



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Fremont General Engages KPMG Corporate Finance LLC as its Financial Advisor**

(BREa, CALIFORNIA) — January 21, 2009: Fremont General Corporation (the “Company”) (OTC: FMNTQ), doing business primarily through its indirect wholly-owned operating subsidiary, Fremont Reorganizing Corporation (formerly known as Fremont Investment & Loan) (“FRC”), announced today that it received approval from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (“Bankruptcy Court”), where the Company’s Chapter 11 case is pending, to engage KPMG Corporate Finance LLC, a subsidiary of KPMG LLP (UK), as its financial advisor to locate potential acquirors of the Company and its remaining assets and liabilities, as well as to provide other related business and financial services through February 15, 2009, subject to possible extension pursuant to the terms of the engagement. If the Company successfully identifies and agrees to terms with a potential acquiror, it is expected that such proposed acquisition transaction will provide a basis for the submission to the Bankruptcy Court for a plan of reorganization by the Company and the potential acquiror, as the sponsor of such plan of reorganization. There is no assurance that KPMG Corporate Finance LLC or the Company will find an interested party to acquire the Company and its remaining assets and liabilities, that the Company will agree to terms with any such potential acquiror of the Company, or that the Company and any potential acquiror will be able to develop and receive approval of a plan of reorganization from the Bankruptcy Court.

### **About Fremont General**

Fremont General Corporation (the “Company”) filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (the “Bankruptcy Court”) and continues to operate its business as “debtor-in-possession” under the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Code and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

To find out more about Fremont General Corporation, or to subscribe to the Company’s email alert feature for notification of Company news and events, please visit [www.fremontgeneral.com](http://www.fremontgeneral.com). In addition, you can find out information about the Company's bankruptcy at the Company’s website at [www.fremontgeneral.com](http://www.fremontgeneral.com) under “Restructuring Information.”

### **Regulatory Filings**

The Company’s periodic reports as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) can be accessed at [www.fremontgeneral.com](http://www.fremontgeneral.com) and on the IDEA section of the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This news release may contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are based upon current expectations and beliefs of the Company and its subsidiaries. These statements are not guarantees of future performance or results and there can be no assurance that actual developments and performance will be those anticipated by the Company. The Company does not undertake to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect the

impact of circumstances or events that arise after the date the forward-looking statements are made, except as required under applicable securities laws.

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