. 31, 2015. The company reported a net loss for the first quarter of \$7.8 million or \$0.13 per share, which compares with a loss of \$10.0 million, or \$0.17 per share, in the prior quarter, and \$15.1 million, or \$0.26 per share, in the first quarter of 2014.



Bradley Shuster, chairman and CEO of National MI, said, "In the first quarter, National MI delivered solid growth in primary flow new insurance written, and we are off to a great start for the year. We also were pleased to see release of the final PMIERs last month, which we believe will help to restore confidence in the private mortgage insurance market. With significant available assets, National MI has the capacity to write approximately \$20 billion of new insurance, positioning us to take on an increasing role in providing credit enhancement to the housing finance industry."

- "Flow" new insurance written (NIW) for the first quarter was \$1,154 million, up 23% from \$936 million in the prior quarter and up significantly from \$77 million in the same quarter a year ago.
- Aggregated single-premium NIW for the first quarter was \$542 million, compared with \$757 million in the prior quarter and \$278 million in the first quarter of 2014.
- Total NIW for the first quarter, which typically is weak seasonally compared with the fourth quarter, was \$1,696 million, up slightly from \$1,692 million in the prior quarter and up substantially from \$354 million in the same quarter a year ago.
- Premiums earned for the quarter were \$6.9 million, up from \$5.5 million in the prior quarter. Investment income in the first quarter was \$1.6 million, up from \$1.3 million in the prior quarter.
- Total expenses in the first quarter were \$18.5 million, including stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$2 million. This is up approximately 5% from \$17.7 million in the prior quarter, reflecting modest increases in both fixed and variable expenses.
- As of the end of the first quarter, the company had approved master policies in place with 777 customers, up from 735 as of the end of the prior quarter, and up from 436 as of the end of the first quarter of 2014. Customers delivering NIW in the quarter grew to 291, which compares with 251 in the prior quarter and 35 in the same quarter a year ago.
- As of Mar. 31, 2015, the company had primary insurance-in-force of \$4,835 million, up from \$3,370 million at the prior quarter end and up 839% from \$515 million as of Mar. 31, 2014. Pool insurance-in-force as of the end of the first quarter was \$4,621 million, compared with \$4,722 million at the prior quarter-end and \$5,029 million as of Mar. 31, 2014.
- As of Mar. 31, 2015, cash and investments were \$434 million, including \$158 million at the holding company, and book equity was \$423 million, equal to \$7.23 per share. This book value excludes any benefit attributable to the company's net deferred tax asset of approximately \$54 million as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- As of Mar. 31, 2015, the company's risk-to-available assets ratio in its insurance companies was 5:1, which compares with the maximum risk-to-available assets ratio under the final PMIERs of 18:1.

# **Conference Call and Webcast Details**

NMI Holdings, Inc. will hold a conference call today, May 5, 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 <a href="http://ir.nationalmi.com">http://ir.nationalmi.com</a>. The call may also be accessed by dialing (888) 734-0328 inside the U.S., or (678) 894-3054 for international callers using Conference ID: 29793567, 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 <a href="https://www.nationalmi.com">www.nationalmi.com</a>.

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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

	For the three months ended March 31								
	2015	2014							
Revenues	(In Thousands,	except for share data)							
Net premiums written	\$ 12,921	\$ 5,178							
Increase in unearned premiums	(5,985)	(3,274)							
Net premiums earned	6,936	1,904							
Net investment income	1,596	1,489							
Net realized investment gains	613	_							
Gain from change in fair value of warrant liability	1,248	817							
Gain from settlement of warrants		37							
Total revenues	10,393	4,247							
Expenses									
Insurance claims and claims expenses	104	_							
Underwriting and operating expenses	18,350	19,302							
Total expenses	18,454	19,302							
Loss before income taxes	(8,061)	(15,055)							
Income tax benefit	(241)								
Net loss	\$ (7,820)	\$ (15,055)							

