

**Syncora Holdings Ltd. Announces Interim GAAP Consolidated Financial Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017**

HAMILTON, Bermuda, August 14, 2017 / GlobeNews/ – Syncora Holdings Ltd. (“SHL” or the “Company”), a Bermuda holding company whose subsidiaries primarily provide financial guarantee insurance and reinsurance, today reported financial results for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

<b>Syncora Holdings Ltd.</b>				
<b>Summary Results of Consolidated Operations</b>				
<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016</b>				
<b>(U.S. dollars in millions, except per share amounts)</b>				
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(Actual)</b>	<b>(Actual)</b>	<b>(Pro Forma)</b>	<b>(Pro Forma)</b>
Net premiums earned	\$ 27.4	\$ 26.5	\$ 27.4	\$ 26.5
Net investment income	23.5	23.2	23.5	23.0
Net realized losses on investments	(9.8)	(12.1)	(9.8)	(12.1)
Net loss on insurance cash flow certificates	(16.7)	(31.9)	(16.7)	(31.9)
Net earnings (loss) on credit default and other swap contracts	3.1	(28.4)	3.1	(28.4)
Net losses (recoveries) and loss adjustment expenses	41.9	(91.4)	41.9	(91.4)
Operating expenses	31.3	44.2	21.4	34.8
Income from discontinued operations on a pro forma basis	-	-	6.0	6.7
Net (loss) income attributable to controlling interest	\$ (69.5)	\$ 8.5	\$ (62.6)	\$ 8.5
GAAP basic and diluted (loss) income per common share	\$ (0.80)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.72)	\$ 0.15
Non-GAAP operating (loss) income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (33.0)	\$ 81.2	\$ (26.1)	\$ 81.2
Non-GAAP basic and diluted operating (loss) income per common share	\$ (0.38)	\$ 1.44	\$ (0.30)	\$ 1.44
GAAP and Non-GAAP basic and diluted earnings per common share from discontinued operations <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.12
Basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	86.7	56.3	86.7	56.3
	<b>As of</b>	<b>As of</b>	<b>As of</b>	<b>As of</b>
	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(Actual)</b>	<b>(Actual)</b>	<b>(Pro Forma)</b>	<b>(Pro Forma)</b>
Adjusted Book Value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 436.0	\$ 484.1	\$ 442.9	\$ 484.1
Common shares outstanding at end of period	86.8	86.6	86.8	86.6
Adjusted Book Value per common share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.02	\$ 5.59	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.59

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-GAAP operating loss and adjusted book value are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude (or include) amounts that are included in (or excluded from) total Syncora Holdings Ltd. net loss and common shareholders' equity, respectively, which are presented in accordance with GAAP. See below for reconciliations between GAAP and Non-GAAP financial measures.

<sup>(2)</sup> There are no adjustments to the pro forma 2017 and 2016 GAAP Income from discontinued operations; therefore, GAAP and Non-GAAP amounts are the same.

On August 8, 2017, management, with Board of Directors approval, committed to a formal plan to sell American Roads LLC which owns a number of subsidiaries that ultimately own and operate certain toll road facilities located in the United States and Canada. Since the accounting criteria for held-for-sale were met prior to the issuance of the consolidated financial statements, but subsequent to the balance sheet date (June 30, 2017), the Company has reflected this classification as a non-recognized subsequent event. Accordingly, the Company has provided pro forma information, which give effect as

if the Company met the criteria to be classified as held-for-sale as of June 30, 2017 and discontinued operations for the periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

## **Financial Results**

### ***Consolidated Statements of Operations***

Net premiums earned were \$27.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$26.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The increase was due to premium accelerations from refundings, partially offset by lower earned premiums as a result of the continued run-off of our book of business. Total premium accelerations were \$13.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$7.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016.

Net realized losses on investments decreased by \$2.3 million to \$9.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 from \$12.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease was due to lower other-than-temporary impairment charges in the current period.

Net loss on insurance cash flow certificates was \$16.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$31.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. As this represents future cash flow receipts from certain insurance claim payments the Company anticipates making on policies that have been remediated, the decrease was primarily driven by lower positive RMBS development.

Net earnings (loss) on credit default and other swap contracts was \$3.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$(28.4) million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to the tightening of collateral spreads, partially offset by lower non-performance risk spreads.

Net losses (recoveries) and loss adjustment expenses were \$41.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$(91.4) million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to higher net incurred losses on our Puerto Rico exposures, partially offset by continued positive reserve developments on our RMBS exposures.

