# **RiskMetrics Group Reports Third Quarter 2008 Results**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 30, 2008--RiskMetrics Group Inc. (NYSE:RMG), a leading provider of risk management and corporate governance products and services to participants in the global financial markets, today announced its financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Earnings Highlights: GAAP results reflect the acquisition of Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) on January 11, 2007 and the Center for Financial Research and Analysis (CFRA) acquisition of August 1, 2007. Pro forma results are presented as if ISS and CFRA were acquired on January 1, 2007 (see Tables D and E for a reconciliation of GAAP and Pro Forma financial results).

- -- Third quarter GAAP revenues increased 21.5% to \$75.6 million, and 18.8% on a pro forma basis. GAAP revenues for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 increased 27.9% to \$220.9 million, and 19.1% on a pro forma basis.
- -- Third quarter Adjusted EBITDA increased 35.8% to \$25.0 million, and 32.7% on a pro forma basis with an Adjusted EBITDA margin of 33.1%. Adjusted EBITDA for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 increased 40.2% to \$72.0 million, and 31.0% on a pro forma basis, with an Adjusted EBITDA margin of 32.6%.
- -- GAAP EPS (diluted) increased to \$0.09 in the third quarter of 2008 up from \$0.01 in the third quarter of 2007. Adjusted EPS (before amortization of intangibles and stock-based compensation) for the third quarter of 2008 was \$0.16, up from \$0.09 in third quarter of 2007.
- -- GAAP cash flow from operations grew to \$40.3 million in the third quarter of 2008 driving an increase of cash from \$108.2 million at June 30, 2008 to \$151.7 million at September 30, 2008.

"We continue to deliver strong revenue, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion and cash flow growth despite the challenging market environment," said Ethan Berman, Chief Executive Officer of RiskMetrics Group. "Our 21.5% third quarter revenue growth is indicative of our strong multi-asset class market position, the resilience of our diverse global client base and the ever increasing importance of risk transparency."

All amounts (except share and per share information) are in thousands, unless indicated otherwise.

Selected Financial Information (unaudited)

Table A

	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2007	2008	% Change			
Revenues:						
Risk	\$ 30,968	\$ 40,846	31.9%			
ISS	31,191	34,708	11.3%			
Total Revenues	\$ 62,159	\$ 75,554	21.5%			

Operating Cost and Expenses: Adjusted EBITDA expenses (1) Other operating expenses (2)	8,388	50,514 9,853	17.5%					
Total operating costs and expenses	52,103	60,367	15.9%					
Income from operations		15,187						
Other expense		(4,860)						
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes	244	10,327 4,045	1557.8%					
Net income - GAAP	\$ 453	\$ 6,282 =======	1286.8%					
EPS (diluted) - GAAP	\$ 0.01 =======	\$ 0.09						
Adjusted Net income (3)		\$ 10,937 ======						
Adjusted EPS (diluted) (3)		\$ 0.16 ======						
Adjusted EBITDA (4)	========	\$ 25,040 =====	======					
Adjusted EBITDA margin		33.1%						
	Nine Months Ended September 30,							
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		2008	Change					
Revenues:			Change					
Revenues: Risk ISS	\$ 87,704	\$114,110	Change  30.1%					
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Adjusted EPS (diluted) (3)	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.44
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Adjusted EBITDA (4)	\$ 51,329	\$ 71,986 40.2%
	========	====================================
Adjusted EBITDA margin	29.7%	32.6%

(1) Represents cost of revenues, research and development, selling and marketing and general and administrative expenses, excluding stock-based compensation and one time charges. Refer to tables I through L for a reconciliation to the comparable GAAP measure.

(2) Represents depreciation and amortization of property and equipment, amortization of intangible assets, loss on disposal of property and equipment, and stock-based compensation. Refer to tables I through L for a reconciliation to the comparable GAAP measure.

(3) Represents net income and EPS before amortization of intangible assets, stock-based compensation and one-time IPO costs. Refer to table D for a reconciliation to the comparable GAAP measure.

(4) Represents net income before interest expense interest income, income tax expense, depreciation, amortization, non-cash stock based compensation expense and extraordinary or non-recurring charges or expenses. Refer to table C for a reconciliation to the comparable GAAP measure.

Third Quarter 2008 Results Compared to Third Quarter 2007 Results Third Quarter 2008 Revenues

Total GAAP revenues for the third quarter of 2008 ("Q3 2008") were \$75.6 million, up 21.5% from \$62.2 million in the third quarter of 2007 ("Q3 2007").

On a pro forma basis, revenues increased 18.8% from \$63.6 million in the same period of 2007. Included in the Q3 2007 pro forma revenues are \$1.4 million of CFRA revenues (refer to Table E).

On a business segment level, Q3 2008 Risk GAAP revenues were \$40.8 million, a 31.9% increase over Q3 2007. Risk revenues continue to accelerate as revenues grew 5.2% sequentially over Q2 2008 due to RiskManager<sup>™</sup> year over year revenue growth of 36.3% resulting from strong sales to both the asset management and hedge fund sectors. EMEA revenue grew by over 43% year over year while the Americas revenue growth accelerated to 26% for Q3 2008.

