

National CineMedia, Inc. Reports Results for Fiscal Second Quarter 2015

~ Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend ~

~ Provides Third Quarter and Updates Full Year 2015 Outlook ~

CENTENNIAL, Colo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

National CineMedia, Inc. (NASDAQ: NCMI) (the Company), the managing member and owner of 45.2% of National CineMedia, LLC (NCM LLC), the operator of the largest in-theatre digital media network in North America, today announced consolidated results for the fiscal second quarter ended July 2, 2015.

Total revenue for the quarter ended July 2, 2015 increased 21.6% to \$121.5 million from \$99.9 million for the comparable quarter last year. Adjusted OIBDA increased 29.6% to \$67.4 million from \$52.0 million for the second quarter of 2014. Net income for the second quarter of 2015 was \$10.1 million, or income of \$0.17 per diluted share compared to net income of \$3.6 million, or income of \$0.06 per diluted share for the second quarter of 2014.

Total revenue for the six months ended July 2, 2015 increased 16.6% to \$198.4 million from \$170.1 million for the comparable period last year. Adjusted OIBDA increased 27.5% to \$95.1 million from \$74.6 million for the first six months of 2014. Net income for the first six months of 2015 was \$1.1 million, or income of \$0.02 per diluted share compared to net income of \$0.5 million, or income of \$0.01 per diluted share for the first six months of 2014. Excluding pre-tax amortization expense of terminated derivatives from 2015 and 2014 and \$34.3 million in pre-tax costs associated with the terminated merger with Screenvision (including the \$26.8 million termination payment) in the first six months of 2014 would have been \$0.19 per diluted share and net income for the first six months of 2014 would have been \$0.04 per diluted share. Adjusted OIBDA and earnings per share excluding the amortization of terminated derivatives and merger-related costs are non-GAAP measures. See the tables at the end of this release for the reconciliations to the closest GAAP basis measurement.

The Company announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized the Company's regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.22 per share of common stock. The dividend will be paid on September 3, 2015 to stockholders of record on August 20, 2015. The Company intends to pay a regular quarterly dividend for the foreseeable future at the discretion of the Board of Directors consistent with the Company's intention to distribute over time a substantial portion of its free cash flow in the form of dividends to its stockholders. The declaration, payment, timing and amount of any future dividends payable will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors who will take into account general economic and advertising market business conditions, the Company's financial condition, available cash, current and anticipated cash needs, and any other factors that the Board of Directors considers relevant.

Commenting on the Company's second quarter operating results, Kurt Hall, NCM's Chairman and CEO said, "Our record second quarter advertising revenue and Adjusted OIBDA and strong third quarter guidance reflect the hard work of the NCM team." Mr. Hall continued, "A very successful upfront campaign last year and several quarters of video market share gains provides clear evidence that media buyers are looking for premium video alternatives where they know their ads will be seen." Mr. Hall concluded, "As we continue to expand our cinema network reach and improve our targeting and data analytics capabilities, I am confident that NCM will continue to strengthen its value proposition relative to other video advertising networks."

Supplemental Information

Integration payments due from Cinemark and AMC associated with Rave Theatres for the quarter ended July 2, 2015 and June 26, 2014 and the six months ended July 2, 2015 and June 26, 2014 were \$0.8 million, \$0.6 million, \$1.1 million and \$0.8 million respectively. The integration payments were recorded as a reduction of an intangible asset.

2015 Outlook

For the third quarter of 2015, the Company expects total revenue to be up 8% to 13% and Adjusted OIBDA is expected to be up 7% to 17% from the third quarter of 2014. The Company expects total revenue in the range of \$109.0 million to \$114.0 million during the third quarter of 2015, compared to total revenue for the third quarter of 2014 of \$100.8 million and Adjusted OIBDA in the range of \$56.0 million to \$61.0 million during the third quarter of 2015 compared to Adjusted OIBDA for the third quarter of 2014 of \$52.2 million.

For full year 2015, the Company updates its outlook and expects total revenue to be up 8% to 10% and Adjusted OIBDA to be up 8% to 12% from the full year 2014. The Company expects total revenue in the range of \$425.0 million to \$433.0 million for the full year 2015, compared to total revenue for the full year 2014 of \$394.0 million and Adjusted OIBDA in the range of \$215.0 million to \$223.0 million for the full year 2015 compared to Adjusted OIBDA for the full year 2014 of \$199.3 million.

