SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1996

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To prospectus dated September 16, 1996)
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1,500,000 Shares

Resource Mortgage Capital, Inc.

Series C % Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock

Dividends on the shares of the Series C % Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") of Resource Mortgage Capital, Inc. (the "Company") are cumulative from the date of issue and are payable quarterly in arrears on January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31 (or the next succeeding business day) of each year, commencing January 31, 1997 in an amount per share equal to the greater of (i) the Base Rate of \$ per quarter (equal to a % annual dividend rate), or (ii) the quarterly dividend declared on the number of shares of Common Stock (or portion thereof) into which the Preferred Stock is convertible. The first record date for determination of shareholders entitled to receive dividends on a share of the Preferred Stock for the period from the date of issuance through December 31, 1996 is expected to be December 31, 1996 with respect to dividends for the period from the issue date through December 31, 1996, which dividend will be prorated and determined by reference to the Base Rate. See "Description of Preferred Stock."

Each share of Preferred Stock is convertible at any time at the option of the holder thereof into one share (subject to possible future adjustment in certain circumstances) of Common Stock. See "Description of Preferred Stock." On September 13, 1996, the last reported sale price of the Common Stock (RMR) on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") was \$24.75 per share.

The Preferred Stock will not be redeemable by the Company prior to September 30, 1999. On and after September 30, 1999, the Preferred Stock will be redeemable by the Company, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company (i) for one share (subject to possible future adjustment in certain circumstances) of Common Stock (plus accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends through the end of the prior dividend period, which are to be paid in cash), provided that for 20 trading days within any period of 30 consecutive trading days, including the last trading day of such period, the closing price of the Common Stock on the NYSE equals or exceeds the Conversion Price then in effect (initially equal to the issue price of \$ per share (the "Issue Price")), or (ii) for cash at a redemption price equal to the Issue Price, plus any accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends through the date of redemption.

The Preferred Stock represents preferred stock in a real estate investment trust ("REIT"), and as such, the dividends on the Preferred Stock are not eligible for the dividends received deduction for federal income tax purposes. With certain exceptions, no person may own, or be deemed to own by virtue of the attribution provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), more than 9.8% of the Company's capital stock. The Preferred Stock of the Company may not be purchased or held by tax-exempt entities that are not subject to tax on unrelated business taxable income or by nonresident aliens or foreign entities. See "Description of Preferred Stock."

The Company intends to apply to have the Preferred Stock approved for listing on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation National Market System (the "Nasdaq National Market") under the symbol "RMRPN."

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THESE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED

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<pre><s> Per Share</s></pre>	<c>\$</c>	<c> \$</c>	<c> \$</c>
Total (3)	\$	\$	\$
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- (1) See "Underwriting."
- (2) Before deducting expenses estimated at \$ which are payable by the Company.
- (3) The Company has granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 225,000 additional shares of the Preferred Stock on the same terms and conditions as set forth above to cover over-allotments, if any. If all such shares are purchased, the total Price to Public, Underwriting Discount and

Proceeds to Company will be \$ and \$ and \$, respectively. See "Underwriting."

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The shares of Preferred Stock are offered by the Underwriters subject to receipt and acceptance by them, prior to sale and the Underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part and to withdraw, cancel or modify the offer without notice. It is expected that delivery of the Preferred Stock will be made in New York, New York through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about October , 1996.

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated

EVEREN Securities, Inc.
Scott & Stringfellow, Inc.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is , 1996.

Information contained in this prospectus supplement is subject to completion. A registration statement relating to these securities has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933. This prospectus supplement and the prospectus shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sales of these securities in any State in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such State.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus or incorporated herein or therein by reference.

The Company

Resource Mortgage Capital, Inc. (the Company) is a mortgage and consumer finance company which uses its production operations to create investments for its portfolio. Currently, the Company's primary production operations include the origination of mortgage loans secured by multi-family properties and the origination of loans secured by manufactured homes. The Company will generally securitize loans funded as collateral for collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) or pass-through securities to limit its credit risk and provide long-term financing for its portfolio. The majority of the Company's current investment portfolio is comprised of loans or securities that have coupon rates which adjust over time (subject to certain limitations) in conjunction with changes in short-term interest rates. The Company intends to expand its production sources in the future to include other financial products, such as commercial real estate loans. The Company has elected to be treated as a REIT for federal income tax purposes and as such must distribute substantially all of its taxable income to shareholders, and will generally not be subject to federal income tax.

The Company's principal sources of earnings are net interest income on its investment portfolio and loans in warehouse. The Company's investment portfolio consists principally of collateral for CMOs and adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) securities. The Company funds its production and its portfolio investments with both borrowings and cash raised from the issuance of equity capital. For the portion of loans in warehouse and portfolio investments funded with borrowings, the Company generates net interest income to the extent that there is a positive spread between the yield on the earning assets and the cost of borrowed funds. For that portion of the balance sheet that is funded with equity capital, net interest income is primarily a function of the yield generated from the interest earning asset. The cost of the Company's borrowings may be increased or decreased by interest rate swap, cap, or floor agreements.

Business Focus and Strategy

The Company strives to create a diversified portfolio of investments that in the aggregate generates stable income for the Company in a variety of interest rate environments and preserves the capital base of the Company. The Company seeks to generate growth in earnings and dividends per share in a variety of ways, including (i) adding investments to its portfolio when opportunities in the market are favorable; (ii) developing production capabilities to originate and acquire financial assets in order to create attractively priced investments for its portfolio, as well as control the underwriting and servicing of such financial assets; and (iii) increasing the efficiency with which the Company utilizes its equity capital over time. To increase potential returns to shareholders, the Company also employs leverage through the use of secured borrowings and repurchase agreements to fund a portion of its production and portfolio investments. Currently, the Company's production operations are comprised of multi-family and manufactured housing lending. The Company's strategy is to expand these existing production sources as well as to diversify into other financial products such as commercial real

estate loans. The Company also intends to selectively purchase single-family loans in bulk with the intent to securitize such loans as collateral for CMOs. By pursuing these strategies, the Company believes it can create investments for the portfolio at a lower effective cost than if such assets were purchased in the market, although there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in accomplishing this strategy.

The Company expects to fund the majority of the future growth in its investment portfolio by the issuance of CMOs, which are debt securities collateralized by a pool of mortgage or manufactured housing loans. The loans which collateralize the CMOs are treated as assets of the Company and the CMOs are treated as liabilities of the Company. The Company generates net interest income to the extent that there is a positive spread between the yield on the loans which collateralize the CMOs and the cost of the CMO financing. The net interest spread will be directly impacted by the level of prepayments and credit losses on the underlying loans. The CMO structure utilized by the Company generally limits its credit risk to the overcollateralization portion in each securitization, which amounts to between 2% and 5% of the initial loan pool. In addition, the CMOs are non-recourse to the Company, although the Company may invest in a portion of the CMOs issued. The Company may issue CMOs from time to time based on the Company's portfolio management strategy, loan funding volume, market conditions and other factors.

The Company's current CMO securitization strategy differs from the more common pass-through securitization structure used by the Company in recent years. As mentioned above, CMO securitizations are recorded as financing transactions and, as such, there is no gain on sale recognition. Rather, income from these securities will be recognized over their lives as net interest margin, which is generally not taxable to the Company as a REIT. Conversely, in prior years, income was recognized as gain on sale of mortgage loans and was generated primarily by a taxable affiliated entity and, as such, was fully taxable. Recognizing income over time as a result of utilizing the Company's current CMO securitization strategy may reduce the earnings volatility that could have been experienced by utilizing former securitization strategies.

Production Operations

Until May 1996, the Company's production operations were comprised mainly of its single-family mortgage operations that concentrated on the "non-conforming" segment of the residential loan market. The Company funded its single-family loans directly through mortgage brokers (wholesale) and purchased loans through a network of mortgage companies (correspondents). The single-family loans which were originated or purchased by the Company were secured by properties that were geographically-diversified throughout the United States. The Company built this single-family production operation from a start-up in 1988, funding \$18.2 billion in principal amount of loans since inception. Loans originated through the Company's former single-family mortgage operations constitute the majority of loans underlying the securities that comprise the Company's current investment portfolio. On May 13, 1996, the Company sold its single-family mortgage operations to Dominion Mortgage Services, Inc. (Dominion) for approximately \$68 million. Included in the sale of the single-family mortgage operations were the Company's single-family correspondent, wholesale, and servicing operations. See "Prospectus Summary -Recent Developments." Since the sale, the Company's primary production operations have been focused on multi-family lending and manufactured housing lending. The Company is in the process of broadening its multi-family lending capabilities to include other types of commercial real estate loans and to expand its manufactured housing lending to include inventory financing to manufactured housing dealers. The Company may also purchase single-family loans on a "bulk" basis from time to time, and may originate such loans on a retail basis.

Strategy

The purpose of the Company's production operations is to enhance the return on shareholders' equity (ROE) by earning a favorable net interest spread while loans are in warehouse being accumulated for securitization or sale and creating investments for its portfolio at a lower cost than if such investments were purchased from third parties. The creation of such investments generally involves the issuance of pass-through securities or CMOs collateralized by the loans generated from the Company's production activities, and the retention of one or more classes of the securities or CMOs relating to such issuance. The issuance of pass-through securities and CMOs generally limits the Company's credit and interest rate risk relating to loans generated by the Company's production operations.

The Company believes that it has been successful in operating its production activities. Since its initial public offering in February 1988, the Company's average total ROE has been 17%. The Company estimates that its ROE has averaged 4% higher than it would have otherwise been as a result of its production operations. For purposes of the above percentages, ROE was calculated on a weighted average basis prior to unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale mortgage securities.

The single-family operations have contributed \$62 million to the Company's

net earnings since 1988, including the \$18.9 million of gain recorded in May 1996, and have produced a positive mark-to-market on related single-family investments of \$54.8 million as of June 30, 1996. Additionally, during the four years the Company has operated its multi-family operations, such operations have contributed \$1.0 million to the net earnings of the Company and have generated a \$5.4 million positive mark-to-market on the Company's multi-family related investments.

While there can be no assurances in this regard, the Company believes that its future production activities will continue to have a favorable impact on its ROE and to create investments for its portfolio at a lower all-in cost than if such investments were purchased from third parties.

Multi-family Lending Operations

The Company currently originates multi-family mortgage loans which are secured by apartment properties that have qualified for low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs) under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. Since 1992, the Company has funded approximately \$282 million of multi-family mortgage loans through a brokerage arrangement with Multi-Family Capital Markets (MCM), a Richmond-based company which the Company acquired in August 1996. See "Recent Developments." The Company believes the acquisition of MCM will complement the Company's current strategy of expanding its multi-family lending activities and will improve its competitive position in the marketplace for such loans. The Company plans to broaden its income property lending beyond LIHTC apartment properties in the near future. Such properties may include apartment properties that have not received LIHTCs, assisted living and retirement housing, limited and full service hotels, urban or suburban office buildings, retail shopping strips and centers, light industrial buildings, and manufactured housing parks. The Company contemplates that it would service such loans and securitize such loans with its multi-family production.

As of September 6, 1996, the Company had \$129.4 million in principal balance of multi-family loans in warehouse. Such loans had an average principal balance of \$4.6 million, and ranged in size from \$0.7 million to \$11.0 million. The Company has commitments to fund loans through 1998 of approximately \$549.2 million as of September 6, 1996. As of such date, the Company had 14 employees directly involved in its multi-family lending operations.

Current federal law provides that LIHTCs are allocated annually to each state in the amount of \$1.25 per person per year for a ten-year period. Each state then allocates its LIHTC allocation to various developers for the purpose of constructing or rehabilitating low-income housing apartment properties. Based upon current allocation amounts, approximately 110,000 apartment units nationwide are constructed or rehabilitated annually. For property owners to be eligible for, and remain in compliance with the LIHTC regulations, owners must "set aside" at least 20% of the units for rental to families with income of 50% or less of the median income for the locality as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or at least 40% of the units to families with income of 60% or less of the HUD median income. Most owners elect the "40-60 set-aside" and designate 100% of the units in the project as LIHTC units. Additionally, rents cannot exceed 30% of the annual HUD median income adjusted for the unit's designated "family size."

Generally, the LIHTCs are sold by the developers to investors prior to construction in order to provide additional equity for the project. The sale of the LIHTCs typically provides funds equal to approximately 50% of the construction costs. The multi-family loans made by the Company normally fund the difference between the project cost (including a fee to the developer) and the funds generated from the sale of the LIHTCs. In addition to providing substantial equity for the apartment project, the Company believes the LIHTCs provide a strong on-going incentive to the owner of the property to maintain the property and meet its debt service obligations, since the owner, upon foreclosure, would lose any LIHTCs not already taken, and may be subject to recapture of a portion of the LIHTCs already taken.

With the acquisition of MCM, the multi-family mortgage loans originated by the Company are now sourced through the Company's direct relationships with developers and syndicators. There are no correspondent or broker relationships. Once a sufficient volume of multi-family loans are accumulated, the Company plans to securitize such loans through the issuance of CMOs. The Company anticipates that the issuance of the CMOs will limit the Company's future credit and interest rate risk on such multi-family loans. The Company's presently intends to accumulate approximately \$250 million of multi-family loans for a CMO to be issued during the first half of 1997. The Company has previously issued one series of CMOs backed by multi-family loans. See "Loan Securitization Strategy."

Underwriting. The Company underwrites all multi-family loans it originates through MCM. Among other criteria, the Company underwrites each multi-family loan to a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.15 times the property's net operating income, with a maximum loan to value of 80% of appraised value. The Company believes that such criteria are consistent with general underwriting standards for LIHTC multi-family properties. The Company's underwriting criteria

are designed to assess the particular property's current and future capacity to make all debt service payments on a current basis, and to ensure that adequate collateral value exists to support the loan. Each multi-family loan funded by the Company is approved by an internal loan committee, with a majority of its members not directly related to the lending function.

To minimize credit exposure, the Company plans to service the multi-family loans currently in inventory as well as future loan production. As the servicer of such loans, the Company will be responsible for collecting monthly payments, payment of taxes and insurance, management of the replacement reserve funds, and if the loan defaults, the resolution of such defaulted loan through either a modification or the foreclosure and sale of the related property.

Because the Company funds the loans at fixed-interest rates and also commits to funding future loans at fixed-interest rates, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that interest rates increase in the future. The Company strives to mitigate such risk by the use of futures contracts and forward sales of US treasury securities with similar duration characteristics of the multi-family loans and commitments.

Manufactured Housing Lending Operations

The Company entered the manufactured housing lending business during the fourth quarter of 1995 and commenced funding loans on manufactured homes during the second quarter of 1996. The Company entered this business primarily to diversify its existing product line and to increase its overall production. Manufactured housing lending complemented the Company's residential lending and securitization expertise. Additionally, the Company believes that this is a growing market with strong customer demand.

