

Press Release:



TSX SYMBOLS: XCM, XCM.PR.A

SUBJECT: DIV

COMMERCE SPLIT CORP.

Regular Monthly Dividend Declaration for Preferred Share

TORONTO, ONTARIO – December 18, 2008 / Marketwire: Commerce Split Corp. ("Commerce Split") declares its regular monthly distribution \$0.04375 for each Priority Equity ("Preferred") share (\$0.525 annually). Distributions are payable January 9, 2009 to shareholders on record as of December 31, 2008. There will not be a distribution paid to Commerce Split Class A Shares for December 31, 2008 as per the Prospectus which states no regular monthly dividends or other distributions will be paid on the Class A Shares in any month as long as the net asset value per unit is equal to or less than \$12.50. The Net Asset Value as of December 15, 2008 was \$9.11.

Since inception (February 16, 2007) Class A shareholders have received a total of \$0.60 per share and Preferred shareholders have received a total of \$0.98 per share inclusive of this distribution, for a combined total of \$1.58 per share.

As detailed in the prospectus the company has adopted a strategy (the Preferred Portfolio Protection Plan) intended to provide that the Preferred Share Repayment amount of the original \$10.00 par value will be paid in full to holders of the Preferred shares on the termination date on December 1, 2014.

Commerce Split invests in common shares of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, a Canadian financial institution.

Distribution Details:

Preferred Share (XCM.PR.A)	\$0.04375
Ex-Dividend Date:	December 29, 2008
Record Date:	December 31, 2008
Payable Date:	January 9, 2009

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