



Zapata Corporation Announces Fourth Quarter and Year End Results for 2002

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ROCHESTER, N.Y., Mar 26, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Zapata Corporation (NYSE:ZAP) today announced its consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2002.

Zapata reported consolidated net income of \$6.5 million or \$2.70 per share on a diluted basis on revenues of \$117.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2002 compared to consolidated net income of \$4.4 million or \$1.85 per share on a diluted basis on revenues of \$98.8 million in 2001. Increased consolidated revenues and consolidated income resulted primarily from the improved performance of Zapata's majority-owned subsidiary, Omega Protein Corporation (NYSE:OME). Omega's net income for the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$12.2 million as compared to \$3.9 million in the prior year. On a consolidated basis, Omega Protein's improved operating performance was offset by a reduction in interest income.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2002, Zapata reported net income of \$1.6 million or \$0.68 per share on a diluted basis as compared to net income of \$881,000 or \$0.37 per share on a diluted basis for the comparable quarter last year. The net income for the fourth quarter was primarily due to a profitable quarter reported by Omega.

Omega Protein's improved operating performance is primarily attributable to higher selling prices of 15% and 41% of Omega's fish meal and fish oil, respectively. Omega attributes the higher fish meal and oil prices to strong worldwide demand for fish meal and competing fish oil markets rebounding from historic low levels.

About Zapata:

Zapata Corporation is a holding company which currently operates in the food segment through its majority owned subsidiary, Omega Protein Corporation, which is the nation's largest marine protein company. In addition, Zapata holds approximately 98% of the outstanding stock of Zap.Com Corporation (OTCBB: "ZPCM"), which is currently a public shell company.

"Safe Harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The statements contained in this release which are not historical facts are "forward-looking" statements that involve risks and/or uncertainties as described in the "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. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. The Company's actual actions or results may differ materially from those expected or anticipated in the forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release.

ZAPATA CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)

	December 31, 2002	December 31, 2001
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,643	\$ 62,477
Short-term investments	35,832	33,948
Accounts receivable, net	13,166	22,427
Inventories, net	41,939	37,670
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,015	1,979
Total current assets	175,595	158,501
Investments and other assets:		
Long-term investments, available for sale	4,016	--
Other assets	24,524	30,937
Total investments and other assets	28,540	30,937
Property, plant and equipment, net	80,842	82,239
Total assets	\$ 284,977	\$271,677
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,296
Accounts payable	2,718	1,605
Accrued liabilities	23,027	21,864
Total current liabilities	27,015	24,765

Long-term debt	14,239	15,510
Pension liabilities	11,835	6,917
Other liabilities and deferred taxes	1,608	1,035
Minority interest	55,018	53,599
Total liabilities	109,715	101,826
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, (\$0.01 par), 200,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2002 and 2001	--	--
Preference stock, (\$0.01 par), 1,800,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2002 and 2001	--	--
Common stock, (\$0.01 par), 16,500,000 shares authorized, 3,069,859 shares issued and 2,390,849 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively	31	31
Capital in excess of par value	162,037	161,869
Retained earnings	50,216	43,743
Treasury stock, at cost, 679,010 shares as of December 31, 2002 and 2001	(31,668)	(31,668)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(5,354)	(4,124)
Total stockholders' equity	175,262	169,851
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 284,977	\$271,677

ZAPATA CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended		Twelve months ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Revenues	\$31,300	\$23,899	\$117,008	\$ 98,836
Cost of revenues	24,791	18,589	89,305	84,682
Gross profit	6,509	5,310	27,703	14,154
Operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	3,253	3,102	11,906	12,633
Impairment of long-lived assets	---	--	--	232
Contract termination settlement	---	--	--	(403)
Total operating expenses	3,253	3,102	11,906	12,462
Operating income	3,256	2,208	15,797	1,692
Other income (expense):				
Interest income, net	233	273	822	3,493
Realized loss on non- investment grade securities	--	--	--	(11,841)
Other expense, net	(61)	(85)	(222)	(151)
	172	188	600	(8,499)
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest	3,428	2,396	16,397	(6,807)

(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(635)	(815)	(5,120)	12,769
Minority interest in net income of consolidated subsidiary	(1,154)	(700)	(4,804)	(1,528)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 1,639	\$ 881	\$ 6,473	\$ 4,434
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.37	\$ 2.71	\$ 1.85
Diluted	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.37	\$ 2.70	\$ 1.85
Weighted average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding:				
Basic	2,391	2,391	2,391	2,391
Diluted	2,395	2,394	2,391	2,391

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