A manufactured home is distinguished from a traditional single-family home in that the housing unit is constructed in a plant, transported to the site, and secured to a foundation, whereas a single-family home is built on the site. Loans on manufactured homes may take the form of a consumer installment loan (i.e. a personal property loan) when the borrower rents the lot underlying the manufactured home, or a traditional mortgage loan when the borrower owns the lot. To date, the Company has only originated consumer installment loans on manufactured homes, but plans to originate mortgage loans in the future. The Company offers both fixed and adjustable rate loans with terms ranging from 3 to 30 years. As of September 6, 1996, the Company had \$12 million in principal balance of manufactured housing loans in inventory, and had commitments outstanding of approximately \$11 million. The Company expects that the principal balance of manufactured housing loans in inventory will reach \$17 million by September 30, 1996. The average funded amount per loan is approximately \$41,700. As of September 6, 1996, the Company had 43 employees directly involved in its manufactured housing lending operations.

The rising cost of site built single-family housing in the United States has shifted consumer demand toward manufactured housing as an affordable alternative to traditional single-family homes. Manufactured home sales, approximately half of which were multi-section homes, represented an estimated 30% of all new homes sold in the United States in 1995. This represented a 5% increase, from 25%, of all new homes sold in the United States in 1991. During 1995, 339,000 manufactured homes were shipped to retailers (i.e. dealers) which then sell the homes to consumers, with the majority of such sales being financed as personal property loans using an installment sales contract. As the manufactured home is generally transported on public roads, each home is usually titled with the respective state department of motor vehicles.

The Company's manufactured housing lending business is operated out of the Company's main office in Glen Allen, Virginia (the "home" office) and is supported currently with regional offices in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas and Michigan. The Company is planning to establish a fifth regional office on the West Coast during the first quarter of 1997. Each regional office supports three to four district sales managers who establish and maintain relationships with manufactured housing dealers. By using the home/regional/district office structure, the Company has created a decentralized customer service and loan origination organization with centralized controls and support functions. The Company believes that this approach also provides the Company with a greater ability to maintain customer service, to respond to market conditions, to enter and exit local markets, and to test new products.

The Company's current sources of originations are its dealer network and direct marketing to consumers. In the future, the Company plans to expand its sources of origination to nearly all sources for manufactured housing loans by establishing relationships with park owners, developers of manufactured housing communities, manufacturers of manufactured homes, brokers and correspondents. The Company currently advertises in trade publications to reach dealers and solicits loans through direct mail and telemarketing.

The Company's dealer qualification criteria includes minimum equity requirements, minimum years of experience for principal officers, acceptable historical financial performance, and various business references. The dealer application package is submitted by the dealer to the regional office manager for initial review and then submitted to home office for final approval. As of

September 6, 1996, the Company had 287 approved dealers with 564 sales locations. The Company plans to continue to expand its dealer network.

Inventory Financing. The Company is in process of offering inventory financing, or "lines of credit," to retail dealers for the purpose of purchasing manufactured housing inventory to display and sell to customers. Under such arrangements, the Company will lend against the dealer's line of credit when an invoice representing the purchase of a manufactured home by a dealer is presented to the Company by the manufacturer of the manufactured home. Prior to approval of the line of credit for the dealer, the Company will perform a financial review of the manufacturer as well as the dealer. The Company will perform monthly inspections of the dealer's inventory financed by the Company and annual reviews of both the dealer and the manufacturer. Entrance into this area of financing, which is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 1996, is consistent with the Company's strategy to be a "full-service" provider to the manufactured housing industry.

Underwriting. The Company underwrites 100% of the manufactured housing loans it originates. The loans are underwritten at the regional offices based on guidelines established by the Company. Home office approvals are required when loan amounts exceed specified lines of credit authority. Turnaround for approvals are within four to twenty-four hours with fundings usually within twenty-four to forty eight hours of receipt of complete documentation.

Because of the decentralization of the Company's manufactured housing business, in addition to the Company's underwriting process and dealer approval program, the Company also plans to perform regional and district office reviews on a frequent basis to ensure that required procedures are being followed. These reviews will include the collections area, the remarketing of foreclosed or repossessed homes, underwriting, dealer performance and quality control. The periodic regional quality control reviews are performed to ensure that the underwriting guidelines are consistently applied. The Company also performs customer audits both before and after funding of the loan.

Manufactured housing loans are primarily fixed-interest rate with some adjustable-rate and step-rate loans. To reduce interest rate risk associated with fixed-rate products, the Company will mitigate such risks through the use of forward sales, futures and/or swaps until the pool of loans is securitized.

The Company perfects its security interest on the loans that are in the form of installment sales contracts by filing UCC financing statements or title with the department of motor vehicles with the respective state. Such loans are eligible REIT assets.

Single-family Lending

Pursuant to the terms of the sale of the Company's single-family operations to Dominion during the second quarter of 1996, the Company is precluded from originating or purchasing certain types of single-family loans through a wholesale or correspondent network through April, 2001. However, the Company may purchase any type of single-family loans on a "bulk" basis, i.e., in blocks of \$25 million or more, and may oritinate loans on a retail basis. The Company intends to purchase single-family loans in bulk to the extent that the Company can generate a favorable return on investment upon securitization. Due to the sale of its single-family operations, the Company does not currently have the internal capability to directly underwrite or service single-family mortgage loans. In the future, the Company may re-establish an internal underwriting and servicing capability for single-family mortgage loans, similar to that which existed prior to the sale of its single-family operations. In the interim, the Company plans to occasionally purchase "A" quality loans and the Company will utilize independent contractors to assist in the underwriting and servicing of such loans. During the third quarter of 1996, the Company has committed to purchase approximately \$200 million of "A" quality single-family loans which it plans to immediately securitize.

Loan Securitization Strategy

When a sufficient volume of loans is accumulated, the Company generally securitizes the loans through the issuance of CMOs or pass-through securities. The Company believes that securitization is an efficient and cost effective way for the Company to (i) reduce capital otherwise required to own the loans in whole loan form; (ii) limit the Company's exposure to credit risk on the loans; (iii) lower the overall cost of financing the loans; and (iv) depending on the securitization structure, limit the Company's exposure to interest rate and/or valuation risk. As a result of the reduction in the availability of mortgage pool insurance, and the Company's desire to both reduce its recourse borrowings as a percentage of its overall borrowings and the variability of its earnings, the Company has utilized the CMO structure for securitizing substantially all of its loan production since the beginning of 1995.

The securities are structured by the Company so that a substantial portion of the securities are rated in one of the two highest rating categories (i.e. AA or AAA) by at least one of the nationally recognized rating agencies. Credit

enhancement for these securities may take the form of over-collateralization, subordination, reserve funds, mortgage pool insurance, bond insurance, third-party limited guaranties or any combination of the foregoing. The Company strives to use the most cost effective security structure and form of credit enhancement available at the time of securitization. Securities issued by the Company are not generally guaranteed by a federal agency. Each series of securities is expected to be fully payable from the collateral pledged to secure the series. Regardless of the form of credit enhancement, the Company may retain a limited portion of credit risk related to the loans after securitization. See "Credit Exposures."

Investment Portfolio

Strategy

The core of the Company's earnings are derived from its investment portfolio. The Company's strategy for its investment portfolio is to create a diversified portfolio of high quality assets that in the aggregate generates stable income for the Company in a variety of interest rate and prepayment environments and preserves the capital base of the Company. In many instances, the Company's investment strategy involves not only the creation of the asset, but structuring the related borrowing through the securitization process to create a stable yield profile.

At June 30, 1996, the Company's investments included the following (amounts in thousands): <TABLE>

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In	nvestments:		
	Mortgage investments:		
	Collateral for CMOs	\$ 2,005,679	48 %
	Adjustable-rate mortgage securities	1,863,398	45
	Fixed-rate mortgage securities	41,113	1
	Other mortgage securities	61,274	2
		3,971,464	96
	Loans in warehouse Note receivable - sale of single-family	132,421	3
	operations	 47,696	1
	Total investments	\$ 4,151,581	100 %

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As of September 30, 1996, the Company estimates that its investment portfolio will be as follows after taking into account (i) transactions and fundings that have taken place as of September 6, 1996; (ii) a projected paydown rate of 2% per month on the Company's collateral for CMOs and amortizing securities; and (iii) expected fundings for the period from September 6, 1996 to September 30, 1996 (amounts in thousands):

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Mon	tgage investments:		
	Collateral for CMOs	\$ 2,852,516	64 %
	Adjustable-rate mortgage securities	1,239,751	28
	Fixed-rate mortgage securities	40,306	1
	Other mortgage securities	49 , 722	1
		4,182,295	94
	nns in warehouse te receivable - sale of single-family	206,176	5
	operations	47,696 	1
	Total investments	\$ 4,436,167	100 %
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The Company continuously monitors the aggregate projected net yield of its investment portfolio under various interest rate and prepayment environments. While certain investments may perform poorly in an increasing interest rate environment, certain investments may perform well, and others may not be impacted at all. Generally, the Company adds investments to its portfolio which are designed to increase the diversification and reduce the variability of the yield produced by the portfolio in different interest rate environments. The Company may add new types of investments to its portfolio in the future.

The Company anticipates that approximately \$3.7 billion of the Company's mortgage investments as of September 30, 1996 will be comprised of loans or securities that have coupon rates which adjust over time (subject to certain periodic and lifetime limitations) in conjunction with changes in short-term interest rates. Generally, during a period of rising interest rates, the Company's net interest spread earned on its investment portfolio will decrease. The decrease of the net interest spread results from (i) the lag in resets of the ARM loans underlying the ARM securities and collateral for CMOs and (ii) rate resets on the ARM loans which are generally limited to 1% every six months, while the associated borrowings have no such limitation. As interest rates stabilize and the ARM loans reset, the net interest margin may be restored to its former level as the yields on the ARM loans adjust to market conditions. Conversely, net interest margin may increase following a fall in short-term interest rates. This increase may be temporary as the yields on the ARM loans adjust to the new market conditions after a lag period. In each case, however, the Company expects that the increase or decrease in the net interest spread due to changes in the short-term interest rates to be temporary. The net interest spread may also be increased or decreased by the cost or proceeds of interest rate swap, cap or floor agreements.

Because of the 1% periodic cap nature of the ARM loans underlying the ARM securities, these securities may decline in market value in a rising interest rate environment. In a rapidly increasing rate environment, as was experienced in 1994, a decline in value may be significant enough to impact the amount of funds available under repurchase agreements to borrow against these securities. In order to maintain liquidity, the Company may be required to sell certain securities. To mitigate this potential liquidity risk, the Company strives to maintain excess liquidity to cover any additional margin required in a rapidly increasing interest rate environment, defined as a 3% increase in short-term interest rates over a twelve-month time period. The Company has also entered into an interest rate swap transaction aggregating \$1.02 billion notional, which is designed to protect the Company's cash flow and earnings on the ARM securities in a rapidly rising interest rate environment. Finally, the Company has purchased \$1.6 billion notional of interest rate cap agreements to reduce the risk of the lifetime interest rate limitation on the ARM securities and on certain CMOs owned by the Company. Such liquidity risk also exists with all other investments pledged as collateral for repurchase agreements, but to a lesser extent.

The Company expects that the remaining portion of the Company's mortgage investments as of September 30, 1996, approximately \$0.5 billion, will be comprised of loans or securities that have coupon rates that are either fixed or do not reset within the next 15 months. The Company has limited its interest rate risk on such investments through (i) the issuance of fixed-rate CMOs and notes payable, (ii) interest rate swap agreements (Company receives floating, pays fixed), and (iii) equity, which in the aggregate is expected to total approximately \$0.7 billion as of the same date. Overall, the Company's interest rate risk is primarily related to the rate of change in short term interest rates, not the level of short term interest rates.

Investment in CMOs. Collateral for CMOs represents the single largest investment in the Company's portfolio. Net interest margin on CMOs is derived primarily from the difference between (i) the cash flow generated from the mortgage collateral pledged to secure the CMOs, and (ii) the amounts required for payment on the CMOs and related insurance and administrative expenses. CMOs are generally non-recourse to the Company. The Company's yield on its investment in CMOs is affected primarily by changes in interest rates and prepayment rates, and to a lesser extent, credit losses on the underlying loans. The Company may retain for its investment portfolio certain classes of the CMOs issued and pledge such classes as collateral for repurchase agreements.

ARM securities. Another segment of the Company's portfolio is the investments in ARM securities. The Company may increase its return on equity by pledging the ARM securities as collateral for repurchase agreements. The interest rates on the majority of the Company's ARM securities reset every six months, and the rates are subject to both periodic and lifetime limitations. Generally, the repurchase agreements have a fixed rate of interest over a term that ranges from 30 to 90 days, and therefore are not subject to repricing limitations. As a result, the net interest margin on the ARM securities could decline if the spread between the yield on the ARM security versus the interest rate on the repurchase agreement was to be reduced.

Fixed-rate mortgage securities. Fixed-rate mortgage securities consist of securities that have a fixed-rate of interest for specified periods of time. Certain fixed-rate mortgage securities have a fixed interest rate for the first

3, 5 or 7 years and an interest rate that adjusts at six or twelve month intervals thereafter, subject to periodic and lifetime interest rate caps. The Company's yields on these securities are primarily affected by changes in prepayment rates. Such yields will decline with an increase in prepayment rates, and will increase with a decrease in prepayment rates. The Company generally borrows against its fixed-rate mortgage securities, through the use of repurchase agreements.

Other mortgage securities. Other mortgage securities consist primarily of interest-only securities ("I/O"s), principal-only securities ("P/O"s) and residual interests which were either purchased or created through the Company's production operations. An I/O is a class of a CMO or a mortgage pass-through security that pays to the holder substantially all interest. A P/O is a class of a CMO or a mortgage pass-through security that pays to the holder substantially all principal. Residual interests represent the excess cash flows on a pool of mortgage collateral after payment of principal, interest, and expenses of the related mortgage-backed security or repurchase arrangement. Residual interests may have little or no principal amount and may not receive scheduled interest payments. The Company may borrow against its other mortgage securities for working capital purposes. The yields on these securities are affected primarily by changes in prepayment rates, and to a lesser extent, by changes in short-term interest rates.

Loans in warehouse. Loans in warehouse consist primarily of loans held by the Company for the accumulation period prior to sale or securitization. During this time the Company is exposed to risks of interest rate fluctuations and may enter into hedging transactions to reduce the change in value of such loans caused by changes in interest rates. The Company also is at risk for credit losses on the loans in inventory during accumulation. This risk is managed through the application of loan underwriting and risk management standards and procedures, and the establishment of reserves.

Note receivable. As part of the consideration received in connection with the sale of the Company's single-family mortgage operations, the Company received an installment note from Dominion in the aggregate principal amount of \$47.5 million. The note bears interest at a rate of 6.5% which is paid quarterly and the principal balance of the note will be paid in five equal installments of \$9.5 million beginning January 2, 1997.

See "Recent Developments."

Hedging and other portfolio transactions. As part of its asset/liability management process, the Company enters into interest rate agreements such as interest rate caps and swaps and financial futures contracts ("hedges"). These agreements are used to reduce interest rate risk which arise from the lifetime yield caps on the ARM securities, the mismatched repricing of portfolio investments versus borrowed funds, and finally, assets repricing on indices such as the prime rate which are different than the related borrowing indices. The agreements are designed to protect the portfolio's cash flow, and to stabilize the portfolio's yield profile in a variety of interest rate environments.

