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- o **REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**
- o **PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.**
- p **POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 8**

**PROSPECT CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)*

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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS DATED JULY 2, 2008**

**Prospectus dated           , 2008**

**\$500,000,000**

**PROSPECT CAPITAL CORPORATION**

**Common Stock  
Preferred Stock  
Warrants  
Debt Securities**

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, together or separately, up to \$500,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, collectively, the Securities, to provide us with funds to repay outstanding debt and to acquire investments that we reasonably believe are in our acquisition pipeline. Securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be disclosed in one or more supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our Securities.

Our Securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our Securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See Plan of Distribution. We may not sell any of our Securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of the prospectus and a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such Securities. Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol PSEC. As of June 30, 2008, the last reported sales price for our common stock was \$13.18.

Prospect Capital Corporation, or the Company, is a company that lends to and invests in middle market privately held or thinly traded public companies.

Prospect Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation, has been organized as a closed-end investment company since April 13, 2004 and has filed an election to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the 1940 Act, and is a non-diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act.

Prospect Capital Management LLC, our investment adviser, manages our investments and Prospect Administration LLC, our Administrator, provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

Investing in our Securities involves a heightened risk of total loss of investment and is subject to risks. Before buying any Securities, you should read the discussion of the material risks of investing in our Securities in Risk Factors

beginning on page 11 of this prospectus.

**This prospectus contains important information about us that you should know before investing in our Securities. Please read it before making an investment decision and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. This information will be available free of charge by writing to Prospect Capital Corporation at 10 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or by calling collect at 212-448-0702. Our Internet address is <http://www.prospectstreet.com>. You may also obtain information about us from the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>).**

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

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## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC, using the shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer, from time to time on a delayed basis, up to \$500,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities on the terms to be determined at the time of the offering. The Securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the Securities that we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer Securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Please carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with any exhibits and the additional information described under the heading **Available Information** and the section under the heading **Risk Factors** before you make an investment decision.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*The following summary contains basic information about this offering. It does not contain all the information that may be important to an investor. For a more complete understanding of this offering, we encourage you to read this entire document and the documents to which we have referred.*

*Information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which are statements about the future that may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, plans, anticipate, continue or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements do not meet the safe harbor for forward-looking statements pursuant to Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. The matters described in Risk Factors and certain other factors noted throughout this prospectus and in any exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, constitute cautionary statements identifying important factors with respect to any such forward-looking statements, including certain risks and uncertainties, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements. The Company reminds all investors that no forward-looking statement can be relied upon as an accurate or even mostly accurate forecast because humans cannot forecast the future.*

*The terms we, us, our, and Company refer to Prospect Capital Corporation; Prospect Capital Management refer to Prospect Capital Management LLC; Prospect Administration or the Administrator refers to Prospect Administration LLC; and Prospect refers to Prospect Capital Management LLC, its affiliates and its predecessor companies.*

### **The Company**

We are a financial services company that lends to and invests in middle market privately held or thinly traded public companies.

We were originally organized under the name Prospect Street Energy Corporation and we changed our name to Prospect Energy Corporation in June 2004. We changed our name again to Prospect Capital Corporation in May 2007 and at the same time terminated our policy of investing at least 80% of our net assets in energy companies. While we expect to be less focused on the energy industry in the future, we will continue to have significant holdings in the energy and energy related industries. We have been organized as a closed-end investment company since April 13, 2004 and have filed an election to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act, and we are a non-diversified company within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Our headquarters are located at 10 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10016, and our telephone number is (212) 448-0702.

### **The Investment Adviser**

Prospect Capital Management, an affiliate of the Company, manages our investment activities. Prospect Capital Management is an investment adviser that has been registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or the Advisers Act, since March 31, 2004. Under an investment advisory agreement between us and Prospect Capital Management, or the Investment Advisory Agreement, we have agreed to pay Prospect Capital Management investment advisory fees, which will consist of an annual base management fee based on our gross assets (which include any amount borrowed, i.e. total assets without deduction for any liabilities) as well as a two-part incentive fee based on our performance.

### **The Offering**

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, together or separately, up to \$500,000,000 of our Securities to provide us with funds to repay outstanding debt and to acquire investments that we reasonably believe are in our acquisition pipeline.

Our Securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, to new stockholders, via an optional cash purchase, in which such purchaser can purchase Securities directly from us for cash, or designated offeree



program, in which certain designated individuals who may or may not be new stockholders can purchase Securities directly from us for cash, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the offering will disclose the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our Securities by us, the purchase price, and any fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters, or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See Plan of Distribution. We may not sell any of our Securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of our Securities.

Set forth below is additional information regarding the offering of our Securities:

**Use of proceeds**

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from selling Securities pursuant to this prospectus for investment in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and strategies, repayment of then outstanding indebtedness, acquisitions or general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.

**Distributions**

We have paid quarterly distributions to the holders of our common stock and generally intend to continue to do so. The amount of the quarterly distributions is determined by our Board of Directors and is based on our estimate of our investment company taxable income and net short-term capital gains. Certain amounts of the quarterly distributions may from time to time be paid out of our capital rather than from earnings for the quarter as a result of our deliberate planning or by accounting reclassifications. Distributions to a stockholder that constitute a return of capital (i.e., distributions in excess of our current or accumulated earnings or profits) will reduce the stockholder's adjusted tax basis in such stockholder's common stock and, after the adjusted basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to such stockholders. Certain additional amounts may be deemed as distributed to stockholders for income tax purposes. Other types of Securities will likely pay distributions in accordance with their terms. See Price Range of Common Stock, Distributions and Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

**Taxation**

We have qualified and elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a regulated investment company, or RIC, under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the Code. As a RIC, we generally do not have to pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. To maintain our qualification as a RIC and obtain RIC tax treatment, we must maintain specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of assets legally available for distribution. See Distributions and Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

**Dividend reinvestment plan**

We have a dividend reinvestment plan for our stockholders. This is an opt out dividend reinvestment plan. As a result, when we declare a dividend,

the dividends to stockholders are automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless

stockholders specifically opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash dividends. Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock are subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

**The NASDAQ Global Select Market Symbol**

PSEC

**Anti-takeover provisions**

Our charter and bylaws, as well as certain statutory and regulatory requirements, contain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us. These anti-takeover provisions may inhibit a change in control in circumstances that could give the holders of our common stock the opportunity to realize a premium over the market price of our common stock. See Description of Our Capital Stock.

**Management arrangements**

Prospect Capital Management serves as our investment adviser. Prospect Administration serves as our administrator and has engaged Vastardis Fund Services, LLC (formerly, EOS Fund Services LLC, Vastardis ), as sub-administrator. For a description of Prospect Capital Management, Prospect Administration, Vastardis and our contractual arrangements with these companies, see Management Management Services Investment Advisory Agreement, and Management Management Services Administration Agreement.

**Risk factors**

Investment in our Securities involves certain risks relating to our structure and investment objective that should be considered by prospective purchasers of our Securities. In addition, investment in our Securities involves certain risks relating to investing in the energy sector, including but not limited to risks associated with commodity pricing, regulation, production, demand, depletion and expiration, weather, and valuation. We have a limited operating history upon which you can evaluate our business. In addition, as a business development company, our portfolio includes securities primarily issued by privately held companies. These investments may involve a high degree of business and financial risk, and are generally less liquid than public securities. We are required to mark the carrying value of our investments to fair value on a quarterly basis, and economic events, market conditions and events affecting individual portfolio companies can result in quarter-to-quarter mark-downs and mark-ups of the value of individual investments that collectively can materially affect our net asset value, or NAV. Also, our determinations of fair value of privately-held securities may differ materially from the values that would exist if there was a ready market for these investments. A large number of entities compete for the same kind of investment opportunities as we do. Moreover, our business requires a substantial amount of cash to operate and to grow, and we are dependent on external financing. In addition, the failure to qualify as a RIC eligible for pass-through tax treatment under the Code on income distributed to

stockholders could have a materially adverse effect on the total return, if any, obtainable from an investment in our Securities. See Risk Factors , Business Our Investment Objective and Policies and the

other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our Securities.

### **Plan of distribution**

We may offer, from time to time, up to \$500,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities on the terms to be determined at the time of the offering. Such terms may include an optional cash purchase in which a purchaser can purchase Securities directly from us for cash or designated offeree program in which certain designated individuals can purchase Securities directly from us for cash. Securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The supplement to this prospectus relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our Securities, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee and commission or discount arrangement or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. We may not sell Securities pursuant to this prospectus without delivering a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such Securities. For more information, see Plan of Distribution.

### **Recent Developments**

On April 3, 2008 we provided approximately \$39.8 million of first and second lien debt and equity for the recapitalization of Ajax Rolled Ring & Machine, or Ajax, a custom forger of seamless rolled steel rings located in York, South Carolina. Our debt is secured by a first lien on inventory, machinery, and certain other assets of Ajax. The equity interest purchased in Ajax is controlling in nature and was made alongside equity co-investments by Ajax's senior managers.

