



Zapata Corporation Announces Year End Results

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ROCHESTER, N.Y., Mar 04, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Zapata Corporation (NYSE: ZAP) today announced its consolidated financial results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2008.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, Zapata reported a consolidated net loss of \$12,000 or \$(.00) per share as compared to consolidated net income of \$2.6 million or \$0.13 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2007. For the quarter ended December 31, 2008, Zapata reported a consolidated net loss of \$456,000 or \$(.02) as compared to consolidated net income of \$909,000 or \$0.05 per diluted share for the comparable quarter of the prior year. The change from net income to net loss for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2008 primarily resulted from a decrease in interest income arising from sustained lower interest rates on the Company's invested funds during 2008 as compared to 2007.

About Zapata:

Zapata is a holding company which has approximately \$154.7 million in consolidated cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments as of December 31, 2008 and owns 98% of Zap.Com Corporation (OTBB: ZPCM), which is a public shall company. The Company is currently searching for candidates for acquisition.

The Company makes certain reports available free of charge on its website at www.zapatacorp.com as soon as reasonably practicable after this information is electronically filed, or furnished to, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The statements contained in this press release which are not historical fact are forward-looking statements based upon management's current expectations that are subject to risks, and uncertainties that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements, which are based upon certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies and expectations of the Company, are generally identifiable by use of the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "plans," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "may" or similar expressions. Factors that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ include, without limitation, the risk that we may not be successful in identifying any suitable future acquisition opportunities and those factors listed under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. All forward-looking statements made herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results, events or developments referenced herein will occur or be realized. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operation results.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Amounts)

	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 142,694	\$ 139,251
Short-term investments	11,965	15,019
Other receivables	130	1,024
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	256	302
Total current assets	155,045	155,596
Other assets, net	8,987	9,848
Total assets	\$ 164,032	\$ 165,444
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 92	\$ 180
Accrued and other current liabilities	1,045	1,141
Total current liabilities	1,137	1,321

Pension liabilities	2,904	660
Other liabilities	1,144	1,330
Total liabilities	5,185	3,311
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Minority interest	33	34
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par; 1,600,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	--	--
Preference stock, \$.01 par; 14,400,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	--	--
Common stock, \$.01 par, 132,000,000 shares authorized, 24,708,414 shares issued and 19,276,334 shares outstanding	247	247
Capital in excess of par value	164,250	164,250
Retained earnings	37,192	37,204
Treasury stock, at cost, 5,432,080 shares	(31,668)	(31,668)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(11,207)	(7,934)
Total stockholders' equity	158,814	162,099
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 164,032	\$ 165,444

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Revenues	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Cost of revenues	--	--	--
Gross profit	--	--	--
Operating expense:			
General and administrative	3,237	3,388	4,730
Total operating expenses	3,237	3,388	4,730
Operating loss	(3,237)	(3,388)	(4,730)
Other income:			
Interest income	3,013	7,681	4,059
Other, net	113	570	580
	3,126	8,251	4,639
(Loss) income before income taxes and minority interest	(111)	4,863	(91)
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	98	(2,313)	(183)
Minority interest in net loss of consolidated subsidiaries	1	1	1
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(12)	2,551	(273)
Discontinued operations:			
Loss before taxes and minority interest (including loss on disposal)	--	--	(3,912)
Benefit for income taxes	--	--	1,574
Minority interest	--	--	(2,052)
Loss from discontinued operations	--	--	(4,390)
Net (loss) income	\$ (12)	\$ 2,551	\$ (4,663)

Net (loss) income per common share - basic and diluted

(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.01)
Loss from discontinued operations	--	--	(0.23)
Net (loss) income per common share - basic and diluted	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.24)
Weighted average common shares outstanding			
Basic	19,276	19,237	19,179
Diluted	19,276	19,422	19,179

SOURCE: Zapata Corporation

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