

Hour Loop Reports Third Quarter 2022 Results

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

Raises Full Year 2022 Revenue Guidance Range of \$91 million to \$100 million

REDMOND, Wash., Nov. 14, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Hour Loop, Inc. (NASDAQ: HOUR) ("Hour Loop"), a leading online retailer, announces its financial and operational results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2022.

Financial Highlights for Third Quarter 2022:

- Total revenues increased 68.4% and 18.6% to \$17.6 million, compared to \$10.4 million in the year-ago period and \$14.8 million for the second guarter of 2022, respectively.
- Net income totaled \$0.15 million, compared to \$0.30 million in the year-ago period and net loss of \$0.31 million for the second quarter of 2022.
- Cash used in operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, was \$14.5 million, compared to cash provided by operating activities \$1.6 million in the year-ago period.

Management Commentary

"We are pleased to report our strong third quarter results, in which we saw accelerated revenue growth and a return to profitability," said Sam Lai, CEO of Hour Loop, "We take the long term view on growth, which is why we strategically front loaded our investment in the first half of the year. Our headcount grew from 67 to 191 and our inventories grew from \$7 million to \$21 million. This put tremendous pressure on our bottom line in a very challenging year for e-commerce. Nevertheless, we executed well and continue to position the business for long-term growth and value creation."

Third Quarter 2022 Financial Results

Total revenues in the third quarter of 2022 were \$17.6 million compared to \$10.4 million in the year-ago period and \$14.8 million for the second 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 slowdown.

Gross profit percentage increased 1.58% to 54.43%, compared to 52.85% of total revenues in the comparable period a year ago but decreased from 56.46% for the second quarter of 2022. The quarter-over-quarter increase 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 78.8% to \$9.5 million compared to \$5.3 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 income in the third quarter was \$0.15 million, or \$0.005 per diluted share, compared to \$0.30 million, or \$0.009 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, the Company was able to quickly bounce back to profitability after net loss for consecutive two quarters.

As of September 30, 2022, the Company had \$1.7 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 September 30, 2022, were \$21.4 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 is raising its guidance for gross revenue to be in the range of \$91 million to \$100 million, representing 36% to 50% 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.hourloop.com since 2013. The Company expanded its operations to www.walmart.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 Sep 30, 2022 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2021

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021	
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ASSETS			
Current assets	6 4 704 400	Ф. 40 <u>500 570</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,704,106	\$ 10,592,572	
Accounts receivable, net	263,425	125,991	
Inventory, net	21,358,386	7,041,864	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	856,543	965,298	
Total current assets	24,182,460	18,725,725	
Property and equipment, net	238,403	15,667	
Deferred tax assets	312,197	45,488	
Right-of-use lease assets	518,575	30,111	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 25,251,635	\$ 18,816,991	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Short-term debt	\$ 630,915	\$ -	
Accounts payable	11,013,769	9,539,258	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,129,555	1,282,161	
Due to related parties	4,316,211	5,214,794	
Income taxes payable	126,333	126,333	
Current operating lease liabilities	372,579		
Total current liabilities	17,589,362	16,162,546	
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term operating lease liabilities	151,314		
Total liabilities	17,740,676	16,162,546	
Commitments and contingencies		-	
Stockholders' equity			
Preferred stock: \$0.0001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding as of			
September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021	-	-	
Common stock: \$0.0001 par value, 300,000,000 shares authorized, 35,047,828 and 33,300,000 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively	3,505	3.330	
Additional paid-in capital	5,660,321	4,291	
Retained earnings	1,846,605	2,654,695	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	528	(7,871)	
Total stockholders' equity	7,510,959	2,654,445	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 25,251,635	\$ 18,816,991	

The accompanying footnotes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2022		2021		2022		2021
Revenues, net Cost of revenues	\$	17,556,053 (7,999,769)	\$	10,425,111 (4,915,116)	\$	44,710,554 (20,340,948)	\$	31,391,254 (13,855,109)
Gross profit		9,556,284		5,509,995		24,369,606		17,536,145
Operating expenses Selling and marketing General and administrative Total operating expenses		7,779,145 1,740,427 9,519,572	_	4,427,774 896,993 5,324,767		19,785,872 5,692,033 25,477,905	_	13,058,566 2,359,500 15,418,066
Income (loss) from operations		36,712		185,228		(1,108,299)		2,118,079
Other (expenses) income Other expense Interest expense Other income Total other income (expenses), net		(6,651) (22,876) 155,983 126,456		(877) (20,005) 106,990 86,108		(16,045) (127,001) 176,676 33,630		(5,501) (30,333) 161,494 125,660
Income (loss) before income taxes Income tax (expense) benefit		163,168 (12,963)		271,336 24,770		(1,074,669) 266,579		2,243,739 24,770
Net income (loss)		150,205		296,106		(808,090)		2,268,509
Other comprehensive income (loss) Foreign currency translation adjustments		12,441		(6,750)		8,399		(6,301)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$	162,646	\$	289,356	\$	(799,691)		2,262,208
Basic and diluted income (loss) per common share Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	\$	0.01 33,300,058	\$	0.01 33,300,000	\$	(0.02) 34,973,580		0.07 33,300,000

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

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2022		2021	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net (loss) income	\$	(808,090) \$	2,268,509	
Reconciliation of net (loss) income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation expenses		39,993	-	
Noncash lease expenses		212,126	52,668	
Distribution to director and supervisor		76,013	-	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		(137,434)	68,422	
Inventory		(14,316,522)	(1,146,755)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(734,121)	(167,231)	
Accounts payable		1,474,511	1,132,211	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(152,606)	(598,828)	
Operating lease liabilities		(179,701)	(34,532)	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(14,525,831)	1,574,464	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(268,342)	-	
Net cash used in investing activities		(268,342)	-	

Cash flows from financing activities:

Net advances from related parties Capital contribution Distribution to stockholders Issuance of shares Prepaid expenses Net change in line of credit Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	_	(898,583) - - 5,580,192 576,168 630,915 5,888,692		67,291 2,800 (2,132,000) - (27,012) (2,088,921)
Effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates		17,015		(134)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(8,888,466)		(514,591)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		10,592,572		4,968,064
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	1,704,106	\$	4,453,473
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Cash paid for interest Cash paid for income tax Noncash investing and financing activities: Right-of-use of assets and operating lease liabilities recognized Noncash distribution to stockholders	\$ \$ \$	- - 688,440 76,013	\$ \$ \$	- - -

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Source: Hour Loop, Inc.