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## **Netflix Announces Q2 2010 Financial Results**

Subscribers – 15.0 million Revenue – \$519.8 million GAAP Net Income – \$43.5 million GAAP EPS – \$0.80 per diluted share

**LOS GATOS, Calif., July 21, 2010** – Netflix, Inc. (Nasdaq: NFLX) today reported results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2010.

"Our rate of subscriber growth continues to accelerate and we added more than a million net new subscribers for the third consecutive quarter," said Netflix Co-Founder and CEO Reed Hastings. "Consumers are clearly enthralled by our offering of unlimited movies and TV shows streamed over the Internet."

## **Second-Quarter 2010 Financial Highlights**

<u>Subscribers.</u> Netflix ended the second quarter of 2010 with approximately 15,001,000 total subscribers, representing 42 percent year-over-year growth from 10,599,000 total subscribers at the end of the second quarter of 2009 and 7 percent sequential growth from 13,967,000 subscribers at the end of the first quarter of 2010.

Net subscriber change in the quarter was an increase of 1,034,000 compared to an increase of 289,000 for the same period of 2009 and an increase of 1,699,000 for the first quarter of 2010.

Gross subscriber additions for the quarter totaled 3,059,000, representing 58 percent year-over-year growth from 1,936,000 gross subscriber additions in the second quarter of 2009 and 12 percent quarter-over-quarter decline from 3,492,000 gross subscriber additions in the first quarter of 2010.

Of the 15,001,000 total subscribers at quarter end, 97 percent, or 14,577,000, were paid subscribers. The other 3 percent, or 424,000, were free subscribers. Paid subscribers represented 98 percent of total subscribers at the end of the second quarter of 2009 and at the end of the first quarter of 2010.

<u>Revenue</u> for the second quarter of 2010 was \$519.8 million, representing 27 percent year-over-year growth from \$408.5 million for the second quarter of 2009, and 5 percent sequential growth from \$493.7 million for the first quarter of 2010.

<u>Gross margin</u><sup>1</sup> for the second quarter of 2010 was 39.4 percent compared to 34.1 percent for the second quarter of 2009 and 37.8 percent for the first quarter of 2010.

GAAP net income for the second quarter of 2010 was \$43.5 million, or \$0.80 per diluted share compared to GAAP net income of \$32.4 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2009 and GAAP net income of \$32.3 million, or \$0.59 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2010. GAAP net income grew 34 percent on a year-over-year basis and GAAP EPS grew 48 percent on a year-over-year basis.

<u>Percentage of subscribers who watched instantly</u> more than 15 minutes of a TV episode or movie in the second quarter of 2010 was 61 percent compared to 37 percent for the same period of 2009 and 55 percent for the first quarter of 2010.

<u>Subscriber acquisition cost</u><sup>2</sup> for the second quarter of 2010 was \$24.37 per gross subscriber addition compared to \$23.88 for the same period of 2009 and \$21.54 for the first quarter of 2010.

<u>Churn</u><sup>3</sup> for the second quarter of 2010 was 4.0 percent compared to 4.5 percent for the second quarter of 2009 and 3.8 percent for the first quarter of 2010. 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><sup>4</sup> for the second quarter of 2010 was \$34.2 million compared to \$26.3 million for the second quarter of 2009 and \$37.6 million for the first quarter of 2010.

Last twelve-month free cash flow for the second quarter of 2010 was \$127.5 million compared to \$118.6 million for the second quarter of 2009 and \$119.6 million for the first quarter of 2010.

Cash provided by operating activities for the second quarter of 2010 was \$60.3 million compared to \$75.3 million for the second quarter of 2009 and \$77.2 million for the first quarter of 2010.

