## Credit Acceptance Announces Fourth Quarter and 2007 Earnings

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., Feb 1, 2008 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Credit Acceptance Corporation (Nasdaq:CACC) (referred to as the "Company," "we," "our," or "us") announced consolidated net income of $\$ 12.5$ million, or $\$ 0.40$ per diluted share, for the three months ended December 31, 2007 compared to consolidated net income of $\$ 8.5$ million, or $\$ 0.27$ per diluted share, for the same period in 2006. For the year ended December 31, 2007 consolidated net income was $\$ 54.9$ million, or $\$ 1.76$ per diluted share, compared to consolidated net income of $\$ 58.6$ million, or $\$ 1.66$ per diluted share, for the same period in 2006.

Income from continuing operations for the three months ended December 31,2007 was $\$ 12.3$ million, or $\$ 0.40$ per diluted share, compared to $\$ 8.5$ million, or $\$ 0.27$ per diluted share, for the same period in 2006. For the year ended December 31, 2007, income from continuing operations was $\$ 53.6$ million, or $\$ 1.72$ per diluted share, compared to $\$ 58.8$ million, or $\$ 1.67$ per diluted share, for the same period in 2006.

Adjusted net income, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the three months ended December 31, 2007 was $\$ 15.9$ million, or $\$ 0.51$ per diluted share, compared to $\$ 15.8$ million, or $\$ 0.50$ per diluted share, for the same period in 2006. For the year ended December 31, 2007, adjusted net income was $\$ 63.4$ million, or $\$ 2.04$ per diluted share, compared to $\$ 63.5$ million, or $\$ 1.80$ per diluted share, for the same period in 2006.

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Operating Results
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Results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2007 compared
to the same periods in 2006 include the following:
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Consumer loan unit volume & \(13.8 \%\) & \(16.8 \%\) \\
Consumer loan dollar volume & \(23.3 \%\) & \(27.4 \%\) \\
Number of active dealer-partners & \(21.9 \%\) & \(27.7 \%\) \\
Average loans receivable balance, net & \(27.7 \%\) & \(23.3 \%\)
\end{tabular}
Originations
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The following table summarizes consumer loan dollar growth in each of the last eight quarters compared with the same period in the previous year:
Year over Year
Growth in Consumer Loan Dollar Volume
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Three Months Ended Change*
March 31, 2006 11.1\%
June 30, 2006 6.1\%
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| September 30, 2006 | $26.4 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| December 31, 2006 | $36.1 \%$ |
| March 31, 2007 | $41.1 \%$ |
| June 30, 2007 | $43.9 \%$ |
| September 30, 2007 | $2.2 \%$ |
| December 31, 2007 | $23.3 \%$ |

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* Percentages are different than those previously reported.
    The table above reflects loan volume based on the date funds
    are disbursed to the dealer-partner. Previously, the information
    reported in this table reflected loan volume based on the date
    the consumer loan was received.
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The increase in loan dollar volume during the three months ended December 31, 2007 is attributed to a new credit scorecard and an improving competitive environment.

The following table summarizes the changes in active dealer-partners and corresponding consumer loan unit volume:

|  | Three Mont | s Ended | December |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 | \% change |
| Consumer loan unit volume | 25,156 | 22,100 | 13.8\% |
| Active dealer-partners (1) | 2,052 | 1,684 | 21.9\% |
| Average volume per dealer-partner | 12.3 | 13.1 | -6.1\% |
| Consumer loan unit volume from dealer-partners active both periods | 16,885 | 17,815 | -5.2\% |
| Dealer-partners active both periods | 1,097 | 1,097 | 0.0\% |
| Average volume from dealer-partners active both periods | 15.4 | 16.2 | -5.2\% |
| Consumer loan unit volume from new dealer-partners | 1,624 | 1,566 | 3.7\% |
| New active dealer-partners (2) | 310 | 248 | 25.0\% |
| Average volume per new active dealer-partners | 5.2 | 6.3 | -17.5\% |
| Attrition (3) | -19.4\% | -18.8\% |  |

