

PennantPark Investment Corporation Announces Financial Results for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2008

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NEW YORK, NY--(Marketwire - August 5, 2008) - PennantPark Investment Corporation (the "Company") (NASDAQ: PNNT) today announces financial results for its third fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2008.

HIGHLIGHTS

Quarter Ended June 30, 2008

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

Investment portfolio	\$ 385.7
Net assets	\$ 226.8
Net asset value per share	\$ 10.77
Increase in net asset value per share	\$ 0.51

Amount drawn under credit facility (excluding temporary draw) \$ 164.1

Investment portfolio composition and yield:

Subordinated debt, second lien secured debt, and equity	\$ 252.5
First lien secured debt	\$ 133.2
Weighted average yield on debt	9.5%
Weighted average yield on subordinated and second lien secured debt	11.9%
Weighted average yield on first lien secured debt	5.1%

Operating Results:

Net investment income	\$ 3.9
Net investment income per share	\$ 0.19
Distributions to stockholders per share	\$ 0.22

Portfolio Activity:

Purchases of long term investments	\$ 46.8
Sales and repayments of long term investments	\$ 9.2

Number of new portfolio companies invested	2
Number of existing portfolio companies invested	3
Number of portfolio companies at end of period	41

CONFERENCE CALL AT 10:00 A.M. ET ON AUGUST 6, 2008

The Company will host a conference call at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 to discuss the quarterly results. All interested parties are welcome to participate. You can access the conference call by dialing (800) 766-6630 approximately 5-10 minutes prior to the call. International callers should dial (416) 695-9757. All callers should reference PennantPark Investment Corporation. An archived replay of the call will be available through August 20, 2008 by calling (800) 408-3053. International callers please dial (416) 695-5800. For all replays, please reference conference ID #3266489.

PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

As of June 30, 2008, our portfolio totaled \$385.7 million and consisted of \$130.6 million of subordinated debt, \$107.0 million of second lien secured debt, \$14.9 million of equity investments and \$133.2 million of senior secured loans. This compares to our portfolio which totaled \$275.1 million and consisted of \$42.3 million of subordinated debt, \$54.4 million of second lien secured debt, \$3.0 million of equity investments and \$175.4 million of senior secured loans as of June 30, 2007.

As of June 30, 2008, our core assets totaled \$252.5 million and consisted of investments in sixteen different companies with an average investment size of \$15.8 million per company and a weighted average yield of 11.9% on debt investments. This compares to our core assets which totaled \$99.7 million and consisted of investments in seven different companies with an average investment size of \$14.2 million per company and weighted average yield of 12.2% on debt investments as of June 30, 2007.

On June 30, 2008, our senior secured loan portfolio totaled \$133.2 million and consisted of twenty-six different companies (including one company also in our core portfolio) with an average investment size of \$5.1 million, and a weighted average yield of 5.1%. This compares to our senior secured loan portfolio which totaled \$175.4 million and consisted of thirty different companies with an average investment size of \$5.8 million and a weighted average yield of 7.6% as of June 30, 2007.

As of June 30, 2008, our portfolio consisted of forty-one companies with an average investment size of \$9.4 million and a weighted average yield on debt investments of 9.5%, and was invested 34% in subordinated debt, 28% in second lien secured debt, 4% in preferred and common equity

investments and 34% in senior secured loans. This compares to our portfolio which consisted of thirty-seven companies with an average investment size of \$7.4 million and a weighted average yield on debt investments of 9.3%, and which was invested 15.4% in subordinated debt, 19.8% in second lien secured debt, 1.0% in equity investments and 63.8% in senior secured loans as of June 30, 2007.

Due to a more stable market for liquid leveraged finance instruments and the maturation and growth of some of our equity co-investments, our portfolio had unrealized appreciation of \$11.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008.

For the three months ended June 30, 2008, we invested \$46.8 million in two new and three existing portfolio companies with an average yield of 14.5% on the debt investments. Sales and repayments of primarily senior secured loans for the three months ended June 30, 2008 totaled \$9.2 million.

"The correction that is going on in the market today presents a long term opportunity for PennantPark," said Arthur Penn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Risk/reward is the best it has been in years and we are uniquely positioned to take advantage of the chaos."

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Set forth below are the results of operations for the three months period ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.

Investment Income

Investment income for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, was \$9.7 million and \$5.4 million, respectively. Investment income for the three months ended June 30, 2008 was primarily attributed to \$3.7 million of interest income from senior secured loan investments; \$3.7 million from our second lien secured debt investments; and \$1.7 million from our subordinated debt investments. The remaining investment income was primarily attributed to interest income from short-term investments and to accretion of discount and amortization of premium. This compares to investment income which was primarily attributed to senior secured loan investments as of June 30, 2007.

Expenses

Net expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, totaled \$5.7 million and \$2.2 million, respectively. Of these totals, \$1.7 million and approximately \$862,000 were attributable to credit facility related expenses, and \$1.2 million and approximately \$569,000 to general and administrative expenses, respectively. Net base management fee for the same periods totaled \$1.8 million and approximately \$786,000, and performance-based incentive fee totaled \$1.0 million and zero, respectively.

Net Investment Income

Net investment income totaled \$3.9 million and \$3.2 million or \$0.19 and \$0.15 per share for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, respectively.

Net Realized Loss

Sales and repayments of long-term investments totaled \$9.2 million and \$84.6 million, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, and net realized losses totaled approximately \$402,000 and \$35,000, respectively, for the same periods.

