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SKECHERS Announces First Quarter 2012 Financial Results

- **Net Sales of \$351.3 Million**
- **Net Loss of \$3.7 Million**
- **Diluted Loss Per Share of \$0.07**

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SKECHERS USA, Inc. (NYSE:SKX), a global leader in footwear, today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012.

First quarter 2012 net sales were \$351.3 million compared to \$476.2 million in the first quarter of 2011. Loss from operations for the first quarter of 2012 was \$4.4 million compared to earnings from operations of \$15.3 million in the first quarter of 2011. Net loss for the first quarter of 2012 was \$3.7 million versus net earnings of \$11.8 million in the first quarter of 2011. Diluted loss per share was \$0.07 based on 49,265,000 weighted average shares outstanding as compared to diluted net earnings per share of \$0.24 based on 49,280,000 weighted average shares outstanding.

"We believe our first quarter 2012 results represent a solid performance as we delivered more fresh product, which resulted in an increase in average price per pair of 5.8 percent compared to the first quarter of 2011. We also had a 40 percent decrease in total pairs sold in the first quarter of 2012 due to the clearing of excess toning inventory at reduced prices in the prior year period. In our company-owned SKECHERS concept stores, which are the first to receive new product across all of our divisions, we achieved positive comp store sales in dollars and a double digit percentage increase in pairs sold. With more full-price product at market, our gross margin percentage improved significantly compared to the first quarter of 2011," stated David Weinberg, chief operating officer and chief financial officer.

Gross profit for the first quarter of 2012 was \$155.7 million or 44.3 percent of net sales compared to \$192.6 million or 40.4 percent of net sales in the first quarter of last year.

Robert Greenberg, SKECHERS chief executive officer, commented: "Twenty years ago next month we formed SKECHERS. Seven years later we went public, and today we are a billion-dollar plus global brand with successful lifestyle and active lines for men and women, a thriving work footwear business, a cast of animated characters that represent our multiple kids lines, and an emerging performance footwear business that is being embraced by enthusiasts worldwide. While we have faced challenges over the years, we are proud of our growth and many achievements – including the recent launch of Skechers GOrun. This quarter, elite runner Meb Keflezighi ran a personal best time and won the Olympic marathon trials while wearing custom Skechers GOrun footwear. We also returned to profitability in our retail stores, shipped one-million pairs of BOBS shoes to our charity partners to distribute to children in need through our giveaway program, and showcased our product to Japanese retailers as a wholly-owned subsidiary for the first time. We continued to support each of our divisions with multiple marketing campaigns, including more than a dozen television spots and a new Super Bowl campaign, which was named a Top 5 commercial by several media outlets during this coveted program. On the eve of our 20th anniversary, we are excited about the coming year and what the future will hold. Our goal when we started this company may have been modest, but we are now determined to profitably grow and continue to be a relevant, in-demand lifestyle brand to men, women and kids, and an innovator in the performance market."

Mr. Weinberg continued: "Our first quarter 2012 sales are in line with our expectations given the continued challenging global economic retail environment and changes in retail trends. With strong sales in our company owned retail stores, new offerings delivering across all of our product divisions, including the launch of several new performance lines this quarter and in the third quarter of 2012, targeted marketing support, improved gross margins, a continued focus on reducing our operating expenses and significantly lower inventory levels and a strong cash position of approximately \$392 million, we believe we will return to profitability later this year."

SKECHERS USA, Inc., based in Manhattan Beach, California, designs, develops and markets a diverse range of footwear for men, women and children under the SKECHERS name. SKECHERS footwear is available in the United States via department and specialty stores, Company-owned SKECHERS retail stores and its e-commerce website, as well as in over 100 countries and territories through the Company's global network of distributors and subsidiaries in Canada, Brazil, Chile, Japan, and across Europe, as well as through joint ventures in Asia. For more information, please visit www.skechers.com.

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SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	March 31,	December
	2012	31,
		2011
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 391,616	\$ 351,144
Trade accounts receivable, net	228,922	176,018
Other receivables	4,869	6,636
Total receivables	233,791	182,654
Inventories	214,577	226,407
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	36,526	88,005
Deferred tax assets	39,141	39,141
Total current assets	915,651	887,351
Property and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization	379,223	376,446
Intangible assets, less applicable amortization	3,922	4,148
Deferred tax assets	530	530
Other assets, at cost	13,186	13,413
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,312,512	\$ 1,281,888
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Current installments of long-term borrowings	\$ 10,145	\$ 10,059
Short-term borrowings	54,552	50,413
Accounts payable	252,131	231,000
Accrued expenses	20,255	16,994

Total current liabilities	337,083	308,466
Long-term borrowings, excluding current installments	73,941	76,531
Deferred tax liabilities	4,366	4,364
Total liabilities	415,390	389,361
Equity:		
Skechers U.S.A., Inc. equity	856,747	852,561
Noncontrolling interests	40,375	39,966
Total equity	897,122	892,527
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,312,512	\$ 1,281,888

SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2012	2011
Net sales	\$ 351,274	\$ 476,234
Cost of sales	195,578	283,624
Gross profit	155,696	192,610
Royalty income	1,136	1,648
	156,832	194,258
Operating expenses:		
Selling	30,349	37,560
General and administrative	130,877	141,427
	161,226	178,987
Earnings (loss) from operations	(4,394)	15,271
Other (expense):		
Interest, net	(2,721)	(1,378)
Other, net	(140)	(207)
	(2,861)	(1,585)
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	(7,255)	13,686
Income tax expense (benefit)	(3,845)	1,533
Net earnings (loss)	(3,410)	12,153
Less: Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	256	345
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Skechers U.S.A., Inc.	\$ (3,666)	\$ 11,808
Net earnings (loss) per share attributable to Skechers U.S.A., Inc.:		
Basic	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.24
Diluted	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.24
Weighted average shares used in calculating earnings (loss) per share attributable to Skechers U.S.A., Inc.:		
Basic	49,265	48,243
Diluted	49,265	49,280

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