

Kohlberg Capital Corporation Reports 2007 Financial Results

NEW YORK, Mar 10, 2008 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Kohlberg Capital Corporation (Nasdaq:KCAP) ("Kohlberg Capital") today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2007.

Financial Highlights

- * Net investment income and realized gains of approximately \$25.3 million or \$1.41 per share for the year and approximately \$7.2 million or \$0.40 per share for the three months ended December 31, 2007;
- * Net unrealized gain on investments of approximately \$0.9 million or \$0.05 per share for the year and net unrealized loss of approximately \$7.2 million or \$0.40 per share for the three months ended December 31, 2007, due primarily to lower market values of certain investments held in the Company's portfolio as a result of current conditions in the credit markets;
- * Net asset value per share of \$14.38 at December 31, 2007, as compared to \$14.29 at December 31, 2006; and
- * The Company declared a fourth quarter dividend of \$0.39 per share which was paid on January 24, 2008.

Net Asset Value

Kohlberg Capital's net asset value ("NAV") per share was \$14.38 and \$14.29 as of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. As the Company must report its assets at fair value for each reporting period, NAV also represents the amount of stockholder's equity per share for the reporting period. The Company's NAV is comprised of assets less debt and other liabilities:

	December 31, 2007		December 31, 2006		
	Fair Value	per Share	Fair Value	per Share	
Investments at fair value: Investments in debt					
securities	\$410,954,082	\$ 22.81	\$190,767,384	\$ 10.63	
Investments in CLO Fund securities Investments in	31,020,000	1.72	20,870,000	1.16	
equity securities Affiliate	4,752,250	0.27			
investments Cash and cash	58,585,360	3.25	37,574,995	2.09	
equivalents	12,088,529	0.67	32,404,493	1.81	
Other assets	15,741,738	0.87	758,975	0.04	
Total Assets	\$533,141,959	\$ 29.59	\$282,375,847	\$ 15.73	

Borrowings	\$255,000,000	\$	14.15	\$	\$	
Other liabilities	19,073,795		1.06	25,975,424		1.44
Total Liabilities	\$274,073,795	\$	15.21	\$ 25,975,424	\$	1.44
NET ASSET VALUE	\$259,068,164	\$	14.38	\$256,400,423	\$	14.29
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Investment Portfolio Summary Attributes as of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Our investment portfolio generates net investment income which is generally used to fund our dividend. Our investment portfolio consists of three primary components: debt securities, CLO Fund securities and our investment in our wholly owned asset manager, Katonah Debt Advisors. We also have investments in equity securities of approximately \$5 million, which comprises approximately 1% of our investment portfolio. Below are summary attributes for each of our primary investment portfolio components as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007:

Debt Securities

- * represent approximately 81% of total investment portfolio;
- * represent credit instruments issued by corporate borrowers;
- * no asset-backed securities such as those secured by commercial mortgages or residential mortgages and no consumer borrowings;
- * primarily senior secured and junior secured loans (63% and 28% respectively);
- * spread across 26 different industries and 91 different entities;
- * average balance per investment of approximately \$5 million;
- * all investments current on their debt service obligations;
- * weighted average interest rate of 9.5%.

CLO Fund Securities (as of last monthly trustee report prior to December 31, 2007unless otherwise specified)

- * represent approximately 6% of total investment portfolio at December 31, 2007;
- * represent investments in subordinated debt or equity securities issued by CLO Funds;
- * all CLO Funds invest primarily in credit instruments issued by corporate borrowers;
- * no asset-backed securities such as those secured by commercial mortgages or residential mortgages and no consumer borrowings;
- * all CLO Funds have made all required cash payments to all classes of investors;
- * No ratings downgrades all CLO Funds have maintained their original issue credit ratings on all rated classes of securities;
- * eight different CLO Fund securities; four of such CLO Funds are managed by Katonah Debt Advisors;
- * provided a 28% cash return on investment during 2007.

Katonah Debt Advisors

- * represents approximately 12% of total investment portfolio;
- \ast represents our 100% ownership of the equity interest of a
- profitable CLO Fund manager focused on corporate credit investing;
- * Katonah Debt Advisors has approximately \$2.1 billion of assets under management;
- * receives contractual and recurring asset management fees based on par value of managed investments;
- * typically receives a one-time structuring fee upon completion of a

new CLO Fund;

- * may receive an incentive fee upon liquidation of a CLO Fund provided that the CLO Fund achieves a minimum designated return on investment;
- * the net income of Katonah Debt Advisors is recognized as affiliate income on our income statement;
- * dividends received on our 100% equity interest are an additional source of income to pay our dividend.

