

Saratoga Investment Corp. Announces Fiscal Second Quarter 2014 Financial Results

NEW YORK, Oct. 15, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Saratoga Investment Corp. (NYSE:SAR) ("Saratoga Investment" or "the Company"), a business development company, today announced financial results for its 2014 fiscal second quarter.

Operating Results

For the fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2013, Saratoga Investment reported net investment income of \$2.3 million, or \$0.48 on a weighted average per share basis, and a net loss on investments of \$2.3 million, or \$0.49 on a weighted average per share basis, resulting in a decrease in net assets from operations of \$0.04 million, or \$0.01 on a weighted average per share basis. The \$2.3 million net loss on investments was comprised of \$2.9 million in net unrealized depreciation on investments and \$0.6 million in net realized gains from investments.

Net asset value ("NAV") was \$112.4 million as of August 31, 2013, compared to \$112.5 million as of May 31, 2013 and \$108.7 million as of February 28, 2013. NAV per share was \$23.77 as of August 31, 2013 and \$23.78 as of May 31, 2013 and \$22.98 as of February 28, 2013.

Christian L. Oberbeck, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Saratoga Investment, said, "We continue to see opportunities and this quarter were able to add to the investments in our portfolio. We invested approximately \$55 million in both new and existing portfolio companies during the quarter, and our significant financial resources will enable us to invest in future situations as they arise."

Portfolio and Investment Activity

As of August 31, 2013, the fair value of Saratoga Investment's investment portfolio was \$187.8 million, principally invested in 34 portfolio companies and one collateralized loan obligation fund (the "CLO"). The overall portfolio composition consisted of 19.8% of middle market loans, 40.2% of first lien term loans, 8.7% of second lien term loans, 13.0% of senior secured notes, 2.9% of unsecured notes, 10.5% of subordinated notes of the CLO and 4.9% of equity interests.

During the 2014 fiscal second quarter, Saratoga Investment invested \$54.9 million in new or existing portfolio companies and had \$29.6 million in aggregate amount of exits and repayments on its investments, resulting in net investments of \$25.3 million for the period.

On October 1, 2013, the Saratoga CLO priced a refinancing of its notes. The refinanced Saratoga CLO has assets of \$300 million and will have a reinvestment period through October 2016. As a result of increased pricing on the notes and the smaller asset base, interest income and equity distributions in the future will be lower than historical amounts but provide greater earnings stability during the next three to four years. Saratoga Investment Corp. will continue to own 100% of the subordinated notes and receive a 50 basis point management fee for the life of the Saratoga CLO. The refinancing is expected to close on October 17, 2013.

As of August 31, 2013, the weighted average current yield on Saratoga Investment's middle market loans, first lien term loans, second lien term loans, senior secured notes, unsecured notes, and the CLO subordinated notes were 6.6%, 10.5%, 10.1%, 14.9%, 14.9%, and 27.2%, respectively, which resulted in an aggregate weighted average current yield of 12.2%.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of August 31, 2013, Saratoga Investment had \$48.3 million in notes payable outstanding, no borrowings under its \$45 million senior secured revolving credit facility with Madison Capital Funding LLC. In addition, Saratoga Investment had an aggregate of \$11.6 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$16.6 million in cash and cash equivalents, reserve accounts at August 31, 2013. The Company is required to use the amounts held in cash and cash equivalents, reserve accounts at expense, reduce borrowings or pay other amounts in accordance with the terms of its senior secured revolving credit facility and its Company's Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") subsidiary. As of August 31, 2013, the SBIC subsidiary had \$25 million in regulatory capital and \$40.0 million of Small Business Administration debentures.

2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

At Saratoga Investment's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held September 26, 2013, Mssrs. Steven M. Looney and Charles S. Whitman were elected to serve until the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Also approved at the Meeting was the proposal to reauthorize the Company to issue its common stock at an offering price per share not less than 85% of the Company's then current net asset value per share.

2014 Fiscal Second Quarter Conference Call/Webcast Information

When: Oct. 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET)

Call: Interested parties may participate by dialing (877) 312-9208 (U.S. and Canada) or (678) 224-7872 (outside U.S. and Canada).

A replay of the call will be available from 12:00 p.m. ET on Oct. 16, 2013 through 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 22, 2013 by dialing (800) 585-8367 (U.S. and Canada) or (404) 537-3406 (outside U.S. and Canada). Passcode for both replay numbers is 76281766.

Webcast: Interested parties may also access a simultaneous webcast of the call by going to http://ir.saratogainvestmentcorp.com/events.cfm.

About Saratoga Investment Corp.

Saratoga Investment Corp. is a specialty finance company that provides customized financing solutions to U.S. middle-market businesses. The Company invests primarily in mezzanine debt, leveraged loans and quity to provide financing for change of ownership transactions, strategic acquisitions,

recapitalizations and growth initiatives in partnership with business owners, management teams and financial sponsors. Saratoga Investment Corp.'s objective is to create attractive risk-adjusted returns by generating current income and long-term capital appreciation from its debt and equity investments. Saratoga Investment Corp. has elected to be regulated as a business development company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is externally-managed by Saratoga Investment Advisors, LLC, an SEC-registered investment advisor focusing on credit-driven strategies. Within the BDC, Saratoga Investment manages both an SBIC-licensed subsidiary and a \$300 million Collateralized Loan Obligation (CLO) fund. These diverse funding sources, combined with a permanent capital base, enable Saratoga Investment to offer a broad range of financing solutions.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and other factors enumerated in this press release and the filings Saratoga Investment Corp. makes with the SEC. Saratoga Investment Corp. undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Financial Statements

Saratoga Investment Corp.

Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities

	As of				
	Au	gust 31, 2013	February 28, 2013		
		(unaudited)			
ASSETS					
Investments at fair value					
Non-control/non-affiliate investments (amortized cost of \$167,382,770 and \$130,465,086, respectively)	\$	168,058,055	\$	129,563,428	
Control investments (cost of \$16,804,518 and \$18,944,966 respectively)		19,741,624		25,516,959	
Total investments at fair value (amortized cost of \$184,187,288 and \$149,410,052 respectively)		187,799,679		155,080,387	
Cash and cash equivalents		11,558,783		149,025	
Cash and cash equivalents, reserve accounts		16,592,698		12,086,142	
Interest receivable, (net of reserve of \$240,693 and \$53,543, respectively)		2,060,413		2,889,358	
Due from manager		4,929		-	
Deferred debt financing costs, net		4,250,199		2,090,184	
Management fee receivable		198,522		215,853	
Other assets		91,345		83,407	
Receivable from unsettled trades		1,500,585		1,817,074	
Total assets	\$	224,057,153	\$	174,411,430	
LIABILITIES					
Revolving credit facility	\$	_	\$	24,300,000	
SBA debentures payable	Ψ	40,000,000	Ψ	36,000,000	
Notes payable		48,300,000		- 30,000,000	
Payable for unsettled trades		16,270,000		_	
Management and incentive fees payable		5,486,746		4,509,322	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		501,640		435,038	
Interest and debt fees payable		745,051		257,796	
Due to manager		308,401		222,513	
Total liabilities	\$	111,611,838	\$	65,724,669	
NET ASSETS					
Common stock, par value \$.001, 100,000,000 common shares					
authorized, 4,730,116 and 4,730,116 common shares issued and outstanding, respectively	\$	4,730	\$	4,730	
Capital in excess of par value		174,824,076		174,824,076	
Distribution in excess of net investment income		(19,781,396)		(24,522,951)	
Accumulated net realized loss from investments and derivatives		(46,214,485)		(47,289,427)	
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and derivatives		3,612,390		5,670,333	
Total Net Assets		112,445,315		108,686,761	
Total liabilities and Net Assets	\$	224,057,153	\$	174,411,430	
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE	\$	23.77	\$	22.98	
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Operations

	For the three months ended August 31			For the six months ended August 31			
		2013	2012		2013		2012
	(1	unaudited)	(unaudited)		(unaudited)		(unaudited)
INVESTMENT INCOME							
Interest from investments							
Non-control/Non-affiliate investments	\$	3,385,362	\$	2,206,947	\$	7,254,826	\$ 3,945,469
Payment-in-kind interest income from Non-control/Non-affiliate investments		296,802		212,811		472,923	539,274
Control investments		1,109,535		1,094,681		2,235,539	2,140,466
Total interest income		4,791,699		3,514,439		9,963,288	6,625,209
Interest from cash and cash equivalents		3,959		1,791		5,865	4,637
Management fee income		480,750		500,225		978,841	1,000,065
Other income		111,300		146,834		457,476	152,560
Total investment income		5,387,708		4,163,289		11,405,470	7,782,471
EXPENSES							
Interest and debt financing expenses		1,603,581		653,025		2,731,436	1,278,728
Base management fees		811,106		504,802		1,547,822	963,610
Professional fees		235,191		293,483		566,255	639,322
Administrator expenses		250,000		250,000		500,000	500,000
Incentive management fees		(39,770)		869,403		781,352	1,299,674
Insurance		119,234		130,308		239,229	260,615
Directors fees and expenses		45,000		51,000		96,000	102,000
General & administrative		91,425		97,022		189,786	148,363
Other expense		75		-		12,035	3,123
Total expenses		3,115,842		2,849,043		6,663,915	5,195,435
NET INVESTMENT INCOME		2,271,866		1,314,246		4,741,555	2,587,036
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS:							
Net realized gain from investments		545,642		268,718		1,074,942	447,348
Net realized loss from derivatives				-		1,014,042	(131,000)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		(2,858,805)		3,288,078		(2,057,943)	5,027,500
Net unrealized appreciation on derivatives		(2,000,000)		-		(2,001,010)	130,925
Net gain (loss) on investments		(2,313,163)		3,556,796		(983,001)	5,474,773
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$	(41,297)	\$	4,871,042	\$	3,758,554	\$ 8,061,809
WEIGHTED AVERAGE - BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE	\$	(0.01)	\$	1.26	\$	0.79	\$ 2.08
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING - BASIC AND DILUTED		4,730,116		3,876,661		4,730,116	3,876,661

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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