

Emergent Capital Announces Conclusion of Investigation by U.S. Attorney's Office

Company Anticipates Substantial Reduction in Legal Fees in 2016 and Beyond

BOCA RATON, Fla., Jan. 4, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Emergent Capital, Inc. (NYSE: EMG) ("Emergent Capital") announced today that the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire ("USAO") has concluded its investigation into former company employees that commenced in 2011 and was the subject of the April 30, 2012 Non-Prosecution Agreement ("NPA") between Imperial Holdings, Inc., now Emergent Capital, and the USAO.

In a letter sent to Emergent Capital dated December 31, 2015, the United States Attorney's Office confirmed that Emergent Capital has fully complied with the NPA, and that all obligations imposed on Emergent Capital by the NPA have terminated.

The USAO filed civil forfeiture claims with respect to compensation received by certain former employees. Without admitting any of the USAO's allegations, the former employees resolved the civil forfeiture actions for amounts totaling \$6.5 million, and were indemnified by Emergent Capital. As the USAO has concluded its investigation, Emergent Capital will have no further third party indemnification obligations in this matter.

"We are very pleased that the U.S. Attorney's Office has closed the investigation and that our indemnification responsibilities have ended," said Phillip Goldstein, Chairman of Emergent Capital, "In my opinion, the elimination of this large potential liability and the diversion it caused is a real game changer."

Antony Mitchell, CEO of Emergent Capital, commented, "I am very pleased to begin the year on such a positive note. Ending our indemnification requirements in this matter has been a top priority of the Board as the legal fees have been an ever-present strain on the Company. The conclusion of the investigation is expected to result in a substantial reduction in our legal costs going forward. This should have a very positive, immediate and ongoing impact on our cash flows."

About Emergent Capital, Inc.

Emergent Capital (NYSE: EMG) is a specialty finance company that invests in life settlements. More information about Emergent can be found at www.emergentcapital.com.

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