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Forrester Research Reports Second-Quarter Financial Results And An Increase Of \$25 Million In Share Repurchase Authorization

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 24, 2013-- Forrester Research, Inc. (Nasdaq: FORR) today announced its 2013 second-quarter financial results. The company also announced that its board of directors authorized a \$25 million increase in the company's stock repurchase program, bringing the total available repurchase authorization to approximately \$80 million.

Second-Quarter Financial Performance

Total revenues were \$78.2 million for the second quarter of 2013, compared with \$79.1 million for the second quarter of last year. Research revenue and advisory services and other revenue both decreased 1% compared with the second quarter of last year.

On a GAAP basis, net income was \$5.6 million, or \$0.26 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2013, compared with net income of \$7.8 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, for the same period last year. On a pro forma basis, net income was \$6.7 million, or \$0.31 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2013, which reflects a pro forma effective tax rate of 39%. Pro forma net income excludes stock-based compensation of \$0.9 million, amortization of \$0.6 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, reorganization costs of \$0.3 million, and net investment losses of \$0.1 million. This compares with pro forma net income of \$8.2 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share, for the same period in 2012, which reflects a pro forma tax rate of 39%. Pro forma net income for the second quarter of 2012 excludes stock-based compensation of \$1.2 million, amortization of \$0.6 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, and net investment gains of \$0.1 million.

"Forrester met its revenue guidance and exceeded operating margin and earnings per share for the second quarter," said George F. Colony, Forrester's chairman and chief executive officer. "However, our recovery remains a work in progress and will not be without periodic setbacks. We continue to inject greater accountability, more discipline, and seasoned leadership into our organization. This maturation process will continue through the rest of this year."

Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2013 Financial Performance

Total revenues were \$149.7 million, compared with \$149.4 million for the same period last year.

On a GAAP basis, net income was \$8.0 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2013, compared with net income of \$11.0 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share, for the same period last year.

On a pro forma basis, net income was \$11.5 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2013, which reflects a pro forma effective tax rate of 39%. Pro forma net income excludes stock-based compensation of \$2.7 million, amortization of \$1.1 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, reorganization costs of \$1.9 million, and net investment losses of \$0.1 million. This compares with pro forma net income of \$13.3 million, or \$0.57 per diluted share, for the same period in 2012, which reflects a pro forma tax rate of 39%. Pro forma net income for the six months ended June 30, 2012, excludes stock-based compensation of \$1.2 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, \$1.4 million of reorganization costs, and net investment gains of \$0.1 million.

A reconciliation of GAAP results to pro forma results may be found in the attached financial tables.

Forrester is providing third-quarter 2013 financial guidance as follows:

Third-Quarter 2013 (GAAP):

- Total revenues of approximately \$67.0 million to \$70.0 million.
- Operating margin of approximately 3.0% to 5.0%.
- Other income, net of approximately \$0.1 million.
- An effective tax rate of 39%.
- Weighted average diluted shares outstanding of approximately 20.8 million.
- Diluted earnings per share of approximately \$0.07 to \$0.11.

Third-Quarter 2013 (Pro Forma):

Pro forma financial guidance for the third quarter of 2013 excludes stock-based compensation expense of \$1.6 million to \$1.8 million, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets of approximately \$0.6 million, and any investment gains or losses.

• Pro forma operating margin of approximately 6.5% to 8.5%.

- Pro forma effective tax rate of 39%.
- Pro forma diluted earnings per share of approximately \$0.13 to \$0.17.

Our full-year 2013 guidance as follows:

Full-Year 2013 (GAAP):

- Total revenues of approximately \$290.0 million to \$298.0 million.
- Operating margin of approximately 6.0% to 7.0%.
- Other income, net of approximately \$0.8 million.
- An effective tax rate of 39%.
- Weighted average diluted shares outstanding of approximately 21.5 million.
- Diluted earnings per share of approximately \$0.52 to \$0.59.