ISS GAAP revenues were \$34.7 million in Q3 2008, an 11.3% increase from Q3 2007. On a pro forma basis, revenues grew by 6.3% compared to Q3 2007. ISS Q3 2008 Revenues declined \$0.6 million relative to Q2 2008 due to a decline of non-recurring revenue caused by seasonality of the Company's Corporate Compensation Advisory Services products. On a pro forma basis, ISS recurring revenues increased 7.9% over Q3 2007 and were up 2.3% over Q2 2008.

Total Governance Services (mainly Proxy Research and Voting Services) GAAP revenue of \$23.6 million for Q3 2008 increased 7.3% from Q3 2007. Financial Research and Analysis ("FR&A") revenues of \$11.1 million for Q3 2008 grew by 4.2% over pro forma Q3 2007.

Mr. Berman continued, "We are particularly encouraged by the 29.3% growth in Annualized Contract Value (ACV) for our Risk business, especially with 24% and 39% ACV growth in the hedge fund segment and traditional asset management segments, respectively."

### Third Quarter 2008 Adjusted EBITDA Expenses

Adjusted EBITDA expenses, which exclude depreciation and amortization of property and equipment, amortization of intangible assets, and non-cash stock-based compensation expense, interest, dividend and investment income (expense) and income tax expense, increased 15.6% to \$50.5 million for Q3 2008 and remained flat compared to Q2 2008. On a pro forma basis, Adjusted EBITDA expenses increased by 12.9% from \$44.7 million in Q3 2007.

Compensation expense, which accounted for 67.7% of total Adjusted EBITDA expenses, increased by 11.4% to \$34.2 million for Q3 2008. On a pro forma basis, compensation expenses increased by 8.8% as headcount grew at a lower rate than revenues during the third quarter.

increased by 22.6% for Q3 2008, due mainly to increases in travel, foreign currency transaction expense as well as data, telecommunications and hosting costs.

Adjusted EBITDA expenses represented approximately 66.9% of total revenues during Q3 2008, compared with 70.3% in Q3 2007.

Third Quarter 2008 Adjusted EBITDA

Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA increased 35.8% to \$25.0 million in Q3 2008 from \$18.4 million in Q3 2007. On a pro forma basis, Adjusted EBITDA increased by 32.7% from \$18.9 million in Q3 2007. Pro forma Q3 2007 Adjusted EBITDA includes \$0.4 million of CFRA Adjusted EBITDA.

EBITDA, including stock based compensation expense of \$2.2 million, was \$22.8 million in Q3 2008.

The Adjusted EBITDA margin increased to 33.1% in Q3 2008, compared with 29.7% in Q3 2007 and 30.2% for full year 2007, as revenues continued to grow at a higher rate than Adjusted EBITDA expenses.

On a segment level, the Risk business generated Adjusted EBITDA of \$14.4 million which was a 39.1% increase over Q3 2007. The Q3 2008 Risk Adjusted EBITDA Margin was 35.2% as compared to 33.4% in Q3 2007 as revenues grew by 31.9% and Adjusted EBITDA expenses grew by 28.3%. Risk margins declined relative to Q2 2008 margins of 36.3% due to increased compensation and foreign currency transaction expenses.

ISS generated Adjusted EBITDA of \$10.6 million in Q3 2008 which was a 31.5% increase over Q3 2007. On a pro forma basis, ISS Adjusted EBITDA increased 24.9%. On a pro forma basis, the Q3 2008 ISS Adjusted EBITDA Margin was 30.7% as compared to 26.0% in Q3 2007 as revenues grew by 6.3% and Adjusted EBITDA expenses remained flat.

Third Quarter 2008 Other Operating Expenses and Income from Operations

On a GAAP basis, other operating expenses (stock based compensation, depreciation, amortization and loss on disposal of fixed assets) increased 17.5% to \$9.9 million in Q3 2008 from \$8.4 million in Q3 2007. This was primarily due to a \$0.6 million increase in amortization and depreciation expense and a \$0.8 million increase in stock based compensation expense. Income from operations increased 51.0% to \$15.2 million in Q3 2008 from \$10.1 million in Q3 2007.

Third Quarter 2008 Interest, Dividend, Investment and Other Income (Expense), Net

On a GAAP basis, net interest, dividend, investment and other expense decreased to \$4.9 million for Q3 2008 from \$9.4 million in Q3 2007. This decrease in expense was primarily due to decreased interest expense and increased interest income as a result of reduced debt borrowings and increased cash balances during 2008.

Third Quarter 2008 Net Income and EPS

GAAP net income increased to \$6.3 million in Q3 2008 from \$0.5 million in Q3 2007. GAAP EPS (diluted) increased to \$0.09 for Q3 2008 from \$0.01 in Q3 2007.

Adjusted net income, as defined in Table D, increased to \$10.9 million in Q3 2008 from \$4.7 million in Q3 2007. Adjusted EPS increased to \$0.16 for Q3 2008 from \$0.09 in Q3 2007.

Nine months ended September 30, 2008 Results Compared to Nine months ended September 30, 2007 Results

Nine months 2008 Revenues

Total GAAP revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$220.9 million, up 27.9% from \$172.7 million in the comparable period in 2007.

On a pro forma basis revenues increased 19.1% from \$185.4 million in the same period of 2007. Included in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 pro forma revenues are \$3.3 million of revenues from the 11 day period before the ISS acquisition in January 2007 and \$9.4 million of CFRA revenues for the seven months before the CFRA acquisition (refer to Table E).