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	Ma	rch 31, 2015	Decei	mber 31, 2014
		(In T	housands	;)
Total investment portfolio	\$	367,947	\$	336,501
Cash and cash equivalents		66,420		103,021
Deferred policy acquisition costs, net		5,283		2,985
Software and equipment, net		12,913		11,806
Other assets		9,176		8,952
Total assets	\$	461,739	\$	463,265
Reserve for insurance claims and claims expenses	\$	187	\$	83
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		6,845		10,646
Unearned premiums		28,054		22,069
Warrant liability		2,124		3,372
Current tax payable		1,190		_
Deferred tax liability		137		137
Total liabilities		38,537		36,307
Total shareholders' equity		423,202		426,958
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	461,739	\$	463,265

# New Insurance Written (NIW), Insurance in Force (IIF) and Risk in Force (RIF)

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	nds As of and for the Quarter Ended														
	March 31, 2015			December 31, 2014			September 30, 2014			June 30, 2014			March 31, 2014		
							(Dollars	in Thousand	(s)						
New insurance written	\$	1,696,142		\$	1,692,187		\$	974,910		\$	429,944		\$	354,313	
Insurance in force (1)	\$	4,835,248		\$	3,369,664		\$	1,812,956		\$	939,753		\$	514,796	
Risk in force (1)	\$	1,145,602		\$	801,561		\$	435,722		\$	220,949		\$	115,467	
Policies in force (1)		21,225			14,603			7,628			3,865			2,072	
Weighted average coverage (2)		23.7	%		23.8	%		24.0	%		23.5	%		22.4	%
Loans in default (count)		6			4			_			1			_	
Risk in force on defaulted loans	\$	350		\$	208		\$	_		\$	100		\$	_	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> Reported as of the end of the period.

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

Primary and pool IIF and NIW	As of and for the quarter ended											
	March	າ 31, 20	15		Decemb	er 31,	2014					
	IIF		NIW		IIF		NIW					
			(In Th	ousano	ls)							
Monthly	\$ 2,258,776	\$	918,697	\$	1,400,893	\$	735,559					
Single	680,880		235,517		454,691		200,108					
Aggregated single	1,895,592		541,928	_	1,514,080		756,520					
Total primary	\$ 4,835,248	\$	1,696,142	\$	3,369,664	\$	1,692,187					
Pool	4,621,346				4,721,674							
Total	\$ 9,456,594	\$	1,696,142	\$	8,091,338	\$	1,692,187					

<sup>(2)</sup> End of period RIF divided by IIF.

Primary and pool premiums written and earned	For the quarter ended							
	Mar	ch 31, 2015	Decen	nber 31, 2014				
		(In T	housands)					
Net premiums written	\$	12,921	\$	14,139				
Net premiums earned		6,936		5,510				

The tables below show the weighted average FICO and the weighted average LTV, by policy type, for the quarter in which the policy was originated.

# Weighted Average FICO

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	March 31, 2014
Monthly	740	740	749
Single	767	753	759

#### Weighted Average LTV

	March 3	31, 2015	December	r 31, 2014	March 31, 2014			
Monthly	91	%	91	%	92	%		
Single	89		90		89			

The table below reflects our total primary and pool IIF and RIF by FICO.

		Aso	f Mar	ch	ı 31,	2015					
	IIF	1			RIF						
(Dollars in Thousands)											
\$	6,802,681	71.9	%		\$	787,381	63.6	%			
	2,333,269	24.7				403,299	32.6				
	320,644	3.4				48,012	3.8				
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\$	9,456,594	100.0	%		\$	1,238,692	100.0	%			
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The table below reflects our primary NIW, IIF and RIF by FICO by book year.

	Υe	ar to date M	larch 31, 2	015		As of March 31, 2015									
Primary - 2015 Book		NIW			NIW IIF							RIF			
		(Dollars in Thousands)													
> = 740	\$	1,099,281	64.8	%	\$	1,091,628	64.7	%	\$	251,081	63.8	%			
680 - 739		520,069	30.7			518,500	30.7			124,849	31.7				
620 - 679		76,792	4.5			76,549	4.6			17,805	4.5				
< = 619		_	_			_	_			_	_				
Total	\$	1,696,142	100.0	%	\$	1,686,677	100.0	%	\$	393,735	100.0	%			

