# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 2, 2007

# NEWCASTLE INVESTMENT CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-31458 (Commission File Number) 81-0559116 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 10105 (Zip Code)

(212) 798-6100 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see ral Instruction A.2. below):
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 2.02. Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On August 2, 2007, Newcastle Investment Corp. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's results for its second fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2007. A copy of the Company's press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Current Report") as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 2.02 disclosure. This Current Report, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, unless expressly set forth as being incorporated by reference into such filing.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit	
Number	Description
99.1	Press release, dated August 2, 2007, issued by Newcastle Investment Corp.

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWCASTLE INVESTMENT CORP. (Registrant)

/s/ Debra A. Hess Debra A. Hess Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 2, 2007

# EXHIBIT INDEX

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### **Newcastle Announces Second Quarter 2007 Results**

### **Second Quarter Highlights**

- Net book value per share increased to \$18.59 per share from \$18.39 per share at March 31, 2007
- Declared 2Q07 dividend of \$0.72 per share, up 4.3% from our 1Q07 dividend of \$0.69 per share
- Raised \$125 million of equity capital through the issuance of 4.56 million common shares

#### **Subsequent Events**

- Board of Directors approved a potential buy back of up to \$100 million of common shares
- Completed \$2.5 billion of non-recourse term financings

New York, NY, August 2, 2007 – Newcastle Investment Corp. (NYSE: NCT) reported that for the quarter ended June 30, 2007, Funds from Operations ("FFO") excluding the effect of a non-cash impairment charge was \$38.5 million, or \$0.73 per diluted share, compared to \$0.66 per diluted share for the second quarter 2006. The Company generated an FFO return on average invested equity of 15.5% excluding the effect of the impairment charge.

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, income available for common stockholders excluding the effect of a non-cash impairment charge was \$38.2 million, or \$0.73 per share, compared to \$0.65 per diluted share for the second quarter 2006.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2007, we declared a dividend of \$0.72 per common share. This represents a 4.3% increase from the prior quarter's dividend of \$0.69 per common share.

Our GAAP common equity book value increased by \$0.20 per share to \$18.59 per share or a total of \$981 million at June 30, 2007 from \$18.39 per share or \$886 million at March 31, 2007.

For a reconciliation and discussion of GAAP net income to FFO and GAAP book equity to invested common equity, please refer to the tables following the presentation of GAAP results.

For the second quarter, we recognized a non-cash charge of \$6 million on five of our subprime securities with an aggregate \$18 million face amount representing an other than temporary impairment under U.S. GAAP. This resulted in a reduction of FFO and net income of \$0.09 per diluted share.

# Selected Financial Data (Unaudited) (\$ in millions, except per share data)

		Three Mon	nths Endo	ed		Three Moi	iths End	ed	
Operating Data:	June 30, 2007					June 30, 2006			
	(Amount) (per diluted share)		diluted share)		(Amount)		(per diluted share)		
FFO <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	38.5	\$	0.73		_		_	
FFO	\$	34.0	\$	0.64	\$	28.9	\$	0.66	
Income available for common stockholders (1)	\$	38.2	\$	0.73		_		_	
Income available for common stockholders	\$	33.7	\$	0.64	\$	28.7	\$	0.65	

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Balance Sheet Data:	June	30, 2007	March	31, 2007
Total assets	\$	10,024	\$	10,221
Total liabilities		8,890		9,182
Common stockholders' equity		981		887
Preferred stock		152		152
Total equity		1,133		1,039

The following table summarizes our investment portfolio at June 30, 2007<sup>(2)</sup> and March 31, 2007 (\$ in millions):

	As of June 30, 2007 As of				
Core	Face Amount		% Total	Face Amount	% Total
Real Estate Securities and Related Loans	\$	6,535	71.7%	\$ 6,782	65.2%
Subprime Loans, Held for Sale		_	0.0%	1,049	10.1%
Residential Mortgage Loans		706	7.7%	759	7.3%
Subprime Loans Subject to Call Options		406	4.5%	299	2.8%
Investment in Real Estate Joint Venture		39	0.4%	38	0.4%
Subtotal	\$	7,686	84.3%	\$ 8,927	<u>85.8</u> %
Non-Core					
Agency RMBS	\$	1,317	14.4%	\$ 1,349	13.0%
ICH Loans		118	1.3%	122	1.2%
Total Portfolio	\$	9,121	100.0%	\$ 10,398	100.0%

