

# Profire Energy Reports Financial Results for Fiscal Year 2016

# In the 2016 Transition Period Profire Recognized Quarter-over-Quarter Revenue Growth of 41%

LINDON, Utah, March 09, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Profire Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ:PFIE), a technology company which creates, installs and services burner and chemical management solutions in the oil and gas industry, today reported financial results for the nine-month transition period ended December 31, 2016. A conference call will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. EST to discuss the results.

As previously communicated, due to a change in the Company's fiscal year-end, the Company filed a transition report on Form 10-K covering the transition period from April 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, which is the period between the closing of the Company's most recent fiscal year and the opening date of the newly selected fiscal year. The results from the quarter ended December 31, 2016 are reflected in the nine-month period covered by the transition report.

#### **Transition Period Highlights**

- Revenues Increased 41% Quarter-Over-Quarter
- Generated Positive Cash Flows in Each Quarter of the Transition Period
- Cash and liquid investments at period-end totaled \$20 million
- Remained debt-free

#### **Transition Period Financial Results**

In the final quarter of the transition period total revenues increased to just over \$7 million, which was an increase of 41% as compared to the previous quarter. This was achieved while keeping operating costs under control, which only increased 5% over the same comparable period.

Net income for the transition period was approximately \$78,000 or \$0.00 per diluted share, compared to a net income of \$799,000 or \$0.01 per diluted share in the comparable ninemonth period of 2015. Net income in the final quarter of the transition period was \$609,000 or \$0.01 per diluted share as compared to \$75,000 or \$0.00 per diluted share in the previous quarter. The net loss in the first quarter of the transition period was \$605,000 or a loss of \$0.01 per diluted share. In the transition period the Company's net income increased from - 15% of total revenue in the first quarter to 9% of total revenue in the last quarter of the period.

At the end of the transition period cash and cash equivalents totaled \$9.3 million, as compared to \$21.3 million at the end of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. The Company

has invested \$11 million in low risk, CD's, bonds and mutual funds. Without these investments, the Company's cash position would have been \$20 million, despite having repurchased \$3.6 million in Profire stock during the transition period.

## Management Commentary

"We continue to strategically allocate capital according to the plan we have previously communicated," stated Ryan Oviatt, CFO of Profire. "We remain focused on the preservation of cash, seeking opportunities to acquire adjacent technologies, conducting our stock repurchase program, and other value creation activities that may be identified from time to time. We believe this plan will continue to drive long-term value for Profire and our shareholders."

"The stabilization of oil prices has had a positive effect on our Company as our customers appear to have gained confidence in the oil markets and have returned to spending their capex budgets," said Brenton Hatch, President and CEO of Profire Energy. "The oil industry is still recovering and while we don't know how oil prices will react throughout our next fiscal year, many analysts believe oil prices will average in the mid \$50's price range. We remain optimistic that the stabilization of commodity prices will allow us to maintain the growth we have achieved in the final two quarters of the period."

# **Conference Call**

Profire Energy President and CEO Brenton Hatch and CFO Ryan Oviatt will host the teleconference. Following the teleconference, they will be joined by Cameron Tibdall, VP of Sales and Marketing, for a question and answer period.

Date: Friday, March 10, 2017 Time: 1:00 p.m. EST (11:00 a.m. MST) Toll-free dial-in number: 1-877-705-6003 International dial-in number: 1-201-493-6725

The conference call will be telecast live and available for replay via this link: <u>http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=123227</u>. The telecast replay will be available for one year.

Please call the conference telephone number five minutes prior to the start time. An operator will register your name and organization. If you have any difficulty connecting the conference call, please contact Todd Fugal at 1-801-796-5127.

A replay of the call will be available after 5:00 p.m. ET on the same day through March 17, 2017.

Toll-free replay number: 1-844-512-2921 International replay number: 1-412-317-6671 Replay Pin Number: 13656825

# 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 and chemical injection systems are increasingly becoming part of their solution. Profire Energy has offices in Lindon, Utah; Houston, Texas; Shelocta, Pennsylvania; Greeley, Colorado; and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For additional information, visit <u>www.profireenergy.com</u>.

