

## **Avid Announces First Quarter 2009 Results**

TEWKSBURY, MA, Apr 23, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Avid(R) (NASDAQ: AVID) today reported revenues of \$151.6 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2009, compared to \$198.3 million for the same period in 2008. The GAAP net loss for the quarter was \$17.3 million, or \$.47 per share, compared to a GAAP net loss of \$21.1 million, or \$.54 per share, in the first quarter of 2008.

The GAAP net loss for the first quarter of 2009 included amortization of intangibles, stock-based compensation, restructuring costs and related tax adjustments, collectively totaling \$11.7 million. Excluding these items, the non-GAAP net loss was \$5.6 million for the first quarter, or \$.15 per share.

"The economic climate continues to be a challenge; however, we are making solid progress executing our strategy to transform Avid," said Gary Greenfield, Avid's chairman and CEO. "The steps we've taken to integrate our business have enabled us to begin cultivating deeper partnerships with our customers -- from home enthusiasts to large media enterprises -- helping us to better understand their needs in terms of interoperability, openness, collaborative production and workflow. When the economy enters a period of recovery, we will be well positioned to take advantage of the many opportunities that exist in our markets."

## Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains "non-GAAP financial measures" under the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. This non-GAAP information supplements, and is not intended to represent a measure of performance in accordance with, disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. The reconciliation for net income and earnings per share for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 are in the tables attached to this press release.

The company uses non-GAAP financial measures internally to manage its business, for example, in establishing its annual operating budget, in assessing segment operating performance and for measuring performance under employee incentive compensation plans. Non-GAAP financial measures are used by management in its operating and financial decision-making because management believes these measures reflect the company's ongoing business in a manner that allows meaningful period-to-period comparisons. Accordingly, the company believes it is useful for investors and others to review both GAAP and non-GAAP measures in order to (a) understand and evaluate the company's current operating performance and future prospects in the same manner as management does and (b) compare in a consistent manner the company's current financial results with past financial results. The primary limitations associated with the company's use of non-GAAP financial measures are that these measures may not be directly comparable to the amounts reported by other companies and they do not include all items of income and expense that affect the company's operations. The company's management compensates for these limitations by considering the company's financial results as determined in accordance with GAAP and by providing a detailed reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures in this press release.

## Conference Call

A conference call to discuss Avid's first quarter 2009 financial results will be held today, April 23, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. ET. The call will be open to the public and can be accessed by dialing 719.457.2617 and referencing confirmation code 4569475. The call and subsequent replay will also be available on Avid's website. To listen via this alternative, go to the Investors tab at <a href="https://www.avid.com">www.avid.com</a> for complete details prior to the start of the conference call.

## Use of Forward-Looking Statements

The above release is subject to the completion and filing of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. This release includes forward-looking statements, as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, about Avid's performance. There are a number of factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements, such as Avid's ability to execute on its corporate strategy and meet customer needs, general economic conditions, competitive factors, pricing pressures, delays in product shipments and other important events and factors disclosed previously and from time to time in Avid's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, the forward-looking statements contained herein represent Avid's estimates only as of today and should not be relied upon as representing the company's estimates as of any subsequent date. While Avid may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, Avid specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, even if the estimates change.

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AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

(anadarea in choabanas, chocpe per share data)	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2009	2008	
Net revenues:			
Products Services	\$ 123,641 27,988	30,090	
Total net revenues		198,266	
Cost of revenues:			
Products	61,248	85,073	
Services	15,839	17,387	
Amortization of intangible assets		3,254	
Restructuring costs	799 	_	
Total cost of revenues		105,714	
Gross profit		92,552	
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	31,051	38,510	
Marketing and selling	40,781	50,327	
General and administrative	15,113	21,943	
Amortization of intangible assets	2,375	3,387	
Restructuring costs, net	4,222	1,063	
Total operating expenses		115,230	
Operating loss		(22,678)	
Interest and other income (expense), net	153	1,481	
Loss before income taxes		(21,197)	
Benefit from income taxes, net	(2,889)	(49)	
Net loss	\$ (17,277)	\$ (21,148)	
Net loss per common share - basic and diluted Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic		\$ (0.54)	
and diluted	37,130	39,362	
AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.  (unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)  Change in Financial Presentation  Beginning this quarter, we have combined our profess:	ional video a	and	

consumer video businesses into a single reporting segment.

We will now consequently report on two business segments: Audio and Video. Please note that the segment contribution margin calculation has also changed from last year. Segment contribution margin is now calculated as segment gross margin less the research and development and product management expenses directly attributable to the segment. Our 2008 comparative results have been updated to reflect our new business structure.

Summary of the Company's revenues and contribution margin by reportable segment and a reconciliation of segment contribution margin to consolidated operating loss:

consolidated operating loss:		Three Months Ended  March 31,		
		2009		
Revenues:	_			
Video Audio		87,502 64,127		73,239
Total revenues (a)	\$	 151,629 ======	\$	•
Contribution Margin:	=		==	
Video	\$	21,280	\$	28,470
Audio		22,730		26,325
Segment contribution margin		44,010		54,795
Less unallocated costs and expenses:	_			
Research and development expenses		(1,754)		(1,770)
Marketing and selling expenses		(37,515)		
General and administrative expenses		(12,996)		(19,386)
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible		(2.005)		(
assets		(2,895)		
Stock-based compensation				(2,145)
Restructuring costs, net	_	(5,021)		(1,063)
Consolidated operating loss		(20,319)		
<pre>(a) Includes revenues from non-core product lines of:</pre>	\$	949	\$	18,452
Reconciliation of GAAP net loss to Non-GAAP net loss:		III	- la -	
	Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2009		
GAAP net loss Adjustments to reconcile to Non-GAAP net loss:	\$	(17,277)	\$	(21,148)
Amortization of intangible assets		2,895		6,641
Stock-based compensation		4,148		2,145
Restructuring costs, net		5,021		
Related tax adjustments		(354)		(434)
Non-GAAP net loss	\$	(5,567) =====	\$	(11,733)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted		37,130		39,362
Non-GAAP net loss per common share - diluted Stock-based compensation included in:	\$	(0.15)	\$	(0.30)
		Three Months Ended		
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		2009	2008
Cost of products revenues Cost of services revenues Research and development expenses Marketing and selling expenses General and administrative expenses	\$	350 390 470 821 2,117	\$ 132 98 363
			\$ 2,145
AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited - in thousands)			
			December 31, 2008
ASSETS: Current assets: Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$18,414 and \$23,182	\$ 1	131,666	\$ 147,694
at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively Inventories Prepaid and other current assets		95,284 35,748	103,527 95,755 43,969
Total current assets Property and equipment, net Intangible assets, net Goodwill Other assets	3	36,985 35,248 225,375	390,945 38,321 38,143 225,375 10,801
Total assets	\$ 6		\$ 703,585
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: Current liabilities:			\$ 29,419
Accounts payable Accrued expenses and other current liabilities Deferred revenues		76,567 64,512	101,107 68,581
Total current liabilities Long-term liabilities	-	165,010 11,318	199,107 11,823
Total liabilities			210,930
Stockholders' equity:			400
Common stock Additional paid-in capital	(		423 980,563
Accumulated deficit			(365,431)
Treasury stock at cost, net of reissuances			(124,852)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(2,010)	1,952
Total stockholders' equity	4		492,655
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 6		\$ 703,585

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