Credit Exposures

The Company has historically securitized its loan production in pass-through or CMO securitizations structures. With either structure, the Company may use overcollateralization, subordination, reserve funds, bond insurance, limited guaranties from third parties, mortgage pool insurance or any combination of the foregoing for credit enhancement. Regardless of the form of credit enhancement, the Company may retain a limited portion of the direct credit risk after securitization, including the risk of loss related to hazards not covered under standard hazard insurance policies.

Overcollateralization. Overcollateralization is generally used in conjunction with bond insurance in the issuance of CMOs. Losses are first applied to the overcollateralization amount, and any losses in addition to that amount would be borne by the bond insurer or holders of the CMOs. The Company only incurs credit losses to the extent that losses are incurred in the repossession, foreclosure and sale of the underlying collateral. Such losses generally equal the excess of the principal amount outstanding, less any proceeds from mortgage or hazard insurance, over the liquidation value of the collateral. The Company generally receives an excess yield on the mortgage loans relative to the yield on the CMOs to compensate the Company for retaining such loss exposure. At June 30, 1996, the Company retained \$83.9 million in aggregate principal amount of overcollateralization, and had reserves or otherwise had provided for coverage on \$60.5 million of the potential credit loss exposure.

Subordination. Subordination is generally used in conjunction with the issuance of pass-through securities and may also be used in conjunction with reserve funds, mortgage pool insurance and bond insurance. The Company used subordination as a credit enhancement beginning in 1994. The credit risk with subordination is concentrated in the subordinated classes (which may partially be credit enhanced with reserve funds or pool insurance) of the securities, thus

allowing the senior classes of the securities to receive the higher credit ratings. To the extent credit losses are greater than expected (or exceed the protection provided by any reserve funds or pool insurance), the holders of the subordinated securities will experience a lower yield (which may be negative) than expected on their investments. As of June 30, 1996, the Company retained \$22.8 million in aggregate principal amount of subordinated securities, which are carried at a book value of \$4.4 million, reflecting such potential credit loss exposure.

Insurance. As mentioned above, the Company may use pool insurance and reserve funds for credit enhancement. Pool insurance has generally been unavailable as a means of credit enhancement since the beginning of 1994. Pool insurance covered substantially all credit risk for the security with the exception of fraud in the origination or certain special hazard risks. Loss exposure due to special hazards is generally limited to an amount equal to a fixed percentage of the principal balance of the pool of loans at the time of securitization. Fraud in the origination exposure is generally limited to those loans which default within one year of origination. The reserve for potential losses on these risks was \$10.5 million at June 30, 1996.

Such credit loss exposure is generally limited to an amount equal to a fixed percentage of the principal balance of the pool of loans at the time of securitization. The Company has established discounts and reserves for estimated expected losses related to these various risks. The Company's results will be negatively impacted in future periods to the extent actual losses exceed the amount of such discounts and reserves.

REIT Status

The Company, and its qualified real estate investment trust subsidiaries, have elected to be treated as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. A REIT must distribute annually substantially all of its taxable income to shareholders. The Company and its qualified REIT subsidiaries (collectively, "Resource REIT") generally will not be subject to federal income tax to the extent that certain REIT qualifications are met. Certain other affiliated entities which are consolidated with the Company for financial reporting purposes, are not consolidated for federal income tax purposes because such entities are not qualified REIT subsidiaries. All taxable income of these affiliated entities is subject to federal and state income taxes, where applicable. The Preferred Stock represents preferred stock in a REIT, and as such, the dividends on the Preferred Stock are not eligible for the dividends received deduction for federal income tax purposes. See "Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Recent Developments

On September 12, 1996, the Company declared a cash dividend of \$0.585 per common and preferred share, payable to holders of record on September 30, 1996.

On September 5, 1996, the Company committed to issue approximately \$945 million in CMOs collateralized by approximately \$200 million in single-family ARM loans with the balance comprised of mortgage securities owned by the Company. The issuance of the CMO security is expected to close on or before September 30, 1996. The Company plans to retain for its investment portfolio approximately \$95 million in the CMOs issued. Such securitization will limit the Company's credit risk on such collateral, and reduce the Company's recourse borrowings by approximately \$447 million.

On August 30, 1996, the Company acquired Multi-Family Capital Markets, Inc. (MCM), which specializes in the sourcing, underwriting and closing of multi-family loans secured by first liens on apartment properties that have qualified for low income housing tax credits. The Company acquired the stock and assets of MCM for \$4 million. The Company believes this acquisition will complement the Company's current strategy of expanding its multi-family lending activities and will improve its competitive position in the marketplace for such loans.

On May 13, 1996, the Company sold its single-family mortgage operations to Dominion Mortgage Services, Inc. (Dominion), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc., for approximately \$68 million. Included in the single-family mortgage operations were the Company's single-family correspondent, wholesale and servicing operations. The sale resulted in a gain of \$18.9 million, which was net of various reserves for contingent liabilities related to the single-family mortgage operations including a provision of \$29.7 million for possible losses on single-family loans where the Company has retained a portion of the credit risk and where prior to the sale the Company had serviced such single-family loans. The terms of the purchase included an initial cash payment of \$20.4 million, with the remainder of the purchase price to be paid evenly over the next five years pursuant to a note agreement. As a result of the sale, the Company is precluded from originating certain types of single-family mortgage loans through either correspondents or a wholesale

network for a period of five years.

During 1995, the Company's results were negatively impacted by the adverse effect of the rapid increase in short-term interest rates during 1994 and the first quarter of 1995. Additionally, the Company experienced a decline in its overall mortgage loan production volume due in part to a reduction in the overall mortgage production volume in the market, as well as a flat yield curve, which was adverse to the Company's production of ARM loans. Results were also impacted by the Company's greater use of the CMO structure for securitizing its production versus the pass-through structure used in the past which impacted gain on sale of mortgage assets. The Company expects the use of CMOs to reduce the variability of its earnings in the future.

ARM securities pay an interest rate that is based on underlying ARM loans and have interest rates that reset generally on a semiannual basis. These interest rates are subject to certain periodic and lifetime interest rate caps. Due to the nature of the periodic caps, semiannual rate increases are generally limited to 1%. As a result of rapidly increasing short-term interest rates during 1994 through the first quarter of 1995, the interest rate on certain of the Company's repurchase borrowings, which are not subject to caps, increased at a rate faster than the interest rate earned on the ARM securities collateralizing these borrowings, which decreased the net interest spread earned on these securities. Due to the effect of the periodic interest rate caps, ARM securities continued to reset upwards through the fourth quarter of 1995, when they became fully indexed. ARM securities were also impacted by the increase in securities retained in the portfolio during late 1993 and early 1994 with low initial pass-through rates (i.e., teaser rates). ARM securities constituted approximately 66% of the Company's portfolio of investments as of January 1, 1995.

As a result of the decreased spread on its ARM securities, the Company's net interest spread on mortgage assets decreased to 0.99% for 1995 from 1.12% for 1994. Similarly, the net yield on portfolio assets declined to 0.90% for 1995 from 1.15% for 1994. However, as short-term rates stabilized and then declined during the latter half of 1995 through the first of quarter of 1996, for the six months ended June 30, 1996, the net interest spread on mortgage assets increased to 1.60%, compared to 0.78% for the six months ended June 30, 1995. The declining interest rates also favorably impacted the Company's net interest spread by reducing the Company's borrowing costs faster than it reduced the yields on the Company's interest earning assets. The Company's overall weighted average borrowing costs decreased to 6.01% for the six months ended June 30, 1996 from 6.62% for the six months ended June 30, 1995, while the overall yield on interest-earning assets increased to 7.61% from 7.40%. The Company projects that ARM securities will represent 28% of its investment portfolio as of September 30, 1996.

The Offering

Securities Offered.

1,500,000 shares of Series C % Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.

Dividends......Cumulative commencing on the date of issue in an amount per share equal to the greater of (i) the Base Rate of \$ per quarter, or (ii) an amount equal to the quarterly dividend declared on the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock (or portion thereof) into which a share of the Series C Preferred Stock is convertible. Dividends are payable in arrears on January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 (or the next succeeding business day) of each year, commencing January 31, 1997. The dividend for the partial period ending December 31, 1996 will be prorated from the date of issuance and will be determined by reference to the Base Rate. Dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock are determined on each of the quarterly dividend declaration dates. Dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock are cumulative from the date of original issuance. No dividends will be paid or set apart for

Conversion Rights.Each share of the Series C Preferred Stock will be convertible in whole or in part at the option of the holder at any time, unless previously redeemed, into one share of Common Stock, subject to possible future adjustment in certain circumstances. See "Description of Preferred Stock."

payment on shares of Common Stock unless full cumulative dividends have been paid on the Series C Preferred Stock.

The holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Company or the proceeds thereof available for distribution to shareholders, before any distribution is made on the Common Stock, the Issue Price per share in cash plus accumulated, accrued but unpaid dividends.

Redemption at Option of the Company

The Series C Preferred Stock will not be redeemable by the Company prior to September 30, 1999. On and after September 30, 1999, the Series C Preferred Stock will be redeemable by the Company, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company as follows:

(i) for one share of Common Stock, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances (plus accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends, which are to be paid in cash through the end of the prior dividend period), provided that for 20 trading days within any period of 30 consecutive trading days, including the last trading day of such period, the closing price of the Common Stock on the NYSE equals or exceeds the Conversion Price; (ii) for cash at the Issue Price per share, plus any accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends.

Voting Rights

Except

as otherwise expressly required by applicable law or as described below, the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will not be entitled to vote on any matter and will not be entitled to notice of any meeting of shareholders of the Company. If at any time the Company falls in arrears in the payment of dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock or any other Parity Stockin an aggregate amount equal to the full accrued dividends for six quarterly dividend periods, or upon failure of the Company to maintain consolidated shareholders' equity (determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and giving effect to any adjustment for the net unrealized gain loss on available-for-sale mortgage securities) of at least 150% of the aggregate Issue Price of the then outstanding Series C Preferred Stock and the aggregate original issue price of the then outstanding shares of the Company's Series A 9.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (Series A Preferred Stock) and Series

9.55% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (Series B Preferred Stock), the number of the Company's directors will be increased (if not already increased by reason of similar types of provisions with respect to any Parity Stock) by two and the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock together with all classes of stock ranking on a parity with the Series C Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class, will have the right to elect two directors to fill the positions created, and such right will continue until all dividends in arrears shall have been paid, and such shareholders' equity has been restored to at least 150% of the aggregate Issue Price of the then outstanding Series C Preferred Stock and the aggregate original issue price of the then outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock. If any other class of Parity Stock with which the Series C Preferred Stock is entitled to vote is entitled to elect two directors as a result of a failure to maintain a specified level consolidated shareholders' equity, then, when such entitlement to vote is triggered, the separate entitlement of the Series C Preferred Stock to vote for directors described in this paragraph shall be suspended.

Ranking......The Series C Preferred Stock will rank senior to the Common Stock with respect to the payment of dividends and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. The Series C Preferred Stock will rank pari passu with the Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock. The Company is not permitted to issue any stock ranking senior to the Series C Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up without the approval of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock.

Nasdaq National Market Listing.....

The Company intends to apply to have the Series C Preferred Stock approved for listing on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "RMRPN."

Use of Proceeds...The net proceeds from the Offering will be used primarily to pay down short-term debt and for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds" in the accompanying Prospectus.

Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial data are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company at and for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992, and 1991 and from the unaudited financial information at and for the six months ended June 30, 1996 and 1995. The data should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified by reference to, the more detailed information contained in the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the six months ended June 30, 1996, which are incorporated herein by reference. The

results for the six months ended June 30, 1996, as reported, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 1996.

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<caption></caption>	Six Mont June		Year Ended December 31,				
		1995	1995				1991
	1990						1991
<s> Operating Data</s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	ollars in the	<c></c>		<c></c>	<c></c>
Net interest margin on mortgage assets	\$ 36,111		\$ 42,419			\$ 23,357	\$ 19,902
Gain on sale of single-family operations	\$ 18,899	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - ====================================
Gain (loss) on sale of mortgage investments, net	\$ (6,196)	\$ 4,850	\$ 9,651	\$ 27,723	\$ 27 , 977	\$ 28,941	
Total revenue		\$128 , 909				\$179 , 455	
Total expenses	131,831	114,272	•	204,226	146,840	141,286	139,593
Net income	\$ 38,582 ======	\$ 14,637	\$ 36,910	\$ 52,257	\$ 54,127	\$ 38,169	\$ 21,636 == =======
Per Share Data Primary net income per common share	\$ 1.68	\$ 0.73	\$ 1.70	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.12	\$ 2.73	\$ 1.60
Fully diluted net income per common share	1.60	0.73	1.70	2.64	3.12	2.73	1.60
Dividends declared per share Common Series A Preferred Series B Preferred Average number of common shares	1.06 1.17 1.17	0.76	1.68 1.17 0.42	2.76	3.06	2.60	1.53 - -
	24,071,636 \$ 14.20	20,091,686 \$ 13.43	20,122,772 \$ 13.50	19,829,609 \$ 13.45	17,364,309 \$ 13.09		13,531,290 \$ 8.97
Balance Sheet Data (at period end)							
Mortgage Investments:(2) Collateral for CMOs Mortgage securities Loans in warehouse Note receivable	1,965,785 132,421 47,696	2,194,482 203,651	2,149,416 247,633	2,579,759 518,131	2,300,949 934,457	-	733,549 257,938 -
Other assets			·			··	
Total assets							\$ 1,829,632 == ========
CMO bonds payable, net (3)	\$ 1,858,985	\$ 821,978	\$ 949,139	\$ 424,800	\$ 432,677	\$ 561,441	\$ 805,493
Repurchase agreements Notes payable Other liabilities	77,312 41,512	151,488 35,251	154,041 48,677	135,110 38,269	87,451 199,436		147,601 117,504
Total liabilities	\$ 3,802,542	\$3,048,100	\$ 3,135,215	\$3,403,125	\$3,473,730	\$2,062,219	\$ 1,708,197
Shareholders' equity (1)	\$ 376,824	\$ 301,179	\$ 359,582	\$ 270,149	\$ 253,032	\$ 177,437	\$ 121,435 ====================================
Selected Ratios and Data Net interest spread Return on average shareholders' equity (1)	1.60%		0.99%	1.12%	1.55%	1.47%	1.22%
Ratio of available earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends (4		1.24x	1.25x	1.35x	1.69x	1.80x	1.69x
Principal balance of mortgage loans funded	\$ 592,531	\$ 434,636	\$ 893,953	\$2,861,443	\$4,093,714	\$5,334,174	\$ 2,491,434

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- (1) Excludes the unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale mortgage securities of \$41,173, \$(13,296), \$(4,759) and \$(72,678) at June 30, 1996, June 30, 1995, December 31, 1995, and December 31, 1994, respectively.
- (2) Mortgage investments are shown at fair value at June 30, 1996, June 30, 1995, December 31, 1995 and December 31, 1994 and at amortized cost at December 31, 1993 and prior periods.
- (3) This debt is nonrecourse to the Company except for \$276,329, \$302,060 and \$102,027 at June 30, 1996, June 30, 1995 and December 31, 1995, respectively.
- (4) For purposes of computing the ratios, "available earnings" consist of net income before income tax plus interest and debt expense and excludes fixed charges related to CMOs issued by the Company which are non-recourse to the Company. This sum is divided by fixed charges, which consists of total interest and debt expense along with the requirements to cover the preferred stock dividends, to determine the ratio of available earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends.