The following tables compare certain supplemental data relating to our investment portfolio at June 30, 2007 versus March 31, 2007:

# **Supplemental Data:**

	Total Port	folio	Core Portfolio			
	June 30, 2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	March 31, 2007	June 30, 2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	March 31, 2007		
Weighted average asset yield	7.46 %	7.45 %	7.85 %	7.80 %		
Weighted average liability cost	5.96 %	5.88 %	6.13 %	6.03 %		
Weighted average net spread	1.50 %	1.57 %	1.72 %	1.77 %		

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes the effect of a non-cash impairment charge.

# **Investment Portfolio**

Newcastle's \$9.1 billion investment portfolio consists primarily of commercial, residential and corporate debt. The following describes our investment portfolio at June 30, 2007<sup>(1)</sup> (\$ in millions):

	Face Amount	% of Total Portfolio	Number	Credit <sup>(2)</sup>	WA Life
Commercial					
CMBS	\$ 2,413	26.5 %	288	BBB-	5.4
Mezzanine Loans	1,124	12.3 %	27	68%	2.4
B-Notes	403	4.4%	13	65%	2.2
Real Estate Loans	128	1.4%	5	75%	1.3
Other	157	1.7%	171	NR	3.7
Total Commercial	4,225	46.3 %	504		4.1
Residential					
Subprime Securities	644	7.0%	122	BBB+	2.1
ABS Manufactured Housing & Franchise	128	1.4%	29	BBB+	5.5
Subprime Residual / Retained Securities	159	1.7%	8	NR	3.1
Agency RMBS	1,317	14.4 %	43	AAA	4.4
Manufactured Home Loans	589	6.5 %	16,878	692	6.1
Residential Mortgage Loans	117	1.3 %	375	716	2.8
Other	406	4.5 %	2	NR	2.1
Total Residential	3,360	36.8 %	17,457		3.9
Corporate					
REIT Debt	938	10.3 %	95	BBB-	5.6
Corporate Bank Loans	598	6.6%	14	58%	3.3
Total Corporate	1,536	16.9 %	109		4.7
TOTAL	\$ 9,121	100 %			4.1

<sup>(1)</sup> Investment portfolio proforma for the securitization of the subprime loans held for sale that closed on July 12, 2007.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Credit represents weighted average rating for rated assets, LTV for non-rated commercial assets, FICO score for non-rated residential assets and implied AAA for Agency RMBS.

#### **Commercial Debt**

We owned \$4.2 billion face amount of commercial assets (CMBS, Mezzanine Loans, B-Notes and Real Estate Loans). During the quarter, we purchased \$261.3 million, sold \$30.5 million and had pay downs of \$554.9 million for a net decrease of \$324.1 million. Our \$2.4 billion CMBS portfolio continues to perform well as only 0.39% of the underlying loans are delinquent. We have no delinquencies in our Mezzanine Loans, B-Notes and Real Estate Loans. We had 17 or \$105.5 million CMBS securities upgraded with 1 or \$9.0 million downgraded. Credit spreads widened on average by 24 basis points on our CMBS portfolio and were unchanged on our Mezzanine Loans, B-Notes and Real Estate Loans portfolio.

#### **Residential Debt**

We owned \$3.4 billion face amount of residential assets (Subprime Securities, ABS Manufactured Housing, Subprime Residual / Retained Securities, Agency RMBS, Manufactured Home Loans and Residential Mortgage Loans). During the quarter, we purchased \$254.0 million, sold \$32.5 million and had paydowns of \$278.6 million for a net decrease of \$57.1 million. 60+ delinquencies on our Manufactured Housing loan portfolio decreased to 0.7% from 1.0% in March. The current average rating of our \$640 million Subprime Securities portfolio was unchanged at BBB+. Our Subprime Securities portfolio had 2 or \$12.7 million of securities downgraded with 1 or \$6.5 million of securities upgraded. The following table illustrates the exposure by vintage in our subprime securities portfolio as of June 30, 2007.