Conference Call

The Company will host a conference call and audio webcast with investors, analysts and other interested parties August 6, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. Eastern time. The live call can be accessed by dialing 1-800-263-8506 or for international participants 1-719-457-2601. Participants should register at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the call. Additionally, a live audio webcast will be available to interested parties at <u>www.ncm.com</u> under the Investor Relations section. Participants should allow at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the call commencement of the call to register, download and install necessary audio software.

The replay of the conference call will be available until midnight Eastern Time, August 20, 2015, by dialing 1-877-870-5176 or for international participants 1-858-384-5517, and entering conference ID 3033763.

About National CineMedia, Inc.

National CineMedia (NCM) is America's Movie Network. As the #1 weekend network in the U.S., NCM helps brands get in front of the movies that shape the national conversation. More than 700 million moviegoers annually attend theatres that are currently under contract to present NCM's FirstLook pre-show in over 40 leading national and regional theater circuits including AMC Entertainment Inc. (NYSE:AMC), Cinemark Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:CNK) and Regal Entertainment Group (NYSE: RGC). NCM's cinema advertising network offers broad reach and unparalleled audience engagement with approximately 20,150 screens in approximately 1,600 theaters in 187 Designated Market Areas® (49 of the top 50). NCM Digital goes beyond the big screen, extending in-theater campaigns into online and mobile marketing programs to reach entertainment audiences. National CineMedia, Inc. (NASDAQ:NCMI) owns a 45.2% interest in, and is the managing member of, National CineMedia, LLC. For more information, visit www.ncm.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains various forward-looking statements that reflect management's current expectations or beliefs regarding future events, including statements providing guidance and projections for third guarter and full year 2015, the dividend policy, network expansion, competition in the broader advertising marketplace and technology improvements. Investors are cautioned that reliance on these forward-looking statements involves risks and uncertainties. Although the Company believes that the assumptions used in the forward looking statements are reasonable, any of these assumptions could prove to be inaccurate and, as a result, actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward looking statements. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forwardlooking statements are, among others, 1) level of theatre attendance; 2) increased competition for advertising expenditures; 3) technological changes and innovations; 4) economic conditions, including the level of expenditures on cinema advertising; 5) our ability to renew or replace expiring advertising and content contracts; 6) our need for additional funding, risks and uncertainties relating to our significant indebtedness; 7) fluctuations in operating costs; 8) changes in interest rates; and 9) changes in accounting principles. In addition, the outlook provided does not include the impact of any future unusual or infrequent transactions; sales and acquisitions of operating assets and investments; any future noncash impairments of intangible and fixed assets; amounts related to litigation or the related impact of taxes that may occur from time to time due to management decisions and changing business circumstances. The Company is currently unable to forecast precisely the timing and/or magnitude of any such amounts or events. Please refer to the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including the "Risk Factor" section of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2015, for further information about these and other risks.

NATIONAL CINEMEDIA, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Unaudited (\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Quarter	r Ended	Six Months Ended		
	July 2, 2015	June 26, 2014	July 2, 2015	June 26, 2014	
REVENUE: Advertising (including revenue from founding members of \$9.0, \$9.8, \$16.7 and \$19.3, respectively)	\$ 121.5	\$ 99.9	\$ 198.4	\$ 170.1	

OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Advertising operating costs	8.3	6.6	14.1	11.6
Network costs	4.2	4.4	8.7	9.0
Theatre access fees—founding members	19.2	17.9	36.4	35.3
Selling and marketing costs	17.0	14.1	33.0	29.1
Merger-related costs	0.9	1.7	34.3	1.7
Administrative and other costs	8.3	7.1	17.0	14.7
Depreciation and amortization	8.2	7.8	16.2	15.6
Total	66.1	59.6	159.7	117.0
OPERATING INCOME	55.4	40.3	38.7	53.1
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Interest on borrowings	13.1	13.0	26.2	26.1
Interest income	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.9)	(0.9)
Accretion of interest on the discounted payable to founding members under tax				
receivable agreement	3.5	3.5	7.1	7.3
Amortization of terminated derivatives	-	2.5	1.6	5.0
Other non-operating expense	-	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total	16.3	18.6	34.1	37.7
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	39.1	21.7	4.6	15.4
Income tax expense	5.8	3.8	1.5	2.1
CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME	33.3	17.9	3.1	13.3
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	23.2	14.3	2.0	12.8
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NCM, INC.	<u>\$ 10.1</u>	\$ 3.6	<u>\$ 1.1</u>	\$ 0.5
NET INCOME PER NCM, INC. COMMON SHARE:				
Basic	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.01
Diluted	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.01
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NATIONAL CINEMEDIA, INC. Selected Condensed Balance Sheet Data Unaudited (\$ in millions)

	As of					
		uly 2, 2015		nuary 1, 2015		
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$	69.4	\$	80.6		
Receivables, net		126.9		116.5		
Property and equipment, net		21.9		22.4		
Total assets	1	,010.5		991.4		
Borrowings		935.0		892.0		
Total equity/(deficit)		(221.6)		(208.7)		
Total liabilities and equity	1	,010.5		991.4		

NATIONAL CINEMEDIA, INC. Operating Data Unaudited

	Quarter and Six	Months Ended
	July 2, 2015	June 26, 2014
Total Screens (100% Digital) at Period End (1)(6)	20,150	19,886
Founding Member Screens at Period End (2)(6)	16,471	16,451
DCN (Digital Content Network) Screens at Period End (3)(6)	19,396	19,022

Quarter Ended Six Months Ended

	July 2,	June 26,	July 2,	June 26,
(in millions)	2015	2014	2015	2014
Total Attendance for Period (4)(6)	191.8	175.4	353.2	341.9
Founding Member Attendance for Period (5)(6)	161.8	150.4	297.9	294.4
Capital Expenditures	\$ 2.9	\$ 3.1	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.3

(1) Represents the total screens within NCM LLC's advertising network.

(2) Represents the total founding member screens.

(3) Represents the total number of screens that are connected to the Digital Content Network.

(4) Represents the total attendance within NCM LLC's advertising network.

(5) Represents the total attendance within NCM LLC's advertising network in theatres operated by the founding members.

(6) Excludes screens and attendance associated with certain AMC Rave and Cinemark Rave theatres for all periods presented.

NATIONAL CINEMEDIA, INC. Operating Data Unaudited

(In millions, except advertising revenue per attendee, margin and per share data)

	Quarter Ended			S	Inded					
		uly 2, 2015		ne 26, 2014			July 2, 2015			ne 26, 2014
Revenue breakout:										
National advertising revenue	\$	89.2	\$	68.4	\$	140.1	\$	111.1		
Local advertising revenue		23.3		21.7		41.7		39.8		
Total advertising revenue (excluding beverage)	\$	112.5	\$	90.1	\$	181.8	\$	150.9		
Total revenue	\$	121.5	\$	99.9	\$	198.4	\$	170.1		
Per attendee data:										
National advertising revenue per attendee	\$(0.465	\$	0.390	\$	0.397	\$	0.325		
Local advertising revenue per attendee	\$(0.121	\$	0.124	\$	0.118	\$	0.116		
Total advertising revenue (excluding beverage) per attendee	\$(0.587	\$	0.514	\$	0.515	\$	0.441		
Total advertising revenue per attendee	\$(0.633	\$	0.570	\$	0.562	\$	0.498		
Total attendance (1)		191.8		175.4		353.2		341.9		
Other operating data:										
Operating income	\$	55.4	\$	40.3	\$	38.7	\$	53.1		
OIBDA (2)	\$	63.6	\$	48.1	\$	54.9	\$	68.7		
Adjusted OIBDA (2)	\$	67.4	\$	52.0	\$	95.1	\$	74.6		
Adjusted OIBDA margin (2)		55.5%		52.1%		47.9%		43.9%		
Income per share - basic	\$	0.17	\$	0.06	\$	0.02	\$	0.01		
Income per share - diluted	\$	0.17	\$	0.06	\$	0.02	\$	0.01		
Adjusted income per share - basic (2)	\$	0.17	\$	0.08	\$	0.19	\$	0.04		
Adjusted income per share - diluted (2)	\$	0.17	\$	0.08	\$	0.19	\$	0.04		

(1) Represents the total attendance within NCM LLC's advertising network. Excludes screens and attendance associated with certain AMC Rave and Cinemark Rave theatres for all periods presented.

