## PCConnection,Inc.

## PC Connection, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year Results

## Company Announces Record Quarterly and Annual Sales

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FOURTH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS:

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-- Net sales: $490 million; up
    13% y/y
-- Net income: $6.2 million; up
    35% y/y
-- Diluted earnings per share:
    $.23; up from $.17 last year
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FULL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS:
-- Net sales: \$1,785 million; up
9\% y/y
-- Net income: $\$ 23.0$ million; up 67\% y/y
-- Diluted earnings per share:
\$.85; up from $\$ .54$ last year

PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC), a leading direct marketer of information technology (IT) products and services, today announced results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2007. Net sales for the three months ended December 31, 2007 increased by $\$ 57.7$ million, or $13.4 \%$, to $\$ 489.6$ million from $\$ 431.9$ million for the three months ended December 31, 2006. Net income for the quarter was $\$ 6.2$ million, or $\$ .23$ per share, compared to $\$ 4.6$ million, or $\$ .17$ per share, for the corresponding prior year quarter.

The quarter ended December 31, 2007 included special charges related to management restructuring that reduced earnings and earnings per share. Had these charges not been incurred, pro forma net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2007 would have been $\$ 6.5$ million, or $\$ .24$ per share, compared to $\$ 4.6$ million, or $\$ .17$ per share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. We did not record any special charges for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. A reconciliation between net income on a GAAP basis and pro forma net income is provided in a table immediately following the Consolidated Income Statements.
"We are pleased to report record quarterly and annual sales," said Patricia Gallup, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PC Connection, Inc. "The fourth quarter was our eleventh consecutive quarter of year-over-year revenue growth. We also achieved a $29 \%$ increase in operating income and a $35 \%$ increase in earnings per share over the fourth quarter of $2006 . "$

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2007 increased by $\$ 149.7$ million, or $9.2 \%$, to $\$ 1,785.4$ million from $\$ 1,635.7$ million for the year ended December 31, 2006. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2007 was $\$ 23.0$ million, or $\$ .85$ per share, compared to $\$ 13.8$ million, or $\$ .54$ per share, for the year ended December 31, 2006. The years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 included special charges that reduced earnings and earnings per share. Had these charges not been incurred, pro forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2007 would have been $\$ 23.3$ million, or $\$ .86$ per share, compared to $\$ 15.2$ million, or $\$ .59$ per share, for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Quarterly Sales Growth by Business Segment:
-- Net sales for the small- and medium-sized business (SMB) segment increased by $14.0 \%$ to $\$ 263.8$ million compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. Corporate outbound sales within the segment grew $24.9 \%$ year over year, reflecting our focus on business customers. Several large Video product orders from three customers drove the majority of this increase.
-- Net sales for MoreDirect, Inc., our Large Account segment, increased by $6.3 \%$ to $\$ 140.8$ million compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. MoreDirect continues to obtain new customers and a greater share of existing customers' business.
-- Net sales for GovConnection, Inc., our Public Sector segment, increased by $25.1 \%$ to $\$ 85.0$ million compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. Increased federal sales, obtained under recent government contracts, drove this double-digit growth.

Quarterly Sales Growth by Product Mix:
-- Video, Imaging and Sound sales increased 52.5\% year over year, accounting for $17.7 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter compared to $13.2 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter. Several large Video product orders from three SMB customers drove the majority of this revenue increase.
-- Notebooks and PDAs accounted for $14.9 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to $16.9 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter, reflecting our emphasis on driving sales in other product lines with higher margins.
-- Software sales increased 20.5\% year over year, accounting for $13.0 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to $12.2 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter. We experienced strong year over year growth with several software vendors.
-- Sales of storage devices increased 22.0\% year over year, accounting for $9.3 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to $8.6 \%$ for the corresponding prior year quarter.

Gross profit was $\$ 57.5$ million for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to $\$ 51.9$ million for the fourth quarter of 2006. Gross profit margin, as a percentage of net sales, was $11.7 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to $12.0 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2006. The large Video product orders shipped in the fourth quarter decreased our gross margin rates by approximately 70 basis points. Higher agency fee revenues and additional vendor consideration in the fourth quarter of 2007 partially offset these lower-margin SMB sales.

Annualized sales representative productivity increased 19\% on a consolidated basis in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. Sales productivity in our Large Account segment increased $21 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. Sales productivity in our SMB and Public Sector segments increased quarter over quarter by $20 \%$ and $19 \%$, respectively. On a consolidated basis, the total number of sales representatives was 692 as of December 31, 2007, compared to 654 at September 30, 2007, and 702 at December 31, 2006.

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG\&A") totaled $\$ 46.9$ million for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to $\$ 44.1$ million for the fourth quarter of 2006. SG\&A improved as a percentage of net sales to $9.5 \%$ for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to $10.2 \%$ for the fourth quarter of 2006 , reflecting our continuing efforts to leverage our cost structure.