Operating Results

For the year ended December 31, 2007, Kohlberg Capital reported net investment income and realized gains (excluding net unrealized losses) of \$25.3 million or \$1.41 per share. The net investment income for the year reflects increased interest income from the growth of Kohlberg Capital's investment portfolio from \$249.2 million at the beginning of the year to \$505.3 million at year end. The year ended December 31, 2007 was the Company's first full year of operations since its initial public offering ("IPO") on December 11, 2006. For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, Kohlberg Capital reported net investment income and realized gains (excluding net unrealized losses) of \$7.2 million or \$0.40 per share.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, the net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations was \$26.1 million or \$1.45 per share. Net unrealized gains on investments totaled approximately \$0.9 million for the year. The net unrealized gain for the year was the result of (i) the decrease in market value of the Company's corporate loan and equity securities portfolio by \$12.8 million, (ii) a \$5.0 million decrease in the value of investments in collateralized loan obligation funds ("CLO Funds"), and (iii) a \$18.7 million increase in the value of the Company's investment in Katonah Debt Advisors, its wholly-owned portfolio company.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, the net decrease in stockholders' equity resulting from operations was approximately \$64,000 inclusive of an unrealized loss on investments of approximately \$7.2 million. The net unrealized loss for the quarter was the result of (i) the decrease in market value of the Company's corporate loan and equity securities portfolio by \$4.9 million, (ii) a \$2.3 million decrease in the value of investments in collateralized loan obligation funds ("CLO Funds"), and (iii) a slight increase in the value of the Company's investment in Katonah Debt Advisors, its wholly-owned portfolio company.

The decrease in value of the Company's investments in corporate loans and on its CLO Fund securities during the year and for the fourth quarter was due primarily to the general decrease in the trading value of such assets as a result of current conditions in the credit markets. As of December 31, 2007, all loans held on the Company's balance sheet remained current on their interest and principal payments, and all of the CLO Funds in which the Company holds investments maintained their original issue credit ratings on all rated classes of their securities and were continuing to make cash payments to all classes of investors.

The increase in value of Katonah Debt Advisors during the year was the result of an approximately 50% increase in assets under management to approximately \$2.1 billion from \$1.4 billion at the beginning of the year. Katonah Debt Advisors is an asset management company that manages CLO Funds for which it receives a recurring management fee stream. The annual management fees which Katonah Debt Advisors receives are generally based on a fixed percentage of the par value of assets under management and are recurring in nature for the term of the CLO Fund so long as Katonah Debt Advisors manages the fund. As a result, the annual management fees earned by Katonah Debt Advisors are not subject to market value fluctuations in the underlying collateral. The CLO Funds managed by Katonah Debt Advisors invest almost exclusively in corporate term loans, high-yield corporate bonds and other corporate credit instruments and do not invest in asset-backed securities such as those secured by commercial mortgages, residential mortgages or other consumer borrowings.

Dayl Pearson, CEO and President, commented, "Despite a challenging credit and economic environment in the fourth quarter, we are pleased with the quality of our portfolio and our ability to continue to add relatively low risk, first lien assets at attractive spreads."

Portfolio

Kohlberg Capital's portfolio investments at fair value increased \$256.1 million during the year to \$505.3 million as of December 31, 2007. The net increase in portfolio size was funded primarily with borrowings under the Company's credit facility.

The following table shows the Company's portfolio by security type at December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006:

Security Type		Fair Value	
Senior Secured Loan Junior Secured Loan Mezzanine Investment Senior Subordinated Bond Senior Unsecured Bond CLO Fund Securities Equity Securities	120,620,715 32,418,975 3,009,230 2,000,000 36,061,264 5,043,950		51.5% 22.4 6.5 0.5 0.4 6.1 1.0
Asset Management Company Other Affiliates		58,510,360 75,000	0.0
Total		\$505,311,692 ====================================	
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Security Type	Cost	Fair Value	응(1)
Senior Secured Loan Junior Secured Loan Mezzanine Investment Senior Subordinated Bond Senior Unsecured Bond CLO Fund Securities Equity Securities	27,453,892 20,870,000 	 20,870,000 	11.0 8.4
Asset Management Company Other Affiliates	33,394,995 	37,574,995 	15.1
Total		\$249,212,379 ======	

 Represents percentage of percentage of total portfolio at fair value.