<u>Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements</u>. 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 the Company holding a conference call on March 10, 2017, regarding the transition period financial results; the effect the stabilization of oil prices will have on the Company's customers spending their capex budgets; the effect the stabilization of oil prices will have on the Company's ability to maintain recent growth; or, the Company's capital allocation plan will be able to deliver longterm shareholder value. 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.

	As of						
ASSETS		December 31, 2016		March 31, 2016			
CURRENT ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,316,036	\$	21,292,595			
Accounts receivable, net		5,633,802		4,132,137			
Inventories, net		7,839,503		11,046,682			
Income tax receivable		180,981		268,326			
Short term investments		2,965,536		-			
Investments - other		2,250,000		-			
Prepaid expenses & other current assets		410,558		315,757			
Total Current Assets		28,596,416		37,055,497			
LONG-TERM ASSETS							
Deferred tax asset		60,940		-			
Long Term Investments		5,504,997		-			
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net		7,458,723		8,232,911			

#### PROFIRE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

**Consolidated Balance Sheets** 

OTHER ASSETS			
Goodwill	997,701		997,701
Intangible assets, net	 490,082		529,300
Total Other Assets	 1,487,783		1,527,001
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 43,108,859	\$	46,815,409
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,220,478	\$	893,822
Accrued vacation	154,307		171,089
Accrued liabilities	284,214		449,694
Income taxes payable	 61,543	_	335,375
Total Current Liabilities	1,720,542		1,849,980
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
Deferred income tax liability	 		180,301
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 1,720,542		2,030,281
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: 53,582,250 issued and 50,705,933 outstanding at December 31, 2016			
and 53,256,296 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016	53,582		53,256
Treasury stock, at cost	(3,582,805)		-
Additional paid-in capital	26,800,298		26,164,622
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,810,743)		(2,282,682)
Retained earnings	 20,927,985	_	20,849,932
Total Stockholders' Equity	 41,388,317		44,785,128
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 43,108,859	\$	46,815,409

# PROFIRE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

	For the Nine-Month Ended December 31, 2016		For the Year Ended March 31, 2016
REVENUES			
Sales of goods, net	\$	14,336,618	\$ 23,992,324

Sales of services, net	1,650,568	3,080,122
Total Revenues	15,987,186	27,072,446
COST OF SALES		
Cost of goods sold-product Cost of goods sold-services	6,732,822 1,154,326	11,027,114 2,405,012
Total Cost of Goods Sold	7,887,148	13,432,126
GROSS PROFIT	8,100,038	13,640,320
OPERATING EXPENSES		
General and administrative expenses Research and development Depreciation and amortization expense	7,198,081 757,880 482,311	12,264,442 899,013 516,786
Total Operating Expenses	8,438,272	13,680,241
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(338,234)	(39,921)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) Gain (Loss) on sale of fixed assets Other income Interest income	(2,680) 102,206 90,028	20,278 144,937 <u>37,278</u>
	189,554	202,493
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(148,680)	162,572
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	(226,733)	127,828
NET INCOME	\$ 78,053	\$ 34,744
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS Foreign Currency Translation Loss Unrealized Losses on Investments	\$ (415,698) (112,363)	\$ (393,701) 
Total Other Comprehensive Loss	(528,061)	(393,701)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	\$ (450,008)	\$ (358,957)
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
FULLY DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

BASIC WEIGHTED AVG NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING	52,857,299	53,243,151
FULLY DILUTED WEIGHTED AVG NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING	53,483,110	53,558,942

