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NUCO2 REPORTS FISCAL 2007 THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

OPERATING CASH FLOW AND FREE CASH IMPROVE

STUART, FLORIDA, May 1, 2007 -- NuCO2 Inc. (NASDAQ: NUCO), the largest supplier in the U.S. of bulk CO2 systems and services for carbonating fountain beverages, today reported operating results for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 -- the first quarter since the Company began transitioning to its new strategic growth plan focused on improving returns and cash generation.

The Company noted that important progress is being achieved, particularly in the areas of customer quality, asset utilization, operating productivity and cost reductions.

- Gross installations during the quarter totaled approximately 2,100 as compared to approximately 2,600 in the immediately preceding second quarter, primarily reflecting the Company's more selective criteria for new business.
- Capital expenditures for the quarter totaled \$3.5 million, as compared to \$7.5 million in the immediately preceding quarter, the direct result of improved asset utilization and reduced tank purchases.
- Accounts receivable at quarter end stood at \$12.0 million, an improvement of approximately \$1.5 million during the quarter, the result of tighter credit practices and improved collection procedures.
- Free cash flow for the quarter, which the Company defines as cash flow from operations less capex, increased to \$5.9 million from \$1.7 million in the immediately preceding second quarter.
- In line with its previously announced \$50 million share repurchase program, the Company during the quarter repurchased 513,318 common shares at a cost of approximately \$12.5 million which was funded from free cash generated during the quarter and the balance from borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility.

“The quarter fully met our expectations in successful operational conversion to the new plan and we expect the full benefits of our cash generation and higher investment return model to be realized in the months ahead,” said Michael E. DeDomenico, Chairman and CEO. “The third quarter’s financial results reflect costs associated with transitioning to the new plan.”

- Total revenues for the quarter amounted to \$31.9 million, compared with \$29.2 million in the corresponding year-ago period, an increase of 9.3%, and for the nine months ended March 31, 2007 advanced 12.1%, to \$96.2 million from \$85.8 million in the prior year period.
- EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), which the Company regards as useful information as to its liquidity, excluding non-cash stock option expense, totaled \$9.0 million in the third quarter, essentially even with the preceding December 2006 quarter.
- Operating cash flow for the quarter totaled \$9.5 million, as compared to \$7.1 million in the prior year period, an increase of 34%.
- Operating income for the quarter amounted to \$2.6 million, compared with \$4.2 million in the corresponding year-ago period, reflecting continuing expenses in connection with implementing the new strategic growth plan, including acceleration of tank repair and refurbishment expense that enabled the reduction in capital costs, as well as expenses associated with the reorganization of sales staff and marketing activities. Total transition costs incurred during the quarter were \$1.5 million.
- Net income for the quarter amounted to \$1.1 million, or \$0.07 per diluted share, compared with \$2.2 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share a year ago, and for the nine months totaled \$5.0 million, or \$0.31 per diluted share, compared with \$7.8 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share, in the corresponding year-ago period.

“Our new strategic plan that concentrates on growth in free cash and return on capital while expanding our customer base is proceeding as planned,” added Mr. DeDomenico. “And we continue to invest in the business, including programs which are enhancing asset utilization, driving productivity and providing superior service to our customer base.”

About NuCO2

NuCO2 Inc. is the leading and only national provider of bulk CO2 products and services to the U.S. fountain beverage industry. With service locations within reach of virtually all of the fountain beverage users in the Continental U.S., NuCO2’s experienced professionals comprise the largest network of sales and support specialists in the industry serving national restaurant chains, convenience stores, theme parks and sports and entertainment complexes, among others. NuCO2’s revenues are largely derived from the installation, maintenance and rental of bulk CO2 systems and delivery of beverage grade CO2, which are increasingly replacing high pressure CO2, until now the traditional method for carbonating fountain beverages. The technology offers consistent quality, greater ease of operation, and heightened efficiency and safety utilizing permanently installed on-site cryogenic storage tanks. NuCO2 provides systems and services that

allow its customers to spend more time serving their customers. Visit the Company's website at www.nuco2.com.

Conference Call

A conference call to report operating results for the fiscal 2007 third quarter will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. It can be accessed over the Internet via NuCO2's website at www.nuco2.com. To listen to the live call, please go to the website at least fifteen minutes early to register, download and install any necessary audio software. For those who cannot listen to the live broadcast, a replay will be available on NuCO2's website shortly after the call.

Statements contained in this press release concerning the Company's outlook, competitive position and other statements of management's beliefs, goals and expectations are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the statements. With respect to such forward-looking statements, we claim protection under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the ability of the Company to add new accounts, competition and future operating performance. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statement as a result of developments occurring after the date of this press release.