On April 30, 2008, we provided debt financing of \$20 million to support the acquisition by Peerless Mfg Co., or Peerless, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, of Nitram Energy Inc., or Nitram. Peerless is a leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of industrial environmental separation and filtration systems while Nitram focuses on separation, heat transfer, pulsation dampening, and industrial silencing products. Peerless and Nitram serve a diversified, global list of customers in industries such as oil and gas production, gas pipelines, chemical and petrochemical processing, and power generation.

On April 30, 2008 we fully exited out of our investment in Arctic Acquisition Corp., doing business as Cougar Pressure Control, or Arctic, through the sale of our equity interest in Arctic for approximately \$3.4 million. We initially invested \$9.25 million in Arctic in July 2005 in the form of a senior secured loan, which loan was subsequently increased by \$6.0 million. We received the equity interest in Arctic as additional consideration for making the secured loan. The loan was fully repaid in August 2007.

On June 2, 2008, we closed a public offering of 3.25 million shares of our common stock. The net proceeds to us were approximately \$45.7 million after deducting estimated offering expenses.

On June 9, 2008, Deep Down, Inc. or Deep Down, one of our portfolio companies, fully repaid the \$12.0 million loan we made to Deep Down in August 2007 and December 2007. We currently own a warrant to purchase approximately 5.0 million shares of Deep Down common stock at an exercise price of \$0.507 per share.

**Fees and Expenses**

The following tables are intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in this offering will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. In these tables, we assume that we have borrowed \$200 million under our credit

facility, which is the maximum amount available under the credit facility. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by you or us or that we will pay fees or expenses, the Company will pay such fees and expenses out of our net assets and, consequently, you will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as an investor in the Company. However, you will not be required to deliver any money or otherwise bear personal liability or responsibility for such fees or expenses.

**Stockholder transaction expenses:**

Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)(1)	4.50%
Offering expenses borne by us (as a percentage of offering price)(2)	0.20%
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses(3)	None
Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)(4)	4.70%

**Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock)\*:**

Combined base management fee (3.17%)(5) and incentive fees payable under Investment Advisory Agreement (20% of realized capital gains and 20% of pre-incentive fee net investment income) (3.48%)(6)	6.65%
Interest payments on borrowed funds	2.28%(7)
Other expenses	1.93%(8)
Total annual expenses	10.86%(6)(8)

**Example**

The following table demonstrates the projected dollar amount of cumulative expenses we would pay out of net assets and that you would indirectly bear over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed we would have borrowed all \$200 million available under our line of credit, that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above and that we would pay the stockholder costs shown in the table above.

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return	\$ 150.5	\$ 350.2	\$ 570.4	\$ 1,224.8

\* Net assets attributable to our common stock equal net assets (i.e., total assets less liabilities other than liabilities for money borrowed for investment purposes) at March 31, 2008.

- (1) In the event that the Securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the estimated applicable sales load.
- (2) The related prospectus supplement will disclose the estimated amount of offering expenses, the offering price and the estimated offering expenses borne by us as a percentage of the offering price.
- (3) The expenses of the dividend reinvestment plan are included in other expenses.
- (4) The related prospectus supplement will disclose the offering price and the total stockholder transaction expenses as a percentage of the offering price.

- (5) Our base management fee is 2% of our gross assets (which include any amount borrowed, i.e., total assets without deduction for any liabilities). Although no plans are in place to borrow the full amount under our line of credit, assuming that we borrowed \$200 million, the 2% management fee of gross assets equals approximately 3.17% of net assets. See Management Services Investment Advisory Agreement and footnote 6 below.
- (6) We expect to invest all of the net proceeds from each offering of securities registered under the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part within six months or less of the date of the completion of such offering and may have capital gains and interest income that could result in the payment of an incentive fee to Prospect Capital Management in the first year after completion of this offering. However, the incentive fee payable to our investment adviser under the investment advisory agreement is based on our performance and will not be paid unless we achieve certain goals. In the chart above, we have assumed a pre-incentive fee net investment income of 17.38% as a percentage of net assets. The incentive fee consists of two parts.



The first part, the income incentive fee, which is payable quarterly in arrears, will equal 20% of the excess, if any, of our pre-incentive fee net investment income that exceeds a 1.75% quarterly (7% annualized) hurdle rate, subject to a catch up provision measured as of the end of each calendar quarter. In the three months ended March 31, 2008, we paid an incentive fee of \$3,229,805 (see calculation below). We expect the incentive fees we pay to increase to the extent we earn greater interest and dividend income through our investments in portfolio companies and, to a lesser extent, realize capital gains upon the sale of warrants or other equity investments in our portfolio companies. The catch-up provision requires us to pay 100% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 125% of the quarterly hurdle rate in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized assuming an annualized hurdle rate of 7%). The catch-up provision is meant to provide Prospect Capital Management with 20% of our pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply when our pre-incentive fee net investment income exceeds 125% of the quarterly hurdle rate in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized assuming an annualized hurdle rate of 7%). The income incentive fee will be computed and paid on income that may include interest that is accrued but not yet received in cash. If interest income is accrued but never paid, the Board would decide to write off the accrual in the quarter when the accrual is determined to be uncollectible. The write off would cause a decrease in interest income for the quarter equal to the amount of the prior accrual. The investment adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse us for any part of the incentive fee it received that was based on accrued income that we never receive as a result of a default by an entity on the obligation that resulted in the accrual of such income. Our pre-incentive fee net investment income used to calculate the income incentive fee is also included in the amount of our gross assets used to calculate the 2% base management fee (see footnote 5 above). The second part of the incentive fee, the capital gains incentive fee, will equal 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation.

Examples of how the incentive fee is calculated are as follows:

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 0.55%, there would be no income incentive fee because such income would not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.75%.

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 2%, the income incentive fee would be as follows:

$$= 100\% \times (2\% - 1.75\%)$$

$$= 0.25\%$$

Assuming pre-incentive fee net investment income of 2.30%, the income incentive fee would be as follows:

$$= (100\% \times (\text{catch-up} : 2.1875\% - 1.75\%)) + (20\% \times (2.30\% - 2.1875\%))$$

$$= (100\% \times 0.4375\%) + (20\% \times 0.1125\%) = 0.4375\% + 0.0225\% = 0.46\%$$

Assuming net realized capital gains of 6% and realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation of 1%, the capital gains incentive fee would be as follows:

$$= 20\% \times (6\% - 1\%)$$

$$= 20\% \times 5\% = 1\%$$

The following is a calculation of the most recently paid incentive fee of \$3,229,805 in March 2008 (for the quarter ended March 31, 2008):

Prior Quarter Net Asset Value	\$ 345,823,823
Quarterly Hurdle Rate	1.75%
Current Quarter Hurdle	\$ 6,051,917
125% of the Quarterly Hurdle Rate	2.1875%
125% of the Current Quarter Hurdle	\$ 7,564,896
Current Quarter Pre Incentive Fee Net Investment Income	\$ 16,149,024
Incentive Fee Catch-Up	\$ 1,512,979
Incentive Fee 20% in excess of 125% of the Current Quarter Hurdle	\$ 1,716,826
Total Current Quarter Incentive Fee	\$ 3,229,805

For a more detailed discussion of the calculation of the two-part incentive fee, see Management Services Investment Advisory Agreement.

- (7) Although we may incur indebtedness before the proceeds of an offering are substantially invested, we have not yet decided to what extent we will finance investments using debt. For more information, see Risk Factors Relating To Our Business And Structure Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital and net investment income and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources. The table above assumes that we have borrowed all \$200 million available under our line of credit, although no plans are in place to borrow the full amount under our line of credit. The table below shows our estimated annual expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock, assuming that we did not incur any indebtedness.

Base management fee	2.09%
Incentive fees payable under Investment Advisory Agreement (20% of realized capital gains and 20% of pre-incentive fee net investment income)	3.48%
Interest payments on borrowed funds	None
Other expenses	2.20%
Total annual expenses (estimated)	7.77%

- (8) Other expenses is based on our annualized expenses during our quarter ended March 31, 2008 representing all of our estimated recurring operating expenses (except fees and expenses reported in other items of this table) that are deducted from our operating income and reflected as expenses in our Statement of Operations. The estimate of our overhead expenses, including payments under an administration agreement with Prospect Administration, or the Administration Agreement, based on our projected allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Prospect Administration in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement. Other expenses does not include non-recurring expenses. See Management Services Administration Agreement.

While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5%. The income incentive fee under our Investment Advisory Agreement with Prospect Capital Management would be zero at the 5% annual return assumption, as required by the SEC for this table, since no incentive fee is paid until the annual return exceeds 7%; however, the income incentive fee currently being earned is nevertheless used to aggregate total expenses in the example as if the annual return were at the level recently achieved, which is higher than 5%, in accordance with SEC requirements. Accordingly, the resulting calculations overstate expenses at the 5% annual return as these calculations do not reflect the provisions of the Investment Advisory Agreement as it would actually be applied in the case of a 5% annual return. This illustration assumes that we will not realize any capital gains computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation in any of the indicated time periods. If we achieve sufficient returns on our investments, including through the

realization of capital gains, to trigger an incentive fee of a material amount, our expenses, and returns to our investors after such expenses, would be higher. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at NAV, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock, determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to a participant by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of trading on the valuation date for the dividend. See

Dividend Reinvestment Plan for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.

