

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. (NASDAQ - MRLN)

Press Release

Marlin Business Services Corp. Reports EPS of \$0.42 for the Second Quarter 2007

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- -- Finance receivables greater than 60 days delinquent improved from the prior quarter
- -- Strong liquidity based on committed bank lines
- -- Conservative leverage ratio of 4.41:1

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J., Aug. 7, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Marlin Business Services Corp. (Nasdaq:MRLN) today reported net income of \$5.2 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2007, compared with net income of \$5.3 million for the same period in 2006. Diluted earnings per share was \$0.42 for the second quarter of 2007, compared to \$0.44 for the same period in 2006. Excluding the impact of a one-time after-tax reduction of the allowance for credit losses of \$545,000 or \$0.045 per share in second quarter of 2006, due to better than expected collections in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, net income and diluted earnings per share for the second quarter of 2007 increased 10.6% and 7.7%, respectively, compared to the second quarter of 2006.

For the six months ended June 30, 2007, net income was \$10.2 million compared to \$10.0 million for the same period in 2006. Diluted earnings per share was \$0.83 for both six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. Net income and diluted earnings per share for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 was impacted by the same reduction due to Hurricane Katrina of \$545,000 or \$0.045 diluted earnings per share. Adjusted to exclude this after-tax reduction, net income and diluted earnings per share for the same period in 2006.

"Marlin continues to perform with solid returns posted for the quarter," said Daniel P. Dyer, Chairman and CEO of Marlin Business Services Corp. "Asset quality continues to perform solidly in line with our key credit performance indicators."

Highlights for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 include:

Asset Origination

- * Based on initial equipment cost, lease production was \$97.3 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 compared to \$97.9 million for the second quarter of 2006.
- * Direct sales volume increased by 1.6% year over year, while indirect sales volume decreased by 4.9%.
- * Average net investment in leases was \$710.6 million at June 30, 2007 compared to \$591.9 million for the second quarter of 2006, representing growth of 20.1% year over year. Average net investment in leases was up 3.4% or \$23.1 million from the prior quarter.
- * Our end user customer base grew to more than 91,000 at June 30, 2007 compared with 85,000 for the second quarter of 2006 and 89,000 in the previous quarter. Growth in our end user customer base was 7.1% year over year and 2.2% from the previous quarter. The number of active leases in our portfolio was approximately 114,000 at June 30, 2007.
- * As of June 30, 2007 the Company had \$182,000 of outstanding purchased receivables balances for its factoring business "Marlin Trade Receivables."
- * As of June 30, 2007 the Company had \$7.7 million of loan balances outstanding for the new Business Capital Loan product compared to

\$4.8 million at the end of the prior quarter and none for the second quarter of 2006.

Net Interest and Fee Margin and Cost of Funds

- * The average implicit yield on new leases was 13.04% for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 compared to 12.68% in the second quarter of 2006 and 12.80% for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007.
- * The portfolio yield was 12.34% as a percentage of average total finance receivables for the quarter ended June 30, 2007, a decrease of 20 basis points from the second quarter of 2006 and a decrease of 6 basis points from the first quarter ended March 31, 2007.
- * Fee income as a percentage of average net investment in finance receivables was 2.89% for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 compared to 3.44% for the second quarter of 2006 and 3.25% for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007. The decrease from the prior quarter is due primarily to a decrease in administrative and late fee income resulting from a decrease in the volume of late fee billings in the 0-30 day delinquency category and seasonal variation related to property tax fees.
- * The average cost of funds as a percentage of average total finance receivables was 4.60% for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. This was a 54 basis point increase from the second quarter of 2006 and a 14 basis point increase from the 4.46% reported in the first quarter ended March 31, 2007. The increase is due primarily to the changing vintage mix of our underlying term securitizations, along with higher average borrowings outstanding as a percentage of average total finance receivables.
- * Due to the factors discussed above, the net interest and fee margin was 10.63% as a percentage of average total finance receivables for the quarter ended June 30, 2007, a decrease of 56 basis points compared to 11.19% for the quarter ended March 31, 2007.
- * Included in interest income for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 is \$57,000 of interest income related to the Company's factoring product, compared to \$146,000 for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007 and none for the second quarter of 2006.
- * Included in interest income for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 is \$207,000 of interest income related to the Company's Business Capital Loan product, compared to \$79,000 for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007 and none for the second quarter of 2006.

