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# **Netflix Announces Q4 2007 Financial Results**

Subscribers – 7.5 million Revenue – \$302.4 million GAAP Net Income – \$15.8 million GAAP EPS – \$0.24 per diluted share

**LOS GATOS, Calif., January 23, 2008** – Netflix, Inc. (Nasdaq: NFLX) today reported results for the fourth guarter and year ended December 31, 2007.

"We achieved strong results in 2007 – ending subscribers up 18 percent, revenue up 21 percent and net income up 36 percent – despite facing tough competition for much of the year and investing strategically in our online video initiatives," said Reed Hastings, Netflix co-founder and chief executive officer.

"The emergence of a bundled service that enables our subscribers to receive DVDs through the mail fast and movies and TV episodes over the Internet instantly, positions us to achieve solid growth in 2008 and over the long term."

#### Fourth-Quarter and Fiscal-Year 2007 Financial Highlights

Revenue for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$302.4 million, representing 9 percent year-over-year growth from \$277.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2006, and 3 percent sequential increase from \$294.0 million for the third quarter of 2007. Revenue for fiscal 2007 was \$1.205 billion, up 21 percent from \$996.7 million for fiscal 2006.

GAAP net income for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$15.8 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$14.9 million, or \$0.21 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2006 and GAAP net income of \$15.7 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2007.

GAAP net income for fiscal 2007 was \$67.0 million, or \$0.97 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$49.1 million, or \$0.71 per diluted share, for fiscal 2006.

Non-GAAP net income was \$17.8 million, or \$0.27 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2007, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$16.8 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2006 and non-GAAP net income of \$17.6 million, or \$0.26 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2007.

Non-GAAP net income was \$74.2 million, or \$1.08 per diluted share, for fiscal 2007 compared to non-GAAP net income of \$56.8 million, or \$0.82 per diluted share for fiscal 2006.

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

<u>Gross margin</u><sup>1</sup> for the fourth quarter of 2007 was 33.8 percent, compared to 38.9 percent for the fourth quarter of 2006 and 33.9 percent for the third quarter of 2007. Gross margin for fiscal 2007 was 34.8 percent, compared to 37.1 percent for fiscal 2006.

<u>Free cash flow</u><sup>2</sup> for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$21.0 million, compared to \$22.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$36.1 million for the third quarter of 2007. Free cash flow for fiscal 2007 was \$45.5 million as compared to \$62.0 million in fiscal 2006.

Cash provided by operating activities for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$84.4 million, compared to \$87.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2006 and \$77.6 million for the third quarter of 2007. Cash provided by operating activities for fiscal 2007 was \$290.1 million, compared to \$247.9 million for fiscal 2006.

<u>Subscribers.</u> Netflix ended the fourth quarter of 2007 with approximately 7,479,000 total subscribers, representing 18 percent year-over-year growth from 6,316,000 total subscribers at the end of the fourth quarter of 2006 and 6 percent sequential growth from 7,028,000 subscribers at the end of the third quarter of 2007.

Net subscriber change in the quarter was an increase of 451,000, compared to an increase of 654,000 for the same period of 2006 and an increase of 286,000 for the third quarter of 2007.

Gross subscriber additions for the quarter totaled 1,495,000, essentially flat year-over-year from 1,493,000 gross subscriber additions in the fourth quarter of 2006 and 15 percent quarter-over-quarter growth from 1,297,000 gross subscriber additions in the third quarter of 2007.

Of the 7,479,000 total subscribers at quarter end, 98 percent, or 7,326,000 were paid subscribers. The other 2 percent, or 153,000, were free subscribers. Paid subscribers represented 97 percent of total subscribers at the end of the fourth quarter of 2006 and at the end of the third quarter of 2007.

<u>Subscriber acquisition cost</u><sup>3</sup> for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$34.60 per gross subscriber addition, compared to \$44.31 for the same period of 2006 and \$37.91 for the third quarter of 2007. SAC for fiscal 2007 was \$40.88 per gross subscriber addition compared to \$42.96 for fiscal 2006.