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PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth the high and low closing sales prices per share of the Common Stock on the NYSE during the respective periods indicated according to published financial sources and the cash dividends declared per share of Common Stock:

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Cash <CAPTION> Dividends Price Per Share Declared High Low Per Share -----_____ -----<S> <C> <C> 1996 First Quarter.... \$ 21 3/4 \$ 19 1/8 \$ 0.51 2.5 19 5/8 0.55 Second Quarter.... Third Quarter (through September 13, 1996) 25 3/8 22 1/8 0.585 1995 First Quarter..... \$ 17 3/4 \$ 10 3/8 \$ 0.36 15 Second Quarter..... 20 3/4 0.40 21 1/2 16 5/8 Third Quarter.... 0.44 18 5/8 21 5/8 0.48 Fourth Quarter..... 1994 \$ 25 1/8 \$ 0.52 First Quarter..... \$ 30 22 1/8 0.78 20 3/8 0.78 27 1/2 Second Quarter..... 25 3/4 22 3/4 Third Quarter.... Fourth Ouarter..... 9 1/2 0.68

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth the consolidated capitalization of the Company at June 30, 1996, and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance of the shares of Preferred Stock and the application of the estimated net proceeds therefrom as described under "Use of Proceeds."

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June 30, 1996

<caption></caption>	Actual	As Adjusted (1)
<\$>	(dollars in	thousands)
Total Debt: Collateralized mortgage obligations (2)	\$ 1, 858,985	\$ 1,858,985
Repurchase agreements	1,824,733	1,824,733
Notes payable	77,312	

Total debt	\$ 3,761,030	\$	
Shareholders' Equity:			
Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share,			
50,000,000 shares authorized;			
Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, \$24 per share			
liquidation value, 1,552,500 shares issued and outstanding	\$ 35,460	\$ 35,460	
Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, \$24.50 per			
share liquidation value, 2,196,824 shares issued and		51,425	
outstanding	51,425		
Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, \$ per	share		
liquidation value, 1,500,000 shares issued and outstanding			
as adjusted			
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share, 50,000,000 shares	2.04	204	
authorized; 20,421,567 issued and outstanding	286,005	204 286,005	
Net unrealized gain on available-for-sale mortgage securities	41,173	41,173	
Retained earnings	3,730	3,730	
Retained earnings	3,730	3,730	
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 417,997	\$	
Total capitalization	\$ 4,179,027	\$	

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- (1) Assumes estimated net proceeds of \$ million. Amount does not include up to 225,000 shares subject to the Underwriters' over-allotment option for Series C Preferred Stock or the application of the net proceeds from the sale thereof. See "Underwriting."

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

The summary of certain terms and provisions of the Preferred Stock contained in this Prospectus Supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the terms and provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, as amended (the Articles of Incorporation), Bylaws, as amended, and the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation setting forth the particular terms of the Preferred Stock (the Amendment). The Articles of Incorporation authorize the issuance of 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, no par value per share, of which 1,552,500 shares of Series A Preferred Stock and 2,196,824 shares of Series B Preferred Stock (together, the Preferred Stock) are currently outstanding.

General

When issued and delivered against payment pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement between the Company and the Underwriters, the Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. The holders of the Preferred Stock will have no preemptive rights with respect to any shares of capital stock of the Company or any other securities of the Company convertible into or carrying rights or options to purchase any such shares. The Preferred Stock will not be subject to any sinking fund or other obligation of the Company to redeem or retire the Preferred Stock. Unless converted into shares of Common Stock or redeemed by the Company, the Preferred Stock will have a perpetual term, with no maturity. The Company intends to apply to have the Series C Preferred Stock approved for listing on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "RMRPN."

Ranking

The Preferred Stock will rank senior to the Common Stock and pari passu with the Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the Series A Preferred Stock and the Series B Preferred Stock) with respect to payment of dividends and amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

While any shares of Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Company may not authorize, create or increase the authorized amount of any class or series of stock that ranks prior or senior to the Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends or amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up without the consent of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock. However, the Company may create additional classes of stock or issue series of preferred stock which rank on a parity with the Preferred Stock with respect, in each case, to the payment of dividends and amounts upon

liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company (Parity Stock) without the consent of any holder of Preferred Stock. Series A and Series B Preferred Stock are Parity Stock. See "Voting Rights" below.

Dividends

Holders of shares of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when and as declared by the Board of Directors of the Company, out of funds of the Company legally available for payment thereof, cumulative cash dividends payable in an amount per share equal to the greater of (i) \$ per quarter (Base Rate) or (ii) the cash dividends for such quarter declared on a number of shares of the Company's Common Stock equal to the number of shares of Common Stock (or portion thereof) into which a share of Preferred Stock is convertible (determined as of each of the quarterly dividend record dates referred to below). The dividend for the partial period ending December 31, 1996 will be prorated from the date of issuance and will be determined by reference to the Base Rate. Dividends on the Preferred Stock will be payable quarterly in arrears on the last day (or the next succeeding business day) of January, April, July, and October, commencing January 31, 1997 with respect to the period commencing on the date of issue and ending December 31, 1996. Each such dividend will be payable to holders of record as they appear on the stock records of the Company at the close of business on such record dates not exceeding 60 days preceding the payment dates thereof, as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Company. Such record dates shall coincide with the record date for the regular quarterly dividends, if any, payable with respect to the Common Stock; provided, however, that the record dates may be separated to fall on December 31 and January 1. Dividends will accrue from the date of original issuance of the Preferred Stock. Dividends will be cumulative from such date, whether or not in any dividend period or periods such dividends shall be declared or there shall be funds of the Company legally available for the payment of such dividends. Accumulated dividends on shares of Preferred Stock will not bear interest. Dividends payable on the Preferred Stock for any period shorter than a full dividend period will be computed on the basis of twelve 30-day months and a 360-day year.

Upon a final administrative determination by the Internal Revenue Service that the Company does not qualify as a real estate investment trust in accordance with Section 856 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Base Rate will be increased to \$ per quarter until such time as the Company regains its status as a real estate investment trust; provided, however, that if the Company contests its loss of real estate investment trust status in Federal Court, following its receipt of an opinion of nationally recognized tax counsel to the effect that there is a reasonable basis to contest such loss of status, the Base Rate shall not be increased during the pendency of such judicial proceeding; provided further, however, that upon a final judicial determination in Federal Tax Court, Federal District Court, or the Federal Claims Court that the Company does not qualify as a real estate investment trust, the Base Rate as stated above will be increased.

Except as provided in the next sentence, no dividend will be declared or paid or other distribution of cash or other property declared or made directly by the Company on any Parity Stock unless full cumulative dividends have been declared and paid or are contemporaneously declared and funds sufficient for payment set aside on the Preferred Stock for all prior and contemporaneous dividend periods. If accumulated and accrued dividends on the Preferred Stock for all prior and contemporaneous dividend periods have not been paid in full, then any dividend declared on the Preferred Stock for any dividend period and on any Parity Stock will be declared ratably in proportion to accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock and the Parity Stock.

The Company will not (i) declare, pay or set apart funds for the payment of any dividend or other distribution of cash or other property with respect to any Junior Stock (as defined below) or (ii) redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any Junior Stock through a sinking fund or otherwise (other than a redemption or purchase or other acquisition of shares of Common Stock made for purposes of an employee incentive or benefit plan of the Company or any subsidiary) or (iii) pay or distribute any cash or other property for the benefit of any holder of Junior Stock in respect thereof, directly or indirectly, unless (A) all cumulative dividends with respect to the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock at the time such dividends are payable have been paid or such dividends have been declared and funds have been set apart for payment of such dividends and (B) sufficient funds have been paid or set apart for the payment of the dividend for the current dividend period with respect to the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock. The foregoing limitations do not restrict the Company's ability to take the foregoing actions with respect to any Parity Stock.

As used herein, (i) the term "dividend" does not include dividends payable solely in shares of Junior Stock on Junior Stock, or in options, warrants or rights to holders of Junior Stock to subscribe for or purchase any Junior Stock, and (ii) the term "Junior Stock" means the Common Stock, and any other class of capital stock of the Company now or hereafter issued and outstanding that ranks junior to the Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

Shares of Preferred Stock will not be redeemable by the Company prior to September 30, 1999. On and after September 30, 1999, the shares of Preferred Stock will be redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, either (i) for such number of authorized but previously unissued shares of Common Stock as equals the per share Issue Price of the Preferred Stock to be redeemed divided by the Conversion Price (as defined below under Conversion Rights) as of the opening of business on the date set for such redemption (initially equivalent to a conversion rate of one share of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock, subject to adjustment as described below), or (ii) for cash at a redemption price equal to the Issue Price. In the event of a redemption for cash, the Company must also pay in cash all cumulative, accrued and unpaid dividends for all dividend periods prior to the dividend period in which the redemption occurs, plus the pro-rated dividend accrued from the beginning of the current dividend period to the date of redemption determined by reference solely to the Base Rate. In the event of a redemption for Common Stock, the Company must also pay in cash all cumulative, accrued and unpaid dividends for all dividend periods prior to the period in which the redemption occurs; however, no dividend will be payable with respect to the Preferred Stock for the dividend period in which such a redemption occurs unless such redemption occurs after the record date for the dividend on Common Stock in which event the dividend on the Preferred Stock will be payable through the redemption date. In the case of a redemption date falling after a dividend record date and prior to the related dividend payment date, the holders of the Preferred Stock at the close of business on such record date will be entitled to receive the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date, notwithstanding the redemption of such shares following such dividend record date. Except as provided for in the preceding sentences, no payment or allowance will be made for accumulated or accrued dividends on any shares of Preferred Stock called for redemption or on the shares of Common Stock issuable upon such redemption.

The Company may exercise the option to deliver Common Stock upon redemption only if for 20 trading days, within any period of 30 consecutive trading days, including the last trading day of such period, the closing price of the Common Stock on the NYSE (or such other exchange or quotation system as the Common Stock is listed or quoted on) equals or exceeds the Conversion Price, (initially, the Issue Price), in effect on such trading days, subject to adjustments as described below. In order to exercise this redemption option, the Company must issue a press release announcing the redemption prior to the opening of business on the second trading day after the conditions in the preceding sentences have, from time to time, been met.

Notice of redemption will be given by mail or by publication (with subsequent prompt notice by mail) to the holders of record of the Preferred Stock not more than ten business days after the Company issues the press release, in the case of a redemption for Common Stock, or not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date of redemption, in the case of a redemption for cash. The redemption date will be a date selected by the Company not less than 30 nor more than 60 days after the date on which the Company gives the notice of redemption or issues the press release announcing its intention to redeem the Preferred Stock, as the case may be. If fewer than all of the shares of Preferred Stock are to be redeemed, the shares to be redeemed shall be selected by lot or pro rata or in some other equitable manner determined by the Company.

In the event that full cumulative dividends on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock have not been paid or declared and set apart for payment, the Preferred Stock may not be redeemed in part and the Company may not purchase or acquire shares of Preferred Stock otherwise than pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to all holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

On and after the date fixed for redemption, provided that the Company has made available at the office of the Registrar and Transfer Agent a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock and/or an amount of cash to effect the redemption, dividends will cease to accumulate or accrue on the Preferred Stock called for redemption, such shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights of the holders of such shares of Preferred Stock shall cease except the right to receive the shares of Common Stock upon such redemption and/or any cash payable upon such redemption, without interest from the date of such redemption. At the close of business on the redemption date, each holder of Preferred Stock to be redeemed (unless the Company defaults in the delivery of the Common Stock or cash) will be, without any further action, deemed a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock and/or the amount of cash for which such Preferred Stock is redeemable.

Fractional shares of Common Stock will not be issued upon redemption of the Preferred Stock, but, in lieu thereof, the Company will pay an amount in cash based on the current market price of the Common Stock on the day prior to the redemption date.

Liquidation Preference

The holders of shares of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive in the

event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Issue Price (the Liquidation Preference) plus an amount in cash per share of Preferred Stock equal to all dividends (whether or not earned or declared) accumulated, accrued and unpaid thereon to the date of final distribution to such holders and no more.

Until the holders of the Preferred Stock have been paid the Liquidation Preference in full, no payment will be made to any holder of Junior Stock upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. If, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the assets of the Company, or proceeds thereof, distributable among the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock are insufficient to pay in full the Liquidation Preference and the liquidation preference with respect to any other shares of Parity Stock, then such assets, or the proceeds thereof, will be distributed among the holders of shares of Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock ratably in accordance with the respective amounts which would be payable on such shares of Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. Neither a consolidation or merger of the Company with another corporation, a statutory share exchange by the Company nor a sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the Company's assets will be considered a liquidation, dissolution or winding up, voluntary or involuntary, of the Company.

Voting Rights

Except as indicated below, or except as otherwise from time to time required by applicable law, the holders of shares of Preferred Stock will have no voting rights.

If (i) six quarterly dividends payable on the Preferred Stock or any other Parity Stock are in arrears, whether or not earned or declared or (ii) the consolidated shareholders' equity of the Company (determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and giving effect to any adjustment for the net unrealized gain or loss on available-for-sale mortgage securities) at the end of any calendar quarter is less than 150% of the aggregate Issue Price of the then outstanding Preferred Stock and the aggregate original issue price of the then outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock, the number of directors then constituting the Board of Directors of the Company will be increased (if not already increased by reason of similar types of provisions with respect to Voting Preferred Stock (defined below)) by two and the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, voting together as a class with the holders of any other series of Parity Stock (any such other series, the Voting Preferred Stock), will have the right to elect two additional directors to serve on the Company's Board of Directors at an annual meeting of stockholders or special meeting held in place thereof, or at a properly called special meeting of the holders of the Preferred Stock and such Voting Preferred Stock and at each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders or special meeting held in place thereof, until, in the case of arrearage in dividends in clause (i) all such dividends in arrears and dividends for the current quarterly period on the Preferred Stock and such Voting Preferred Stock have been paid or declared and set aside for payment and until, in the case of a shortfall in consolidated shareholders' equity described in clause (ii), such consolidated shareholders' equity of the Corporation at the end of any subsequent calendar quarter equals or exceeds 150% of the aggregate Issue Price of the then outstanding Preferred Stock and the aggregate $\$ original issue price of the then $\$ outstanding $\$ Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock. If any other class of Parity Stock with which the Preferred Stock is entitled to vote is entitled to elect two directors as a result of a failure to maintain a specified level of consolidated shareholders' equity, then, when such entitlement to vote is triggered, the separate entitlement of the Preferred Stock to vote for directors described in this paragraph shall be suspended. As a result, in no event shall the holders of Preferred Stock ,orVoting Preferred Stock be entitled to elect more than two directors in the case of the Company's consolidated shareholder equity falling below 150% of the aggregate Issue Price of the then outstanding Preferred Stock and the aggregate original issue price of the then outstanding Series ${\tt A}$ Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock whether pursuant to the provision described in clause (ii) above or in respect of another class or series of Voting Preferred Stock.

