## PC Connection, Inc. Reports Third Quarter Results

## Company Announces Record Revenue, Improved Gross Margin, and Growth in Earnings THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS: -- Record net sales: \$456.5 million, up 10\% year over year -- Gross margin: 12.6\%, up from 12.3\% last year -- Net income: $\$ 7.7$ million, up $75 \%$ year over year -- Diluted earnings per share: \$.28, up from \$. 17 last year

MERRIMACK, N.H., Oct 25, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC), a leading direct marketer of information technology (IT) products and services, today announced results for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2007 increased by $\$ 41.3$ million, or $9.9 \%$, to $\$ 456.5$ million from $\$ 415.2$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Net income for the quarter was $\$ 7.7$ million, or $\$ .28$ per share, compared to $\$ 4.4$ million, or $\$ .17$ per share, for the corresponding prior year quarter.
"We are pleased with our record-setting Q3 performance," said Patricia Gallup, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "We achieved the largest revenue quarter in the Company's 25 -year history, and at the same time, we experienced a $76 \%$ increase in operating income and a 65\% increase in earnings per share over the third quarter of 2006."

Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased by $\$ 92.0$ million, or $7.6 \%$, to $\$ 1,295.8$ million from $\$ 1,203.8$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was $\$ 16.8$ million, or $\$ .62$ per share, compared to $\$ 9.2$ million, or $\$ .36$ per share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Quarterly Sales Growth by Business Segment:
-- Net sales for the SMB segment increased by $6.1 \%$ to $\$ 234.9$ million compared to the third quarter of 2006. Although sales to consumers declined, corporate outbound sales within the segment grew $15.7 \%$ year over year, reflecting our focus on business customers.
-- Net sales for MoreDirect, Inc., our Large Account segment, increased by $14.4 \%$ to $\$ 130.0$ million compared to the third quarter of 2006. This segment continues to obtain new customers and a greater share of existing customers' business.
-- Net sales for GovConnection, Inc., our Public Sector segment, increased by $14.2 \%$ to $\$ 91.6$ million compared to the third quarter of 2006. Double digit growth was generated with federal, state, and local government and education customers.

Quarterly Sales Growth By Product Mix:
-- Desktop computer and server sales increased 16.3\% year over year, accounting for $14.4 \%$ of net sales in the third quarter of 2007 compared to $13.6 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter.
-- Sales of storage devices increased 19.5\% year over year, accounting for $9.0 \%$ of net sales in the third quarter of 2007 compared to $8.3 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter.
-- Notebooks and PDAs, our largest product sales category, accounted for $15.7 \%$ of net sales in the third quarter of 2007 compared to $17.4 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter.
-- Software sales represented $12.8 \%$ of net sales in the third quarter of 2007 compared to $12.4 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter.

Gross profit was $\$ 57.5$ million for the third quarter of 2007 compared to $\$ 51.1$ million for the third quarter of 2006. Gross profit margin, as a percentage of net sales, was $12.6 \%$ in the third quarter of 2007 compared to $12.3 \%$ in the third quarter of 2006. As noted in our first quarter 2007 earnings release, we recorded substantially all vendor consideration in 2007 as a reduction to cost of inventory purchases, pursuant to Issue No. 02-16 of the Emerging Issues Task Force. Accordingly, this additional consideration accounted for a 22 basis-point increase in gross margin compared to the third quarter of 2006. Larger agency fee revenues in the third quarter of 2007 were largely offset by lower back-end vendor rebates.

Overall annualized sales productivity increased $17 \%$ in the third quarter of 2007 compared to the third quarter of 2006. Sales
productivity in our Large Account segment increased $28 \%$ in the third quarter of 2007 compared to the third quarter of 2006. For our SMB and Public Sector segments, productivity increased $15 \%$ and $9 \%$, respectively. On a consolidated basis, the total number of sales representatives, after the inclusion of inside sales representatives, was 654 as of September 30, 2007, compared to 713 sales representatives at September 30, 2006. We estimate sales representative headcount at December 31, 2007 to grow to approximately 685.

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG\&A") totaled $\$ 45.6$ million for the third quarter of 2007 compared to $\$ 43.3$ million for the third quarter of 2006. SG\&A improved as a percentage of net sales to $10.0 \%$ for the third quarter of 2007 compared to $10.4 \%$ for the third quarter of 2006 , reflecting our continuing effort to leverage our cost structure.

Gallup concluded, "PC Connection remains committed to making the investments necessary to continue to grow our business and improve operating performance. We believe we have the strategies and talent in place to position us well for future success and enhance long-term shareholder value."

