

# Profire Energy Reports Financial Results for Fiscal Third Quarter of 2015

# Revenues Up 31% to \$12.5 Million, Net Income Up 59% to \$1.9 Million or \$0.04 Per Share

LINDON, Utah, Feb. 12, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Profire Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:PFIE), a technology company which creates, installs and services oilfield burner and chemical management solutions in the oil and gas industry, reported financial results for its fiscal third quarter ended December 31, 2014. A conference call will be held on February 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. EST to discuss the results.

# Fiscal Q3 2015 Highlights vs. Same Year-ago Quarter

- Total revenues increased 31% to \$12.5 million
- Gross profit up 25% to \$6.5 million
- Net income up 59% to \$1.9 million or \$0.04 per share
- Successfully completed company's first acquisition: oilfield chemical-injection innovator, VIM Injection Management
- Opened Company's seventh sales and service office in Greeley, Colorado
- Recognized by Deloitte as one of the fastest-growing companies in North America for the second consecutive year

#### Fiscal Q3 2015 Financial Results

Total revenues in the fiscal third quarter of 2015 increased 31% to \$12.5 million from \$9.5 million in the same year-ago quarter. The increase was primarily due to increased activity from a larger sales force, strengthened customer relationships, and increased efficacy in territories that have seen significant investment including Texas, Colorado, and Pennsylvania.

Gross profit increased to \$6.5 million or 52.3% of total revenues, compared to \$5.2 million or 54.8% of total revenues in the year-ago quarter. The decrease in gross profit margin is primarily due to the increased allocation of overhead to the cost of goods sold, which is attributed to the company's larger warehouse, as well as the proportional increase in service activity and a service rebate to a major producer for the installation of numerous Profire systems.

Total operating expenses increased to \$4.7 million or 38% of total revenues from \$3.1 million or 33% of total revenues in the same year-ago quarter. The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to hiring additional personnel to further growth initiatives in sales, service, and marketing, as well as the opening of a sales and service office in Colorado. The increase in total operating expenses was also driven by increased R&D expense to expedite the introduction of the company's next generation burner management

system and support of the Company's expanding product line.

Net income increased 59% to \$1.9 million or \$0.04 per share, compared to net income of \$1.2 million or \$0.03 per share in the same year-ago quarter.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$15.4 million at December 31, 2014, as compared to \$18.7 million at September 30, 2014. The company has no debt.

#### Fiscal First Nine Months of 2015 Financial Results

Total revenues in the fiscal first nine months of 2015 increased 59% to a record \$41.4 million from \$26.1 million in the same year-ago period.

Gross profit increased to a record \$22.5 million or 54.4% of total revenues, compared to \$15.0 million or 57.4% of total revenues in the same period last year.

Total operating expenses increased to \$14.1 million or 34% of total revenues versus \$7.4 million or 28% of total revenues in the same year-ago period.

Net income was a record \$6.2 million or \$0.12 per share, up 28% from \$4.9 million or \$0.11 per share in the same year-ago period.

# **Management Commentary & Industry Conditions**

"The expansion of our sales and service teams during the year helped drive top- and bottom-line growth in the third quarter, which also helped generate a record first nine months," said Brenton Hatch, president and CEO of Profire Energy. "The lower net margin percentage reflected the operational investments we've made to create long-term growth opportunities, including increasing the size of our sales and service teams and expanding into new sales- and service-territories.

"We also strengthened our presence in Colorado with a new sales- and service-center, and launched our new chemical division, upon completing the acquisition of VIM Injection Management, an industry-leading innovator in oilfield injection management. Profire's chemical division expands our product line into chemical management systems, providing us access to additional growing markets and revenue streams. Our chemical management system complements our flagship burner management systems, which we believe help make oil and gas production safer, more efficient and more compliant with industry regulations.

"While the oil and gas industry is presently going through a volatile phase, as reflected in our lower-than-expected revenue for the quarter, we remain optimistic given the multitude of opportunities we have for growth and expansion in the coming years. As producers increasingly look for ways to improve their operations, we believe our products and service teams can play a key role in improving efficiency, safety, and compliance in the oilfield.

"Though we are not reliant on industry regulations to grow revenue, there are a number of new state mandates that we expect to provide beneficial tailwinds as another offset to declining oil prices. This includes the recent mandate by the Utah Department of Air Quality that all new open- and enclosed-burners must have an auto-igniter as of January 1, 2015. North Dakota's Industrial Council also recently passed a new rule, effective April 1, 2015,

requiring producers to condition crude oil before transportation, and prove oil temperature is above 110 degrees Fahrenheit in order to burn off toxic gases. We believe Profire offers the fastest, most cost-effective and reliable way to satisfy these new state mandates."