	Year ended December 31, 2014 NIW					As of March 31, 2015								
Primary - 2014 Book						IIF				RIF				
					(D	ollars in Thou	sands)							
> = 740	\$	2,178,995	63.1	%	\$	1,896,783	62.1	%	\$	446,935	61.2	%		
680 - 739		1,156,785	33.5			1,049,082	34.3			256,309	35.1			
620 - 679		115,574	3.4			110,474	3.6			27,239	3.7			
< = 619														
Total	\$	3,451,354	100.0	%	\$	3,056,339	100.0	%	\$	730,483	100.0	%		

	Year ended December 31, 2013 NIW					As of March 31, 2015							
Primary - 2013 Book						IIF				RIF			
					(Doll	lars in Thoเ	ısands)						
> = 740	\$	113,907	70.2	%	\$	61,109	66.3	%	\$	13,931	65.1	%	
680 - 739		47,102	29.0			30,127	32.7			7,183	33.6		
620 - 679		1,163	0.8			996	1.0			270	1.3		
< = 619			_				_				_		
Total	\$	162,172	100.0	%	\$	92,232	100.0	%	\$	21,384	100.0	%	

The table below reflects our pool NIW, IIF and RIF by FICO.

	Yea	r ended Decer	mber 31, 2	2013		As of March 31, 2015								
Pool - 2013 Book		NIW				IIF			RIF					
					(Do	ollars in Thous	ands)							
> = 740	\$	4,186,844	81.0	%	\$	3,753,161	81.2	%	\$	75,434	81.0	%		
680 - 739		832,755	16.1			735,560	15.9			14,958	16.1			
620 - 679		152,065	2.9			132,625	2.9			2,698	2.9			
< = 619		_	_			_	_			_	_			
Total	\$	5,171,664	100.0	%	\$	4,621,346	100.0	%	\$	93,090	100.0	%		

The tables below reflect our average primary loan size by FICO and the percentage of our RIF by loan type.

	Marc	h 31, 2015	Decemb	er 31, 2014	
Average primary loan size by FICO	(In Thousands)				
> = 740	\$	234	\$	236	
680 - 739		221		225	
620 - 679		200		205	
< = 619		_		_	

Percentage of RIF by loan type	Prima	ıry	Pool		
As of March 31, 2015					
Fixed	96.4	%	100.0	%	
Adjustable rate mortgages:					
Less than five years	_		_		
Five years and longer	3.6				
Total	100.0	%	100.0	%	

The following table reflects our RIF by LTV ratio.

Total RIF by LTV			Primar	у		Pool				
			% of To	otal		% of Total				
	RIF		LTV	1	Policy Count		RIF	LT\	/	Policy Count
As of March 31, 2015		(Dollars in Thousands)								
95.01% and above	\$ 11,459		1.0	%	226	\$	_	_	%	_
90.01% to 95.00%	608,361		53.1		9,681		_	_		_
85.01% to 90.00%	418,850		36.6		7,175		_	_		_
80.01% to 85.00%	106,918		9.3		4,142		_	_		_
80.00% and below	 14		_		1		93,090	100.0		20,257
Total RIF	\$ 1,145,602		100.0	%	21,225	\$	93,090	100.0	%	20,257

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

Тор 10 р	IIF		RIF		
As of Ma	rch 31, 2015				
1.	California	15.1	%	14.7	%
2.	Texas	6.5		6.9	
3.	Florida	4.9		5.0	
4.	Michigan	4.7		4.7	
5.	Colorado	3.9		3.8	
6.	Arizona	3.7		3.9	
7.	Pennsylvania	3.7		3.7	
8.	Virginia	3.7		3.5	
9.	Ohio	3.6		3.8	
10.	North Carolina	3.5		3.6	
	Total	53.3	%	53.6	%

Top 10 pool IIF and RIF by state As of March 31, 2015		IIF	RIF		
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1.	California	28.6 %	28.0 %		
2.	Texas	5.3	5.4		
3.	Colorado	3.9	3.9		
4.	Washington	3.8	3.8		
5.	Massachusetts	3.7	3.7		
6.	Illinois	3.7	3.7		
7.	Virginia	3.7	3.7		
8.	New York	2.8	2.9		
9.	New Jersey	2.8	2.8		
10.	Florida	2.7	2.8		
	Total	61.0 %	60.7 %		

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