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Netflix Announces Q3 2005 Financial Results

Subscribers - 3.6 million
Churn - 4.3%
GAAP Net Income - \$6.9 million
Non-GAAP Net Income Before Net Settlement Expense - \$13.4 million

Los Gatos, Calif. – October 19, 2005 – Netflix (Nasdaq: NFLX) today reported results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2005.

For the third quarter:

- Revenue was \$174.3 million.
- GAAP net income was \$6.9 million. Before net settlement expense, net income was \$10.1 million.
- Non-GAAP net income was \$10.2 million. Non-GAAP net income before net settlement expense was \$13.4 million.
- Subscribers increased 61 percent year-over-year to 3.592 million.
- Churn declined to a record low of 4.3 percent.

"The third quarter provided a good view of the power and potential of the Netflix model, coupling strong subscriber growth with the cost benefits of our increasing scale," said Reed Hastings, Netflix co-founder and chief executive officer. "Combining the best customer experience with the lowest costs is a powerful formula for success, and we expect that formula to deliver increasingly impressive results in the balance of 2005 and in 2006."

Third-Quarter 2005 Financial Highlights

<u>Revenue</u> for the third quarter of 2005 was a record \$174.3 million, representing 23 percent year-over-year growth from \$141.6 million for the third quarter of 2004, and 6 percent quarter-over-quarter growth from \$164.5 million for the second quarter of 2005.

GAAP net income for the third quarter of 2005 was \$6.9 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$18.9 million, or \$0.29 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2004 and GAAP net income of \$5.7 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2005. Management had guided to GAAP net income of \$2.5 million to \$5.3 million.

GAAP net income included the impact of a net settlement expense in the quarter related to the previously announced lawsuit settlement of \$3.2 million. The settlement remains subject to court approval. Excluding the net settlement expense, net income was \$10.1 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share. Management had guided to net income excluding the net settlement expense of \$6.5 million to \$8.3 million.

Non-GAAP net income was \$10.2 million, or \$0.16 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2005, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$22.6 million, or \$0.35 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2004 and non-GAAP net income of \$9.1 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2005. Non-GAAP net income equals net income on a GAAP basis before stock-based compensation expense. Excluding the net settlement expense in the quarter related to the previously announced lawsuit settlement, non-GAAP net income was \$13.4 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share.

<u>Gross margin</u> for the third quarter of 2005 was 43.2 percent compared to 49.5 percent for the third quarter of 2004 and 39.0 percent for the second quarter of 2005.

<u>Free cash flow</u>¹ for the third quarter of 2005 was \$7.5 million, compared to \$14.1 million in the third quarter of 2004 and \$1.8 million for the second quarter of 2005.

Cash provided by operating activities for the third quarter of 2005 was \$33.3 million, compared to \$49.3 million for the third quarter of 2004 and \$36.5 million for the second quarter of 2005.

Subscriber acquisition \cos^2 for the third quarter of 2005 was \$35.69 per gross subscriber addition, compared to \$36.97³ for the same period of 2004 and \$37.25 for the second quarter of 2005.

<u>Churn</u>⁴ for the third quarter of 2005 was 4.3 percent, compared to 5.6 percent for the third quarter of 2004 and 4.7 percent for the second quarter of 2005. Churn includes free subscribers as well as paying subscribers who elect not to renew their monthly subscription service during the quarter.

<u>Subscribers.</u> Netflix ended the third quarter of 2005 with approximately 3,592,000 total subscribers, representing 61 percent year-over-year growth from 2,229,000 total subscribers at the end of the third quarter of 2004 and 12 percent sequential growth from 3,196,000 subscribers at the end of the second quarter of 2005. Net subscriber additions in the quarter were 396,000, compared to 136,000 for the same period of 2004 and 178,000 for the second quarter of 2005.