In light of recent industry developments, Mr. Hatch spoke to management's strategy to navigate the low-price commodity environment:

"With the current state of the industry, we have decided to curtail some of our aggressive-growth initiatives relating to additional sales and service personnel. That being said, we will still add people in places that we anticipate will produce short-term return on investment. While we have pulled back some expenses—and may continue to do so—we are particularly cautious about cutting areas that are difficult to rebuild quickly or would otherwise compromise long-term growth capabilities, such as entire teams, training programs, etc.. We do not want to compromise our future growth-capabilities because of the current industry-turbulence, but want to be wise about every expense we make.

"All together, we expect the core benefits of our expanding product line, together with our larger footprint and the positive regulatory tailwinds, to support our positive long-term outlook while we navigate the industry volatility in coming quarters."

#### Guidance

Based on the current industry environment and Profire Energy's third quarter performance, management has lowered its fiscal 2015 outlook for total revenues and net income. Total revenues are now expected to range between \$48.5 million to \$50.0 million (versus \$57.0 million to \$59.0 million as previously stated), which would represent an increase of 37% to 41% over the previous year. Net income is now expected to range between \$5.5 million and \$6.6 million (versus \$8.0 million to \$9.5 million as previously stated), which would represent a decrease and increase of 2% to 18%, respectively.

#### **Conference Call**

Profire management will host a conference call later today to discuss these financial results. Please call the conference telephone number at least five minutes prior to the start time. An operator will register your name and organization.

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 Time: 5:00 p.m. EST (3:00 p.m. MST) Toll-free dial-in number: 1-855-327-6837 International dial-in number: 1-631-982-4565

The conference call will also be webcast live and available for replay via this link: <a href="http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=112865">http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=112865</a>.

If you have any difficulty connecting with the call, please contact Liolios Group at 1-949-574-3860.

A telephone replay of the call will be available after 8:00 p.m. EST on the same day through February 19, 2015.

Toll-free replay number: 1-877-870-5176

International replay number: 1-858-384-5517

Replay ID: 112865

# **About Profire Energy, Inc.**

Profire Energy assists energy production companies in the safe and efficient production and transportation of oil and natural gas. As energy companies seek greater safety for their employees, compliance with more stringent regulatory standards, and enhanced margins with their energy production processes, Profire Energy's burner management systems are increasingly becoming part of their solution. Profire Energy has offices in Lindon, Utah; Houston, Texas; Victoria, Texas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Tioga, Pennsylvania; Greeley, Colorado; and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For additional information, visit www.profireenergy.com.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. Statements made in this release that are not historical are forward-looking statements. This release contains forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, statements regarding its sales, marketing, and operational advancements/expansions, including, but not limited to, the increased activity from a larger sales force, strengthened customer relationships, and increased sales efficacy; the intention or success of the Company's efforts to sustain long-term sales growth; the accelerated R&D investment resulting in future products and/or services; the introduction of the Company's next-generation of burner management systems and other products; the reflection of the third quarter on the expansion of the sales and/or service teams in the U.S. or the opening of any sales region or channel to support the Company's growth; the increased leveraging of personnel; the potential of the Company's products to improve efficiency, safety, and compliance in the oil field; the adoption—or the Company's assessment of such—of burner management systems throughout certain markets; the Company's assessment of the regulations related to its industry or products and the Company's ability to satisfy those regulations with its product offerings; the occurrence of an earnings conference call; the conference call webcast being available for replay; the industry impact on the Company's growth; the Company's positive long-term outlook; the curtailing of the Company's aggressive-growth initiatives; the intention of the Company to reduce costs and be wise about future costs; and the ability of the Company to successfully navigate the volatile industry conditions. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results or performance and involve risks, assumptions and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from the events or results described in, or anticipated by, the forward-looking statements. Factors that could materially affect such forward-looking statements include certain economic, business, public market and regulatory risks and factors identified in the company's periodic reports filed with the Securities Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All forward-looking statements are made only as of the date of this release and the Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances, except as required by law. Readers should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