On a business segment level, Risk GAAP revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$114.1 million, a 30.1% increase over the comparable period in 2007. Results were primarily due to RiskManager<sup>™</sup> revenue growth of 38.9% over the year ago period resulting from strong sales to both the asset management and hedge fund sectors.

ISS GAAP revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$106.8 million, a 25.7% increase from the comparable period in 2007. On a pro forma basis, ISS revenues grew by 9.3% with recurring revenues increasing by 9.8%. Total Governance Services (mainly Proxy Research and Voting Services) revenue of \$69.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased 7.9% from the prior year pro forma period. Financial Research and Analysis ("FR&A") revenues of \$37.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 grew by 11.5% over the prior year pro forma revenue.

### Nine months 2008 Adjusted EBITDA Expenses

Adjusted EBITDA expenses increased 22.7% to \$148.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. On a pro forma basis, Adjusted EBITDA expenses increased by 14.1% from \$148.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Compensation expense, which accounted for 67.7% of total Adjusted EBITDA expenses, increased by 19.4% to \$100.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. On a pro forma basis, compensation expenses increased by 10.8% as headcount grew at a lower rate than revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Non-compensation expenses increased to \$48.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. On a pro forma basis, non-compensation expenses increased by 21.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, due mainly to increases in occupancy, data and travel expenses.

Adjusted EBITDA expenses represented approximately 67.4% of total revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared with 70.3% in the year-ago period.

### Nine months 2008 Adjusted EBITDA

Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA increased 40.2% to \$72.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$51.3 million in the comparable period in 2007. On a pro forma basis, Adjusted EBITDA increased by 31.0% from \$55.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Pro forma Adjusted EBITDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 includes \$0.9 million of Adjusted EBITDA related to the January 1-11 period before the acquisition of ISS, and \$2.9 million of CFRA Adjusted EBITDA.

EBITDA, including stock based compensation expense of \$7.6 million, was \$64.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The stock-based compensation charge included a one-time charge of \$1.8 million related to IPO stock option grants.

The Adjusted EBITDA margin increased to 32.6% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared with 29.6% in the comparable pro forma period of 2007, as revenues continued to grow at a higher rate than Adjusted EBITDA expenses.

On a segment level, the Risk business generated Adjusted EBITDA of \$40.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 which was a 47.5% increase over the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The Risk Adjusted EBITDA Margin was 35.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as compared to 31.3% in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as revenues grew by 30.1% and Adjusted EBITDA expenses grew by 22.2%.

ISS generated Adjusted EBITDA of \$31.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 which was a 31.9% increase over the nine months ended September 30, 2007. On a pro forma basis, ISS Adjusted EBITDA increased 14.5%. The ISS Adjusted EBITDA Margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was 29.5% as compared to 28.2% in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 on a pro forma basis, as Adjusted EBITDA expenses grew by 7.2%.

Mr. Berman added, "The Company expanded its Adjusted EBITDA margin by 300 basis points with continued margin growth of over 400 basis points in the Risk business. In addition, we are now beginning to realize benefits from our investments in the ISS business with Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion of 130 basis points."

Nine-months 2008 Other Operating Expenses and Income from Operations

On a GAAP basis, other operating expenses increased 34.0% to \$30.6 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$22.9 million in the comparable period in 2007. This was primarily due to an increase in stock based compensation of \$3.7 million as a result of stock based compensation expense from IPO stock option grants, and a \$2.6 million increase in amortization expense. Income from operations increased 45.3% to \$41.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$28.5 million in the prior year.

Nine months 2008 Interest, Dividend, Investment and Other Income (Expense), Net.

On a GAAP basis, net interest, dividend, investment and other expense decreased to \$21.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$26.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in other expense was due to decreased interest expense (net of debt issuance cost write-off) and increased interest income as a result of reduced

debt borrowings and increased cash balances during 2008. The decrease in other expense was partially offset by one time IPO and debt repayment-related costs of \$5.0 million, which consisted of a \$1.25 million debt prepayment penalty fee and a \$1.4 million loss on an interest rate swap settlement, both included in the Other Expense caption and a non-cash \$2.4 million write-off of debt issuance costs, included in Interest Expense, during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

### Nine months 2008 Net Income and EPS

On a GAAP basis, net income increased to \$12.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. GAAP EPS (diluted) for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased to \$0.18 from \$0.02 in the comparable period in 2007. The effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was 39.1%.

Adjusted net income, as defined in Table D, increased to \$29.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$10.6 million in the comparable period in 2007. Adjusted EPS increased to \$0.44 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from \$0.20 in the comparable period in 2007. Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 includes \$6.3 million of one time IPO and debt repayment-related charges.

#### Selected Operating Data

The Company believes that the following supplemental consolidated financial information is helpful to understanding the Company's overall financial results.

