

West Corporation Reports Third Quarter 2007 Results

OMAHA, NE, October 17, 2007 – West Corporation, a leading provider of outsourced communication solutions, today announced its third quarter 2007 results.

<u>Financial Summary (unaudited)</u> (Dollars in millions)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2007	2006	Percent Change	2007	2006	Percent Change	
Revenue	\$531.1	\$473.2	12.2%	\$1,559.9	\$1,359.7	14.7%	
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	\$149.3	\$127.4	17.2%	\$ 44 1.6	\$360.4	22.5%	
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	28.1%	26.9%		28.3%	26.5%		
Cash Flow from Operations	\$55.3	\$70.2	-21.2%	\$182.5	\$ 225 . 5	-19.1%	

"We are pleased with this quarter's results and the ongoing integration of our recent acquisitions," said Thomas B. Barker, Chief Executive Officer of West Corporation.

Consolidated Operating Results

For the third quarter ended September 30, 2007, revenues were \$531.1 million compared to \$473.2 million for the same quarter last year, an increase of 12.2 percent. Revenue from acquired entities accounted for \$33.9 million of the \$57.9 million increase during the third quarter and \$134.8 million of the \$200.2 million year-to-date increase. During the quarter, the Company recorded \$8.8 million of goodwill amortization to write-off its investment in Vertical Alliance, a ticketing company. This resulted in a 320 basis point reduction in the Communication Services segment third quarter operating margin and a 170 basis point reduction in consolidated third quarter operating margin. This was offset by a related reduction of income tax valuation reserves and income tax expense of \$8.0 million.

Balance Sheet and Liquidity

At September 30, 2007, West Corporation had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$112.6 million and working capital of \$175.4 million. Third quarter depreciation expense was \$25.1 million and amortization expense was \$29.2 million. Cash flow from operating activities was \$55.3 million and was impacted by interest expense of \$88.1 million. Adjusted EBITDA for the third quarter was \$149.3 million, or 28.1 percent of revenue. A reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to cash flow from operating activities is presented in the Reconciliation of Financial Measures below.

"During the quarter, we invested \$26.8 million in capital expenditures primarily for equipment and infrastructure," stated Paul Mendlik, Chief Financial Officer of West Corporation. "The Company also settled the pending litigation with Polygon during the quarter by paying Polygon \$48.75 per share, the same amount received in the Recapitalization as all other former public shareholders of West, plus interest at 8.25%, for a total of approximately \$183.9 million."

Conference Call

The Company will hold a conference call to discuss these topics on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 11:00 AM Eastern Time (10:00 AM Central Time). Investors may access the call by visiting the Financials section of the West Corporation website at www.west.com and clicking on the Webcast link. A replay of the call will also be available on the website.

About West Corporation

West Corporation is a leading provider of outsourced communication solutions to many of the world's largest companies, organizations and government agencies. West helps its clients communicate effectively, maximize the value of their customer relationships and drive greater profitability from every interaction. The Company's integrated suite of customized solutions includes customer acquisition, customer care, automated voice services, emergency communications, conferencing and accounts receivable management services.

Founded in 1986 and headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, West has a team of 37,000 employees based in North America, Europe and Asia. For more information, please visit www.west.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "may," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "intends," "continue" or similar terminology. These statements reflect only West's current expectations and are not guarantees of future performance or results. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include the ability to integrate or achieve the objectives of our recent acquisitions, West's ability to complete future acquisitions, competition in West's highly competitive industries, extensive regulation in many of West's markets, West's ability to recover on its charged-off consumer receivables, capacity utilization of West's contact centers, the cost and reliability of voice and data services, availability of key personnel and employees, the cost of labor and turnover rates, the political, economic and other conditions in countries where West operates, the loss of any key clients. West's ability to purchase charged-off receivable portfolios on acceptable terms and in sufficient amounts, the nature of West's forward flow contracts, the non-exclusive nature of West's client contracts and the absence of revenue commitments, the possibility of an emergency interruption to West's data and contact centers, acts of terrorism or war, security or privacy breaches of West's systems and databases, West's ability to protect proprietary information or technology, West's ability to continue to keep pace with technological developments, the cost of pending and future litigation and other risk factors described in documents filed by the company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission including West's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 and quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the guarter ended June 30, 2007. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which the statements were made. West undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

WEST CORPORATION CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited, in thousands except selected operating data)