## **Business Outlook**

The Company's performance expectations for the third and fourth quarters of 2010 and full-year 2010 are as follows:

## Third-Quarter 2010

• Ending subscribers of 16.3 million to 16.7 million

- Revenue of \$546 million to \$554 million
- GAAP net income of \$33 million to \$40 million
- GAAP EPS of \$0.61 to \$0.74 per diluted share

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Churn is a monthly measure defined as customer cancellations in the quarter divided by the sum of beginning subscribers and gross subscriber additions, then divided by three months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Free cash flow is defined as cash provided by operating activities and investing activities excluding the non-operational cash flows from purchases and sales of short-term investments and cash flows from investment in business.

## Fourth-Quarter 2010

- Ending subscribers of 17.7 million to 18.5 million
- Revenue of \$580 million to \$596 million
- GAAP net income of \$32 million to \$40 million
- GAAP EPS of \$0.58 to \$0.73 per diluted share

#### Full-Year 2010

- Ending subscribers of 17.7 million to 18.5 million, up from 16.5 million to 17.3 million
- Revenue of \$2.14 billion to \$2.16 billion, up from \$2.11 billion to \$2.16 billion
- GAAP net income of \$141 million to \$156 million, up from \$132 million to \$144 million
- GAAP EPS of \$2.58 to \$2.86 per diluted share, up from \$2.41 to \$2.63 per diluted share

# **Earnings Q&A Session**

In conjunction with this earnings press release, the Company has posted management's commentary to its Web site at <a href="http://ir.netflix.com">http://ir.netflix.com</a>. Netflix management will host a live Q&A session at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time to discuss the Company's financial results and business outlook, with questions submitted via email. Please email your questions to <a href="mailto:ir@netflix.com">ir@netflix.com</a>. (Please note this new email address). The company will read the questions aloud on the call and respond to as many questions as possible. All media inquiries should be directed to Steve Swasey at (408) 540-3947or <a href="mailto:sswasey@netflix.com">sswasey@netflix.com</a>.

A live webcast and the replay of the earnings Q&A session can be accessed on the investor relations section of the Netflix website at <a href="http://ir.netflix.com">http://ir.netflix.com</a>. For those without access to the Internet, a replay of the call will be available from 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time on July 21, 2010 through midnight on July 24, 2010. To listen to the replay, call (706) 645-9291, conference ID 84659036.

#### **Use of Non-GAAP Measures**

This press release and its attachments include reference to non-GAAP financial measures of free cash flow and non-GAAP net income. 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**

With more than 15 million members, Netflix, Inc. (Nasdaq: NFLX) is the world's largest subscription service streaming movies and TV episodes over the Internet and sending DVDs by mail. For \$8.99 a month, Netflix members can instantly watch unlimited TV episodes and movies streamed to their TVs and computers and can receive unlimited DVDs delivered quickly to their homes. With Netflix, there are never any due dates or late fees. Members can select from a growing library of titles that can be watched instantly and a vast array of titles on DVD. Among the large and expanding base of devices that can stream movies and TV episodes from Netflix right to members' TVs are Microsoft's Xbox 360 and Sony's PS3 game consoles and Nintendo's Wii console; Blu-ray disc players from Samsung, LG and Insignia; Internet TVs from LG, Sony and VIZIO; the Roku digital video player and TiVo digital video recorders; and Apple's iPad tablet. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.netflix.com">http://www.netflix.com</a>.

## **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 2010 and the full-year 2010. 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; our ability to manage our subscriber acquisition cost as well as the cost of content delivered to our subscribers; fluctuations in consumer usage of our service; the continued availability of content on terms and conditions acceptable to us; maintenance and expansion of device platforms for instant streaming; continued weakness in the U.S. economy and its affect on online commerce or the filmed entertainment industry; conditions that effect our delivery through the U.S. Postal Service, including regulatory changes and postal rate increases; changes in the costs of acquiring DVDs or electronic content; consumer spending on DVDs and related products; disruption in service on our website or with our computer systems; competition 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 February 22, 2010. 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)

