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AudioCodes Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Results

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Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Highlights

- Quarterly revenues increased by 9.7% year-over-year to \$41.4 million; full 2017 year revenues were \$156.7 million compared to \$145.6 million in 2016;
- Quarterly service revenues increased by 17.4% year-over-year to \$13.4 million; full 2017 year service revenues were \$49.3 million compared to \$43.3 million in 2016;
- Quarterly UC-SIP revenues increased more than 15% year-over-year;
- Quarterly GAAP gross margin was 63.1%; quarterly Non-GAAP gross margin was 63.6%;
- Quarterly GAAP operating margin was 7.8%; quarterly Non-GAAP operating margin was 9.7%;
- Cash flow from operating activities was \$8.4 million for the quarter and \$17.8 million for the full year;
- Quarterly GAAP net income was \$672,000, or \$0.02 per diluted share, Quarterly Non-GAAP net income was \$3.8 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share;
- Full 2017 year GAAP net income was \$4.0 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share; full 2017 year Non-GAAP net income was \$12.2 million, or \$0.37 per diluted share;
- AudioCodes repurchased 1.3 million of its ordinary shares during the quarter at an aggregate cost of \$9.0 million.

Details

AudioCodes, **(NASDAQ: AUDC)** a leading vendor of advanced voice networking and media processing solutions for the digital workplace, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year periods ended December 31, 2017.

Revenues for the fourth quarter of 2017 were \$41.4 million, compared to \$39.2 million for the third quarter of 2017 and \$37.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2016. Revenues were \$156.7 million in 2017 compared to \$145.6 million in 2016.

Net income was \$672,000, or \$0.02 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to \$14.8 million or \$0.44 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2016. Net income in 2017 was \$4.0 million or \$0.13 per diluted share, compared to \$16.2, or \$0.45 per diluted share, in 2016.

In the fourth quarter and full year of 2016, net income per diluted share included \$0.34 per share and \$0.32 per share, respectively, as a result of the creation of a deferred tax asset. Non-GAAP net income excludes the effect of this non-cash deferred tax benefit.

On a Non-GAAP basis, net income was \$3.8 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to \$2.6 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter last year. Non-GAAP net income in 2017 was \$12.2 million, or \$0.37 per diluted share, compared to \$9.4 million, or \$0.26 per diluted share, in 2016.

Non-GAAP net income excludes: (i) share-based compensation expenses; (ii) amortization expenses related to intangible assets; (iii) expenses related to deferred payments and income due to revaluation of an earn-out liability, each in connection with the acquisition of Active Communications Europe; and (iv) non-cash deferred tax benefit or expenses. A reconciliation of net income on a GAAP basis to a non-GAAP basis is provided in the tables that accompany the condensed consolidated financial statements contained in this press release.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$8.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 and \$17.8 million for 2017. Cash and cash equivalents, long- and short-term bank deposits and long- and short-term marketable securities were \$58.7 million as of December 31, 2017 compared to \$69.5 million as of December 31, 2016. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents, long- and short-term bank deposits and long- and short-term marketable securities was the result of the use of cash for the continued repurchasing of the Company's ordinary shares pursuant to its share repurchase program.

"We are pleased to report strong financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2017," said Shabtai Adlersberg, President and Chief Executive Officer of AudioCodes.

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"In 2017 we executed well on our strategic goal to lead the Enterprise Voice space with voice connectivity solutions and enhanced our leadership position for coming years. We achieved record financial results and new highs in our gross margin and operating income, an attestation to our efficient operations. Looking forward, we expect to continue our evolution and growth in 2018, continuing our strong cash flow for the fourth year in a row. We also expect to continue investment in future offerings as well as focus on the return on investment to our shareholders."