The approval of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock will be required in order to amend the Articles of Incorporation to affect materially and adversely the rights, preferences or voting power of the holders of the Preferred Stock or to authorize, create, or increase the authorized amount of, any class of stock having rights prior or senior to the Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends or amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. However, the Company may create additional classes of Parity or Junior Stock, increase the authorized number of shares of Parity or Junior Stock and issue additional series of Parity or Junior Stock without the consent of any holder of Preferred Stock.

Except as required by law, the holders of Preferred Stock will not be entitled to vote on any merger or consolidation involving the Company or a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company. See "Conversion Price Adjustments" below.

Conversion Rights

Shares of Preferred Stock will be convertible, in whole or in part, at any time, at the option of the holder thereof, into authorized but previously unissued shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to the Issue Price (initially equivalent to a conversion rate of one share of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock), subject to adjustment as described below (Conversion Price). The right to convert shares of Preferred Stock called for redemption will terminate at the close of business on the redemption date for such shares. For information as to notices of redemption, see "Redemption" above.

Conversion of shares of Preferred Stock, or a specified portion thereof, may be effected by delivering certificates evidencing such shares, together with written notice of conversion and a proper assignment of such certificates to the Company or in blank, to the office or agency to be maintained by the Company for that purpose. Initially such office will be at the corporate trust office of First Union National Bank of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Each conversion will be deemed to have been effected immediately prior to the close of business on the date on which the certificates for shares of Preferred Stock shall have been surrendered and notice shall have been received by the Company as aforesaid and the conversion shall be at the Conversion Price in effect at such time and on such date. If the record dates for the payment of dividends on the Common Stock and the Preferred Stock do not coincide, no conversion after the earlier of such record dates will be accepted until after the latter of such record dates.

Holders of shares of Preferred Stock at the close of business on a dividend record date will be entitled to receive the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the conversion of such shares following such dividend record date and prior to such dividend payment date. Except as provided above, the Company will make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on converted shares or for dividends on the shares of Common Stock issued upon such conversion.

Fractional shares of Common Stock will not be issued upon conversion but, in lieu thereof, the Company will pay an amount in cash based on the current market price of the Common Stock on the day prior to the conversion date.

Conversion Price Adjustments

The Conversion Price is subject to adjustment upon certain events, including (i) dividends (and other distributions) payable in Common Stock or any class of capital stock of the Company, (ii) the issuance to all holders of Common Stock of certain rights or warrants entitling them to subscribe for or purchase Common Stock at a price per share less than the fair market value per share of Common Stock, and (iii) subdivisions, combinations and reclassifications of Common Stock. In addition to the foregoing adjustments, the Company will be permitted to make such reductions in the Conversion Price as it considers to be advisable in order that any event treated for federal income tax purposes as a dividend of stock or stock rights will not be taxable to the holders of the Common Stock or, if that is not possible, to diminish any income taxes that are otherwise payable because of such event.

In case the Company shall be a party to any transaction (including without limitation a merger, consolidation, statutory share exchange, tender offer for all or substantially all of the shares of Common Stock or sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets), in each case as a result of which shares of Common Stock will be converted into the right to receive stock, securities or other property (including cash or any combination thereof), each share of Preferred Stock, if convertible after the consummation of the transaction, will thereafter be convertible into the kind and amount of shares of stock, securities and other property receivable (including cash or any combination thereof) upon the consummation of such transaction by a holder of that number of shares or fraction thereof of Common Stock into which one share of Preferred Stock was convertible immediately prior to such transaction. The Company may not become a party to any such transaction unless the terms thereof are consistent with the foregoing.

No adjustment of the Conversion Price will be required to be made in any case until cumulative adjustments amount to 1% or more of the Conversion Price. Any adjustments not so required to be made will be carried forward and taken into account in subsequent adjustments.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Company may establish a Dividend Reinvestment Plan pursuant to which each holder of the Preferred Stock whose shares are registered in his own name may elect to have dividends reinvested automatically in shares of the Preferred Stock of the Company.

Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer

With certain exceptions, no person may own, or be deemed to own by virtue of the attribution provisions of the Code, more than 9.8% of the Company's capital stock. See "Restrictions on Transfers of Capital Stock" in the accompanying Prospectus.

Transfer Agent, Registrar, Dividend Disbursing Agent and Redemption Agent

The transfer agent, registrar, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent for the shares of Preferred Stock will be First Union National Bank of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following summary of material federal income tax considerations to the stockholders, is for general information only and is not tax advice. This discussion does not purport to deal with all aspects of taxation that may be relevant to particular stockholders in light of their personal investment or tax circumstances, or except to the extent discussed under the heading "Taxation of Tax-Exempt Stockholders" to certain types of stockholders (including insurance companies, financial institutions or broker-dealers) subject to special treatment under the federal income tax law.

The Company and its qualified REIT subsidiaries (collectively Resource REIT) believes it has complied, and intends to comply in the future, with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Code. The federal income tax provisions governing REITs and their shareholders are extremely complicated, and what follows is only a very brief and general summary of the most important considerations for shareholders.

ACCORDINGLY, EACH PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER IS ADVISED TO CONSULT HIS OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE SPECIFIC TAX CONSEQUENCES TO HIM OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND SALE OF THE PREFERRED STOCK, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND SALE AND OF POTENTIAL CHANGES IN APPLICABLE TAX LAWS.

General Considerations

Resource REIT believes it has complied, and intends to comply in the future, with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Code. Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP, counsel to the Resource REIT, has given the Resource REIT its opinion to the effect that, as of the date hereof and based on the various representations made to it by the Resource REIT with respect to its income, assets, and activities since its inception, and subject to certain assumptions and qualifications stated in such opinion, (i) Resource REIT qualifies for treatment as a REIT under the Code and (ii) the organization and contemplated method of operation of Resource REIT are such as to enable it to continue so to qualify in subsequent years, provided the various operational requirements of REIT status are satisfied in those years. However, investors should be aware that opinions of counsel are not binding on the courts or the Internal Revenue Service. To the extent that Resource REIT qualifies as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, it generally will not be subject to federal income tax on the amount of its income or gain that is distributed to shareholders. However, a nonqualified REIT subsidiary of the Resource REIT, which conducts the mortgage operations and is included in the Resource REIT's consolidated GAAP financial statements, is not a qualified REIT subsidiary. Consequently, all of the nonqualified REIT subsidiary's taxable income is subject to federal and state corporate income taxes.

The REIT rules generally require that a REIT invest primarily in real estate related assets, its activities be passive rather than active, and it distribute annually to its shareholders a high percentage of its taxable income. Resource REIT could be subject to a number of taxes if it failed to satisfy those rules or if it acquired certain types of income-producing real property through foreclosure. Although no complete assurances can be given, Resource REIT does not expect that it will be subject to material amounts of such taxes.

Resources REIT's failure to satisfy certain requirements of the Code could cause the Resource REIT to lose its status as a REIT. If Resource REIT failed to qualify as a REIT for any taxable year, it would be subject to federal income tax (including any applicable minimum tax) at regular corporate rates and would not receive deductions for dividends paid to shareholders. As a result, the amount of after-tax earnings available for distribution to shareholders would decrease substantially. While the Board of Directors intends to cause Resource REIT to operate in a manner that will enable it to qualify as a REIT in all future taxable years, there can be no certainty that such intention will be realized because, among other things, qualification hinges on the conduct of the business of Resource REIT.

As long as Resource REIT qualifies as a REIT, distributions made to the Resource REIT's taxable domestic stockholders out of current or accumulated earnings and profits (and not designated as capital gain dividends) will be taken into account by them as ordinary income and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporations. (Under the Code and IRS rulings, Resource REIT's earnings and profits will first be allocable to distributions made on the Preferred Stock and then (the balance, if any) to distributions made on the Common Stock.) Distributions that are designated as capital gain dividends will be taxed as long-term capital gains (to the extent they do not exceed Resource REIT's actual net capital gain for the taxable year) without regard to the period for which the stockholder has held its stock. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits will not be taxable to a stockholder to the extent that they do not exceed the adjusted basis of the stockholder's shares, but rather will be a non-taxable return of capital and will reduce the adjusted basis of such shares. To the extent that such distributions exceed the adjusted basis of a stockholder's shares they will be included in income as long-term gain (or short-term capital gain if the shares have been held for one year or less) assuming the shares are a capital asset in the hands of the stockholder. In addition, any dividend declared by Resource REIT in October, November or December of any year payable to a stockholder of record on a specified date in any such month shall be treated as both paid by Resource REIT and received by the stockholder on December 31 of such year, provided that the dividend is actually paid by Resource REIT during January of the following calendar year. Stockholders may not include in their individual income tax return any net operating losses or capital losses of Resource REIT.

Distributions to shareholders attributable to "excess inclusion income" of Resource REIT will be characterized as excess inclusion income in the hands of the shareholders. Excess inclusion income can arise from Resource REIT's holdings of residual interests in real estate mortgage investment conduits and in certain other types of mortgage-backed security structures created after 1991. Excess inclusion income constitutes unrelated business taxable income (UBTI) for tax-exempt entities (including employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts), and it may not be offset by current deductions or net operating loss carryovers. In the unlikely event that the Resource REIT's excess inclusion income is greater than its taxable income, Resource REIT's distribution would be based on its excess inclusion income. Although Resource REIT itself would be subject to a tax on any excess inclusion income that would be allocable to a "disqualified organization" holding its shares, Resource REIT's by-laws provide that disqualified organizations are ineligible to hold Resource REIT's shares.

Upon any sale or other disposition of shares of the Preferred Stock, a domestic stockholder will recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between (a) the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received on such sale or other disposition (less any portion thereof attributable to accumulated and declared but unpaid dividends, which will be taxable as a dividend to the extent of Resource REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits), and (b) the stockholder's adjusted tax basis in such shares. Such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss if the shares have been held by the domestic stockholder as a capital asset, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if such shares have been held for more than one year. In general, any loss upon a sale or exchange of shares by a stockholder who has held such shares for six months or less (after applying certain holding period rules) will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of distributions from Resource REIT required to be treated by such stockholder as long-term capital gain.

Redemption and Conversion

Cash Redemption of Preferred Stock. A cash redemption of shares of the Preferred Stock will be treated under Section 302 of the Code as a distribution taxable as a dividend (to the extent of Resource REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits) at ordinary income rates unless the redemption satisfies one of the tests set forth in Section $302\,(b)$ of the Code and is therefore treated as a sale or exchange of the redeemed shares. The cash redemption will be treated as a sale or exchange if it (i) is "substantially disproportionate" with respect to the holder, (ii) results in a "complete termination" of the holder's stock interest in Resource REIT, or (iii) is "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" with respect to the holder, all within the meaning of Section 302(b) of the Code. In determining whether any of these tests have been met, shares of capital stock (including Common Stock and other equity interests in Resource REIT) considered to be owned by the holder by reason of certain constructive ownership rules set forth in the Code, as well as shares of capital stock actually owned by the holder, must generally be taken into account. Because the determination as to whether any of the alternative tests of Section 302(b) of the Code will be satisfied with respect to any particular holder of the Preferred Stock depends upon the facts and circumstances at the time that the determination must be made, prospective holders of the Preferred Stock are advised to consult their own tax advisors to determine such tax treatment.

If a cash redemption of shares of the Preferred Stock is not treated as a distribution taxable as a dividend to a particular holder, it will be treated,

as to that holder, as a taxable sale or exchange. As a result, such holder will recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received (less any portion thereof attributable to accumulated and declared but unpaid dividends, which will be taxable as a dividend to the extent of the Resource REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits), and (ii) the holder's adjusted basis in the shares of the Preferred Stock for tax purposes. Such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss if the shares of the Preferred Stock have been held as a capital asset, and will be long-term gain or loss if such shares have been held for more than one year.

If a cash redemption of shares of the Preferred Stock is treated as a distribution taxable as a dividend, the amount of the distribution will be measured by the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received by the holder. The holder's adjusted basis in the redeemed shares of the Preferred Stock for tax purposes will be transferred to the holder's remaining shares of capital stock in Resource REIT, if any.

A redemption of shares of the Preferred Stock for shares of Common Stock will be treated as a conversion of the Preferred Stock into Common Stock. See "Conversion of Preferred Stock into Common Stock."

Conversion of Preferred Stock into Common Stock. In general, no gain or loss will be recognized for federal income tax purposes upon conversion of the Preferred Stock solely into shares of Common Stock. The basis that a holder will have for tax purposes in the shares of Common Stock received upon conversion will be equal to the adjusted basis for the holder in the shares of Preferred Stock so converted, and, provided that the shares of Preferred Stock were held as a capital asset, the holding period for the shares of Common Stock received would include the holding period for the shares of Preferred Stock converted. A holder will, however, generally recognize gain or loss on the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional shares of Common Stock in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and the holder's adjusted basis for tax purposes in the Preferred Stock for which cash was received. Furthermore, under certain circumstances, a holder of shares of Preferred Stock may recognize gain or dividend income to the extent that there are dividends in arrears on the shares at the time of conversion into Common Stock.

Adjustments to Conversion Price. Adjustments in the Conversion Price (or the failure to make such adjustments) pursuant to the antidilution provisions of the Preferred Stock or otherwise may result in constructive distributions to the holders of Preferred Stock that could, under certain circumstances, be taxable to them as dividends pursuant to Section 305 of the Code. If such a constructive distribution were to occur, a holder of Preferred Stock could be required to recognize ordinary income for tax purposes without receiving a corresponding distribution of cash.

Backup Withholding

Resource REIT will report to its domestic stockholders and the IRS the amount of dividends paid during each calendar year, and the amount of tax withheld, if any. Under the backup withholding rules, a stockholder may be subject to backup withholding at the rate of 31% with respect to dividends paid unless the holder (a) is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and, when required, demonstrates this fact, or (b) provides a taxpayer identification number, certifies as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding, and otherwise complies with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. A stockholder that does not provide Resource REIT with his correct taxpayer identification number may also be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS. Any amount paid as backup withholding will be creditable against the stockholder's income tax liability. In addition, Resource REIT may be required to withhold a portion of the gross proceeds of a redemption of the Preferred Stock with respect to any stockholders who fail to comply with the backup withholding rules.

