

## FIRM CAPITAL MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## TSX Symbol FC

# FIRM CAPITAL MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF THE HON. JOE OLIVER AS NEW INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

[March 31, 2016], TORONTO, CANADA – Firm Capital Mortgage Investment Corporation (the "Corporation") (TSX : FC) is pleased to announce the appointment of The Honourable Joe Oliver, P.C. as a new independent director.

Joe Oliver is the former Minister of Finance, Minister of Natural Resources and Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence.

Prior to his career in government, Joe Oliver was a senior investment banker with Merrill Lynch, Nesbitt Thomson and First Marathon. He also served as the Executive Director of the Ontario Securities Commission and later as President and CEO of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

Joe Oliver graduated with a BA and BCL from McGill University and a MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Eli Dadouch, President & CEO of the Corporation, stated, "We are pleased to announce the appointment of the Joe Oliver as a member of the Board. Joe will bring added wisdom and experience to the Board."

Stanley Goldfarb, Chairman of the Board of the Corporation, stated, "As Chairman of the Board, we are excited to have Mr. Oliver to join the board and provide additional experience."

## ABOUT THE CORPORATION

The Corporation, through its mortgage banker, Firm Capital Corporation, is a non-bank lender providing residential and commercial short-term bridge and conventional real estate financing, including construction, mezzanine and equity investments. The Corporation's investment objective is the preservation of shareholders' equity, while providing shareholders with a stable stream of monthly dividends from investments. The Corporation achieves its investment objectives through investments in selected niche markets that are under-serviced by large lending institutions. The Corporation is a Mortgage Investment Corporation (MIC) as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada). Accordingly, the Corporation is not taxed on income provided that its taxable income is paid to its shareholders in the form of dividends within 90 days after December 31 each year. Such dividends are generally treated by shareholders as interest income, so that each shareholder is in the same position as if the mortgage investments made by the company had been made directly by the shareholder. Full reports of the financial results of the Corporation for the year are outlined in the audited financial statements and the related management discussion and analysis of Corporation, available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. In addition, supplemental information is available on Corporation's website at www.firmcapital.com.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws including, among others, statements concerning our objectives, our strategies to achieve those objectives, our performance, our mortgage portfolio and our distributions, as well as statements with respect to management's beliefs, estimates, and intentions, and similar statements concerning anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance or expectations that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "outlook", "objective", "may", "will", "expect", "intent", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "should", "plans" or "continue" or similar expressions suggesting future outcomes or events. Such forward-looking statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management.

These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on our estimates and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties, including those described in our Annual Information Form under "Risk Factors" (a copy of which can be obtained at www.sedar.com), which could cause our actual results and performance to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this circular. Those risks and uncertainties include, among others, risks associated with mortgage lending, dependence on the Corporation's manager and mortgage banker, competition for mortgage lending, real estate values, interest rate fluctuations, environmental matters, shareholder liability and the introduction of new tax rules. Material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making an estimate set out in the forward-looking information include, among others, that the Corporation is able to invest in mortgages at rates consistent with rates historically achieved; adequate mortgage investment opportunities are presented to the Corporation; and adequate bank indebtedness and bank loans are available to the Corporation. Although the forward-looking information continued in this new release is based

upon what management believes are reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurance that actual results and performance will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements in this news release are qualified by these cautionary statements. Except as required by applicable law, the Corporation undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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