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Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. Announces Company's Warrants Have Been Fully Retired

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 24, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (Nasdaq:ROIC) announced today the company's remaining outstanding warrants expired by their terms on October 23, 2014. The warrants were initially issued in 2007 by the company's predecessor entity. Of the 49.4 million warrants originally issued, 24.8 million warrants were exercised in total, providing ROIC with approximately \$297.1 million of proceeds. Additionally, 16.6 million warrants were repurchased by ROIC, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$32.8 million, all 8.0 million founders' warrants were exercised on a cashless basis and 64,452 warrants expired unexercised.

Stuart A. Tanz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. stated, "With the warrants now fully retired, our capital structure has been simplified. Over the past 18 months as warrants were exercised, we prudently and efficiently invested the proceeds in our ongoing acquisition program, broadening our portfolio and presence on the West Coast, while maintaining our strong balance sheet."

ABOUT RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP.

Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (Nasdaq:ROIC), a member of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index, is a fully integrated, selfmanaged real estate investment trust. ROIC specializes in the acquisition, ownership and management of necessity-based community and neighborhood shopping centers, anchored by national or regional supermarkets and drugstores. As of June 30, 2014, ROIC owned 59 shopping centers encompassing approximately 6.9 million square feet. Additional information is available at: <u>www.roireit.net</u>.

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