

West Corporation Reports Fourth Quarter and Fully Year 2007 Results and Provides 2008 Guidance

OMAHA, NE, January 30, 2008 - West Corporation, a leading provider of outsourced communication solutions, today announced its fourth quarter and full year 2007 results.

Financial Summary (unaudited) (Dollars in millions)

		e Months Er ecember 31		Year Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006	Percent Change	2007	2006	Percent Change		
Revenue	\$539.6	\$496.4	8.7%	\$2,099.5	\$1,856.0	13.1%		
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	\$142.6	\$141.5	0.8%	\$584.1	\$501.9	16.4%		
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	26.4%	28.5%		27.8%	27.0%			
Adjusted EBITDA Excl. Interest Income ¹	\$141.4	\$137.1	3.1%	\$572.7	\$495.9	15.5%		
Cash Flow from Operations	\$68.2	\$(32.1)	NM	\$250.7	\$196.6	27.5%		

"West had another solid year of growth and profitability," said Thomas B. Barker, Chief Executive Officer of West Corporation. "For the first time, the company had revenues in excess of \$2 billion. West also had record operating income in 2007. We will continue to focus our growth on those areas of our business that are most profitable."

Consolidated Operating Results

For the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2007, revenues were \$539.6 million compared to \$496.4 million for the same quarter last year, an increase of 8.7 percent. Revenue from acquired entities accounted for \$29.4 million of the \$43.2 million increase during the fourth quarter.

During the quarter, the Company recorded a \$15.0 million accrual in the Communication Services segment related to a potential settlement of its Sanford and Ritt class actions previously disclosed in its periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and \$3.5 million in impairment and site closure charges in its Receivables Management segment. These two items resulted in a 530 basis point reduction in the Communication Services segment fourth quarter operating margin, a 490 basis point reduction in the Receivables Management fourth quarter operating margin and a 340 basis point reduction in consolidated fourth quarter operating margin.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, revenues were \$2,099.5 million compared to \$1,856.0 million for 2006, an increase of 13.1 percent. Revenue from acquired entities2 accounted for \$164.2 million of the \$243.5 million increase. Organic revenue growth for 2007 was \$79.3 million, an increase of 4.3 percent over 2006.

Balance Sheet and Liquidity

At December 31, 2007, West Corporation had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$141.9 million and working capital of \$187.8 million. Fourth quarter depreciation expense was \$26.1 million and amortization expense was \$19.8 million. Cash flow from operating activities was \$68.2 million and was impacted by cash paid for interest expense of \$106.9 million. Adjusted EBITDA for the fourth quarter was \$142.6 million, or 26.4 percent of revenue.

Cash flow from operating activities for 2007 was \$250.7 million, compared to \$196.6 million for 2006. Cash paid for interest expense in 2007 was \$302.5 million. Adjusted EBITDA for 2007 was \$584.1 million (\$572.7 million excluding non-recurring interest income), an increase of 16.4 percent, versus \$501.9 million in 2006. Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of revenue grew to 27.8 percent in 2007 from 27.0 percent in 2006. A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to cash flow from operating activities is presented below.

"During the quarter, we invested \$29.9 million in capital expenditures primarily for equipment and infrastructure," stated Paul Mendlik, Chief Financial Officer of West Corporation. "For the year, our capital expenditures totaled \$103.6 million, or 4.9% of revenues."

2008 Guidance

For 2008, the Company expects the following results. This guidance assumes no acquisitions or additional changes in the current operating environment.

In millions	2007 Actual	2008 Guidance
Revenue	\$2,099.5	\$2,200 - \$2,275
Adjusted EBITDA Excluding		
Interest Income	\$572.7	\$600 - \$625
Cash Flow from Operations	\$250.7	\$235 - \$260
Capital Expenditures	\$103.6	\$105 - \$120

Conference Call

The Company will hold a conference call to discuss these topics on Thursday, January 31, 2008 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 <u>www.west.com</u> 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 42,000 employees based in North America, Europe and Asia. For more information, please visit <u>www.west.com</u>.

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 guarter ended September 30, 2007. These forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information

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

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2007 2006		% Twelve Months En Change 2007			nded D	ecember 31, 2006	% _Change_	
Revenue Cost of services Selling, general and administrative expenses Operating income Interest expense Other expense (income), net Income before tax Income tax expense (benefit) Minority Interest	\$	539,575 240,790 223,950 74,835 80,582 (468) (5,279) (333) 3,124	\$ 496,377 214,375 275,876 6,126 65,958 (5,208) (54,624) (54,624) (7,605) 5,953	8.7% 12.3% -18.8% 1121.6% 22.2% 91.0% 90.3% 95.6% -47.5%	\$	2,099,492 912,389 840,532 346,571 332,372 (13,396) 27,595 6,814 15,399	\$	1,856,038 818,522 800,301 237,215 94,804 (8,144) 150,555 65,505 16,287	13.1% 11.5% 5.0% 46.1% 250.6% -64.5% -81.7% -89.6% -5.5%
Net income (loss)	\$	(8,070)	\$ (52,972)	84.8%	\$	5,382	\$	68,763	-92.2%
SELECTED SEGMENT DATA: Revenue: Communication Services Conferencing Receivables Management Inter segment eliminations Total	s	283,431 185,594 72,212 (1,662) 539,575	\$ 283,409 158,691 55,880 (1,603) 496,377	0.0% 17.0% 29.2% -3.7% 8.7%	\$	1,094,346 727,831 283,446 (6,131) 2,099,492	\$	1,020,242 607,506 234,521 (6,231) 1,856,038	7.3% 19.8% 20.9% <u>1.6%</u> 13.1%
Operating Income: Communication Services Conferencing Receivables Management Total	s	22,898 42,677 <u>9,260</u> 74,835	\$ 3,699 5,509 (3,082) 6,126	519.0% 674.7% 400.5% 1121.6%	\$	114,754 181,673 50,144 346,571	\$	89,065 119,437 28,713 237,215	28.8% 52.1% 74.6% 46.1%
Operating Margin: Communication Services Conferencing Receivables Management Total		8.1% 23.0% 12.8% 13.9%	 1.3% 3.5% -5.5% 1.2%	523.1% 557.1% 332.7% 1058.3%		10.5% 25.0% 17.7% 16.5%		8.7% 19.7% 12.2% 12.8%	20.7% 26.9% 45.1% 28.9%