## **ASSETS**

	December 31,	March 31,
	2014	2014
	(Unaudited)	
CURRENT ASSETS	,	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,385,607	\$ 4,456,674
Accounts receivable, net	11,761,357	8,873,471
Inventories	11,023,339	6,579,858
Deferred tax asset	666,994	420,978
Prepaid expenses	378,133	32,263
Total Current Assets	39,215,430	20,363,244
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	9,486,194	4,385,881
OTHER ASSETS		
Goodwill	997,701	
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization	664,892	
Total Other Assets	1,662,593	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 50,364,217	\$ 24,749,125
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,806,165	\$ 1,461,138
Accrued liabilities	647,076	193,727
Deferred income tax liability	239,829	107,857
Income taxes payable	959,648	1,605,133
Total Current Liabilities	4,652,718	3,367,855
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,652,718	3,367,855
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred shares: \$0.001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized: no shares issued and outstanding		
Common shares: \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized: 53,053,136 and 47,836,543 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	53,053	47,836

Additional paid-in capital	25,145,712	6,496,980
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(770,828)	(231,051)
Retained earnings	21,283,562	15,067,505
Total Stockholders' Equity	45,711,499	21,381,270
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 50,364,217	\$ 24,749,125

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with forms 10-Q and 10-K as well as the accompanying footnotes.

# PROFIRE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended December		For the Nine Months Ended December	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
REVENUES				
Sales of goods, net	\$ 11,695,016	\$ 8,999,070	\$ 38,640,246	\$ 24,778,093
Sales of services, net	821,683	531,767	2,742,219	1,276,780
Total Revenues	12,516,699	9,530,837	41,382,465	26,054,873
COST OF SALES				
Cost of goods sold-product	5,299,912	3,894,002	16,837,531	10,169,122
Cost of goods sold-services	674,192	418,594	2,015,796	919,041
Total Cost of Goods Sold	5,974,104	4,312,596	18,853,327	11,088,163
GROSS PROFIT	6,542,595	5,218,241	22,529,138	14,966,710
OPERATING EXPENSES				
General and administrative expenses	2,446,896	1,977,911	7,722,366	4,076,226
Research and development	521,814	139,691	1,331,834	390,710
Payroll expenses	1,591,397	946,878	4,624,826	2,712,947
Depreciation and amortization expense	176,371	78,685	424,014	205,610
Total Operating Expenses	4,736,478	3,143,165	14,103,040	7,385,493
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	1,806,117	2,075,076	8,426,098	7,581,217
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Interest expense	(14,222)		(14,222)	(10,567)
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	9,052		9,052	1,617
Other income (expense)	(910)	311	1,954	2,501
Interest income	6,687	1,544	14,467	9,910

Total Other Income (Expense)	607	1,855	11,251	3,461
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,806,724	2,076,931	8,437,349	7,584,678
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(110,426)	870,625	2,221,292	2,714,839
NET INCOME	\$ 1,917,150	\$ 1,206,306	\$ 6,216,057	\$ 4,869,839
FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION GAIN (LOSS)	\$ (381,099)	\$ (178,593)	\$ (539,777)	\$ (378,817)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 1,536,051	<u>\$ 1,027,713</u>	\$ 5,676,280	\$ 4,491,022
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.11
FULLY DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.11
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING	52,884,358	46,560,913	51,112,924	45,705,105
FULLY DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING	52,843,154	46,973,885	51,389,624	46,118,077

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### PROFIRE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended  December 31,		
	2014	2013	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net Income	\$ 6,216,057	\$ 4,869,839	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	784,193	246,542	
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(9,052)	(1,617)	
Common stock issued for services		28,350	
Bad debt expense	(14,832)	849,531	
Stock options issued for services	1,031,301		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Changes in accounts receivable	(3,035,929)	(2,749,328)	
Changes in inventories	(4,533,903)	(3,572,120)	
Changes in prepaid expenses	(345,977)	(44,970)	
Changes in deferred tax asset/liability	(246,016)		

Changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,831,277	519,060
Changes in income taxes payable	(478,480)	1,190,648
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,198,639	1,335,935
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from disposal of equipment	9,052	33,910
Cash paid for asset acquisition	(750,000)	
Purchase of fixed assets	(5,941,953)	(654,057)
Net Ocali Handin Investina Astivitina	(6 692 004)	(620.147)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(6,682,901)	(620,147)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Stock issued for cash, net of stock offering costs	16,424,688	4,332,975
Stock issued in exercise of stock options	197,961	118,512
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	16,622,649	4,451,487
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(209,454)	(161,257)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	10,928,933	5,006,018
CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	4,456,674	808,772
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 15,385,607	\$ 5,814,790
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF		
CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
CASH PAID FOR:		
Interest	\$ 14,222	\$ 10,567
Income taxes	\$ 2,890,769	\$ 1,655,672
NON CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Stock issued for acquisition	\$ 1,000,000	\$

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