During the quarter Netflix acquired 921,000 gross subscriber additions, representing 56 percent year-over-year growth from 590,000 gross subscriber additions acquired in the third quarter of 2004 and 30 percent quarter-over-quarter growth from 707,000 gross subscriber additions acquired in the second quarter of 2005.

¹ Free cash flow is defined as cash provided by operating activities less cash used in investing activities excluding purchases and sales of short-term investments.

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² Subscriber acquisition cost is defined as the total marketing expense on the Company's Statement of Operations divided by total gross subscriber additions during the quarter.

³ SAC in the third quarter of 2004 excludes costs associated with international operations. Consolidated SAC was \$38.18 for the third quarter of 2004.

⁴ Churn is defined as customer cancellations in the quarter divided by the sum of beginning subscribers and gross subscriber additions, divided by three months.

Of the 3,592,000 total subscribers at quarter end, 95 percent, or 3,423,000, were paid subscribers. The other 5 percent, or 169,000, were free subscribers. Paid subscribers represented 96 percent of total subscribers at the end of the third quarter of 2004 and 97 percent of total subscribers at the end of the second quarter of 2005.

Business Outlook

The Company's performance expectations for the fourth quarter of 2005 and full-year 2006 are as follows:

Revised Fourth-Quarter 2005

- Ending subscribers of 4.0 million to 4.2 million from 3.85 million to 4.05 million
- Revenue of \$191 million to \$196 million from \$187 million to \$193 million
- GAAP net income of \$4.0 million to \$7.5 million from \$1.0 million to \$6.0 million

Full-Year 2006

- Ending subscribers of at least 5.65 million
- Revenue of at least \$940 million
- Pretax income of \$50 million to \$60 million⁵

Float and Trading Plans

The Company estimates the public float at approximately 46,874,645 shares as of September 30, 2005, up 1 percent from 46,279,628 shares as of June 30, 2005, based on registered shares held in street name with the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation. No outstanding shares are subject to a lock-up agreement of any kind. From time to time executive officers of Netflix may elect to buy or sell stock in Netflix. All open market sales are made pursuant to the terms of 10b5-1 Trading Plans approved by the Company and generally adopted no less than three months prior to the first date of sale under such plan.

Earnings Call

The Netflix earnings call will be webcast today at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time / 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, and may be accessed at http://ir.netflix.com. Following the conclusion of the webcast, a replay of the call will be available via Netflix's website at http://ir.netflix.com. For those without access to the Internet, a replay of the call will be available from approximately 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time on October 19, 2005 through October 25, 2005. To listen to a replay, call (719) 457-0820, access code 4417528.

Use of Non-GAAP Measures

Management believes that non-GAAP net income is a useful measure of operating performance because it excludes the non-cash impact of stock option accounting, and, where specified, excludes the net settlement expense related to the previously announced lawsuit settlement. In addition, management believes that free cash flow is a useful measure of liquidity because it excludes the non-operational cash flows from purchases and sales of short-term investments and cash flows from financing activities. However, these non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, or superior to net income and net cash provided by operating activities, or other financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation to the GAAP equivalents of these non-GAAP measures is contained in tabular form on the attached unaudited financial statements.

⁵ Pretax income is defined as income before income taxes as shown on the Company's Statement of Operations, which line item includes stock based compensation expense.