Full-Year 2013 (Pro Forma):

Pro forma financial guidance for full-year 2013 excludes stock-based compensation expense of \$5.7 million to \$6.2 million, amortization of acquisitionrelated intangible assets of approximately \$2.3 million, reorganization costs of approximately \$1.9 million, and any investment gains or losses.

- Pro forma operating margin of approximately 9.5% to 10.5%.
- Pro forma effective tax rate of 39%.
- Pro forma diluted earnings per share of approximately \$0.79 to \$0.86.

Quarterly Dividend

Forrester also announced today that its board of directors has approved a quarterly dividend of \$0.15 per share payable September 18, 2013, to shareholders of record on September 4, 2013.

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The consolidated statements of income and the table of key financial data are attached.

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Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
June 30,		June 30,	
2013	2012	2013	2012

Advisory services and other	27,652	28,021	48,773	48,521
Total revenues	78,164	79,093	149,663	149,353
Operating expenses:				
Cost of services and fulfillment	30,786	29,828	-	56,766
Selling and marketing	26,789	26,267		51,400
General and administrative	8,420	8,645	17,907	18,256
Depreciation	2,302	2,255	4,662	4,248
Amortization of intangible assets	554	586	1,113	1,200
Reorganization costs	314	51	1,905	1,394
Total operating expenses	69,165	67,632	137,246	133,264
Income from operations	8,999	11,461	12,417	16,089
Other income, net	255	130	631	539
Gains (losses) on investments, net	(51)	84	(102)	143
Income before income taxes	9,203	11,675	12,946	16,771
Income tax provision	3,581	3,906	4,983	5,821
Net Income	\$ 5,622	\$ 7,769	\$ 7,963	\$ 10,950
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.47
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	21,747	23,023	22,202	23,098
Basic income per share	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.48
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	21,256	22,583	21,781	22,660
Pro forma data (1):				
Income from operations	\$ 8,999	\$ 11,461	\$ 12,417	\$ 16,089
Amortization of intangible assets	554	586	1,113	1,200
Reorganization costs	314	51	1,905	1,394
Stock-based compensation included in the following expense categories:				
Cost of services and fulfillment	743	725	1,647	1,378
Selling and marketing	150	207	572	431
General and administrative	(25)	257	509	703
Pro forma income from operations	10,735	13,287	18,163	21,195
Other income, net	255	130	631	539
Pro forma income before income taxes	10,990	13,417	18,794	21,734
Pro forma income tax provision	4,286	5,233	7,330	8,477
Pro forma net income	\$ 6,704	\$ 8,184	\$ 11,464	\$ 13,257
Pro forma diluted income per share	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.57
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	21,747	23,023	22,202	23,098
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(1) Forrester believes that pro forma financial results provide investors with consistent and comparable information to aid in the understanding of Forrester's ongoing business, and are also used by Forrester in making compensation decisions. Our pro forma presentation excludes amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, stock-based compensation, reorganization costs and net gains or losses from investments, as well as their related tax effects. The pro forma data does not purport to be prepared in accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States.

Key Financial Data

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	June 30, 2013	De	cember 31, 2012
Balance sheet data:			
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable investments	\$187,553	\$	242,656
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 39,785	\$	74,623
Deferred revenue	\$136,803	\$	150,479

Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 2012

	2013	2012
Cash flow data:		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 37,231	\$ 39,399
Purchases of property and equipment	\$ (1,267)	\$ (3,245)
Repurchases of common stock	\$ (92,083)	\$ (17,052)
Dividends paid	\$ (6,414)	\$ (6,356)

	As of June 30,		
	2013	2012	
Metrics:			
Agreement value	\$211,025 \$	221,555	
Client retention	76%	79%	
Dollar retention	89%	91%	
Enrichment	95%	98%	
Number of clients	2,451	2,546	

	As of June 30,		
	2013	2012	
Headcount:			
Total headcount	1,235	1,206	
Research staff	442	440	
Sales staff	469	437	

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