**This example and the expenses in the table above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses. Actual expenses (including the cost of debt, if any, and other expenses) may be greater or less than those shown.**

**SELECTED CONDENSED FINANCIAL DATA****(in thousands)**

You should read the condensed financial information below with the Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in this prospectus. Financial information for the twelve months ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 has been derived from the audited financial statements for that period. Quarterly financial information is derived from unaudited financial data, but in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary to present fairly the results of such interim periods. Interim results for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending June 30, 2008. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on page 24 for more information.

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2007(1) (Unaudited)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended March 31, 2008 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended March 31, 2007(1) (Unaudited)</b>	<b>Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2007(1)</b>	<b>Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2006(1)</b>	<b>Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2005(1)</b>
<b>Investment income</b>							
Interest income	\$ 10,334	\$ 4,825	\$ 27,849	\$ 11,493	\$ 16,809	\$ 7,557	\$ 1,882
Interest income, controlled entities	4,556	3,845	14,689	9,455	13,275	4,810	2,704
Dividend income	123	1,245	557	1,839	2,753	502	284
Dividend income, controlled entities	3,300	850	6,950	2,550	3,400	3,099	3,151
Other income(2)	3,687	1,304	5,909	1,335	4,444	901	72
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>12,069</b>	<b>55,954</b>	<b>26,672</b>	<b>40,681</b>	<b>16,869</b>	<b>8,093</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>							
Investment advisory fees							
Base management fee	2,388	1,531	6,366	3,715	5,445	2,082	1,808
Income incentive fee	3,230	1,754	7,861	3,695	5,781	1,786	
Total Investment advisory fees	5,618	3,285	14,227	7,410	11,226	3,868	1,808
Interest expense and credit facility costs	1,863	353	4,719	1,385	1,903	642	
Chief Compliance Officer and Sub-administration fees	228	164	620	402	549	325	266
Legal fees	449	593	2,224	970	1,365	1,835	2,575
Valuation services	198	92	431	285	395	193	42
Other professional fees	63	47	401	432	608	485	230
Insurance expense	64	72	192	219	291	365	325

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Directors fees	55	55	165	175	230	220	220
Organizational costs							25
General and administrative expenses	543	393	1,531	612	983	378	191
Total operating expenses	9,081	5,054	24,510	11,890	17,550	8,311	5,682
Net investment income (loss)	12,919	7,015	31,444	14,782	23,131	8,558	2,411
Net realized gain (loss)	208	(1)	(18,413)	1,949	1,949	303	(2)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(14,386)	(2,038)	(9,426)	(4,851)	(8,352)	4,035	6,342
Net increase (decrease) in stockholders equity resulting from operations	(1,259)	4,976	3,605	11,880	16,728	\$ 12,896	\$ 8,751
Basic and diluted net increase (decrease) in stockholders equity per common share resulting from operations	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.82	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.24

(1) Certain amounts have been reclassified to confirm to current period's presentation.

(2) Includes Net Profits Interest, Prepayment Penalties not related to loans, Deal Deposit Income and Overriding Royalty Interests.

The following is a schedule of financial highlights for the periods indicated below:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2008 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2007 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2007</b>	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2006</b>	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2005</b>
<b>Additional data(1):</b>							
Value at end of period from initial public offering	\$ 14.58	\$ 15.24	\$ 15.04	\$ 15.31	\$ 15.31	\$ 14.59	\$ 14.59
Change attributable to the initial public offering						0.01	
Change attributable to the public offering expense related to investment	(0.03)	0.01	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)		
Net investment income	0.54	0.36	1.41	1.02	1.44	1.21	
Net gain (loss)	0.01		(0.82)	0.14	0.14	0.04	
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(0.60)	(0.10)	(0.42)	(0.34)	(0.51)	0.58	
Change in value of assets as a result of initial public offering	0.05	0.06	0.18	0.27	0.26		
Change in value of assets declared and paid	(0.40)	(0.39)	(1.18)	(1.16)	(1.54)	(1.12)	
Value at end of period	\$ 14.15	\$ 15.18	\$ 14.15	\$ 15.18	\$ 15.04	\$ 15.31	\$ 15.31
Market value at end of period based on closing price(2)	\$ 15.22	\$ 17.14	\$ 15.22	\$ 17.14	\$ 17.47	16.99	\$ 16.99
Change in market value based on net asset value(2)	19.69%	2.34%	(5.76)%	8.05%	12.65%	44.90%	
Change in market value based on net asset value(2)	(0.40)%	1.88%	1.78%	6.19%	7.62%	12.76%	
Weighted shares outstanding at end of period	26,270,379	19,879,231	26,270,379	19,879,231	19,949,065	7,069,873	7,069,873
Weighted shares outstanding for period	23,858,492	19,697,473	22,349,987	14,341,811	15,724,095	7,056,846	7,056,846
<b>Additional data(2):</b>							
Net asset value at end of period (in thousands)	\$ 371,718	\$ 301,767	\$ 371,718	\$ 301,767	\$ 300,048	\$ 108,270	\$ 108,270

ratio of expenses to assets	10.25%	6.79%	9.90%	7.01%	7.36%	8.19%
ratio of income to assets	15.01%	9.23%	12.45%	9.36%	9.71%	7.90%

- (1) Financial highlights are based on weighted average shares.
- (2) Total return based on market value is based on the change in market per share between the opening and ending market prices per share in each period and assumes that dividends are reinvested in accordance with the Company's dividend reinvestment plan. Total return based on NAV is based upon the change in NAV per share between the opening and ending NAV per share in each period and assumes that dividends are reinvested in accordance with the Company's dividend reinvestment plan. The total returns are not annualized.



## **RISK FACTORS**

*Investing in our Securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus, before you decide whether to make an investment in our Securities. The risks set forth below are not the only risks we face. If any of the adverse events or conditions described below occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In such case, our NAV, and the trading price of our common stock could decline, or the value of our preferred stock, debt securities or warrants may decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.*

### **Risks Relating To Our Business And Structure**

*A failure on our part to maintain our status as a business development company would significantly reduce our operating flexibility.*

If we do not continue to qualify as a business development company, we might be regulated as a registered closed-end investment company under the 1940 Act, which would make us subject to additional regulatory requirements, which may significantly decrease our operating flexibility by limiting our ability to employ leverage.

*We are dependent upon Prospect Capital Management's key management personnel for our future success.*

We depend on the diligence, skill and network of business contacts of the senior management of Prospect Capital Management. We also depend, to a significant extent, on Prospect Capital Management's access to the investment professionals and the information and deal flow generated by these investment professionals in the course of their investment and portfolio management activities. The senior management team of Prospect Capital Management evaluates, negotiates, structures, closes, monitors and services our investments. For a description of the senior management team, see Management. Our success depends to a significant extent on the continued service of the senior management team, particularly John F. Barry III and M. Grier Eliasek. The departure of any of the senior management team could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objective. In addition, we can offer no assurance that Prospect Capital Management will remain our investment adviser or that we will continue to have access to its investment professionals or its information and deal flow.

*Prospect Capital Management and its senior management team have limited experience managing a business development company under the 1940 Act.*

The 1940 Act imposes numerous constraints on the operations of business development companies. For example, business development companies are required to invest at least 70% of their total assets primarily in securities of privately held or thinly traded U.S. public companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. Prospect Capital Management and its senior management team's limited experience in managing a portfolio of assets under such constraints may hinder their ability to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities and, as a result, achieve our investment objective. In addition, our investment strategies differ in some ways from those of other investment funds that have been managed in the past by the investment professionals.

*We are a relatively new company with limited operating history.*

We were incorporated in April 2004 and have conducted investment operations since July 2004. We are subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business enterprise, including the risk that we may not

achieve our investment objective and that the value of your investment in us could decline substantially or fall to zero. We completed our initial public offering on July 27, 2004. As of March 31, 2008, we continue to pursue our investment strategy and 94% of our portfolio is invested in long-term investments, with the remainder invested in U.S. government and money market securities. As we continue to make new investments, future dividend levels will be dependent on our ability to make such investments and

our ability to finance such investments. If we do not realize yields in excess of our expenses, we may incur operating losses and the market price of our shares may decline.

***Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to manage our future growth effectively.***

Prospect Capital Management has been registered as an investment adviser since March 31, 2004, and the Company has been organized as a closed-end investment company since April 13, 2004. As such, each entity is subject to the business risks and uncertainties associated with any young business enterprise, including the limited experience in managing or operating a business development company under the 1940 Act. Our ability to achieve our investment objective depends on our ability to grow, which depends, in turn, on Prospect Capital Management's ability to continue to identify, analyze, invest in and monitor companies that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of Prospect Capital Management's structuring of investments, its ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services to us and our access to financing on acceptable terms. As we grow, we and Prospect Capital Management need to continue to hire, train, supervise and manage new employees. Failure to manage our future growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.***

A large number of entities compete with us to make the types of investments that we make in target companies. We compete with other business development companies, public and private funds, commercial and investment banks and commercial financing companies. Additionally, because competition for investment opportunities generally has increased among alternative investment vehicles, such as hedge funds, those entities have begun to invest in areas they have not traditionally invested in, including investments in middle-market companies. As a result of these new entrants, competition for investment opportunities at middle-market companies has intensified and we expect that trend to continue.

