Heritage Reports Third Quarter 2020 Results

CLEARWATER, Fla., Nov. 2, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Heritage Insurance Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: HRTG) ("Heritage" or the "Company"), a super-regional property and casualty insurance holding company, today reported third quarter 2020 financial results.

Third Quarter 2020 Highlights

- Net loss of \$5.2 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share. Realized investment gains contributed approximately \$15.6 million to net income, or \$0.56 per diluted share.
- Book value per share increased to \$15.97, up 3.9% year-over-year.
- Gross premiums written of \$278.2 million, up 17.3% year-over-year.
- Favorable prior year reserve development of \$5.8 million.
- Net current accident quarter weather losses of \$47.3 million, up substantially from \$18.7 million in the prior year quarter. Current accident quarter weather losses include \$24.5 million of catastrophe losses and \$22.8 million of other weather losses.
- Total capital returned to shareholders of \$1.7 million, reflecting \$0.06 per share regular quarterly dividend.
- Began writing homeowners insurance in Delaware, representing fifteenth active state.

Bruce Lucas, the Company's Chairman and CEO, said, "While we had an unprecedented level of weather losses in the third quarter, we grew book value per share year-over year and saw strong organic growth throughout our footprint. Our top priority is bottom line profitability and we're continuing to pursue rate increases following recent years' elevated weather trends.

Capital Management Update

Heritage's Board of Directors extended the Company's existing share repurchase authorization by one year to a December 31, 2021 expiration and increased the authorization from the \$23.8 million remaining to \$50.0 million.

Additionally, Heritage's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.06 per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend will be paid on January 5, 2021 to shareholders of record as of December 15, 2020.

COVID-19 Update

We are currently monitoring the short- and long-term impacts of COVID-19. Through September 30, 2020, we saw virtually no impact to our business. As a residential property insurer, we view our business as relatively insulated from a short-term economic slowdown, as property owners and renters generally view our products as a necessity.

While we acknowledge uncertainties associated with future economic conditions, we do not expect a material impact to our business going forward. We will continue to monitor economic conditions and, in the case of a prolonged economic slowdown as a result of COVID-19, will take necessary actions to mitigate any negative impacts to our business, operations or financial results.

Results of Operations

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 (amounts in thousands, except percentages and per share amounts):

		Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Ended September 30,						
		2020		2019	Change		2020	2019		Change	_		
Total revenues Net (loss) income Per Share	\$ \$ \$	165,119 (5,233) (0.19)	\$ \$ \$	131,699 8,133 0.28	25.4 % (164.3) % (167.9) %	\$ \$ \$	433,837 6,519 0.23	\$ \$ \$	372,803 15,818 0.54	16.4 % (58.8) % (57.4) %			
Book value per share (Loss) Return on equity	\$	15.97 (4.6) %	\$	15.37 7.4 %	3.9 % \$ (12.0) pts		15.97 \$ 1.9 %		15.37 4.8 %	3.9 % (2.9)	pts		
Underwriting summary Gross premiums written Gross premiums earned Ceded premiums Net premiums earned	\$ \$ \$	278,242 254,982 (116,752) 138,230	\$ \$ \$	237,303 231,617 (107,755) 123,862	17.3 % 10.1 % 8.3 % 11.6 %	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	797,776 731,489 (338,197) 393,292	\$ \$ \$	702,491 690,165 (342,529) 347,636	13.6 % 6.0 % (1.3) % 13.1 %			
Ceded premium ratio		45.8 %		46.5 %	(0.7)	pts	46.2 %		49.6 %	(3.4)	pts		
Ratios to Net Premiums Earned Loss ratio Expense ratio Combined ratio	l:	86.6 % 36.1 % 122.7 %		56.6 % 38.9 % 95.5 %	30.0 (2.8) 27.2	pts pts pts	67.8 % 38.6 % 106.4 %		59.4 % 39.8 % 99.2 %	8.4 (1.2) 7.2	pts pts pts		

*Return on equity represents annualized net income for the period divided by average stockholders' equity during the period. Note: Percentages and sums in the table may not recalculate precisely due to rounding.

Ratios

Ceded premium ratio represents ceded premiums as a percentage of gross premiums earned.

Net loss ratio represents net losses and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") as a percentage of net premiums earned.