<u>Churn</u><sup>4</sup> for the fourth quarter of 2007 was 4.1 percent, compared to 3.9 percent for the fourth quarter of 2006 and 4.2 percent for the third quarter of 2007. Churn includes free subscribers as well as paying subscribers who elect not to renew their monthly subscription service during the quarter.

Stock-based compensation for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$3.2 million, compared to \$3.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 and the third quarter of 2007. Stock-based compensation for fiscal 2007 was \$12.0 million, compared to \$12.7 million for fiscal 2006. Stock-based compensation is presented in the same lines of the Consolidated Statements of Operations as cash compensation paid to the same individuals.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gross margin is defined as revenues less cost of subscription and fulfillment expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Churn is defined as customer cancellations in the quarter divided by the sum of beginning subscribers and gross subscriber additions, divided by three months.

#### **Business Outlook**

The Company's performance expectations for the first quarter of 2008 and full-year 2008 are as follows:

# First-Quarter 2008

- Ending subscribers of 7.85 million to 8.05 million
- Revenue of \$323 million to \$328 million
- GAAP net income of \$9 million to \$14 million
- GAAP EPS of \$0.13 to \$0.21 per diluted share

#### Full-Year 2008

- Ending subscribers of 8.4 million to 8.9 million
- Revenue of \$1.3 billion to \$1.35 billion
- GAAP net income of \$75 million to \$83 million
- GAAP EPS of \$1.12 to \$1.24 per diluted share

## Float and Trading Plans

The Company estimates the public float at approximately 52,723,123 shares as of December 31, 2007, down approximately 1 percent from 53,352,707 shares as of September 30, 2007, 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 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time / 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, and may be accessed at <a href="http://ir.netflix.com">http://ir.netflix.com</a>. Following completion of the call, a replay of the webcast will be available at <a href="http://ir.netflix.com">http://ir.netflix.com</a>. The telephone replay of the call will be available from approximately 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on January 23, 2008 through January 26, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. Pacific Time. To listen to the telephone replay, call (719) 457-0820, access code 6179304.

#### **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 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 seven million subscribers access to more than 90,000 DVD titles plus a growing library of more than 6,000 choices 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 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 first quarter 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 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 28, 2007. 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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	December 31, <u>2007</u>		September 30, <u>2007</u>		December 31, 2006		December 31, 2007		December 31, <u>2006</u>		
Revenues	\$	302,355	\$	293,972	\$	277,233	\$	1,205,340	\$	996,660	
Cost of revenues:											
Subscription		168,673		163,707		142,586		664,407		532,621	
Fulfillment expenses*		31,377		30,746		26,762		121,761		94,364	
Total cost of revenues		200,050		194,453		169,348		786,168		626,985	
Gross profit		102,305		99,519		107,885		419,172		369,675	
Operating expenses:											
Technology and development *		18,557		18,216		13,201		71,395		48,379	
Marketing *		51,721		49,166		66,158		218,280		225,524	
General and administrative *		13,602		12,895		11,142		52,532		36,155	
Gain on disposal of DVDs		(1,696) (2,310)		(1,304) (7,196)			(4,797)				
Gain on legal settlement		_				_		(7,000)			
Total operating expenses		82,184		77,967		89,197		328,011		305,261	
Operating income		20,121		21,552		18,688		91,161		64,414	
Other income:											
Interest and other income		4,929		5,089		5,064		20,340		15,904	
Income before income taxes		25,050		26,641		23,752		111,501		80,318	
Income taxes	_	9,274	_	10,909	_	8,892	_	44,549	_	31,236	
Net income	\$	15,776	\$	15,732	\$	14,860	\$	66,952	\$	49,082	
Net income per share:											
Basic	\$	0.24	\$	0.24	\$	0.22	\$	1.00	\$	0.78	
Diluted	\$	0.24	\$	0.23	\$	0.21	\$	0.97	\$	0.71	
Weighted average common shares outstanding:											
Basic		65,156		66,469		68,424		67,076		62,577	
Diluted		67,042		68,090		70,670		68,902		69,075	
*Stock-based compensation included in											
expense line items:											
Fulfillment expenses	\$	100	\$	99	\$	229	\$	427	\$	925	
Technology and development		1,105		1,002		892		3,695		3,608	
Marketing		561		547		515		2,160		2,138	
General and administrative		1,476		1,465		1,494		5,694		6,025	
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures											
(Unaudited)											
Non-GAAP net income reconciliation:											
GAAP net income	\$	15,776	\$	15,732	\$	14,860	\$	66,952	\$	49,082	
Stock-based compensation		3,242		3,113		3,130		11,976		12,696	
Income tax effect of stock-based compensation		(1,200)		(1,273)		(1,171)		(4,757)		(4,950)	
Non-GAAP net income	\$	17,818	\$	17,572	\$	16,819	\$	74,171	\$	56,828	
Non-GAAP net income per share:											
Basic	\$	0.27	\$	0.26	\$	0.25	\$	1.11	\$	0.91	
Diluted	\$	0.27	\$	0.26	\$	0.24	\$	1.08	\$	0.82	
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# Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and par value data)