Table B

Operating Data	As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30 2007 2008			
Annualized Contract Value (1)				
Risk % Growth	\$123,463	\$159,603 29.3%		
ISS % Growth	\$117,450	\$128,486 9.4%		
Annualized Contract Value	\$240,913	\$288,089		
% Growth		19.6%		
Recurring Revenue as a % of total revenue (2)				
Risk	97.3%	98.6%		
ISS	87.4%	88.4%		
Recurring Revenue as a % of total revenue.	92.5%	93.6%		
Renewal Rate				
Risk	90.1%	88.9%		
ISS (3)	91.1%	88.0%		
Renewal Rate	90.5%	88.5%		

Notes to Operating Data Table:

(1) We define annualized contract value ("ACV") as the aggregate value, on an annualized basis, of all recurring subscription contracts in effect on a reporting date.

(2) We define recurring revenue as a percentage of total revenue as revenue from subscription contracts divided by total revenue during the applicable period.

(3) The September 30, 2007 renewal rate is not pro forma for CFRA renewals prior to the August 1, 2007 acquisition date.

Overall, renewal rates were 88.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as compared with 90.5% in the prior year. Risk achieved a renewal rate of 88.9% which decreased compared to prior year of 90.1%, while ISS had a renewal rate of 88.0% which decreased compared to the prior year of 91.1%. The Risk renewal rate declined mainly due to a lower renewal rate in the alternative investment segment offset by increased renewal rates in the asset management and banking segments. The ISS renewal rate declined due to lower renewal rates in the Corporate business and the inclusion of CFRA in 2008, which historically has lower average renewal rates than other ISS products. The Governance Services or Proxy products maintained a steady renewal rate of 91.5% in both the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

Recurring revenue as a percent of total revenue increased to 93.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from 92.5% in the comparable prior period. This increase was the result of the increase of Risk recurring revenues to 98.6% of total revenues in the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The percentage of recurring revenues for ISS also increased due to recurring revenue growing at a faster rate compared to non-recurring revenue.

Annualized Contract Value increased 19.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, with Risk increasing 29.3% (from \$123.5 million to \$159.6 million) and ISS growing 9.4% (from \$117.5 million to \$128.5 million). The increase in ACV was driven by strong growth of new Risk sales in both the alternative investment and asset management segments in the Americas and EMEA. Risk average ACV per client continued to increase to over \$260,000 from \$190,000 in 2007.

On a consolidated basis, the Company had \$55.6 million of new ACV sales in nine months ended September 30, 2008, up 26.7% over the comparable period in 2007. The strong new sales performance was driven by a significant increase in the demand for Risk products as Risk new ACV sales were \$38.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 an increase of 40.9% over 2007.

Consolidated Q3 2008 new ACV sales were \$13.7 million, a \$2.0 million decline compared to Q3 07 as a result of a \$1.2 million decline in Risk Sales and \$0.8 million decline in ISS Sales due to slowing market conditions, primarily in Europe. The new ACV sales for Q3 2008 do not include \$2.9 million of contracts signed in that quarter with license dates starting after Q3.

RiskMetrics continued to have success in growing our relationship with existing clients with approximately 54% of new ACV sales coming from existing clients.

### **Discussion of Cash Flow**

As of September 30, 2008, cash and cash equivalents were \$151.7 million, up \$43.4 million compared to June 30, 2008 and up \$124.2 million as compared to December 31, 2007. Operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 provided cash of \$58.8 million, compared to \$17.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 with \$40.3 million generated in Q3 alone. Cash flow from operations increased by \$41.5 million in the first nine months of 2008 compared to 2007 due mainly to a \$11.0 million increase in net income, higher non-cash charges and a \$25.2 million increased contribution from working capital.

Our cash flow tends to be lower in the beginning of each year due to bonuses and commissions paid during this period. As a result, we typically generate more cash flows from operations during the second half of the year than during the first half of the year.

Capital expenditures decreased to \$5.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$6.1 million in 2007. Financing Cash Flows generated cash of \$74.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 primarily due to net proceeds received from the IPO partially offset by the pay down of \$132.1 million in debt.

Free Cash Flow (operating cash flow minus capital expenditures) for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased to \$53.0 million compared to \$11.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

### 2008 Guidance

The Company continues to anticipate revenue and Adjusted EBITDA to be above the high end of our previous ranges for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 of \$295 million and \$95 million, respectively. Given the current market conditions, renewal rates are expected to be slightly below previous guidance of 89-91% and are expected to be in the 88-89% range. The Company now expects Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion in 2008 to be significantly above previous guidance of 150-200 basis points.

### 2009 Guidance

The Company anticipates revenue for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 to be in the range of \$325 million to \$340 million and Adjusted EBITDA to be in the range of \$112 million to \$120 million. Furthermore, we expect Adjusted EBITDA

margin expansion in 2009 to be 150-200 basis points over 2008 and Unlevered Free Cash Flow to be in excess of Adjusted EBITDA.

The Company will hold a conference call to discuss results for the third quarter of 2008 today at 10 a.m. Eastern. The call will be hosted by Ethan Berman, Chief Executive Officer, and David Obstler, Chief Financial Officer, of RiskMetrics Group. Investors can participate in the conference call by using the following dial-in details:

US	Toll	free	dial-in	866.314.9013
Int	ernat	cional	dial-in	617.213.8053
Pas	ss coo	le		24427095

In addition, investors can access the conference call (as well as a replay of the call) directly from the RiskMetrics Group Investor Relations Web Site at http://investor.riskmetrics.com.

