



## Zapata Corporation Announces Second Quarter Results for 2002

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ROCHESTER, N.Y., Aug 14, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Zapata Corporation (NYSE:ZAP) today announced its consolidated financial results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2002.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2002, Zapata reported net income of \$1.2 million or \$0.51 per share compared to a net loss of \$9.9 million or \$4.16 per share for the comparable quarter last year. The net income for the second quarter 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 \$2.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002 as compared to a net loss of \$527,000 for the same period of the previous year.

For the six months ended June 30, 2002, Zapata reported net income of \$2.4 million or \$1.02 per share compared to a net loss of \$11.1 or \$4.65 per share for the comparable period of last year. The net income for this period was primarily due to net income at Omega Protein. Omega reported net income of \$5.7 million or \$0.23 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2002 as compared to a net loss of \$904,000 or \$0.04 per share for the same period of the previous year.

Omega attributes their net income for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2002 primarily to continued stronger world prices for their products, compared with the previous year's pricing. This strong and stable pricing was the result of continued tight world supplies of fish meal 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; 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; and the risk that the United States government may impose restrictions in the future that impede Omega Protein's operations, including harvesting menhaden. 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)		
	June 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2001
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,573	\$ 62,477
Short-term investments	67,029	33,948
Accounts receivable, net	13,772	22,427
Inventories, net	39,560	37,670
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,120	1,979
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Total current assets	163,054	158,501
Investments and other assets:		
Long-term investments, available for sale	9,120	--

Other assets	28,069	30,937
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Total investments and other assets	37,189	30,937
Property and equipment, net	82,464	82,239
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Total assets	\$ 282,707	\$ 271,677
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:

Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,296
Accounts payable	3,444	1,605
Accrued liabilities	27,035	21,864

Total current liabilities	31,710	24,765
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Long-term debt	14,884	15,510
Other liabilities and deferred taxes	7,536	7,952
Minority interest	55,827	53,599

Total liabilities	109,957	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 June 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	--	--
Preference stock, (\$.01 par), 1,800,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	--	--
Common stock, (\$.01 par), 16,500,000 shares authorized, 3,069,859 shares issued, and 2,390,849 shares outstanding on June 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	31	31
Capital in excess of par value	162,030	161,869
Retained earnings	46,185	43,743
Treasury stock, at cost, 679,010 shares at June 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001	(31,668 )	(31,668 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,828 )	(4,124 )

Total stockholders' equity	172,750	169,851
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 282,707	\$ 271,677
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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Revenues	\$ 27,237	\$ 19,053	\$ 50,716	\$ 38,099
Cost of revenues	20,331	17,011	37,255	35,024
Gross profit	6,906	2,042	13,461	3,075
Operating expense (income):				

Selling, general and administrative	3,436	3,824	6,564	6,804
Contract termination settlement	--	--	--	(403)
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Total operating expenses	3,436	3,824	6,564	6,401
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Operating income (loss)	3,470	(1,782)	6,897	(3,326)
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Other income (expense):				
Interest income, net	167	700	364	1,670
Realized loss on non-investment grade securities	--	(10,006)	--	(10,923)
Impairment of long-lived assets	--	(232)	--	(232)
Other, net	(44)	(12)	(96)	9
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	123	(9,550)	268	(9,476)
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Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest	3,593	(11,332)	7,165	(12,802)
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(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(1,225)	1,213	(2,495)	1,362
Minority interest in net (income) loss of consolidated subsidiary	(1,150)	173	(2,228)	336
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Net income (loss) to common stockholders	\$ 1,218	\$ (9,946)	\$ 2,442	\$ (11,104)
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Income (loss) per share (basic and diluted)	\$ 0.51	\$ (4.16)	\$ 1.02	\$ (4.65)
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Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	2,391	2,391	2,391	2,390
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Diluted	2,396	2,391	2,395	2,390
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