The average yield on the Company's loan and bond portfolio at December 31, 2007 was approximately 9.5%. The average annual cash yield on the Company's CLO Fund securities at December 31, 2007 was approximately 28%.

The investment portfolio (excluding the Company's investment in Katonah Debt Advisors and CLO Fund securities) at year end was well-diversified across 26 different industries and 91 different entities with an average balance per investment of \$4.5 million and with the ten largest positions representing approximately 17% of the total fair value of investments.

Investment in CLO Fund Securities

During 2007, the Company's investment in CLO Fund securities at fair value increased by \$10.2 million to \$31.0 million. This increase was due to an investment of \$10.8 million in subordinated securities issued by a CLO Fund raised by Katonah Debt Advisors during the year and an investment of \$4.4 million in subordinated securities issued by a CLO Fund of a third party asset manager and offset in part by \$5.0 million of unrealized losses based on the value of the Company's other CLO investments at year end. The CLO Funds managed by Katonah Debt Advisors invest primarily in non-investment grade broadly syndicated loans, high-yield bonds and other credit instruments of corporate issuers. The underlying assets in each of the CLO Funds in which we have any investment are generally diversified senior secured corporate debt and exclude mortgage pools or mortgage securities (residential mortgage bonds, commercial mortgage backed securities, or related asset backed securities) and debt to companies providing mortgage lending and emerging markets investments.

The securities issued by CLO Funds managed by Katonah Debt Advisors are primarily held by third parties. The Company typically makes a minority investment in the most junior classes of securities of CLO Funds raised and managed by Katonah Debt Advisors and may selectively invest in securities issued by CLO Funds managed by other asset management companies. Our CLO Investments are carried at fair value, which is primarily based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes

prepayment and loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow and comparable yields for similar bonds and preferred shares/income notes, when available. We determine the fair value of our CLO Investments on an individual security-by-security basis. At December 31, 2007, all of the CLO Funds in which the Company held investments were not in default, have maintained their original issue credit ratings on all of their rated classes of issued securities, and continue to make cash distributions to all holders of their securities.

Katonah Debt Advisors

At December 31, 2007, Kohlberg Capital's investment in its wholly owned portfolio company, Katonah Debt Advisors, was approximately \$59.0 million. For the year ended December 31, 2007, Katonah Debt Advisors had GAAP net income of approximately \$2.8 million. The net income of Katonah Debt Advisors is included in the GAAP income of Kohlberg Capital Corporation. For purposes of calculating distributable tax income, only cash distributions of Katonah Debt Advisors' current or accumulated undistributed net income to Kohlberg Capital are included.

CLO Funds managed by Katonah Debt Advisors invest almost exclusively in corporate term loans and bonds and do not invest in asset-backed securities such as those secured by residential mortgages or other consumer borrowings. Katonah Debt Advisors' assets under management at December 31, 2007 totaled approximately \$2.1 billion, an increase of \$700 million from \$1.4 billion of assets under management at December 31, 2006. As a manager of the CLO Funds, Katonah Debt Advisors receives contractual and recurring management fees. Katonah Debt Advisors also typically receives one-time structuring fees upon the creation of a new CLO Fund and may also receive one-time incentive fees upon the liquidation of a CLO Fund which typically occurs four to nine years after its formation. As an asset manager of CLO Funds, Katonah Debt Advisors makes no investment in the funds it manages and thus Katonah Debt Advisors' valuation is not dependent on the market valuation of the CLO Funds it manages.

In May 2007, Katonah Debt Advisors completed its fourth CLO Fund and received a one-time structuring fee of \$1 million at closing. As with other CLO funds that it manages, Katonah Debt Advisors will receive annual management fees paid quarterly. At the completion of this CLO Fund, Kohlberg Capital made a \$4.8 million minority equity investment in the subordinated securities of the CLO Fund. During the third quarter of 2007, Kohlberg Capital made an additional investment of \$5.8 million in this CLO Fund. In December, 2007, Katonah Debt Advisors priced its fifth CLO Fund which closed in January 2008. Katonah Debt Advisors currently is accumulating assets for two additional CLO Funds which it expects to complete by the end of 2008.