Ms. Gallup continued, "Again, we are pleased with PC Connection's accomplishments in 2007. Our performance-improvement initiatives and our efforts to enhance the effectiveness of our sales organizations are producing positive results. In 2007, our GovConnection subsidiary was awarded both SEWP IV and First Source. These contracts allow us to more effectively reach new customers and better provide IT solutions to all of the largest agencies in the federal marketplace. PC Connection again placed on Fortune's list of the 1000 largest U.S. companies, and was ranked as one of the top business technology innovators on the InformationWeek 500."

Gallup concluded, "PC Connection is a recognized leader in our industry. We believe we are well-positioned to continue in a leadership role, and to grow sales and earnings to build 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
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"Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the impact of changes in market demand and the overall level of economic activity, or in the level of business investment in information technology products, competitive products and pricing, product availability and market acceptance, new products, fluctuations in operating results, and the ability of the Company to hire and retain essential personnel. Additional risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in our forward-looking statements are disclosed in our most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 and annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. We encourage you to read those disclosures. More specifically, the statements in this release concerning the Company's outlook for 2008 and the statements concerning the Company's gross margin percentage, productivity, and selling and administrative costs and other statements of a non-historical basis (including statements regarding implementing strategies for future growth, the ability of the Company to improve sales productivity and increase its active customers) are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties. Such risks and uncertainties include the ability to realize market demand for and competitive pricing pressures on the products and services marketed by the Company, the continued acceptance of the Company's distribution channel by vendors and customers, continuation of key vendor and customer relationships and support programs and the ability of the Company to hire and retain qualified sales representatives and other essential personnel. The Company assumes no obligation to update the information in this press release or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of any new information, future events, or otherwise.

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CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

| At or for the Three Months Ended December 31, |  | 2007 |  |  | 2006 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Dollars and shares in thousands, except operating data, price/earnings ratio, and per share data) |  |  | \% of Net <br> Sales |  |  | \% of Net Sales | \% Change |
| Operating Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales | \$ | 489,607 |  | \$ | 431,866 |  | 13.4\% |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | $.23$ |  | \$ | $.17$ |  | 35.3\% |
| Gross profit margin |  | 11.7\% |  |  | 12.0\% |  |  |
| Operating margin |  | 2.1 |  |  | 1.8 |  |  |
| Return on equity (1) |  | 11.2 |  |  | 9.7 |  |  |
| Catalogs distributed |  | 3,563,000 |  |  | ,440,000 |  | (19.8) \% |
| Orders entered (2) |  | 367,100 |  |  | 403,700 |  | (9.1) \% |
| Average order size <br> (2) | \$ | 1,515 |  | \$ | 1,208 |  | 25.4\% |
| Inventory turns (1) |  | 21 |  |  | 20 |  |  |
| Days sales outstanding |  | 43 |  |  | 45 |  |  |
| Product Mix: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Desktops/Servers |  | 64,984 | 13.3 |  | 60,474 | 14.0 | 7.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Storage Devices |  | 45,383 | 9.3 |  | 37,211 | 8.6 | 22.0 |
| Software |  | 63,511 | 13.0 |  | 52,714 | 12.2 | 20.5 |
| Net/Com Products |  | 41,281 | 8.4 |  | 40,458 | 9.4 | 2.0 |
| Printers \& Printer Supplies |  | 44,118 | 9.0 |  | 40,430 | 9.4 | 9.1 |
| Video, Imaging \& Sound |  | 86,657 | 17.7 |  | 56,817 | 13.2 | 52.5 |
| Memory \& System Enhancements |  | 20,525 | 4.2 |  | 23,013 | 5.3 | (10.8) |
| Accessories/Other |  | 50,186 | 10.2 |  | 47,589 | 11.0 | 5.5 |
|  | \$ | 489,607 | 100.0\% | \$ | 431,866 | 100.0\% | 13.4\% |

Net Sales of Enterprise Server and Networking Products (included in the above Product Mix):

| \$ | 164,922 | . $7 \%$ | \$ | 138,123 | 32.0\% | 9.4\% |
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| Indicators: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actual shares outstanding |  | 26,892 |  | 26,500 |
| Total book value per share | \$ | 8.34 | \$ | 7.43 |
| Tangible book value per share | \$ | 6.10 | \$ | 5.12 |
| Closing price | \$ | 11.35 | \$ | 14.83 |
| Market capitalization | \$ | 305,224 | \$ | 392,995 |
| Trailing price/earnings ratio (3) |  | 13 |  | 28 |

