

NETSOL Technologies Reports Fiscal Second Quarter 2018 Financial Results

Cost Reductions Drive Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA of \$2.1 million, or \$0.19 per Diluted Share, and GAAP Net Income of \$634,000, or \$0.06 per Diluted Share

CALABASAS, Calif., Feb. 13, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **NETSOL Technologies, Inc.** (NASDAQ:NTWK), a global business services and enterprise application solutions provider, reported results for the fiscal second quarter ended December 31, 2017.

Operational Highlights

- Reported quarterly cost savings of \$2.1 million directly tied to recent cost rationalization initiatives, bringing total savings to \$4.4 million and with an anticipated reduction of more than \$6.0 million through fiscal 2018.
- An auto finance company of a leading bank in Indonesia, and an existing customer, launched its leasing project, further strengthening NETSOL's relationship with this Indonesian business partner and paving the way for further success in the market.
- Captive finance company of a leading truck manufacturer in China successfully went live with NetSol's web Point of Sale (POS) solution and is now also offering NETSOL's mPOS solution to its clients.
- Total consolidated pipeline of new business increased to approximately \$175 million, driven by potential Ascent[™] contracts across all three major NETSOL markets.

Fiscal Second Quarter 2018 Financial Results

Total net revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 were \$14.4 million, compared with \$15.9 million in the prior year period. The decrease in total net revenues was primarily due to a decrease in license fees of \$3.3 million, which was offset by an increase in services revenue of \$1.9 million.

- Total license fees were \$453,000, compared with \$3.8 million in the prior year period.
- Total maintenance fees were \$3.7 million, compared with \$3.6 million in the prior year period.
- Total services revenues were \$10.3 million, compared with \$8.4 million in the prior year period.

Gross profit for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$6.7 million (or 46.3% of net revenues), compared to \$6.7 million (or 42.0% of net revenues) in the second quarter of fiscal 2017. The increase in gross profit as a percentage of net revenues was primarily due to a \$1.4 million decrease in cost of revenues for the quarter. The decrease in cost of revenues was primarily due to a decrease in salaries and consultant costs of \$618,000 related to the reduction of technical employees at key locations, including Pakistan, Thailand, China, UK and North America, as well as a decrease in travel costs of \$548,000.

Operating expenses for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 decreased 9% to \$6.4 million (or 44.1% of net revenues) from \$7.0 million (or 44.2% of net revenues) for the second quarter of fiscal 2017. The decrease in operating expenses was primarily due to cost reductions in selling and marketing expenses, salaries and wages, depreciation, and professional services.

GAAP net income attributable to NETSOL for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 totaled \$634,000 or \$0.06 per diluted share, an improvement from a net loss of \$2.2 million or \$(0.20) per diluted share in the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

Non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 totaled \$2.1 million or \$0.19 per diluted share, compared with \$299,000 or \$(0.03) per diluted share in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 (see note regarding "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures," below for further discussion of this non-GAAP measure).

At December 31, 2017, cash and cash equivalents were \$10.0 million, an increase from \$8.6 million at the end of the prior quarter.

Stock Repurchase Program

On July 18, 2017, NETSOL's board of directors approved a stock repurchase program that authorized potential repurchases of up to one million shares of its common stock. The program expired on December 15, 2017. At the conclusion of the program, the company had repurchased 139,275 shares of its common stock at an aggregate value of \$601,000. The board of directors will evaluate future stock repurchase programs both in the U.S. and Pakistan, but can make no guarantee as to the timing of specifics related to such decisions.

Management Commentary

"The fiscal second quarter marked an improvement over Q1 in many ways, most notably in a return to profitability, but it was also affected by a continuation of the same prolonged sales cycles we have experienced over the past several quarters as well," said company Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Najeeb Ghauri. "Nevertheless, we are continuing to control and manage what we can to mitigate these matters in the near term, as evidenced by the sustained success of our cost-reduction initiative, which contributed to a \$1.4 million decrease in our total cost of revenues and a more than \$600,000 decrease in our operating expenses in Q2.