Net Unrealized Depreciation on Investments and Cash Equivalents

The Company's investments and cash equivalents had a net increase/(decrease) in unrealized appreciation of \$11.7 million and (\$5.1) million, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007. On June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, net unrealized depreciation on investments totaled \$66.1 million and \$5.1 million, respectively.

Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets From Operations

Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$15.2 million and (\$1.9) million, or \$0.72 and (\$0.09) per share, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's liquidity and capital resources are generated primarily through its senior secured, multi-currency, \$300 million, five-year revolving credit facility maturing in June 2012 as well as from cash flows from operations, investment sales and prepayments, and income earned from investments and cash equivalents. On June 30, 2008, the Company had \$204.1 million in borrowings outstanding; including \$40.0 million of temporary draws invested in cash equivalents. Our operating activities resulted in a net use of cash of \$45.2 million and \$144.7 million, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, and our financing activities resulted in a net inflow of cash of \$5.0 million and \$141.7 million, respectively, for the same periods, primarily from net borrowings under our credit facilities.

DIVIDENDS

Dividends paid to stockholders totaled \$4.6 million and \$2.9 million, or \$0.22 and \$0.14 per share, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007. Tax characteristics of all dividends will be reported to stockholders on form 1099-DIV after the end of the calendar year.

PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30,
2008 September 30,
(Unaudited) 2007

Assets		
Investments at fair value		
Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments, at fair value (cost--\$435,256,061 and \$298,789,297, respectively)	\$ 369,991,408	\$ 274,679,030
Non-controlled, affiliated investments, at fair value (cost--\$16,534,481 and \$16,092,573, respectively)	15,715,395	16,337,578

Investments at fair value	385,706,803	291,016,608
Cash equivalents (cost--\$41,030,236 and \$258,016,351, respectively)	41,030,236	257,959,635
Interest receivable	4,024,013	4,517,850
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,524,999	1,513,583

Total assets	432,286,051	555,007,676

Liabilities		
Payable for cash equivalents purchased	-	252,759,931
Payable for investments purchased	-	16,583,921
Unfunded investments	-	3,989,948
Credit facility payable	204,100,000	10,000,000
Interest payable	134,946	170,989
Accrued other expenses	1,224,266	1,109,793

Total liabilities	205,459,212	284,614,582

Net Assets		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 21,068,772 shares issued and outstanding		
	21,069	21,069
Paid-in capital in excess of par	294,586,604	294,586,604
Distributions in excess of net investment income	(980,265)	(196,769)
Accumulated net realized loss	(716,830)	(95,832)
Net unrealized depreciation on investments and cash equivalents	(66,083,739)	(23,921,978)

Total net assets	\$ 226,826,839	\$ 270,393,094

Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 432,286,051	\$ 555,007,676

Net asset value per share	\$ 10.77	\$ 12.83
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PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT CORPORATION
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

Period from
January 11,
2007

Three months ended June 30, 2008 Three months ended June 30, 2007 Nine months ended June 30, 2008 (inception) months through June 30, 2007

Investment income:
From non-controlled,

non-affiliated
investments:

Interest	\$ 9,080,471	\$ 5,425,279	\$ 27,016,694	\$ 6,198,262
Dividends	132,154	-	132,154	-
Other	111,924	-	167,806	-

From non-controlled,
affiliated
investments:

Interest	337,832	-	1,063,257	-
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Total investment

income	9,662,381	5,425,279	28,379,911	6,198,262
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Expenses:

Base management fee	1,829,909	1,048,503	5,195,750	1,048,503
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Performance-based incentive fee	985,287	-	2,433,394	-
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Interest and other credit facility expenses	1,656,140	862,433	4,422,543	1,603,408
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Administrative services expenses	591,726	192,584	1,804,047	192,584
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Other general and administrative expenses	658,178	276,166	1,823,014	559,394
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Expenses before

base management fee waiver	5,721,240	2,379,686	15,678,748	3,403,889
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Base management fee

waiver	-	(262,126)	(420,731)	(262,126)
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Income tax expense	-	100,000	-	100,000
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Net expenses	5,721,240	2,217,560	15,258,017	3,241,763
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Net investment

income	3,941,141	3,207,719	13,121,894	2,956,499
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Realized and unrealized

gain (loss) on
investments and
cash equivalents:

Net realized loss on investments and cash equivalent	(401,624)	(34,726)	(620,998)	(15,351)
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Net change in
unrealized

appreciation (depreciation) on: Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments and cash equivalents	10,700,808	(5,117,039)	(41,097,670)	(5,118,740)
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Non-controlled, affiliated investments	964,139	-	(1,064,091)	-
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Net change in

unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	11,664,947	(5,117,039)	(42,161,761)	(5,118,740)
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Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments and cash equivalents	11,263,323	(5,151,765)	(42,782,759)	(5,134,091)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 15,204,464	\$ (1,944,046)	\$(29,660,865)	\$ (2,177,592)
Gain (loss) per common share	\$ 0.72	\$ (0.09)	\$ (1.40)	\$ (0.10)

ABOUT PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT CORPORATION

PennantPark Investment Corporation is a business development company which principally invests in U.S. middle-market private companies in the form of mezzanine debt, senior secured loans and equity investments. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies whose securities are thinly traded. PennantPark Investment Corporation is managed by PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this press release are forward-looking statements and are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statement made herein. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release.

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