Many of our existing and potential competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships than us. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a business development company. We cannot assure you that the competitive pressures we face will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Also, as a result of existing and increasing competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time, and we can offer no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that are consistent with our investment objective.

We do not seek to compete primarily based on the interest rates that we offer, and we believe that some of our competitors make loans with interest rates that are comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure. If we match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure, we may experience decreased net interest income and increased risk of credit loss.

***Regulations governing our operation as a business development company affect our ability to raise, and the way in which we raise, additional capital.***

We may issue debt securities or preferred stock and/or borrow money from banks or other financial institutions, which we refer to collectively as senior securities, up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. Under the

provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted, as a business development company, to issue senior securities only in amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments or sell additional shares of

common stock and, depending on the nature of our leverage, to repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous. In addition, issuance of additional securities could dilute the percentage ownership of our current stockholders in us.

As a business development company regulated under provisions of the 1940 Act, we are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below the current NAV per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, or warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, at a price below the current NAV of our common stock in a rights offering to our stockholders or if (1) our Board of Directors determines that such sale is in our and our stockholders' best interests, (2) our stockholders approve the sale of our common stock at a price that is less than the current NAV, and (3) the price at which our common stock is to be issued and sold may not be less than a price which, in the determination of our Board of Directors, closely approximates the market value of these securities (less any sales load).

In addition, we may securitize our loans to generate cash for funding new investments. To securitize loans, we may create a wholly owned subsidiary and contribute a pool of loans to such subsidiary. This could include the sale of interests in the loans by the subsidiary on a nonrecourse basis to purchasers who we would expect to be willing to accept a lower interest rate to invest in investment grade loan pools. We would retain a portion of the equity in the securitized pool of loans. An inability to successfully securitize our loan portfolio could limit our ability to grow our business and fully execute our business strategy, and could decrease our earnings, if any. Moreover, the successful securitization of our loan portfolio exposes us to a risk of loss for the equity we retain in the securitized pool of loans and might expose us to losses because the residual loans in which we do not sell interests may tend to be those that are riskier and more likely to generate losses. A successful securitization may also impose financial and operating covenants that restrict our business activities and may include limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. The 1940 Act may also impose restrictions on the structure of any securitizations.

***If we fail to qualify as a RIC, we will have to pay corporate-level taxes on our income, and our income available for distribution would be reduced.***

To maintain our qualification for federal income tax purposes as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and obtain RIC tax treatment, we must meet certain source-of-income, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. The annual distribution requirement for a RIC is satisfied if we distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, to our stockholders on an annual basis. Because we expect to use debt financing in the future, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and financial covenants that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to qualify for RIC tax treatment. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and, thus, may be subject to corporate-level income tax. To maintain our qualification as a RIC, we must also meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each calendar quarter. Failure to meet these tests may result in our having to dispose of certain investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC status. Because most of our investments are in private companies, any such dispositions could be made at disadvantageous prices and may result in substantial losses. If we fail to qualify as a RIC for any reason or become subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution, and the actual amount of our distributions. Such a failure would have a material adverse effect on us and our shares. For additional information regarding asset coverage ratio and RIC requirements, see Regulation Senior Securities and Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

***We may have difficulty paying our required distributions if we recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income.***

For federal income tax purposes, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as original issue discount, which may arise if we receive warrants in connection with the making of a loan or possibly in other circumstances, or payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest

added to the loan balance and due at the end of the loan term. Such original issue discount, which could be significant relative to our overall investment activities, or increases in loan balances as a result of payment-in-kind arrangements, are included in our income before we receive any corresponding cash payments. We also may be required to include in income certain other amounts that we do not receive in cash. While we focus primarily on investments that will generate a current cash return, our investment portfolio may also include securities that do not pay some or all of their return in periodic current cash distributions.

The income incentive fee payable by us is computed and paid on income that may include interest that has been accrued but not yet received in cash. If a portfolio company defaults on a loan that is structured to provide accrued interest, it is possible that accrued interest previously used in the calculation of the income incentive fee will become uncollectible.

Since in some cases we may recognize taxable income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the tax requirement to distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, to maintain RIC tax treatment. Accordingly, we may have to sell some of our investments at times we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investment originations to meet these distribution requirements. If we are not able to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to qualify for RIC treatment and thus become subject to corporate-level income tax. See Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Taxation As A RIC.

***If we issue senior securities, including debt, you will be exposed to additional risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.***

You will be exposed to increased risk of loss if we incur debt to make investments. If we do incur debt, a decrease in the value of our investments or in our revenues would have a greater negative impact on the value of our common stock than if we did not use debt.

Our ability to pay dividends would be restricted if our asset coverage ratio were not at least 200% and any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness would not be available for dividends to our common stockholders.

It is likely that any debt we incur will be governed by an indenture or other instrument containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility.

We and you will bear the cost of issuing and servicing our senior securities.

Any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our common stock.

***Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital and net investment income.***

We expect that a significant portion of our debt investments will bear interest at fixed rates and the value of these investments could be negatively affected by increases in market interest rates. In addition, an increase in interest rates would make it more expensive to use debt to finance our investments. As a result, a significant increase in market interest rates could both reduce the value of our portfolio investments and increase our cost of capital, which would reduce our net investment income.

***We need to raise additional capital to grow because we must distribute most of our income.***

We need additional capital to fund growth in our investments. A reduction in the availability of new capital could limit our ability to grow. We must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, to our stockholders to maintain our RIC status. As a result, such earnings are not available to fund investment originations. We have sought additional capital by borrowing from financial institutions and may issue debt securities or additional equity securities. If we fail to obtain funds from such sources or from other sources to fund our investments, we could be limited in our ability to grow, which may have an adverse effect on the value of our Securities. In



addition, as a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a ratio of at least 200% of total assets to total borrowings, which may restrict our ability to borrow in certain circumstances.

***Most of our portfolio investments are recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors and, as a result, there is uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments.***

A large percentage of our portfolio investments consist of securities of privately held or thinly traded public companies. The fair value of these securities is often not readily determinable. The determination of fair value, and thus the amount of unrealized losses we may incur in any year, is to a degree subjective, and Prospect Capital Management has a conflict of interest in making the determination. We value these securities quarterly at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors based on input from Prospect Capital Management, a third party independent valuation firm and our audit committee. Our Board of Directors utilizes the services of an independent valuation firm to aid it in determining the fair value of any securities. The types of factors that may be considered in fair value pricing of our investments include the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparison to publicly traded companies, discounted cash flow and other relevant factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, the valuations may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates. The determinations of fair value by our Board of Directors may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed. Our NAV could be adversely affected if the determinations regarding the fair value of our investments were materially higher than the values that we ultimately realize upon the disposal of such securities.

***The lack of liquidity in our investments may adversely affect our business.***

We generally make investments in private companies. Substantially all of these securities are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or are otherwise less liquid than publicly traded securities. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to sell such investments if the need arises. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we have previously recorded our investments. In addition, we may face other restrictions on our ability to liquidate an investment in a portfolio company to the extent that we or Prospect Capital Management have material non-public information regarding such portfolio company.

***We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly results.***

We could experience fluctuations in our quarterly operating results due to a number of factors, including the interest or dividend rates payable on the debt or equity securities we acquire, the default rate on debt securities, the level of our expenses, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, the seasonality of the energy industry, weather patterns, changes in energy prices and general economic conditions. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

***Potential conflicts of interest could impact our investment returns.***

Our executive officers and directors, and the executive officers of Prospect Capital Management, may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or related lines of business as we do or of investment funds managed by our affiliates. Accordingly, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which might not be in the best interests of us or our stockholders. Nevertheless, it is possible that new investment opportunities that meet our investment objective may come to the attention of one of these entities in connection with another investment advisory client or program, and, if so, such opportunity might not be offered, or

otherwise made available, to us. However, as an investment adviser, Prospect Capital Management has a fiduciary obligation to act in the best interests of its clients, including us. To that end, if Prospect Capital Management or its affiliates manage any additional investment vehicles or client accounts in the future, Prospect Capital Management will endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner over time so as not to discriminate unfairly against any client. If

Prospect Capital Management chooses to establish another investment fund in the future, when the investment professionals of Prospect Capital Management identify an investment, they will have to choose which investment fund should make the investment.

In the course of our investing activities, under the Investment Advisory Agreement we pay base management and incentive fees to Prospect Capital Management, and reimburse Prospect Capital Management for certain expenses it incurs. As a result of our Investment Advisory Agreement, there may be times when the senior management team of Prospect Capital Management has interests that differ from those of our stockholders, giving rise to a conflict.

