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## Liquidity Services, Inc. Announces Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2007 Financial Results

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Fiscal year revenue of $\$ 198.6$ million up $34 \%$ - Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV) of $\$ 233.6$ million up $35 \%$ - Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of $\$ 20.4$ million up $36 \%$

Fourth quarter revenue of $\$ 51.7$ million up $30 \%$ - Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV) of $\$ 58.1$ million up $27 \%$ - Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of $\$ 5.8$ million up $43 \%$

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 6, 2007--Liquidity Services, Inc. (NASDAQ:LQDT; www.liquidityservicesinc.com) today reported its financial results for its fiscal year (FY-07) and fourth quarter (Q4-07) ended September 30, 2007. Liquidity Services, Inc. is a leading online auction marketplace for wholesale, surplus and salvage assets.

Liquidity Services, Inc. (LSI or the Company) reported record consolidated FY-07 revenue of $\$ 198.6$ million, a growth rate of approximately $34 \%$ over the prior year. Adjusted EBITDA for FY-07 was a record of $\$ 20.4$ million, a growth rate of approximately $36 \%$ over the prior year. FY-07 GMV, the total sales volume of all merchandise sold through the Company's marketplaces during a given period, was a record $\$ 233.6$ million, a growth rate of approximately $35 \%$ over the prior year.

The Company reported consolidated Q4-07 revenue of $\$ 51.7$ million, a growth rate of approximately $30 \%$ over the prior year's comparable period. Adjusted EBITDA for Q4-07 was $\$ 5.8$ million, a growth rate of approximately $43 \%$ over the prior year's comparable period. GMV was $\$ 58.1$ million for Q4-07, a growth rate of approximately $27 \%$ over the prior year's comparable period.

Net income in FY -07 was a record $\$ 11.0$ million or $\$ 0.39$ diluted earnings per share. Adjusted net income in $\mathrm{FY}-07$ was a record $\$ 12.2$ million, a growth rate of approximately $46 \%$ over the prior year, or $\$ 0.43$ adjusted diluted earnings per share, a growth rate of approximately $34 \%$ over the prior year.

Net income in Q4-07 was a record $\$ 3.2$ million or $\$ 0.11$ diluted earnings per share. Adjusted net income in Q4-07 was a record $\$ 3.5$ million, a growth rate of approximately $45 \%$ over the prior year's comparable period, or $\$ 0.12$ adjusted diluted earnings per share, a growth rate of approximately $33 \%$ over the prior year's comparable period.

LSI enables buyers and sellers to transact in an efficient, automated online auction environment. The Company's marketplaces provide professional buyers access to a global, organized supply of wholesale, surplus and salvage assets presented with digital images and other relevant product information. Additionally, LSI enables its corporate and government sellers to enhance their financial return on excess assets by providing a liquid marketplace and value-added services that are integrated into a single offering. The Company organizes its products into categories across major industry verticals such as consumer electronics, general merchandise, apparel, scientific equipment, aerospace parts and equipment, technology hardware, and scrap metals. The Company's online auction marketplaces are www.liquidation.com, www.govliquidation.com and www.liquibiz.com. LSI also operates a wholesale industry portal, www.goWholesale.com, that connects advertisers with buyers seeking products for resale and related business services.

The Company's ability to create liquid marketplaces for wholesale, surplus and salvage assets generates a continuous flow of goods from its corporate and government sellers. This flow of goods in turn attracts an increasing number of professional buyers to the marketplaces.
"FY-07 was another strong year for LSI as our commercial business and our scrap business with the Department of Defense (DoD), continued to post impressive gains," said Bill Angrick, Chairman and CEO of LSI. "Our performance during the fiscal year reflected solid execution of our business strategy as our commercial business grew approximately $137 \%$ over the prior year period. Our commercial GMV has grown more than five-fold during the past two years. Our scrap business, which grew approximately $40 \%$ over the prior year also contributed to strong growth in GMV and Adjusted EBITDA during the fiscal year and fourth quarter. We believe FY-07 results demonstrate that large organizations are increasingly relying on our online platform and service offerings to realize greater returns and efficiencies in the tracking and sale of surplus and salvage assets. Our business development activity remains strong and we continue to develop and test capabilities designed to meet the long-term needs of our clients and support a much larger commercial business. Our buyer marketplace continues to deliver strong results for our sellers as we averaged over 5 auction participants per completed transaction during the entire fiscal year."

