

Hour Loop Reports Second Quarter 2022 Results

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Demonstrates Strong Execution Despite Challenging Macroeconomic Environment and Unfavorable e-Commerce Traffic in Q2

Provides Full Year 2022 Revenue Guidance Range of \$81 million to \$90 million

REDMOND, Wash., Aug. 12, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Hour Loop, Inc. (NASDAQ: HOUR) ("Hour Loop"), a leading online retailer, announces its financial and operational results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2022.

Financial Highlights for Second Quarter 2022:

- Total revenues increased 27.1% and 19.8% to \$14.8 million, compared to \$11.6 million in the year-ago period and \$12.4 million for the first quarter of 2022, respectively.
- Net loss totaled \$0.31 million, compared to net income of \$1.1 million in the year-ago period and net loss of \$0.65 million for the first quarter of 2022.
- Cash used in operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2022 was \$13.2 million, compared to \$0.2 million in the year-ago period.

Management Commentary

"We're pleased with our second quarter 2022 performance as we reported strong financial and operational results despite the significantly impacted consumer spending environment driven by inflationary and supply chain pressures and the trending down traffic in overall e-commerce," said Sam Lai, CEO of Hour Loop. "Against this backdrop, we further demonstrated our ability to execute on our strategy and drive growth as planned. Given that our investment in labor and inventories were frontloaded in the first quarter, we have delivered second quarter 2022 revenues of \$14.8 million, up 27.1% and 19.8% compared to the year ago period and first quarter of 2022, respectively, while our net loss significantly narrowed.

"While we are encouraged by our progress, we are not immune to the challenging macroeconomic environment, which impacted our gross profit percentage as a result of increased operating expenses, FBA fees, and a strong competitive environment. However, despite these challenges, we are frontloading our investments for the year while projecting to show profitability and maintain double digit growth for the full year 2022. We believe our investments are necessary to grow our headcount, rapidly scale, and set a foundation for future success once these headwinds ease, and we are building on our momentum since our IPO. We look forward to continuing to execute, drive growth, and ultimately deliver increased value for our shareholders."

Second Quarter 2022 Financial Results

Total revenues in the second quarter of 2022 were \$14.8 million compared to \$11.6 million in the year-ago period and \$12.3 million for the first quarter of 2022, respectively. The increase was primarily due to continued growth and maturity in our operating model, despite a continuation in overall e-commerce traffic decline in the second quarter.

Gross profit percentage declined 1.92% to 56.46%, compared to 58.38% of total revenues in the comparable period a year ago but improved from 52.3% for the first quarter of 2022. The year-over-year decrease was a function of our aggressive growth initiatives and a heightened inflationary environment causing higher cost of goods sold, increased FBA fees, and strong competition.

Operating expenses increased 52.8% to \$8.7 million compared to \$5.7 million in the year- ago period. This was a function of increased platform fees paid to Amazon, and a significant increase in our labor force.

Net loss in the second quarter was \$0.31 million, or \$0.01 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$0.86 million, or \$0.03 per diluted share, in the comparable year-ago period. The decrease was driven by increased costs and expenses as a result of the reasons mentioned above. Nevertheless, net loss in the second quarter narrowed to around half of the net loss for the first quarter of 2022.

As of June 30, 2022, the Company had \$2.3 million in cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$10.6 million as of December 31, 2021. This decrease was driven by the growth of inventory and labor force.

Inventories as of June 30, 2022, were \$14.6 million compared to \$7.0 million as of December 31, 2021. The Company intentionally invested heavily in inventories for strategic reasons.

Full Year 2022 Financial Outlook

For the full year 2022, the Company maintains its guidance for revenue to be in the range of \$81 million to \$90 million, representing 30% to 45% year-over-year growth.

About Hour Loop, Inc.

Hour Loop is an online retailer engaged in e-commerce retailing in the U.S. market. It has operated as a third-party seller on www.amazon.com and has sold merchandise on its website at www.amazon.com in October 2020. To date, the Company has generated practically all of its revenue as a third-party seller on www.amazon.com and only a negligible amount of revenue

from its own website and Walmart. Hour Loop manages more than 100,000 stock-keeping units ("SKUs"). Product categories include home/garden décor, toys, kitchenware, apparels, and electronics. The Company's primary strategy is to bring most of its vendors product selections to the customers. It has advanced software that assists the Company in identifying product gaps so it can keep such products in stock year-round including the entirety of the last quarter (holiday season) of the calendar year. In upcoming years, Hour Loop plans to expand its business rapidly by increasing the number of business managers, vendors and SKUs.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" including with respect to the Company's business strategy, product development and industry trends. Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous conditions, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. While the Company believes these forward-looking statements are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on any such forward-looking statements, which are based on information available to the Company on the date of this release. These forward-looking statements are based upon current estimates and assumptions and are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, those set forth in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as the same may be updated from time to time. Thus, actual results could be materially different. The Company undertakes no obligation to update these statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this release, except as required by law.