(\$ in thousands)

		Collateral Characteristics					Security Characteristics				
	Deal	Collateral	Delinq	3 month	Cum Loss	Average	Current		Principal		
Vintage	Age	Factor	90+/FC/REO	CRR	to Date	Rating	Balance	%	Subord		
2003 Vintage	46	0.16	10.6%	22.1%	2.0%	A \$	55,529	8.6%	25.2%		
2004 Vintage	36	0.22	11.0%	30.9%	0.9%	A-	218,889	34.0%	21.5%		
2005 Vintage	23	0.49	11.4%	33.6%	0.6%	BBB+	202,030	31.4%	12.4%		
2006 Vintage	11	0.80	9.4%	20.3%	0.1%	BB+	159,497	24.8%	3.7%		
2007 Vintage	3	0.97	0.1%	14.4%	0.0%	BBB+	7,750	1.2%	9.6%		
Total	26	0.45	10.6 %	28.1 %	0.7%	BBB+ \$	643,695	100.0%	14.4%		

In addition to the principal credit support of 14.4%, the securities are further supported by approximately 200 basis points of excess spread. Our Subprime Securities portfolio had 2 or \$12.7 million of securities downgraded with 1 or \$6.5 million of securities upgraded.

#### Corporate Debt

We owned \$1.5 billion face amount of corporate assets (Bank Loans and REIT Debt). During the quarter, we purchased \$102.4 million, sold \$32.5 million and had pay downs of \$30.2 million for a net increase of

\$39.7 million. Our Bank Loan portfolio had no rating changes and we had only 2 or \$46.4 million downgrades in our REIT Debt portfolio. Credit spreads widened on average by 7 basis points on our REIT Debt portfolio and were unchanged on our Bank Loan portfolio.

# Funded Investments in the Second Quarter (\$ in millions):

Commercial		Face	Number	Credit	WA Credit Spread
CMBS	\$	62	8	BB+	212
Mezz Loans		99	3	55%	221
Whole Loan		25	1	68%	175
B-Notes		75	2	63%_	293
Total Commercial		261	14	_	235
Residential					
Subprime Securities	\$	8	3	BBB+	353
Agency RMBS		31	1	AAA	71
Subprime Loans, held for sale		215	988	652	NR
Total Residential	_	254	992	_	127
Corporate					
REIT	\$	33	6	BBB+	65
Bank Loans		70	3	56%_	202
Total Corporate	_	103	9	_	157
TOTAL	\$	618	1015	=	205

#### **Capital Markets Activity**

In April, we issued 4.56 million common shares, and raised net proceeds of approximately \$125 million. The proceeds were used to pay down amounts drawn on our credit facility.

In April, we priced our tenth collateralized debt obligation ("CDO"). The proceeds from this issuance were used to term finance an \$825 million portfolio of newly acquired mezzanine loans, bank loans, B-Notes, CMBS and other commercial real estate assets including whole loans. Net of this financing, we invested approximately \$123 million of capital with a targeted return on equity of 16.5%.

#### Subsequent to quarter-end:

- As of today, we have \$200 million available on our credit facility, \$35 million of cash and \$154 million of restricted cash to invest in our CBOs. In addition, we have three committed warehouse facilities aggregating \$1.2 billion of which \$900 million is available.
- In July, we closed a \$1.09 billion securitization of the subprime mortgage loan portfolio which we acquired in March and April 2007. Newcastle, through the securitization trust, issued \$1.02 billion face amount of investment grade notes of which \$979 million were sold to third parties. Newcastle invested approximately \$50 million of equity in the transaction. This comprises approximately \$46 million invested in 100% of the low investment grade notes and equity and approximately \$4 million, net of financing, invested in \$39 million face amount of notes rated Baa1 through Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service and A to BBB by Standard & Poor's. In connection with the transaction, we recorded in the second quarter a loss of \$5.8 million related to changes in rates on the loans held for sale offset by a \$5.8 million gain upon termination of the swap which was hedging our interest rate exposure. No write down for credit was recorded on these loans.

- In July, we closed a \$1.4 billion collateralized debt obligation where the proceeds from the offering were used to redeem securities issued in three of our prior securitizations. The portfolio initially consisted of approximately 56% CMBS, 26% REIT debt and 18% real estate related ABS. We were able to reduce our financing cost by 39 basis points on \$1,288 million of debt and extend the average expected maturity on our debt from 5.6 to 10.0 years. In connection with this transaction, we recorded one-time costs of \$7.3 million in the second quarter.

