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## PC Connection, Inc. Reports Second Quarter Results

### SECOND QUARTER SUMMARY:

- Net sales: \$557.3 million, up 2.7% year over year
- Operating margin increased to 2.8% of net sales
- Diluted earnings per share: \$0.35, up 6.1% year over year
- Cash balance increased to \$64 million, from \$40 million at December 31, 2012

MERRIMACK, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PC Connection, Inc. (**NASDAQ: PCCC**), a provider of a full range of information technology (IT) solutions to business, government, and education markets, today announced results for the quarter ended June 30, 2013. Net sales for the second quarter of 2013 were \$557.3 million, an increase of 2.7% compared to \$542.6 million for the second quarter of 2012. Net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 was \$9.2 million, or \$0.35 per share, compared to net income of \$8.8 million, or \$0.33 per share, for the corresponding prior year quarter.

Net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2013 were \$1,062.7 million, an increase of \$21.4 million or 2.1%, compared to \$1,041.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012. Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was \$15.3 million, or \$0.58 per share, compared to net income of \$14.3 million, or \$0.54 per share, for the six months ended June 30, 2012. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation expense, and special charges ("Adjusted EBITDA") totaled \$64.1 million for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013, as compared to \$59.5 million for the twelve months ended June 30, 2012.

### *Quarterly Sales by Segment:*

- Net sales for the SMB segment increased by 5.5% in the quarter to \$242.2 million, compared to net sales in the second quarter of 2012. Net/com sales had the strongest growth during the quarter due to increased enterprise networking sales. SMB software sales also continue to be strong due to increased demand in security, virtualization, and operating systems software.
- Net sales for the Large Account segment of \$196.2 million were relatively level compared to net sales in the second quarter of 2012. Growth in software and video, imaging, and sound sales was offset by declines in storage and net/com products. Commercial sales, which consists of SMB and Large Account sales, increased by 2.8% from the prior year quarter.
- Net sales to government and education customers (Public Sector segment) increased by 2.5% year over year to \$118.9 million. Sales to state and local government and educational institutions increased by 11.3% compared to last year. Federal budget constraints led to a 22.2% decrease in federal government sales.

Net sales to healthcare customers, which are included in each of the three selling segments, increased 25% versus the prior year quarter.

### *Quarterly Sales by Product Mix:*

- Notebook/tablet sales, the Company's largest product category, decreased slightly by 1% year over year and accounted for 19% of net sales in the second quarter of 2013 and 2012. Large Account experienced a slight year-over-year increase in notebook/tablet sales which was more than offset by a decrease in SMB sales. Unit sales increased year over year, however the increase in volume was offset by a decline in average selling prices.
- Desktop/server sales accounted for 15% of net sales in the second quarter of 2013 and 2012. Revenues were very consistent versus prior year in each of the three segments.
- Software sales increased by 7% year over year, accounting for 16% of net sales in the second quarter of 2013 and 2012. We experienced strong growth in both our SMB and Large Account software sales.
- Net/Com Product sales increased by 8% year over year, accounting for 10% of net sales in the second quarter of 2013

and 2012. Strong growth in enterprise networking in the SMB segment contributed to the overall growth during the quarter.

Overall gross profit dollars increased by \$2.3 million, or 3.3%, in the second quarter of 2013, compared to the prior year quarter. Consolidated gross margin, as a percentage of net sales, increased to 13.3% in the second quarter of 2013 compared to 13.2% in the prior year quarter.

Total selling, general and administrative expenses increased in dollars year over year, but remained flat as a percentage of net sales at 10.5% for the second quarter of 2013 and 2012. We are continuing to invest in solution sales capabilities and expect SG&A expenses to rise accordingly as the year progresses; however, we are highly focused on improving efficiencies and streamlining wherever possible.

The Company generated significant positive cash flow in the first half of 2013. Total cash was \$64.2 million compared to \$39.9 million at December 31, 2012. Days sales outstanding were 39 days at June 30, 2013 compared to 41 days at June 30, 2012, and inventory turns increased to 30 turns in the second quarter of 2013 compared to 28 turns in the prior year quarter.

"I am pleased with our results this quarter. We increased revenues, gross margin, operating margin, and earnings per share in a challenging environment. We had solid performance in our healthcare vertical that increased by 25%. We continue to transform our business to provide higher value technology solutions that help our customers solve their business challenges," said Timothy McGrath, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We believe the strategies we have put in place will position us well to gain market share and enhance long-term shareholder value."