1) Active dealer-partners are dealer-partners who have received funding for at least one dealer loan or purchased loan during the period.
2) New active dealer-partners are dealer-partners who enrolled in our program and have received funding for their first dealer loan or purchased loan from us during the periods presented.
3) Attrition is measured according to the following formula:
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decrease in consumer loan unit volume from dealer-partners who
have received funding for at least one dealer loan or purchased
loan during the comparable period of the prior year but who
received funding for no dealer loans or purchased loans during
the current period divided by prior year comparable period
consumer loan unit volume.
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The increase in loan unit volume in the three months ended December 31, 2007 was the result of an increase in the number of active dealer-partners, partially offset by lower volume per dealer-partner. Volume per dealer-partner was negatively impacted by reductions in advance rates during the first six months of 2007 and the impact of new dealer-partners. Advance rates were reduced to increase the spread between the advance rate and the collection rate and reduce the risk of future advance losses.

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Purchase Program
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We began offering a Purchase Program on a limited basis in March of 2005. The Purchase Program differs from our traditional Portfolio Program in that the dealer-partner receives a single upfront payment from us at the time of origination instead of a cash advance and dealer holdback. Loans acquired through the Purchase Program are referred to as purchased loans. Loans acquired through the Portfolio Program are referred to as dealer loans. Purchase Program volume increased in 2007 as the program was offered to additional dealer-partners.

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The following table summarizes key information regarding purchased
loans:
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\hline December 31, 2007 & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Year Ended } \\
& \text { December } 31 \\
& 2006
\end{aligned}
\] \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
New purchased loan unit volume as a
    percentage of total unit volume 17.3% 4.0%
Net purchased loan receivable
    balance as a percentage of the
    total net receivable balance
    as of the end of the period 17.2% 4.6%
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Loans originated under the Purchase Program represented $29.2 \%$ of total unit volume for the three months ended December 31, 2007.

Consumer Loan Performance

Although the majority of loan originations are recorded in our financial statements as dealer loans, each transaction starts with a loan from the dealer-partner to the individual purchasing the vehicle. Since the cash flows available to repay the dealer loans are generated, in most cases, from the underlying consumer loans, the performance of the consumer loans is critical to our financial results. The following table presents forecasted consumer loan collection rates, advance rates (includes amounts paid to acquire purchased loans), the spread (the forecasted collection rate less the advance rate), and the percentage of the forecasted collections that had been realized as of December 31, 2007. Payments of dealer holdback and accelerated payments of dealer holdback are not included in the advance percentage paid to the dealer-partner. All amounts are presented as a percentage of the initial balance of the consumer loan (principal + interest). The table includes both dealer loans and purchased loans.

| Loan |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Origination | Forecasted |  |  | Forecast |
| Year | Collection \% | Advance \% | Spread \% | Realized |
| 1998 | 67.4\% | 46.1\% | 21.3\% | 99.8\% |
| 1999 | 72.3\% | 48.7\% | 23.6\% | 99.1\% |
| 2000 | 72.8\% | 47.9\% | 24.9\% | 98.4\% |
| 2001 | 67.8\% | 46.0\% | 21.8\% | 97.8\% |
| 2002 | 71.0\% | 42.2\% | 28.8\% | 97.4\% |
| 2003 | 74.6\% | 43.4\% | 31.2\% | 97.1\% |
| 2004 | 73.7\% | 44.0\% | 29.7\% | 93.7\% |
| 2005 | 74.3\% | 46.9\% | 27.4\% | 85.1\% |
| 2006 | 69.9\% | $46.6 \%$ | 23.3\% | 59.9\% |
| 2007 | 70.2\% | 46.5\% | 23.7\% | 19.9\% |

The following table presents the same information as the table above for purchased loans and dealer loans in 2007.

|  | Loan Origination Year | Forecasted Collection \% | Advance \% | Spread \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchased loans | 2007 | 71.0\% | 49.5\% | 21.5\% |
| Dealer loans | 2007 | 70.0\% | 45.8\% | 24.2\% |