Operating expenses were \$31.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$44.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to cost savings associated with headcount reductions.

On a pro forma basis, net (loss) income attributable to controlling interest decreased by \$71.1 million to a loss of \$(62.6) million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 from income of \$8.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. In addition to the movements described above, this decrease was due to the reversal of certain deferred tax liabilities as a result of meeting the held-for-sale classification.

### ***Consolidated Balance Sheets***

Total assets decreased by \$45.4 million from \$2,394.4 million as of December 31, 2016 to \$2,349.0 million as of June 30, 2017 primarily due to lower premium receivables as a result of refunding activity

and the continued run-off of our book of business and lower receivables on insurance cash flow certificates as a result of positive RMBS developments.

Total liabilities increased by \$3.0 million from \$1,853.2 million as of December 31, 2016 to \$1,856.2 million as of June 30, 2017. The increase was primarily due to higher unpaid losses on Puerto Rico-related exposures, the continued accretion of Syncora Guarantee Inc.'s surplus notes and higher accrued interest on those surplus notes. These increases were almost fully offset by lower unearned premium revenue from the continued run-off of our insured portfolio and lower accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities due to lower compensation-related expenses as a result of headcount reductions as compared to last year.

On a pro forma basis, total liabilities decreased by \$3.9 million from \$1,853.2 million as of December 31, 2016 to \$1,849.3 million as of June 30, 2017. In addition to the movements described above, this decrease was due to the reversal of certain deferred tax liabilities as a result of meeting the held-for-sale classification.

**SYNCORA HOLDINGS LTD.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)**  
**SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 and 2016**  
**(U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

	Actual		Unaudited Pro forma <sup>(1)</sup>	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Revenues</b>				
Net premiums earned	\$ 27,386	\$ 26,467	\$ 27,386	\$ 26,467
Net investment income	23,504	23,178	23,455	23,007
Net realized losses on investments, including other-than-temporary impairment losses of \$(25,558) and \$(20,352)	(9,750)	(12,103)	(9,750)	(12,103)
Net loss on insurance cash flow certificates, net of amortization of deferred gains of \$1,054 and \$1,307	(16,657)	(31,936)	(16,657)	(31,936)
Toll revenue	14,249	13,814	-	-
Fees and other income	4,812	4,400	3,184	2,270
Net earnings (loss) on credit default and other swap contracts, net unrealized gains (losses) of \$1,466 and \$(30,760) and realized gains and other settlements of \$1,654 and \$2,393	3,120	(28,367)	3,120	(28,367)
Net change in fair value of consolidated variable interest entities	5,600	11,219	5,600	11,219
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>52,264</u>	<u>6,672</u>	<u>36,338</u>	<u>(9,443)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Net losses (recoveries) and loss adjustment expenses	41,853	(91,351)	41,853	(91,351)
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs, net	4,025	3,923	4,025	3,923
Realized loss on interest rate derivative instrument	49	499	49	499
Interest expense, including accretion of \$18,960 and \$15,316	42,613	40,148	42,613	40,148
Operating expenses	31,274	44,178	21,391	34,754
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>119,814</u>	<u>(2,603)</u>	<u>109,931</u>	<u>(12,027)</u>
<b>(Loss) income before income tax expense (from continuing operations on a pro forma basis)</b>	<u>(67,550)</u>	<u>9,275</u>	<u>(73,593)</u>	<u>2,584</u>
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,750	723	(5,142)	723
<b>(Loss) income (from continuing operations on a pro forma basis)</b>	<u>(69,300)</u>	<u>8,552</u>	<u>(68,451)</u>	<u>1,861</u>
<b>Income from discontinued operations on a pro forma basis</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,043</u>	<u>6,691</u>
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	<u>(69,300)</u>	<u>8,552</u>	<u>(62,408)</u>	<u>8,552</u>
<b>Net income attributable to non-controlling interest</b>	<u>178</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>92</u>
<b>Net (loss) income attributable to controlling interest</b>	<u>(69,478)</u>	<u>8,460</u>	<u>(62,586)</u>	<u>8,460</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> The pro forma consolidated statements of operations for 2017 and 2016 present the total revenues and total expenses of American Roads LLC in the line item "Income from discontinued operations on a pro forma basis". In addition, the pro forma information for 2017 reflects an adjustment for the reversal of deferred tax liabilities of \$6.9 million as a result of meeting the held-for-sale classification.