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

SELECTED SEGMENT INFORMATION


PC Connection Sales Corporation (SMB)
MoreDirect (Large Account)
GovConnection (Public Sector)

| $\$ 263,785$ | $12.6 \%$ | $\$ 231,481$ | $12.9 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 140,826 | 11.0 | 132,465 | 10.7 |
| 84,996 | 10.3 | 67,920 | 11.9 |
| -------- | ------ | -------- | ----- |
| $\$ 489,607$ | $11.7 \%$ | $\$ 431,866$ | $12.0 \%$ |
| $==============$ | $=============$ |  |  |


| CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Three Months Ended December |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | Amount |  | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales | Amount |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { of Net } \\ \text { Sales } \end{gathered}$ |
| Net sales | \$ | 489,607 | 100.0\% | \$ | 431,866 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales |  | 432,122 | 88.3 |  | 379,919 | 88.0 |
| Gross Profit |  | 57,485 | 11.7 |  | 51,947 | 12.0 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses |  | 46,870 | 9.5 |  | 44,147 | 10.2 |
| Special charges |  | 541 | 0.1 |  | - | 0.0 |
| Income From Operations |  | 10,074 | 2.1 |  | 7,800 | 1.8 |
| Interest expense |  | (264) | - |  | (353) | (0.1) |
| Other, net |  | 111 | - |  | 87 | - |
| Income tax provision |  | $(3,749)$ | (0.8) |  | $(2,963)$ | (0.6) |
| Net Income | \$ | 6,172 | 1.3\% | \$ | 4,571 | 1.1\% |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 26,844 |  |  | 26,067 |  |
| Diluted |  | 27,052 |  |  | 26,507 |  |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.23 |  | \$ | 0.18 |  |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.23 |  | \$ | 0.17 |  |
| CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years Ended December 31, | 2007 |  |  | 2006 |  | \% of Net Sales |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) |  \% of <br> Net  <br> Amount Sales |  |  | Amount |  |  |
| Net sales |  | ,785,379 | 100.0\% |  | ,635,651 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales |  | ,566,409 | 87.7 |  | ,435,400 | 87.8 |
| Gross Profit | $218,970 \quad 12.3$ |  |  | 200,251 |  | 12.2 |

$\left.\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Selling, general and } & & & \\ \text { administrative expenses } & 181,640 & 10.2 & 173,927 & 10.6 \\ \text { Special charges } & 541 & - & 2,391 & 0.1 \\ & \text { Income From Operations } & 36,789 & 2.1 & 23,933\end{array}\right] 1.5$

| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic | 26,785 |  | 25,516 |  |
| Diluted | 27,024 |  | 25,731 |  |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.86 | \$ | 0.54 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.85 | \$ | 0.54 |



| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (amounts in thousands) | 2007 | 2006 |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 13,741 | \$ 17,582 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 202,216 | 170,222 |
| Inventories-merchandise | 76,090 | 69,407 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,858 | 3,837 |
| Income taxes receivable | 345 | 627 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 4,322 | 3,882 |
| Total current assets | 299,572 | 265,557 |
| Property and equipment, net | 20,831 | 19,542 |
| Goodwill | 56,867 | 56,867 |
| Other intangibles, net | 3,291 | 4,363 |
| Other assets | 318 | 355 |
| Total Assets | \$380,879 | \$346,684 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Current Liabilities: |  |  |
| Current maturities of capital lease obligations: |  |  |
| To affiliate | \$ 527 | \$ 464 |
| To third party | - | 395 |
| Accounts payable | 111,140 | 110,977 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 20,557 | 17,389 |
| Accrued payroll | 10,816 | 9,367 |
| Total current liabilities | 143,040 | 138,592 |
| Capital lease obligations, less current maturities: |  |  |
| To affiliate | 4,309 | 4,836 |
| Other liabilities | 3,784 | - |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,436 | 6,352 |
| Total Liabilities | 156,569 | 149,780 |
| Stockholders' Equity: |  |  |
| Common stock | 273 | 269 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 94,132 | 89,537 |
| Retained earnings | 131,970 | 109,321 |
| Treasury stock at cost | $(2,065)$ | $(2,223)$ |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 224,310 | 196,904 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$380,879 | \$346,684 |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Year ended December 31, 2007 (amounts in thousands)

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Common Stock Additional Retained Treasury Shares
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    Paid-In
Shares Amount Capital Earnings Shares Amount Total
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Balance -
January
01, 2007 26,862 $\$ 269$ \$89,537 $\$ 109,321$ (352) (\$2,223) $\$ 196,904$
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of stock
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Release
of non-
vested
stock
awards - 3
Issuance
of stock
under
Employee
Stock
Purchase
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of non-
vested
stock
awards (158) 25 -
Net
income - $\quad$ - $\quad$ - $\quad 22,995 \quad-\quad$ 22,995
Balance -
December
31, 2007 27,252 $\$ 273$ \$94,132 $\$ 131,970(327)(\$ 2,065) \$ 224,310$


## Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Purchases of property and equipment
$(7,066) \quad(7,981)$
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment

| (7,066) | $(7,960)$ |
| :---: | :---: |

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 53,280 | 402,039 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings | $(53,280)$ | $(422,014)$ |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations | $(859)$ | $(828)$ |
| Exercise of stock options | 2,910 | 9,740 |
| Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock <br> options | 447 | 240 |
| Issuance of stock under Employee Stock <br> Purchase Plan | 294 | 233 |

Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities

2,792
$(10,590)$

| equivalents | $(3,841)$ | 7,812 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 17,582 |  | 9,770 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 13,741 | \$ | 17,582 |

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