

Netlist Reports Second Quarter 2018 Results

July 31, 2018

IRVINE, Calif., July 31, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Netlist, Inc. (Nasdaq: NLST) today reported financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018.

Revenues for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018 were \$8.4 million, compared to revenues of \$11.4 million for the quarter ended July 1, 2017. Gross profit for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 was \$0.5 million, or 5.7% of revenues, compared to a gross profit of \$0.6 million, or 5.6% of revenues, for the quarter ended July 1, 2017.

GAAP net loss for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018 was (\$3.4) million, or (\$0.04) loss per share, compared to a net loss in the prior year period of (\$3.8) million, or (\$0.06) loss per share. These results include stock-based compensation expense of \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million for the quarters ended June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2017, respectively.

As of June 30, 2018, cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash were \$8.1 million, total assets were \$16.7 million, working capital was \$5.0 million, total debt and accrued interest, net of debt discount, was \$17.3 million, and stockholders' deficit was (\$8.4) million.

"Second quarter performance reflected the continuing growth in sales of specialty memory along with ongoing cost controls, resulting in the improvement of the bottom line on both a year-over-year and sequential quarter basis," said C.K. Hong, Netlist's Chief Executive Officer. "The second International Trade Commission (ITC) action against SK hynix continues to move forward as the investigation was remanded in Netlist's favor. We expect to receive the Judge's order on claim construction in several weeks with a trial date set for December."

Adjusted EBITDA (loss) was (\$3.0) million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018, compared to adjusted EBITDA (loss) of (\$3.3) million for the quarter ended July 1, 2017. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. Non-GAAP financial measures are described below under "Note Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures," and are reconciled to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, net loss, below under "Unaudited Schedule Reconciling GAAP Net Loss to Non-GAAP EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA."

Conference Call Information

C.K. Hong, Chief Executive Officer, and Gail Sasaki, Chief Financial Officer, will host an investor conference call today, July 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time to review Netlist's results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018. The dial-in number for the call is 1-412-317-5443. The live webcast and archived replay of the call can be accessed for 90 days in the Investors section of Netlist's website at www.netlist.com.

Note Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Certain of the data included in this press release, including EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, are non-GAAP financial measures. Netlist believes this information is useful to investors because it provides a basis for measuring the operating performance of Netlist's business excluding certain items that it believes are not attributable to or reflective of its core operating results. Netlist defines EBITDA as net loss calculated and presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), plus interest expense, net, plus provisions for income taxes, and plus depreciation and amortization; and Netlist defines adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA plus stock-based compensation expense and plus (minus) other expense (income), net.

Netlist expects to continue to incur expenses similar to the line items added to or subtracted from net loss to calculate EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA; accordingly, the exclusion of these items in the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures should not be construed as an inference that these items are unusual, infrequent or non-recurring. Netlist's management uses these non-GAAP financial measures along with the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure net loss in evaluating Netlist's operating performance. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in conformity with GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as reported by Netlist may not be comparable to similarly titled amounts reported by other companies.

About Netlist

Netlist provides high-performance SSDs and modular memory subsystems to enterprise customers in diverse industries. Flagship products NVvault® and EXPRESSvault™ enable customers to accelerate data in their servers and storage and reliably protect enterprise-level cache, metadata and log data in the event of a system failure or power outage. HybriDIMM™, Netlist's next-generation storage class memory product, addresses the growing need for real-time analytics in Big Data applications, in-memory databases, high-performance computing and advanced data storage solutions. Netlist also manufactures and provides a line of specialty and legacy memory products to storage customers, appliance customers, system builders and cloud and datacenter customers. Netlist holds a portfolio of patents, many seminal, in the areas of hybrid memory, storage class memory, rank multiplication and load reduction. To learn more, visit www.netlist.com.

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[This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements other than historical facts and often address future events or Netlist's future performance. Forward-looking statements contained in this news release include statements about, among other things, trends in Netlist's performance; Netlist's efforts to expand and strengthen its patent portfolio; Netlist's strategy to license or otherwise monetize its intellectual property; Netlist's pending legal proceedings; customer interest in and market acceptance of Netlist's products, as well as Netlist's efforts to support increases in such interest and acceptance; and Netlist's ability to execute its other strategic initiatives.

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uncertainties are described in Netlist's annual report on Form 10-K for its most recently completed fiscal year filed on March 30, 2018, and the other filings it makes with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time, including any subsequently filed quarterly and current reports. In light of these risks, uncertainties and other factors, these forward-looking statements should not be relied on as predictions of future events. These forward-looking statements represent Netlist's assumptions, expectations and beliefs only as of the date they are made, and except as required by law, Netlist undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason.

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Netlist, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

June 30, December 30,

2018 2017

(unaudited)(audited)

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,981	\$ 6,720
Restricted cash	1,100	2,800
Accounts receivable, net	2,831	2,997
Inventories	3,465	4,105
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	581	303
Total current assets	14,958	16,925
Property and equipment, net	364	459
Other assets	1,396	1,406
Total assets	\$ 16,718	\$ 18,790

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 6,805	\$ 6,120
Revolving line of credit	2,133	2,024
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	595	807
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	356	338
Note payable	115	-
Total current liabilities	10,004	9,289

Convertible promissory note and accrued interest, net of debt discount	15,022	14,766
Long-term warranty liability	70	61
Total liabilities	25,096	24,116
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' deficit:		
Preferred stock	-	-
Common stock	102	80
Additional paid-in capital	157,656	152,640
Accumulated deficit	(166,136)	(158,046)
Total stockholders' deficit	(8,378)	(5,326)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$ 16,718	\$ 18,790



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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

Three Months Ended Six Months Ended

June 30, July 1, June 30, July 1,

	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net sales	\$ 8,426	\$ 11,404	\$ 17,305	\$ 20,830
Cost of sales(1)	7,944	10,760	16,444	19,506
Gross profit	482	644	861	1,324
Operating expenses:				
Research and development(1)	783	1,487	1,791	2,983
Intellectual property legal fees	1,388	915	3,599	1,381
Selling, general and administrative(1)	1,585	1,951	3,276	3,865
Total operating expenses	3,756	4,353	8,666	8,229
Operating loss	(3,274)	(3,709)	(7,805)	(6,905)
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(133)	(138)	(280)	(286)
Other (expense) income, net	(10)	-	(5)	2
Total other expense, net	(143)	(138)	(285)	(284)
Loss before provision for income taxes	(3,417)	(3,847)	(8,090)	(7,189)
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	-
Net loss	\$ (3,417)	\$ (3,847)	\$ (8,090)	\$ (7,189)
Net loss per common share:				
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.12)

Weighted-average common shares outstanding:

Basic and diluted	91,685	61,844	87,073	61,763
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(1) Amounts include stock-based compensation expense as follows:

Cost of sales	\$ 6	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 29
Research and development	56	114	136	180
Selling, general and administrative	111	254	266	436
Total stock-based compensation	\$ 173	\$ 381	\$ 414	\$ 645

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Unaudited Schedule Reconciling GAAP Net Loss to Non-GAAP EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	July 1,	June 30,	July 1,
	2018	2017	2018	2017
GAAP net loss	\$ (3,417)	\$ (3,847)	\$ (8,090)	\$ (7,189)
Interest expense, net	133	138	280	286

Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	65	71	132	144
EBITDA (loss)	(3,219)	(3,638)	(7,678)	(6,759)
Stock-based compensation	173	381	414	645
Other expense (income), net	10	-	5	(2)
Adjusted EBITDA (loss)	\$ (3,036)	\$ (3,257)	\$ (7,259)	\$ (6,116)

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