

CIT Announces Cash Tender Offer for Up To \$2,750,000,000 of its Common Stock

NEW YORK, April 27, 2017 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- CIT Group Inc. (NYSE: CIT) today announced that it has commenced a cash tender offer to purchase its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The complete terms of the offer are set forth in the offer to purchase and the related letter of transmittal, each dated today.

CIT is conducting the offer by means of a procedure commonly called a "modified Dutch auction." This procedure allows stockholders to select the price, within a price range specified by CIT, at which they are willing to sell their shares or to tender their shares at the purchase price determined pursuant to the offer. CIT is offering to purchase its common stock for cash for an aggregate purchase price up to \$2,750,000,000, at a single per-share purchase price not greater than \$48.00 and not less than \$43.00 net to the seller in cash, less any applicable withholding taxes and without interest, on the terms and subject to the conditions described in the offer to purchase and the letter of transmittal.



CIT expects to use a portion of the proceeds from the recently completed sale of its commercial aircraft leasing business to fund the purchase of the shares validly tendered and accepted in the tender offer. This return of capital to stockholders is being made pursuant to CIT's 2016 Amended Capital Plan, for which CIT received a "non-objection" from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to return up to \$2.975 billion of common equity from the proceeds of the sale of its commercial aircraft leasing business and up to an additional \$325 million upon issuance of a like amount of Tier 1 qualifying preferred stock. CIT continues to explore options for returning the additional common equity to its shareholders, including any amounts not tendered in this offer, through dividends and/or share repurchases though the manner and timing of this capital return has not yet been determined.

The offer will expire on the expiration date, which is 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on May 24, 2017, unless extended or earlier terminated by CIT. Promptly after the expiration date, CIT will, on the terms and subject to the conditions described in the offer, determine the single per-share purchase price that CIT will pay, subject to "odd lot" priority, proration and conditional tender provisions, for shares properly tendered at or below the purchase price in the offer and not properly withdrawn, and accepted for payment, taking into account the number of shares tendered pursuant to the offer and the prices specified by the tendering stockholders. The offer is not conditioned on the receipt of financing or any minimum value of shares being tendered. The offer, however, is subject to other conditions. Subject to applicable law, CIT may waive these conditions and may extend, terminate or otherwise amend the offer in its sole discretion.

The purchase price will be the lowest price per share (in increments of \$0.25) of not greater than \$48.00 and not less than \$43.00 per share, at which shares have been properly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn, that will enable CIT to purchase the maximum number of shares having an aggregate purchase price not exceeding \$2,750,000,000 (or, if the offer is not fully subscribed, all shares properly tendered and not properly withdrawn).

All shares purchased in the offer will be purchased at the same purchase price regardless of whether the stockholder tendered at a lower price. However, because of the "odd lot" priority, proration and conditional tender provisions described in the offer to purchase, it is possible that not all of the shares tendered at or

below the purchase price will be purchased if shares having an aggregate purchase price in excess of \$2,750,000,000 are properly tendered at or below the purchase price and not properly withdrawn. No shares tendered above the purchase price will be purchased pursuant to the offer.

Tenders of shares must be made prior to the expiration of the offer and tenders may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration of the offer. Stockholders wishing to tender their shares but who are unable to deliver them physically or by book-entry transfer prior to the expiration of the offer, or who are unable to make delivery of all required documents to the depositary prior to the expiration of the offer, may tender their shares by complying with the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth in the offer to purchase.

CIT's Board of Directors has approved the offer. However, none of CIT, its Board of Directors, the dealer managers, the information agent or the depositary makes any recommendation to stockholders as to whether to tender or refrain from tendering their shares or as to the price or prices at which they might choose to tender their shares. Stockholders must make their own decision as to whether to tender their shares and, if so, how many shares to tender and at what price or prices. Prior to making any decision with respect to the offer, stockholders should read carefully the information in the offer to purchase and the related letter of transmittal (as they may be amended or supplemented), including the purposes and effects of the offer. Stockholders are urged to discuss their decisions with their own brokers, if any, and their financial and tax advisors.

The offer materials are being sent to holders of the common stock. Holders may also obtain copies of the offer materials online at the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov as exhibits to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed by CIT today with the SEC.

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CIT has retained J.P. Morgan Securities LLC as Lead Dealer Manager and Barclays Capital Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. as the Co-Dealer Managers for the Offer. Evercore is acting as advisor to CIT's Board of Directors on the transaction. Georgeson LLC is acting as the information agent and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. is acting as the depositary for the offer. For additional information regarding the terms of the offer, please contact: J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at (877) 371-5947 (toll-free) or (212) 622-4401 (direct). Requests for documents and questions regarding the tendering of securities may be directed to Georgeson LLC by telephone at (877) 278-4774 or to the Lead Dealer Manager at its telephone number above.

CIT is making the tender offer only by, and pursuant to, the terms of the offer to purchase and the letter of transmittal. Stockholders must make their own decision as to whether to tender their shares and, if so, in what amount to tender. The tender offer is not being made to stockholders in any jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the blue sky or other laws of such jurisdiction. In any jurisdiction in which the blue sky or other laws require the tender offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, the tender offer will be deemed to be made on behalf of CIT by the dealer managers, or one or more registered brokers or dealers that are licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

This press release does not constitute an offer to purchase securities or a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to purchase any new securities, nor does it constitute an offer or solicitation in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable federal securities laws that are based upon our current expectations and assumptions concerning future events, which are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those

anticipated. The words "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "forecast," "initiative," "objective," "plan," "goal," "project," "outlook," "priorities," "target," "intend," "evaluate," "pursue," "commence," "seek," "may," "would," "could," "should," "believe," "potential," "continue," or the negative of any of those words or similar expressions is intended to identify forward-looking statements. All statements contained in this press release, other than statements of historical fact, including without limitation, statements about our plans, strategies, prospects and expectations regarding future events and our financial performance, are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties. While these statements represent our current judgment on what the future may hold, and we believe these judgments are reasonable, these statements are not guarantees of any events or financial results, and our actual results may differ materially. We describe risks that could affect our results in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of our latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this press release. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which the statements were made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, except where expressly required by law.

About CIT

Founded in 1908, CIT (NYSE: CIT) is a financial holding company with \$63 billion in assets as of March 31, 2017. Its principal bank subsidiary, CIT Bank, N.A. (Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender), has more than \$30 billion of deposits and more than \$40 billion of assets. CIT provides financing, leasing, and advisory services principally to middle-market companies and small businesses across a wide variety of industries. It also offers products and services to consumers through its Internet bank franchise and a network of retail branches in Southern California, operating as OneWest Bank, a division of CIT Bank, N.A. For more information visit cit.com.

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