SELECTED OPERATING DATA (\$M):

Share-based compensation expense recognized	0.3	17.6
Cash flow from operations	68.2	(32.1)
Term loan facility	2,376.4	2,100.0
Senior notes	650.0	650.0
Senior subordinated notes	450.0	450.0

	December 31, 2007			cember 31,	%
				2006	Change
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	s	141,947	\$	214,932	-34.0%
Trust cash		10,358		7,104	45.8%
Accounts receivable, net		289,480		285,087	1.5%
Portfolio receivables, current		77,909		64,651	20.5%
Deferred income taxes receivable		33,718		4,636	627.3%
Other current assets		44,463		49,746	-10.6%
Total current assets		597,875		626,156	-4.5%
Net property and equipment		298,645		294,707	1.3%
Portfolio receivables, net		132,233		85,006	55.6%
Goodwill		1,329,978		1,186,375	12.1%
Other assets		487,759		343,612	42.0%
Total assets	S	2,846,490	S	2,535,856	12.2%
Current liabilities	S	410,080	\$	497,586	-17.6%
Long Term Obligations		3,495,529		3,206,590	9.0%
Other liabilities		138,297		45,279	205.4%
Total liabilities		4,043,906		3,749,455	7.9%
Minority interest		12,937		10,299	25.6%
Class L common stock		1,029,782		903,656	14.0%
Stockholders' deficit		(2,240,135)		(2,127,554)	5.3%
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$	2,846,490	\$	2,535,856	12.2%

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, share based compensation, taxes, depreciation and amortization, minority interest, non-recurring litigation settlement costs, other non-cash reserves, transaction costs and after acquisition synergies and excluding unrestricted subsidiaries, or "Adjusted EBITDA." We also use Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income, which we define as earnings before interest expense and non-recurring interest income, share based compensation, taxes, depreciation and amortization, minority interest, non-recurring litigation settlement costs, other non-

cash reserves, transaction costs and after acquisition synergies and excluding unrestricted subsidiaries, or "Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income." EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income are not measures of financial performance or liquidity under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, cash flow from operations or other income or cash flow data prepared in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income, as presented, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income are presented as we understand certain investors use them 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, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income to cash flow from operations.

Amounts in thousands	Three Months Ended Dec. 31,			Year Ended Dec. 31,				
		2007	2006	2007	2006			
Cash flow from operating activities	\$	68,235 \$	(32,120)	\$ 250,732 \$	196,638			
Income tax expense (benefit)		(333)	(7,605)	6,814	65,505			
Deferred income tax (expense) benefit		7,847	6,587	8,917	(9,300)			
Interest expense		80,582	65,731	332,372	94,804			
Minority interest in earnings, net of distributions		(939)	(1,402)	(2,234)	2,814			
Provision for share based compensation		(325)	(17,643)	(1,276)	(28,738)			
Debt amortization		(3,626)	(2,760)	(14,671)	(3,410)			
Excess tax benefit from stock options exercised		-	50,794	-	50,794			
Other		(141)	(516)	195	(877)			
Changes in operating assets and liabilities,								
net of business acquisitions		(33,151)	(18,705)	(53,461)	(2,180)			
EBITDA		118,149	42,361	 527,388	366,050			
Minority interest		3,124	5,953	15,399	16,287			
Provision for share based compensation		325	17,643	1,276	28,738			
Recapitalization costs		1,820	73,210	12,912	78,835			
Non-recurring litigation settlement costs		15,741	-	15,741	-			
Acquisition synergies and costs		2,197	1,800	7,244	7,000			
Site closures and non-cash portfolio impairments		2,313	-	2,313	-			
Vertical Alliance adjustment		(1,108)	552	1,850	3,727			
Synthetic lease interest		-	-	-	1,305			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	142,561 \$	141,519	\$ 584,123 \$				
Interest income		1.173	4.430	11,389	6.081			
Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Interest Income	\$	141,388 \$	137,089	\$ 572,734 \$	<u>,</u>			

¹See Reconciliation of Financial Measures below.

NM - Not meaningful

²Acquired entities include CenterPost Communications, Inc. (acquired in February 2007) and TeleVox Software, Incorporated (acquired in March 2007) in the Communications Services segment and Omnium Worldwide, Inc. (acquired in May 2007) in the Receivables Management segment.

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