



Zapata Corporation Announces First Quarter Results for 2003

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ROCHESTER, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 5, 2003--Zapata Corporation (NYSE:ZAP) today announced its consolidated financial results for the first quarter of 2003.

Zapata reported consolidated net income of \$750,000 or \$0.31 per share on revenues of \$25.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to consolidated net income of \$1.2 million or \$0.51 per share on revenues of \$23.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2002. Zapata's majority-owned subsidiary, Omega Protein Corporation (NYSE:OME), reported net income of \$2.6 million on revenues of \$25.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to net income of \$2.7 million on revenues of \$23.5 million for the comparable period of the prior year. The decrease in net income resulted primarily from increased pension related costs at Zapata combined with reduced margins at Omega Protein related to higher cost of inventory being carried forward into 2003.

About Zapata Corporation

Zapata Corporation is a holding company which currently has one principal operating company, Omega Protein Corporation ("Omega Protein" or "Omega"), in which it has a 60% ownership interest. Omega Protein is the nation's largest marine protein company and is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "OME." In addition, Zapata owns 98% of its subsidiary, Zap.Com Corporation ("Zap.Com"), which is currently a public shell corporation and trades on the over-the-counter electronic bulletin board under the symbol "ZPCM."

"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. Factors that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ include, without limitation, those factors listed under the caption "Significant Factors That Could Affect Future Performance And Forward Looking Statements" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. Consequently 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.

ZAPATA CORPORATION

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	March 31, 2003 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2002
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,994	\$ 80,643
Short-term investments	78,156	35,928
Accounts receivable, net	9,772	13,070
Inventories, net	38,236	41,939
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,857	4,015
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Total current assets	175,015	175,595
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Investments and other assets:		
Long-term investments, available for sale	4,004	4,016
Other assets	24,700	24,524
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Total investments and other assets	28,704	28,540
Property, plant and equipment, net	82,018	80,842
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Total assets	\$285,737	\$284,977
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 1,292	\$ 1,270
Accounts payable	2,372	2,718
Accrued liabilities	21,941	23,027

Total current liabilities	25,605	27,015
Long-term debt	13,908	14,239
Pension liabilities	12,188	11,835
Other liabilities and deferred taxes	1,741	1,608
Minority interest	56,156	55,018
Total liabilities	109,598	109,715
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, (\$.01 par), 200,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002	--	--
Preference stock, (\$.01 par), 1,800,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002	--	--
Common stock, (\$.01 par), 16,500,000 shares authorized, 3,069,859 shares issued and 2,390,849 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002	31	31
Capital in excess of par value	162,172	162,037
Retained earnings	50,966	50,216
Treasury stock, at cost, 679,010 shares as of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002	(31,668)	(31,668)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(5,362)	(5,354)
Total stockholders' equity	176,139	175,262
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$285,737	\$284,977
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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2003	2002
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Revenues	\$25,101	\$23,479
Cost of revenues	18,679	16,924
Gross profit	6,422	6,555
Operating expense:		
Selling, general and administrative	3,676	3,128
Total operating expenses	3,676	3,128
Operating income	2,746	3,427
Other income (expense):		
Interest income, net	121	197
Other income (expense), net	21	(52)
	142	145
Income before income taxes and minority interest	2,888	3,572
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Provision for income taxes	(1,089)	(1,270)
Minority interest in net income of consolidated subsidiary	(1,049)	(1,078)
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Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 750	\$ 1,224
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Basic and diluted net income per share	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.51
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Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	2,391	2,391
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Diluted	2,401	2,396
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