

Gaia Reports Second Quarter 2018 Results

Subscribers Increase 68% with Streaming Revenues up 65%

BOULDER, Colo., Aug. 06, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Gaia, Inc. (NASDAQ: GAIA), a conscious media and community company, reported financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018.

Second Quarter 2018 vs. Same Year-Ago Quarter

- 68% subscriber growth generated 65% increase in streaming revenues
- Gross margin up 70 basis points to 86.8%

"The second quarter was highlighted by the continuation of strong subscriber growth," said Jirka Rysavy, Gaia's CEO. "We remain ahead of the growth rate needed to achieve our subscriber goal for the end of 2019, while investing approximately \$1.0 million less than our targeted rate for customer acquisition even during our seasonally slowest quarter. We also expanded our geographic reach to over 180 countries."

Gaia's paying subscriber count increased 68% to 466,000 on June 30, 2018, from 277,800 on June 30, 2017.

Second Quarter 2018 Financial Results

Total revenues in the second quarter increased 59% to \$10.5 million from \$6.6 million in the year-ago quarter. This was due to 65% growth in streaming revenues, which was driven by the 68% increase in paying subscribers versus June 30, 2017.

Gross profit in the second quarter increased 61% to \$9.1 million compared to \$5.6 million in the year-ago quarter. Gross margin increased 70 basis points to 86.8% from 86.1% in the second quarter of 2017 due to increased revenues and continued cost efficiency in Gaia's original content investments. Gaia expects to maintain gross margins at this level through 2018.

Total operating expenses in the second quarter were \$15.6 million compared to \$12.0 million in the year-ago quarter. The increase was due to the planned marketing expense increases associated with accelerated subscriber growth. Customer acquisition costs as a percentage of streaming revenues declined to 85% in the second quarter of 2018 from 99% in the year-ago quarter, despite increasing the subscriber growth rate to 68% in the current quarter from 64% in the year-ago quarter.

Net loss in the second quarter was 6.3 million, or (0.35) per share, compared to a net loss of 6.3 million, or (0.42) per share, in the year-ago quarter.

As of June 30, 2018, Gaia had \$41.2 million in cash and no debt.

Conference Call

Gaia is hosting a conference call today, August 6, 2018, beginning at 4:30 p.m. ET (2:30 p.m. MT). The conference call dial-in numbers are (888) 394-8218 (or (323) 701-0225 for international callers), passcode 1819991. Questions will be reserved for analysts and investors. If you have any difficulty connecting with the conference call, please contact Liolios at (949) 574-3860. Following the completion of today's conference call, a replay will be available until August 20, 2018, by dialing (844) 512-2921 (or (412) 317-6671 for international callers), passcode 1819991.

About Gaia

Gaia is a global video streaming service and community that provides curated conscious media in three primary channels—Seeking Truth, Transformation and Yoga—to its subscribers in 180 countries with over 8,000 titles. Over 90% of its library is exclusive to Gaia, and approximately 80% of the views are generated by content produced or owned by Gaia. For more information about Gaia, visit www.gaia.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements relating to matters that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "expect," "believe," "will," or comparable terminology or by discussions of strategy. While Gaia believes its assumptions and expectations underlying forward-looking statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that actual results will not be materially different. Risks and uncertainties that could cause materially different results include, among others, operating losses, general economic conditions, competition, changing consumer preferences, acquisitions, new initiatives undertaken by us, costs of acquiring new subscribers, subscriber retention rates, and other risks and uncertainties included in Gaia's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Gaia assumes no duty to update any forward-looking statements.

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Condensed consolidated statements of operations

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,				For the Six Months Ended June 30,			
(in thousands, except per share data)	2018		2017		2018		2017	
	(unaudited)				(unaudited)			
Net revenues		•					•	
Streaming	\$	10,000	\$	6,057	\$	19,138	\$	11,266
DVD subscription and other		460		501		937		1,076
Total net revenues		10,460		6,558		20,075		12,342
Cost of revenues								
Streaming		1,290		844		2,471		1,585
DVD subscription and other		86		67		177		145
Total cost of revenues		1,376		911		2,648		1,730
Gross profit		9,084		5,647		17,427		10,612
Expenses:			-					
Selling and operating		14,253		10,562		29,063		21,028
Corporate, general and administration		1,340		1,439		2,751		2,792
Total operating expenses		15,593		12,001		31,814		23,820
Loss from operations		(6,509)	-	(6,354)		(14,387)		(13,208
Interest and other income, net		160		44		177		88
Loss before income taxes		(6,349)	-	(6,310)		(14,210)		(13,120
Income tax benefit		_		_		(1,826)		(629
Net loss	\$	(6,349)	\$	(6,310)	\$	(12,384)	\$	(12,491
Loss per share								
Basic and diluted	\$	(0.35)	\$	(0.42)	\$	(0.74)	\$	(0.82
Weighted-average shares outstanding:								
Basic and diluted		17,890		15,157		16,627		15,155

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Condensed consolidated balance sheets

	June 30,		December 31,		
(in thousands)		2018	2017		
ASSETS	(ur	naudited)			
Current assets:					
Cash	\$	41,160	\$	32,778	
Accounts receivable		1,322		1,055	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,977			3,082	
Total current assets	45,459			36,915	
Building and land, net		19,628		17,028	
Media library, software and equipment, net		24,033		20,387	
Goodwill		10,609		10,609	
Investments and other assets		12,743		12,040	
Total assets	\$	112,472	\$	96,979	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities	\$	5,956	\$	16,848	
Deferred revenue		4,424		3,316	
Total current liabilities		10,380		20,164	
Deferred taxes		164		663	
Total equity		101,928		76,152	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	112,472	\$	96,979	

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Source: Gaia, Inc.