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	Dec	cember 31,  2007	December 31, 2006			
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	177,439	\$	400,430		
Short-term investments		207,703		-		
Prepaid expenses		6,116		4,742		
Prepaid revenue sharing expenses		6,983		9,456		
Deferred tax assets		2,254		3,155		
Other current assets		16,037		10,635		
Total current assets		416,532		428,418		
Content library, net		132,455		104,908		
Property and equipment, net		77,326		55,503		
Deferred tax assets		16,242		15,600		
Other assets		4,465		4,350		
Total assets	\$	647,020	\$	608,779		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	104,445	\$	93,864		
Accrued expenses		36,466		29,905		
Deferred revenue		71,665		69,678		
Total current liabilities		212,576		193,447		
Other liabilities		3,695		1,121		
Total liabilities		216,271		194,568		
Stockholders' equity:						
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 160,000,000 shares authorized						
at December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006; 64,912,915 and						
68,612,463 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2007 and						
December 31, 2006, respectively		65		69		
Additional paid-in capital		402,710		454,731		
Accumulated other comprehensive income		1,611		-		
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)		26,363		(40,589)		
Total stockholders' equity		430,749		414,211		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity		647,020	\$	608,779		

**Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows** 

(unaudited)(in thousands)

(iii tiiousaiius)	<b>Three Months Ended</b>				Twelve Months Ended					
	Dec	cember 31,					December 31,		December 31,	
		2007		2007		2006		<u>2007</u>		2006
Cash flows from operating activities:										
Net income	\$	15,776	\$	15,732	\$	14,860	\$	66,952	\$	49,082
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash										
provided by operating activities:										
Depreciation of property and equipment		5,915		5,752		4,374		21,394		15,903
Amortization of content library		54,751		48,237		45,716		203,415		141,160
Amortization of intangible assets		79		25		25		153		73
Amortization of discounts and premiums on investments		72		23		-		24		-
Stock-based compensation expense		3,242		3,113		3,130		11,976		12,696
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		(4,984)		(5,170)		(5,652)		(26,248)		(13,217)
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment		14		128		-		142		(23)
Gain on sale of short-term investments		(323)		(170)		_		(687)		-
Gain on disposal of DVDs		(2,906)		(3,937)		(2,770)		(14,637)		(9,089)
Deferred taxes		399		(300)		2,651		(661)		16,150
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				(200)		2,001		(001)		10,100
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		192		111		(3,134)		(4,303)		(7,064)
Accounts payable		(2,514)		6,048		3,178		(2,901)		3,208
Accrued expenses		(567)		11,433		4,918		32,809		17,559
Deferred revenue		15,344		(4,201)		19,803		1,987		21,145
Other liabilities				741		19,803		724		21,143
		(82)	_			87,111				
Net cash provided by operating activities		84,408	_	77,565		87,111		290,139		247,862
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of short-term investments		(25.229)		(51.072)				(405.240)		
		(35,228)		(51,972)		-		(405,340)		-
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments		35,453		41,264		(11.524)		200,832		(07.222)
Purchases of property and equipment		(9,863)		(7,412)		(11,524)		(44,256)		(27,333)
