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In addition, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.50 per share on shares of its Series A Preferred Stock for the 2008 fourth quarter in accordance with the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock. The dividend will be payable on January 30, 2009 to stockholders of record on December 31, 2008.

About New York Mortgage Trust

New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. is a self-advised real estate investment trust (REIT) in the business of investing in and managing a portfolio of Agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS), prime credit quality residential adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) loans and non-agency mortgage-backed securities. 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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