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

## Company Continues Record Quarterly and Annual Sales

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MERRIMACK, N.H., Jan 25, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC)
FOURTH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS:
FULL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS:
-- Net sales: $432 million, 8.3% -- Net sales: $1,636 million,
    growth y/y
-- Gross profit margin: 12.0%, up
    in all segments
-- Net income: $4.6 million
-- Diluted earnings per share:
    $.17
    13.3% growth y/y
-- Gross profit margin: 12.2%, up
    in all segments
    -- Diluted earnings per share:
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PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC) achieved record quarterly sales and increased earnings per share year over year in the quarter ended December 31, 2006.

Net sales for the three months ended December 31, 2006 increased by $\$ 33.3$ million, or $8.3 \%$, to $\$ 431.9$ million from $\$ 398.6$ million for the three months ended December 31, 2005. Net income for the quarter was $\$ 4.6$ million, or $\$ .17$ per share, compared to break even for the corresponding prior year quarter.
"We are pleased with the Company's 2006 performance for both the fourth quarter and the year," said Patricia Gallup, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, PC Connection, Inc. "We added significantly to the number of new and active accounts, improved gross margins, and increased our earnings per share."

The three-month period ended December 31, 2005 included special charges that reduced earnings and earnings per share. Had these charges not been incurred, pro forma net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 would have been $\$ 0.8$ million, or $\$ .03$ 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.

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2006 increased by $\$ 191.4$ million, or $13.3 \%$, to $\$ 1,635.7$ million from $\$ 1,444.3$ million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The three- and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2006 included revenue generated by former sales representatives of Amherst Technologies who joined the Company after our purchase of Amherst assets in October 2005. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2006 was $\$ 13.8$ million, or $\$ .54$ per share, compared to $\$ 4.4$ million, or $\$ .18$ per share, for the year ended December 31, 2005. The twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 included special charges that reduced earnings and earnings per share. Had these charges not been recorded, pro forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2006 would have been $\$ 15.2$ million, or $\$ .59$ per share, compared to $\$ 5.7$ million, or $\$ .23$ per share, for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Quarterly Sales Growth By Business Segment:
-- Net sales for the small- and medium-sized business (SMB) segment increased by $3.6 \%$ to $\$ 231.5$ million compared to the fourth quarter of 2005.
-- Net sales to large account customers increased by $18.0 \%$ to $\$ 132.5$ million compared to the fourth quarter of 2005 .
-- Net sales to government and education customers (Public Sector segment) increased by $8.1 \%$ to $\$ 67.9$ million compared to
the fourth quarter of 2005.
Quarterly Sales Growth By Product Mix:
-- Notebooks and PDAs continued to be the Company's largest product category, accounting for $16.9 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared to $17.3 \%$ for the corresponding period a year ago.
-- Desktop computers and servers accounted for $14.0 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared to $14.4 \%$ of net sales for the corresponding period a year ago.
-- Video, Imaging, and Sound accounted for $13.2 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared to $13.7 \%$ of net sales for the corresponding period a year ago.
-- Net/Com products grew $24.9 \%$ year over year to $9.4 \%$ of net sales due to an increase in infrastructure, switching, and routing solutions sales.
-- Sales of accessories and other products increased $11.6 \%$ year over year to $11.0 \%$ of net sales due to higher attachment sales of services and companion products.

Gross profit margin, as a percentage of net sales, increased 100 basis points to $12.0 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2006 from $11.0 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2005. Gross margin improved in all three business segments due to increased focus on invoice margins, greater vendor consideration received in the quarter, and increased service revenues and software referral fees. Annualized sales productivity in the large account and public sectors increased $18 \%$ and $5 \%$, respectively, in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared to the fourth quarter of 2005. However, productivity decreased $11 \%$ in SMB due to the addition of a new call center. The total number of sales representatives increased by 48 to 666 as of December 31, 2006 from 618 as of December 31, 2005.

Total selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG\&A") for the quarter increased year over year by $\$ 2.5$ million, or $6.0 \%$ but decreased as a percentage of sales to $10.2 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2006 from $10.5 \%$ for the fourth quarter of 2005. The year-over-year dollar increase resulted primarily from increased variable compensation associated with higher gross profit dollars, incremental operating expenses associated with our new Texas sales office, and other variable support costs related to revenue growth. The 2006 reduction in SG\&A as a percentage of sales resulted from improved leveraging of our expense structure.