### **Non-GAAP Financial Information**

Adjusted EBITDA, pro forma net income, and pro forma earnings per share are non-GAAP financial measures. This information is included to provide information with respect to the Company's operating performance and earnings. Reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA, pro forma net income, and pro forma earnings per share to GAAP net income are provided in tables immediately following the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

### **About PC Connection, Inc.**

PC Connection, Inc., a Fortune 1000 company, has 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 from our ISO 9001:2008 certified technical configuration lab at our distribution center in Wilmington, OH. Investors and media can find more information about PC Connection, Inc. at <http://ir.pcconnection.com>.

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Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended December 31, 2012. More specifically, the statements in this release concerning the Company's outlook for selling, general, and administrative expenses in 2013, the Company's anticipated product growth categories, and other statements of a non-historical basis (including statements regarding the Company's ability to grow revenues, improve gross margins, increase market share, and increase earnings per share) 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, the ability of the Company to gain or maintain market share, and the ability of the Company to hire and retain qualified sales representatives and other essential personnel. The Company disclaims any 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.

## CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

At or for the Three Months Ended June 30,

	2013		2012		
	% of		% of		%
	Net Sales		Net Sales		Change
<i>(Amounts and shares in thousands, except operating data, P/E ratio, and per share data)</i>					
<b>Operating Data:</b>					
Net sales	\$ 557,287		\$ 542,569		3%
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.35		\$ 0.33		6%
Gross margin	13.3%		13.2%		
Operating margin	2.8%		2.7%		
Return on equity <sup>(1)</sup>	11.2%		11.3%		
Inventory turns	30		28		
Days sales outstanding	39		41		
<b>Product Mix:</b>					
Notebook/Tablet	\$ 104,415	19%	\$ 105,342	19%	(1%)
Software	90,629	16	84,839	16	7%
Desktop/Server	82,532	15	82,424	15	-
Net/Com Product	56,728	10	52,361	10	8%
Video, Imaging and Sound	49,950	9	49,764	9	-
Printer and Printer Supplies	36,826	7	37,143	7	(1%)
Storage	36,085	6	38,659	7	(7%)
Memory and System Enhancement	16,810	3	14,985	3	12%
Accessory/Services/Other	83,312	15	77,052	14	8%
<b>Total Net Sales</b>	<b>\$ 557,287</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 542,569</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3%</b>

## Stock Performance Indicators:

Actual shares outstanding	26,112	26,352
Total book value per share	\$ 11.83	\$ 10.92
Tangible book value per share	\$ 9.74	\$ 8.80
Closing price	\$ 15.45	\$ 10.62
Market capitalization	\$ 403,430	\$ 279,858
Pro forma trailing price/earnings ratio	12.1	8.9
LTM Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 64,073	\$ 59,498
Adjusted market capitalization/LTM Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	5.3	3.6

(1) Based on last twelve months' net income.

(2) Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) adjusted for stock-based compensation and special charges.

(3) Adjusted market capitalization is defined as gross market capitalization less cash balance.

**REVENUE AND MARGIN INFORMATION****For the Three Months Ended June 30,**

	2013		2012	
	Net Sales	Gross Margin	Net Sales	Gross Margin
(amounts in thousands)				
SMB	\$ 242,194	15.8%	\$ 229,619	15.5%
Large Account	196,152	11.2	196,947	11.6
Public Sector	118,941	11.5	116,003	11.3
Total	<u>\$ 557,287</u>	13.3%	<u>\$ 542,569</u>	13.2%

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****Three Months Ended June 30,***(amounts in thousands, except per share data)*

	2013		2012	
	Amount	% of Net Sales	Amount	% of Net Sales
Net sales	\$ 557,287	100.0%	\$ 542,569	100.0%
Cost of sales	483,371	86.7	470,998	86.8
<b>Gross profit</b>	73,916	13.3	71,571	13.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses	58,533	10.5	56,903	10.5
<b>Income from operations</b>	15,383	2.8	14,668	2.7
Interest/other expense, net	(46)	-	(93)	-
Income tax provision	(6,183)	(1.2)	(5,749)	(1.1)
<b>Net income</b>	<u>\$ 9,154</u>	1.6%	<u>\$ 8,826</u>	1.6%
Earnings per common share:				
Basic	<u>\$ 0.35</u>		<u>\$ 0.33</u>	
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.35</u>		<u>\$ 0.33</u>	
Shares used in the computation of earnings per share:				
Basic	<u>26,127</u>		<u>26,403</u>	
Diluted	<u>26,379</u>		<u>26,519</u>	

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****Six Months Ended June 30,***(amounts in thousands, except per share data)*

