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Netflix Announces Q2 2008 Financial Results

Subscribers – 8.4 million Revenue – \$337.6 million GAAP Net Income – \$26.6 million GAAP EPS – \$0.42 per diluted share

LOS GATOS, Calif., July 25, 2008 – Netflix, Inc. (Nasdaq: NFLX) today reported results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2008.

"We are pleased to announce another quarter of strong financial results," said Reed Hastings, Netflix cofounder and chief executive officer.

"This quarter we delivered 25 percent year-over-year growth in subscribers, our lowest SAC ever as a public company, and a 14 percent increase in EPS for the quarter. And we made important progress on our strategy of offering our subscribers the option of streaming video directly to their TVs with the introduction of The Netflix Player by RokuTM in May and the announcement earlier this month of our agreement with Microsoft to embed Netflix streaming capability in the Xbox 360 video game and entertainment system."

Second-Quarter 2008 Financial Highlights

<u>Subscribers.</u> Netflix ended the second quarter of 2008 with approximately 8,411,000 total subscribers, representing 25 percent year-over-year growth from 6,742,000 total subscribers at the end of the second quarter of 2007 and 2 percent sequential growth from 8,243,000 subscribers at the end of the first quarter of 2008.

Net subscriber change in the quarter was an increase of 168,000, compared to a decrease of 55,000 for the same period of 2007 and an increase of 764,000 for the first quarter of 2008.

Gross subscriber additions for the quarter totaled 1,384,000, representing 35 percent year-over-year growth from 1,028,000 gross subscriber additions in the second quarter of 2007 and 26 percent quarter-over-quarter decline from 1,862,000 gross subscriber additions in the first quarter of 2008.

Of the 8,411,000 total subscribers at quarter end, 98 percent, or 8,235,000 were paid subscribers. The other 2 percent, or 176,000, were free subscribers. Paid subscribers represented 98 percent of total subscribers at the end of the second quarter of 2007 and at the end of the first quarter of 2008.

Revenue for the second quarter of 2008 was \$337.6 million, representing 11 percent year-over-year growth from \$303.7 million for the second quarter of 2007, and 4 percent sequential increase from \$326.2 million for the first quarter of 2008.

<u>Gross margin</u>¹ for the second quarter of 2008 was 31.8 percent, compared to 35.2 percent for the second quarter of 2007 and 31.7 percent for the first quarter of 2008.

GAAP net income for the second quarter of 2008 was \$26.6 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$25.6 million, or \$0.37 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2007 and GAAP net income of \$13.4 million, or \$0.21 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2008. GAAP net income grew 4 percent on a year-over-year basis and GAAP EPS grew 14 percent on a year-over-year basis.

Non-GAAP net income was \$28.7 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2008, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$27.2 million, or \$0.39 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2007 and non-GAAP net income of \$15.2 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2008. Non-GAAP net income grew 5 percent on a year-over-year basis and non-GAAP EPS grew 15 percent on a year-over-year basis.

Non-GAAP net income equals net income on a GAAP basis before stock-based compensation expense, net of taxes.

Stock-based compensation for the second quarter of 2008 was \$2.9 million, compared to \$2.8 million in the second quarter of 2007 and \$3.1 million in the first quarter of 2008. Stock-based compensation is presented in the same lines of the Consolidated Statements of Operations as cash compensation paid to the same individuals.

<u>Subscriber acquisition cost</u>² for the second quarter of 2008 was \$28.95 per gross subscriber addition, compared to \$44.02 for the same period of 2007 and \$29.50 for the first quarter of 2008.

<u>Churn</u>³ for the second quarter of 2008 was 4.2 percent, compared to 4.6 percent for the second quarter of 2007 and 3.9 percent for the first quarter of 2008. Churn includes free subscribers as well as paying subscribers who elect not to renew their monthly subscription service during the quarter.

<u>Free cash flow</u>⁴ for the second quarter of 2008 was \$12.5 million, compared to \$6.5 million in the second quarter of 2007 and \$4.7 million for the first quarter of 2008.

Cash provided by operating activities for the second quarter of 2008 was \$77.9 million, compared to \$65.1 million for the second quarter of 2007 and \$77.7 million for the first quarter of 2008.

¹ Gross margin is defined as revenues less cost of subscription and fulfillment expenses divided by revenues.

² Subscriber acquisition cost is defined as the total marketing expense, which includes stock-based compensation for marketing personnel, on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations divided by total gross subscriber additions during the quarter.

³ Churn is defined as customer cancellations in the quarter divided by the sum of beginning subscribers and gross subscriber additions, divided by three months.