	Three Mo	nths Ended Septe	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2007	2006	% Change	2007	2006	% Change	
Revenue Cost of services	\$ 531,098 228,309	\$ 473,245 206,733	12.2% 10.4%	\$ 1,559,917 671,600	\$ 1,359,661 604,147	14.7% 11.2%	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	217,213	183,315	18.5%	616,581	524,425	17.6%	
Operating Income	85,576	83,197	2.9%	271,736	231,089	17.6%	
Interest expense Other expense (Income), net	88,135 (4,820)	12,646 (1,185)	596.9% 306.8%	251,790 (12,928)	29,072 (3,162)	766.1% 308.9%	
Income before tax	2,261	71,736	-96.8%	32,874	205,179	-84.0%	
income tax expense (benefit) Minority interest	(3,780) 4,120	25,105 3,710	-115.1% 11.1%	7,147 12,275	73,110 10,334	-90.2% 18.8%	
Net income	\$ 1,921	\$ 42,921	-95.5%	\$ 13,452	\$ 121,735	-88.9%	
SELECTED SEGMENT DATA:							
Revenue:			- 70			40.40	
Communication Services Conferencing	\$ 273,945 182,420	\$ 259,106 156,099	5.7% 16.9%	\$ 810,915 542,237	\$ 736,833 448,816	10.1% 20.8%	
Receivables Management	76,453	59,465	28.6%	211,234	178,641	18.2%	
Inter segment eliminations Total	\$ 531,098	\$ 473,245	20.7% 12.2%	\$ 1,559,917	\$ 1,359,661	-3.5% 14.7%	
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Operating Income: Communication Services	\$ 26.556	\$ 29,149	-8.9%	\$ 91,856	\$ 85,321	7.7%	
Conferencing	45,402	43,428	4.5%	138,996	113,959	22.0%	
Receivables Management	\$ 85,576	10,620	28.2%	\$ 271,736	\$ 231,089	28.5%	
Total	\$ 85,576	\$ 83,197	2.976	\$ 271,736	\$ 231,089	17.6%	
Operating Margin:							
Communication Services Conferencing	9.7% 24.9%	11.2% 27.8%	-13.4% -10.4%	11.3% 25.6%	11.6% 25.4%	-2.6% 0.8%	
Receivables Management	17.8%	17.9%	-0.6%	19.4%	17.8%	9.0%	
Total	16.1%	17.6%	-8.5%	17.4%	17.0%	2.4%	
Operating income Excluding the VA Write-off: Communication Services	35,399	29,149	21.4%	\$ 100,699	\$ 85,321	18.0%	
Conferencing	45,402	43,428	4.5%	138,996	113,959	22.0%	
Receivables Management Total	13,618 94,419	10,620 83,197	28.2% 13.5%	\$ 280,579	\$ 231,089	28.5%	
Total	34,413	03,137	13.276	\$ 200,515	\$ 251,009	21.476	
Operating Margin Excluding the VA Write-off:	40.00	44.00		45.45	44.50	7.00	
Communication Services Conferencing	12.9% 24.9%	11.2% 27.8%	14.9% -10.5%	12.4% 25.6%	11.6% 25.4%	7.2% 1.0%	
Receivables Management	17.8%	17.9%	-0.3%	19.4%	17.8%	8.7%	
Total	17.8%	17.6%	1.1%	18.0%	17.0%	5.8%	
SELECTED OPERATING DATA (\$M):							
Share-based compensation expense recognized Cash flow from operations	0.3 55.3	3.8 70.2					
Revolving Line of Credit ending balance	-	665.0					
Term loan facility	2,376.4	-					
Senior notes Senior subordinated notes	650.0 450.0	:					
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	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006	% Change				
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 112,595	\$ 214,932	-47.6%				
Trust cash Accounts receivable, net	22,802 309.391	7,104 285,087	221.0% 8.5%				
Portfolio receivables, current	64,955	64,651	0.5%				
Other current assets	46,470 556.213	54,382 626,156	-14.5% -11.2%				
Total current assets Net property and equipment	297,218	294,707	0.9%				
Portfolio receivables, net	126,625	85,006	49.0%				
Goodwill Other assets	1,282,434 510,875	1,186,375 343,612	8.1% 48.7%				
Total assets	\$ 2,773,365	\$ 2,535,856	9.4%				
Current liabilities	\$ 380,810	\$ 497,586	-23.5%				
Long Term Obligations Other liabilities	3,497,116 84.893	3,206,590 45,279	9.1% 87.5%				
Total liabilities	3,962,819	3,749,455	5.7%				
Minority interest	11,998	10,299	16.5%				
Class É common stock	997,891	903,656	10.4%				
Stockholders' deficit	(2,199,343)	(2,127,554)	3.4%				
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$ 2,773,365	\$ 2,535,856	9.4%				

Reconciliation of Financial Measures

The common definition of EBITDA is "Earnings Before Interest Expense, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization." In evaluating liquidity, we use Adjusted EBITDA, which we define as earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization, share based compensation, minority interest, recapitalization transaction costs, after acquisition synergies and excluding unrestricted subsidiaries. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measures of financial performance or liquidity under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitution for net income, cash flow from operations or other income or cash flow data prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Adjusted EBITDA, as presented, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Adjusted EBITDA is presented as we understand certain investors use it as one measure of our historical ability to service debt. Adjusted EBITDA is also used in our debt covenants. Set forth below is a reconciliation of EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA to cash flow from operations.

Amounts in thousands		Three Months Ended Sept 30,			N	Nine Months Ended Sept 30,			
		2007		2006		2007		2006	
Cash flow from operating activities	\$	55,314	\$	70,157	\$	182,497	\$	225,501	
Income tax expense		(3,781)		25,105		7,147		73,110	
Deferred income tax (expense) benefit		3,752		1,593		1,069		(15,887)	
Interest expense		88,135		12,646		251,790		29,072	
Minority interest in earnings, net of distributions		(1,010)		1,078		(1,295)		4,216	
Provision for share based compensation		(322)		(3,808)		(952)		(11,095)	
Debt amortization		(3,637)		(218)		(11,045)		(651)	
Other		(95)		(223)		336		(359)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities,									
net of business acquisitions		2,176		10,117		(20,309)		19,782	
EBITDA		140,532		116,447		409,238		323,689	
Minority interest		4,120		3,710		12,275		10,334	
Provision for share based compensation		322		3,808		952		11,095	
Recapitalization costs		2,517		625		11,092		5,625	
Synthetic lease interest		-		409		-		1,305	
Acquisition synergies		810		1,300		5,047		5,200	
Vertical Alliance Adjustment		1,009		1,118		2,958		3,175	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	149,310	\$	127,417	\$	441,562	\$	360,423	

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