Net expense ratio represents policy acquisition costs ("PAC") and general and administrative ("G&A") expenses as a percentage of net premiums earned. Ceding commission income is reported as a reduction of PAC and G&A expenses.

Net combined ratio represents the sum of net losses and LAE, PAC and G&A expenses as a percentage of net premiums earned. The net combined ratio is a key measure of underwriting performance traditionally used in the property and casualty industry. A combined ratio under 100% generally reflects profitable underwriting results.

Quarterly Financial Results

Third quarter 2020 net loss was \$5.2 million, down from net income of \$8.1 million in the prior year quarter. The decrease primarily stems from elevated weather losses, partly offset by higher realized investment gains and net premiums earned.

Gross premiums written were \$278.2 million, up 17.3% year-over-year, including 18.1% growth outside Florida and 16.3% growth in Florida. All personal residential Florida growth was outside the Tri-County region and rate increases benefited top line results.

Premiums-in-force were \$1.0 billion in third quarter 2020, representing a 16.9% annualized growth rate from second quarter 2020. The increase stems from the same items impacting gross premiums written.

Gross premiums earned were \$255.0 million in third quarter 2020, up 10.1% from \$231.6 million in the prior year quarter. The increase reflects higher gross premiums written over the last twelve months.

The ceded premium ratio was 45.8% in third quarter 2020, down 0.7 points from 46.5% in the prior year quarter. The decrease primarily stems from strong gross premiums earned growth, which modestly outpaced ceded premium growth.

The net loss ratio was 86.6% in third quarter 2020, up 30.0 points from 56.6% in the prior year quarter. The increase primarily stems from unusually high weather losses and worse current accident year reserve development, partly offset by better prior year reserve development.

The net expense ratio was 36.1% in third quarter 2020, down 2.8 points from 38.9% in the prior year quarter. The decrease primarily stems from a lower G&A expense ratio.

The net combined ratio was 122.7% in third quarter 2020, up 27.2 points from 95.5% in the prior year quarter. The increase stems from a higher net loss ratio, partly offset by a lower net expense ratio, as described above.

Book Value Analysis

Book value per share increased to \$15.97 at September 30, 2020, up 3.9% year-over-year.

	As Of								
Book Value Per Share	September 30, 2020		Decen	nber 31, 2019	September 30, 2019				
Numerator:									
Common stockholders' equity	\$	443,140	\$	448,799	\$	445,230			
Denominator:			-		-				
Total Shares Outstanding		27,748,606		28,650,918		28,963,841			
Book Value Per Common Share	\$	15.97	\$	15.66	\$	15.37			

Conference Call Details:
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – 8:30 a.m. EDT
Participant Dial-in Numbers Toll Free: 1-888-346-3095
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Webcast:To listen to the live webcast, please go to http://investors.heritagepci.com/. This webcast will be archived and accessible on the Company's website.

HERITAGE INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Amounts in thousands, except share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Sept	ember 30, 2020	December 31, 2019		
ASSETS		(unaudited)			
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale, at fair value	\$	445,481	\$	587,256	
Equity securities, at fair value		1,599		1,618	
Other investments		26,774		6,375	
Total investments		473,854		595,249	
Cash and cash equivalents		509,596		268,351	
Restricted cash		5,437		14,657	
Accrued investment income		2,637		4,377	
Premiums receivable, net		70,038		63,685	
Reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid claims		424,157		428,903	
Prepaid reinsurance premiums		307,997		224,102	
Income taxes receivable		16,250		3,171	
Deferred policy acquisition costs, net		86,140		77,211	
Property and equipment, net		19,134		20,753	
Intangibles, net		63,864		68,642	
Goodwill		152,459		152,459	
Other assets		16,827		18,110	
Total Assets	\$	2,148,390	\$	1,939,670	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$	662,997	\$	613,533	
Unearned premiums		552,627		486,220	
Reinsurance payable		240,857		156,351	
Long-term debt, net		122,589		129,248	
Deferred income tax, net		12,448		12,623	
Advance premiums		31,618		16,504	
Accrued compensation		11,617		5,347	
Accounts payable and other liabilities		70,497		71,045	
Total Liabilities	\$	1,705,250	\$	1,490,871	
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders' Equity:					
Common stock		3		3	
Additional paid-in capital		333,332		329,568	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		6,525		7,330	
Treasury stock, at cost		(115,365)		(105,368)	
Retained earnings		218,645		217,266	
Total Stockholders' Equity		443,140		448,799	
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	2,148,390	\$	1,939,670	
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HERITAGE INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Amounts in thousands, except share amounts) (Unaudited)