**SYNCORA HOLDINGS LTD.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**JUNE 30, 2017 (Unaudited) and DECEMBER 31, 2016**  
**(U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Unaudited Pro forma <sup>(1)</sup></b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Debt securities, available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost: \$1,084,510, \$1,260,489, \$1,081,654 and \$1,257,670)	\$ 1,101,042	\$ 1,275,443	\$ 1,098,193	\$ 1,272,641
Other invested assets, at fair value (cost: \$95,412, \$81,206, \$93,422 and \$79,284)	115,575	95,810	113,585	93,888
Cash and cash equivalents	355,715	188,621	327,395	167,088
Total cash and invested assets	1,572,332	1,559,874	1,539,173	1,533,617
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	455	4,886	268	4,704
Accrued investment income	10,681	11,884	10,681	11,884
Deferred acquisition costs, net	38,589	42,614	38,589	42,614
Premiums receivable	96,364	117,728	96,364	117,728
Salvage and subrogation recoverable	97,121	101,207	97,121	101,207
Receivables on insurance cash flow certificates, net	183,420	203,764	183,420	203,764
Property and equipment, net	48,069	48,802	-	-
Leasehold rights and other definite-lived intangible assets, net	16,663	18,229	9,993	10,516
Toll rights and other indefinite-lived intangible assets	97,702	97,702	3,210	3,210
Other assets	43,874	40,846	41,448	38,535
Assets of consolidated variable interest entities, at fair value	143,741	146,857	143,741	146,857
Assets held for sale	-	-	185,003	179,757
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,349,011</u>	<u>\$ 2,394,393</u>	<u>\$ 2,349,011</u>	<u>\$ 2,394,393</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 766,495	\$ 742,236	\$ 766,495	\$ 742,236
Unearned premium revenue	248,306	292,816	248,306	292,816
Credit default and other swap contracts, at fair value	159,049	160,515	159,049	160,515
Notes payable (par value: \$685,556)	415,651	396,759	415,651	396,759
Accrued interest on notes payable	149,674	125,953	149,674	125,953
Reinsurance premiums payable	13,016	12,732	13,016	12,732
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	27,521	44,544	14,615	38,135
Pension and other post-retirement benefits	10,839	11,475	-	-
Liabilities of consolidated variable interest entities, at fair value	65,662	66,183	65,662	66,183
Liabilities held for sale	-	-	16,853	17,884
Total liabilities	<u>1,856,213</u>	<u>1,853,213</u>	<u>1,849,321</u>	<u>1,853,213</u>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>				
Non-controlling interest in subsidiary- Series B perpetual non-cumulative preferred shares of Syncora Guarantee Inc. (2,000 shares authorized and issued; 1,345 shares outstanding, 655 shares held by subsidiary; \$134,526 liquidation preference)	13,453	13,453	13,453	13,453
Non-controlling interest in consolidated entity	2,653	3,066	2,653	3,066
Common shares (500,000,000 shares authorized; 89,811,623 and 89,613,270 shares issued; 86,767,035 and 86,568,682 shares outstanding, 3,044,588 shares held as treasury; \$0.01 par value) and additional paid-in capital	2,716,726	2,716,220	2,716,726	2,716,220
Accumulated deficit	(2,264,834)	(2,195,356)	(2,257,942)	(2,195,356)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	24,800	3,797	24,800	3,797
Total Syncora Holdings Ltd. shareholders' equity	<u>476,692</u>	<u>524,661</u>	<u>483,584</u>	<u>524,661</u>
Total shareholders' equity	<u>492,798</u>	<u>541,180</u>	<u>499,690</u>	<u>541,180</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 2,349,011</u>	<u>\$ 2,394,393</u>	<u>\$ 2,349,011</u>	<u>\$ 2,394,393</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> The pro forma consolidated balance sheets for 2017 and 2016 present the total assets and total liabilities of American Roads LLC in the line items "assets held for sale" and "liabilities held for sale", respectively. In addition, the pro forma information for 2017 reflects an adjustment for the reversal of deferred tax liabilities of \$6.9 million as a result of meeting the held-for-sale classification.