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HOUR LOOP, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS As of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2021

		June 30, 2022		December 31, 2021
	(unaudited)		
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,306,430	\$	10,592,572
Accounts receivable, net		151,607		125,991
Inventory, net		14,601,346		7,041,864
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	_	831,839		965,298
Total current assets		17,891,222		18,725,725
Property and equipment, net		156,335		15,667
Deferred tax assets		325,030		45,488
Right-of-use lease assets	_	485,066		30,111
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	18,857,653	\$	18,816,991
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	5,358,935	\$	9,539,258
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		1,255,714		1,282,161
Due to related parties		4,294,731		5,214,794
Income taxes payable		126,333		126,333
Current operating lease liabilities		303,923		-
Total current liabilities		11,339,636		16,162,546
Non-current liabilities				
Long-term operating lease liabilities	_	184,704		
Total liabilities		11,524,340		16,162,546
Commitments and contingencies		-		-
Stockholders' equity				
Preferred stock: \$0.0001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding		-		-
Common stock: \$0.0001 par value, 300,000,000 shares authorized, 35,042,578 and 33,300,000 shares issued				
and outstanding		3,504		3,330
Additional paid-in capital		5,645,322		4,291
Retained earnings		1,696,400		2,654,695
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	_	(11,913)	_	(7,871)
Total stockholders' equity	_	7,333,313	_	2,654,445
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	18,857,653	\$	18,816,991

HOUR LOOP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
For the Periods Ended June 30, 2022 AND 2021
(Unaudited)

Three Months Three Months Six Months Six Months

		Ended June 30, 2022		Ended June 30, 2021		Ended June 30, 2022		Ended June 30, 2021
Revenues, net Cost of revenues	\$	14,800,518 (6,443,910)	\$	11,643,230 (4,845,441)	\$	27,154,501 (12,341,179)	\$	20,966,143 (8,939,993)
Gross profit		8,356,608		6,797,789		14,813,322		12,026,150
Operating expenses Selling and marketing General and administrative Total operating expenses	_	6,480,625 2,275,642 8,756,267	_	4,803,598 925,698 5,729,296	_	12,006,727 3,951,606 15,958,333	_	8,630,792 1,462,507 10,093,299
(Loss) income from operations		(399,659)		1,068,493		(1,145,011)		1,932,851
Other (expenses) income Other expense Interest expense Other income Total other (expenses) income, net	_	(3,944) (20,567) 13,754 (10,757)		(3,754) (10,328) 52,098 38,016	_	(9,394) (104,125) 20,693 (92,826)		(4,624) (10,328) 54,504 39,552
(Loss) income before income taxes Provision for income taxes		(410,416) 97,009		1,106,509		(1,237,837) 279,542		1,972,403
Net (loss) income		(313,407)		1,106,509		(958,295)		1,972,403
Other comprehensive (loss) income Foreign currency translation adjustments TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME		(9,497)	<u> </u>	2,893		(11,913) (970,208)		1,671 1,974,074
Basic and diluted (loss) income per common share Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	\$, , ,	\$	0.03 33,300,000	\$	(0.03) 33,300,000	\$	0.06 33,300,000

HOUR LOOP, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 (Unaudited)

	Common Stock Shares	 Common Stock Amount	 Additional Paid-In Capital		Retained Earnings	Co	occumulated Other mprehensive oss) Income	St	Total cockholders' Equity
BALANCE AT March 31, 2021	33,300,000	\$ 3,330	\$ 4,291	\$	4,885,513	\$	(4,403)	\$	4,888,731
Contribution									-
Distribution					(2,132,000)				(2,132,000)
Currency translation adjustments							1,671		1,671
Net Income		 -	 -		1,106,509	_	-		1,106,509
BALANCE AT June 30, 2021	33,300,000	\$ 3,330	\$ 4,291	\$	3,860,022	\$	(2,732)	\$	3,864,911
BALANCE AT March 31, 2022	35,032,753	\$ 3,503	\$ 5,615,322	\$	2,009,807	\$	(10,287)	\$	7,618,345
Stock based compensation	9,825	1	30,000						30,001
Currency translation adjustments							(1,626)		(1,626)
Net Loss		 -	 -	_	(313,407)				(313,407)
BALANCE AT June 30, 2022	35,042,578	\$ 3,504	\$ 5,645,322	\$	1,696,400	\$	(11,913)	\$	7,333,313



Source: Hour Loop, Inc.