## Business Outlook

The following forward-looking statements are based on current business trends and our current operating environment, including (i) the reengineering of certain business and inventory processes in our Surplus business with the DoD, which has resulted in a slowdown of property received by us from the DoD and our expectation that there will be a modest increase in the flow of goods received by us from the DoD over the next quarter and fiscal year and (ii) our belief that we have yet to realize the full potential of our distribution center network, personnel, and value-added services necessary to support a much larger commercial business in the future, which has resulted in less than our target profitability. Our results may be materially affected
by changes in business trends and our operating environment, as well as by other factors, including investments we expect to make in our infrastructure and value-added services to support new business in both commercial and public sector markets.

Our Scrap contract with the DoD includes an incentive feature, which can increase the amount of profit sharing distribution we receive from $23 \%$ up to $25 \%$. Payments under this incentive feature are based on the amount of scrap we sell for the DoD to small businesses during the preceding 12 months as of June 30th of each year. We are eligible to receive this incentive in each year of the term of the Scrap contract and have assumed for purposes of providing guidance regarding our projected financial results for fiscal year 2008 that we will again receive this incentive payment.

Under our Surplus contract there are incentive features that allow us to earn up to an additional $4.5 \%$ of the profit sharing distribution above our new base rate of $26 \%$, which began June 1, 2007. This incentive will be measured quarterly beginning fiscal year 2008. For the fiscal year 2007 measurement period, we received a performance payment of approximately $\$ 1,500,000$ in the quarter ended September 30, 2007. For the purposes of providing guidance regarding our projected financial results for the first quarter and fiscal year 2008, we have assumed that we will receive a portion of the Surplus contract incentive payments.

Our guidance adjusts EBITDA and Diluted EPS for the effects of the adoption of FAS 123(R), which we estimate to be approximately $\$ 1.2$ million to \$1.4 million per quarter for fiscal year 2008.

GMV - We expect GMV for fiscal year 2008 to range from $\$ 285$ million to $\$ 295$ million. We expect GMV for Q1-08 to range from $\$ 61$ million to $\$ 63$ million.

Adjusted EBITDA - We expect Adjusted EBITDA for fiscal year 2008 to range from $\$ 25.5$ million to $\$ 26.5$ million. We expect Adjusted EBITDA for Q1-08 to range from $\$ 5.2$ million to $\$ 5.4$ million.

Adjusted Diluted EPS - We estimate Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share for fiscal year 2008 to range from $\$ 0.53$ to $\$ 0.55$. In Q1-08, we estimate Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share to be $\$ 0.11$.

## Key FY-07 and Q4-07 Operating Metrics

Registered Buyers -- At the end of FY-07, registered buyers totaled approximately 685,000 , representing a $31 \%$ increase over the approximately 524,000 registered buyers at the end of FY-06.

Auction Participants -- Auction participants, defined as registered buyers who have bid in an auction during the period (a registered buyer who bids in more than one auction is counted as an auction participant in each auction in which he or she bids), increased to $1,115,000$ in FY - 07 , an approximately $12 \%$ increase over the approximately 993,000 auction participants in FY-06. Auction participants increased to 293,000 in Q4-07, an approximately $19 \%$ increase over the approximately 246,000 auction participants in Q4-06.

Completed Transactions -- Completed transactions increased to approximately 212,000, an approximately 9\% increase for FY-07 from the approximately 194,000 completed transactions in FY-06. In addition, we experienced a $24 \%$ increase in the average value of our transactions, over the same period, resulting from product mix, lotting and merchandising strategies, and buyer demand. Completed transactions increased to approximately 56,000 , an approximately $17 \%$ increase for Q4-07 from the approximately 48,000 completed transactions in Q4-06. In addition, we experienced a $9 \%$ increase in the average value of our transactions, over the same period.

GMV and Revenue Mix -- GMV and revenue continue to diversify due to the continued rapid growth in our commercial and scrap businesses. As a result, the percentage of GMV and revenue derived from the DoD Surplus Contract (under which our revenue is based on the profit-sharing model) during FY-07 decreased to $28.8 \%$ and $33.9 \%$, respectively, compared to $48.3 \%$ and $56.6 \%$, respectively, in the prior year period. The percentage of GMV and revenue derived from our commercial business, which includes the acquired STR business and our Liquidation.com marketplace, during FY-07 increased to $44.0 \%$ and $32.7 \%$, respectively, from $25.0 \%$ and $10.2 \%$, respectively, in the prior year period. The table below summarizes the GMV and revenue from our two significant contracts with the DoD (Surplus and Scrap), and our commercial and international businesses.