"Looking ahead, we remain encouraged by the size and breadth of our overall pipeline of new business, which has increased to approximately \$175 million, driven by strong demand for our Ascent solution across all our market regions. Despite these continued elongated sales cycles, we remain wholly focused on managing costs and executing on our more immediate prospects, so that we are ideally positioned to capitalize on our growing pipeline of opportunities beginning in the second half of the fiscal year and beyond."

Conference Call

NETSOL Technologies management will hold a conference call today (February 13, 2018) at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time (6:00 a.m. Pacific time) to discuss these financial results. A question and answer session will follow management's presentation.

U.S. dial-in: 1-877-407-0789

International dial-in: 1-201-689-8562

Please call the conference telephone number 5-10 minutes prior to the start time. An operator will register your name and organization. If you have any difficulty connecting with the conference call, please contact Liolios Group at 1-949-574-3860.

The conference call will be broadcasted live and available for replay here and via the Investor Relations section of NETSOL's website.

A replay of the conference call will be available after 12:00 p.m. Eastern time on the same day through February 27, 2018.

Toll-free replay number: 1-844-512-2921 International replay number: 1-412-317-6671

Replay ID: 13675381

About NETSOL Technologies

NETSOL Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:NTWK) is a worldwide provider of IT and enterprise software solutions primarily serving the global Leasing and Finance industry. The company's suite of applications is backed by 40 years of domain expertise and supported by a committed team of approximately 1,350 professionals placed in eight strategically located support and delivery centers throughout the world. NFS, LeasePak, LeaseSoft or NFS Ascent – help companies transform their Finance and Leasing operations, providing a fully automated asset-based finance solution covering the complete leasing and finance lifecycle.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release are forward-looking in nature, including, but not limited to, expected net revenue and the demand for and sales lifecycle of NFS Ascent and the benefit of certain cost savings undertaken in the past fiscal year, and accordingly, are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. The words "expects," "anticipates," variations of such words, and similar expressions, identify forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, but their absence does not mean that the statement is not forward-looking. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Factors that could affect the Company's actual results include the progress and costs of the development of products and services and the timing of the market acceptance. The subject Companies expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to update or revise any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect any change in the company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances upon which any statement is based.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income, the most comparable financial

measure based upon GAAP, as well as a further explanation of adjusted EBITDA, is included in the financial tables in Schedule 4 of this press release. Beginning with the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016, NETSOL has revised its calculation of Adjusted EBITDA to exclude the portion of Adjusted EBITDA that is attributable to its subsidiaries that have a minority interest.

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NETSOL Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries Schedule 1: Consolidated Balance Sheets

ASSETS	As of December 31, 2017	As of June 30, 2017
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,004,650	\$ 14,172,954
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$347,413 and \$571,511	19,106,677	6,583,199
Accounts receivable, net - related party	2,582,403	1,644,942
Revenues in excess of billings	16,094,026	19,126,389
Revenues in excess of billings - related party	107,562	80,705
Convertible note receivable - related party	750,000	200,000
Other current assets	2,819,183	2,463,886
Total current assets	51,464,501	44,272,075
Restricted cash	90,000	90,000
Revenues in excess of billings, net - long term	6,668,854	5,173,538
Property and equipment, net	18,443,494	20,370,703
Other assets	3,543,315	3,211,295
Intangible assets, net	14,810,605	17,043,151
Goodwill	9,516,568	9,516,568
Total assets	\$ 104,537,337	\$ 99,677,330
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 7,560,298	\$ 6,880,194
Current portion of loans and obligations under capitalized leases	10,133,100	10,222,795
Unearned revenues	10,082,346	3,925,702
Common stock to be issued	88,324	88,324
Total current liabilities	27,864,068	21,117,015
Loans and obligations under capitalized leases; less current maturities	250,883	366,762
Total liabilities	28,114,951	21,483,777
	20,114,951	21,403,777
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 500,000 shares authorized;	-	-
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 14,500,000 shares authorized; 11,395,401 shares issued and 11,221,347 outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and 11,225,385 shares issued and		
11,190,606 outstanding as of June 30, 2017	113,954	112.254
Additional paid-in-capital	125,354,035	124,409,998
Treasury stock (At cost, 174,054 shares and 34,779 shares as of December 31, 2017 and June		12 1, 100,000
30, 2017, respectively)	(1,055,330)	(454,310)
Accumulated deficit	(42,036,467)	(42,301,390)
Stock subscription receivable	(221,000)	(297,511)
Other comprehensive loss	(20,276,030)	(18,074,570)
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61,879,162	63,394,471
14,543,224	14,799,082
76,422,386	78,193,553
\$ 104,537,337	\$ 99,677,330

