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AKAMAI REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2008 FINANCIAL RESULTS

• Revenue grew to \$194.0 million, up 27 percent year-over-year

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- GAAP net income was \$34.3 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share, up 59 percent year-over-year
- Normalized net income* was \$76.5 million, or \$0.41 per diluted share, up 38 percent year-over-year

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – July 30, 2008 – Akamai Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: AKAM), the leader in powering rich media, dynamic transactions and enterprise applications online, today reported financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2008. Revenue for the second quarter 2008 was \$194.0 million, a 27 percent increase over second quarter 2007 revenue of \$152.7 million, and a four percent increase over first quarter 2008 revenue of \$187.0 million.

Net income in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP, for the second quarter of 2008 was \$34.3 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share.

The Company generated normalized net income* of \$76.5 million, or \$0.41 per normalized diluted share*, in the second quarter of 2008, a 38 percent improvement over 2007 second quarter normalized earnings of \$55.4 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share, which was roughly consistent with the first quarter 2008 normalized net income of \$75.6 million, or \$0.41 per diluted share. (*See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for definitions.)

"We delivered solid results in a challenging environment," said Paul Sagan, president and CEO of Akamai. "We continued to benefit from the diversity of our enterprise-class customer base and increasingly broad portfolio of value-added solutions that have gained significant acceptance in the marketplace."

Adjusted EBITDA* for the second quarter of 2008 was \$92.7 million, a 41 percent increase over second quarter 2007 adjusted EBITDA of \$65.6 million, and a six percent increase over first quarter 2008 adjusted EBITDA of \$87.2 million. Adjusted EBITDA margin* for the second quarter was 48 percent, a five point improvement over the second quarter of last year. (*See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for definitions.)

Cash from operations was \$69.8 million in the second quarter of 2008. Year to date cash from operations was \$157.8 million, up 78 percent over the first half of 2007 cash from operations of \$88.6 million. At the end of the second quarter of 2008, the Company had approximately \$745 million in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities.

The Company had approximately 168.9 million shares of common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2008.

Customers

The number of customers under long-term services contracts at the end of the second quarter increased by 53 to a record 2,725.

Sales through resellers and sales outside the United States accounted for 16 percent and 26 percent, respectively, of revenue for the second quarter 2008.

Quarterly Conference Call

Akamai will host a conference call today at 4:30 p.m. ET that can be accessed through 1-866-831-6234 (or 1-617-213-8854 for international calls) and using passcode No. 88451641. A live Webcast of the call may be accessed at <u>www.akamai.com</u> in the Investor section. In addition, a replay of the call will be available for one week following the conference through the Akamai Website or by calling 1-888-286-8010 (or 1-617-801-6888 for international calls) and using passcode No. 93394260.

The Akamai Difference

Akamai[®] provides market-leading managed services for powering rich media, dynamic transactions, and enterprise applications online. Having pioneered the content delivery market one decade ago, Akamai's services have been adopted by the world's most recognized brands across diverse industries. The alternative to centralized Web infrastructure, Akamai's global network of tens of thousands of distributed servers provides the scale, reliability, insight and performance for businesses to succeed online. An S&P 500 and NASDAQ 100 company, Akamai has transformed the Internet into a more viable place to inform, entertain, interact, and collaborate. To experience The Akamai Difference, visit <u>www.akamai.com</u>.

Financial Statements

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(dollar amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Ju	ne 30, 2008	December 31, 2007			
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	165,417	\$	145,078		
Marketable securities		122,820		400,580		
Restricted marketable securities		3,460		511		
Accounts receivable, net		125,765		118,944		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		36,755		29,929		
Current assets		454,217		695,042		
Marketable securities		453,792		84,237		
Restricted marketable securities		153		3,102		
Property and equipment, net		158,067		134,546		
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net		442,064		449,137		
Other assets		5,503		4,520		
Deferred tax assets, net		241,621		285,463		
Total assets	\$	1,755,417	\$	1,656,047		
Liabilities and stockholders' equity						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	67,286	\$	74,773		
Other current liabilities		14,056		13,602		
Current liabilities		81,342		88,375		
Other liabilities		11,623		9,265		
Convertible notes		199,855		199,855		
Total liabilities		292,820		297,495		
Stockholders' equity		1,462,597		1,358,552		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,755,417	\$	1,656,047		

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(amounts in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