Acquisition of intangible asset		(550)		(20, 452)		(5.6.000)		(550)		(585)
Acquisitions of content library		(56,406)		(39,452)		(56,289)		(221,752)		(169,528)
Proceeds from sale of DVDs		3,884		4,760		3,977		21,640		12,886
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		15		-		-		15		23
Other assets		(497)	_	615		(804)		282		(1,332)
Net cash used in investing activities		(63,192)	_	(52,197)		(64,640)		(449,129)		(185,869)
Cash flows from financing activities:										
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		5,745		417		3,566		9,609		112,964
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		4,984		5,170		5,652		26,248		13,217
Repurchases of common stock		(34,310)	_	(35,333)				(99,858)		-
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(23,581)	_	(29,746)		9,218		(64,001)		126,181
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(2,365)		(4,378)		31,689		(222,991)		188,174
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		179,804	_	184,182		368,741		400,430		212,256
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	177,439	\$	179,804	\$	400,430	\$	177,439	\$	400,430
Non-GAAP free cash flow reconciliation:										
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	84,408	\$	77,565	\$	87,111	\$	290,139	\$	247,862
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Non-GAAP free cash flow	\$	20,991	\$	36,076	\$	22,471	\$	45,518	\$	61,993
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Netflix, Inc. Consolidated Other data

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

paying subscriber and subscriber acquisition costy	As of / Three Months Ended					
	December 31, <u>2007</u>	September 30, <u>2007</u>				
Subscriber information:						
Subscribers: beginning of period	7,028	6,742	5,662			
Gross subscribers additions: during period	1,495	1,297	1,493			
Gross subscriber additions year-to-year change	0.1%	(1.0%)	29.2%			
Gross subscriber additions quarter-to-quarter sequential change	15.3%	26.2%	14.0%			
Less subscriber cancellations : during period	(1,044)	(1,011)	(839)			
Subscribers: end of period	7,479	7,028	6,316			
Subscribers year-to-year change	18.4%	24.1%	51.1%			
Subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change	6.4%	4.2%	11.6%			
Free subscribers: end of period	153	183	162			
Free subscribers as percentage of ending subscribers	2.0%	2.6%	2.6%			
Paid subscribers: end of period	7,326	6,845	6,154			
Paid subscribers year-to-year change	19.0%	24.7%	52.9%			
Paid subscribers quarter-to-quarter sequential change	7.0%	3.6%	12.1%			
Average monthly revenue per paying subscriber	\$ 14.22	\$ 14.57	\$ 15.87			
Churn	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%			
Subscriber acquisition cost	\$ 34.60	\$ 37.91	\$ 44.31			
Margins:						
Gross margin	33.8%	33.9%	38.9%			
Operating margin	6.7%	7.4%	6.7%			
Net margin	5.2%	5.4%	5.4%			
Expenses as percentage of revenues:						
Technology and development	6.1%	6.2%	4.8%			
Marketing	17.1%	16.7%	23.9%			
General and administrative	4.5%	4.4%	4.0%			
Gain on disposal of DVDs	(0.5%)	(0.8%)	(0.5%)			
Total operating expenses	27.2%	26.5%	32.2%			
Year-to-year change:						
Total revenues	9.1%	14.9%	43.6%			
Fulfillment	17.2%	30.4%	39.5%			
Technology and development	40.6%	52.7%	43.2%			
Marketing	(21.8%)	(17.2%)	39.0%			
General and administrative	22.1%	29.6%	(14.5%)			
Gain on disposal of DVDs	30.1%	102.3%	65.5%			
Total operating expenses	(7.9%)	(2.7%)	29.2%			
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