	2013		2012	
	Amount	% of Net Sales	Amount	% of Net Sales
Net sales	\$1,062,710	100.0%	\$1,041,332	100.0%
Cost of sales	921,956	86.8	903,150	86.7
<b>Gross profit</b>	140,754	13.2	138,182	13.3
Selling, general and administrative expenses	115,246	10.8	113,353	10.9
Special charges	-	-	1,135	0.1
<b>Income from operations</b>	25,508	2.4	23,694	2.3
Interest/other expense, net	(96)	-	(47)	-
Income tax provision	(10,160)	(1.0)	(9,346)	(0.9)
<b>Net income</b>	<u>\$ 15,252</u>	1.4%	<u>\$ 14,301</u>	1.4%
Earnings per common share:				

Basic	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.54
Diluted	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.54

Shares used in the computation of earnings per share:

Basic	26,063	26,421
Diluted	26,329	26,554

## A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GAAP AND PRO FORMA NET INCOME

Six Months Ended June 30,

(provided for comparison of our operating results without special charges, amounts in thousands)

	2013	2012
GAAP net income	\$ 15,252	\$ 14,301
Special charges (after tax)	-	681
Pro forma net income	\$ 15,252	\$ 14,982
Pro forma diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.56

## EBITDA AND ADJUSTED EBITDA

A reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is detailed below. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA means EBITDA adjusted for certain items which are described in the table below. Both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide helpful information with respect to our operating performance including our ability to fund our future capital expenditures and working capital requirements. Adjusted EBITDA also provides helpful information as it is the primary measure used in certain financial covenants contained in our credit agreements.

(amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,			LTM Ended June 30, <sup>(1)</sup>		
	2013	2012	% Change	2013	2012	% Change
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 9,154	\$ 8,826		\$ 34,022	\$ 31,114	
Depreciation and amortization	1,709	1,623		7,050	6,243	
Income tax expense	6,183	5,749		22,250	20,049	
Interest/other expense, net	46	93		174	196	
<b>EBITDA</b>	17,092	16,291		63,496	57,602	
Stock-based compensation	153	172		577	1,603	
Other special charges	-	-		-	293	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	\$ 17,245	\$ 16,463	5%	\$ 64,073	\$ 59,498	8%

(1) LTM: Last twelve months

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(amounts in thousands)

### ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 64,219	\$ 39,907
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Accounts receivable, net	256,133	267,310
Inventories	77,135	69,637
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,577	3,934
Deferred income taxes	5,250	5,250
Income taxes receivable	451	434
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>407,765</u>	<u>386,472</u>
Property and equipment, net	27,369	26,104
Goodwill	51,276	51,276
Other intangibles, net	3,305	3,757
Other assets	701	714
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 490,416</u>	<u>\$ 468,323</u>

#### LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

##### Current Liabilities:

Current maturities of capital lease obligation to affiliate	\$ 462	\$ 989
Accounts payable	124,608	126,110
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	30,566	22,562
Accrued payroll	12,463	13,824
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>168,099</u>	<u>163,485</u>
Deferred income taxes	10,404	10,514
Other liabilities	2,968	3,021
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>181,471</u>	<u>177,020</u>

##### Stockholders' Equity:

Common stock	280	278
Additional paid-in capital	104,123	101,735
Retained earnings	220,523	205,271
Treasury stock at cost	(15,981)	(15,981)
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<u>308,945</u>	<u>291,303</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>	<u>\$ 490,416</u>	<u>\$ 468,323</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Six Months Ended June 30,

2013

2012

(amounts in thousands)

##### Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Net income	\$15,252	\$ 14,301
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,337	3,181
Provision for doubtful accounts	564	690
Deferred income taxes	(110)	1,889
Stock-based compensation expense	301	1,219
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	5	85
Income tax benefit from stock-based compensation	196	41
Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options	(228)	(5)
Fair value adjustment to contingent consideration	-	(30)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	10,613	40,764
Inventories	(7,498)	2,516
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(660)	(494)
Other non-current assets	13	(56)
Accounts payable	(1,400)	7,385
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	6,590	541
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>26,975</u>	<u>72,027</u>

**Cash Flows from Investing Activities:**

Purchases of property and equipment	(4,257)	(5,180)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	4
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(4,257)</u>	<u>(5,176)</u>

**Cash Flows from Financing Activities:**

Repayment of short-term borrowings	-	(12,471)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	-	7,204
Exercise of stock options	1,586	166
Issuance of stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan	307	260
Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options	228	5
Repayment of capital lease obligation to affiliate	(527)	(472)
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(1,466)
Payment of contingent consideration	-	(960)
Payment of payroll taxes on stock-based compensation through shares withheld	-	(308)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	<u>1,594</u>	<u>(8,042)</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	24,312	58,809
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	39,907	4,615
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$64,219</u>	<u>\$ 63,424</u>

**Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities:**

Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 151	\$ 344
Issuance of nonvested stock from treasury	-	926

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