The following tables compare our forecast of consumer loan collection rates as of December 31, 2007, with the forecast as of December 31, 2006 and September 30, 2007. The tables include both dealer loans and purchased loans:

| Loan | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } 31, \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Origination | Forecasted | Forecasted |  |
| Year | Collection \% | Collection \% | Variance |
| 1998 | 67.4\% | 67.5\% | -0.1\% |
| 1999 | 72.3\% | $72.4 \%$ | -0.1\% |
| 2000 | 72.8\% | 73.0\% | -0.2\% |
| 2001 | 67.8\% | 67.7\% | 0.1\% |
| 2002 | 71.0\% | 70.7\% | 0.3\% |
| 2003 | 74.6\% | 74.2\% | $0.4 \%$ |
| 2004 | 73.7\% | 73.9\% | -0.2\% |
| 2005 | 74.3\% | $74.2 \%$ * | 0.1\% |
| 2006 | 69.9\% | 71.1\%* | -1.2\% |
| 2007 | 70.2\% | 70.7\%** | -0.5\% |
| Loan | $\begin{aligned} & \text { December 31, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } 30, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Origination | Forecasted | Forecasted |  |
| Year | Collection \% | Collection \% | Variance |
| 1998 | 67.4\% | 67.4\% | 0.0\% |
| 1999 | 72.3\% | 72.3\% | 0.0\% |
| 2000 | $72.8 \%$ | 72.9\% | -0.1\% |
| 2001 | 67.8\% | 67.8\% | 0.0\% |
| 2002 | 71.0\% | 71.0\% | 0.0\% |
| 2003 | 74.6\% | 74.5\% | 0.1\% |

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2004 73.7% 73.9% -0.2%
2005 74.3% 74.3% 0.0%
2006 69.9% 70.4% -0.5%
2007 70.2% 70.1% 0.1%
* These forecasted collection percentages differ from those
    previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the
    year ended December 31, 2006 and our 2006 earnings release as
    they have been revised for a seasonality factor. This
    seasonality factor was first applied during the first quarter
    of 2007.
** Collection percentage represents the initial forecasted
    collection percentage for 2007 originations at the time of
    pricing.
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Adjusted Financial Results

Adjusted financial results are provided to help shareholders understand our financial performance. The financial data below is non-GAAP, unless labeled otherwise. We use adjusted financial information internally to measure financial performance and to determine incentive compensation. The tables below show our results following adjustments to reflect non-GAAP accounting methods. These adjustments are explained in the table footnotes and the subsequent "Floating Yield Adjustment" and "License Fee Yield Adjustment" sections. Measures such as adjusted average capital, adjusted net income, adjusted net income per diluted share, adjusted net income plus interest expense after-tax, adjusted return on capital, adjusted revenue, adjusted operating expenses, and economic profit are all non-GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, our reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Adjusted financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the same periods in 2006 include the following:

| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  | Change |
| Adjusted average capital | \$ | 777,642 | \$ | 573,959 |  | 35.5\% |
| Adjusted net income | \$ | 15,864 | \$ | 15,836 |  | 0.2\% |
| Interest expense after-tax | \$ | 5,928 | \$ | 5,203 |  | 13.9\% |
| Adjusted net income plus interest expense after-tax | \$ | 21,791 | \$ | 21,039 |  | 3.6\% |
| Adjusted return on capital |  | 11.2\% |  | 14.7\% |  | -23.6\% |
| Cost of capital |  | 6.8\% |  | 7.3\% |  | -6.8\% |
| Economic profit | \$ | 8,491 | \$ | 10,562 |  | -19.6\% |
| GAAP diluted weighted average shares outstanding |  | ,897,546 |  | 569,813 |  | -2.1\% |
| Adjusted net income per diluted share | \$ | 0.51 | \$ | 0.50 |  | 2.0\% |
|  | For the Year Ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Dollars in thousands, except <br> per share data) 2007 \% Change |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted average capital | \$ | 710,113 | \$ | 548,482 |  | 29.5\% |
| Adjusted net income | \$ | 63,401 | \$ | 63,496 |  | -0.1\% |


| Interest expense after-tax | \$ | 22,798 | \$ | 14,699 | 55.1\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjusted net income plus |  |  |  |  |  |
| interest expense after-tax | \$ | 86,199 | \$ | 78,195 | 10.2\% |
| Adjusted return on capital |  | 12.1\% |  | 14.3\% | -14.9\% |
| Cost of capital |  | 7.0\% |  | 8.1\% | -13.6\% |
| Economic profit | \$ | 36,193 | \$ | 33,892 | 6.8\% |
| GAAP diluted weighted average shares outstanding |  | 53,688 |  | 283,478 | -11.7\% |
| Adjusted net income per diluted share | \$ | 2.04 | \$ | 1.80 | 13.3\% |

Economic profit decreased $19.6 \%$ for the three months and increased $6.8 \%$ for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to the same periods in 2006. Economic profit is a function of the return on capital in excess of the cost of capital and the amount of capital invested in the business.

