
AUTODESK REPORTS FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS

Company grows earnings per share by 19%

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., May 17, 2001—Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced financial results for its first quarter ended April 30, 2001. Autodesk reported net revenues of \$246 million for the first quarter of fiscal year 2002 and growth of 6% compared to \$231 million for the first quarter of fiscal year 2001.

On a pro forma basis, as defined below, first quarter net income was \$32 million or \$0.57 per diluted share compared to \$30 million or \$0.48 per diluted share for the same quarter a year ago. This equals year over year pro forma earnings per share growth of 19%.

First quarter net income was \$28 million or \$0.50 per diluted share compared to net income for the same quarter a year ago of \$26 million or \$0.41 per diluted share. This equals year over year earnings per share growth of 22%.

"Our quarter tracked very well as we grew earnings by 19 percent," said Carol Bartz, Autodesk chairman and chief executive officer. "While for some companies economic uncertainty means backing away from operational commitments, for Autodesk the economy is always just another variable. We believe the diversity of our business — multiple geographies, markets, and products — gives us a cushion against a dramatic downturn. With our continued focus on tight fiscal management, we are able to maintain our original earnings guidance for the full year."

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First Quarter Highlights

- The Asia Pacific region hit a record high, with net revenue jumping 50% sequentially to \$68 million for the first quarter.
- Discreet delivered another solid quarter, bolstered by a strong showing at two major industry trade events, Game Developers Conference and National Association of Broadcasters.
- Customers are rapidly adopting Autodesk's 3D mechanical design solution, as evidenced by a 27% sequential rise in sales of Inventor. In just three short months of trial, Autodesk Streamline, our hosted service for sharing personalized design

data across the entire extended manufacturing enterprise, has received a very strong market reception, garnering industry recognition at key tradeshow and generating over 1,000 trial accounts opened via the web.

- Point A, our web portal that complements the core design desktop software, continued forward momentum during Q1, delivering consistently strong metrics. Point A is an integral part of many of our customers' Autodesk experience. We are leveraging Point A as a high-touch way to drive migration to the latest releases and software delivery options.

Business Outlook

The following statements are based on current expectations. These statements are forward-looking and actual results may differ materially.

Revenue outlook:

- For the second quarter of fiscal year 2002, the Company expects net revenue to range between \$240 million to \$250 million.
- Revenue guidance for the full year is being revised down slightly -- by approximately two to four percent -- to an expected new range between \$1,000 million and \$1,020 million.

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These revenue expectations depend on a number of factors, including timely shipment and customer acceptance of key new products based on the AutoCAD 2002 foundation, the ability to grow new internet-related services and businesses, and may be impacted by foreign currency fluctuations and by further slowing in the overall worldwide economies particularly in the United States and Europe.

Earnings per share outlook:

- Earnings per diluted share on a pro forma basis, excluding nonrecurring charges as well as amortization of goodwill and purchased intangibles, is expected to range between \$0.40 and \$0.50 per diluted share for the second quarter of fiscal year 2002.

- For the full year, the outlook for earnings per diluted share on a pro forma basis, excluding nonrecurring charges as well as amortization of goodwill and purchased intangibles, is being reaffirmed and is expected to range between \$2.10 to \$2.25.

Pro forma earnings per diluted share may vary due to timely shipment and customer acceptance of key new products based on the AutoCAD 2002 foundation, our ability to control and further reduce operating costs, future investments and spending related to spin-off business and fluctuations in share count.

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2002, the Company expects to take a one-time nonrecurring charge in the range of \$10 million to \$15 million related primarily to facility consolidations. This charge is excluded in the calculation of pro forma earnings guidance provided in the previous paragraph.

The statements above contained in the business outlook are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. In addition to factors discussed above, other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include the following: general market and business conditions, pricing pressure, continued success in technology advancements and timely release of new products and services, changes in customer ordering patterns, failure to grow internet-related businesses and operational results and equity financings of partially owned affiliates. Further information on potential factors that could affect the financial results of Autodesk are included in the Company's Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2001, which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Autodesk will host a toll free conference call at 888-813-7836 and an audio web cast on the first quarter results beginning at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time at www.Autodesk.com/investor. An audio web cast replay will be available until June 1, 2001.

A summary of Autodesk's financial results is as follows:

Three months ended April 30	2001	2000
Net revenues	\$245,740,000	\$231,259,000
Net income (1)	\$27,900,000	\$25,606,000
Pro forma net income (2)	\$31,567,000	\$30,161,000
Diluted net income per share (1)	\$0.50	\$0.41
Pro forma diluted net income per share (2)	\$0.57	\$0.48

- (1) Net income for the quarter ended April 30, 2000 includes nonrecurring credits of \$0.8 million or \$0.01 per diluted share.
- (2) Pro forma results for the quarter ended April 31, 2001, exclude amortization of goodwill and purchased intangibles of \$5.3 million or \$0.10 per diluted share. Pro forma results for the quarter ended April 30, 2000, exclude amortization of goodwill and purchased intangibles of \$7.8 million or \$0.12 per diluted share and nonrecurring credits of \$0.8 million or \$0.01 per diluted share.

About Autodesk

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