(in thousands, except per share data)		Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended					
		June 30, March 31,			June 30,		June 30,	June 30,		
		<u>2010</u>		<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>
Revenues	\$	519,819	\$	493,665	\$	408,509	\$	1,013,484	\$	802,607
Cost of revenues:	-	,	_	,	-	,	_	-,,	-	,
Subscription		265,387		259,560		227,316		524,947		444,772
Fulfillment expenses *		49,547		47,602		41,927		97,149		83,739
Total cost of revenues		314,934		307,162	_	269,243	_	622,096	_	528,511
Gross profit		204,885		186,503		139,266		391,388	-	274,096
Operating expenses:		, , , , , , ,		,-		,		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		,
Technology and development *		37,863		37,399		27,119		75,262		51,319
Marketing *		74,533		75,219		46,231		149,752		108,473
General and administrative *		17,119		17,193		13,252		34,312		26,266
Gain on disposal of DVDs		(1,972)		(1,653)		(118)		(3,625)		(1,215)
Total operating expenses		127,543		128,158		86,484		255,701		184,843
Operating income		77,342		58,345		52,782		135,687		89,253
Other income (expense):										
Interest expense		(4,893)		(4,959)		(674)		(9,852)		(1,344)
Interest and other income		921		972		866		1,893		2,476
Income before income taxes		73,370		54,358		52,974		127,728		90,385
Provision for income taxes		29,851		22,086		20,531		51,937		35,579
Net income	\$	43,519	\$	32,272	\$	32,443	\$	75,791	\$	54,806
Net income per share:										
Basic	\$	0.83	\$	0.61	\$	0.56	\$	1.44	\$	0.94
Diluted	\$	0.80	\$	0.59	\$	0.54	\$	1.39	\$	0.91
Weighted average common shares outstanding:										
Basic		52,486		52,911		57,872		52,697		58,301
Diluted		54,324		54,775		59,660		54,548		60,182
*Stock-based compensation included in										
expense line items:										
Fulfillment expenses	\$	307	\$	176	\$	102	\$	483	\$	222
Technology and development		2,376		1,869		1,190		4,245		2,261
Marketing		756		643		458		1,399		901
General and administrative		3,489		2,814		1,528		6,303		3,026
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures										
(unaudited)										
Non-GAAP net income reconciliation:										
GAAP net income	\$	43,519	\$	32,272	\$	32,443	\$	75,791	\$	54,806
Stock-based compensation		6,928		5,502		3,278		12,430		6,410
Income tax effect of stock-based compensation		(2,820)		(2,234)		(1,272)		(5,054)		(2,531)
Non-GAAP net income	\$	47,627	\$	35,540	\$	34,449	\$	83,167	\$	58,685
Non-GAAP net income per share:										
Basic	\$	0.91	\$	0.67	\$	0.60	\$	1.58	\$	1.01
Diluted	\$	0.88	\$	0.65	\$	0.58	\$	1.52	\$	0.98
Weighted average common shares outstanding:										
Basic		52,486		52,911		57,872		52,697		58,301
Diluted		54,324		54,775		59,660		54,548		60,182

Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and par value data)

	As of				
	J	June 30,	December 31,		
	<u>2010</u>			<u>2009</u>	
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	107,327	\$	134,224	
Short-term investments		171,758		186,018	
Current content library, net		93,123		37,329	
Prepaid content		33,837		26,741	
Other current assets		35,173		26,701	
Total current assets		441,218		411,013	
Content library, net		94,666		108,810	
Property and equipment, net		123,292		131,653	
Deferred tax assets		21,951		15,958	
Other non-current assets		12,845		12,300	
Total assets	\$	693,972	\$	679,734	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				_	
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	120,031	\$	91,475	
Accrued expenses		34,746		33,387	
Current portion of lease financing obligations		1,971		1,410	
Deferred revenue		101,419		100,097	
Total current liabilities		258,167		226,369	
Long-term debt		200,000		200,000	
Lease financing obligations, excluding current portion		35,185		36,572	
Other non-current liabilities		23,980		17,650	
Total liabilities		517,332		480,591	
Stockholders' equity:					
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 160,000,000 shares authorized					
at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009; 52,358,171 and					
53,440,073 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2010 and					
December 31, 2009, respectively		52		53	
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net		802		273	
Retained earnings		175,786		198,817	
Total stockholders' equity		176,640		199,143	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	693,972	\$	679,734	