(2) OIBDA, Adjusted OIBDA, Adjusted OIBDA margin and adjusted income per share are not financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP in the United States. See attached tables for the non-GAAP reconciliations.

NATIONAL CINEMEDIA, INC. Non-GAAP Reconciliations Unaudited

OIBDA, Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted OIBDA Margin

Operating Income Before Depreciation and Amortization ("OIBDA"), Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted OIBDA margin are not financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP in the United States. OIBDA represents consolidated net income plus income tax expense, interest and other costs and depreciation and amortization expense. Adjusted OIBDA excludes from OIBDA non-cash share based compensation costs and merger-related costs. Adjusted OIBDA margin is calculated by dividing Adjusted OIBDA by total revenue. These non-GAAP financial measures are used by management to evaluate operating performance, to forecast future results and as a basis for compensation. The Company believes these are important supplemental measures of operating performance because they eliminate items that have less bearing on its operating performance and so highlight trends in its core business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying solely on GAAP financial measures. The Company believes the presentation of these measures is relevant and useful for investors because it enables them to view performance in a manner similar to the method used by the Company's management, helps improve their ability to understand the Company's operating performance and makes it easier to compare the Company's results with other companies that may have different depreciation and amortization policies, non-cash share based compensation programs, levels of mergers and acquisitions. interest rates or debt levels or income tax rates. A limitation of these measures, however, is that they exclude depreciation and amortization, which represent a proxy for the periodic costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenues in the Company's business. In addition, Adjusted OIBDA has the limitation of not reflecting the effect of the Company's share based payment costs or costs associated with the proposed Screenvision merger. OIBDA or Adjusted OIBDA should not be regarded as an alternative to operating income, net income or as indicators of operating performance, nor should they be considered in isolation of, or as substitutes for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that consolidated net income is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to OIBDA. Because not all companies use identical calculations, these non-GAAP presentations may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies, or calculations in the Company's debt agreement.

The following tables reconcile consolidated net income to OIBDA and Adjusted OIBDA for the periods presented (dollars in millions):

	Quarter Ended				Si	ix Month	ns E	Ended	
		uly 2, 015	June 26, 2014			uly 2, 2015		ne 26, 2014	
Consolidated net income	\$	33.3	\$	17.9	\$	3.1	\$	13.3	
Income tax expense		5.8		3.8		1.5		2.1	
Interest and other non-operating costs		16.3		18.6		34.1		37.7	
Depreciation and amortization		8.2		7.8		16.2		15.6	
OIBDA	\$	63.6	\$	48.1	\$	54.9	\$	68.7	
Share-based compensation costs (1)		2.9		2.2		5.9		4.2	
Merger-related costs (2)		0.9		1.7		34.3		1.7	
Adjusted OIBDA	\$	67.4	\$	52.0	\$	95.1	\$	74.6	
Total revenue	\$	121.5	\$	99.9	\$	198.4	\$	170.1	
Adjusted OIBDA margin	_	55.5%		<u>52.1</u> %	_	47.9%		43.9%	
Adjusted OIBDA	\$	67.4	\$	52.0	\$	95.1	\$	74.6	
Rave theatres integration payments		0.8		0.6		1.1		0.8	
Adjusted OIBDA after integration payments	\$	68.2	\$	52.6	\$	96.2	\$	75.4	

(1) Share-based compensation costs are included in network operations, selling and marketing and administrative expense in the accompanying financial statements.

(2) Merger-related costs primarily include the merger termination fee and legal, accounting, advisory and other professional fees associated with the terminated merger with Screenvision.

Outlook (in millions)

Quarter Ending	Year Ending
October 1, 2015	December 31, 2015
NCM, Inc.	NCM, Inc.