Taxation of Tax-Exempt Stockholders

In Revenue Ruling 66-106, 1966-I C.B. 151, the IRS ruled that an amount distributed by a REIT to a tax-exempt employees' pension trust did not constitute UBTI. Revenue rulings are interpretive in nature and subject to revocation or modification by the IRS. However, based upon Revenue Ruling 66-106 and the analysis therein, distributions by Resource REIT to a stockholder that is a tax-exempt entity will not constitute UBTI, provided that the tax-exempt entity has not financed the acquisition of its shares with "acquisition indebtedness" within the meaning of the Code and the shares are not otherwise used in an unrelated trade or business of the tax-exempt entity.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1993, qualified trusts which are described in Section 401 of the Code and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Code that hold more than 10% of the shares of certain REITs may be required to treat a certain percentage of REIT dividends as UBTI. The requirement only applies if (i) the qualification of the REIT were to depend upon the application of a proposed "look-through" exception to the five or fewer requirements applicable to shares held by qualified trust and (ii) the REIT were

"predominantly held" by qualified trusts. A REIT would be predominantly held if either (i) a single qualified trust were to hold more than 25% by value of the REIT's interests or (ii) one or more qualified trusts, each owning more than 10% by value, were to hold more than 50% of the REIT's interests in the aggregate. The percentage of any dividend treated as UBTI would be determined by the amount of gross income (less direct expenses related thereto) of the REIT from unrelated trades or businesses (treating the REIT as if it were a qualified trust, and thereby subject to tax on UBTI) as a percentage of the gross income (less direct expenses related thereto) of the REIT. A de minimis exception would apply where the percentage was less than 5% for any year.

Other Tax Consequences

Resource REIT's stockholders may be subject to state or local taxation in various state or local jurisdictions, including those in which they transact business or reside. The state and local tax treatment of Resource REIT's stockholders may not conform to the federal income tax consequences discussed above. Consequently, prospective stockholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the effect of state and local tax laws on an investment in Resource REIT.

UNDERWRITING

The Underwriters named below have severally agreed to purchase from the Company the following respective numbers of shares of Series C % Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock offered hereby:

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Underwriter Vumber of Shares <S> Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated. Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated. EVEREN Securities, Inc. Scott & Stringfellow, Inc. Total. 1,500,000

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The Company has granted to the Underwriters an option, expiring on the thirtieth day after the date of the initial public offering of the Preferred Stock offered hereby, to purchase up to 225,000 additional shares of Preferred Stock at the public offering price less the underwriting discount, all as set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement. The Underwriters may exercise such option only to cover over-allotments in the sale of the shares of Preferred Stock.

The Underwriting Agreement provides that the obligations of the Underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent. The Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the shares of Preferred Stock offered hereby if any are purchased.

The Company has been advised by the Underwriters that the several Underwriters propose initially to offer the Preferred Stock to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement, and to certain dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of \$ per share. The Underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a concession not in excess of \$ per share to other dealers. After the initial public offering, the public offering price and such concession may be changed.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, and to contribute to payments that the Underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the offering of Preferred Stock are being passed upon for the Company by Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP, Baltimore, Maryland. Certain legal matters have been passed upon for the Underwriters by Thompson Coburn, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Resource Mortgage Capital, Inc.

Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities Warrants to Purchase Common Stock, Warrants to Purchase Preferred Stock and Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities

Resource Mortgage Capital, a Virginia corporation (the "Company"), directly or through agents, dealers or underwriters designated from time to time, may issue and sell from time to time one or more of the following types of its securities (the "Securities"): (i) shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"); (ii) shares of its preferred stock, no par value, in one or more series ("Preferred Stock"), (iii) debt securities, in one or more series, any series of which may be either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities (collectively, "Debt Securities" and, as appropriate, "Senior Debt Securities" or "Subordinated Debt Securities"), (iv) warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock ("Common Stock Warrants"); (v) warrants to purchase Preferred Stock ("Preferred Stock Warrants"); (vi) warrants to purchase debt securities ("Debt Warrants) and (vii) any combination of the foregoing, either individually or as units consisting of one or more of the foregoing types of Securities. The Securities offered pursuant to this Prospectus may be issued in

one or more series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of the offering of each such series. The Securities offered by the Company pursuant to this Prospectus will be limited to \$200,000,000 aggregate initial public offering price, including the exercise price of any Common Stock Warrants, Preferred Stock Warrants and Debt Warrants (collectively, "Securities Warrants"). As of the date of this Prospectus, the Company has issued 1,552,500 shares of its Series A 9.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and 2,196,824 shares of its Series B 9.55% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.

The specific terms of each offering of Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered are set forth in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement (each, a "Prospectus Supplement") relating to such offering of Securities. Such specific terms include, without limitation, to the extent applicable (1) in the case of any series of Preferred Stock, the specific designations, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of such series of Preferred Stock, including the dividend rate or rates or the method for calculating same, dividend payment dates, voting rights, liquidation preferences, and any conversion, exchange, redemption or sinking fund provisions; (2) in the case of any series of Debt Securities, the specific designations, rights and restrictions of such series of Debt Securities, including without limitation whether the Debt Securities are Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities, the currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated and payable, the aggregate principal amount, stated maturity, method of calculating and dates for payment of interest and premium, if any, and any conversion, exchange, redemption or sinking fund provisions; (3) in the case of the Securities Warrants, the Debt Securities, Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as applicable, for which each such warrant is exercisable, and the exercise price, duration, detachability and call provisions of each such warrant; and (4) in the case of any offering of Securities, to the extent applicable, the initial public offering price or prices, listing on any securities exchange, certain federal income tax consequences and the agents, dealers or underwriters, if any, participating in the offering and sale of the Securities. If so specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, any series of Securities may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more temporary or permanent Global Securities, as defined herein.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK HAS NOT PASSED ON OR ENDORSED THE MERITS OF THIS OFFERING. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS UNLAWFUL.

The Company may sell all or a portion of any offering of its Securities through agents, to or through underwriters or dealers, or directly to other purchasers. See "Plan of Distribution." The related Prospectus Supplement for each offering of Securities sets forth the name of any agents, underwriters or dealers involved in the sale of such Securities and any applicable fee, commission, discount or indemnification arrangement with any such party. See "Use of Proceeds."

This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of Securities unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement. The delivery in any jurisdiction of this Prospectus together with a Prospectus Supplement relating to specific Securities shall not constitute an offer in such jurisdiction of any other Securities covered by this Prospectus but not described in such Prospectus Supplement.

The date of this Prospectus is September 16, 1996

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NO DEALER, SALESMAN OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS OR THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COMPANY OR ANY UNDERWRITER, AGENT OR DEALER. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NOR ANY DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES BEING OFFERED PURSUANT TO THIS PROSPECTUS AND AN ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SHALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CREATE AN IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY SINCE THE DATE HEREOF OR THEREOF OR THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN OR THEREIN IS CORRECT AT ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF OR THEREOF. THIS PROSPECTUS AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL, OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE SECURITIES BY ANYONE IN ANY JURISDICTION IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS

NOT AUTHORIZED OR IN WHICH THE PERSON MAKING THE OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO OR TO ANYONE TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Such reports, proxy statements and other information filed by the Company may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the Commission at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Judiciary Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20549, and at the Commission's following regional offices: Chicago Regional Office, Citicorp Center 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661; and New York Regional Office, 7 World Trade Center, New York, New York 10045. Copies of such material can also be obtained at prescribed rates from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Judiciary Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20549. The Common Stock of the Company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and such reports, proxy statements and other information concerning the Company may also be inspected at the offices of such Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. The Commission maintains a Web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding the Company at http://www.sec.gov.

The Company has filed with the Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to the Securities offered hereby. This Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement, certain parts of which are omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. For further information with respect to the Company and the Securities offered hereby, reference is made to the Registration Statement and the exhibits and schedules thereto. Statements contained in this Prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other documents are not necessarily complete, and in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or documents filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents previously filed with the Commission by the Company are incorporated in this Prospectus by reference: Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995; Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31,1996, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1996 and the description of the Company's Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed to update the description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of all Securities shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any accompanying Prospectus Supplement relating to a specific offering of Securities or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus or any accompanying Prospectus Supplement. Subject to the foregoing, all information appearing in this Prospectus is qualified in its entirety by the information appearing in the documents incorporated herein by reference.

The Company will furnish without charge to each person to whom this Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any and all of the documents described above under "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference," other than exhibits to such documents, unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference therein. Written requests should be directed to: Resource Mortgage Capital, Inc., 4880 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, Attention: Investor Relations, Telephone: (804) 967-5800.

THE COMPANY

Resource Mortgage Capital, Inc. (the "Company") is a mortgage and consumer finance company which uses its production operations to create investments for its portfolio. Currently, the Company's primary production operations include the origination of loans secured by multi-family properties and the origination of loans secured by manufactured homes. Through its inception in 1987 through

May 13, 1996, the Company's principal production operations included the purchase or origination of single-family loans. The Company sold such operations on May 13, 1996 to Dominion Mortgage Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc. (NYSE:

The Company will generally securitize loans funded as collateral for collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") or pass-through securities to limit its credit risk and provide long-term financing for its portfolio. The majority of the Company's current investment portfolio is comprised of loans or securities that have coupon rates which adjust over time (subject to certain limitations) in conjunction with changes in short-term interest rates. The Company intends to expand its production sources in the future to include other financial products, such as commercial real estate loans.

The Company's principle sources of earnings are net interest income on its investment portfolio and loans in warehouse. The Company's investment portfolio consists principally of collateral for CMOs and adjustable-rate mortgage ("ARM") securities. The Company funds its production and its portfolio investments with both borrowings and cash raised from the issuance of equity capital. For the portion of loans in warehouse and portfolio investments funded with borrowings, the Company generates net interest income to the extent that there is a positive spread between the yield on the earning assets and the cost of borrowed funds. For that portion of the balance sheet that is funded with equity capital, net interest income is primarily a function of the yield generated from the interest earning asset. The cost of the Company's borrowings may be increased or decreased by interest rate swap, cap, or floor agreements.

Generally, during a period of rising interest rates, the Company's net interest spread earned on its investment portfolio will decrease. The decrease of the net interest spread results from (i) the lag in resets of the ARM loans underlying the ARM securities and collateral for CMOs and (ii) the rate resets on the ARM loans which are generally limited to 1% every six months, while the associated borrowings have no such limitation. As interest rates stabilize and the ARM loans reset, the net interest margin may be restored to its former level as the yields on the ARM loans adjust to market conditions. Conversely, net interest margin may increase following a fall in short-term interest rates. This increase may be temporary as the yields on the ARM loans adjust to the new market conditions after a lag period. In each case, however, the Company expects that the increase or decrease in the net interest spread due to changes in the short-term interest rates is temporary. The net interest spread may also be increased or decreased by the cost or proceeds of the interest rate swap, cap or floor agreements.

The Company seeks to generate growth in earnings and dividends per share in a variety of ways, including (i) adding investments to its portfolio when opportunities in the market are favorable; (ii) developing production capabilities to originate and acquire financial assets in order to create attractively priced investments for its portfolio, as well as control the underwriting and servicing of such financial assets; and (iii) increasing the efficiency with which the Company utilizes its equity capital over time.

The Company elects to be taxed as a real estate investment trust (a "REIT") and, as a result, is required to distribute substantially all of its earnings annually to its shareholders. In order to grow its equity base, the Company may issue additional preferred or common stock. Management strives to issue such additional shares when it believes existing shareholders are likely to benefit from such offerings through higher earnings and dividends per share than as compared to the level of earnings and dividends the Company would likely generate without such offerings.

The Company, and its qualified real estate investment trust ("REIT") subsidiaries, have elected to be treated as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. A REIT must distribute annually substantially all of its income to shareholders. The Company and its qualified REIT subsidiaries (collectively, "Resource REIT") generally will not be subject to federal income tax to the extent that certain REIT qualifications are met. Certain other affiliated entities which are consolidated with the Company for financial reporting purposes, are not consolidated for federal income tax purposes because such entities are not qualified REIT subsidiaries. All taxable income of these affiliated entities are subject to federal and state income taxes, where applicable. See "Federal Income Tax Considerations."

The principal executive office of the Company is located at 4880 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, telephone number: (804) 967-5800.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement for any offering of Securities, the net proceeds from the sale of Securities offered by the Company will be available for the general corporate purposes of the Company. These general corporate purposes may include, without limitation, repayment of maturing obligations, redemption of outstanding indebtedness, financing future acquisitions (including acquisitions of mortgage loans and other mortgage-related products), capital expenditures and working capital. Pending any such uses, the Company may invest the net proceeds from the sale of any Securities or may use them to reduce short-term indebtedness. If the Company intends to use the net proceeds from a sale of Securities to finance a significant acquisition, the related Prospectus Supplements will describe the material terms of such acquisition.

If Debt Securities are issued to one or more persons in exchange for the Company's outstanding debt securities, the accompanying Prospectus Supplement related to such offering of Debt Securities will set forth the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities which the Company will receive in such exchange and which will cease to be outstanding, the residual cash payment, if any, which the Company may receive from such persons or which such persons may receive from the Company, as appropriate, the dates from which the Company will pay interest accrued on the outstanding debt securities to be exchanged for the offered Debt Securities and an estimate of the Company's expenses in respect of such offering of the Debt Securities.

RATIO OF AVAILABLE EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The Company's ratio of available earnings to fixed charges was 1:1 or greater in each of the last five fiscal years and the six months ended June 30, 1996. The ratios were as follows: <TABLE>

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	Six months ended June 30,		Year e	ended December 31,		
	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
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Ratio of available earnings to fixed charges (1)	1.53:1	1.26:1	1.35:1	1.69:1	1.80:1	1.69:1

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(1) For purposes of computing the ratios, "available earnings" consist of net income before income taxes plus interest and debt expense and excludes fixed charges related to CMOs issued by the Company which are nonrecourse to the Company. This sum is divided by fixed charges, which consists of total interest and debt expense, to determine the ratio of available earnings to fixed charges. $</{\rm FN}>$ $</{\rm TABLE}>$

These ratios represent a measure of the ability to meet debt service obligations from funds generated from operations.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The following is a brief description of the material terms of the Company's capital stock. This description does not purport to be complete and is subject in all respects to applicable Virginia law and to the provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, copies of which are on file with the Commission as described under "Available Information" and are incorporated by reference herein.

General

The Company may offer under this Prospectus one or more of the following categories of its Securities: (i) shares of its Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share; (ii) shares of its Preferred Stock, no par value, in one or more series; (iii) Debt Securities, in one or more series, any series of which may be either Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities; (iv) Common Stock Warrants; (v) Preferred Stock Warrants; (vi) Debt Warrants; and (vii) any combination of the foregoing, either individually or as units consisting of one or more of the types of Securities described in clauses (i) through (vi). The terms of any specific offering of Securities, including the terms of any units offered, will be set forth in a Prospectus Supplement relating to such offering.

The Company's authorized equity capitalization consists of 50 million shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share and 50 million shares of preferred stock, no par amount. Neither the holders of the Common Stock nor of any preferred stock, now or hereafter authorized, will be entitled to any preemptive or other subscription rights. The Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The Company intends to list any additional shares of its Common Stock which are issued and sold hereunder. The Company may list any series of its Preferred Stock which are offered and sold hereunder, as described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Preferred Stock.

As of August 31, 1996 there were 20,553,943 outstanding shares of Common Stock held by 3,501 holders of record. Holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of funds legally available therefor. Dividends on any outstanding shares of preferred stock must be paid in full before payment of any dividends on the Common Stock. Upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, holders of Common Stock are entitled to share ratably in assets available for distribution after payment of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any holders of any preferred stock then outstanding.

