Enclosed is a press release announcing the third quarter 2023 results for:



A conference call to discuss these results is scheduled for tomorrow, November 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)

The numbers to call for this teleconference are:

US: 1-833-470-1428

Canada: 1-833-950-0062

Access code for all: 661323

PLAYBACK:

If you are unable to participate in the call, a playback will be available until Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

The numbers to call for this playback are:

US: 1-866-813-9403

Canada: 1-226-828-7578

Access code for all: 525830

A live simulcast, as well as a 30-day replay of the conference call, will be available over the Internet at https://events.q4inc.com/attendee/533804877.

(If you do not wish to continue receiving these notices, please contact NRC Health at 402-475-2525.)





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NATIONAL RESEARCH CORPORATION ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2023 RESULTS

LINCOLN, Nebraska (November 7, 2023) — National Research Corporation, dba NRC Health, (NASDAQ:NRC) today announced results for the third quarter 2023.

Regarding the Company's 2023 third quarter, Kevin Karas, Chief Financial Officer, said, "New sales increased compared to the third quarter of 2022, supported by growth in our Human Understanding Program, with adoption by 91 healthcare organizations as of September 30, 2023. While building our sales pipeline, we are also highly focused on controlling costs in an inflationary environment. We have realized sequential quarterly operating margin improvement in the last two quarters and will continue to emphasize returning to our historical operating margins."

Mr. Karas continued: "From a capital standpoint, NRC remains well-positioned to execute the entire range of capital allocation alternatives, including funding innovation and growth investments, shareholder dividends and share repurchases. At September 30, 2023, the Company had approximately \$20 million of net debt and \$25 million available on its revolving line of credit after funding \$3.7 million for innovation and growth, \$27.5 million for dividend payments, and \$310,000 for share repurchases during the quarter."

Diluted earnings per share decreased to \$0.32 for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, from diluted earnings per share of \$0.33 for the quarter ended September 30, 2022.

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A live simulcast of National Research Corporation's 2023 third quarter conference call will be available online at https://events.q4inc.com/attendee/533804877 November 8, 2023, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time. The online replay will follow approximately one hour later and continue for 30 days.

For more than 40 years, NRC Health (NASDAQ: NRC) has led the charge to humanize healthcare and support organizations in their understanding of each unique individual. NRC Health's commitment to Human Understanding® helps leading healthcare systems get to know each person they serve not as point-in-time insights, but as an ongoing relationship. Guided by its uniquely empathic heritage, NRC Health's patient-focused approach, unmatched market research, and emphasis on consumer preferences are transforming the healthcare experience, creating strong outcomes for patients and entire healthcare systems. For more information, email <u>info@nrchealth.com</u>, or visit www.nrchealth.com.

This press release contains certain statements that may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and such statements are subject to the safe harbor created by those sections and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Such statements may be identified by their use of terms or phrases such as "believes," "expect," "focus," "will," derivations thereof, and similar terms and phrases. Forward-looking statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of our management and are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified, which could cause future events and actual results to differ materially from those set forth in, contemplated by, or underlying the forward-looking statements, including those risks and uncertainties as set forth in the Risk Factors section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and various disclosures in our press releases, stockholder reports, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We disclaim any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in the factors affecting the forward-looking information.

NATIONAL RESEARCH CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended September 30			Nine months ended September 30			
		2023		2022	2023		2022
Revenue	\$	37,945	\$	37,691	\$ 110,579	\$	113,424
Operating expenses:							
Direct		14,633		14,524	42,222		43,062
Selling, general and administrative		11,802		10,762	35,552		32,159
Depreciation and amortization		1,555		1,296	4,469		3,902
Total operating expenses		27,990		26,582	82,243		79,123
Operating income		9,955		11,109	28,336		34,301
Other income (expense):							
Interest income		256		15	779		34
Interest expense		(160)		(288)	(594)		(923)
Other, net		(12)		11	 (27)		(69)
Total other income (expense)		84		(262)	 158		(958)
Income before income taxes		10,039		10,847	28,494		33,343
Provision for income taxes		2,163		2,549	 6,381		8,184
Net income	\$	7,876	\$	8,298	\$ 22,113	\$	25,159
Earnings Per Share of Common Stock:							
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$	0.32	\$	0.34	\$ 0.90	\$	1.01
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	0.32	\$	0.33	\$ 0.89	\$	1.00
Weighted average shares and share equivalents outstanding:							
Basic		24,560		24,716	24,574		25,014
Diluted		24,695		24,847	24,715		25,147
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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Dollars in thousands, except share amounts and par value)

	September 30, 2023		December 31, 2022	
<u>Assets</u>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,828	\$	25,026
Accounts receivable, net		14,467		14,461
Other current assets		6,448		4,229
Total current assets		24,743		43,716
Property and equipment, net		25,589		17,248
Goodwill		61,614		61,614
Other, net		8,190		7,883
Total assets	\$	120,136	\$	130,461
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of notes payable	\$	4,665	\$	4,491
Line of credit		5,000		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		6,027		5,136
Accrued compensation		5,029		4,551
Deferred revenue		16,238		15,198
Dividends payable		2,947		2,956
Other current liabilities		899		1,085
Total current liabilities		40,805		33,417
Notes payable, net of current portion and unamortized debt issuance costs		14,164		17,690
Other non-current liabilities		7,295		7,321
Total liabilities		62,264		58,428
Shareholders' equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 2,000,000 shares, none issued				
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; authorized 110,000,000 shares, issued				
30,956,479 in 2023 and 30,922,181 in 2022, outstanding 24,562,068 in				
2023 and 24,628,173 in 2022		31		31
Additional paid-in capital		176,714		175,453
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)		(36,482)		(25,184)
Treasury stock		(82,391)		(78,267)
Total shareholders' equity	·	57,872		72,033
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	120,136	\$	130,461