"We have decided to formulate a new Business Unit called Voice.AI to follow on the steps of success of our Networking Business Unit and UC-SIP operations. Leveraging our existing operations in voice recognition and call logging/recording, Voice.AI is intended to capitalize on the endless amount of business voice interactions and resources and the growing effectiveness of AI technologies such as NLP and NLU. The newly developed Voice.AI solutions will be used to process and distribute meaningful actionable business insights. Capitalizing on our leadership position in enterprise voice and large customer base, expertise in telephony and VoIP communications, as well as our extensive product portfolio of gateways, session border controllers and end point devices and appliances, we envision significant potential for future products and solutions."

"Additionally, the ongoing trend of all-IP network transformation provides us with much to look forward to, while we work on new growth engines and new technological developments," concluded Mr. Adlersberg.

Share Buy Back Program

As of December 31, 2017, AudioCodes had acquired an aggregate of 15.8 million of its ordinary shares since August 2014 for an aggregate consideration of \$79.7 million. During the quarter ended December 31, 2017, AudioCodes acquired 1.3 million of its ordinary shares under its share repurchase program for a total consideration of \$9.0 million. During 2017, AudioCodes acquired 3.7 million of its ordinary shares for a total consideration of \$25.6 million.

In November 2017, AudioCodes received court approval in Israel to purchase up to an aggregate of \$20 million of additional ordinary shares pursuant to its share repurchase program. As of December 31, 2017, \$16.8 million remained available to the Company for repurchasing shares under this court approval. The current court approval for share repurchases will expire on May 27, 2018.

Conference Call & Web Cast Information

AudioCodes will conduct a conference call at 8:00 A.M., Eastern Time today to discuss the Company's fourth quarter and full year of 2017 operating performance, financial results and outlook. Interested parties may participate in the conference call by dialing one the following numbers:

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United States Participants: +1 (877) 407-0778

International Participants: +1 (201) 689-8565

The conference call will also be simultaneously webcast. Investors are invited to listen to the call live via webcast at the AudioCodes investor website at <u>http://www.audiocodes.com/investors-lobby</u>

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About AudioCodes

AudioCodes Ltd. (NASDAQ, TASE: AUDC) is a leading vendor of advanced voice networking and media processing solutions for the digital workplace. AudioCodes enables enterprises and service providers to build and operate all-IP voice networks for unified communications, contact centers, and hosted business services. AudioCodes offers a broad range of innovative products, solutions and services that are used by large multi-national enterprises and leading tier-1 operators around the world.

For more information on AudioCodes, visit <u>http://www.audiocodes.com</u>.

Statements concerning AudioCodes' business outlook or future economic performance; product introductions and plans and objectives related thereto; and statements concerning assumptions made or expectations as to any future events, conditions, performance or other matters, are "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined under U.S. Federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in such statements. These risks, uncertainties and factors include, but are not limited to: the effect of global economic conditions in general and conditions in AudioCodes' industry and target markets in particular; shifts in supply and demand; market acceptance of new products and the demand for existing products; the impact of competitive products and pricing on AudioCodes' and its customers' products and markets; timely product and technology development, upgrades and the ability to manage changes in market conditions as needed; possible need for additional financing; the ability to satisfy covenants in the Company's loan agreements; possible disruptions from acquisitions; the ability of AudioCodes to successfully integrate the products and operations of acquired companies into AudioCodes' business; and other factors detailed in AudioCodes' filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. AudioCodes assumes no obligation to update the information in this release.

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Summary financial data follows