#### **PROFIRE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

	Common	Additional Other Common Stock Paid-In Comprehensi		Other Comprehensive	Treasury	Retain
	Shares	Amount	Capital		Stock	Earnin
Balance, March 31, 2015	53,199,136	\$ <u>53,199</u>	\$ <u>25,525,052</u>	\$ <u>(1,888,981 )</u>	\$	\$ <u>20,81</u>
Fair value of options vested	-	-	565,646	-	-	-
Stock issued in exercise of stock options	57,160	57	73,924	-	-	-
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	(393,701)	-	-
Net Income for the year ended December 31, 2015						34,74
Balance, March 31, 2016	53,256,296	53,256	26,164,622	(2,282,682)		20,84
Fair value of options vested	Ŧ		242,801			

Stock issued in exercise of stock options	86,808	87	112,913			
Stock issued in settlement of RSUs	239,146	239	279,962			
Treasury stock	(2,876,317)		,		(3,582,805)	
Foreign currency translation				(415,698)		
Unrealized Losses on Investments				(112,363)		
Net income for the nine- months ended December 31, 2016						78,0
Balance, December 31, 2016	50,705,933	\$ <u>53,582</u>	\$ <u>26,800,298</u>	\$ <u>(2,810,743 )</u>	\$ <u>(3,582,805 )</u>	\$ <u>20,92</u>

## **PROFIRE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	For th	ne Nine Months Ended	Fo	or the Year Ended
	Dece	ember 31, 2016	March 31, 2016	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net Income	\$	78,053	\$	34,744
Adjustments to reconcile net income to				
net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization expense		756,927		989,484
(Gain) Loss on sale of fixed assets		3,480		(20,278)
Bad debt expense		272,807		143,192
Stock options issued for services		616,802		678,971
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				

Changes in accounts receivable Changes in income taxes receivable/payable Changes in inventories Changes in prepaid expenses Changes in deferred tax asset/liability Changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(2,063,449) (190,746) 3,304,972 (95,156) (241,241) (58,736)		5,114,485 (276,075) 641,410 (171,411) 49,490 148,921
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		2,383,713		7,332,933
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from sale of equipment Purchase of investments Purchase of fixed assets		16,896 (10,685,553) (18,485)		158,641 - (62,465)
Purchase of Intangible assets		-	-	-
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities		(10,687,142)		96,176
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Value of equity awards surrendered by employees for tax liability Cash received in exercise of stock options Purchase of Treasury stock		(30,000) 15,000 (3,582,805)		(39,342) - -
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		(3,597,805)		(39,342)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(75,325)	-	(241,968)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		(11,976,559) 21,292,595		7,147,799 14,144,796
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$	9,316,036	\$	21,292,595
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION				
CASH PAID FOR: Interest Income taxes	\$ \$	- 255,769	\$ \$	- 127,828

Profire Energy, Inc. And Subsidiaries

Quarterly Financial Result for Nine-Months Ended December 31, 201									
	For the Quarters Ending								
Transition Period	Jun 30, 2016	Sep 30, 2016	Dec 31, 2016						
Total revenues	\$ 3,974,043	\$ 4,990,813	\$ 7,022,330						

Gross profit		1,914,250		2,624,659	3,561,129
Income (loss) from operations		(881,278)		(127,369)	670,413
Income tax expense (benefit)		(245,877)		(99,701)	118,845
Net income (loss)		(605,295)		74,452	608,896
Basic earnings per common share	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.00	0.01
Diluted earnings per common	•		•	0.00	0.04
share	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.00	0.01

		For the Quarters Ending						
Fiscal Year 2016	Jun 30, 2015		Sep 30, 2015		Dec 31, 2015		Mar 31, 2016	
Total revenues	\$	6,877,243	\$	8,097,294	\$	7,554,255	\$	4,543,654
Gross profit		3,313,519		4,028,403		3,998,502		2,299,895
Income (loss) from operations		(539,374)		675,396		490,322		(666,265)
Income tax expense (benefit)		(149,525)		254,781		194,227		(171,654)
Net income (loss)		(459,079)		779,195		479,243		(764,617)
Basic earnings per common share	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.01	\$	0.01	\$	(0.01)
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.01	\$	0.01	\$	(0.01)

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