



SMTC Corporation Reports First Quarter 2018 Results

TORONTO, May 7, 2018 -- SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq:[SMTX](#)), a global electronics manufacturing services provider, today announced first quarter 2018 results.

Q1 Financial Highlights

- Revenues increased 11.9% to \$37.1 million, compared to \$33.2 million in the first quarter of 2017
- Gross Profit of \$3.9 million or 10.4% represents an increase of \$0.3 million reported in the first quarter of 2017
- Net income of \$8 thousand, or \$0.00 per share, an improvement of \$385 thousand, compared to a Net Loss of (\$377) thousand or \$(0.02) reported in the first quarter of 2017
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$0.9 million represents a \$1.2 million improvement compared to (\$0.3) million in the first quarter of 2017

"The improvement in our overall financial results represents solid progress that we've made in implementing change here at SMTC," said Ed Smith, SMTC's President and Chief Executive Officer. "I am pleased with the trust our customers have placed in us to expand their business with SMTC and the continued progress we made in the first quarter with improved execution throughout the organization."

"Demand in our served markets remains strong and our backlog gives us visibility for the second quarter revenue which we expect will exceed our first quarter 2018 results. By targeting higher-value-added business, with customers in markets of consequence, we believe we have multiple opportunities for margin expansion as we successfully execute our plan. Finally, we achieved positive cash flows from operations, and along with sales channel development, we are optimistic that the measures we've taken should enable higher levels of financial performance moving forward," Smith added.

Revenue for the first quarter was \$37.1 million, up 11.9% from \$33.2 million in the first quarter of 2017. Sequentially, revenue decreased 3.9% from \$38.6 million in the seasonally strong fourth quarter of 2017. The year-over-year increase from the first quarter of 2017 was the result of strong demand both from existing and new customers in 2018 and was well-diversified among the company's target end-markets. \$1.7 million of the increase of revenue in the first quarter was due to the impact of a new accounting recognition standard which was effective January 1, 2018.

Gross profit for the first quarter of 2018 was \$3.9 million or 10.4% of revenue compared with \$3.6 million or 10.7% of revenue for the same period in 2017. Adjusted gross profit, was \$3.5 million or 9.5% as a percentage of revenue in the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$2.3 million or 6.9% in the same period of the prior year. Gross profit in the fourth

quarter of 2017 was \$2.9 million or 7.5% and adjusted gross profit was \$3.4 million or 8.9%.

Net profit was \$8 thousand for the first quarter of 2018 compared to a net loss of \$(377) thousand in the first quarter of 2017. The company reported a net loss of \$(904) thousand in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Adjusted EBITDA was \$0.9 million in the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$(0.3) million for in the first quarter of 2017 and \$1.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. The decrease in the first quarter of 2018 compared to the prior quarter is due to expected lower seasonal revenue in the first quarter.

Financial Results Conference Call

The company will host a conference call on May 8 to discuss its first quarter 2018 results and current business operations at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time. Interested parties can listen to the company's conference call which will start at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time by accessing the Investor Relations' section of SMTC's web site on the Investor [Events Calendar page](#) or dialing 1-877-878-2794 (for U.S. participants) or 1-615-800-6849 (for international participants) ten minutes prior to the start of the call using pass code number 9083738. A replay webcast of the call will also be available from the Investor Relations' section of SMTC's web site on the Investor [Events Calendar page](#).

Non-GAAP information

Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Gross Profit and Adjusted Gross Profit percentage are non-GAAP measures. Adjusted EBITDA is computed as net income (loss) from operations excluding depreciation and amortization, restructuring charges, unrealized foreign exchange gains/losses on unsettled forward foreign exchange contracts, stock-based compensation, interest and income tax expense. SMTC Corporation has provided in this release a non-GAAP calculation of Adjusted EBITDA as supplemental information regarding the operational performance of SMTC's core business. A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net earnings (loss) is included in the attachment. Adjusted Gross Profit is computed as gross profit excluding unrealized gains or losses on unsettled forward foreign exchange contracts. Adjusted Gross Profit percentage is computed as Adjusted Gross Profit divided by revenue. A reconciliation of Adjusted Gross Profit to gross profit is included in the attachment. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures internally in analyzing SMTC's financial results to assess operational performance and liquidity as well as to provide a consistent method of comparison to historical periods and to the performance of competitors and peer group companies. SMTC believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful for management and investors in assessing SMTC's performance and when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods. SMTC believes these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors because it allows for greater transparency with respect to key financial metrics we use in making operating decisions and because investors and analysts use it to help assess the health of our business. Non-GAAP measures are subject to limitations as these measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. Because of these limitations, investors should consider Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Gross Profit and Adjusted Gross Profit percentage along with other financial performance measures, including revenue, gross profit and net income (loss), as reflected in SMTC's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements contained in this release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements which involve risk and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. These statements may be identified by their use of forward looking terminology such as "believes," "expect," "may," "should," "would," "will," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates" and similar words, and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the expectations, intentions or strategies of SMTC. For these statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Risks and uncertainties that may cause future results to differ from forward looking statements include the challenges of managing quickly expanding operations and integrating acquired companies, fluctuations in demand for customers' products and changes in customers' product sources, competition in the EMS industry, component shortages, and others risks and uncertainties discussed in SMTC's most recent filings with the SEC. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof and SMTC assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons why actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. About SMTC Corporation: SMTC Corporation, founded in 1985, is a mid-size provider of end-to-end electronics manufacturing services (EMS) including PCBA production, systems integration and comprehensive testing services, enclosure fabrication, as well as product design, sustaining engineering and supply chain management services. SMTC manufacturing facilities span a broad footprint in the United States, China and Mexico. SMTC services extend over the entire electronic product life cycle from the development and introduction of new products through to the growth, maturity and end-of-life phases. SMTC offers fully integrated contract manufacturing services with a distinctive approach to global original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and emerging technology companies primarily within industrial, networking and computing, power and energy and medical market segments. SMTC is a public company incorporated in Delaware with its shares traded on the Nasdaq National Market System under the symbol SMTX. For further information on SMTC Corporation, please visit our website at www.smtc.com.