Prospect Capital Management receives a quarterly income incentive fee based, in part, on our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, for the immediately preceding calendar quarter. This income incentive fee is subject to a fixed quarterly hurdle rate before providing an income incentive fee return to Prospect Capital Management. To the extent we or Prospect Capital Management are able to exert influence over our portfolio companies, the income incentive fee may provide Prospect Capital Management with an incentive to induce our portfolio companies to accelerate or defer interest or other obligations owed to us from one calendar quarter to another. This fixed hurdle rate was determined when then current interest rates were relatively low on a historical basis. Thus, if interest rates rise, it would become easier for our investment income to exceed the hurdle rate and, as a result, more likely that Prospect Capital Management will receive an income incentive fee than if interest rates on our investments remained constant or decreased. Subject to the receipt of any requisite stockholder approval under the 1940 Act, our Board of Directors may readjust the hurdle rate by amending the Investment Advisory Agreement.

The income incentive fee payable by the Company is computed and paid on income that may include interest that has been accrued but not yet received in cash. If a portfolio company defaults on a loan that has a deferred interest feature, it is possible that interest accrued under such loan that has previously been included in the calculation of the income incentive fee will become uncollectible. If this happens, Prospect Capital Management is not required to reimburse us for any such income incentive fee payments. If we do not have sufficient liquid assets to pay this incentive fee or distributions to stockholders on such accrued income, we may be required to liquidate assets in order to do so. This fee structure could give rise to a conflict of interest for Prospect Capital Management to the extent that it may encourage Prospect Capital Management to favor debt financings that provide for deferred interest, rather than current cash payments of interest. In addition, the amount of Prospect Capital Management's compensation under the incentive fee due, is affected in part, by the amount of unrealized depreciation accrued by us.

We have entered into a royalty-free license agreement with Prospect Capital Management. Under this agreement, Prospect Capital Management agrees to grant us a non-exclusive license to use the name Prospect Capital. Under the license agreement, we have the right to use the Prospect Capital name for so long as Prospect Capital Management or one of its affiliates remains our investment adviser. In addition, we rent office space from Prospect Administration, an affiliate of Prospect Capital Management, and pay Prospect Administration our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Prospect Administration in performing its obligations as Administrator under the Administration Agreement, including rent and our allocable portion of the costs of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and their respective staffs. This may create conflicts of interest that our Board of Directors monitors.

***Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business.***

We and our portfolio companies are subject to regulation by laws at the local, state and federal levels. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, may be changed from time to time. Accordingly, changes in these laws or regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business. For additional information regarding the regulations we are subject to, see Regulation.

***Our ability to enter into transactions with our affiliates is restricted.***

We are prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our independent directors. Any person that owns, directly or indirectly,

5% or more of our outstanding voting securities is our affiliate for purposes of the 1940 Act and we are generally prohibited from buying or selling any security from or to such affiliate, absent the prior approval of our independent directors. The 1940 Act also prohibits joint transactions with an affiliate, which could include investments in the same portfolio company (whether at the same or different times), without prior approval of our independent directors. If a person acquires more than 25% of our voting securities, we are prohibited from buying or selling any security from or to such person, or entering into joint transactions with such person, absent the prior approval of the SEC.

## **Risks Related To Our Investments**

### ***We may not realize gains or income from our investments.***

We seek to generate both current income and capital appreciation. However, the securities we invest in may not appreciate and, in fact, may decline in value, and the issuers of debt securities we invest in may default on interest and/or principal payments. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our investments, and any gains that we do realize may not be sufficient to offset any losses we experience. See **Business** Our Investment Objective and Policies.

Our portfolio is concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies in the energy industry, which subject us to a risk of significant loss if any of these companies defaults on its obligations under any of the securities that we hold or if the energy industry experiences a downturn.

As of March 31, 2008, we had invested in 31 companies (including a net profits interest in Charlevoix Energy Trading, LLC, or Charlevoix). A consequence of this lack of diversification is that the aggregate returns we realize may be significantly adversely affected if a small number of such investments perform poorly or if we need to write down the value of any one investment. Beyond our income tax diversification requirements, we do not have fixed guidelines for diversification, and our investments are concentrated in relatively few portfolio companies. In addition, to date we have concentrated on making investments in the energy industry. While we expect to be less focused on the energy industry in the future, we will continue to have significant holdings in the energy and energy related industries. As a result, a downturn in the energy industry could materially adversely affect us.

### ***The energy industry is subject to many risks.***

We have a significant concentration in the energy industry. Our definition of energy, as used in the context of the energy industry, is broad, and different sectors in the energy industry may be subject to variable risks and economic pressures. As a result, it is difficult to anticipate the impact of changing economic and political conditions on our portfolio companies and, as a result, our financial results. The revenues, income (or losses) and valuations of energy companies can fluctuate suddenly and dramatically due to any one or more of the following factors:

*Commodity Pricing Risk.* While we generally do not invest in companies that accept completely unhedged commodity risk for an unlimited time, energy companies in general are directly affected by energy commodity prices, such as the market prices of crude oil, natural gas and wholesale electricity, especially for those that own the underlying energy commodity. In addition, the volatility of commodity prices can affect other energy companies due to the impact of prices on the volume of commodities transported, processed, stored or distributed and on the cost of fuel for power generation companies. The volatility of commodity prices can also affect energy companies' ability to access the capital markets in light of market perception that their performance may be directly tied to commodity prices. Historically, energy commodity prices have been cyclical and exhibited significant volatility. Although we generally prefer risk controls, including appropriate commodity and other hedges, by each of our portfolio companies, some of our portfolio companies may not engage in hedging transactions to minimize their exposure to commodity price risk. For those companies that

engage in such hedging transactions, they remain subject to market risks, including market liquidity and counterparty creditworthiness.

*Regulatory Risk.* The profitability of energy companies could be adversely affected by changes in the regulatory environment. The businesses of energy companies are heavily regulated by federal, state and local governments in diverse ways, such as the way in which energy assets are constructed, maintained and operated and the prices energy companies may charge for their products and services. Such regulation can change over time in scope and intensity. For example, a particular by-product of an energy process may be declared hazardous by a regulatory agency, which can unexpectedly increase production costs. Moreover, many state and federal environmental laws provide for civil penalties as well as regulatory remediation, thus adding to the potential liability an energy company may face. In addition, the deregulation of energy markets and the unresolved regulatory issues related to some power markets such as California create uncertainty in the regulatory environment as rules and regulations may be adopted on a transitional basis. We cannot assure you that the deregulation of energy markets will continue and if it continues, whether its impact on energy companies' profitability will be positive.

*Production Risk.* The profitability of energy companies may be materially impacted by the volume of crude oil, natural gas or other energy commodities available for transporting, processing, storing, distributing or power generation. A significant decrease in the production of natural gas, crude oil, coal or other energy commodities, due to the decline of production from existing facilities, import supply disruption, depressed commodity prices, political events, actions of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, or otherwise, could reduce revenue and operating income or increase operating costs of energy companies and, therefore, their ability to pay debt or dividends. In recent months, OPEC has announced changes in production quotas in response to changing market conditions, including near record high and volatile oil prices in the United States.

*Demand Risk.* A sustained decline in demand for crude oil, natural gas, refined petroleum products and electricity could materially affect revenues and cash flows of energy companies. Factors that could lead to a decrease in market demand include a recession or other adverse economic conditions, an increase in the market price of the underlying commodity, higher taxes or other regulatory actions that increase costs, or a shift in consumer demand for such products.

*Depletion and Exploration Risk.* A portion of any one energy company's assets may be dedicated to natural gas, crude oil and/or coal reserves and other commodities that naturally deplete over time. Depletion could have a material adverse impact on such company's ability to maintain its revenue. Further, estimates of energy reserves may not be accurate and, even if accurate, reserves may not be fully utilized at reasonable costs. Exploration of energy resources, especially of oil and gas, is inherently risky and requires large amounts of capital.

*Weather Risk.* Unseasonable extreme weather patterns could result in significant volatility in demand for energy and power. This volatility may create fluctuations in earnings of energy companies.

*Operational Risk.* Energy companies are subject to various operational risks, such as failed drilling or well development, unscheduled outages, underestimated cost projections, unanticipated operation and maintenance expenses, failure to obtain the necessary permits to operate and failure of third-party contractors (for example, energy producers and shippers) to perform their contractual obligations. In addition, energy companies employ a variety of means of increasing cash flow, including increasing utilization of existing facilities, expanding operations through new construction, expanding operations through acquisitions, or securing additional long-term contracts. Thus, some energy companies may be subject to construction risk, acquisition risk or other risk factors arising from their specific business strategies.

*Competition Risk.* The progress in deregulating energy markets has created more competition in the energy industry. This competition is reflected in risks associated with marketing and selling energy in the evolving energy market and a competitor's development of a lower-cost energy or power source, or of a lower cost means of operations, and other risks arising from competition.

*Valuation Risk.* Since mid-2001, excess power generation capacity in certain regions of the United States has caused substantial decreases in the market capitalization of many energy companies.



While such prices have recovered to some extent, we can offer no assurance that such decreases in market capitalization will not recur, or that any future decreases in energy company valuations will be insubstantial or temporary in nature.