For the three months ended December 31, 2007, adjusted average capital grew at $35.5 \%$ while the adjusted return on capital declined from $14.7 \%$ to $11.2 \%$. For the year ended December 31, 2007, adjusted average capital grew at $29.5 \%$ while the adjusted return on capital declined from $14.3 \%$ to $12.1 \%$.

Pricing changes implemented in the third quarter of 2006 positively impacted growth in adjusted average capital and negatively impacted the adjusted return on capital for the 2007 periods. We believe the strategy of accepting lower returns on capital in exchange for higher growth rates has been successful to date. First, we believe economic profit to date is higher than would have been achieved without the pricing change. Second, while the pricing changes have reduced revenue as a percentage of average capital (the "loan yield"), they have resulted in increases in the amount of capital invested and decreases in operating expenses as a percentage of adjusted average capital. We expect the negative impact to loan yields will moderate in 2008, but expect the positive impact on the rate of growth and operating efficiencies to continue for a longer period of time. While the changing competitive environment may provide additional opportunities to adjust pricing going forward, we believe our current pricing strategy will result in continued improvements in economic profit in 2008 and 2009.

The expectations outlined above depend on the Company's ability to continue to grow loan originations and produce collection results consistent with expectations.

The following table shows adjusted revenue and adjusted operating expenses as a percentage of adjusted average capital and the percentage change in adjusted average capital for the last four quarters and for each of the last two years compared to the same period in the prior year:

|  | For the Three Months Ended <br> For the Year Ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } 31 \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { une } 30 \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ept. } 30 \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 31 \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $2007$ | 2006 |
| Adjusted revenue as a percentage of adjusted average capital | $35.7 \%$ | $32.3 \%$ | 32.5\% | $31.7 \%$ | $32.9 \%$ | 37.1\% |
| Adjusted operating expenses as a percentage of adjusted average capital | 14.1\% | 13.6\% | 13.6\% | 14.7\% | 14.0\% | 15.1\% |
| Percentage change in adjusted average capital | 20.8\% | 29.4\% | $34.2 \%$ | 35.5\% | 29.5\% | 4.8\% |

Fourth quarter operating expenses were impacted by higher than normal sales and marketing expenses as a result of
expenses associated with our annual Dealer-Partner convention (\$1.1 million pre-tax), and higher salaries and wages as a result of a change in the expected vesting period of previously issued performance based restricted stock and restricted stock units ( $\$ 1.2$ million pre-tax). Pre-tax expense related to restricted stock and restricted stock units was $\$ 2.3$ million and $\$ 4.6$ million for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2007, respectively, compared to $\$ 0.2$ million and $\$ 0.6$ million for the same periods in 2006.

The following tables show how non-GAAP measures reconcile to GAAP measures. All after-tax adjustments are calculated using a $37 \%$ tax rate as we estimate that to be our long term average effective tax rate. Amounts do not recalculate due to rounding.

Adjusted return on capital
Cost of capital (6)
Adjusted return on capital in excess

| 11.2\% | 14.7\% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6.8\% | 7.3\% |  |
| 4.4\% | 7.4\% |  |
| \$777,642 | \$573,959 |  |
| \$ 8,491 | \$ 10,562 | -19.6\% |



| $\$ 469,704$ | $\$ 259,802$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 238,050 | 290,215 |  |
| 8,198 | 5,510 |  |
| $(5,839)$ | $(7,045)$ |  |
| $-=-=--=-$ | $-=---=-$ |  |
| $\$ 710,113$ | $\$ 548,482$ | $29.5 \%$ |
| $==========$ | $========$ |  |


| Adjusted net income | \$ | 63,401 | \$ | $\begin{aligned} & 63,496 \\ & 14,699 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest expense after-tax |  | 22,798 |  |  |  |
| Adjusted net income plus interest expense after-tax |  | 86,199 | \$ | 78,195 | 10.2\% |
| Adjusted return on capital (5) |  | 12.1\% |  | 14.3\% | -14.9\% |