⁴ Free cash flow is defined as cash provided by operating activities excluding the non-operational cash flows from purchases and sales of short-term investments, cash flows from investment in business and cash flows from financing activities.

Business Outlook

The Company's performance expectations for the third and fourth quarters of 2008 and full-year 2008 are as follows:

Third-Quarter 2008

- Ending subscribers of 8.675 million to 8.875 million
- Revenue of \$343 million to \$348 million
- GAAP net income of \$16 million to \$21 million
- GAAP EPS of \$0.26 to \$0.34 per diluted share

Fourth-Quarter 2008

- Ending subscribers of 9.1 million to 9.7 million
- Revenue of \$357 million to \$367 million
- GAAP net income of \$18 million to \$23 million
- GAAP EPS of \$0.29 to \$0.37 per diluted share

Full-Year 2008

- Ending subscribers of 9.1 million to 9.7 million, unchanged from prior guidance
- Revenue of \$1.364 billion to \$1.379 billion, tightened from \$1.35 billion to \$1.39 billion
- GAAP net income of \$75 million to \$83 million, unchanged from prior guidance
- GAAP EPS of \$1.19 to \$1.31 per diluted share, increased from \$1.16 to \$1.29 per diluted share

Float and Trading Plans

The Company estimates the public float at approximately 49,996,277 shares as of June 30, 2008, up approximately 1 percent from 49,498,642 shares as of March 31, 2008, based on registered shares held in street name with the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation. From time to time executive officers of Netflix may elect to buy or sell stock in Netflix. All open market sales by executive officers 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 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time / 5:30 a.m. Pacific Time, and may be accessed at http://ir.netflix.com. The call will consist of prepared remarks, followed by a Q&A with questions submitted via email. Please email your questions to dcrawford@netflix.com. The company will read the questions aloud on the call and respond to as many questions as possible in the hour allotted to the earnings call.

Following completion of the call, a replay of the webcast will be available at http://ir.netflix.com. The telephone replay of the call will be available from approximately 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time on July 25, 2008 through July 29, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. Pacific Time. To listen to the telephone replay, call (719) 457-0820, access code 4599200.

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. 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, cash flows from investment in business 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.

About Netflix

Netflix, Inc (Nasdaq: NFLX) is the world's largest online movie rental service, providing more than eight million subscribers access to over 100,000 DVD titles plus a growing library of over 12,000 titles that can be watched instantly on their PCs. The company offers nine subscription plans, starting at only \$4.99 per month. There are no due dates and no late fees – ever. All Netflix plans include both DVDs delivered to subscribers' homes and, for no additional fee, movies and TV series that can be started in as little as 30 seconds on subscribers' PCs. DVDs are delivered free to members by first class mail, with a postage-paid return envelope, from over 100 U.S. shipping points. Nearly 95 percent of Netflix subscribers live in areas that can be reached with generally one business day delivery. Netflix offers personalized movie recommendations and has more than two billion movie ratings. 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, GAAP net income and earnings per share for the third and fourth quarters of 2008 and the full-year 2008. 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: our ability to attract new subscribers and retain existing subscribers; impacts arising out of competition; our ability to manage our subscriber acquisition cost as well as the cost of content delivered to our subscribers; changes in pricing; fluctuations in consumer usage of our service; 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 or electronic content; customer spending on 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; and, widespread consumer adoption of different modes of viewing inhome 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 February 28, 2008. 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)

