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## **ASSOCIATED CAPITAL GROUP, INC. Reports Estimated Full Year and Fourth Quarter Results**

Rye, New York, January 24, 2019 – Associated Capital Group, Inc. (“AC” or the “Company”) announced today a preliminary estimate of its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2018.

Diluted EPS for the fourth quarter is expected to be within the range of \$(1.68) to \$(1.78) compared to \$0.67 for the fourth quarter of 2017, based primarily on the mark-to-market decline of our investment portfolio. Full year EPS is expected to be within the range of \$(2.42) to \$(2.52) compared to \$0.37 for 2017.

The fourth quarter and full year 2018 estimated results include a preliminary estimate of the income tax benefit related to the utilization of current losses. The Company’s analysis of its ability to record this benefit under current accounting guidance, which is based on what it believes to be reasonable estimates, is ongoing. The receipt of additional information and changes in the Company’s assumptions may require that this benefit be adjusted, and the adjustment, if any, may be material to our fourth quarter and full year results.

We expect to issue additional information regarding our financial results in February.

### **About Associated Capital Group, Inc.**

The Company has been publicly traded since November 30, 2015 following its spin-off from GAMCO Investors, Inc.

The Company operates its investment management business via Gabelli & Company Investment Advisers, Inc. (“GCIA” f/k/a Gabelli Securities, Inc.), its 100% owned subsidiary. GCIA and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Gabelli & Partners, collectively serve as general partners or investment managers to investment funds including limited partnerships, offshore companies and separate accounts. The Company primarily manages assets in equity event-driven strategies, across a range of risk and event arbitrage portfolios and earns management and incentive fees from its advisory activities. GCIA is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.

The Company operates its institutional research services business through G.research, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. G.research is a broker-dealer registered under the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that provides institutional research services and acts as an underwriter.

The Company also derives investment income/(loss) from proprietary trading of assets awaiting deployment in its operating businesses.

## **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

The financial results set forth in this press release are preliminary. Our disclosure and analysis in this press release, which do not present historical information, contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements convey our current expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements because they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” and other words and terms of similar meaning. They also appear in any discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, future performance of our products, expenses, the outcome of any legal proceedings, and financial results. Although we believe that we are basing our expectations and beliefs on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of what we currently know about our business and operations, the economy and other conditions, there can be no assurance that our actual results will not differ materially from what we expect or believe. Therefore, you should proceed with caution in relying on any of these forward-looking statements. They are neither statements of historical fact nor guarantees or assurances of future performance.

Forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors, some of which are listed below, that are difficult to predict and could cause actual results and outcomes to differ materially from any future results or outcomes expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Some of the factors that could cause our actual results to differ from our expectations or beliefs include a decline in the securities markets that adversely affect our assets under management, negative performance of our products, the failure to perform as required under our investment management agreements, and a general downturn in the economy that negatively impacts our operations. We also direct your attention to the more specific discussions of these and other risks, uncertainties and other important factors contained in our Form 10 and other public filings. Other factors that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. We do not undertake to update publicly any forward-looking statements if we subsequently learn that we are unlikely to achieve our expectations whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.