Other

Liquidity and Capital Resources. At December 31, 2007, Kohlberg Capital had cash and cash equivalents of \$12.1 million, total assets of \$533.1 million and stockholders' equity of \$259.1 million. The Company's net asset value per common share was \$14.38. Debt outstanding at December 31, 2007 was \$255 million under a \$275 million securitization revolving credit facility -- equal to 48% of total assets (with 2:1 asset coverage). Total liquidity, equal to cash plus potential borrowings available under the revolving credit facility, was \$32.1 million at December 31, 2007.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments. Kohlberg Capital's Board of Directors is ultimately and solely responsible for determining the fair value of portfolio investments on a quarterly basis in good faith. Duff & Phelps, LLC, an independent valuation firm, provided third party valuation consulting services to the Company's Board of Directors which consisted of certain limited procedures that the Company's Board of Directors identified and requested them to perform. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors asked Duff & Phelps, LLC to perform the limited procedures on nineteen investments comprising approximately 39% of the total investments at fair value for which market quotations are not readily available. Upon completion of the limited procedures, Duff & Phelps, LLC concluded that the fair value of those investments subjected to the limited procedures did not appear to be unreasonable.

Investment in CLO Fund Securities. At December 31, 2007, Kohlberg Capital had CLO Fund securities valued at \$31.0 million in eight different CLO Funds. It is the Company's intention that its aggregate CLO Investments not exceed 10% of the Company's total investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2007, CLO Investments represent approximately 6.1% of the Company's investment portfolio.

Goodwill Amortization. As a result of goodwill resulting from the purchase of Katonah Debt Advisors by Kohlberg Capital prior to the IPO, approximately \$32 million in goodwill was recognized for tax purposes only. Approximately \$2 million of goodwill amortization per annum reduces the taxable income, but not the GAAP income, of Katonah Debt Advisors. Any distributions of the taxable income of Katonah Debt Advisors to Kohlberg Capital will thus become a component of Kohlberg Capital's distributable income.

Distributable Income. Generally, at least 90% of Kohlberg Capital's taxable income must be paid as a dividend to shareholders in order to maintain its status as a non-taxable, pass-through entity. Kohlberg Capital's distributable tax income is generally its GAAP net investment income (as adjusted for tax differences) plus any taxable income distributions (after amortization of tax goodwill) from Katonah Debt Advisors. As a result, the amount of our declared dividends, as evaluated by management and

approved by our board of directors, is based on our evaluation of both distributable income for tax purposes and GAAP net investment income (which excludes unrealized gains and losses) and may result in a dividend amount that exceeds our distributable tax income but not our GAAP net investment income.

Dividends

Generally, we seek to fund our dividend from GAAP current earnings, primarily from net interest and dividend income generated by our investment portfolio and without a return of capital or a high reliance on realized capital gains. The following table sets forth the dividends declared by us since our initial public offering, which represent an amount equal to our estimated net investment company income for the specified quarter plus a portion of the undistributed amount of 2006 net investment company income:

	Dia	vidend	Declaration Date	Record Date	Pay Date
		ruenu	Date	Date	Date
2007:					
Fourth quarter	\$	0.39	12/14/07	12/24/07	1/24/08
Third quarter		0.37	9/24/07	10/10/07	10/26/07
Second quarter		0.35	6/8/07	7/9/07	7/23/07
First quarter		0.29	3/13/07	4/6/07	4/17/07
Total declared for					
2007	\$	1.40			
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Conference Call

Kohlberg Capital will hold a conference call on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time to discuss its third quarter 2007 financial results. Shareholders, prospective shareholders and analysts are welcome to listen to the call or attend the webcast. The conference call dial-in number is 1-877-397-0300.

A live audio webcast of the conference call can be accessed via the Internet, on a listen-only basis on our Company's website <u>www.kohlbergcapital.com</u> in the Investor Relations section under Events. Please allow extra time, prior to the call, to visit the site and test your connection or download the necessary software to listen to the Internet broadcast. The online archive of the webcast will be available after 7pm ET for approximately 30 days on our website in the Investor Relations section under Events. The replay dial in numbers are as follows, Replay telephone numbers: 1-888-203-1112 or 1-719-457-0820; Replay Passcode: 2490598.

About Kohlberg Capital Corporation (KCAP):

Kohlberg Capital Corporation is a publicly traded, internally managed business development company. Our middle market investment business originates, structures, finances and manages a portfolio of term loans, mezzanine investments and selected equity securities in middle market companies. Our wholly-owned portfolio company, Katonah Debt Advisors, manages CLO Funds that invest in broadly syndicated corporate term loans, high-yield bonds and other credit instruments. Kohlberg Capital Corporation's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, earnings releases, press releases and other financial, operational and governance information are available on the Company's website at <u>www.kohlbergcapital.com</u>.