## About PC Connection, Inc.

PC Connection, Inc., a Fortune 1000 company, owns three sales companies: PC Connection Sales Corporation, MoreDirect, Inc., and GovConnection, Inc., headquartered in Merrimack, NH, Boca Raton, FL, and Rockville, MD, respectively. All three companies can deliver custom-configured computer systems overnight. Investors and media can find more information about PC Connection, Inc. at http://ir.pcconnection.com.

PC Connection Sales Corporation (1-800-800-5555), the original business of PC Connection, Inc. serving the small- and medium-sized business sector (SMB), is a rapid-response provider of information technology (IT) products and services. It offers more than 150,000 brand-name products through its staff of technically trained sales account managers and catalog telesales representatives, catalogs, and publications, and its website at www.pcconnection.com. The subsidiary serves the Apple/Macintosh community through its MacConnection division (1-800-800-2222), which also publishes specialized catalogs and is online at www.macconnection.com.

MoreDirect, Inc. (561-237-3300), www.moredirect.com, provides corporate technology buyers with a comprehensive web-based e-procurement solution and in-depth IT supply-chain expertise, serving as a one-stop source by aggregating more than 300,000 products from the inventories of leading IT wholesale distributors and manufacturers. MoreDirect's TRAXX(R) system is a seamless end-to-end interface that empowers clients to electronically source, evaluate, compare prices, and track related technology product purchases in real-time.

GovConnection, Inc. (1-800-800-0019) is a provider of IT products and services to federal, state, and local government agencies and educational institutions through specialized account managers, catalogs, and publications, and online at www.govconnection.com.

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CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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At or for the Three Months
    Ended September 30, 2007 2006
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(Dollars and shares in
thousands, except operating
data, price/earnings ratio,

| and per share data) | \% of | $\%$ of |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Net | Net |
|  | Sales | Sales |
|  |  |  |


| Operating Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 456,470 |  | \$ | 415,213 |  | 9.9\% |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | . 28 |  | \$ | . 17 |  | 64.7\% |
| Gross profit margin |  | 12.6\% |  |  | 12.3\% |  |  |
| Operating margin |  | 2.6 |  |  | 1.6 |  |  |
| Return on equity (1) |  | 14.5 |  |  | 9.8 |  |  |
| Catalogs distributed |  | 3,199,000 |  |  | ,641,000 |  | (12.1) \% |
| Orders entered (2) |  | 363,700 |  |  | 381,700 |  | (4.7) \% |
| Average order size (2) | \$ | 1,543 |  | \$ | 1,295 |  | 19.2\% |
| Inventory turns (1) |  | 22 |  |  | 22 |  |  |
| Days sales outstanding |  | 45 |  |  | 43 |  |  |
| Product Mix: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notebooks \& PDAs | \$ | 71,730 | 15.7\% | \$ | 72,123 | 17.4\% | (0.5) \% |
| Desktops/Servers |  | 65,776 | 14.4 |  | 56,545 | 13.6 | 16.3 |
| Storage Devices |  | 41,233 | 9.0 |  | 34,508 | 8.3 | 19.5 |
| Software |  | 58,104 | 12.8 |  | 51,692 | 12.4 | 12.4 |
| Net/Com Products |  | 37,924 | 8.3 |  | 34,610 | 8.3 | 9.6 |
| Printers \& Printer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Video, Imaging \& Sound |  | 65,236 | 14.3 |  | 57,250 | 13.8 | 13.9 |
| Memory \& System |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enhancements |  | 20,460 | 4.5 |  | 19,028 | 4.6 | 7.5 |
| Accessories/Other |  | 52,558 | 11.5 |  | 45,922 | 11.1 | 14.5 |
|  | \$ | 456,470 | 100.0\% | \$ | 415,213 | 100.0\% | 9.9\% |

Net Sales of Enterprise Server and Networking Products (included in the above Product Mix):
$\$ 146,913 \quad 32.2 \%$ \$ $125,766 \quad 30.3 \% \quad 16.8 \%$
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Stock Performance
Indicators:
Actual shares outstanding 26,815 25,695
Total book value per
share \$ 8.10

Tangible book value per
share \$ 5.84 \$ 4.77

Closing price $\quad \$ \quad 12.50$ \$ 11.55
Market capitalization \$ 335,188 \$ 296,777
Trailing price/earnings ratio (3)

16
32
(1) Annualized
(2) Does not reflect cancellations or returns
(3) Earnings is based on the last four quarters