	Low	High	Low	High
Consolidated net income	\$ 24.8	\$ 27.9	\$ 61.3	\$ 65.7
Income tax expense	4.4	5.0	9.6	10.4
Interest and other non-operating costs	16.0	16.5	66.1	67.1
Depreciation and amortization	8.0	8.4	32.2	33.0
OIBDA	53.2	57.8	169.2	176.2
Share-based compensation costs (1)	2.8	3.2	11.5	12.5
Merger-related costs (2)	-	-	34.3	34.3
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 56.0	\$ 61.0	\$ 215.0	\$ 223.0
Total revenue	\$ 109.0	\$ 114.0	\$ 425.0	\$ 433.0

(1) Share-based compensation costs are included in network operations, selling and marketing and administrative expense in the accompanying financial statements.

(2) Merger-related costs primarily include the merger termination fee and legal, accounting, advisory and other professional fees associated with the terminated merger with Screenvision.

Net Income and Earnings per Share Excluding the Amortization of Terminated Derivatives and Merger-Related Costs

Net income and earnings per share excluding the amortization of terminated derivatives and merger-related costs are not financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP in the United States. Net income and earnings per share excluding the amortization of terminated derivatives and merger-related costs are calculated using reported net income and income per share and the amortization of terminated derivatives and merger-related costs shown in the below table. These non-GAAP financial measures are used by management as an additional tool to evaluate operating performance. The Company believes these are important supplemental measures of operating performance because they eliminate items that have less bearing on its operating performance and so highlight trends in its core business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying solely on GAAP financial measures. The Company believes the presentation of these measures is relevant and useful for investors because it enables them to view performance in a manner similar to a method used by the Company's management and helps improve their ability to understand the Company's operating performance. Net income excluding the amortization of terminated derivatives and merger-related costs should not be regarded as an alternative to earnings per share or as indicators of operating performance, nor should they be considered in isolation of, or as substitutes for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that net income and earnings per share or as indicators of operating performance, nor should they be considered in isolation of, or as substitutes for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that net income and earnings per share or as indicators of operating performance, nor should they be considered in isolation of, or as substitutes for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that net income and earnings per share or as indicators of operating performance, nor should t

The following table reconciles net income and income per share as reported to net income and earnings per share excluding the amortization of terminated derivatives and merger-related costs for the periods presented (dollars in millions):

	Quarter Ended				Six Months Ended				
		July 2, 2015		ne 26, 014	July 2, 2015		June 20		
Net income as reported	\$	10.1	\$	3.6	\$	1.1	\$	0.5	
Merger-related costs (1)		0.9		1.7		34.3		1.7	
Amortization of terminated derivatives		-		2.5		1.6		5.0	
Effect of noncontrolling interests (54.8%, 54.2%, 54.9% and 54.2%, respectively)		(0.5))	(2.3)		(19.7)		(3.6)	
Effect of provision for income taxes (38% effective rate)		(0.2)		(0.7)		(6.2)		(1.2)	
Net effect of adjusting items		0.2		1.2		10.0		1.9	
Net income excluding adjusting items	\$	10.3	\$	4.8	\$	11.1	\$	2.4	
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding as reported									
Basic	58,	974,581	58,7	722,025	58,9	31,628	58,67	70,412	
Diluted	59,	595,019	59,0	000,127	59,3	60,245	59,00	6,383	
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding as adjusted									
Basic	58,	974,581	58,7	722,025	58,9	31,628	58,67	0,412	

Diluted	59,5	595,019	59,	000,127	59,	360,245	59,006,383
Basic income per share as reported	\$	0.17	\$	0.06	\$	0.02	\$ 0.01
Net effect of adjusting items		-		0.02		0.17	0.03
Basic income per share excluding adjusting items	\$	0.17	\$	0.08	\$	0.19	\$ 0.04
Diluted income per share as reported	\$	0.17	\$	0.06	\$	0.02	\$ 0.01
Net effect of adjusting items		-		0.02		0.17	0.03
Diluted income per share excluding adjusting items	\$	0.17	\$	0.08	\$	0.19	\$ 0.04

(1) Merger-related costs primarily include the merger termination payment and legal, accounting, advisory and other professional fees associated with the terminated merger with Screenvision.

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