

Ares Commercial Finance Provides \$30 Million Senior Secured Credit Facility to Monolith Brands Group, Inc.

[8/30/2022] – Ares Commercial Finance announced today that it has provided a \$30 million senior secured credit facility to Monolith Brands Group, Inc. (“the Company”). The Company is a consumer products platform focused on acquiring omnichannel brands in niche product categories. Proceeds of the credit facility will be used to refinance existing indebtedness, provide ongoing working capital and help fund future acquisitions.

About Monolith Brands Group, Inc. (“MBG”)

Founded in 2021 with offices in New York and Utah, MBG is a consumer products company with a portfolio of omnichannel brands organized across a focused set of sector verticals, which are initially Pet and Baby & Juvenile. Monolith seeks to acquire established brands with differentiated products, avid customers and strong market positions within particular subcategories. As part of the Monolith platform, these brands can access the capital, operational resources and sector expertise necessary to expand their reach. For more information about MBG, visit www.monolithbrandsgroup.com.

About Ares Commercial Finance

Ares Commercial Finance (“ACF”) is the asset-based lending team of Ares Management Corporation. ACF is focused on providing credit facilities up to \$300 million to middle market and lower-middle market, private and public companies; and addresses a wide scope of industries including manufacturing, distribution, wholesale, retail, and service companies. These facilities include revolving lines of credit and term loans, asset-based and cash flow stretch loans, and asset-backed facilities to specialty finance companies. Leveraging the breadth and experience of the Ares platform, ACF works with borrowers to deliver creative, flexible, and customized financing solutions. These financing solutions may be structured as working capital financing, bridge financing, turnaround financing, acquisition financing, debtor-in-possession financing, and special accommodation financing. For more information about Ares Commercial Finance, visit www.arescommercialfinance.com.

About Ares Management Corporation

Ares Management Corporation (NYSE: ARES) is a leading global alternative investment manager offering clients complementary primary and secondary investment solutions across the credit, private equity, real estate and infrastructure asset classes. We seek to provide flexible capital to support businesses and create value for our stakeholders and within our communities. By collaborating across our investment groups, we aim to generate consistent and attractive investment returns throughout market cycles. As of June 30, 2022, Ares Management Corporation's global platform had approximately \$334 billion of assets under management, with over 2,300 employees operating across North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and the Middle East. For more information, please visit www.aresmgmt.com. Follow Ares on Twitter @Ares_Management.

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