About Netflix

Netflix (Nasdaq: NFLX) is the world's largest online movie rental service, providing more than three million subscribers access to over 50,000 DVD titles. Under the company's most popular program, for \$17.99 a month, Netflix subscribers rent as many DVDs as they want and keep them as long as they want, with three movies out at a time. There are no due dates, no late fees and no shipping fees. DVDs are delivered for free by the USPS from regional shipping centers located throughout the United States. Netflix can reach more than 90 percent of its subscribers with generally one business-day delivery. Netflix offers personalized movie recommendations to its members and has more than 1 billion movie ratings. Netflix also allows members to share and recommend movies to one another through its Friends feature. For more information, visit www.netflix.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including statements regarding our subscriber growth, revenue and GAAP net income for the fourth quarter of 2005 as well as subscriber growth, revenue and pre-tax income for the full-year 2006. The forward-looking statements in this release are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ, including, without limitation: impacts arising out of competition, our ability to manage our growth, in particular, managing our subscriber acquisition cost as well as the mix between revenue sharing titles and titles not subject to revenue sharing that are delivered to our subscribers; our ability to attract new subscribers and retain existing subscribers; changes in pricing, availability and effectiveness of our advertising; fluctuations in consumer usage of our service, customer spending on DVD players, DVDs and related products; disruption in service on our website or with our computer systems; deterioration of the U.S. economy or conditions specific to online commerce or the filmed entertainment industry; conditions that effect our delivery through the U.S. Postal Service, including regulatory changes and increases in first class postage; increases in the costs of acquiring DVDs; and, widespread consumer adoption of different modes of viewing in-home filmed entertainment. A detailed discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from such forward-looking statements is included in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2005. We undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this press release.

Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended							Nine Months Ended				
	September 30,			June 30,		otember 30,	Se		September 30,			
		<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>			
Revenues:												
Subscription	\$	140,414	\$	164,027	\$	172,740	\$	359,947	\$	489,213		
Sales		1,230		470		1,577		2,388		3,741		
Total revenues		141,644		164,497		174,317		362,335		492,954		
Cost of revenues:												
Subscription		71,130		99,957		97,878		197,178		291,821		
Sales		471		354		1,189		838		2,542		
Total cost of revenues		71,601		100,311		99,067		198,016		294,363		
Gross profit		70,043		64,186		75,250		164,319		198,591		
Operating expenses:												
Fulfillment		15,013		17,560		17,544		40,176		51,798		
Technology and development		6,325		7,513		8,006		17,016		22,674		
Marketing		22,525		26,338		32,867		69,695		95,008		
General and administrative		4,122		4,898		8,020		10,538		17,925		
Stock-based compensation		3,660		3,423		3,293		12,229		10,995		
Total operating expenses		51,645		59,732		69,730		149,654		198,400		
Operating income		18,398		4,454		5,520		14,665		191		
Other income (expense):												
Interest and other income		579		1,246		1,491		1,474		3,788		
Interest and other expense		(52)		(3)		(13)		(113)		(54)		
Income before income taxes		18,925		5,697		6,998		16,026		3,925		
Provision for income taxes		-		13		52		-		109		
Net income	\$	18,925	\$	5,684	\$	6,946	\$	16,026	\$	3,816		
Net income per share:		ı				ı						
Basic	\$.36	\$.11	\$.13	\$.31	\$.07		
Diluted	\$.29	\$.09	\$.11	\$.25	\$.06		
Weighted average common shares outstanding:												
Basic		52,211		53,190		53,693		51,798		53,237		
Diluted		64,449		64,592		66,012		64,797		64,928		
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Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures												
(Unaudited)												
Non-GAAP net income reconciliation:												
Net income	\$	18,925	\$	5,684	\$	6,946	\$	16,026	\$	3,816		
Add back:												
Stock-based compensation		3,660		3,423		3,293		12,229		10,995		
Non-GAAP net income	\$	22,585	\$	9,107	\$	10,239	\$	28,255	\$	14,811		
Non-GAAP net income per share:		ı				ı						
Basic	\$.43	\$.17	\$.19	\$.55	\$.28		
Diluted	\$.35	\$.14	\$.16	\$.44	\$.23		
Weighted average common shares outstanding:	-		-		,		r					
Basic		52,211		53,190		53,693		51,798		53,237		
Diluted		64,449		64,592		66,012		64,797		64,928		
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Netflix, Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and par value data)