Credit Quality

- * Net charge-offs totaled \$3.2 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 compared with \$3.0 million for the previous quarter. On an annualized basis, net charge-offs were 1.79% of average total finance receivables for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 compared to 1.44% for the second quarter of 2006 and 1.75% for the quarter ended March 31, 2007. Included in net charge-offs is \$14,000 related to the Business Capital Loan product.
- * As of June 30, 2007, 0.68% of our total lease portfolio was 60 or more days delinquent, up from 0.54% as of June 30, 2006 and a decrease compared to 0.76% as of March 31, 2007. As of June 30, 2007, 0.32% of the Business Capital Loan portfolio was 60 or more days delinquent, representing \$26,000 in loan balances.
- * The allowance for credit losses was \$8.8 million as of June 30,

2007, compared to \$7.4 million in the second quarter of 2006 and \$8.6 million in the previous quarter. Allowance for credit losses as a percentage of total finance receivables was 1.21% at June 30, 2007, June 30, 2006 and March 31, 2007.

- * At June 30, 2007, the allowance for credit losses was 151.6% of total finance receivables 60 or more days delinquent compared to 190.6% at June 30, 2006 and 135.4% at March 31, 2007.
- * In conjunction with this release, static pool loss statistics have been updated as supplemental information on the investor relations section of our website at http://www.marlincorp.com.

Operating Expenses

- * Salaries and benefits expense was \$5.1 million in the second quarter of 2007, down from \$5.3 million in the second quarter of 2006, and down from \$5.7 million in the previous quarter. Salaries and benefits were 2.85% as an annualized percentage of average finance receivables for the second quarter of 2007 versus 3.55% in the second quarter of 2006 and 3.31% in the previous quarter. Salaries and benefits were positively impacted \$389,000 in the second quarter due to lower incentive accruals.
- * Other general and administrative expenses were \$3.3 million in the second quarter of 2007 compared to \$3.1 million in the second quarter of 2006 and \$3.4 million in the prior quarter. Other general and administrative expenses as an annualized percentage of average finance receivables were 1.83% for the second quarter of 2007 compared to 2.08% in the second quarter of last year and 1.94% for the prior quarter.
- * Our efficiency ratio was 40.68% at June 30, 2007 compared to 44.16% for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 and 43.15% for the previous quarter.

Funding and Liquidity

* Our debt to equity ratio was 4.41:1 at June 30, 2007 compared to 4.49:1 at March 31, 2007.

Conference Call and Webcast

We will host a conference call on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. EDT to discuss our second quarter 2007. If you wish to participate, please call 800-819-9193 (toll free) or 913-981-4910 (international) approximately 10 minutes in advance of the call time. The conference ID will be: "Marlin." The call will also be Webcast on the Investor Relations page of the Marlin Business Services Corp. website, <u>http://www.marlincorp.com</u>. An audio replay will also be available on the Investor Relations section of Marlin's website for approximately 90 days.

About Marlin Business Services Corp.

Marlin Business Services Corp. is a nationwide provider of equipment leasing and working capital solutions primarily to small businesses. The Company's principal operating subsidiary, Marlin Leasing Corporation, finances over 70 equipment categories in a segment of the market generally referred to as "small-ticket" leasing (i.e. leasing transactions less than \$250,000). The Company was founded in 1997 and completed its initial public offering of common stock on November 12, 2003. In addition to its executive offices in Mount Laurel, NJ, Marlin has regional offices in or near Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Philadelphia and Salt Lake City. For more information, visit http://www.marlincorp.com or call toll free at (888) 479-9111.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All forward-looking statements (including statements regarding future financial and operating results) involve risks, uncertainties and contingencies,

many of which are beyond our control, which may cause actual results, performance, or achievements to differ materially from anticipated results, performance, or achievements. All statements contained in this release that are not clearly historical in nature are forward-looking, and the words "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "estimate," "plan," "may," "intend," and similar expressions are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Economic, business, funding, market, competitive, legal and/or regulatory factors, among others, affecting our business are examples of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. More detailed information about these factors is contained in our filings with the SEC, including the sections captioned "Risk Factors" and "Business" in the Company's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We are under no obligation to (and expressly disclaim any such obligation to) update or alter our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

June 30, December 31,

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in thousands, except per-share data)