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

U.S. dollars in thousands

| | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 24,235 | \$ 24,344 |
| Short-term and restricted bank deposits | 2,739 | 3,401 |
| Short-term marketable securities and accrued interest | 7,087 | 6,778 |
| Trade receivables, net | 22,059 | 25,448 |
| Other receivables and prepaid expenses | 4,693 | 3,377 |
| Inventories | 16,563 | 16,333 |
| Total current assets | 77,376 | 79,681 |
| LONG-TERM ASSETS: | | |
| Long-term and restricted bank deposits | \$ 4,207 | \$ 5,407 |
| Long-term marketable securities | 20,475 | 29,540 |
| Deferred tax assets | 6,685 | 11,607 |
| Severance pay funds | 20,138 | 17,820 |
| Total long-term assets | 51,505 | 64,374 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET | 3,835 | 3,867 |
| GOODWILL, INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND OTHER, NET | 38,222 | 39,054 |
| Total assets | \$ 170,938 | \$ 186,976 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current maturities of long-term bank loans | \$ 2,519 | \$ 3,451 |
| Trade payables | 5,639 | 7,710 |
| Other payables and accrued expenses | 20,786 | 18,618 |
| Deferred revenues | 16,417 | 14,951 |
| Total current liabilities | | |
| Total current liabilities | 45,361 | 44,730 |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accrued severance pay | \$ 21,228 | \$ 18,941 |
| Long-term bank loans | 6,237 | 8,493 |
| Deferred revenues and other liabilities | 5,731 | 6,153 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 33,196 | 33,587 |
| Total equity | 92,381 | 108,659 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 170,938 | \$ 186,976 |

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

U.S. dollars in thousands, except shares and per share data

| | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|--|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Unaudited) | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Products | \$ 107,482 | \$ 102,279 | \$ 28,032 | \$ 26,359 |
| Services | 49,257 | 43,292 | 13,386 | 11,401 |
| Total Revenues | 156,739 | 145,571 | 41,418 | 37,760 |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Products | 47,445 | 46,935 | 12,204 | 12,039 |
| Services | 11,449 | 10,295 | 3,090 | 2,717 |
| Total Cost of revenues | 58,894 | 57,230 | 15,294 | 14,756 |
| Gross profit | 97,845 | 88,341 | 26,124 | 23,004 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Research and development, net | 30,348 | 29,139 | 8,126 | 7,682 |
| Selling and marketing | 48,954 | 45,084 | 12,405 | 11,369 |
| General and administrative | 8,893 | 6,364 | 2,356 | 366 |
| | | | | |
| Total operating expenses | 88,195 | 80,587 | 22,887 | 19,417 |
| Operating income | 9,650 | 7,754 | 3,237 | 3,587 |
| Financial expenses, net | (10) | (160) | (4) | (127) |
| Income before taxes on income | 9,640 | 7,594 | 3,233 | 3,460 |
| Taxes on income, net | (5,610) | 8,644 | (2,561) | 11,308 |
| Net income | \$ 4,030 | \$ 16,238 | \$ 672 | \$ 14,768 |
| Net income | \$ 4,030 | <u> </u> | Ş 072 | \$ 14,708 |
| Basic net earnings per share | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.46 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.45 |
| Diluted net earnings per share | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.44 |
| | | | | |
| Weighted average number of shares used in | | | | |
| computing basic net earnings per share (in | | | | |
| thousands) | 31,104 | 35,174 | 29,915 | 32,956 |
| Weighted average number of shares used in | | | | |
| computing diluted net earnings per share (in | | | | |
| thousands) | 32,168 | 40,565 | 31,071 | 33,859 |
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AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME

U.S. dollars in thousands, except per share data

| | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Unaudited) | |
| GAAP net income | \$ 4,030 | \$ 16,238 | \$ 672 | \$ 14,768 |
| GAAP net earnings per share | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.44 |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 84 | 118 | 25 | 31 |
| Amortization expenses (2) | 696 | 1,052 | 174 | 174 |
| | 780 | 1,170 | 199 | 205 |
| Research and development, net: | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 383 | 459 | 105 | 113 |
| Deferred payments expenses (3) | 198 | 752 | 62 | 188 |
| | 581 | 1,211 | 167 | 301 |
| Selling and marketing: | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 1,024 | 1,101 | 245 | 264 |
| Amortization expenses (2) | 116 | 120 | 26 | 30 |
| | 1,140 | 1,221 | 271 | 294 |
| General and administrative: | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 816 | 736 | 251 | 182 |
| Revaluation of earn-out liability (4) | (118) | (1,674) | (118) | (1,674) |
| | 698 | (938) | 133 | (1,492) |
| Income taxes: | | | | |
| Deferred tax (5) | 4,922 | (9,475) | 2,362 | (11,468) |
| Non-GAAP net income | \$ 12,151 | \$ 9,427 | \$ 3,804 | \$ 2,608 |
| Non-GAAP diluted net earnings per share | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.08 |
| | | | | |

(1) Share-based compensation expenses related to options and restricted share units granted to employees and others.