NETSOL Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries Schedule 2: Consolidated Statement of Operations

		hree Months ecember 31,		For the Six Months Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016 Restated	2017	2016 Restated			
Net Revenues:							
License fees	\$ 235,932	\$ 3,769,557	\$ 561,998	\$ 9,223,352			
Maintenance fees	3,568,448	3,588,899	7,042,173	7,112,696			
Services	9,087,191	6,619,158	16,104,928	12,175,293			
License fees - related party	217,105	-	261,513	246,957			
Maintenance fees - related party	101,251	51,345	204,214	181,976			
Services - related party	1,236,508	1,829,827	3,090,385	3,994,981			
Total net revenues	14,446,435	15,858,786	27,265,211	32,935,255			
Cost of revenues:							
Salaries and consultants	5,362,092	5,979,804	10,826,252	11,873,153			
Travel	287,901	836,240	801,013	1,548,135			
Depreciation and amortization	1,168,103	1,318,764	2,341,216	2,649,636			
Other	939,986	1,065,727	1,796,568	2,038,065			
Total cost of revenues	7,758,082	9,200,535	15,765,049	18,108,989			
Gross profit	6,688,353	6,658,251	11,500,162	14,826,266			
Operating expenses:							
Selling and marketing	1,932,140	2,713,478	3,643,436	5,057,516			
Depreciation and amortization	222,785	271,485	468,658	540,582			
Provision for bad debts	-	1,026	-	1,026			
General and administrative	4,026,706	3,932,387	7,814,264	8,551,583			
Research and development cost	189,891	91,607	374,976	184,539			
Total operating expenses	6,371,522	7,009,983	12,301,334	14,335,246			
Income from operations	316,831	(351,732)	(801,172)	491,020			
Other income and (expenses)							
Loss on sale of assets	(8,939)	(32,339)	(16,069)	(34,742)			
Interest expense	(109,675)	(62,127)	(227,746)	(116,602)			
Interest income	115,570	23,416	252,481	53,856			
Gain (loss) on foreign currency exchange	, 	/caa :	0 == 1 ===	(4.000 ==== :			
transactions	1,737,967	(621,887)	2,754,329	(1,036,783)			
Share of net loss from equity investment	(203,336)		(270,898)	-			
Other income	14,511	6,823	15,610	28,383			
Total other income (expenses)	1,546,098	(686,114)	2,507,707	(1,105,888)			
Net income (loss) before income taxes	1,862,929	(1,037,846)	1,706,535	(614,868)			

Income tax provision		(200,927)		(338,884)		(225,798)		(378,759)
Net income (loss)	1,662,002		(1,376,730)			1,480,737		(993,627)
Non-controlling interest		(1,027,581)		(791,664)		(1,215,814)		(1,560,878)
Net income (loss) attributable to NetSol	\$	634,421	\$	(2,168,394)	\$	264,923	\$	(2,554,505)
Net income (loss) per share:								
Net income (loss) per common share								
Basic	\$	0.06	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.02	\$	(0.24)
Diluted	\$	0.06	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.02	\$	(0.24)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding								
Basic	11,159,075		10,877,446		_	11,115,346		10,783,685
Diluted	11,171,543			10,877,446		11,127,814		10,783,685