#### About RiskMetrics Group

RiskMetrics Group is a leading provider of risk management and corporate governance products and services to participants in the global financial markets. By bringing transparency, expertise and access to the financial markets, RiskMetrics Group helps investors better understand and manage the risks associated with their financial holdings. Our solutions address a broad spectrum of risk across our clients' financial assets. Headquartered in New York with 20 global offices, RiskMetrics Group services some of the most prestigious institutions and corporations worldwide.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or to future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "may," "could," "expect," "intend," "plan," "seek," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond our control and that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

Other factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements can be found in the Company's December 31, 2007 Annual Form 10-K which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2008. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what we projected. Any forward-looking statement in this release reflects our current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

#### Notes Regarding the Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

RiskMetrics Group (the "Company") has provided certain non-GAAP financial information as supplemental information regarding its operating results. These measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") and may be different from non-GAAP measures reported by other companies. The Company believes that its presentation of non-GAAP measures, such as Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA expenses, other operating expenses, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EPS and free cash flow, provides useful information to management and investors regarding certain financial and business trends relating to its financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the Company's management uses these measures for reviewing the financial results of the Company and for budgeting and planning purposes.

### Adjusted EBITDA

The table below sets forth a reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA on our historical results:

Table C

Net income	\$	453	\$	6,282	\$	1,198	\$	12,175
Interest, other expense, net		9,359		4,860		26,198		21,337
Income tax expense		244		4,045		1,056		7,828
Depreciation and amortization of								
property and equipment		1,869		2,153		5,192		6,433
Amortization of intangible assets		5,105		5,398		13,728		16,310
Stock-based compensation.		1,414		2,245		3,955		7,622
Non-recurring expenses (a)								198
Loss on disposal of property and								
equipment				57		2		83
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	18,444	\$	25,040	\$	51,329	\$	71,986
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(a) Represents lease exit costs incurred from moving the Company's London operations.

Adjusted EBITDA, as defined in our credit facilities, represents net income (loss) before interest expense, interest income, income tax expense (benefit), depreciation and amortization of property and equipment, amortization of intangible assets, non-cash stock-based compensation expense and extraordinary or non-recurring charges or expenses. It is a material metric used by our lenders in evaluating compliance with the maximum consolidated leverage ratio covenant in our credit facilities. The maximum consolidated leverage ratio of total indebtedness as compared to Adjusted EBITDA, and can not exceed a maximum ratio range which declines from 8.50 to 3.00 over the life of the credit facilities. Non-compliance with this covenant could result in us being required to immediately repay our outstanding indebtedness under our credit facilities. Adjusted EBITDA is also a metric used by management to measure operating performance and for planning, including preparation of annual budgets, analyzing investment decisions and evaluating profitability.

We also present Adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental performance measure because we believe that this measure provides our board of directors, management and investors with additional information to measure our performance, provide comparisons from period to period by excluding potential differences caused by variations in capital structure (affecting interest expense), tax position (such as the impact on periods of changes in effective tax rates or net operating losses), the age and book depreciation of fixed assets (affecting relative depreciation expense), acquisitions (affecting amortization expense) and compensation plans (affecting stock-based compensation expense).

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measurement of our financial performance under U.S. GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other performance measures derived in accordance with U.S. GAAP or as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of our profitability or liquidity.

### Adjusted EBITDA Expenses

Adjusted EBITDA expenses represent cost of revenues, research and development, selling and marketing and general administrative expenses, excluding stock-based compensation. Adjusted EBITDA expenses represent expenses which are classified as reductions to Adjusted EBITDA, as defined in our credit facilities. Adjusted EBITDA is also a metric used by management to measure operating performance and for planning, including preparation of annual budgets, analyzing investment decisions and evaluating profitability.

### Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses represent stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization of property and equipment, amortization of intangible assets and loss on disposal of property and equipment. Other operating expenses represent expenses which are classified as reductions to Adjusted EBITDA, as defined in our credit facilities.

### Adjusted Net Income and EPS

We define adjusted net income and adjusted EPS as net income (earnings per share) before amortization of intangibles, onetime costs and stock-based compensation. A reconciliation from net income and EPS to Adjusted net income and EPS is set forth below:

### Table D

		2007	2007			2008	2008	
	\$	Amount	EPS	Amount	\$	Amount	EPS	Amount
GAAP - Net Income Plus: IPO Costs Plus: Non IPO Stock-	\$	453 _	\$	0.01	\$	6,282 -	\$	0.09
Based Compensation Plus: Amortization of		1,414		0.03		2,245		0.03
Intangible Assets		5,105		0.09		5,398		0.08
Income tax effect		(2,286)		(0.04)		(2,988)		(0.04)
Adjusted Net income before IPO costs, stock-based compensation and amortization of								
intangibles	\$	4,686	\$	0.09	\$	10,937	\$	0.16
	===	======	===:		===	=======	===:	
Adjusted EPS - diluted Diluted Shares		0.09 ,957,187			•	0.16 ,409,343		
	Nine months ended September 30,							
		2007		2007				2008
						\$ Amount		Amount
GAAP - Net Income	\$	1,198	\$	0.02	\$	12,175		0.18
Plus: IPO Costs (1) Plus: Non IPO Stock-		-		-		6,348		0.09
Based Compensation Plus: Amortization of		3,955		0.07		6,265		0.09
		13,728		0.25		16,310		0.24
Income tax effect		(8,281)		(0.14)		(11,309)		(0.16)
Adjusted Net income								