*Terrorism Risk.* Since the September 11th attacks, the United States government has issued public warnings indicating that energy assets, specifically those related to pipeline infrastructure, production facilities and transmission and distribution facilities, might be specific targets of terrorist activity. The continued threat of terrorism and related military activity will likely increase volatility for prices of natural gas and oil and could affect the market for products and services of energy companies. In addition, any future terrorist attack or armed conflict in the United States or elsewhere may undermine economic conditions in the United States in general.

*Financing Risk.* Some of our portfolio companies rely on the capital markets to raise money to pay their existing obligations. Their ability to access the capital markets on attractive terms or at all may be affected by any of the risks associated with energy companies described above, by general economic and market conditions or by other factors. This may in turn affect their ability to satisfy their obligations with us.

***Our investments in prospective portfolio companies may be risky and you could lose all or part of your investment.***

Some of our portfolio companies have relatively short or no operating histories. These companies are and will be subject to all of the business risk and uncertainties associated with any new business enterprise, including the risk that these companies may not reach their investment objective and the value of our investment in them may decline substantially or fall to zero.

In addition, investment in the middle market companies that we are targeting involves a number of other significant risks, including:

these companies may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations under their securities that we hold, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of their securities or of any collateral with respect to any securities and a reduction in the likelihood of our realizing on any guarantees we may have obtained in connection with our investment;

they may have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines and smaller market shares than larger businesses, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;

because many of these companies are privately held companies, public information is generally not available about these companies. As a result, we will depend on the ability of Prospect Capital Management to obtain adequate information to evaluate these companies in making investment decisions. If Prospect Capital Management is unable to uncover all material information about these companies, it may not make a fully informed investment decision, and we may lose money on our investments;

they are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us;

they may have less predictable operating results, may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in changing businesses with products subject to a risk of obsolescence and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position. In addition, our

executive officers, directors and Prospect Capital Management could, in the ordinary course of business, be named as defendants in litigation arising from proposed investments or from our investments in the portfolio companies.

***Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results.***

Our portfolio companies will generally be affected by the conditions and overall strength of the national, regional and local economies, including interest rate fluctuations, changes in the capital markets and changes in the prices of their primary commodities and products. These factors also impact the amount of residential, industrial and commercial growth in the energy industry. Additionally, these factors could adversely impact the customer base and customer collections of our portfolio companies.

As a result, many of our portfolio companies may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions and may be unable to repay our loans or meet other obligations during these periods. Therefore, our non-performing assets are likely to increase, and the value of our portfolio is likely to decrease, during these periods. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments. Economic slowdowns or recessions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in revenues, net income and assets. Unfavorable economic conditions also could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. These events could prevent us from increasing investments and harm our operating results.

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans and foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross-defaults under other agreements and jeopardize a portfolio company's ability to meet its obligations under the debt or equity securities that we hold. We may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms, which may include the waiver of certain financial covenants, with a defaulting portfolio company. In addition, if one of our portfolio companies were to go bankrupt, even though we may have structured our interest as senior debt or preferred equity, depending on the facts and circumstances, including the extent to which we actually provided managerial assistance to that portfolio company, a bankruptcy court might recharacterize our debt or equity holding and subordinate all or a portion of our claim to those of other creditors.

***Our portfolio companies may incur debt or issue equity securities that rank equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies.***

We invest primarily in mezzanine debt and dividend-paying equity securities issued by our portfolio companies. Our portfolio companies usually have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt, or issue other equity securities, that rank equally with, or senior to, the securities in which we invest. By their terms, such instruments may provide that the holders are entitled to receive payment of dividends, interest or principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments in respect of the securities in which we invest. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of securities ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution in respect of our investment. After repaying the senior security holders, the portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. In the case of securities ranking equally with securities in which we invest, we would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other security holders in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant portfolio company. In addition, we may not be in a position to control any portfolio company in which we invest. As a result, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company in which we invest may make business decisions with which we disagree and the management of such company, as representatives of the holders of their common equity, may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve our interests as debt or preferred equity investors.

***We may not be able to fully realize the value of the collateral securing our debt investments.***

Although a substantial amount of our debt investments are protected by holding security interests in the assets of the portfolio companies, we may not be able to fully realize the value of the collateral securing our investments due to one or more of the following factors:

since our debt investments are primarily made in the form of mezzanine loans, our liens on the collateral, if any, are subordinated to those of the senior secured debt of the portfolio companies, if any. As a result, we may not be able to control remedies with respect to the collateral;

the collateral may not be valuable enough to satisfy all of the obligations under our secured loan, particularly after giving effect to the repayment of secured debt of the portfolio company that ranks senior to our loan;

bankruptcy laws may limit our ability to realize value from the collateral and may delay the realization process;

our rights in the collateral may be adversely affected by the failure to perfect security interests in the collateral;

how effectively the collateral would be liquidated and the value received could be impaired or impeded by the need to obtain regulatory and contractual consents; and

by its nature, some or all of the collateral may be illiquid and may have no readily ascertainable market value. The liquidity and value of the collateral could be impaired as a result of changing economic conditions, competition, and other factors, including the availability of suitable buyers.

***Our incentive fee could induce Prospect Capital Management to make speculative investments.***

The incentive fee payable by us to Prospect Capital Management may create an incentive for Prospect Capital Management to make investments on our behalf that are more speculative or involve more risk than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangement. The way in which the incentive fee payable is determined (calculated as a percentage of the return on invested capital) may encourage Prospect Capital Management to use leverage to increase the return on our investments. The use of leverage would increase the likelihood of default, which would disfavor holders of our common stock. Similarly, because Prospect Capital Management will receive an incentive fee based, in part, upon net capital gains realized on our investments, Prospect Capital Management may invest more than would otherwise be appropriate in companies whose securities are likely to yield capital gains, as compared to income producing securities. Such a practice could result in our investing in more speculative securities than would otherwise be the case, which could result in higher investment losses, particularly during economic downturns.

The incentive fee payable by us to Prospect Capital Management also could create an incentive for it to invest on our behalf in instruments, such as zero coupon bonds, that have a deferred interest feature. Under these investments, we would accrue interest income over the life of the investment but would not receive payments in cash on the investment until the end of the term. Our net investment income used to calculate the income incentive fee, however, includes accrued interest. For example, accrued interest, if any, on our investments in zero coupon bonds will be included in the calculation of our incentive fee, even though we will not receive any cash interest payments in respect of payment on the bond until its maturity date. Thus, a portion of this incentive fee would be based on income that we may not have yet received in cash.

***Our investments in foreign securities may involve significant risks in addition to the risks inherent in U.S. investments.***

Our investment strategy contemplates potential investments in securities of foreign companies. Investing in foreign companies may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies. These risks include changes in exchange control regulations, political and social instability, expropriation, imposition of foreign taxes, less liquid markets and less available information than is generally the case in the United States, higher transaction costs, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, less developed bankruptcy laws, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards and greater price volatility.

Although currently most of our investments are, and we expect that most of our investments will be, U.S. dollar-denominated, our investments that are denominated in a foreign currency will be subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation, and political developments.

We may employ hedging techniques to minimize these risks, but we can offer no assurance that such strategies will be effective. If we engage in hedging transactions, we may expose ourselves to risks associated with such transactions. We may utilize instruments such as forward contracts, currency options and interest rate swaps, caps, collars and floors to seek to hedge against fluctuations in the relative values of our portfolio positions from changes in currency exchange rates and market interest rates. Hedging against a decline in the values of our portfolio positions does not eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the values of such positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline. However, such hedging can establish other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thereby offsetting the decline in the value of such portfolio positions. Such hedging transaction may also limit the opportunity for gain if the values of the portfolio positions should increase. Moreover, it may not be possible to hedge against an exchange rate or interest rate fluctuation that is so generally anticipated that we are not able to enter into a hedging transaction at an acceptable price.

The success of our hedging transactions depends on our ability to correctly predict movements, currencies and interest rates. Therefore, while we may enter into such transactions to seek to reduce currency exchange rate and interest rate risks, unanticipated changes in currency exchange rates or interest rates may result in poorer overall investment performance than if we had not engaged in any such hedging transactions. The degree of correlation between price movements of the instruments used in a hedging strategy and price movements in the portfolio positions being hedged may vary. Moreover, for a variety of reasons, we may not seek to establish a perfect correlation between such hedging instruments and the portfolio holdings being hedged. Any such imperfect correlation may prevent us from achieving the intended hedge and expose us to risk of loss. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies.

### **Risks Relating To Our Securities**

*There is a risk that you may not receive dividends or that our dividends may not grow over time.*

We have made and intend to continue to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will allow or require any specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a business development company, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. See Distributions.

*Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and of our charter and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock.*

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging, delaying or making more difficult a change in control and preventing the removal of incumbent directors. We are covered by the Maryland Business Combination Act, or the Business Combination Act, to the extent such statute is not superseded by applicable requirements of the 1940 Act. However, our Board of Directors has adopted a resolution exempting any business combination between us and any other person from the Business Combination Act, subject to prior approval of such business combination by our Board of Directors, including a majority of our directors who are not interested persons as defined in the 1940 Act. In addition, the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act, or the Control Share Act, provides that control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our bylaws contain a provision exempting from the Control Share Act any and all acquisitions by any person of our shares of stock. If the applicable Board of Directors resolution is repealed or our Board of Directors does not otherwise approve a business combination, the Business Combination Act and the Control Share Act (if we amend our bylaws to be subject to that Act) may discourage others from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating any offer.