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

(in thousands)

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>			Six Mont	Six Months Ended			
	June 30,	June 30, March 31,		June 30,	June 30,			
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010*</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>			
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Net income	\$ 43,519	\$ 32,272	\$ 32,443	\$ 75,791	\$ 54,806			
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash								
provided by operating activities:								
Acquisition of streaming content library	(66,157)	(50,475)	(9,343)	(116,632)	(31,434)			
Amortization of content library	65,143	62,292	53,235	127,435	102,539			
Depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and intangibles	9,309	10,859	9,013	20,168	18,188			
Amortization of discounts and premiums on investments	236	234	119	470	313			
Amortization of debt issuance costs	137	98	-	235	-			
Stock-based compensation expense	6,928	5,502	3,278	12,430	6,410			
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(11,182)	(7,424)	(3,815)	(18,606)	(7,499)			
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	-	110	-	254			
(Gain) loss on sale of short-term investments	(215)	(264)	101	(479)	(471)			
Gain on disposal of DVDs	(3,058)	(3,228)	(506)	(6,286)	(2,539)			
Deferred taxes	(3,394)	(2,761)	5,898	(6,155)	4,554			
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:								
Prepaid content	(2,133)	(4,963)	(1,613)	(7,096)	2,485			
Other current assets	(9,211)	548	(7,232)	(8,663)	(11,721)			
Accounts payable	19,263	16,878	(6,549)	36,141	2,023			
Accrued expenses	7,917	13,746	(34)	21,663	2,911			
Deferred revenue	1,310	12	(128)	1,322	(2,632)			
Other assets and liabilities	1,840	3,879	325	5,719	2,748			
Net cash provided by operating activities	60,252	77,205	75,302	137,457	140,935			
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Acquisitions of DVD content library	(24,191)	(36,902)	(43,224)	(61,093)	(89,723)			
Purchases of short-term investments	(21,795)	(35,995)	(28,769)	(57,790)	(81,153)			
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments	32,055	30,770	7,832	62,825	44,765			
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments	4,310	4,013	26,175	8,323	27,505			
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,671)	(6,393)	(6,933)	(12,064)	(13,505)			
Acquisitions of intangible assets	-	(130)	-	(130)	(200)			
Proceeds from sale of DVDs	3,815	3,984	1,159	7,799	3,885			
Other assets	10	(172)	11	(162)	9			
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,467)	(40,825)	(43,749)	(52,292)	(108,417)			
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Principal payments of lease financing obligations	(465)	(361)	(295)	(826)	(564)			
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	13,109	9,918	9,778	23,027	23,367			
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	11,182	7,424	3,815	18,606	7,499			
Repurchases of common stock	(45,145)	(107,724)	(72,511)	(152,869)	(115,230)			
Net cash used in financing activities	(21,319)	(90,743)	(59,213)	(112,062)	(84,928)			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	27,466	(54,363)	(27,660)	(26,897)	(52,410)			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	79,861	134,224	115,131	134,224	139,881			
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 107,327	\$ 79,861	\$ 87,471	\$ 107,327	\$ 87,471			

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended				
	Jı	une 30,	N	Iarch 31,	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
		<u>2010</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>
Non-GAAP free cash flow reconciliation:									
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	60,252	\$	77,205	\$ 75,302	\$	137,457	\$	140,935
Acquisitions of DVD content library		(24,191)		(36,902)	(43,224)		(61,093)		(89,723)
Purchases of property and equipment		(5,671)		(6,393)	(6,933)		(12,064)		(13,505)
Acquisitions of intangible assets		-		(130)	-		(130)		(200)
Proceeds from sale of DVDs		3,815		3,984	1,159		7,799		3,885
Other assets		10		(172)	 11		(162)		9
Non-GAAP free cash flow	\$	34,215	\$	37,592	\$ 26,315	\$	71,807	\$	41,401

<sup>\*</sup> Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified.