NETSOL Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries Schedule 3: Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Six Months Ended December 31. 2016 2017 Restated Cash flows from operating activities: \$ 1,480,737 Net income (loss) (993,627) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provide by (used in) operating activities: 2,809,874 3,190,218 Depreciation and amortization 1,026 Provision for bad debts Share of net loss from investment under equity method 270,898 Loss on sale of assets 16,069 34.742 1,525,775 833,530 Stock based compensation Fair market value of warrants and stock options granted 21,804 Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable (13,231,059)3,678,110 Accounts receivable - related party (1,637,829) 829.285 Revenues in excess of billing 602,676 (7,592,495)Revenues in excess of billing - related party (32,308)285,791 Other current assets (524,547)585,147 Accounts payable and accrued expenses 887,824 334,241 Unearned revenue 6,469,146 (1,830,619) Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (2,054,989)69,398 Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of property and equipment (543,123)(1,074,316)Sales of property and equipment 193,241 181,087 Convertible note receivable - related party (500,000)Investment in WRLD3D (50,000)(705,555)Net cash used in investing activities (899,882) (1,598,784) Cash flows from financing activities: Proceeds from the exercise of stock options and warrants 215,311 429,452 18.089 Proceeds from exercise of subsidiary options 7.755 (601,020) (38,885)Purchase of treasury stock Dividend paid by subsidiary to non-controlling interest (417,853)(968,657)Proceeds from bank loans 708,457

Payments on capital lease obligations and loans - net	(361,814)	(69,998)
Net cash used in financing activities	(449,164)	(629,999)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(764,269)	107,241
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,168,304)	(2,052,144)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	14,172,954	11,557,527
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 10,004,650	\$ 9,505,383

NETSOL Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries Schedule 4: Reconciliation to GAAP

		Three Months Ended December 31, 2017	Ended			Six Months Ended December 31, 2017		Six Months Ended December 31, 2016 Restated		
Net Income (loss) before preferred dividend, per GAAP Non-controlling interest Income taxes Depreciation and amortization Interest expense Interest (income) EBITDA Add back:	\$	634,421 1,027,581 200,927 1,390,888 109,675 (115,570) 3,247,922	\$	(2,168,394) 791,664 338,884 1,590,249 62,127 (23,416) 591,114	\$	264,923 1,215,814 225,798 2,809,874 227,746 (252,481) 4,491,674	\$	(2,554,505) 1,560,878 378,759 3,190,218 116,602 (53,856) 2,638,096		
Non-cash stock-based compensation		405,721		682,123 -		833,530		1,547,579		
Adjusted EBITDA, gross	\$	3,653,643	\$	1,273,237	\$	5,325,204	\$	4,185,675		
Less non-controlling interest (a)		(1,562,303		(1,550,729)	_	(2,264,167)		(3,183,972)		
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$	2,091,340	\$	(277,492)	\$	3,061,037	\$	1,001,703		
Weighted Average number of shares outstanding Basic Diluted		11,159,075 11,171,543		10,877,446 10,877,446		11,115,346 11,127,814		10,783,685 10,939,177		
Basic adjusted EBITDA	\$	0.19	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.28	\$	0.09		
Diluted adjusted EBITDA	\$	0.19	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.28	\$	0.09		
(a)The reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA of non-contonet income attributable to non-controlling interest. Net Income attributable to non-controlling interest. Income Taxes. Depreciation and amortization. Interest expense. Interest (income). EBITDA. Add back:		1,027,581 29,945 465,138 34,463 (36,918) 1,520,209	\$) \$	791,664 23,907 730,672 12,991 (34,947) 1,524,287	\$	1,215,814 40,423 932,320 73,535 (82,075) 2,180,017	\$	1,560,878 37,781 1,556,538 31,333 (51,397) 3,135,133		
Non-cash stock-based compensation	_	42,094		26,442		84,150		48,839		
Adjusted EBITDA of non-controlling interest	\$	1,562,303	\$	1,550,729	\$	2,264,167	\$	3,183,972		



Source: NETSOL Technologies Inc.