	As of						
	De	cember 31, 2004	September 30, <u>2005</u>				
Assets							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	174,461	\$	181,886			
Prepaid expenses		2,741		2,918			
Prepaid revenue sharing expenses		4,695		3,710			
Other current assets		5,449		3,404			
Total current assets		187,346		191,918			
DVD library, net		42,158		52,735			
Intangible assets, net		961		469			
Property and equipment, net		18,728		30,415			
Deposits		1,600		1,568			
Other assets		1,000		1,197			
Total assets	\$	251,793	\$	278,302			
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity							
Current liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$	49,775	\$	43,951			
Accrued expenses		13,131		20,404			
Deferred revenue		31,936		34,400			
Current portion of capital lease obligations		68					
Total current liabilities		94,910		98,755			
Deferred rent		600		875			
Total liabilities		95,510		99,630			
Stockholders' equity:							
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 160,000,000 shares authorized							
at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2005; 52,732,025 and							
53,961,946 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2004 and							
September 30, 2005, respectively		53		54			
Additional paid-in capital		292,843		308,123			
Deferred stock-based compensation		(4,693)		(1,401)			
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(222)		(222)			
Accumulated deficit		(131,698)		(127,882)			
Total stockholders' equity		156,283		178,672			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	251,793	\$	278,302			

Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(unaudited) (in thousands)

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended							Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		June 30,		September 30,		September 30,		September 30,		
		<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>	
Cash flows from operating activities:	ф	10.025	Ф	7 604	Ф	6046	Ф	16.026	Φ	2.016	
Net income	\$	18,925	\$	5,684	\$	6,946	\$	16,026	\$	3,816	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash											
provided by operating activities:											
Depreciation of property and equipment		1,569		2,156		2,424		4,144		6,518	
Amortization of DVD library		20,450		25,552		24,477		59,718		72,035	
Amortization of intangible assets		453		380		139		1,533		973	
Stock-based compensation expense		3,660		3,423		3,293		12,229		10,995	
Stock option income tax benefits		-		-		12		-		12	
Loss on disposal of short-term investments		-		-		-		274		-	
Gain on disposal of DVDs		(941)		(208)		(819)		(1,732)		(2,156)	
Non-cash interest expense		11		-				33		11	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:										-	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(3,478)		(3,219)		1,401		(5,000)		2,853	
Accounts payable		5,116		3,579		(12,260)		15,014		(5,824)	
Accrued expenses		1,988		(1,979)		6,702		4,215		7,273	
Deferred revenue		1,407		1,034		903		8,334		2,464	
Deferred rent		108		92		90		246		275	
Net cash provided by operating activities		49,268		36,494		33,308		115,034		99,245	
Cash flows from investing activities:								-			
Purchases of short-term investments		-		-		-		(586)		_	
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments		_		-		_		45,013		_	
Purchases of property and equipment		(4,165)		(5,931)		(5,429)		(8,021)		(18,205)	
Acquisition of intangible asset		-		-		(481)		-		(481)	
Acquisitions of DVD library		(31,986)		(29,218)		(21,939)		(79,639)		(84,197)	
Proceeds from sale of DVDs		1,230		470		1,577		2,388		3,741	
Deposits and other assets		(206)		22		(10)		(393)		(165)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(35,127)	_	(34,657)		(26,282)		(41,238)		(99,307)	
Cash flows from financing activities:	_	(33,127)	_	(31,037)	_	(20,202)	_	(11,230)	_	(77,501)	
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		373		3,313		3,888		4,497		7,566	
Principal payments on notes payable and capital lease obligations		(100)		3,313		3,000		(329)		(79)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	_	273	_	3,313		3,888		4,168		7,487	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	_	(44)	_	3,313		3,886		(44)	_	7,407	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		14,370		5,150		10,914		77,920		7,425	
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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	\$	153,444 167,814	\$	165,822 170,972	\$	170,972 181,886	\$	89,894 167,814	\$	174,461 181,886	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	Þ	107,814	Þ	170,972	Þ	181,880	Э	107,814	Э	181,880	
Non-GAAP free cash flow reconciliation:											
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	49,268	\$	36,494	\$	33,308	\$	115,034	\$	99,245	
Purchases of property and equipment		(4,165)		(5,931)		(5,429)		(8,021)		(18,205)	
Acquisitions of DVD library		(31,986)		(29,218)		(21,939)		(79,639)		(84,197)	
Proceeds from sale of DVDs		1,230		470		1,577		2,388		3,741	
Deposits and other assets		(206)		22		(10)		(393)		(165)	
Non-GAAP free cash flow	\$	14,141	\$	1,837	\$	7,507	\$	29,369	\$	419	
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Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Other data