	Tw	<u>elve</u>	Months En	<u>de d</u>		
	June 30,	N	Iarch 31,		June 30,	
	<u>2010</u>		<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	
Non-GAAP free cash flow reconciliation:						
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 321,585	\$	336,635	\$	293,530	
Acquisitions of DVD content library	(164,414)		(183,447)		(156,846)	
Purchases of property and equipment	(44,491)		(45,753)		(30,202)	
Acquisitions of intangible assets	(130)		(130)		(262)	
Proceeds from sale of DVDs	15,078		12,422		12,367	
Other assets	 (100)		(99)		(20)	
Non-GAAP free cash flow	\$ 127,528	\$	119,628	\$	118,567	

Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Other Data

(unaudited)

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

	As of / Three Months Ended					
	June 30,	March 31,	June 30,			
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>			
Subscriber information:						
Subscribers: beginning of period	13,967	12,268	10,310			
Gross subscriber additions: during period	3,059	3,492	1,936			
Gross subscriber additions year-to-year change	58.0%	44.7%	39.9%			
Gross subscriber additions quarter-to-quarter sequential change	(12.4%)	24.6%	(19.8%)			
Less subscriber cancellations: during period	(2,025)	(1,793)	(1,647)			
Subscribers: end of period	15,001	13,967	10,599			
Subscribers year-to-year change	41.5%	35.5%	26.0%			
Subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change	7.4%	13.8%	2.8%			
Free subscribers: end of period	424	345	224			
Free subscribers as percentage of ending subscribers	2.8%	2.5%	2.1%			
Paid subscribers: end of period	14,577	13,622	10,375			
Paid subscribers year-to-year change	40.5%	34.7%	26.0%			
Paid subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change	7.0%	14.5%	2.6%			
Average monthly revenue per paying subscriber	\$ 12.29	\$ 12.90	\$ 13.29			
Average monthly gross profit per paying subscriber	\$ 4.84	\$ 4.87	\$ 4.53			
Percentage of subscribers who watched instantly more than 15						
minutes of a TV episode or movie	61%	55%	37%			
Household penetration - Bay Area	26%	24%	21%			
Household penetration - Rest of Country	13%	12%	9%			
Churn	4.0%	3.8%	4.5%			
Subscriber acquisition cost	\$ 24.37	\$ 21.54	\$ 23.88			
Margins:						
Gross margin	39.4%	37.8%	34.1%			
Operating margin	14.9%	11.8%	13.0%			
Net margin	8.4%	6.5%	8.0%			
Expenses as percentage of revenues:						
Technology and development	7.3%	7.6%	6.6%			
Marketing	14.3%	15.2%	11.3%			
General and administrative	3.3%	3.5%	3.2%			
Gain on disposal of DVDs	(0.4%)	(0.3%)	-			
Total operating expenses	24.5%	26.0%	21.1%			
Year-to-year change:						
Total revenues	27.2%	25.3%	21.0%			
Cost of subscription	16.7%	19.4%	17.3%			
Fulfillment expenses	18.2%	13.8%	15.4%			
Technology and development	39.6%	54.5%	22.2%			
Marketing	61.2%	20.8%	15.6%			
General and administrative	29.2%	32.1%	(1.2%)			
Gain on disposal of DVDs	1571.2%	50.7%	(94.8%)			
Total operating expenses	47.5%	30.3%	17.9%			
20mm operating emperious	17.570	30.370	17.570			