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**PMC CAPITAL, INC. AND PMC COMMERCIAL TRUST
ANNOUNCE MERGER**

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PMC Commercial Trust (AMEX: PCC) and PMC Capital, Inc. (AMEX: PMC) today announced that they have entered into a definitive merger agreement under which PMC Commercial Trust ("PMC Commercial") will merge with PMC Capital, Inc. ("PMC Capital").

Under the terms of the merger agreement, PMC Capital will be merged into PMC Commercial, with PMC Commercial continuing as the surviving entity. Each issued and outstanding share of PMC Capital common stock will be converted into 0.37 of a common share of PMC Commercial.

Completion of the merger, which is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2003, is subject to approval by the shareholders of PMC Capital and PMC Commercial and customary closing conditions. The merger has been recommended by each company's special committee and approved by the boards of PMC Capital and PMC Commercial, both of which will recommend that their respective shareholders vote in favor of the transaction.

Andrew S. Rosemore, Chairman of the Board of PMC Commercial, said, "This transaction will provide a larger asset and equity base that is anticipated to enhance our future growth. Becoming a self-directed, instead of externally managed, REIT is a significant development in our ability to expand our investment parameters."

Lance B. Rosemore, Chief Executive Officer of PMC Capital, said, "We are very pleased to be able to combine our business platform and portfolio with the portfolio of PMC Commercial."

Together, we anticipate that we will have a more cost effective capital structure that will allow for greater investment opportunities.”

PMC Capital and PMC Commercial have established a toll-free number 1-800-486-3223 x256 for investors to call and request copies of public filings and press releases. In addition, investors may call this toll-free number and reach each respective company’s Investor Relations Department to ask questions based on publicly available information.

PMC Commercial is a real estate investment trust (REIT) that primarily originates commercial real estate loans primarily to operators in the hospitality industry. PMC Commercial also owns limited service hotel properties leased to a third party operator.

PMC Capital is a diversified, closed-end management company that has elected to operate as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. PMC Capital is a national lender to small businesses primarily in the hospitality industry.

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