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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

ASSETS	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 240	\$ 341
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,481 and \$2,538, respectively	12,002	12,955
Inventories	306	302
Prepaid insurance expense and deposits	4,134	5,846
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,178	1,465
Deferred tax assets - current portion	8,470	8,598
Total current assets	<u>26,330</u>	<u>29,507</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>123,593</u>	<u>119,603</u>
Goodwill & other intangible assets, net	39,744	40,905
Deferred tax assets	6,150	8,807
Other	206	185
Total other assets	<u>46,100</u>	<u>49,897</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 196,023</u>	<u>\$ 199,007</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,089	\$ 6,883
Accrued expenses & other current liabilities	5,541	5,945
Total current liabilities	<u>9,630</u>	<u>12,828</u>
Long-term debt	36,300	35,450
Customer deposits	4,213	3,805
Total liabilities	<u>50,143</u>	<u>52,083</u>
Total shareholders' equity	<u>145,880</u>	<u>146,924</u>
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 196,023</u>	<u>\$ 199,007</u>

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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenues:				
Product sales	\$ 20,995	\$ 18,984	\$ 63,865	\$ 55,917
Equipment rentals	10,919	10,213	32,366	29,898
Total Revenues	<u>31,914</u>	<u>29,197</u>	<u>96,231</u>	<u>85,815</u>
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of products sold, excluding depreciation & amortization	13,728	12,725	41,648	36,786
Cost of equipment rentals, excluding depreciation & amortization	1,999	879	4,603	2,362
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7,952	6,341	22,343	17,596
Depreciation and amortization	5,158	4,667	14,900	13,527
Loss on asset disposal	522	396	1,506	1,601
	<u>29,359</u>	<u>25,008</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>71,872</u>
Operating income	2,555	4,189	11,231	13,943
Gain on financial instrument	-	-	-	(177)
Interest expense	509	555	1,635	1,463
Income before provision for income taxes	2,046	3,634	9,596	12,657
Provision for income tax	935	1,454	4,584	4,883
Net income	<u>\$ 1,111</u>	<u>\$ 2,180</u>	<u>\$ 5,012</u>	<u>\$ 7,774</u>
Weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding				
Basic	<u>15,680</u>	<u>15,462</u>	<u>15,711</u>	<u>15,378</u>
Diluted	<u>15,896</u>	<u>16,127</u>	<u>15,979</u>	<u>15,961</u>
Net income per basic common share	<u>\$ 0.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.14</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>	<u>\$ 0.51</u>
Net income per diluted common share	<u>\$ 0.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.14</u>	<u>\$ 0.31</u>	<u>\$ 0.49</u>

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME TO NON-GAAP MEASURES EBITDA AND
EBITDA EXCLUDING STOCK OPTION EXPENSE

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		Dec 31,	March 31,	
	2007	2006	2006	2007	2006
Net income	\$ 1,111	\$ 2,180	\$ 1,383	\$ 5,012	\$ 7,774
Interest expense	509	555	550	1,635	1,463
Depreciation & amortization	5,158	4,667	4,897	14,900	13,527
Gain on financial instrument	-	-	-	-	(177)
Provision for income taxes	935	1,454	1,009	4,584	4,883
EBITDA	\$ 7,713	\$ 8,856	\$ 7,839	\$ 26,131	\$ 27,470
Noncash option expense	1,301	1,407	1,245	3,245	2,492
EBITDA excluding stock option expense	\$ 9,014	\$ 10,263	\$ 9,084	\$ 29,376	\$ 29,962
Cash flows provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	\$ 9,495	\$ 7,083	\$ 9,105	\$ 27,448	\$ 24,266
Investing activities	\$ (3,554)	\$ (7,754)	\$ (7,455)	\$ (19,325)	\$ (28,698)
Financing activities	\$ (5,888)	\$ 818	\$ (1,935)	\$ (8,224)	\$ 3,794

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) is one of the principal financial measures by which the Company measures its financial performance. EBITDA is a widely accepted financial indicator used by many investors, lenders and analysts to analyze and compare companies on the basis of operating performance, and the Company believes that EBITDA provides useful information regarding the Company’s ability to service its debt and other obligations. However, EBITDA does not represent cash flow from operations, nor has it been presented as a substitute to operating income or net income as indicators of the Company’s operating performance. EBITDA excludes significant costs of doing business and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, the Company’s calculation of EBITDA may be different from the calculation used by its competitors, and therefore comparability may be affected. The Company’s lender also uses EBITDA to assess the Company’s compliance with debt covenants. These financial covenants are based on a measure that is not consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such measure is EBITDA (as defined) as modified by certain defined adjustments.