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	J	June 30, March 31,				June 30,		June 30,	June 30,				
	2008		<u>2008</u>			<u>2007</u>		<u>2008</u>	2007				
Revenues	\$	337,614	\$	326,183	\$	303,693	\$	663,797	\$	609,013			
Cost of revenues:	Ψ	337,014	Ψ	320,163	Ψ	303,093	Ψ	003,797	Ψ	009,013			
Subscription		193,769		187,156		166,838		380,925		332,027			
Fulfillment expenses *		36,318		35,649		29,855		71,967		59,638			
Total cost of revenues		230,087		222,805		196,693		452,892		391,665			
Gross profit		107,527		103,378	_	107.000	-	210,905		217,348			
Operating expenses:		107,327		103,370		107,000		210,703		217,540			
Technology and development *		22,670		20,516		18,907		43,186		34,622			
Marketing *		40,062		54,936		45,255		94,998		117,393			
General and administrative *		13,568		13,816		13,847		27,384		26,035			
Gain on disposal of DVDs		(2,263)		(833)	(2,282)		(3,096)		(3,190)				
Gain on legal settlement		-		-	(7,000)		(3,070)		(7,000)				
Total operating expenses		74,037		88,435		68,727		162,472	-	167,860			
Operating income		33,490		14,943		38,273		48,433		49,488			
Other income (expense):		33,470		14,543		30,273		40,433		72,700			
Interest and other income (expense)		2,404		7,660		4,972		10,064		10,322			
Income before income taxes		35,894		22,603		43,245	_	58,497		59,810			
Provision for income taxes		9,333		9,225		17,665		18,558		24,366			
Net income	\$	26,561	\$	13,378	\$	25,580	\$	39,939	\$	35,444			
Net income per share:	Ψ	20,001	Ψ	10,070	<u> </u>	20,000	Ψ.	27,727	Ψ	20,			
Basic	\$	0.43	\$	0.21	\$	0.38	\$	0.64	\$	0.52			
Diluted	\$	0.42	\$	0.21	\$	0.37	\$	0.62	\$	0.50			
Weighted average common shares outstanding:	Ψ	0.42	Ψ	0.21	Ψ	0.57	Ψ	0.02	Ψ	0.50			
Basic		61,782		62,776		68,031		62,262		68,360			
Diluted		63,857		64,840		69,891		64,341		70,276			
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*Stock-based compensation included in													
expense line items:													
Fulfillment expenses	\$	108	\$	106	\$	82	\$	214	\$	228			
Technology and development		849		996		831		1,845		1,588			
Marketing		455		509		521		964		1,052			
General and administrative		1,493		1,519		1,384		3,012		2,753			
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures													
(unaudited)													
Non-GAAP net income reconciliation:													
GAAP net income	\$	26,561	\$	13,378	\$	25,580	\$	39,939	\$	35,444			
Stock-based compensation		2,905		3,130		2,818		6,035		5,621			
Income tax effect of stock-based compensation		(755)		(1,277)		(1,150)		(2,032)		(2,284)			
Non-GAAP net income	\$	28,711	\$	15,231	\$	27,248	\$	43,942	\$	38,781			
Non-GAAP net income per share:													
Basic	\$	0.46	\$	0.24	\$	0.40	\$	0.71	\$	0.57			
Diluted	\$	0.45	\$	0.23	\$	0.39	\$	0.68	\$	0.55			
Weighted average common shares outstanding:													
Basic		61,782		62,776		68,031		62,262		68,360			
Diluted		63,857		64,840		69,891		64,341		70,276			

Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and par value data)

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	June 30, 2008			December 31, <u>2007</u>			
Assets							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	144,289	\$	177,439			
Short-term investments		169,175		207,703			
Prepaid expenses		7,631		6,116			
Prepaid revenue sharing expenses		14,861		6,983			
Deferred tax assets		3,339		2,254			
Other current assets		19,859		16,037			
Total current assets		359,154		416,532			
Content library, net		126,928		132,455			
Property and equipment, net		90,779		77,326			
Deferred tax assets		18,988		16,242			
Other assets		10,767		4,465			
Total assets	\$	606,616	\$	647,020			
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity							
Current liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$	109,000	\$	104,445			
Accrued expenses		27,462		36,466			
Deferred revenue		67,886		71,665			
Total current liabilities		204,348		212,576			
Other liabilities		11,853		3,695			
Total liabilities		216,201		216,271			
Stockholders' equity:							
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 160,000,000 shares authorized at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007; 61,910,603 and 64,912,915 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2008 and							
December 31, 2007, respectively		62		65			
Additional paid-in capital		324,865		402,710			
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income		(814)		1,611			
Retained earnings		66,302		26,363			
Total stockholders' equity		390,415		430,749			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	606,616	\$	647,020			

Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(in thousands)