## **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

This earnings release references Non-GAAP operating (loss) income and Adjusted Book Value, financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP. A Non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of financial performance or financial position that excludes (or includes) amounts that are included in (or excluded from) the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. While the Company does not manage its business or measure its performance using Non-GAAP measures, we are presenting these Non-GAAP financial measures because they provide greater transparency and enhanced visibility into the underlying performance of our business and, with respect to Adjusted Book Value, the effect of certain items that the Company believes will reverse from GAAP book value over time. In addition, we have included these measures because we believe they provide investors with important additional information to compare the Company to other financial guarantors. Non-GAAP operating (loss) income and Adjusted Book Value as calculated do not consider timing or amounts, if any, of payment on SGI's surplus notes, which would require NYDFS approval, dividend restrictions under New York Insurance Law applicable to the insurance subsidiaries and contractual constraints with respect to any dividend payment. Reference should be made to Note 20 in the most recently issued consolidated GAAP financial statements. In addition, because other financial guarantors may calculate Non-GAAP operating (loss) income and Adjusted Book Value or similarly titled measures differently, or may not be subject to the restrictions noted above, Non-GAAP operating (loss) income and Adjusted Book Value may not necessarily be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other financial guarantors. Non-GAAP operating (loss) income and Adjusted Book Value are not substitutes for the most directly comparable GAAP measures, should not be viewed in isolation and may be subject to change.

In the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company revised its calculation of non-GAAP measures in response to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's recent public views relating to the release of updated Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations on non-GAAP measures (the "May 2016 C&DIs"). The Company had previously excluded the effects of consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") in its calculation of Non-GAAP operating (loss) income and Adjusted Book Value. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company will no longer eliminate the effects of consolidated VIEs based on the May 2016 C&DIs. However, the Company has separately disclosed the effects of consolidated VIEs on its GAAP financial statements that were previously included as adjustments to its non-GAAP measures. These disclosures can be found after the Non-GAAP operating (loss) income and Adjusted Book Value tables below.

The following table reconciles GAAP loss attributable to common shareholders of Syncora Holdings Ltd. to Non-GAAP operating loss attributable to common shareholders of Syncora Holdings Ltd.:

<b>Syncora Holdings Ltd.</b>				
<b>Reconciliation of GAAP Net (Loss) Income to Non-GAAP Operating (Loss) Income</b>				
<b>(in millions)</b>				
	Six Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017 (Actual)	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Pro forma)	2016 (Pro forma)
<b>GAAP net (loss) income</b>	\$ (69.5)	\$ 8.5	\$ (62.6)	\$ 8.5
Pre-tax adjustments:				
Non-credit impairment of net realized and unrealized fair value losses and (gains) on credit derivatives <sup>(1)</sup>	1.4	38.1	1.4	38.1
Surplus note accretion <sup>(2)</sup>	19.0	15.3	19.0	15.3
Net realized losses on investments <sup>(3)</sup>	16.1	12.8	16.1	12.8
Non-recurring transaction related expenses <sup>(4)</sup>	-	6.4	-	6.4
Total pre-tax adjustments	<u>36.5</u>	<u>72.7</u>	<u>36.5</u>	<u>72.7</u>
Less tax effect on pre-tax adjustments <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-GAAP operating (loss) income</b>	<u>\$ (33.0)</u>	<u>\$ 81.2</u>	<u>\$ (26.1)</u>	<u>\$ 81.2</u>
<b>GAAP and Non-GAAP Income from discontinued operations on a pro forma basis <sup>(*)</sup></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6.0</b>	<b>\$ 6.7</b>
Basic and diluted weighted average common shares	86.7	56.3	86.7	56.3
GAAP basic and diluted (loss) earnings per common share	\$ (0.80)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.72)	\$ 0.15
Non-GAAP basic and diluted operating (loss) income per common share	\$ (0.38)	\$ 1.44	\$ (0.30)	\$ 1.44
GAAP and Non-GAAP basic and diluted earnings per common share from discontinued operations <sup>(*)</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.12

<sup>(\*)</sup> There are no adjustments to the pro forma 2017 and 2016 GAAP Income from discontinued operations; therefore, GAAP and Non-GAAP amounts are the same.