	2007	2006
	(Unaudited)	
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,060	\$ 26,663
Restricted cash	64,660	57,705
Net investment in leases and loans	748,139	693,911
Property and equipment, net	3,366	3,430
Property tax receivables	6,483	257
Fair value of cash flow hedge derivatives	243	456
Other assets	11,251	13,030
Total assets	\$842,202	\$795,452
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Revolving and term secured borrowings Other liabilities:	\$651,771	\$616,322
Fair value of cash flow hedge derivatives	6	1,607
Sales and property taxes payable	11,216	8,034
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,451	12,269
Deferred income tax liability	21,107	22,931
Total liabilities	694,551	661,163
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value; 75,000,000		
shares authorized; 12,279,967 and 12,030,259)	
shares issued and outstanding, respectively Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value; 5,000,000	123	120
shares authorized; none issued		
Additional paid-in capital	84,934	81,850
Stock subscription receivable	(11)	(18)
Cumulative other comprehensive income	1,955	1,892
Retained earnings	60,650	50,445
Total stockholders' equity	147,651	134,289
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$842,202	\$795,452
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AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statements of Operations (Dollars in thousands, except per-share data) (Unaudited)

		nths Ended e 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2007	2006	2007		
Income:					
Interest income Fee income	\$22,151 5,186		\$43,588 10,801	\$36,368 10,004	
Interest and fee income Interest expense	27,337 8,256	23,646	54,389 15,967	46,372	
Net interest and fee income Provision for credit	19,081		38,422		
losses	3,468	1,599	6,860	4,014	
Net interest and fee income after provision for credit losses	15 (1)	16 041	21 562		
losses Insurance and other	15,613	16,041	31,562	30,857	
income	1,553		3,228	2,584	
Operating income	17,166	17,270	34,790	33,441	
Non-interest expense: Salaries and benefits General and	5,113	5,254	10,830	10,399	
administrative	3,281	3,078	6,633	5,824	
Financing related costs	213	198	459	653	
Non-interest expense	8,607	8,530	17,922	16,876	
Income before income taxes Income taxes	8,559 3,381	8,740 3,452	16,868 6,663	16,565 6,543	
Net income	\$ 5,178 ======	\$ 5,288	\$10,205 ======	\$10,022	
Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.85	
share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.83	
Shares used in computing basic earnings per share 12 Shares used in computing diluted earnings	,106,482	11,780,018	12,030,155	11,740,989	
-	,341,182	12,092,752	12,297,097	12,074,066	

SUPPLEMENTAL QUARTERLY DATA (Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)

(unaudited)

Quarter

Ended:	6/30/2006	9/30/2006	12/31/2006	3/31/2007	6/30/2007
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New Asset					
Production	:				
# of Sales Reps	103	100	100	96	97
# of Leases				8,639	
Leased		-,-	-,	.,	-, -
Equipment					
Volume	\$ 97,871	\$100,950	\$105,639	\$102,652	\$ 97,260
Average					
monthly					
sources	1,333	1,321	1,309	1,337	1,279
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Implicit Yield on					
	12.68%	12.73%	12.67%	12.80%	13.04%
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Income					
Yield	12.54%	12.57%	13.11%	12.40%	12.34%
Fee Income					
Yield Interest an	3.44%	3.35%	3.07%	3.25%	2.89%
Fee Income					
Yield	15.98%	15.92%	16.18%	15.65%	15.23%
Cost of					
Funds	4.06%	4.41%	4.95%	4.46%	4.60%
Net interes and Fee	t				
Margin	11.92%	11.51%	11.23%	11.19%	10.63%
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Average Tot	al				
Finance Receiv-					
	\$591,905	\$624,711	\$660,529	\$691,253	\$717,893
Average Net		. ,			
Investment					
in Leases	\$591,905	\$623,999	\$658,120	\$687,442	\$710,587
End of					
period Net					
Investment					
in Leases	\$622,815	\$655,871	\$691,932	\$717,882	\$740,021
End of period					
Loans	\$ 0	\$ 971	\$ 1,979	\$ 5,175	\$ 8,118
End of					
period					
Factoring					
Receiv- ables	\$0	\$ 296	\$ 1,760	\$ 386	\$ 182
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Total loan					
and lease					
sales	102	100	100	100	101
personnel	103	102	103	100	101
Portfolio					
Asset					
Quality:					

Total Finance Receivables	5									
60+ Days Past Due Delinquen- cies 60+ Days Past Due Delinquen- cies	\$	0.54%	\$	0.58%	\$	0.71% 5,715	\$	0.76%	\$	0.68%
Leasing										
60+ Days Past Due Delinquen- cies 60+ Days Past Due Delinquen- cies	\$	0.54%		0.58%		0.71%			\$	0.68%
Loans	Ŷ	5,007	Ŷ	T , T II	Ŷ	5,070	Ŷ	0,200	Ŷ	5,750
60+ Days Past Due Delinquen- cies 60+ Days Past Due		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.28%		0.32%
Delinquen- cies	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	15	\$	26
Factoring Receivables 60+ Days Past Due Delinquen- cies 60+ Days Past Due Delinquen- cies	\$	0.00%	\$	0.00%	\$	2.20%	\$	6.57% 26	\$	0.00%
Net Charge-offs - Leasing % on Average Net Investment	\$	2,132	\$	2,685	\$	2,405	\$	2,907	\$	3,176
in Leases Annualized		1.44%		1.72%		1.46%		1.69%		1.79%
Net Charge-offs - Other Finance Receiv- ables % on Average Other	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	118	\$	31
Other										