Adjusted Net income								
before IPO costs,								
stock-based								
compensation and								
amortization of								
intangibles	\$	10,600	\$	0.20	\$	29,789	\$	0.44
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Adjusted EPS - diluted	Ş	0.20			\$	0.44		
Diluted Shares	54,	024,994			67,0	040,712		

(1) Includes one-time expenses incurred as a result of the IPO, which include \$1.4 million of stock-based compensation related to IPO stock option grants, a \$1.25 million debt prepayment penalty fee, a \$2.4 million write-off of debt issuance costs and a \$1.4 million loss on an interest rate swap settlement, during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

### Free Cash Flow

We define free cash flow as net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations minus capital expenditures. We believe free cash flow is an important non-GAAP measure as it provides useful cash flow information regarding our ability to service, incur or pay down indebtedness. We use free cash flow as a measure to reflect cash available to service our debt as well as to fund our expenditures. A limitation of using free cash flow versus the GAAP measure of net cash provided by operating activities is that free cash flow does not represent the total increase or decrease in the cash balance from operations for the period since it excludes cash used for capital expenditures during the period.

### Notes Regarding Pro forma Presentation

The unaudited pro forma financial information below is based on estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions are preliminary and have been made solely for purposes of developing this pro forma information. Unaudited pro forma financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have been achieved if the acquisitions of ISS and CFRA had been consummated as of the dates indicated, nor is it necessarily indicative of the results of future operations. The pro forma financial information does not give effect to any cost savings or restructuring and integration costs that may result from the integration of ISS' business.

The table below sets forth a reconciliation of historical GAAP revenue, Adjusted EBITDA Expenses and Adjusted EBITDA to Pro Forma Revenue, Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA Expenses and Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA:

Table E

	Three Months Ending September 30, Adjusted				
Q3 - 2007 (1)		\$ 43,715			
Add: CFRA July 2007 (2)	1,458	1,031	427		
Q3 - 2007 Pro forma		\$ 44,746 ======			
Q3- 2008 Pro forma Growth		\$ 50,514 12.9%			
	Nine Months Ending Septem 30,				
	Revenue	Adjusted	Adjusted		
YTD - 2007 (1)	\$172,674	\$121,345	\$51,329		
Add: 11 days of ISS (3)	3,227	2,446	781		
Add: CFRA YTD 2007 (4)	9,536	6,675	2,861		
YTD - 2007 Pro forma		\$130,466 ======			
YTD- 2008 Pro forma Growth		\$148,914 14.1%			

(1) Represents Historical GAAP results for the three months and nine months ending September 30, 2007.

(2) Unaudited results of CFRA for the month ended July 31, 2007.

(3) Unaudited results of ISS for the period of January 1, 2007 - January 11, 2007.

(4) Unaudited results of CFRA for period of January 1, 2007-July 31, 2007.

### Historical GAAP Financial Statements

Tables F through H presents the historical GAAP financial statements of RiskMetrics Group as of and for the period ended September 30, 2008.

### TABLE F

### RISKMETRICS GROUP, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) (In thousands, except share amounts)

	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2008
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,455	\$ 151,661
Accounts receivable, net	37,010	48,028
Deferred tax asset	140	
Income taxes receivable	8,300	
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	5,910	5,953
Total current assets	78,815	208,167
Intangiblesnet	174,154	
Goodwill	460,951	461,218
Property and equipmentnet	16,225	15,103
Deferred financing costs	8,677	5,487
Other assets	4,361	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 849,633
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 6,235	\$ 3,070
Accrued expenses	34,189	38,233
Debt, current portion	3,000	
Deferred revenue, current portion	100,557	114,181
Other current liabilities	227	237
Total current liabilities LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	144,208	157,204
Debt	419,750	289,137
Deferred tax liabilities	28,626	
Deferred revenue	722	
Other long-term liabilities	13,785	14,088
Total liabilities	\$ 607,091	\$ 490,020
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#### COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: Common stock, \$.01 par value--150,000,000 and 200,000,000 authorized at December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2008, respectively; 47,850,652 and 61,502,885 issued and 47,642,460 and 61,259,731 outstanding at December 31,

2007 and September 30, 2008, respectively	\$	479	\$	615
Treasury stock208,192 and 243,154 shares at December 31, 2007 and				
September 30, 2008, respectively		(2)		(579)
Additional paid-in capital		217,355		429,485
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(7,262)		(7,605)
Accumulated deficit		(74,478)		(62,303)
Total stockholders' equity		136,092		359,613
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS'				
EQUITY	\$	743,183	\$	849,633
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## TABLE G

RISKMETRICS GROUP, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND 2008 (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three months ended September 30,				ber	30,
				2007		
REVENUES	\$ 62,159	\$	75,554	\$ 172,674	\$	220,900
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES:						
Cost of revenues (1) Research and	20,706		23,507	56,667		69,387
development (1) Selling and	7,678		11,248	22,477		32,114
marketing (1) General and	8,873		9,045	25,328		27,531
administrative (1) Depreciation and amortization of property and	7,872		8,959	20,828		27,702
equipment Amortization of	1,869		2,153	5,192		6,433
intangible assets Loss on disposal of	5,105		5,398	13,728		16,310
fixed assets	 		57	 2		83
Total operating costs and expenses	52,103		60,367	144,222		179,560
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	 10,056		15,187	 28,452		41,340