Non-GAAP operating loss adjustments:

- (1) Elimination of non-credit impairment net realized and unrealized fair value (gains) and losses on credit derivatives in excess of the present value of the expected estimated economic credit losses, and non-economic payments. The fair value adjustments on derivative financial instruments are heavily influenced by, and fluctuate, in part according to, market interest rates, credit spreads and other factors that management cannot control or predict and that are not expected to result in an economic gain or loss. In addition, this adjustment presents all financial guaranty contracts on a more consistent basis of accounting, whether or not they are subject to derivative accounting rules.
- (2) Elimination of surplus note accretion as the full face amount of the surplus notes (including interest paid-in-kind) is included in the Adjusted Book Value calculation.
- (3) Elimination of net realized losses on the Company's investments, except for gains and losses on investments for which the fair value option of accounting was elected. The timing of realized gains and losses, which depends largely on market credit cycles, can vary considerably across periods. The timing of sales is largely subject to the Company's discretion and influenced by market opportunities, as well as the Company's tax and capital profile.
- (4) Elimination of expenses associated with the surplus note exchange offer and proxy solicitation for the variation of rights to the SHL Preferred Shares, which were part of Syncora Holdings US Inc.'s ("SHI") restructuring transactions completed on August 12, 2016. The elimination of such non-recurring, infrequent or unusual items presents expenses on a more consistent basis of accounting.
- (5) Elimination of the tax effects related to the above adjustments. SHI has a significant tax NOL that is offset by a full valuation allowance in the GAAP consolidated financial statements. As a result, for purposes of non-GAAP measures, we utilize a 0% effective tax rate until the expiration of these NOLs.

*Net income (loss) effects of VIE consolidation:* GAAP requires the Company to consolidate certain VIEs that (a) have issued debt obligations that are insured and controlled by the Company and (b) were designed to effectively defease or, in-substance, commute the Company's exposure on certain of its other financial guaranty insurance policies. The effect on Net income of these consolidated VIEs was \$5.6 million and \$11.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Had these financial guarantee VIEs been accounted for under the provisions of the Financial Services – Insurance Topic of the ASC, the effect on Net income would have been \$6.5 million and \$6.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The net effect of these different accounting bases on Net income (including per share amounts) was \$0.9 million (\$0.01 per common share) and \$(4.8) million (\$(0.09) per common share) for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. This is supplemental information only and is not a component of Non-GAAP operating income (loss).



The following table reconciles GAAP common shareholders' equity to Adjusted Book Value:

<b>Syncora Holdings Ltd.</b>			
<b>Reconciliation of GAAP Common Shareholders' Equity to</b>			
<b>Adjusted Book Value</b>			
<b>(in millions)</b>			
	<b>As of June 30,</b>		<b>As of December 31,</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(Actual)</b>	<b>(Pro forma)</b>	<b>(Actual)<sup>(*)</sup></b>
<b>GAAP common shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 476.7</b>	<b>\$ 483.6</b>	<b>\$ 524.7</b>
Series B preferred stock <sup>(1)</sup>	(121.0)	(121.0)	(121.0)
<b>Adjusted GAAP common shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 355.7</b>	<b>\$ 362.6</b>	<b>\$ 403.7</b>
Pre-tax adjustments:			
Deferred acquisition costs <sup>(2)</sup>	(38.6)	(38.6)	(42.6)
Net credit derivative liability <sup>(3)</sup>	123.6	123.6	122.3
Net present value of estimated net future credit derivative revenue <sup>(4)</sup>	67.8	67.8	65.9
Net unearned premium reserve on financial guaranty contracts in excess of expected loss to be expensed <sup>(5)</sup>	231.7	231.7	272.1
Notes payable <sup>(6)</sup>	(269.9)	(269.9)	(288.8)
Unrealized gains on investments <sup>(7)</sup>	(22.0)	(22.0)	(21.5)
Taxes <sup>(8)</sup>	(12.3)	(12.3)	(27.0)
<b>Adjusted Book Value</b>	<b>\$ 436.0</b>	<b>\$ 442.9</b>	<b>\$ 484.1</b>
Common shares outstanding at end of the period	86.8	86.8	86.6
Book value per common share	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.18	\$ 4.66
Adjusted book value per common share	\$ 5.02	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.59

<sup>(\*)</sup> A pro forma 2016 reconciliation of GAAP Common Shareholders' Equity to Adjusted Book Value has not been presented as amounts are the same as 2016 Actual.