Ms. Gallup concluded, "PC Connection's 2006 financial results are encouraging. Overall sales were at the highest level in the Company's history, and our operating margins continued to improve. The Company's positive performance was a result of our success in executing our business plans, and offering the best combination of products, services, solutions, and customer care in the industry. We believe PC Connection has the right strategies, resources, and talent in place to continue to build on our successes and increase long-term shareholder value."

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CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
At or for the Three
Months Ended December
31,

- 2006

Operating Data:

| Net sales | \$ | 431,866 | \$ | 398,612 | 8.3\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | 0.17 | \$ | . 00 | 100.0 |
| Gross profit margin |  | 12.0\% |  | 11.0\% |  |
| Operating margin |  | 1.8\% |  | 0.2\% |  |
| Return on equity (1) |  | 9.7\% |  | 0.0\% |  |
| Catalogs distributed |  | 4,440,000 |  | 6,284,000 | -29.3\% |
| Orders entered (2) |  | 403,700 |  | 379,600 | 6.3\% |
| Average order size (2) | \$ | 1,208 | \$ | 1,195 | 1.1\% |
| Inventory turns (1) |  | 20 |  | 20 |  |
| Days sales outstanding |  | 45 |  | 47 |  |


| Product Mix: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Notebooks \& PDAs | $\$$ | 73,160 | $16.9 \%$ | 69,139 | $17.3 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |
| Desktops/Servers |  | 60,474 | 14.0 | 57,189 | 14.4 | 5.7 |
| Storage Devices | 37,211 | 8.6 | 33,641 | 8.4 | 10.6 |  |
| Software | 52,714 | 12.2 | 48,266 | 12.1 | 9.2 |  |
| Net/Com Products | 40,458 | 9.4 | 32,383 | 8.1 | 24.9 |  |
| Printers \& Printer |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Video, Imaging \& Sound | 56,817 | 13.4 | 38,677 | 9.7 | 4.5 |  |
| Memory \& System |  |  | 54,552 | 13.7 | 4.2 |  |
| $\quad$ Enhancements | 23,013 | 5.3 | 22,110 | 5.6 | 4.1 |  |
| Accessories/Other | 47,589 | 11.0 | 42,655 | 10.7 | 11.6 |  |

Notebooks \& PDAs
Desktops/Servers
Storage Devices
Software
Net/Com Products
Printers \& Printer Supplies
Video, Imaging \& Sound Entancenents

Accessories/Other

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8.3%
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Net Sales of Enterprise Server and Networking Products (included in the above Product Mix):
$\$ 138,123 \quad 32.0 \%$ \$ $116,705 \quad 29.3 \% \quad 18.4 \%$

| Stock Performance |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Indicators: |  |  |  |  |
| Actual shares |  |  |  |  |
| Total book value per share | \$ | 7.43 | \$ | 6.79 |
| Tangible book value per share | \$ | 5.12 | \$ | 4.32 |
| Closing price | \$ | 14.83 | \$ | 5.38 |
| Market capitalization | \$ | 392,995 | \$ | 135,895 |
| Trailing <br> price/earnings ratio <br> (3) |  |  |  |  |
| (3) |  | 28 |  | 30 |

(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
December 31,

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

| Three Months Ended December 31, | 2006 |  | 2005 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | Amount | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales | Amount | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales |
| Net sales | \$431,866 | 100.0\% | \$398,612 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales | 379,919 | 88.0 | 354,794 | 89.0 |
| Gross Profit | 51,947 | 12.0 | 43,818 | 11.0 |


| expenses | 44,147 | 10.2 | 41,655 | 10.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Special charges | - | 0.0 | 1,274 | 0.3 |
| Income From Operations | 7,800 | 1.8 | 889 | 0.2 |
| Interest expense | (353) | (0.1) | (601) | (0.1) |
| Other, net | 87 | - | 39 | - |
| Income tax provision | $(2,963)$ | 0.6 | (316) | (0.1) |
| Net Income | \$ 4,571 | 1.1\% | 11 | 0.0\% |


| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic | 26,067 |  | 25,226 |  |
| Diluted |  | , 507 |  | 290 |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.18 | \$ | . 00 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.17 | \$ | . 00 |

