



New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. Omits Common Stock Dividend For 2007 Fourth Quarter; Sees Improvement In 2008

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: NMTR) today announced that for the quarter ending December 31, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors decided to omit a dividend on shares of its common stock.

Comments from Management

Steve Mumma, Co-Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Financial Officer of New York Mortgage Trust, stated, "In light of our announced capital raise, improved returns on incremental assets and contained expenses, we look forward to reinstating our dividend early in 2008."

David Akre, Vice Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of New York Mortgage Trust, commented, "The current environment for investing in Agency MBS is very attractive. As a passive REIT with new capital we look forward to bringing those benefits to our shareholders."

About New York Mortgage Trust

New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., a self-advised real estate investment trust (REIT), is engaged in the investment in and management of high credit quality residential adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) loans and mortgage-backed securities (MBS). The Company's portfolio is comprised of securitized, high credit quality, adjustable and hybrid ARM loans, and purchased MBS. Historically at least 98% of the portfolio has been rated "AA" or "AAA". As a REIT, the Company is not subject to federal income tax provided that it distributes at least 90% of its REIT income to stockholders.

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