|  | FY-07 F | FY-06 Q | Q-07 Q | 4-06 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profit-Sharing Model: |  |  |  |  |
| Surplus | 28.8\% | 48.3\% | 30.6\% | 40.1\% |
| Scrap | 23.5\% | 22.6\% | 22.8\% | 30.1\% |
| Total Profit Sharing | $52.3 \%$ | 70.9\% | $53.4 \%$ | 70.2\% |
| Commercial Marketplaces: |  |  |  |  |
| Consignment Model | 22.4\% | 22.4\% | 17.2\% | 21.3\% |
| Purchase Model | 21.6\% | 2.6\% | 26.3\% | 4.2\% |
| Total Commercial Marketplaces | $44.0 \%$ | \% 25.0\% | 43.5\% | 25.5\% |
| International and Other | 3.7\% | 4.1\% | 3.1\% | 4.3\% |
| Total | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Revenue Mix |  |  |  |  |


| Profit-Sharing Model: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Surplus | 33.9\% | 56.6\% | 34.4\% | $46.3 \%$ |
| Scrap | 27.6\% | 26.5\% | 25.7\% | 34.7\% |
| Total Profit Sharing | 61.5\% | 83.1\% | 60.1 \% | 81.0\% |
| Commercial Marketplaces: |  |  |  |  |
| Consignment Model | 7.3\% | 7.2\% | 5.3\% | 7.5\% |
| Purchase Model | 25.4\% | 3.0\% | 29.5\% | 4.9\% |
| Total Commercial Marketplaces | $32.7 \%$ | 10.2\% | 34.8\% | 12.4\% |
| International and Other | 5.8\% | 6.7\% | 5.1\% | 6.6\% |
| Total | 100.0\% 100.0\% 100.0\% 100.0\% |  |  |  |

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Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA. EBITDA is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure and is equal to net income plus (a) interest income and expense and other income, net; (b) provision for income taxes; (c) amortization of contract intangibles; and (d) depreciation and amortization. Our definition of Adjusted EBITDA differs from EBITDA because we further adjust EBITDA for stock compensation expense.

|  | Three Months Twelve Months <br> Ended September 30, Ended September 30,  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
|  | (Unaudi | (In thous ( ${ }^{\text {( }}$ ( | ands) (Audite |  |
| Net income | \$3,180 | \$2,229 | \$11,019 | \$7,981 |
| Interest expense (income) and other expense (income), net | (552) | (550) | $(2,176)$ | (430) |
| Provision for income taxes | 2,038 | 1,641 | 7,460 | 5,294 |
| Amortization of contract intangibles | 203 | 203 | 813 | 813 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 366 | 225 | 1,302 | 727 |
| EBITDA | 5,235 | 3,748 | 18,418 | 14,385 |
| Stock compensation expense | 535 | 299 | 1,943 | 623 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$5,770 | \$4,047 | \$20,361 | \$15,008 |

Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share. Adjusted net income is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure and is equal to net income plus tax effected stock compensation expense. Adjusted basic and diluted earnings per share are determined using Adjusted Net Income.

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Twelve Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 |  | 2006 | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
|  | (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) <br> (Unaudited) <br> (Audited) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stock compensation expense (net of tax) |  | 319 | 179 |  | 1,158 |  | 374 |
| Adjusted net income | \$ | 3,499 \$ | 2,408 | \$ | 12,177 | \$ | 8,355 |

Adjusted basic
earnings per common
share

| $\$$ | 0.13 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad 0.09$ \$ 0.44 \$ 0.35

Adjusted diluted
earnings per common
share

| $\$$ | 0.12 | \$ 0.09 | 0.43 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Basic weighted average
shares outstanding $27,911,90227,532,067$ 27,768,679 24,080,780


Diluted weighted
average shares
outstanding

| 28, 013,199 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28,013,199 |  |  | 26,087,809 |

## Conference Call

The Company will host a conference call to discuss the fiscal 2007 and fourth quarter 2007 results at 5 p.m. Eastern Time today. Investors and other interested parties may access the teleconference by dialing 800-510-9834 or 617-614-3669 and providing the participant pass code 36249377. A live web cast of the conference call will be provided on the Company's investor relations website at http://www.liquidityservicesinc.com. A replay of the web cast will be available on the Company's website until January 7, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. ET. An audio replay of the teleconference will also be available until January 7, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. ET. To listen to the replay, dial 888-286-8010 or 617-801-6888 and provide pass code 42896106 . Both replays will be available starting at 7:00 p.m. on the day of the call.