Adjusted Book Value adjustments:

- (1) Addition of the excess of the outstanding liquidation preference of the SGI Series B non-cumulative preferred shares over their carrying values. Including the SGI Series B non-cumulative preferred shares at their outstanding liquidation value (which is net of the shares received in connection with our 2012 settlement with Countrywide, Bank of America Corp.) instead of their carrying value is more in line with the residual value to common shareholders.
- (2) Elimination of pre-tax deferred acquisition costs as these amounts represent net deferred expenses that have already been paid and will be expensed in future accounting periods.
- (3) Elimination of the consolidated net credit derivative liability which represents an estimate of the fair value of the Company's guarantees issued as CDS contracts in excess of the present value of the expected losses. By excluding the net credit derivative liability, this metric eliminates the benefit to our shareholders' equity embedded therein from the Company's non-performance risk, which reflects the market's view of the risk that the Company will not be able to financially honor its obligations as they become due. The fair value adjustments on derivative financial instruments are heavily influenced by, and fluctuate, in part according to, market interest rates, credit spreads and other factors that management cannot control or predict and that are not expected to result in an economic gain or loss. In addition, by including our best estimate of losses we expect to incur on our CDS contracts if we were to hold such CDS contracts to maturity and pay claims as they arise over the remaining life of such contracts, the metric presents our guarantees of insurance and derivatives on a consistent basis, which results in a more meaningful measure of our value.
- (4) Addition of the pre-tax net present value of estimated net future credit derivative revenue. Including the net present value of estimated net future credit derivative revenue enables an evaluation of the value of future estimated credit derivative revenue for which there is no corresponding GAAP financial measure.
- (5) Addition of the pre-tax value of the unearned premium reserve on financial guaranty contracts in excess of expected losses to be expensed on an individual policy level, net of reinsurance as the unearned premium reserve on financial guaranty contracts represents revenues that are expected to be earned in the future.
- (6) Addition to the full face amount, in excess of the carrying amount, of the surplus notes payable held by third parties (including interest paid-in-kind), as including the full face amount of the surplus notes is consistent with the treatment of these instruments as debt.
- (7) Elimination of the pre-tax unrealized gains on the Company's investments that are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"), excluding the effects of

foreign exchange. The effects of the AOCI component of the fair value adjustment on investments are not deemed economic until the Company sells such investments.

- (8) Elimination of the tax effects related to the above adjustments. SHI has a significant tax NOL that is offset by a full valuation allowance in the GAAP consolidated financial statements. As a result, for purposes of Non-GAAP measures, we utilize a 0% effective tax rate until the expiration of these NOLs.

*Total shareholders' equity effects of VIE consolidation:* As described above, the Company consolidates certain VIEs. The net effect on Total shareholders' equity of these consolidated VIEs was \$78.1 million as of June 30, 2017 and \$80.7 million as of December 31, 2016. Had these financial guarantee VIEs been accounted for under the provisions of the Financial Services – Insurance Topic of the ASC, the effect on Total shareholders' equity would have been \$123.3 million as of June 30, 2017 and \$127.0 million as of December 31, 2016. The net effect of these different accounting bases on Total shareholders' equity (including per share amounts) was \$45.2 million (\$0.52 per common share) as of June 30, 2017 and \$46.3 million (\$0.53 per common share) as of December 31, 2016. This is supplemental information only and is not a component of Adjusted Book Value.

### ***Conference Call Details***

The Company plans to host a conference call at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 to discuss its financial results for the period ended June 30, 2017. The earnings call will be webcast via the Investor Events page of the Investor Relations section of the Company's website, or by dialing (877) 512-9165 (U.S. toll free), or (706) 679-5795 outside the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada, approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and providing conference ID# 654-17-011. Following conclusion of the call, the Company will post a transcript on its website alongside a replay of the webcast. The replay will also be available via telephone by dialing [(855) 859-2056 (U.S. toll free), or (404) 537-3406] outside the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada, and providing conference ID# 654-17-011.

### ***Statutory-Basis Financial Information***

The Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Syncora Guarantee Inc. ("SGI") and Syncora Capital Assurance Inc. ("SCAI"), today posted on the Company website at [www.syncora.com](http://www.syncora.com), Statutory Quarterly Statements as of June 30, 2017, together with the second quarter 2017 Operating Supplement for SGI and SCAI.

## **Important Information**

This press release contains statements about future results, plans and events that may constitute "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws. The Company cautions you that the forward-looking information presented in this press release is not a guarantee of future events, and that actual events may differ materially from those made in or suggested by the forward-looking information contained in this press release. In addition, forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "plan," "seek," "comfortable with," "will," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe" or "continue" or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's control. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the Company's historical filings with the New York State Department of Financial Services, and in the Company's, Syncora Guarantee Inc.'s and Syncora Capital Assurance Inc.'s GAAP and statutory financial statements, as applicable, posted on its website at [www.syncora.com](http://www.syncora.com). Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date they are made. The Company does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect the impact of circumstances or events that arise after the date the forward-looking statements are made.