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the ability to maintain certain debt to asset ratios. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this press release should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans or objectives will be achieved. Further information about factors that could affect our financial and other results is included in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We do not undertake to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required to be reported under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

KOHLBERG CAPITAL CORPORATION

BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31,			
	2007	2006		
ASSETS				
Investments at fair value:				
Investments in debt securities (cost: 2007 - \$423,439,764; 2006 -				
\$190,767,384) Investments in CLO fund securities (cost: 2007 - \$36,061,264; 2006 -	\$ 410,954,082	\$ 190,767,384		
\$20,870,000) Investments in equity securities	31,020,000	20,870,000		
(cost: 2007 - \$5,043,950; 2006 - \$0)	4,752,250			
Affiliate investments (cost: 2007 - \$35,655,139; 2006 - \$33,394,995)	58,585,360	37,574,995		
Total investments at fair value	EOE 211 602	249,212,379		
Cash and cash equivalents		32,404,493		
Restricted cash	7,114,364			
Interest and dividends receivable	5,592,637			
Due from affiliates	540,773			
Other assets	2,493,964	156,890		
other assets	2,493,904	150,890		
Total assets	\$ 533,141,959	\$ 282,375,847		
LIABILITIES				
Borrowings (none maturing within one				
year)	255,000,000			
Payable for open trades	5,905,000	24,183,044		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,141,892			
Due to affiliates		87,832		
Dividend payable	7,026,903			
Total liabilities	\$ 274,073,795	\$ 25,975,424		
Commitments and contingencies				
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STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Common stock, par value \$.01 per share,				
100,000,000 common shares authorized; 18,017,699 and 17,946,333 common shares				
issued and outstanding at December 31,				
2007 and December 31, 2006,	100 177	170 160		
respectively	180,177	179,463		
Capital in excess of par value Undistributed net investment income	253,253,152 523,260	251,550,420 416,753		

Undistributed net realized gains Net unrealized appreciation on		1,077
investments	5,111,575	4,252,710
Total stockholders' equity	259,068,164	256,400,423
Total liabilities and stockholders'		
equity	\$ 533,141,959	\$ 282,375,847
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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE	\$ 14.38	\$ 14.29
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KOHLBERG CAPITAL CORPORATION

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

		For the Period December 11, 2006
	Ended	(inception) through December 31, 2006
Investment Income:		
Interest from investments in debt		
securities		\$ 572,065
Interest from cash and cash equivalents Dividends from investments in CLO fund	552,509	132,841
securities Net income (loss) allocation from	7,060,973	405,203
affiliate	2,757,854	(72,710)
Capital structuring service fees	759,301	
Capital Solacoaling Solvice 1005		
Total investment income	40,736,868	1,079,193
Expenses:		
Interest and amortization of debt		
issuance costs	7,229,597	
Compensation	4,104,761	
Professional fees		371,624
Insurance		12,821
Organizational expenses		40,000
Administrative and other	1,323,545	41,647
Total expenses		641,278
Net Investment Income before Income Tax		
Expense	25,016,803	437,915
Excise taxes		(21,162)
Net Investment Income	25.016.803	416,753
Realized And Unrealized Gains (Losses)	2370107003	1107700
On Investments:		
Net realized gains from investment		
transactions	266,317	1,077
Net change in unrealized losses on debt		
securities	(12,485,682) – –
Net change in unrealized gains on		

equity securities Net change in unrealized gains on		(291,700)		
affiliate investments		18,677,511		4,252,710
Net change in unrealized losses on CLO fund securities		(5,041,264)		
Net realized and unrealized gain on				
investments		1,125,182		4,253,787
Net Increase (Decrease) In Stockholders'				
Equity Resulting From Operations	\$	26,141,985	\$	4,670,540
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Earnings Per Common Share Basic and	==		==	
Earnings Per Common Share Basic and Diluted	== \$	1.45		
Diluted Net Investment Income Per Common Share	•	1.45	\$	0.26
Diluted Net Investment Income Per Common Share Basic and Diluted	== \$ \$		\$	
Diluted Net Investment Income Per Common Share	•	1.45	\$	0.26
Diluted Net Investment Income Per Common Share Basic and Diluted Net Investment Income and Net Realized	•	1.45	\$	0.26
Diluted Net Investment Income Per Common Share Basic and Diluted Net Investment Income and Net Realized Gains Per Common Share Basic and	\$	1.45 1.39	\$ \$ \$	0.26 0.02 0.26

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