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share with respect to all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the Common Stock entitled to vote in any election of directors may elect all of the directors standing for election, subject to the voting rights (if any) of any series of preferred stock that may be outstanding from time to time. The Company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws contain no restrictions on the repurchase by the Company of shares of the Common Stock. All the outstanding shares of Common Stock are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Preferred Stock

The Board of Directors is authorized to designate with respect to each series of preferred stock the number of shares in each such series, the dividend rates and dates of payment, voluntary and involuntary liquidation preferences, redemption prices, whether or not dividends shall be cumulative and, if cumulative, the date or dates from which the same shall be cumulative, the sinking fund provisions, if any, for redemption or purchase of shares, the rights, if any, and the terms and conditions on which shares can be converted into or exchanged for shares of another class or series, and the voting rights, if any. As of the date hereof, there were 1,552,500 shares of Series A 9.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and 2,196,824 shares of Series B 9.55% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (together, the Preferred Stock) issued and outstanding.

Any preferred shares issued will rank prior to the Common Stock as to dividends and as to distributions in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. The ability of the Board of Directors to issue preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, adversely affect the voting powers of holders of Common Stock.

Securities Warrants

General

The Company may issue Securities Warrants for the Purchase of Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities. Such warrants are referred to herein as Common Stock Warrants, Preferred Stock Warrants or Debt Warrants, as appropriate. Securities Warrants may be issued independently or together with any other Securities covered by the Registration Statement and offered by this Prospectus and any accompanying Prospectus Supplement and may be attached to or separate from such other Securities. Each series of Securities Warrants will be issued under a separate agreement (each, a "Securities Warrant Agreement") to be entered into between the Company and a bank or trust company, as agent (each, a "Securities Warrant Agent"), all as set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to the particular issue of offered Securities Warrants. Each issue of Securities Warrants will be evidenced by warrant certificates (the "Securities Warrant Certificates"). The Securities Warrant Agent will act solely as an agent of the Company in connection with the Securities Warrant Certificates and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders of Securities Warrant Certificates or beneficial owners of Securities Warrants. Copies of the definitive Securities Warrant Agreements and Securities Warrant Certificates will be filed with the Commission by means of a Current Report on Form 8-K in connection with the offering of such series of Securities Warrants.

If Securities Warrants are offered, the applicable Prospectus Supplement will describe the terms of such Securities Warrants, including in the case of Securities Warrants for the purchase of Debt Securities, the following where applicable: (i) the offering price; (ii) the currencies in which such Debt Warrants are being offered; (iii) the designation, aggregate principal amount, currencies, denominations and terms of the series of Debt Securities purchasable upon exercise of such Debt Warrants; (iv) the designation and terms of any Securities with which such Debt Warrants are being offered and the number of such Debt Warrants being offered with each such Security; (v) the date on and after which such Debt Warrants and the related Securities will be transferable separately; (vi) the principal amount of the series of Debt Securities purchasable upon exercise of each such Debt Warrant and the price at which the currencies in which such principal amount of Debt Securities of such series may be purchased upon such exercise; (vii) the date on which the right to exercise such Debt Warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire (the "Expiration Date"); (viii) whether the Debt Warrant will be issued in

registered or bearer form; (ix) certain federal income tax consequences; and (x) any other material terms of such Debt Warrants.

In the case of Securities Warrants for the purchase of Preferred Stock or Common Stock, the applicable Prospectus Supplement will describe the terms of such Securities Warrants, including the following where applicable: (i) the offering price; (ii) the aggregate number of shares purchasable upon exercise of such Securities Warrants, and in the case of Securities Warrants for Preferred Stock, the designation, aggregate number and terms of the series of Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of such Securities Warrants; (iii) the designation and terms of the Securities with which such Securities Warrants are being offered and the number of such Securities Warrants being offered with each such Security; (iv) the date on and after which such Securities Warrants and the related Securities will be transferable separately; (v) the number of shares of Preferred Stock or shares of Common Stock purchasable upon exercise of each such Securities Warrant and the price at which such number of shares of Preferred Stock of such series or shares of Common Stock may be purchased upon such exercise; (vi) the date on which the right to exercise such Securities Warrants shall commence and the Expiration Date on which such right shall expire; (vii) certain federal income tax consequences; and (viii) any other material terms of such Securities Warrants.

Securities Warrant Certificates may be exchanged for new Securities Warrant Certificates of different denominations, may (if in registered form) be presented for registration of transfer, and may be exercised at the corporate trust office of the appropriate Securities Warrant Agent or other office indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. Prior to the exercise of any Securities Warrant to purchase Debt Securities, holders of such Debt Warrants will not have any of the rights of Holders of the Debt Securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive payments of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on the Debt Securities purchasable upon such exercise or to enforce covenants in the applicable Indenture. Prior to the exercise of any Securities Warrants to purchase Preferred Stock or Common Stock, holders of such Preferred Stock Warrants or Common Stock Warrants will not have any rights of holders of the respective Preferred Stock or Common Stock purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive payments of dividends, if any, on the Preferred Stock or Common Stock purchasable upon such exercise any applicable right to vote.

Exercise of Securities Warrants

Each Securities Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase such principal amount of Debt Securities or number of shares of Preferred Stock or shares of Common Stock, as the case may be, at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or calculable from, the Prospectus Supplement relating to the offered Securities Warrants. After the close of business on the Expiration Date (or such later date to which such Expiration Date may be extended by the Company), unexercised Securities Warrants will become void.

Securities Warrants may be exercised by delivering to the Securities Warrant Agent payment, as provided in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, of the amount required to purchase the applicable Debt Securities, Preferred Stock or Common Stock purchasable upon such exercise together with certain information set forth on the reverse side of the Securities Warrant Certificate. Upon receipt of such payment and the definitive Securities Warrant Certificates properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the Securities Warrant Agent or any other office indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Company will, as soon as practicable, issue and deliver the applicable Debt Securities, Preferred Stock or Common Stock purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the Securities Warrants represented by such Securities Warrant Certificate are exercised, a new Securities Warrant Certificate will be issued for the remaining amount of Securities Warrants.

Amendments and Supplements to Securities Warrant Agreements

Each Securities Warrant Agreement may be amended or supplemented without the consent of the holders of the Securities Warrants issued thereunder to effect changes that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Securities Warrants and that do not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Securities Warrants.

Common Stock Warrant Adjustments

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the exercise price of, and the number of shares of Common Stock covered by, a Common Stock Warrant are subject to adjustment in certain events, including: (i) the issuance of Common Stock as a dividend or distribution on the Common Stock; (ii) subdivisions and combinations of the Common Stock; (iii) the issuance to all holders of Common Stock of certain rights or warrants entitling them to subscribe for or purchase Common Stock within the number of days, specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, after the date fixed for the determination of the stockholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants, at less than the current market price (as defined in the Securities Warrant Agreement governing such series of Common Stock Warrants); and (iv) the distribution to

all holders of Common Stock of evidences of indebtedness or assets of the Company (excluding certain cash dividends and distributions described below). The terms of any such adjustment will be specified in the related Prospectus Supplement for such Common Stock Warrants.

No Rights as Stockholders

Holders of Common Stock Warrants will not be entitled by virtue of being such holders, to vote, to consent, to receive dividends, to receive notice as stockholders with respect to any meeting of stockholders for the election of directors of the Company of any other matter, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as stockholders of the Company.

Existing Securities Holders

The Company may issue, as a dividend at no cost, such Securities Warrants to holders of record of the Company's Securities or any class thereof on the applicable record date. If Securities Warrants are so issued to existing holders of Securities, the applicable Prospectus Supplement will describe, in addition to the terms of the Securities Warrants and the Securities issuable upon exercise thereof, the provisions, if any, for a holder of such Securities Warrants who validly exercises all Securities Warrants issued to such holder to subscribe for unsubscribed Securities (issuable pursuant to unexercised Securities Warrants issued to other holders) to the extent such Securities Warrants have not been exercised.

Debt Securities

General

The Company may offer one or more series of its Debt Securities representing general, unsecured obligations of the Company. Any series of Debt Securities may either (1) rank prior to all subordinated indebtedness of the Company and pari passu with all other unsecured indebtedness of the Company outstanding on the date of the issuance of such Debt Securities ("Senior Debt Securities") or (2) be subordinated in light of payments to certain other obligations of the Company outstanding on the date of issuance ("Subordinated Debt Securities"). In this Prospectus, any indenture relating to Subordinated Debt Securities is referred to as a "Subordinated Indenture" and the term "Indenture" refers to Senior and Subordinated Indentures, collectively.

The aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities which may be issued by the Company will be set from time to time by the Board of Directors. Further, the amount of Debt Securities which may be offered by this Prospectus will be subject to the aggregate initial offering price of Securities specified in the Registration Statement. Each Indenture will permit the issuance of an unlimited amount of Debt Securities thereunder from time to time in one or more series. Additional debt securities may be issued pursuant to another registration statement for issuance under any Indenture. Any offering of Debt Securities may be denominated in any currency composite designated by the Company.

The following description of the Debt Securities which may be offered by the Company hereunder describes certain general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities to which any Prospectus Supplement may relate. The particular terms and provisions of the Debt Securities and the extent to which the following general provisions may apply to such offering of Debt Securities will be described in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement relating to such offering of Debt Securities. The following descriptions of certain provisions of the Indentures do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the form of Senior Indenture or Subordinated Indenture, as appropriate. The definitive Indenture relating to each offering of Debt Securities will be filed with the Commission by means of a Current Report on Form 8-K in connection with the offering of such Debt Securities. All article and section references appearing herein are references to the articles and sections of the appropriate Indenture and, unless defined herein, all capitalized terms have the respective meanings specified in the appropriate Indenture.

The Prospectus Supplement relating to any offering of Debt Securities will set forth the following terms and other information to the extent applicable with respect to the Debt Securities being offered thereby; (1) the designation, aggregate principal amount, authorized denominations and priority of such Debt Securities; (2) the price (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount of such Debt Securities) at which such Debt Securities will be issued; (3) the currency or currency units for which the Debt Securities may be purchased and in which the principal of, and any interest on such Debt Securities may be payable; (4) the stated maturity of such Debt Securities or means by which a maturity date may be determined; (5) the rate at which such Debt Securities will bear interest or the method by which such rate of interest is to be calculated (which rate may be zero in the case of certain Debt Securities issued at a price representing a discount from the principal amount payable at maturity); (6) the periods during which such interest will accrue, the dates on which such interest will be payable (or the method by which such dates may be determined; including without limitation that such rate of interest may bear an inverse relationship to some index or standard) and the circumstances under which the Company may defer payment of interest; (7)

redemption provisions, including any optional redemption, required repayment or mandatory sinking fund provisions; (8) any terms by which such Debt Securities may be convertible into shares of the Company's Common Stock, Preferred Stock or any other Securities of the Company, including a description of the Securities into which any such Debt Securities are convertible; (9) any terms by which the principal of such Debt Securities will be exchangeable for any other Securities of the Company; (10) whether such Debt Securities are issuable as definitive Fully-Registered Securities (as defined below) or Global Securities and, if Global Securities are to be issued, the terms thereof, including the manner in which interest thereon will be payable to the beneficial owners thereof and other book-entry procedures, any terms for exchange of such Global Securities into definitive Fully-Registered Securities (as defined below) and any provisions relating to the issuance of a temporary Global Security; (11) any additional restrictive covenants included for the benefit of the holders of such Debt Securities; (12) any additional events of default provided with respect to such Debt Securities; (13) the terms of any Securities being offered together with such Debt Securities, (14) whether such Debt Securities represent general, unsecured obligations of the Company and (15) any other material terms of such Debt Securities.

If any of the Debt Securities are sold for foreign currency units, the restrictions, elections, tax consequences, specific terms, and other information with respect to such issue of Debt Securities and such currencies or currency units will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to thereto.

Indenture Provisions

The Debt Securities may be issued in definitive, fully registered form without coupons ("Fully Registered Securities"), or in a form registered as to principal only with coupons or in bearer form with coupons. Unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus Supplement, the Debt Securities will only be Fully Registered Securities. In addition, Debt Securities of a series may be issuable in the form of one or more Global Securities, which will be denominated in an amount equal to all or a portion of the aggregate principal amount of such Debt Securities. See "Global Securities" below.

One or more series of Debt Securities may be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, bearing no interest or interest at a rate that at the time of issuance is below market rates. Federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to any such series will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto.

Unless otherwise indicated in the related Prospectus Supplement for a series of Debt Securities, there are no provisions contained in the Indentures that would afford holders of Debt Securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving the Company.

Global Securities. Any series of Debt Securities may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depositary identified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Debt Securities in individually certificated form, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole to a nominee of the Depositary for such Global Security, or by a nominee for the Depositary to the Depositary, or to a successor of the Depositary or a nominee of such successor.

The specific terms of the Depositary arrangement with respect to any series of Debt Securities and the rights of, and limitations on, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security representing all or a portion of a series of Debt Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series.

Modification of Indentures. Unless otherwise specified in the related Prospectus Supplement, each Indenture, the rights and obligations of the Company, and the rights of the Holders may be modified with respect to one or more series of Debt Securities issued under such Indenture with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of each such series affected by the modification or amendment. No modification of the terms of payment of principal or interest, and no modification reducing the percentage required for modification, is effective against any Holder without his consent.

Events of Default. Unless otherwise specified in the related Prospectus Supplement, each Indenture, will provide that the following are Events of Default with respect to any series of Debt Securities issued thereunder: (1) default in the payment of the principal of any Debt Security of such series when and as the same shall be due and payable; (2) default in making a sinking fund payment, if any, when and as the same shall be due and payable by the terms of the Debt Securities of such series; (3) default for 30 days in payment of any installment of interest on any Debt Securities of such series; (4) default for a specified number of days after notice in the performance of any other covenants in respect of the Debt Securities of such series contained in the Indenture; (5) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or court appointment of a receiver, liquidator, or trustee of the Company or its property; and (6) any other Event of Default provided in the applicable supplemental indenture

under which such series of Debt Securities is issued. An Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Debt Securities issued under an Indenture will not necessarily constitute an Event of Default with respect to any other series of Debt Securities issued under such Indenture. The trustee under an Indenture may withhold notice to the Holders of any series of Debt Securities of any default with respect to such series (except in the payment of principal or interest) if it considers such withholding in the interests of such Holders.

If an Event of Default with respect to any series of Debt Securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the appropriate trustee under the Indenture or the Holders of not less than 25% in the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series may declare the principal, or in the case of discounted Debt Securities, such portion thereof as may be described in the Prospectus Supplement, of all the Debt Securities of such series to be due and payable immediately.

Within four months after the close of each fiscal year, the Company will file with each trustee under the indentures a certificate, signed by specified officers, stating whether or not such officers have knowledge of any default, and, if so, specifying each such default and the nature thereof.

Subject to provisions relating to its duties in case of default, a trustee under the Indentures shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable Indenture at the request, order, or direction of any Holder, unless such Holders shall have offered to such trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to such provisions for indemnification, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities of any series may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the appropriate trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon such trustee, with respect to the Debt Securities of such series.