Economic profit

| Adjusted return on capital | 12.1\% | 14.3\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of capital (6) | 7.0\% | 8.1\% |
| Adjusted return on capital in excess of cost of capital | 5.1\% | 6.2\% |
| Adjusted average capital | \$ 710,113 | \$ 548,482 |
| Economic profit | \$ 36,193 | \$ 33,892 |

1) On December 30, 2005, the Company sold the remaining consumer loan portfolio of its United Kingdom subsidiary.
2) During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company provided for $\$ 11.2$ million pre-tax of additional legal expenses related to an increase in its estimated loss related to a class action lawsuit in the state of Missouri. The Company expects litigation of this size and nature to be infrequent. The Company provided for an additional $\$ 0.6$ million pre-tax of legal expenses related to the lawsuit during 2007. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding reached in February 2007, the Company transferred funds into a Qualified Settlement Fund in June and December, 2007. The Court entered the Order and Final Judgment on December 5, 2007, and the appeal period lapsed on January 19, 2008.
3) The three month period ended December 31, 2007 includes $\$ 0.5$ million in interest expense related to an interest rate swap on our secured financing that was completed in October 2007. The interest rate swap converts the floating portion of the secured financing debt to a fixed rate. As rates decreased during the fourth quarter, the market value of the interest rate swap declined. However, this decline in market value does not impact the amount of interest we actually pay on the secured financing. Since we intend to hold the interest rate swap until maturity, the additional interest expense recorded in the fourth quarter will reverse by the maturity date.
4) This adjustment allows the reader to compare the current period to the prior period assuming a comparable tax rate in both periods.
5) Adjusted return on capital is defined as annualized adjusted net income plus interest expense after-tax divided by adjusted average capital.
6) The cost of capital includes both a cost of equity and a cost of debt. The cost of equity capital is determined based on a formula that considers the risk of the business and the risk associated with our use of debt. The formula utilized for determining the cost of equity capital is as follows: (the average 30 year treasury rate $+5 \%)+((1-t a x$ rate $) x$ (the average 30 year treasury rate + 5\% - pre-tax average cost of debt rate) $x$ average debt/(average equity + average debt $x$ tax rate)). For the three months and year ended December 31, 2007, the average 30 year treasury rate was $4.6 \%$ and $4.8 \%$, respectively. The pre-tax average cost of debt was $7.3 \%$ and $7.8 \%$, respectively.

| (Dollars in thousands) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Irch 31, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ne 30, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { pt. 30, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { c. 31, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjusted revenue |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GAAP total revenue | \$ | 57,351 | \$ | 58,286 | \$ | 61,058 | \$ | 63,232 |
| Floating yield adjustment |  | 131 |  | 979 |  | 2,008 |  | 2,525 |
| License fee yield adjustment |  | 2,483 |  | 1,816 |  | 1,470 |  | 2,150 |
| Provision for credit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ | 56,242 | \$ | 57,113 |  | 58,907 | \$ | 61,562 |

Adjusted average capital

| GAAP average debt | \$412,715 | \$473,141 | \$477,930 | \$515,031 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GAAP average shareholders equity | $217,977$ | 233,465 | 243,922 | 256,838 |
| Floating yield adjustment | 6,587 | 8,073 | 8,348 | 9,784 |
| License fee yield adjustment | $(7,684)$ | $(6,345)$ | $(5,316)$ | $(4,011)$ |
|  | \$629,595 | \$708,334 | \$724,884 | \$777,642 |
| Adjusted revenues as a percentage of adjusted average capital | 35.7\% | 32.3\% | 32.5\% | 31.7\% |

Adjusted operating expenses

| GAAP salaries and wages | \$ | 11,861 | \$ | 13,092 | \$ | 13,620 | \$ | 16,823 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GAAP general and administrative |  | 5,917 |  | 7,359 |  | 7,266 |  | 6,729 |
| GAAP sales and marketing |  | 4,472 |  | 4,144 |  | 3,835 |  | 4,990 |
| Litigation expense |  | -- |  | (500) |  | (145) |  | -- |
|  | \$ | 22,250 | \$ | 24,095 | \$ | 24,576 | \$ | 28,542 |

