



## **Acquisition of GFRC Cladding Systems, Inc.**

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Transition Capital Partners (“TCP”), a Dallas based private equity fund, announced the December 31st acquisition of certain assets of GFRC Cladding Systems Inc. , the largest supplier of pre-cast Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (“GFRC”) panels east of the Rockies

Based in Dallas suburb of Garland, TX, GFRC manufactures exterior architectural cladding panels that are used in geographically diverse, highly visible commercial building applications throughout the continental United States. Typical examples of such applications include retail centers, educational facilities, casinos and specialty use buildings such as sports arenas. Given its light weight and durability, the GFRC material is an ideal substitute for pre-cast concrete and is used in both new and renovation construction.

“GFRC is the low-cost producer, in a non-cyclical marketplace that is coming to realize the benefits of the material more and more. We’re very excited by the prospects for growth” said Dan Patterson, a member of the TCP deal team.

GFRC is TCP’s 3rd investment in real estate services. Leveraged financing for the transaction was provided by Gladstone Capital (NASDAQ: GLAD), a leading provider of senior and subordinated debt to lower middle market companies. For further information about GFRC Cladding Systems Inc., please visit the Transition Capital Partners website.

### **About Transition Capital Partners**

Founded in 1993, Transition Capital Partners is a Dallas based private equity firm investing in leveraged recapitalization and management buy-outs of well managed, entrepreneurial, lower middle market service oriented businesses. TCP is particularly successful in investing in high growth companies where additional management and strategic resources may be desired by the existing ownership group. We typically provide the entrepreneur with the opportunity to gain liquidity, while maintaining an equity stake in the business for future upside, and if desired, a reduced management role.

### **About Gladstone Capital**

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