		Th	Months En	Six Months Ended						
		June 30, March 31, 2008 2008		June 30, 2007		June 30, 2008		June 30, 2007		
Cash flows from operating activities:										
Net income	\$	26,561	\$	13,378	\$	25,580	\$	39,939	\$	35,444
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash										
provided by operating activities:										
Depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and intangibles		7,849		6,359		5,151		14,208		9,776
Amortization of content library		57,012		57,570		50,985		114,582		100,427
Amortization of discounts and premiums on investments		177		139		11		316		(71)
Stock-based compensation expense		2,905		3,130		2,818		6,035		5,621
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		(2,554)		(820)		(12,018)		(3,374)		(16,094)
Gain on sale of short-term investments		78		(4,320)		(47)		(4,242)		(194)
Gain on disposal of DVDs		(4,059)		(2,592)		(5,197)		(6,651)		(7,794)
Deferred taxes		(2,514)		(836)		(505)		(3,350)		(760)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				, ,		` ′				` /
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(10,659)		2,562		5,660		(8,097)		(4,606)
Accounts payable		9,124		(1,199)		(17,834)		7,925		(6,435)
Accrued expenses		(14,551)		7,827		14,244		(6,724)		21,943
Deferred revenue		(489)		(3,290)		(3,712)		(3,779)		(9,156)
Other assets and liabilities		9,035		(161)		1		8,874		65
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	77,915		77,747	_	65,137	_	155,662	_	128,166
Cash flows from investing activities:		,					_		_	
Purchases of short-term investments		(65,937)		(91,954)		(53,906)		(157,891)	(318,140)
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments		21,682		175,319		28,693		197,001		124,115
Purchases of property and equipment		(14,662)		(12,431)		(8,968)		(27,093)		(26,981)
Acquisition of intangible asset		(1,000)		-		-		(1,000)		_
Acquisitions of content library		(55,175)		(65,123)		(57,353)		(120,298)	(125,894)
Proceeds from sale of DVDs		5,379		4,507		7,370		9,886	`	12,996
Investment in business		-		(6,000)		-		(6,000)		_
Other assets		20		8		267		28		164
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	_	(109,693)	_	4,326	_	(83,897)	_	(105,367)		333,740)
Cash flows from financing activities:		(11)11 1 /		,	_	(,,	_	(/ /		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		4,524		8,542		2,681		13,066		3,447
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		2,554		820		12,018		3,374		16,094
Repurchases of common stock		-		(99,885)		(30,215)		(99,885)		(30,215)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	_	7,078	-	(90,523)	_	(15,516)	_	(83,445)	_	(10,674)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	_	(24,700)	_	(8,450)	_	(34,276)	_	(33,150)		216,248)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		168,989		177,439		218,458		177,439		400,430
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	144,289	\$	168,989	\$	184,182	\$	144,289	_	184,182
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Non-GAAP free cash flow reconciliation:	\$	77,915	\$	77,747	\$	65,137	¢	155,662	¢	128,166
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Other assets	d	20	Φ.	4 709	ф	267	ф	28	φ.	(11.540)
Non-GAAP free cash flow	\$	12,477	\$	4,708	\$	6,453	\$	17,185	\$	(11,549)

Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Other Data

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except percentages, average monthly revenue per paying subscriber and subscriber acquisition cost)

paying subscriber and subscriber acquisition cost)	As of / Three Months Ended					
	June 30,	June 30,				
	2008	March 31, 2008	2007			
Subscriber information:		2000	<u> </u>			
Subscribers: beginning of period	8,243	7,479	6,797			
Gross subscriber additions: during period	1,384	1,862	1,028			
Gross subscriber additions year-to-year change	34.6%	22.5%	(3.9%)			
Gross subscriber additions quarter-to-quarter sequential change	(25.7%)	24.5%	(32.4%)			
Less subscriber cancellations: during period	(1,216)	(1,098)	(1,083)			
Subscribers: end of period	8,411	8,243	6,742			
Subscribers year-to-year change	24.8%	21.3%	30.4%			
Subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change	2.0%	10.2%	(0.8%)			
Free subscribers: end of period	176	141	133			
Free subscribers as percentage of ending subscribers	2.1%	1.7%	2.0%			
Paid subscribers: end of period	8,235	8,102	6,609			
Paid subscribers year-to-year change	24.6%	21.4%	31.7%			
Paid subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change	1.6%	10.6%	(1.0%)			
Average monthly revenue per paying subscriber	\$ 13.78	\$ 14.09	\$ 15.24			
Churn	4.2%	3.9%	4.6%			
Subscriber acquisition cost	\$ 28.95	\$ 29.50	\$ 44.02			
Margins:						
Gross margin	31.8%	31.7%	35.2%			
Operating margin	9.9%	4.6%	12.6%			
Net margin	7.9%	4.1%	8.4%			
Expenses as percentage of revenues:						
Technology and development	6.7%	6.3%	6.2%			
Marketing	11.9%	16.8%	14.9%			
General and administrative	4.0%	4.2%	4.6%			
Gain on disposal of DVDs	(0.7%)	(0.2%)	(0.8%)			
Gain on legal settlement	-	-	(2.3%)			
Total operating expenses	21.9%	27.1%	22.6%			
Year-to-year change:						
Total revenues	11.2%	6.8%	26.9%			
Fulfillment expenses	21.6%	19.7%	35.9%			
Technology and development	19.9%	30.6%	57.0%			
Marketing	(11.5%)	(23.8%)	(3.8%)			
General and administrative	(2.0%)	13.4%	104.4%			
Gain on disposal of DVDs	(0.8%)	(8.3%)	136.7%			
Total operating expenses	7.7%	(10.8%)	5.9%			
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