Adjusted operating
expenses as a percentage
of adjusted average
capital 14.1
$13.6 \% 13.6 \% 14.7 \%$

Percentage change in
adjusted average capital compared to the same period in the prior year 20.8\%
29.4\%
$34.2 \%$
35.5\%

| 2007 | 2006 |
| :---: | :---: |

Adjusted revenue

GAAP total revenue
Floating yield adjustment
License fee yield adjustment
Provision for credit losses

| $\$ 239,927$ | $\$ 219,332$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 5,643 | 570 |
| 7,919 | $(4,379)$ |
| $(19,665)$ | $(11,882)$ |

5,643
570
$(4,379)$
$(19,665)$
$(11,882)$


Floating Yield Adjustment

The purpose of this adjustment is to modify the calculation of our GAAP-based finance charge revenue so that favorable and unfavorable changes in expected cash flows from loans receivable are treated consistently. To make the adjustment understandable, we must first explain how GAAP requires us to account for finance charge revenue, our primary revenue source.

Finance charge revenue equals the cash inflows from our loan portfolio less cash outflows to acquire the loans. Our GAAP finance charge revenue is based on estimates of future cash flows and is recognized on a level-yield basis over the estimated life of the loan. With the level-yield approach, the amount of finance charge revenue recognized from a loan in a given period, divided by the loan asset, is a constant percentage. Under GAAP, favorable changes in expected cash flows are treated as increases to the yield and are recognized over time, while unfavorable changes are recorded as a current period expense. The non-GAAP methodology that we use (the "floating yield" method) is identical to the GAAP approach except that, under the "floating yield" method, all changes in expected cash flows (both positive and negative) are treated as yield adjustments and therefore impact earnings over time. The GAAP treatment always results in a lower carrying value of the loan receivable asset, but may result in either higher or lower earnings for any given period depending on the timing and amount of expected cash flow changes.

We believe floating yield earnings are a more accurate reflection of the performance of our business, since both favorable and unfavorable changes in estimated cash flows are treated consistently.

The purpose of this adjustment is to make revenue from license fees comparable across time periods. In 2001, we began charging dealer-partners a monthly licensing fee for access to our internet-based Credit Approval Processing System, also known as CAPS.

Effective January 1, 2007, we implemented a change in the way these fees are charged designed to positively impact dealerpartner attrition. We continue to charge a monthly license fee of $\$ 599$, but instead of collecting the fee in the current period, we collect it from future dealer holdback payments.

As a result of this change, (as of January 1, 2007) we record license fees on a GAAP basis as a yield adjustment, recognizing these fees as finance charge revenue over the term of the dealer loan because collection is dependent on the future cash flows of the loan. Previously, we had recorded the fee as license fee revenue in the month the fee was charged. The current GAAP treatment is more consistent with the cash economics of the business.

To allow for proper comparisons between periods, we make an adjustment to our financial results as though license fees had always been recorded as a yield adjustment.

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Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information
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We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for all of our forward-looking statements. Statements in this release that are not historical facts, such as those using terms like "may," "will," "should," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "assume," "forecast," "estimate," "intend," "plan" and those regarding our future results, plans and objectives, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements represent our outlook only as of the date of this release. Actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statement since the statements are based on our current expectations, which are subject to risks and uncertainties. Factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to, the factors set forth in Item 1A of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, other risk factors discussed herein or listed from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the following:

* Our inability to accurately forecast the amount and timing of future collections could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.
* Due to increased competition from traditional financing sources and non-traditional lenders, we may not be able to compete successfully.
* Our ability to maintain and grow the business is dependent on our ability to continue to access funding sources and obtain capital on favorable terms.
* We may not be able to generate sufficient cash flow to service our outstanding debt and fund operations.
* The substantial regulation to which we are subject limits the business, and such regulation or changes in such regulation could result in potential liability.
* Adverse changes in economic conditions, or in the automobile or finance industries or the non-prime consumer finance market, could adversely affect our financial position, liquidity and results of operations and our ability to enter into future financing transactions.
* Litigation we are involved in from time to time may adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.
* We are dependent on our senior management and the loss of any of these individuals or an inability to hire additional personnel could adversely affect our ability to operate profitably.
* Natural disasters, acts of war, terrorist attacks and threats or the escalation of military activity in response to such attacks or otherwise may negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Other factors not currently anticipated by management may also materially and adversely affect our results of operations. We do not undertake, and expressly disclaim any obligation, to update or alter our statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