	For the Thr Sept		Months Ended ober 30,		
	2020	2019	2020	2019	
REVENUES:					
Gross premiums written	\$ 278,242	\$ 237,303	\$ 797,776	\$ 702,491	
Change in gross unearned premiums	(23,260)	(5,686)	(66,287)	(12,326)	
Gross premiums earned	254,982	231,617	731,489	690,165	
Ceded premiums	(116,752)	(107,755)	(338,197)	(342,529)	
Net premiums earned	138,230	123,862	393,292	347,636	
Net investment income	2,817	3,655	9,783	11,157	
Net realized and unrealized gains	20,355	805	20,377	3,132	
Other revenue	3,717	3,377	10,385	10,878	
Total revenues	165,119	131,699	433,837	372,803	
EXPENSES:					
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	119,718	70,052	266,769	206,490	
Policy acquisition costs	31,960	26,686	92,243	79,793	
General and administrative expenses	17,923	21,477	59,583	58,465	
Total expenses	169,601	118,215	418,595	344,748	
Operating (loss) income	(4,482)	13,484	15,242	28,055	
Interest expense, net	2,251	2,401	5,939	6,502	
Other non-operating loss, net				48	

(Loss) Income before income taxes		(6;333)		11:983		2 ; 3 83		² 5; 585	
Net (loss) income	\$	(5,233)	\$	8,133	\$	6,519	\$	15,818	
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME								_	
Change in net unrealized gains on investments		2,480		4,429		19,330		19,533	
Reclassification adjustment for net realized investment (gains) losses		(20,355)		(103)		(20,377)		291	
Income tax (expense) benefit related to items of other comprehensive income		4,137		(1,035)		242		(4,747)	
Total comprehensive (loss) income		(18,971)	\$	11,424	\$	5,714	\$	30,895	
Weighted average shares outstanding									
Basic		27,739,839		29,109,962		28,053,959		29,329,742	
Diluted		27,739,839		29,168,392		28,073,570		29,352,756	
(Loss) Earnings per share									
Basic	\$	(0.19)	\$	0.28	\$	0.23	\$	0.54	
Diluted	\$	(0.19)	\$	0.28	\$	0.23	\$	0.54	

Heritage Insurance Holdings, Inc. is a super-regional property and casualty insurance holding company. Through its insurance subsidiaries and a large network of experienced agents, the Company writes over \$1 billion of gross personal and commercial residential premium across its multi-state footprint.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events and results to differ materially from those discussed herein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, words such as "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "would," "estimate," "or "continue" or the other negative variations thereof or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. This release includes forward-looking statements relating to (i) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to navigate the uncertainty and mitigate the impact, (ii) our ability to continue to grow profitably and (iii) our ability to successfully pursue rate increases. The risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ from those expressed or implied herein include, without limitation: our ability to comply with our obligations under the new credit facilities, including the financial and other covenants contained therein; the success of the Company's marketing initiatives; the continued and potentially prolonged impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, demand for our products and our operations, including measures taken by the governmental authorities to address COVID-19, which may precipitate or the COVID-19, and on our products and our operations, including measures taken by the governmental authorities to address COVID-19, which may precipitate of the COVID-19 pandemic; the impact of new federal and state regulations that affect the property and casualty insurance market; the costs of reinsurance, the collectability of reinsurance and our ability to obtain reinsurance coverage on terms and at a cost acceptable to us; assessments charged by various governmental agencies; pricing competition and other initiatives by competitors; our ability to obtain regulatory approval for requested rate changes, and the timing thereof; legislative and regulatory developments; the outcome of litigation pending against us, including the terms of any settlements; risks related to the nature of our business; dependence on investment income and the composition of our investment portfolio; the adequacy of our liability for losses and loss adjustment expense; our ability to build and maintain relationships with insurance agents; claims experience; ratings by industry services; catastrophe losses; reliance on key personnel; weather conditions (including the severity and frequency of storms, hurricanes, tornadoes and hail); changes in loss trends; acts of war and terrorist activities; court decisions and trends in litigation; and other matters described from time to time by us in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 10, 2020. The Company undertakes no obligations to update, change or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, additional or subsequent developments or otherwise.

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