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**CLIFFSIDE CAPITAL LTD. REPORTS NET INCOME IN FIRST QUARTER**

TORONTO, May 27, 2021 - Cliffside Capital Ltd. (“**Cliffside**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV:CEP) presents its results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021.

Cliffside is pleased to announce strong financial results, despite the continued market challenges from COVID-19:

- Net income for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021 of \$0.7 million.
- A positive movement in net income year over year of \$2.2 million when compared to a net loss of \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2020, resulting from a better performance of the portfolio and consistent with the expected profitability of the portfolio over its life.
- Delinquency rate (i.e. finance receivables, greater than 30 days past due) decreased 209 basis points to 3.42% as at March 31, 2021 compared to 5.51% in the first quarter of 2020.
- Provision for credit losses reduced year over year to \$0.7 million compared to \$3.4 million in the first quarter of 2020 through a combination of slower acquisition of new finance receivables, government’s economic support for individuals and closely managing borrower performance.

Cliffside responded strongly to uncertainties created by COVID-19, a global pandemic. Management slowed acquisition of new finance receivables early in 2020, and monitored its portfolio proactively for performance and credit quality, which is reflected in the Company’s strong financial results. Cliffside’s primary business of acquiring non-prime auto finance receivables remains well positioned. Cliffside foresees a strong pace of new acquisitions of finance receivables while it appropriately governs credit risk and any ongoing economic uncertainty.

"I am very pleased with our first quarter 2021 results despite the COVID-19 related challenges. Net income, year-over-year, improved significantly, and we are happy with the continued strength of our limited partnerships’ performances. We are well positioned for the rest of fiscal 2021 and remain focused on acquiring assets with strong risk-adjusted returns to drive long-term value for our shareholders” said CEO Steve Malone.

To date, Cliffside has invested \$6.7 million in two limited partnerships, each of which invests in fully serviced non-prime automobile loans and are funded through facilities with institutional lenders. Cliffside looks to grow its asset base and net interest margin by closely managing its credit exposure, costs, and net interest expense.

Further information on Cliffside’s financial results can be found at [www.cliffsidecapital.ca](http://www.cliffsidecapital.ca).

**About Cliffside**

Cliffside is focused on investing in strategic partnerships with parties who have specialized expertise and a proven track record in originating and servicing loans and similar types of financial assets. Cliffside's

strategy is to generate revenue as an investor, affording its shareholders an opportunity to invest in the growing alternative lending sector with the potential for attractive yields and minimal operational risk while earning a reliable total return. For more information, see Cliffside's filings on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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