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	As of / Three Months Ended						As of / Nine Months Ended			
		ept 30, <u>2004</u>	•	June 30, <u>2005</u>		Sept 30, <u>2005</u>		Sept 30, 2004		Sept 30, 2005
Subscriber information:										
Subscribers: beginning of period		2,093		3,018		3,196		1,487		2,610
Gross subscribers additions: during period		590		707		921		1,933		2,573
Gross subscriber additions year-to-year change		54.0%		21.3%		56.1%		71.5%		33.1%
Gross subscriber additions quarter-to-quarter sequential change		1.2%		(25.2%)		30.3%		-		-
Less subscriber cancellations : during period		(454)		(529)		(525)		(1,191)		(1,591)
Subscribers: end of period		2,229		3,196		3,592		2,229		3,592
Subscribers year-to-year change		72.7%		52.7%		61.1%		72.7%		61.1%
Subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change		6.5%		5.9%		12.4%		-		-
Free subscribers: end of period		94		87		169		94		169
Free subscribers as percentage of ending subscribers		4.2%		2.7%		4.7%		4.2%		4.7%
Paid subscribers: end of period		2,135		3,109		3,423		2,135		3,423
Paid subscribers year-to-year change		71.9%		53.6%		60.3%		71.9%		60.3%
Paid subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change		5.5%		7.7%		10.1%		-		-
Churn		5.6%		4.7%		4.3%		-		-
Subscriber acquisition cost - Consolidated	\$	38.18	\$	37.25	\$	35.69	\$	36.06	\$	36.92
Subscriber acquisition cost - U.S.	\$	36.97	\$	37.25	\$	35.69	\$	35.69	\$	36.92
Margins:										
Gross margin		49.5%		39.0%		43.2%		45.4%		40.3%
Operating margin		13.0%		2.7%		3.2%		4.0%		0.1%
Net margin		13.4%		3.5%		4.0%		4.4%		0.8%
Expenses as percentage of revenues:										
Fulfillment		10.6%		10.7%		10.1%		11.1%		10.5%
Technology and development		4.5%		4.6%		4.6%		4.7%		4.6%
Marketing		15.9%		16.0%		18.9%		19.2%		19.3%
General and administrative		2.9%		3.0%		4.6%		2.9%		3.6%
Operating expenses before stock-based compensation		33.9%		34.3%		38.2%		37.9%		38.0%
Stock-based compensation		2.6%		2.0%		1.8%		3.4%		2.2%
Total operating expenses		36.5%		36.3%		40.0%		41.3%		40.2%
Year-to-year change:										
Total revenues		96.2%		36.7%		23.1%		89.6%		36.0%
Fulfillment		80.4%		22.2%		16.9%		83.2%		28.9%
Technology and development		33.5%		32.9%		26.6%		30.5%		33.3%
Marketing		84.9%		28.6%		45.9%		97.2%		36.3%
General and administrative		53.9%		49.3%		94.6%		50.1%		70.1%
Operating expenses before stock-based compensation		71.9%		28.6%		38.5%		77.7%		36.4%
Stock-based compensation		31.8%		(17.2%)		(10.0%)		77.6%		(10.1%)
Total operating expenses		68.2%		24.7%		35.0%		77.7%		32.6%