Additionally, under our charter, our Board of Directors is divided into three classes serving staggered terms; our Board of Directors may, without stockholder action, authorize the issuance of shares of stock in one



or more classes or series, including preferred stock; and our Board of Directors may, without stockholder action, amend our charter to increase the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. The existence of these provisions, among others, may have a negative impact on the price of our common stock and may discourage third party bids for ownership of our Company. These provisions may prevent you from being able to sell shares of our common stock at a premium over the current or prevailing market prices.

***Investing in our Securities may involve a high degree of risk.***

The investments we make in accordance with our investment objective may result in a higher amount of risk than alternative investment options and volatility or loss of principal. Our investments in portfolio companies may be speculative and aggressive, and therefore, an investment in our shares may not be suitable for someone with low risk tolerance.

***The market price of our Securities may fluctuate significantly.***

The market price and liquidity of the market for our Securities may be significantly affected by numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include:

significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of business development companies or other companies in the energy industry, which are not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies;

changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines, particularly with respect to RICs or business development companies;

loss of RIC status;

changes in earnings or variations in operating results;

changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;

any shortfall in revenue or net income or any increase in losses from levels expected by investors or securities analysts;

departure of one or more of Prospect Capital Management's key personnel;

operating performance of companies comparable to us;

changes in prevailing interest rates;

litigation matters;

general economic trends and other external factors; and

loss of a major funding source.

***We may allocate the net proceeds from any offering in ways with which you may not agree.***

We will have significant flexibility in investing the net proceeds of any offering of our Securities. We may use the net proceeds from the offering in ways with which you may not agree or for investments other than those contemplated at the time of the offering, unless such change in the use of proceeds is subject to stockholders' approval or prohibited by law.

***Sales of substantial amounts of our Securities in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of our Securities.***

Sales of substantial amounts of our Securities or the availability of such securities for sale could adversely affect the prevailing market price for our Securities. If this occurs and continues it could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of securities should we desire to do so.

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**(in 000's except share and per share amounts)**

**Overview as of March 31, 2008**

Prospect Capital Corporation is a publicly traded mezzanine debt and private equity firm that provides investment capital to micro to middle market companies. We invest primarily in senior and subordinated debt and equity of companies in need of capital for acquisitions, divestitures, growth, development, project financing and recapitalization. We work with the management teams or financial sponsors to seek investments with historical cash flows, asset collateral or contracted pro-forma cash flows.

The aggregate value of our portfolio investments was \$429,156 and \$328,222 as of March 31, 2008 and June 30, 2007, respectively. During the first three quarters of fiscal year 2008, our net cost of investments increased by \$110,360, or 33.8%, as we invested in 12 new and follow-on investments while we sold three investments and three other investments repaid their loans.

Compared to the end of last fiscal year (ended June 30, 2007), net assets increased by \$71,670 during the nine-month period ended March 31, 2008, from \$300,048 to \$371,718. This increase resulted from the issuance of new shares of our common stock (less offering costs) in the amount of \$92,979, dividend re-investments of \$2,753, and another \$3,605 from operations. These increases, in turn, were offset by \$27,667 in dividend distributions to our stockholders. The \$3,605 increase in net assets resulting from operations is net of the following: Net investment income of \$31,444, realized loss on investments of \$18,413, and a net decrease in net assets due to changes in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments of \$9,426. The realized losses were mainly due to the sale of Central Illinois Energy, LLC, or CIE, and Advantage Oilfield Group Ltd., or AOG. The net unrealized depreciation was driven by significant write-downs in our investments in, Integrated Contract Services, Inc., or ICS, Worcester Energy Company, Inc., or WECO, and Genesis Coal Corp., or Genesis, which, in turn, were partially offset by write-ups for our investments in GSHI, and by the disposition of previously written-down investments in AOG and in ESA Environmental Specialists, or ESA.

We seek to be a long-term investor with our investment companies. As of March 31, 2008, we continue to pursue our investment strategy, and 115.5% of our net assets are invested in long-term investments.

To date we have invested primarily in industries related to the industrial/energy economy. However, we continue to widen our strategy focus in other sectors of the economy to diversify our portfolio holdings. This is further evidenced by the change of our corporate name. Some of the companies in which we invest have relatively short or no operating histories. These companies are and will be subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business enterprise, including the risks that these companies may not reach their investment objective or the value of our investments in them may decline substantially or fall to zero.

After a robust global debt market during the earlier part of 2007, beginning in June 2007, signs of strain emerged as fears of increasing defaults in the subprime mortgage lending market caused a broader loss of investor confidence beyond the subprime mortgage lending market and into the corporate leveraged loan and high-yield debt markets. Collateralized Loan Obligations, or CLOs, and hedge funds, in particular, have been a driving force in the excess liquidity that existed in the debt capital markets. The loss of investor confidence in many of these highly-leveraged investment vehicles has significantly constrained the market for new CLO issuance, a consequence of limited relevance to our business historically.

Since June 2007, there has been a significant reduction in liquidity in the corporate debt capital markets and transactions in the high-yield and leveraged loan markets have recently been cancelled, postponed, or restructured, enhancing opportunities for us going forward. The extra supply and meaningfully less demand has shifted the dynamics between buyers and sellers and caused several hundred billion dollars of corporate loans and bridge loan commitments to remain on the balance sheets of financial institutions and remain undistributed. We believe that, as of today, this reduction in liquidity has caused increased market volatility in the secondary prices of existing leveraged loans and high yield bonds, driving many leveraged loan and bond

market quotes to below the primary market offer price without necessarily reflecting a deterioration, if any, in underlying fundamental performance of many of these issuers. The valuation of securities held within our portfolio has not been materially affected in an adverse way by these events because we had not participated in the syndicated loan market prior to September 2007 to any meaningful extent. If we were to enter into these markets in a meaningful way, we would be able to lend money at higher rates of interest and would be able to purchase loans at greater discounts than prior to the occurrence of these events. We also expect that greater structural protection that lenders require for new loans, such as lower overall financial leverage and maintenance financial covenants, will increase the opportunities for us to invest since we have generally decided not to invest in highly leveraged or covenant light credit facilities. In turn, these events also could increase our cost of financing.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reported period. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ.

### ***Recent Developments***

On April 3, 2008, we provided approximately \$39.8 million first and second lien debt and equity for the recapitalization of Ajax, a custom forger of seamless rolled steal rings located in York, South Carolina. Our debt is secured by a first lien on inventory, machinery, and certain other assets of Ajax. The equity interest purchased in Ajax is controlling in nature and was made alongside equity co-investments by Ajax's senior managers.

On April 30, 2008, we provided debt financing of \$20 million to support the acquisition by Peerless headquartered in Dallas, Texas, of Nitram. Peerless is a leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of industrial environmental separation and filtration systems while Nitram focuses on separation, heat transfer, pulsation dampening, and industrial silencing products. Peerless and Nitram serve a diversified, global list of customers in industries such as oil and gas production, gas pipelines, chemical and petrochemical processing, and power generation.

On April 30, 2008, we fully exited out of our investment in Arctic through the sale of our equity interest in Arctic for approximately \$3.4 million. We initially invested \$9.25 million in Arctic in July 2005 in the form of a senior secured loan, which loan was subsequently increased by \$6.0 million. We received the equity interest in Arctic as additional consideration for making the secured loan. The loan was fully repaid in August 2007.

On June 2, 2008, we closed a public offering of 3.25 million shares of our common stock. The net proceeds to us were approximately \$45.7 million after deducting estimated offering expenses.

On June 9, 2008, Deep Down, one of our portfolio companies, fully repaid the \$12.0 million loan we made to Deep Down in August 2007 and December 2007. We currently own a warrant to purchase approximately 5.0 million shares of Deep Down common stock at an exercise price of \$0.507 per share.

### ***Significant Accounting Policies and Estimates***

We believe that the estimates, assumptions and judgments involved in the accounting policies described below have the greatest potential impact on our financial statements. So we consider these to be our critical accounting policies, and they are consistently applied by us.

#### ***Consolidation:***

Under the 1940 Act rules, the regulations pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation S-X, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies, we are precluded from consolidating any entity other than another investment company or an operating company which provides substantially all of its services and benefits to us. Our March 31, 2008 financial statements include our accounts and the accounts of Prospect Capital Funding, LLC, our only wholly-owned, closely-

managed subsidiary that is also an investment company. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Investments:*

(a) Security transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis.

(b) Valuation:

(1) Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at such market quotations.