## Non-GAAP Measures

To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we use certain non-GAAP measures of certain components of financial performance. These non-GAAP measures include earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share. These non-GAAP measures are provided to enhance investors' overall understanding of our current financial performance and prospects for the future. We use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA: (a) as measurements of operating performance because they assist us in comparing our operating performance on a consistent basis because the measures do not reflect the impact of items not directly resulting from our core operations; (b) for planning purposes, including the preparation of our internal annual operating budget; (c) to allocate resources to enhance the financial performance of our business; (d) to evaluate the effectiveness of our operational strategies; and (e) to evaluate our capacity to fund capital expenditures and expand our business.

We believe these non-GAAP measures provide useful information to both management and investors by excluding certain expenses that may not be indicative of our core operating measures. In addition, because we have historically reported certain non-GAAP measures to investors, we believe the inclusion of non-GAAP measures provides consistency in our financial reporting. These measures should be considered in addition to financial information prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results. A reconciliation of all non-GAAP measures included in this press release, to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, can be found in the financial tables included in this press release.

## Supplemental Operating Data

To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we use certain supplemental operating data as a measure of certain components of operating performance. We review GMV because it provides a measure of the volume of goods being sold in our marketplaces and thus the activity of those marketplaces. GMV and our other supplemental operating data, including registered buyers, auction participants and completed transactions, also provide a means to evaluate the effectiveness of investments that we have made and continue to make in the areas of customer support, value-added services, product development, sales and marketing and operations. Therefore, we believe this supplemental operating data provides useful information to both management and investors. In addition, because we have historically reported certain supplemental operating data to investors, we believe the inclusion of this supplemental operating data provides consistency in our financial reporting. This data should be considered in addition to financial information prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are only predictions. The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the Company's business outlook. You can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "would," "expects," "intends," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," "continues" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in
this document. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed as forward-looking statements are set forth in our filings with the SEC from time to time, and include, among others, our dependence on our contracts with the DoD for a significant portion of our revenue; our ability to successfully expand the supply of merchandise available for sale on our online marketplaces; and our ability to attract and retain active professional buyers to purchase this merchandise. There may be other factors of which we are currently unaware or deem immaterial that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf apply only as of the date of this document and are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements included in this document. Except as may be required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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Liquidity Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries
    Consolidated Balance Sheets
    (Dollars in Thousands)
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|  | September 30 | 30, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 200720 | 006 |
| Assets |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 39,954 \$ | \$54,359 |
| Short-term investments | 21,655 | 12,289 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of $\$ 371$ and $\$ 200$ in 2007 and 2006, respectively | 5,098 | 2,557 |
| Inventory | 16,467 | 4,704 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 5,486 | 2,001 |
| Total current assets | 88,660 | 75,911 |
| Property and equipment, net | 4,202 | 2,362 |
| Intangible assets, net | 4,568 | 4,909 |
| Goodwill | 11,446 | 3,678 |
| Other assets | 2,266 | 1,178 |
| Total assets | \$111,142 \$88 | 88,038 |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ 3,333 \$ | 2,073 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 10,298 | 5,283 |
| Profit-sharing distributions payable | 6,919 | 7,736 |
| Customer payables | 6,328 | 6,658 |
| Current portion of capital lease obligations | 5 | 63 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 13 | 16 |
| Total current liabilities | 26,898 | 21,829 |
| Capital lease obligations, net of current portion | 5 | 2 |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion | 29 | 42 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 2,176 | 413 |
| Total liabilities | 29,108 | 22,286 |
| Stockholders' equity: |  |  |
| Common stock, $\$ 0.001$ par value; $120,000,000$ shares authorized; 27,939,059 and $27,584,608$ shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively | 28 | 27 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 60,820 | 55,964 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 653 | 247 |
| Retained earnings | 20,533 | 9,514 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 82,034 | 65,752 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$111,142 | \$88,038 |




Financing activities
Proceeds from issuance of

| debt | -- | 71 | 10 | 118 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Repayments of debt | $(14)$ | $(4)$ | $(16)$ | $(4,413)$ |
| Principal repayments of |  |  |  |  |
| capital lease obligations | 7 | $(87)$ | $(65)$ | $(194)$ |

Proceeds from exercise of common stock options and warrants (net of tax)
Incremental tax benefit from
Incremental tax benefit from exercise of common stock options

| 289 | 378 | 1,037 | 506 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | 489 | 807 | 489 |
| 25 | (19) | 1,070 | 43,977 |
| 333 | 828 | 2,843 | 40,483 |
| 117 | (15) | 320 | 177 |


| Net increase (decrease) in |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| cash and cash equivalents | 2,851 | 4,341 | $(14,405)$ | 43,981 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at |  |  |  |  |
| beginning of the period | 37,103 | 50,018 | 54,359 | 10,378 |



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