Since 1972, Credit Acceptance has provided auto loans to consumers, regardless of their credit history. Our product is offered through a nationwide network of automobile dealers who benefit from sales of vehicles to consumers who otherwise could not obtain financing; from repeat and referral sales generated by these same customers; and from sales to customers responding to advertisements for our product, but who actually end up qualifying for traditional financing.

Without our product, consumers are often unable to purchase a vehicle or they purchase an unreliable one and are not provided the opportunity to improve their credit standing. As we report to the three national credit reporting agencies, a significant number of our consumers improve their lives by improving their credit score and move on to more traditional sources of financing. Credit Acceptance is publicly traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol CACC. For more information, visit creditacceptance.com.

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        CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION
        CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)
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| 6,180 | 3,726 | 29,567 | 31,793 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12,265 | 8,509 | 53,614 | 58,847 |

Income from
continuing
operations
(562)
(297)

Discontinued operations
Loss from discontinued United Kingdom operations
(282)

Benefit for income taxes
(501)
(6) $(1,864)$
(90)

Gain (loss) on discontinued operations

|  | 219 |  | (14) |  | 1,302 |  | (207) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 12,484 | \$ | 8,495 | \$ | 54,916 | \$ | 58,640 |

Net income per common share: Basic

Diluted

| \$ | 0.42 | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 1.83 | \$ | 1.78 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 0.40 | \$ | 0.27 | \$ | 1.76 | \$ | 1.66 |

Income from
continuing
operations per
common share:

| Basic | \$ | 0.41 | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 1.78 | \$ | 1.78 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.40 | \$ | 0.27 | \$ | 1.72 | \$ | 1.67 |

Gain (loss) from
discontinued
operations per
common share:

| Basic | $\$$ | 0.01 | $\$$ | $(0.00)$ | $\$$ | 0.04 | $\$$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |

Weighted average shares
outstanding:
Basic $\quad 30,007,476 \quad 29,921,196 \quad 30,053,129 \quad 33,035,693$

Diluted
$30,897,546 \quad 31,569,813 \quad 31,153,688 \quad 35,283,478$
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)
As of
December 31, 2007 2006
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(Unaudited)

ASSETS:
Cash and cash equivalents
Restricted cash and cash equivalents
\$ $712 \quad \$ \quad 8,528$ $74,102 \quad 45,609$

| Restricted securities available for sale | 3,290 | 3,564 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans receivable (including \$16,125 and \$23,038 |  |  |
| from affiliates as of December 31, |  |  |
| 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively) | 944,698 | 754,571 |
| Allowance for credit losses | $(134,145)$ | $(128,791)$ |
| Loans receivable, net | 810,553 | 625,780 |
| Property and equipment, net | 20,124 | 16,203 |
| Income taxes receivable | 20,712 | 11,734 |
| Other assets | 12,689 | 13,795 |
| Total Assets | \$ 942,182 | \$ 725,213 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: |  |  |
| Liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 79,834 | \$ 78,294 |
| Line of credit | 36,300 | 38,400 |
| Secured financing | 488,065 | 345,144 |
| Mortgage note and capital lease obligations | 7,765 | 8,631 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 64,768 | 44,397 |
| Total Liabilities | 676,732 | 514,866 |
| Shareholders' Equity: |  |  |
| Preferred stock, $\$ .01$ par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, none issued | -- |  |
| Common stock, $\$ .01$ par value, $80,000,000$ shares authorized, $30,240,859$ and $30,179,959$ shares |  |  |
| Paid-in capital | 4,134 | 828 |
| Retained earnings | 261,001 | 209,253 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax of $\$(7)$ and $\$ 19$ at December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively |  |  |
| Total Shareholders' Equity | 265,450 | 210,347 |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | \$ 942,182 | \$ 725,213 |

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