Payment and Transfer. Principal of, and premium and interest, if any, on, fully Registered Securities will be payable at the Place of Payment as specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, provided that payment of interest, if any, may be made, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, by check mailed to the person in whose names such Debt Securities are registered at the close of business on the day or days specified in the Prospectus Supplement or transfer to an account maintained by the payee located inside the United States. The principal of, and premium and interest, if any, on, Debt Securities in other forms will be payable in the manner and at the place or places as designated by the Company and specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. Unless otherwise provided in the Prospectus Supplement, payment of interest may be made, in the case of Bearer Security by transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank outside the United States.

Fully Registered Securities may be transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the trustee or any other office or agency maintained by the Company for such purposes, subject to the limitations in the applicable Indenture, without the payment of any service charge except for any tax or governmental charge incidental thereto. Provisions with respect to the transfer and exchange of Debt Securities in other forms will be set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

Defeasance. The Indentures provide that each will cease to be of further effect with respect to a certain series of Debt Securities (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of Securities) if (a) the Company delivers to the Trustee for the Securities of such series for cancellation of all Securities of all series and the coupons, if any, appertaining thereto, or (b) if the Company deposits into trust with the Trustee money or United States government obligations, that, through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay all of the principal of, and interest on, the Securities of such series on the dates such payments are due or redeemable in accordance with the terms of such Securities.

Certain Charter and Virginia Law Provisions

Unless the amendment effects an extraordinary transaction, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company may be amended with the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, subject to the voting rights (if any) of any series of preferred stock that may be outstanding from time to time. Amendments that effect extraordinary transactions, which include mergers, share exchanges, a sale of substantially all the assets of the Company, the dissolution of the Company or the share ownership restrictions described below, require the approval of the holders of more than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (subject to any voting rights of any series of preferred stock outstanding).

Special meetings of the shareholders of the Company may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors, a majority of the unaffiliated directors, the Chairman of the Board, the President or generally by shareholders holding at least 25% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to be voted at the meeting.

Virginia law and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company provide that

the directors and officers of the Company shall have no liability to the Company or its shareholders in certain actions brought by or on behalf of shareholders of the Company unless such officer or director has engaged in willful misconduct or violations of federal or state securities laws and certain other activities.

Repurchase of Shares and Restrictions on Transfer

Two of the requirements for qualification for the tax benefits accorded a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("the Code"), are that (i) during the last half of each taxable year not more than 50% of the outstanding shares may be owned directly or indirectly by five or fewer individuals and (ii) there must be at least 100 shareholders for at least 335 days in each taxable year. Those requirements apply for all taxable years after the year in which a REIT elects REIT status.

The Articles of Incorporation prohibit any person or group of persons from acquiring or holding, directly or indirectly, ownership of a number of shares of capital stock in excess of 9.8% of the outstanding shares. Shares of capital stock owned by a person or group of persons in excess of such amounts are referred to as "Excess Shares." For this purpose the term "ownership" is defined in accordance with the Code, the constructive ownership provisions of Section 544 of the Code and Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, and the term "group" is defined to have the same meaning as that term has for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, shares of capital stock owned or deemed to be owned by a person who individually owns less than 9.8% of the shares outstanding may nevertheless be Excess Shares.

For purposes of determining whether a person holds Excess Shares, a person or group will be treated as owning not only shares of capital stock actually or beneficially owned, but also any shares of capital stock attributed to such person or group under the constructive ownership provisions contained in Section 544 of the Code.

The Articles of Incorporation provide that in the event any person acquires Excess Shares, each Excess Share may be redeemed at any time by the Company at the closing price of a share of capital stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the last business day prior to the redemption date. From and after the date fixed for redemption of Excess Shares, such shares shall cease to be entitled to any distribution and other benefits, except only the right to payment of the redemption price for such shares.

Under the Articles of Incorporation any acquisition of shares that would result in failure to qualify as a REIT under the Code is void to the fullest extent permitted by law, and the Board of Directors is authorized to refuse to transfer shares to a person if, as a result of the transfer, that person would own Excess Shares. Prior to any transfer or transaction which, if consummated, would cause a shareholder to own Excess Shares, and in any event upon demand by the Board of Directors, a shareholder is required to file with the Company an affidavit setting forth, as to that shareholder, the information required to be reported in returns filed by shareholders under Treasury Regulation Section 1.857-9 under the Code and in reports filed under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act. Additionally, each proposed transferee of shares of capital stock, upon demand of the Board of Directors, also may be required to file a statement or affidavit with the Company setting forth the number of shares already owned by the transferee and any related person.

The Common Stock may not be purchased by nonresident aliens or foreign entities. In addition, the Common Stock may not be held by "disqualified organizations" within the meaning of Section 860E(e)(5) of the Code, which generally includes governmental entities and other tax-exempt persons not subject to the tax on unrelated business taxable income.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and the registrar for the Company's Common Stock is First Union National Bank of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Company may sell Securities (1) through underwriters or dealers, (2) directly to one or more purchasers, or (3) through agents. A Prospectus Supplement will set forth the terms of the offering of the Securities offered thereby, including the name or names of any underwriters, the purchase price of the Securities, and the proceeds to the Company from the sale, any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation, any initial public offering price, any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers, and any securities exchange on which the Securities may be listed. Only underwriters so named in the Prospectus Supplement are deemed to be underwriters in connection with the Securities offered thereby.

If underwriters are used in the sale in a firm commitment underwriting, the Securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the

Securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the Securities of the series offered by the Company's Prospectus Supplement if any of the Securities are purchased. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Only underwriters named in the Prospectus Supplement are deemed to be underwriting in connection with the Securities in respect of which such Prospectus Supplement and this Prospectus are delivered and any firms not named therein are not parties to the underwriting agreement in respect of such Securities and will have no direct or indirect participation in the underwriting thereof, although they may participate in the discussion of such Securities under circumstances where they may be entitled to a dealer's commission.

Securities may also be sold directly by the Company or through agents designated by the Company from time to time. The Securities offered hereby may also be sold from time to time through agents for the Company by means of (i) ordinary broker's transactions, (ii) block transactions (which may involve crosses) in accordance with the rules of the Exchanges, in which such agents may attempt to sell Securities as agent but may purchase and resell all or a portion of the blocks as principal, (iii) "fixed price offerings" in accordance with the rules of the Exchanges, or (iv) a combination of any such methods of sale. In connection therewith, distributors' or sellers' commissions may be paid or allowed which will not exceed those customary in the types of transactions involved. A Prospectus Supplement sets forth the terms of any such "fixed price offering," "exchange distributions" and "special offerings." If the agent purchases Securities as principal, it may sell such Securities by any of the methods described above. Any agent involved in the offering and sale of Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered is named, and any commissions payable by the Company to such agent are set forth, in the Prospectus Supplement. Unless otherwise indicated herein or in the Prospectus Supplement, any such agent is acting on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

If so indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, the Company will authorize agents, underwriters, or dealers to solicit offers by certain institutional investors to purchase Securities providing for payment and delivery on a future date specified in the Prospectus Supplement. There may be limitations on the minimum amount which may be purchased by any such institutional investor or on the portion of the aggregate principal amount of the particular Securities which may be sold pursuant to such arrangements. Institutional investors to which such offers may be made, when authorized, include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions, and such other institutions as may be approved by the Company. The obligations of any such purchasers pursuant to such delayed delivery and payment arrangements will not be subject to any conditions except (1) the purchase by an institution of the particular Securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of any jurisdiction in the United States to which such institution is subject, and (2) if the particular Securities are being sold to underwriters, the Company shall have sold to such underwriters the total principal amount of such Securities less the principal amount thereof covered by such arrangements. Underwriters will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity of such arrangements or the performance of the Company or such institutional investors thereunder.

Agents and underwriters may be entitled under agreements entered into with the Company to indemnification by the Company against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, the Company in the ordinary course of business.

If an agent or agents are utilized in the sale, such persons may be deemed to be "underwriters," and any documents, commissions or concessions received by them from the Company or any profit on the resale of Securities by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any such person who may be deemed to be an underwriter and any such compensation received from the Company will be described in the Prospectus Supplement.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Federal Income Taxation of Shareholders

The following section is a general summary of certain federal income tax aspects of an investment in the Company that should be considered by prospective shareholders. The discussion in this section is based on existing provisions of the Code, existing and proposed Treasury regulations, existing court decisions, and existing rulings and other administrative interpretations. There can be no assurance that future Code provisions or other legal authorities will not alter significantly the tax consequences described below. No rulings have been obtained from the Internal Revenue Service concerning any of the matters

The Company and its qualified REIT subsidiaries (collectively "Resource REIT") believes it has complied, and intends to comply in the future, with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Code. The federal income tax provisions governing REITs and their shareholders are extremely complicated, and what follows is only a very brief and general summary of the most important considerations for shareholders. ACCORDINGLY, PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS CONCERNING THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF SHARES OF THE COMPANY.

General Considerations

Resource REIT believes it has complied, and intends to comply in the future, with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Code. Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP, counsel to the Company, has given the Company its opinion to the effect that, as of the date hereof and based on the various representations made to it by the Company with respect to its income, assets, and activities since its inception, and subject to certain assumptions and qualifications stated in such opinion, (i) Resource REIT qualifies for treatment as a REIT under the Code and (ii) the organization and contemplated method of operation of Resource REIT are such as to enable it to continue so to qualify in subsequent years, provided the various operational requirements of REIT status are satisfied in those years. However, investors should be aware that opinions of counsel are not binding on the courts or the Internal Revenue Service. To the extent that Resource REIT qualifies as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, it generally will not be subject to federal income tax on the amount of its income or gain that is distributed to shareholders. However, certain nonqualified REIT subsidiaries of the Company, which operate the Company's production operations and are included in the Company's consolidated GAAP financial statements, are not qualified REIT subsidiaries. Consequently, all of the nonqualified REIT subsidiary's taxable income is subject to federal and state income taxes.

The REIT rules generally require that a REIT invest primarily in real estate-related assets, its activities be passive rather than active, and it distribute annually to its shareholders a high percentage of its taxable income. The Company could be subject to a number of taxes if it failed to satisfy those rules or if it acquired certain types of income-producing real property through foreclosure. Although no complete assurances can be given, the Company does not expect that it will be subject to material amounts of such taxes.

Resource REIT's failure to satisfy certain Code requirements could cause the Company to lose its status as a REIT. If Resource REIT failed to qualify as a REIT for any taxable year, it would be subject to federal income tax (including any applicable minimum tax) at regular corporate rates and would not receive deductions for dividends paid to shareholders. As a result, the amount of after-tax earnings available for distribution to shareholders would decrease substantially. While the Board of Directors intends to cause Resource REIT to operate in a manner that will enable it to qualify as a REIT in all future taxable years, there can be no certainty that such intention will be realized because, among other things, qualification hinges on the conduct of the business of Resource REIT.

Taxation of Distributions by the Company

Assuming that Resource REIT maintains its status as a REIT, any distributions that are properly designated as "capital gain dividends" generally will be taxed to shareholders as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long a shareholder has owned his shares. Any other distributions out of Resource REIT current or accumulated earnings and profits will be dividends taxable as ordinary income. Shareholders will not be entitled to dividends-received deductions with respect to any dividends paid by Resource REIT. Distributions in excess of Resource REIT's current or accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as tax-free returns of capital, to the extent of the shareholder's basis in his shares of capital stock, and as gain from the disposition of shares, to the extent they exceed such basis. Shareholders may not include on their own returns any of Resource REIT ordinary or capital losses. Distributions to shareholders attributable to "excess inclusion income" of Resource REIT will be characterized as excess inclusion income in the hands of the shareholders. Excess inclusion income can arise from Resource REIT's holdings of residual interests in real estate mortgage investment conduits and in certain other types of mortgage-backed security structures created after 1991. Excess inclusion income constitutes unrelated business taxable income ("UBTI") for tax-exempt entities (including employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts), and it may not be offset by current deductions or net operating loss carryovers. In the unlikely event that the Company's excess inclusion income is greater than its taxable income, the Company's distribution would be based on the Company's excess inclusion income. Although Resource REIT itself would be subject to a tax on any excess inclusion income that would be allocable to a "disqualified organization" holding its shares, Resource REIT's by-laws provide that disqualified organizations are ineligible to hold Resource REIT's shares.

from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code should not be taxable to them as UBTI except to the extent that (i) purchase of shares of Resource REIT was financed by "acquisition indebtedness," (ii) such dividends constitute excess inclusion income or (iii) with respect to the trusts owning more than 10% of the shares of Resource REIT, under certain circumstances a portion of such dividend is attributable to UBTI. Because an investment in Resource REIT may give rise to UBTI or trigger the filing of an income tax return that otherwise would not be required, tax-exempt organizations should give careful consideration to whether an investment in Resource REIT is prudent.

Taxation of Dispositions of Shares of the Common Stock

In general, any gain or loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than twelve months and otherwise as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain dividends received with respect to such shares. All or a portion of any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of Shares of Resource REIT may be disallowed if other shares of Resource REIT are purchased (under a dividend reinvestment plan or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the disposition.

Backup Withholding

Resource REIT generally is required to withhold and remit to the United States Treasury 31% of the dividends or certain gross proceeds paid to any shareholder who (i) fails to furnish Resource REIT with a correct taxpayer identification number, (ii) is the subject of a notification received by Resource REIT that such shareholder has underreported dividend or interest income to the Internal Revenue Service, or (iii) under certain circumstances, fails to certify to Resource REIT that he is not subject to backup withholding. An individual's taxpayer identification number is his social security number.

Debt Securities

The Debt Securities will be taxable as indebtedness. Interest and original issue discount, if any, on a Debt Security will be treated as ordinary income to a holder. Any special tax considerations applicable to a Debt Security will be described in the related Prospectus Supplement.

Exercise of Securities Warrants

Upon a holder's exercise of a Securities Warrant, the holder will, in general, (i) not recognize any income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes, (ii) receive an initial tax basis in the Security received equal to the sum of the holder's tax basis in the exercised Securities Warrant and the exercise price paid for such Security and (iii) have a holding period for the Security received beginning on the date of exercise.

Sale or Expiration of Securities Warrants

If a holder of a Securities Warrant sells or otherwise disposes of such Securities Warrant (other than by its exercise), the holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss (long term capital gain or loss if the holder's holding period for the Securities Warrant exceeds twelve months on the date of disposition; otherwise, short term capital gain or loss) equal to the difference between (i) the cash and fair market value of other property received and (ii) the holder's tax basis (on the date of disposition) in the Securities Warrant sold. Such a holder generally will recognize a capital loss upon the expiration of an unexercised Securities Warrant equal to the holder's tax basis in the Securities Warrant on the expiration date.

State and Local Tax Considerations

State and local tax laws may not correspond to the federal income tax principles discussed in this section. Accordingly, prospective investors should consult their tax advisers concerning the state and local tax consequences of an investment in Resource REIT.

LEGAL OPINIONS

The validity of the shares will be passed upon for the Company by Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP, Baltimore, Maryland.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedules of the Company included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, have been audited by KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their reports included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and schedules have been incorporated by

reference herein in reliance upon the reports of that firm and upon the authority of that firm as experts in auditing and accounting.