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

| Twelve Months Ended December 31, | 2006 |  | 2005 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | Amount | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales | Amount | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales |
| Net sales | \$1,635,651 | 100.0\% | \$1,444,297 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales | 1,435,400 | 87.8 | 1,280,701 | 88.7 |
| Gross Profit | 200,251 | 12.2 | 163,596 | 11.3 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 173,927 | 10.6 | 151,981 | 10.5 |
| Special charges | 2,391 | 0.1 | 2,127 | 0.1 |
| Income From Operations | 23,933 | 1.5 | 9,488 | 0.7 |
| Interest expense | $(1,828)$ | (0.1) | $(1,447)$ | (0.1) |
| Other, net | 121 | - | 89 | - |
| Income tax provision | $(8,450)$ | 0.6 | $(3,683)$ | (0.3) |
| Net Income | \$ 13,776 | $0.8 \%$ | \$ 4,447 | $0.3 \%$ |

Weighted average common shares outstanding:

Basic 25,516 25,184
$==================$

| Diluted | 25,731 |  |  |  | 25,281 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.54 |  |  | 0.18 |  |  |  |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.54 |  |  | 0.18 |  |  |  |
| A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GAAP AND PRO FORMA NET INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This information is being provided so as to allow for a comparison of our operating results without special charges. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, | Three Months Ended Twelve Months Ended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Amounts in thousands) | 2006 |  | 2005 |  | 2006 |  | 2005 |  |
| GAAP net income <br> Special charges (after tax): | \$ | 4,571 | \$ | 11 | \$ | 13,776 | \$ | 4,447 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Management restructuring |  | - |  | 131 |  | 900 |  | 643 |
| Amherst transaction | - |  |  | 633 |  | 535 |  | 633 |
|  | - |  |  | 764 | 1,435 |  | 1,276 |  |
| Pro forma net income | \$ | 4,571 | \$ | 775 | \$ | 15,211 | \$ | 5,723 |


| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS | December 31, December 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands) |  | 2006 |  | 2005 |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 17,582 | \$ | 9,770 |
| Accounts receivable, net |  | 170,222 |  | 162,525 |
| Inventories - merchandise |  | 69,407 |  | 75,374 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 3,837 |  | 3,769 |
| Income taxes receivable |  | 627 |  | 1,742 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 3,882 |  | 4,219 |
| Total current assets |  | 265,557 |  | 257,399 |
| Property and equipment, net |  | 19,542 |  | 17,700 |
| Goodwill, net |  | 56,867 |  | 56,820 |
| Other intangibles, net |  | 4,363 |  | 5,427 |
| Other assets |  | 355 |  | 359 |
| Total assets | \$ | 346,684 | \$ | 337,705 |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:
Current maturities of capital lease obligations:
To affiliate


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Balance -
    December 31,
    2006 26,862 $269 $89,600 $109,321 (362)($2,286)$196,904
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| Twelve Months Ended December 31, (Amounts in thousands) |  | 2006 |  | 2005 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 13,776 | \$ | 4,447 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 7,049 |  | 7,197 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts |  | 2,885 |  | 3,993 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 2,179 |  | (111) |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets |  | 86 |  | 43 |
| Stock compensation expense |  | 418 |  | 34 |
| Gross excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options |  | (240) |  | - |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable |  | $(10,582)$ |  | $(45,766)$ |
| Inventories |  | 5,967 |  | 3,016 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 1,452 |  | (992) |
| Other non-current assets |  | 4 |  | (170) |
| Accounts payable |  | $(3,436)$ |  | 34,704 |
| Income tax benefits from exercise of stock options |  | 1,338 |  | 82 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities |  | 5,466 |  | 3,152 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities |  | 26,362 |  | 9,629 |


| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Purchases of property and equipment | $(7,981)$ | $(6,572)$ |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment | 21 | 13 |
| Purchase of intangible asset | - | $(475)$ |
| Payment of acquisition earn-out obligation | - | $(6,921)$ |
| Payment for acquisition | $-\quad-\quad(7,779)$ |  |
| Net cash used for investing activities | $(7,960)$ | $(21,734)$ |

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:
Proceeds from short-term borrowings

| 402,039 | 320,379 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $(422,014)$ | $(305,214)$ |
| $(828)$ | $(797)$ |
| 9,740 | 366 |
| 240 | - |
| 233 | 312 |


| Net cash (used for) provided by financing |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| activities | $(10,590)$ | 15,046 |
|  |  | $--1,812$ |

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