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Main Street Announces Public Offering of Common Stock

HOUSTON, March 9, 2015 — Main Street Capital Corporation (NYSE: MAIN) ("Main Street") announced that it plans to make a public offering of shares of its common stock. The offering of the shares will be made under Main Street's shelf registration statement, which was filed with, and declared effective by, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Main Street intends to use the net proceeds from this offering to initially repay outstanding debt borrowed under its credit facility, and then through re-borrowing under the credit facility, to make investments in accordance with its investment objective and strategies, to make investments in marketable securities and idle funds investments, to pay operating expenses and other cash obligations, and for general corporate purposes.

Investors should carefully consider, among other things, the investment objective and strategies of Main Street and the risks related to Main Street and the offering before investing. The preliminary prospectus supplement dated March 9, 2015, including the base prospectus dated May 7, 2014, contains this and other information about Main Street and should be read carefully before investing.

Raymond James, Baird and RBC Capital Markets are acting as joint book-running managers for this offering, and Sanders Morris Harris is acting as co-manager for this offering. The shares will be sold pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form N-2 that has been filed with, and has been declared effective by, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The offering is subject to customary closing conditions.

The offering may be made only by means of a prospectus and a related prospectus supplement, copies of which may be obtained from Raymond James, 880 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg, Florida 33716; Baird, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202; and RBC Capital Markets, 3 World Financial Center, 200 Vesey Street, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10281.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor will there be any sale of the shares referred to in this press release in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or jurisdiction.

ABOUT MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION

Main Street is a principal investment firm that provides long-term debt and equity capital to lower middle market companies and debt capital to middle market companies. Main Street's portfolio investments are typically made to support management buyouts, recapitalizations, growth financings, refinancings and acquisitions of companies that operate in diverse industry sectors. Main Street seeks to partner with entrepreneurs, business owners and management teams and generally provides "one stop" financing alternatives within its lower middle market portfolio. Main Street's lower middle market companies generally have annual revenues between \$10 million and \$150 million. Main Street's middle market debt investments are made in businesses that are generally larger in size than its lower middle market portfolio companies.

Main Street's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "MAIN." In addition, Main Street has outstanding 6.125% Notes due 2023, which trade on the NYSE under the symbol "MSCA."

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements, which are based upon Main Street management's current expectations and are inherently uncertain. Any such statements other than statements of historical fact are likely to be affected by other unknowable future events and conditions, including elements of the future that are or are not under Main Street's control, and that Main Street may or may not have considered; accordingly, such statements cannot be guarantees or assurances of any aspect of future performance. Actual performance and results could vary materially from these estimates and projections of the future. Such statements speak only as of the time when made

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