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Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(Unaudited)

Three months ended

	April 1, 2018	April 2, 2017
<i>(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except number of shares and per share amounts)</i>		
Revenue	\$ 37,120	\$ 33,178
Cost of sales	33,270	29,621
Gross profit	3,850	3,557
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,509	3,762
Operating income (loss)	341	(205)
Interest expense	307	179
Income (loss) before income taxes	34	(384)
Income tax expense (recovery)		
Current	110	127
Deferred	(84)	(134)
Net income (loss), and comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 8	\$ (377)
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.02)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.02)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding		
Basic	17,041,504	16,660,900
Diluted	17,523,890	16,660,900

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	April 1, 2018	December 31, 2017
<i>(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)</i>		
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 3,322	\$ 5,536
Accounts receivable - net	30,902	29,110
Unbilled contract assets	5,469	-
Inventories	19,923	22,363
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,511	2,142
Derivative assets	-	37
Total current assets	62,127	59,188
Property, plant and equipment - net	9,592	10,269
Deferred financing costs - net	389	305
Deferred income taxes	118	94
Total assets	\$ 72,226	\$ 69,856
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Revolving credit facility	\$ 10,041	\$ 12,191
Accounts payable	28,866	25,028
Accrued liabilities	6,053	4,877
Derivative liabilities	19	375
Income taxes payable	-	48
Current portion of long-term debt	2,000	2,000
Current portion of capital lease obligations	177	174
Total current liabilities	47,156	44,693
Long-term debt	5,500	6,000
Capital lease obligations	42	89
Total liabilities	52,698	50,782
Shareholders' equity:		
Capital stock	397	396
Additional paid-in capital	265,480	265,355
Deficit	(246,349)	(246,677)
Total shareholders' equity	19,528	19,074
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 72,226	\$ 69,856

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

Three months ended

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	April 1, 2018	April 2, 2017
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 8	\$ (377)
Items not involving cash:		
Depreciation	774	979
Unrealized foreign exchange gain on unsettled forward exchange contracts	(319)	(1,272)
Deferred income taxes	(84)	(134)
Amortization of deferred financing fees	9	5
Stock-based compensation	126	203
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(1,793)	(1,747)
Unbilled contract assets	(1,735)	-
Inventories	(974)	(2,129)
Prepaid expenses	(369)	(84)
Income taxes recoverable	(48)	(160)
Accounts payable	3,837	(1,490)
Accrued liabilities	1,184	416
	616	(5,790)
Financing:		
(Repayment) net advance of revolving credit facility	(2,149)	2,744
Repayment of long-term debt	(500)	(500)
Principal repayment of capital lease obligations	(44)	(183)
Debt issuance and deferred financing fees	(33)	-
	(2,726)	2,061
Investing:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(104)	(511)
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Decrease in cash	(2,214)	(4,240)
Cash, beginning of period	5,536	8,503
Cash, end of the period	\$ 3,322	\$ 4,263

Supplementary Information:

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA

	Three months ended	
	April 1, 2018	April 2, 2017
Net income (loss)	8	(377)
Add:		
Stock based compensation	126	203
Interest	307	179
Unrealized foreign exchange gains on unsettled forward exchange contracts	(319)	(1,272)
Income taxes	26	(7)
Depreciation	774	979
Adjusted EBITDA	922	(295)

Reconciliation of Adjusted gross profit

	Three months ended	
	April 1, 2018	April 2, 2017
Gross profit	3,850	3,557
Deduct:		
Unrealized foreign exchange gains on unsettled forward exchange contracts	(319)	(1,272)
Adjusted gross profit	3,531	2,285
Adjusted gross profit %	9.5%	6.9%

Investor Relations Information

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