(2) Short-term investments that mature in 60 days or less, such as United States Treasury Bills, are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. The amortized cost method involves recording a security at its cost (i.e., principal amount plus any premium and less any discount) on the date of purchase and thereafter amortizing/accreting that difference between the principal amount due at maturity and cost assuming a constant yield to maturity as determined at time of purchase. Short-term securities that mature in more than 60 days are valued at current market quotations by an independent pricing service or at the mean between the bid and ask prices obtained from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, or otherwise by a principal market maker or a primary market dealer). Investments in money market mutual funds are valued at their net asset value as of the close of business on the day of valuation.

(3) It is expected that most of the investments in the Company's portfolio will not have readily available market values. Debt and equity securities whose market prices are not readily available are valued at fair value with the assistance of an independent valuation service using a documented valuation policy and a valuation process that is consistently applied under the direction of our Board of Directors. The factors that may be taken into account in fairly valuing investments include, as relevant, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its estimated earnings and projected discounted cash flows, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the sensitivity of the investments to fluctuations in interest rates, the financial environment in which the portfolio company operates, comparisons to securities of similar publicly traded companies and other relevant factors. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of these investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had ready market existed for such investments, and any such differences could be material.

(4) In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued a new pronouncement addressing fair value measurements, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Number 157, Fair Value Measurements, or SFAS 157. This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 becomes effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007; therefore, its first applicability to the Company will be for the Company's upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS 157 will materially impact the amounts reported in its financial statements, however, additional disclosures will be required about the inputs used to develop the measurements and the effect of certain of the measurements reported to changes in net assets for a fiscal period.

(5) In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115. SFAS 159 permits an entity to elect fair value as the initial and subsequent measurement attribute for many of assets and liabilities for which the fair value option has been elected and similar assets and liabilities measured using another measurement attribute. SFAS 159 becomes effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and, therefore, is applicable for the Company's upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. The Company's management does not believe that the adoption of SFAS No. 159 will

have a material impact on its financial statements.



(c) Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments are calculated using the specific identification method.

(d) Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on an accrual basis. Origination, closing and/or commitment fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are accreted into interest income over the respective terms of the applicable loans. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any prepayment penalties and unamortized loan origination, closing and commitment fees are recorded as interest income.

(e) Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

(f) Structuring fees and similar fees are recognized as income as earned. Structuring fees, excess deal deposits, net profits interests, overriding royalty interests, administrative agent fees and forbearance fees are included in other income.

In determining the fair value of our portfolio investments at March 31, 2008, the Audit Committee met on April 24, 2008, and considered valuations from the independent valuation firm and from management having an aggregate range of \$416,608 to \$437,988.

Our portfolio across all our long-term debt and certain equity investments had an annualized current yield of 16.8% and 17% as of March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively. This yield includes interest from all of our long-term investments as well as dividends from GSHI and NRG Manufacturing, Inc., or NRG, as of March 31, 2008 and from GSHI as of March 31, 2007. We expect the current yield to decline over time as we increase the size of the portfolio. Monetization of other equity positions that we hold is not included in this yield calculation. In each of our portfolio companies, we hold equity positions, ranging from minority interests to majority stakes, which we expect over time to contribute to our investment returns. Many of these equity positions include features such as contractual minimum internal rates of returns, preferred distributions, flip structures and other features expected to generate additional investment returns, as well as contractual protections and preferences over junior equity, in addition to the yield and security offered by our cash flow and collateral debt protections. Set forth below are several views of our investment portfolio, classified by type of investment, geographic diversification and sector diversification at March 31, 2008, and March 31, 2007, respectively:

<b>Type of Investment</b>	<b>3/31/08 Fair Value (000s)</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>3/31/07 Fair Value (000s)</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>
Money Market Funds	\$ 27,249	6.0%	\$ 99,584	32.0%
Senior Secured Debt	224,564	49.2%	135,736	43.7%
Subordinated Secured Debt	146,143	32.0%	48,586	15.6%
Membership Interests	3,000	0.7%		%
Common Stock	49,384	10.8%	24,902	8.0%
Preferred Stock	149	0.0%	65	0.0%
Warrants	5,916	1.3%	1,964	0.7%
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>\$ 456,405</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 310,837</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Geographic Exposure</b>	<b>3/31/08 Fair Value (000s)</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>3/31/07 Fair Value (000s)</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>
Midwest U.S.	\$ 49,015	10.7%	\$ 36,476	11.7%
Northeast U.S.	67,649	14.8%	24,898	8.0%
Southeast U.S.	83,628	18.3%	37,835	12.2%
Southwest U.S.	189,313	41.5%	85,793	27.6%
Western U.S.	30,500	6.7%		%
Canada	9,051	2.0%	26,251	8.5%
Money Market Funds	27,249	6.0%	99,584	32.0%
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>\$ 456,405</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 310,837</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Sector</b>	<b>3/31/08 Fair Value (000s)</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>3/31/07 Fair Value (000s)</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>
Biofuels/Ethanol	\$	%	\$ 8,000	2.6%
Biomass Power	19,580	4.3%	24,898	8.0%
Construction Services	5,582	1.2%	22,672	7.3%
Contracting	5,000	1.1%		%
Financial Services	25,000	5.5%		%
Food Products	20,000	4.4%		%
Gas Gathering and Processing	54,450	11.9%	37,900	12.2%
Healthcare	13,750	3.0%		%
Manufacturing	43,907	9.6%	14,676	4.7%
Metal Services	6,170	1.4%	5,820	1.9%
Mining and Coal Production	19,223	4.2%	15,718	5.1%
Natural Gas Marketing		%	4,782	1.5%
Oilfield Fabrication	108,321	23.7%		%
Oil and Gas Production	25,067	5.5%	49,358	15.9%
Pharmaceuticals	11,942	2.6%		%
Production Services	22,991	5.0%	20,947	6.7%
Retail	14,566	3.2%		%
Seismic Services		%		%
Shipping Vessels	6,775	1.5%	6,482	2.1%
Specialty Minerals	15,500	3.4%		%
Technical Services	11,332	2.5%		%
Money Market Funds	27,249	6.0%	99,584	32.0%
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>\$ 456,405</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 310,837</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*Comparison of the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2008 to the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2007*

*Investment Activity*

We completed our 16th quarter, which was our 15th full quarter since completion of our initial public offering on July 27, 2004, with approximately 115.5% of our net assets or about \$429,156 invested in 31 long-term portfolio investments (including a net profits interest remaining in Charlevoix) and 7.3% of our net assets

invested in money market funds. The remaining 22.8% of our net assets represents liabilities in excess of other assets.

*Long-Term Portfolio Investments*

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we completed two new investments and several follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$31,794. During the nine months ended March 31, 2008, we completed 14 new investments and follow-on investments in existing portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$193,000. The more significant of these investments are described briefly in the following:

On July 31, 2007, we provided \$15,000 growth financing to Wind River Resources Corp. and Wind River II Corp., a privately held oil and gas production business based in Salt Lake City, Utah. The investment was in the form of senior secured notes with a net profits interest.

On August 8, 2007, we provided \$6,000 growth and recapitalization financing to Deep Down, a deepwater drilling services and manufacturing provider based in Houston, Texas. The investment was in the form of senior secured notes and warrants.

On August 28, 2007, we provided \$9,200 growth and recapitalization financing to Diamondback Operating, LP, an oil and gas production company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The investment was in the form of senior secured notes with a net profits interest.

On October 9, 2007, we made a second lien debt investment of \$9,750 in Resco Products, Inc., a leading designer and manufacturer of refractory materials based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On October 17, 2007, we made a \$3,000 follow-on secured debt investment in NRG, in support of NRG's acquisition of Dynafab Corporation, or Dynafab. Dynafab is a manufacturer of a range of metal structures and vessels for use in the oil and gas and transportation industries, including fuel tanks for on-road and off-road vehicles as well as various drilling rig components.

On October 19, 2007, we made a second lien debt investment of approximately \$5,000 in a leading provider of outsourced technical services based in Pennsylvania. Our investment is supporting the acquisition of this service provider by HM Capital Partners, L.P., or HM, a \$1.6 billion private equity fund based in Dallas, Texas. HM's investment professionals previously were principals with Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, Inc.

On November 1, 2007, we made a second lien secured debt investment, as well as a small equity co-investment, aggregating approximately \$13,750 in Maverick Healthcare, Inc. doing business as Preferred Homecare, a leading comprehensive home healthcare services provider based in Mesa, Arizona.

On November 5, 2007, we invested approximately \$18,000 in second lien secured financing in Shearer's Foods, Inc., a snack food manufacturer based in Brewster, Ohio, with Winston Partners as the private equity financial sponsor.

On November 9, 2007, we made a second lien debt investment of \$12,000 in Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its affiliates, a leading manufacturer and distributor of generic pharmaceuticals based in Huntsville, Alabama.

On November 14, 2007, we entered into an agreement to invest in a second lien secured debt from Deb Shops, Inc., of \$15,000. This transaction was consummated on December 10, 2007. Deb Shops, Inc. is a leading specialty apparel retailer based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On November 21, 2007, we provided combined debt financing of \$25,600 to IEC Systems LP and Advanced Rig Services LLC, two related oilfield service companies based in Houston, Texas. This investment took the form of two separate senior secured instruments with cross-collateralized guarantees and a net profit interest in each company.