#### **Share Buy Back**

Our board of directors has approved a potential repurchase of up to \$100 million of shares of our common stock.

#### Conference Call

Newcastle's management will conduct a live conference call today, August 2, 2007, at 1:00 P.M. eastern time to review the financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. All interested parties are welcome to participate on the live call. You can access the conference call by dialing (800) 289-0743 (from within the U.S.) or (913) 981-5546 (from outside of the U.S.) ten minutes prior to the scheduled start of the call; please reference "Newcastle Second Quarter Earnings Call."

A simultaneous webcast of the conference call will be available to the public on a listen-only basis at www.newcastleinv.com. Please allow extra time prior to the call to visit the site and download the necessary software required to listen to the internet broadcast. An online replay of the webcast will be available until September 30, 2007.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will also be available until 11:59 P.M. eastern time on Thursday, August 9, 2007 by dialing (888) 203-1112 (from within the U.S.) or (719) 457-0820 (from outside of the U.S.); please reference access code "8941573."

#### **About Newcastle**

Newcastle Investment Corp. owns and manages a \$9.1 billion highly diversified real estate debt portfolio with moderate credit risk that is primarily financed with match funded debt. Our business strategy is to "lock in" and optimize the difference between the yield on our assets and the cost of our liabilities. Newcastle is organized and conducts its operations to qualify as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes. Newcastle is managed by an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC, a global alternative asset management firm with approximately \$36 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2007. For more information regarding Newcastle Investment Corp. or to be added to our e-mail distribution list, please visit www.newcastleinv.com.

#### Safe Harbor

Certain items in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements relating to the stability of our business model and achievement of certain goals. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements; Newcastle can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Newcastle's expectations include, but are not limited to, the risk that we can find additional suitably priced investments;

the risk that investments made or committed to be made cannot be financed on the basis and for the term at which we expect; the relationship between yields on assets which are paid off and yields on assets in which such monies can be reinvested; the relative spreads between the yield on the assets we invest in and the cost of financing. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. Newcastle expressly disclaims any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

# Newcastle Investment Corp. Consolidated Statements of Income (dollars in thousands, except share data) (Unaudited)

	1	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended Ju		June 30,		
		2007		2006		2007		2006
Revenues								
Interest income	\$	191,869	\$	124,209	\$	354,090	\$	238,116
Rental and escalation income		1,322		774		2,575		2,782
Gain on sale of investments, net		6,977		5,493		9,189		7,421
Other income		5,753		(1,449)		6,496		4,256
		205,921		129,027		372,350		252,575
Expenses								
Interest expense		133,917		87,909		250,674		164,874
Loss on extinguishment of debt		7,280		_		7,280		_
Property operating expense		1,044		949		2,080		1,767
Loan and security servicing expense		3,698		1,402		5,681		3,408
Provision for credit losses		3,089		1,179		5,125		3,186
Provision for losses, loans held for sale		5,754		_		5,754		4,127
General and administrative expense		1,478		1,161		2,815		2,791
Management fee to affiliate		4,545		3,474		8,451		6,945
Incentive compensation to affiliate		2,521		2,834		6,209		5,686
Depreciation and amortization		342		278		671		477
		163,668		99,186		294,740		193,261
Income before other gains (losses)		42,253		29,841		77,610		59,314
Other Gains (Losses)								
Other than temporary impairment		(5,953)				(5,953)		
Income before equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries		36,300		29,841		71,657		59,314
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries		819		1,215		1,666		2,410
Income from continuing operations		37,119		31,056		73,323		61,724
Income from discontinued operations		(6)		(26)		(19)		225
Net Income		37,113		31,030		73,304		61,949
Preferred dividends		(3,375)		(2,329)		(5,890)		(4,657)
Income Available For Common Stockholders	\$	33,738	\$	28,701	\$	67,414	\$	57,292
Net Income Per Share of Common Stock			<u> </u>				-	:
Basic	\$	0.64	\$	0.65	\$	1.35	\$	1.30
Diluted	S	0.64	s	0.65	\$	1.34	S	1.30
Income from continuing operations per share of common stock, after preferred dividends	*				<u>*</u>			
Basic	\$	0.64	\$	0.65	\$	1.35	\$	1.29
Diluted	\$	0.64	\$	0.65	\$	1.34	\$	1.29
Income from discontinued operations per share of common stock								
Basic	\$		\$		\$		\$	0.01
Diluted	\$	<u> </u>	\$	<u> </u>	\$	<u> </u>	\$	0.01
Weighted Average Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding							-	
Basic		52,273,988		43,990,635		49,936,428		43,967,854
Diluted		52,467,019		44,071,310		50,158,085		44,067,645
Dividends Declared per Share of Common Stock	\$	0.720	\$	0.650	\$	1.410	\$	1.275

