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**ECN Capital Reports US\$0.05 in Adjusted Earnings per Common Share in Q1-2019****Q1 Results Exceed Expectations; Raising 2019/2020 EPS Guidance**

**Toronto, Canada – May 8, 2019** – ECN Capital Corp. (TSX: ECN) ("ECN Capital" or the "Company") today reported financial results for the three-month period ending March 31, 2019. Readers should note that as of January 1, 2018, the Company changed its presentation and functional currency from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars.

For the three-month period ending March 31, 2019, ECN Capital reported **Adjusted Net Income applicable to common shareholders** of \$12.6 million or \$0.05 per share (basic) versus \$15.4 million or \$0.05 per share (basic) for the previous three-month period ending December 31, 2018 and a loss of \$2.0 million or \$(0.01) per share (basic) for the same period last year.

"ECN had a solid Q1 across the board earning \$0.05, which exceeded our previous guidance of \$0.02 - \$0.03", said Steven Hudson, CEO of ECN Capital Corp. "Further, we are raising the range of expected EPS in 2019 from \$0.23 - \$0.25 to \$0.25 - \$0.28, a 10%+ improvement at the midpoint."

**Originations** for the three-month period ending March 31, 2019 were \$419.2 million versus \$463.1 million in the previous three-month period and \$335.7 million for the same period last year.

**Total Earning Assets Managed and Advised** as at March 31, 2019 were \$31.9 billion, versus \$31.1 billion in the previous three-month period and \$3.2 billion for the same period last year.

**Adjusted EBITDA** for the three-month period ending March 31, 2019 was \$26.7 million versus \$34.1 million for the previous three-month period and \$6.5 million for the same period last year.

**Operating Expenses** for the three-month period ending March 31, 2019 were \$29.9 million versus \$33.3 million reported for the previous three-month period and \$18.9 million for the same period last year.

**Net Income (loss)** for the three-month period ending March 31, 2019 was \$(22.9) million versus \$(105.1) million for the previous three-month period and \$3.3 million for the same period last year.

**Management Transition Complete**

Steven Hudson, CEO, has agreed to extend his employment contract to 2023. ECN also announced the retirement of Jim Nikopoulos as President effective today, May 8, 2019, and thanked him for all his significant contributions to the success of ECN.

"I want to thank Jim for his tremendous contributions to the success of ECN as both the President and previously the Chief Operating Officer", said Steven Hudson. "Jim led the successful exit of ECN's legacy businesses and was paramount to the transition to the business we have today", Mr. Hudson continued, "We wish Jim well in all his future endeavors."

## Dividends Declared

The Company's Board of Directors has authorized and declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.02 per outstanding common share of ECN Capital for the second quarter of 2019. The dividend will be paid on July 15, 2019 to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 28, 2019. These dividends are designated to be eligible dividends for purposes of section 89(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

The Company's Board of Directors declared the following dividends on ECN Capital's preferred shares:

- A quarterly dividend of \$0.40625 per outstanding Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Share, Series A (TSX: ECN.PR.A) payable on July 2, 2019 to shareholders of record on the close of business on June 17, 2019. These dividends are designated to be eligible dividends for purposes of section 89(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).
- A quarterly dividend of \$0.390625 per outstanding Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Share, Series C (TSX: ECN.PR.C) payable on July 2, 2019 to shareholders of record on the close of business on June 17, 2019. These dividends are designated to be eligible dividends for purposes of section 89(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

## Webcast

The Company will host an analyst briefing to discuss these results commencing at 5:30 PM (ET) on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The call can be accessed as follows:

Webcast	<a href="http://services.choruscall.ca/links/ecncapitalcorp20190508.html">http://services.choruscall.ca/links/ecncapitalcorp20190508.html</a>
Toll-free dial in	North America 1-800-319-8560 International 1-604-638-5345 Passcode 47234#
Presentation slides	<a href="http://ecncapitalcorp.com/investors/presentations">http://ecncapitalcorp.com/investors/presentations</a>

The webcast will be available until June 8, 2019. A recording of the conference call may also be accessed until August 8, 2019 by dialing 1-800-319-6413 and entering the passcode 3192#.

## Non-IFRS Measures

The Company's audited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the accounting policies we adopted in accordance with IFRS.

The Company believes that certain Non-IFRS Measures can be useful to investors because they provide a means by which investors can evaluate the Company's underlying key drivers and operating performance of the business, exclusive of certain adjustments and activities that investors may consider to be unrelated to the underlying economic performance of the business of a given period. Throughout this Press Release, management used a number of terms and ratios which do not have a standardized meaning under IFRS and are unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other organizations. A full description of these measures can be found in the Management Discussion & Analysis that accompanies the financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2019.

ECN Capital's management discussion and analysis as at and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2019 has been filed on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and is available under the investor section of the Company's website ([www.ecncapitalcorp.com](http://www.ecncapitalcorp.com)).

## **About ECN Capital Corp.**

With managed and advised assets of US\$32 billion, ECN Capital Corp. (TSX: ECN) is a leading provider of prime credit portfolios to more than ninety US financial institutions. ECN Capital originates, manages and advises on prime credit assets offering unsecured and secured consumer portfolio solutions as well as credit card portfolios. These services are offered through three operating businesses: Service Finance, Triad Financial Services and The Kessler Group.

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### **Forward-looking Statements**

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