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# Natural Health Trends Announces First Quarter 2009 Results

DALLAS, TX -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 05/14/09 -- Natural Health Trends Corp. (NASDAQ: BHIP) today announced its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. The company reported sales of \$9.9 million and an operating loss of \$808,000 for the quarter.

Chris Sharng, president of Natural Health Trends, said, "In the past year, we have brought costs down significantly and focused on members' productivity in fewer core markets. From the cash flow statement, we can tell that our operational ability to preserve cash in a traditionally lighter-volume quarter has greatly improved year over year. Meanwhile, a number of new products were successfully launched. Along with the progress we have made in resolving legacy legal issues, our strategies are taking some time but are paying off. We believe that we are on track to position Natural Health Trends to grow in markets that we targeted as having incredible potentials."

The company plans to host a conference call at 11:30 a.m. EDT, May 15, 2009. Those who wish to participate may call telephone number (866) 672-2663, or (973) 582-2772 for international callers, 15 minutes before 11:30 a.m. EDT. Callers will need to give the conference identification number, 10178044. If you cannot participate in the call, but wish to hear it, you may log in to the company's homepage at <u>www.naturalhealthtrendscorp.com</u> and click on the conference call 1 1/2 hours after the completion of the call.

About Natural Health Trends Corp.

Natural Health Trends Corp. is an international direct-selling and e-commerce company operating through its subsidiaries throughout Asia, North America, and Europe. The company markets premium quality personal care products under the NHT Global brand. Additional information can be found on the company's website, and management encourages interested parties to register for updated corporate information via email on the company's home page, <u>www.naturalhealthtrendscorp.com</u>.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 --Forward-looking statements in this release do not constitute guarantees of future performance. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Such risks and uncertainties include the risks and uncertainties detailed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 23, 2009, with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking information contained in this press release or with respect to the announcements described herein.

NATURAL HEALTH TRENDS CORP.

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands, Except Share Data)

	December 31, 2008		March 31, 2009	
			(Un	audited)
ASSETS				
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Accounts receivable Inventories, net Other current assets	\$	340 71		2,636 390 102 2,057 792
Total current assets Property and equipment, net Goodwill Intangible assets, net Restricted cash Other assets		6,778 1,173 1,764 1,800 3,646		5,977
Total assets		16,625		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
Current liabilities: Accounts payable Income taxes payable Accrued distributor commissions Other accrued expenses Deferred revenue Current portion of convertible debentures, net of discount of \$2,320 and \$1,677 at	\$	1,746 187 554 2,456 2,841		2,722 281 903 2,837 1,098
December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, respectively Deferred tax liability Other current liabilities		351		1,687 351 1,062
Total liabilities Commitments and contingencies Stockholders equity: Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; 1,761,900 shares designated Series A convertible preferred stock, 138,400 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009,		10,839		10,941
aggregate liquidation value of \$267 Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; 10,691,582 and 10,728,714 shares issued and outstanding at December		124		124
31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, respectively Additional paid-in capital		11 79,711		11 79,822

Accumulated deficit Accumulated other comprehensive income:	(74,853)	(76,	597)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	759	!	562
Total Natural Health Trends stockholders equity Noncontrolling interest	5,752 34	3,9	922 11
Total stockholders equity	5,786	3,9	933
Total liabilities and stockholders equity \$	16,625	\$   14,8	874

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2008	2009	
Net sales Cost of sales	\$ 11,395 3,090	\$	
Gross profit Operating expenses: Distributor commissions	8,305 3,997	7,072	
Selling, general and administrative expenses (including stock-based compensation expense of \$164 and \$111 during 2008 and 2009, respectively) Depreciation and amortization Impairment of long-lived assets	4,596 386 24		
Total operating expenses	9,003	7,880	
Loss from operations Other income (expense), net:	(698)	(808)	
Gain (loss) on foreign exchange Interest income Interest expense (including amortization of debt issuance costs and accretion of debt discount of \$362 and \$775 during	371 35	(2) 14	
2008 and 2009, respectively Other	(387) 8		
Total other income (expense), net	27		
Loss before income taxes Income tax provision	(671)	(1,651) (114)	
Net loss Plus: Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest	(708)	(1,765) 21	
Net loss attributable to Natural Health Trends		\$ (1,744)	

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) (In Thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2008		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net loss Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		\$ (1,765)	
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment Amortization of intangibles Amortization of debt issuance costs Accretion of debt discount Stock-based compensation Impairment of long-lived assets	186 200 62 300 164 24	130 200 132 643 111	
Changes in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable Inventories, net Other current assets Other assets Accounts payable Income taxes payable Accrued distributor commissions Other accrued expenses Deferred revenue Other current liabilities	(127)	96 977 114 362 396 (1,723) (95)	
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,384)	(486)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property and equipment Decrease in restricted cash Net cash provided by investing activities	(6) 93  87	266	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Payments on debt Net cash used in financing activities		(490) (490)	
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(328)	(87)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	6,282	(855) 3,491	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$    4,657	\$ 2,636	

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