# Newcastle Investment Corp. Consolidated Balance Sheets (dollars in thousands, except share data)

	June 30, 2007 (unaudited)	December 31, 2006
Assets	<u>(</u>	
Real estate securities, available for sale	\$ 5,338,347	\$ 5,581,228
Real estate related loans, net	2,060,789	1,568,916
Residential mortgage loans, net	698,453	809,097
Subprime mortgage loans, held for sale	1,095,821	_
Subprime mortgage loans subject to call option	289,742	288,202
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	22,634	22,868
Operating real estate, net	31,553	29,626
Cash and cash equivalents	103,863	5,371
Restricted cash	241,248	184,169
Derivative assets	76,789	62,884
Receivables and other assets	64,329	52,031
	\$ 10,023,568	\$ 8,604,392
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
CBO bonds payable	\$ 3,924,672	\$ 4,313,824
Other bonds payable	621,562	675,844
Notes payable	93,793	128,866
Repurchase agreements	2,450,517	760,346
Repurchase agreements subject to ABCP facility	1,281,156	1,143,749
Financing of subprime mortgage loans subject to call option	289,742	288,202
Credit facility	_	93,800
Junior subordinated notes payable (security for trust preferred)	100,100	100,100
Derivative liabilities	8,000	17,715
Dividends payable	40,786	33,095
Due to affiliates	7,741	13,465
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	72,113	33,406
	8,890,182	7,602,412
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 2,500,000 shares of 9.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock 1,600,000 shares of 8.05% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, and 2,000,000 shares of 8.375% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, issued and outstanding (Series D issued in 2007)	152,500	102,500
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 52,779,179 and 45,713,817 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2007 and	132,300	102,300
December 31, 2006, respectively	528	457
Additional paid-in capital	1,033,316	833,887
Dividends in excess of earnings	(14,699)	(10,848)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(38,259)	75,984
	1,133,386	1,001,980
	\$ 10,023,568	\$ 8,604,392

# Newcastle Investment Corp. Reconciliation of GAAP Net Income to FFO (dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three M Jun	Three Months Ended June 30, 2006		
Net income available for common stockholders	\$	33,738	\$	28,701
Operating real estate depreciation		271		210
Funds from operations ("FFO")	\$	34,009	\$	28,911

We believe FFO is one appropriate measure of the operating performance of real estate companies because it provides investors with information regarding our ability to service debt and make capital expenditures. We also believe that FFO is an appropriate supplemental disclosure of operating performance for a REIT due to its widespread acceptance and use within the REIT and analyst communities. Furthermore, FFO is used to compute our incentive compensation to our manager. FFO, for our purposes, represents net income available for common stockholders (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding extraordinary items, plus real estate depreciation, and after adjustments for unconsolidated subsidiaries, if any. We consider gains and losses on resolution of our investments to be a normal part of our recurring operations and therefore do not exclude such gains and losses when arriving at FFO. Adjustments for unconsolidated subsidiaries, if any, are calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and therefore should not be considered an alternative to net income as an indicator of our operating performance or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs. Our calculation of FFO may be different from the calculation used by other companies and, therefore, comparability may be limited.

# Newcastle Investment Corp. Reconciliation of GAAP Book Equity to Invested Common Equity (dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	<b>June 30, 2007</b>	
Book equity	\$	1,133,386
Preferred stock		(152,500
Accumulated depreciation on operating real estate		5,100
Accumulated other comprehensive income		38,259
Invested common equity	\$	1,024,245