SELECTED SEGMENT INFORMATION

| For the Three Months Ended September 30 , | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Dollars in thousands) | Net <br> Sales | Gross Margin (\%) | Net <br> Sales | Gross Margin (\%) |
| PC Connection Sales Corporation (SMB) | \$234,850 | 14.3\% | \$221,330 | 13.3\% |
| MoreDirect (Large Account) | 130,027 | 11.5 | 113,690 | 11.4 |
| GovConnection (Public Sector) | 91,593 | 9.8 | 80,193 | 10.8 |
| Total | \$456,470 | 12.6\% | \$415,213 | 12.3\% |

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

| Three Months Ended September 30, | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | Amount | \% of Net Sales | Amount | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales |
| Net sales | \$456,470 | 100.0\% | \$415,213 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales | 398,940 | 87.4 | 364,070 | 87.7 |
| Gross Profit | 57,530 | 12.6 | 51,143 | 12.3 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 45,572 | 10.0 | 43,291 | 10.4 |
| Special charges | - | - | 1,050 | 0.3 |
| Income From Operations | 11,958 | 2.6 | 6,802 | 1.6 |
| Interest expense | (218) | (0.1) | (394) | (0.1) |
| Other, net | 192 | 0.1 | 38 | - |
| Income tax provision | $(4,247)$ | (0.9) | $(2,058)$ | (0.4) |
| Net Income | \$ 7,685 | 1.7\% | \$ 4,388 | 1.1\% |


| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic | 26,814 |  | 25,446 |  |
| Diluted |  | , 017 |  | , 667 |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.29 | \$ | 0.17 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 0.17 |


| Nine Months Ended September 30, | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | Amount | \% of Net Sales | Amount | \% of Net Sales |
| Net sales | \$1,295,772 | 100.0\% | \$1,203,785 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales | 1,134,287 | 87.5 | 1,055,481 | 87.7 |
| Gross Profit | 161,485 | 12.5 | 148,304 | 12.3 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 134,770 | 10.4 | 129,780 | 10.8 |
| Special charges | - | - | 2,391 | 0.2 |
| Income From Operations | 26,715 | 2.1 | 16,133 | 1.3 |
| Interest expense | (668) | (0.1) | $(1,475)$ | (0.1) |
| Other, net | 653 | 0.1 | 34 | - |
| Income tax provision | $(9,877)$ | (0.8) | $(5,487)$ | (0.4) |
| Net Income | \$ 16,823 | 1.3\% | \$ 9,205 | 0.8\% |


| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic | 26,765 |  | 25,330 |  |
| Diluted |  | 7,009 |  | , 459 |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.63 | \$ | 0.36 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.62 | \$ | 0.36 |


| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 30, \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (amounts in thousands) | 2007 | 2006 |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 23,685 | \$ 17,582 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 187,020 | 170,222 |
| Inventories-merchandise | 75,537 | 69,407 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,403 | 3,837 |
| Income taxes receivable | 675 | 627 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 3,578 | 3,882 |
| Total current assets | 294,898 | 265,557 |
| Property and equipment, net | 20,319 | 19,542 |
| Goodwill | 56,867 | 56,867 |
| Other intangibles, net | 3,559 | 4,363 |
| Other assets | 264 | 355 |
| Total Assets | \$375,907 | \$346,684 |




CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| Nine Months Ended September 30, (Amounts in thousands) | 2007 | 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 16,823 | \$ 9,205 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 5,158 | 5,227 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 1,482 | 2,094 |
| Deferred income taxes | 512 | 1,536 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 53 | 63 |
| Stock compensation expense | 202 | 277 |
| Gross excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options | (359) | (1) |
| Income tax benefits from exercise of stock options | 889 | 231 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | $(18,280)$ | 1,415 |
| Inventories | $(6,130)$ | 6,945 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 256 | 1,142 |
| Other non-current assets | 91 | 36 |
| Accounts payable | 6,036 | $(14,723)$ |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 2,182 | 5,533 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 8,915 | 18,980 |

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Purchases of property and equipment
$(5,184) \quad(6,401)$
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment

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Cash Flows from Financing Activities:
Proceeds from short-term borrowings
Repayment of short-term borrowings
Repayment of capital lease obligations
Exercise of stock options
Gross excess tax benefit from exercise of stock
options
Issuance of stock under Employee Stock Purchase
Plan

Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities

Increase in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period

Cash and cash equivalents, end of period

| 3,313 | 317,280 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(3,313)$ | $(330,159)$ |
| (665) | (614) |
| 2,544 | 2,822 |
| 359 | 1 |
| 134 | 120 |
| 2,372 | $(10,550)$ |
| 6,103 | 2,049 |
| 17,582 | 9,770 |
| \$ 23,685 | \$ 11,819 |

$(3,313) \quad(330,159)$
(665) (614)

2,822

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