INTEREST, DIVIDEND,

INVESTMENT, AND OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE),

### NET:

Interest, dividend
 and investment

income Interest expense Other expenses	343 (9,702) 			
Total interest, dividend, investment, and other income (expense), net	(9.359)	(4,860)	(26.198)	(21.337)
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME				
TAXES PROVISION FOR INCOME	697	10,327	2,254	20,003
TAXES	244	4,045	1,056	7,828
NET INCOME	\$	\$    6,282	\$ 1,198	\$ 12,175
NET INCOME PER SHARE:				
Basic		\$ 0.10	•	
Diluted	·	\$0.09	•	•
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING:				
Basic		60,780,651		
Diluted	54,957,187	68,409,343	54,024,994	67,040,711

(1) Includes stock-based compensation expense of:

		Three months ended Nine mo September 30, Septe						
		2007		2008		2007		2008
Cost of revenues Research and development	\$	393	\$	721	\$	968	\$	2,719
expenses		311		608		971		2,060
Selling and marketing expenses General and administrative		298		422		851		1,375
expenses		412		494		1,165		1,468
Total stock-based compensation								
expense	\$	1,414	\$	2,245	\$	3,955	\$	7,622
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## TABLE H

RISKMETRICS GROUP, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND 2008 (UNAUDITED) (Amounts in thousands)

2007 2008

Net income	\$ 1,198	\$ 12,175
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of property and		
equipment	5,192	6,433
Provision for bad debts	151	713
Amortization of intangible assets	13,728	16,310
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,037	3,190
Stock-based compensation	3,955	7,622
Tax benefit associated with exercise of stock		
options	(201)	(5,075)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	2	83
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	914	(12,507)
Decrease (increase) in income and deferred		
taxes	(1,042)	11,330
(Increase) decrease in other receivables and		
prepaid expenses	(71)	72
Increase in other assets	(1,567)	(136)
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue		14,258
Decrease in trade accounts payable		(2,875)
(Decrease) increase in accrued expenses and	,	,
other liabilities	(3,812)	7,217
Net cash provided by operating activities	17,261	58,810
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(6.054)	(5,804)
Cash paid to acquire Institutional Shareholder	( - , ,	(-,,
Services Inc. ("ISS") and related acquisition		
costs	(471,925)	
Payment of acquired ISS acquisition related	(1) 1 / 20 /	
costs	(7,413)	
Cash paid to acquire CFRA and related	( ) / 120 /	
acquisition costs	(45,904)	223
Payment of deferred purchase price		(127)
Purchase of investments	(21,289)	
Purchase of intangible asset	(21,20),	(1,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments	89,364	
Net cash used in investing activities		(6,708)
Net cash used in investing activities		(0,700)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from debt borrowings	440 000	
Repayment of debt		(132,131)
Payment of debt issuance costs	(10,074)	
Principal payments on capital lease obligations		
Gross proceeds from equity offering		197,400
Equity offering expenses		(1,581)
Excess tax benefit associated with exercise of	~ ~ ~ ~	L 117E
stock options	201	
stock options Proceeds from exercise of stock options	5,427	5,679
stock options	5,427 (2,239)	5,679
stock options Proceeds from exercise of stock options Repurchase of stock	5,427 (2,239)	5,679 
stock options Proceeds from exercise of stock options Repurchase of stock Net cash provided by financing activities	5,427 (2,239)  431,802	5,679  74,442
stock options Proceeds from exercise of stock options Repurchase of stock	5,427 (2,239)  431,802 (10)	5,679  74,442
stock options Proceeds from exercise of stock options Repurchase of stock Net cash provided by financing activities EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH	5,427 (2,239)  431,802 (10)	5,679  74,442  (2,338)
stock options Proceeds from exercise of stock options Repurchase of stock Net cash provided by financing activities EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,427 (2,239)  431,802 (10)  (14,296)	5,679  74,442  (2,338)  124,206
stock options Proceeds from exercise of stock options Repurchase of stock Net cash provided by financing activities EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH	5,427 (2,239)  431,802 (10)  (14,296)	5,679  74,442  (2,338)  124,206 27,455

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTSEnd of period	\$	23,017	\$1	51,661
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:				
Cash paid for interest	\$	26,602	\$	17,215
Cash paid (refunded) for taxes	\$	1,470	\$	(4,907)
NON CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Issuance of common stock to purchase ISS	\$	42,426	\$	
Issuance of stock options to purchase ISS	\$	16,331	\$	
Retirement of treasury stock	\$	103	\$	
Tax benefit associated with exercise of ISS				
stock options	\$	3,061	\$	616
Issuance of common stock to purchase CFRA	\$	16,634	\$	(577)

### Supplemental Information and Non-GAAP Reconciliations

The tables below set forth a reconciliation of GAAP costs of revenues, research and development, selling and marketing and general and administrative expenses to Adjusted EBITDA expenses and other operating expenses:

Table I

RISKMETRICS GROUP, INC. UNAUDITED AS ADJUSTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	GR J SEP		STOCK BASED COMPENSATION	AS	ADJUSTED
Revenues	\$ 	62,159	\$		62,159
Operating cost and expenses: Cost of revenues Research and development Selling and marketing General and administrative		7,678 8,873	(393) (311) (298) (412)		7,367 8,575
Total adjusted EBITDA expenses		45,129	(1,414)		43,715
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment Amortization of intangible assets Loss on disposal of property and equipment		1,869 5,105 			1,869 5,105 
Total other operating expenses		6,974	1,414		8,388
Total operating expenses		52,103			52,103

Income from operations 10,056 10,056 Interest, dividend, investment and other income (expense), net
and other income (expense), net
Interest, dividend and
investment income 343 343
Interest expense (9,702) (9,702)
Other expenses
Interest, dividend, investment
and other income (expense), net (9,359) (9,359)
Income before provision for
income taxes 697 697
Provision for income taxes 244 244
Net income \$ 453 \$ 453

Table J

### RISKMETRICS GROUP, INC. UNAUDITED AS ADJUSTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	2007	, STOCK BASED COMPENSATION	
Revenues	\$ 172,674	\$	\$ 172,674
Operating cost and expenses: Cost of revenues Research and development Selling and marketing General and administrative	22,477 25,328	(968) (971) (851) (1,165)	21,506 24,477
Total adjusted EBITDA expenses	125,300	(3,955)	121,345
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment Amortization of intangible assets Loss on disposal of property and equipment	5,192 13,728 2		5,192 13,728 2
Total other operating expenses	18,922	3,955	22,877

Total operating expenses	144,222	 	L44,222
Income from operations	28,452		28,452
<pre>Interest, dividend, investment   and other income (expense),   net</pre>			
Interest, dividend and			
investment income	1,196		1,196
Interest expense	(27,394)		(27,394)
Other expenses	-	 	
<pre>Interest, dividend, investment and other income (expense),</pre>			
net	(26,198)		(26,198)
Income before provision for income taxes	2,254		2,254
Income caxes	2,254		2,204
Provision for income taxes	1,056		1,056
Net income	\$ 1,198	\$ \$	1,198
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## Table K

### RISKMETRICS GROUP, INC. UNAUDITED AS ADJUSTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

			AS ADJUSTED
Revenues	\$75,554	\$ 	\$    75,554
Operating cost and expenses: Cost of revenues Research and development Selling and marketing General and administrative Total adjusted EBITDA expenses	11,248 9,045 8,959	(721) (608) (422) (494) 	10,640 8,623 8,465
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment Amortization of intangible assets Loss on disposal of	2,153		2,153 5,398

property and equipment	 57		 57
Total other operating expenses	 7,608	2,245	 9,853
Total operating expenses	 60,367		60,367
Income from operations	15,187		15,187
<pre>Interest, dividend, investment and other income (expense), net</pre>			
Interest, dividend and investment income Interest expense Other expenses	686 (5,546)		 686 (5,546)
<pre>Interest, dividend, investment and other income (expense), net</pre>	 (4,860)		(4,860)
Income before provision for income taxes	10,327		10,327
Provision for income taxes	 4,045		 4,045
Net income	6,282	\$ =======	6,282

Table L

## RISKMETRICS GROUP, INC. UNAUDITED AS ADJUSTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

GRO JANU SEPT	UP, INC. ARY 1 TO EMBER 30,		AS 	ADJUSTED
\$ 	220,900	\$	\$ 	220,900
	69,387	(2,719)(A	)	66,668
	32,114	(2,060)(A	)	30,054
	27,531	(1,375)(A	)	26,156
		( A	)	
	27,702	(1,468)		26,036
		(198)(B	)	
	156,734	(7,820)		148,914
	GRO JANU SEPT  \$ 	2008 \$ 220,900 69,387 32,114 27,531 27,702	GROUP, INC. JANUARY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, STOCK BASED 2008 COMPENSATION  \$ 220,900 \$  69,387 (2,719)(A 32,114 (2,060)(A 27,531 (1,375)(A (A 27,702 (1,468)  (198)(B	GROUP, INC. JANUARY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, STOCK BASED 2008 COMPENSATION AS \$ 220,900 \$ \$ 69,387 (2,719)(A)

Depreciation and amortization of propert	У		
and equipment Amortization of	6,433		6,433
intangible assets Loss on disposal of	16,310		16,310
property and equipment	83		83
Total other operating expenses	22,826	7,820	30,646
Total operating expenses	179,560		179,560
Income from operations	41,340		41,340
<pre>Interest, dividend, investmen   and other income (expense),   net</pre>	t		
Interest, dividend and	1 007		1 007
investment income Interest expense	1,927 (20,651)		1,927 (20,651)
Other expenses	(2,613)		(2,613)
Interest, dividend, investmen and other income (expense),	t		
net	(21,337)		(21,337)
Income before provision for income taxes	20,003		20,003
Provision for income taxes	7,828		7,828
Net income	\$ 12,175 =======	•	\$ 12,175 ========

The following pro forma adjustments are included in the preparation of the pro forma statement of operations:

(A): Reclassification of stock-based compensation from adjusted EBITDA expenses to other operating expenses.

(B): Reclassification of non-recurring lease exit costs from adjusted EBITDA expenses to other operating expense.

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