(2) Excluding amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisitions of Mailvision and Active Communications Europe assets.

(3) Excluding expenses related to deferred payments in connection with the acquisition of Active Communications Europe.

(4) Revaluation of earn-out liability in connection with the acquisition of Active Communications Europe.

(5) Non-cash deferred tax expenses (benefit).

Note: Non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, the results prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that non-GAAP information is useful because it can enhance the understanding of its ongoing economic performance and therefore uses internally this non-GAAP information to evaluate and manage its operations. The Company has chosen to provide this information to investors to enable them to perform comparisons of operating results in a manner similar to how the Company analyzes its operating results and because many comparable companies report this type of information.

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands

| | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Unaudi | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 4,030 | \$ 16,238 | \$ 672 | \$ 14,768 |
| Adjustments required to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,438 | 2,892 | 579 | 630 |
| Amortization of marketable securities premiums | | | | |
| and accretion of discounts, net | 570 | 973 | 95 | 296 |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued severance pay, net | (31) | 830 | (263) | 247 |
| Share-based compensation expenses | 2,307 | 2,414 | 626 | 590 |
| Decrease (increase) in long-term deferred tax | | | | |
| assets, net | 4,838 | (9,391) | 2,341 | (11,446) |
| Decrease (increase) in accrued interest and exchange rate effect of loans, marketable | | | | |
| securities and bank deposits | 403 | 114 | 152 | (73) |
| Decrease in trade receivables, net | 3,389 | 174 | 2,538 | 385 |
| Decrease (increase) in other receivables and | | | | |
| prepaid expenses | (1,316) | 732 | 473 | 1,390 |
| Decrease (increase) in inventories | (230) | 445 | (132) | (666) |
| Increase (decrease) in trade payables Increase (decrease) in other payables and accrued | (2,071) | 406 | 244 | 93 |
| expenses | 1,798 | (680) | 204 | (2,318) |
| Increase in deferred revenues | 1,640 | 3,195 | 831 | 2,795 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 17,765 | 18,342 | 8,360 | 6,691 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of marketable securities | - | 12,429 | - | - |
| Decrease in short-term deposits, net | 662 | 2,260 | 166 | 531 |
| Decrease (increase) in long-term bank deposits | 1,200 | (2,367) | 300 | (2,844) |
| Proceeds from redemption of marketable securities | 8,116 | 3,215 | 2,766 | 2,315 |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (1,574) | (1,477) | (533) | (288) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 8,404 | 14,060 | 2,699 | (286) |
| | | | _, | (====) |

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands

| | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Unaudi | ed) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | |
| Purchase of treasury share | (25,563) | (29,392) | (9,015) | (7,666) |
| Repayment of long-term bank loans | (3,504) | (5,353) | (626) | (1,078) |
| Proceeds from bank loans | - | 6,000 | - | 6,000 |
| Consideration related to payment of acquisition of Mailvision | - | (233) | - | - |
| Proceeds from issuance of shares upon exercise of options and warrants | 2,789 | 2,012 | 777 | 1,451 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (26,278) | (26,966) | (8,864) | (1,293) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the | (109) | 5,436 | 2,195 | 5,112 |
| period | \$ 24,344 | \$ 18,908 | \$ 22,040 | \$ 19,232 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | \$ 24,235 | \$ 24,344 | \$ 24,235 | \$ 24,344 |