Finance Receivable Annualized		0.00%	0.00%	12.38%	1.70%
Allowance for Credit Losses % of 60+	\$ 7,370	\$ 7,767	\$ 8,201	\$ 8,568	\$ 8,829
Delinquen- cies	190.59%	176.08%	143.50%	135.38%	151.60%
90+ Day Delinquen- cies (Non- earning)		\$ 1,876	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,976	\$ 2,449
Balance Sheet:					
Assets					
Investment					
in Leases and Loans Initial Direct	\$609,359	\$642,113	\$677,848	\$705,739	\$730,316
Costs and Fees	20,826	22,496	24,264	25,886	26,652
Reserve for Credit					
Losses Net Investment in Leases	(7,370)	(7,767)	(8,201)	(8,568)	(8,829)
and Loans Cash and Cash	\$622,815	\$656,842	\$693,911	\$723,057	\$748,139
Equivalent Restricted	.s 3,168	34,159	26,663	7,429	8,060
Cash Other	54,457	179,964	57,705	63,640	64,660
Assets Total	17,667	15,954	17,173	23,277	21,343
Assets	\$698,107	\$886,919	\$795,452	\$817,403	\$842,202
Liabilities	:				
Total Debt Other	\$526,286	\$712,355	\$616,322	\$632,197	\$651,771
Liabili- ties	45,580	44,963	44,841	44,303	42,780
Total Liabili-					
ties	\$571,866	\$757,318	\$661,163	\$676,500	\$694,551
Stockholder Equity Common	s'				
Stock	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 123	\$ 123
Paid-in Capital,					
net Other Comprehens	79,583 sive	80,548	81,832	84,381	84,923

Income Retained	4,705	2,370	1,892	927	1,955
Earnings Total	41,833	46,563	50,445	55,472	60,650
Stockholde Equity	rs' \$126,241	\$129,601	\$134,289	\$140,903	\$147,651
Total Liabilitie and Stockholde Equity		\$886,919	\$795,452	\$817,403	\$842,202
Capital and Leverage:					
Tangible Equity Debt to Tangible	\$126,241	\$129,601	\$134,289	\$140,903	\$147,651
Equity	4.17	5.50	4.59	4.49	4.41
Expense Ratios:					
Salaries an Benefits Expense Salaries an Benefits Expense annualized	\$ 5,254 d	\$ 5,171	\$ 6,898	\$ 5,716	\$ 5,113
% of Avg Fin. Recbl	3.55%	3.31%	4.18%	3.31%	2.85%
Total personnel end of quarter	319	310	314	311	324
General and Administra Expense		\$ 2,868	\$ 3,264	\$ 3,352	\$ 3,281
General and Administra Expense annualized	tive				
% of Avg Fin. Recbl	2.08%	1.84%	1.98%	1.94%	1.83%
Efficiency Ratio	44.16%	41.55%	50.58%	43.15%	40.68%
Net Income: Net Income		\$ 4,730	\$ 3,882	\$ 5,027	\$ 5,178
Annualized Performanc Measures: Return on Average	e				
Assets	3.09%	2.55%	1.86%	2.52%	2.49%
Return on					

Average Stockholders' 17.24% 14.79% 11.77% 14.61% 14.36% Equity Per Share Data: Number of Shares -Basic 11,780,018 11,838,677 11,889,262 11,957,024 12,106,482 EPS-Basic \$ 0.45 \$ 0.40 \$ 0.33 \$ 0.42 \$ 0.43 Number of Shares -Diluted 12,092,752 12,154,889 12,231,808 12,257,484 12,341,182 EPS-\$ 0.44 \$ 0.39 \$ 0.32 \$ 0.41 \$ 0.42 Diluted * Net investment in total finance receivables includes net investment in direct financing leases, loans, and factoring receivables CONTACT: Marlin Business Services Corp.Lynne Wilson, CFO 888-479-9111, ext. 4108 http://www.marlinleasing.com Click here for Printer-Friendly Version