



## Zapata Corporation Announces Third Quarter Results for 2002

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ROCHESTER, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 13, 2002--Zapata Corporation (NYSE:ZAP) today announced its consolidated financial results for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2002.

Simultaneously, in a separate announcement, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has authorized Zapata to make a cash self-tender offer for up to 500,000 shares of its common stock.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2002, Zapata reported net income of \$2.4 million or \$1.00 per share compared to net income of \$14.7 million or \$6.13 per share for the comparable quarter last year. Net income for the third quarter of 2002 was primarily due to a profitable quarter reported by Zapata's majority-owned subsidiary, Omega Protein Corporation (NYSE:OME). Omega Protein reported net income of \$3.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. Consolidated net income for the third quarter of the prior year primarily resulted from a tax benefit mainly attributable to capital loss carry-backs generated through the sale of certain securities during September 2001.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, Zapata reported net income of \$4.8 million or \$2.02 per share compared to net income of \$3.6 million or \$1.49 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2001. Net income for the current period resulted primarily from a profitable nine month period at Omega Protein. Omega reported net income of \$9.3 million or \$0.38 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 as compared to net income of \$2.1 or \$0.09 per share for the same period of the previous year. Consolidated net income for the prior nine-month period resulted primarily from the tax benefits recognized during the third quarter of 2001, partially offset by impairment charges on non-investment grade securities recognized during the second quarter of 2001.

Omega attributed its net income for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2002 primarily to continued stronger prices for its products, compared with the previous year's pricing. This strong and stable pricing was the result of continued tight world supplies of fishmeal and fish oil.

### About Zapata Corporation

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 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, the uncertainty of the results of an ongoing Internal Revenue Service audit of the tax fiscal years ended September 30, 1997-2001, which may affect the Company's ability to realize certain tax benefits resulting from capital losses recognized in Fiscal Year 2001, and 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 dated March 28, 2002 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. Additional factors that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ include, without limitation, Omega's ability to meet its raw material requirements through its annual menhaden harvest, which is subject to fluctuations due to natural conditions over which Omega has no control, such as varying fish population, adverse weather conditions and disease; the impact of worldwide supply and demand relationships on prices for Omega's products; and fluctuations in Omega's quarterly operating results due to the seasonality of their business and its deferral of inventory sales based on worldwide prices for competing products. 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)

	September 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2001
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,904	\$ 62,477
Short-term investments	42,434	33,948
Accounts receivable, net	14,425	22,427
Inventories, net	45,373	37,670
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,658	1,979
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Total current assets	166,794	158,501

Investments and other assets:		
Long-term investments, available for sale	11,927	--
Other assets	26,333	30,937
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Total investments and other assets	38,260	30,937
Property and equipment, net	81,894	82,239
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Total assets	\$ 286,948	\$ 271,677
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:

Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,296
Accounts payable	2,266	1,605
Accrued liabilities	29,029	21,864
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Total current liabilities	32,545	24,765
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Long-term debt	14,565	15,510
Other liabilities and deferred taxes	7,495	7,952
Minority interest	57,248	53,599
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Total liabilities	111,853	101,826
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Commitments and contingencies

Stockholders' equity:

Preferred stock, (\$.01 par), 200,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	--	--
Preference stock, (\$.01 par), 1,800,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	--	--
Common stock, (\$0.01 par), 16,500,000 shares authorized, 3,069,859 shares issued, and 2,390,849 shares outstanding on September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	31	31
Capital in excess of par value	162,041	161,869
Retained earnings	48,577	43,743
Treasury stock, at cost, 679,010 shares at September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	(31,668)	(31,668)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,886)	(4,124)
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Total stockholders' equity	175,095	169,851
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 286,948	\$ 271,677
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(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Revenues	\$ 34,992	\$ 36,838	\$ 85,708	\$ 74,937
Cost of revenues	27,259	31,069	64,514	66,093
Gross profit	7,733	5,769	21,194	8,844
Operating expense (income):				
Selling, general and administrative	2,089	2,727	8,653	9,531
Contract termination settlement	--	--	--	(403)
Total operating expenses	2,089	2,727	8,653	9,128
Operating income (loss)	5,644	3,042	12,541	(284)
Other income (expense):				
Interest income, net	225	1,550	589	3,220
Realized loss on non- investment grade securities	--	(918)	--	(11,841)
Impairment of long-lived assets	--	--	--	(232)
Other, net	(65)	(76)	(161)	(66)
	160	556	428	(8,919)
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest	5,804	3,598	12,969	(9,203)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(1,990)	12,222	(4,485)	13,584
Minority interest in net income of consolidated subsidiary	(1,422)	(1,164)	(3,650)	(828)
Net income to common stockholders	\$ 2,392	\$ 14,656	\$ 4,834	\$ 3,553
Income per share (basic and diluted)	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.13	\$ 2.02	\$ 1.49

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Weighted average				
common shares				
outstanding:				
Basic	2,391	2,391	2,391	2,391
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Diluted	2,395	2,391	2,395	2,390
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