		Thre	e Mon	ths Ended	Six Months Ended					
		lune 30, 2008		arch 31, 2008	June 30, 2007		lune 30, 2008	June 30, 2007		
Revenues	\$	194,004	\$	187,019	\$ 152,654	\$	381,023	\$	291,928	
Costs and operating expenses:										
Cost of revenues * †		53,688		51,575	39,759		105,263		74,239	
Research and development *		9,519		9,304	11,663		18,823		22,267	
Sales and marketing *		41,188		35,944	37,739		77,132		74,488	
General and administrative * †		33,803		33,266	29,779		67,069		57,257	
Amortization of other intangible assets		3,491		3,590	2,932		7,081		5,744	
Restructuring benefit		-		-	(178)		-		(178)	
Total costs and operating expenses		141,689		133,679	 121,694		275,368		233,817	
Operating income		52,315		53,340	 30,960		105,655		58,111	
Interest income, net		(4,780)		(7,331)	(5,243)		(12,111)		(9,975)	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt		-		-	-		-		1	
Gain on investments, net		(64)		(208)	-		(272)		-	
Other expense (income), net		970		(476)	 572		494		776	
Income before provision for income taxes		56,189		61,355	 35,631		117,544		67,309	
Provision for income taxes		21,855		24,444	 13,985		46,299		26,484	
Net income	\$	34,334	\$	36,911	\$ 21,646	\$	71,245	\$	40,825	
Net income per share:										
Basic	\$	0.21	\$	0.22	\$ 0.13	\$	0.43	\$	0.25	
Diluted	\$	0.19	\$	0.20	\$ 0.12	\$	0.38	\$	0.23	
Shares used in per share calculations:										
Basic		167,417		165,959	164,798		166,688		163,184	
Diluted		187,641		185,744	185,601		187,493		184,648	

* Includes stock-related compensation (see supplemental table for figures)

† Includes depreciation and amortization (see supplemental table for figures)

	Thr			onths Ended			Six Months Ended				
		June 30, 2008		March 31, 2008		June 30, 2007		June 30, 2008		une 30, 2007	
Supplemental financial data (in thousands):											
Stock-related compensation:											
Cost of revenues	\$	599	\$	566	\$	847	\$	1,165	\$	1,586	
Research and development		2,662		2,448		3,944		5,110		7,920	
Sales and marketing		7,104		4,949		6,471		12,053		13,298	
General and administrative	_	6,632		3,288		5,946		9,920		11,234	
Total stock-related compensation	\$	16,997	\$	11,251	\$	17,208	\$	28,248	\$	34,038	
Depreciation and amortization:											
Network-related depreciation	\$	16,719	\$	15,399	\$	12,277	\$	32,118	\$	22,455	
Capitalized stock-related compensation amortization		1,014		861		401		1,875		589	
Other depreciation and amortization		2,187		2,797		1,967		4,984		3,638	
Amortization of other intangible assets		3,491		3,590		2,932		7,081		5,744	
Total depreciation and amortization	\$	23,411	\$	22,647	\$	17,577	\$	46,058	\$	32,426	
Capital expenditures:											
Purchases of property and equipment	\$	24,032	\$	21,911	\$	25,579	\$	45,943	\$	53,121	
Capitalized internal-use software		6,278		6,301		4,113		12,579		8,114	
Capitalized stock-related compensation		1,920		1,671		1,427		3,591		2,811	
Total capital expenditures	\$	32,230	\$	29,883	\$	31,119	\$	62,113	\$	64,046	
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents, marketable											
securities and restricted marketable securities	\$	58,548	\$	53,586	\$	23,895	\$	112,134	\$	69,472	
End of period statistics:											
Number of customers under recurring contract		2,725		2,672		2,555					
Number of employees		1,471		1,394		1,261					
Number of deployed servers		36,148		34,551		27,322					

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(amounts in thousands) (unaudited)

		, 			Six Months Ended					
		Three une 30,		hs Ended arch 31,			June 30, 2008			une 30,
	J	2008	IVI	2008	J	une 30, 2007			J	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:	¢	04.004	¢	00.011	•	01.040	¢	74.045	¢	40.005
Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisitions:	\$	34,334	\$	36,911	\$	21,646	\$	71,245	\$	40,825
Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets and deferred financing costs		23,621		22,857		17,788		46,478		32,847
Stock-related compensation		16,997		11,251		17,208		28,248		34,038
Provision for deferred tax assets, net		20,735		23,217		13,437		43,952		25,138
Excess tax benefits from stock-related compensation		(7,005)		(3,277)		(4,618)		(10,282)		(15,973)
(Gains) losses on investments, property and equipment and foreign currency, net		(32)		(271)		14		(303)		40
Provision for doubtful accounts		383		353		594		736		1,109
Non-cash portion of loss on early extinguishment of debt		-		-		-		-		1
Non-cash portion of restructuring benefit		-		-		(178)		-		(178)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:										
Accounts receivable		(3,636)		(2,072)		(12,156)		(5,708)		(11,497)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(6,684)		(2,131)		(307)		(8,815)		(5,433)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(7,179)		(928)		(15,797)		(8,107)		(15,103)
Accrued restructuring		(379)		(164)		(818)		(543)		(1,496)
Deferred revenue		(1,423)		2,522		(1,003)		1,099		3,114
Other noncurrent assets and liabilities		62		(259)		(35)		(197)		1,216
Net cash provided by operating activities		69,794		88,009		35,775		157,803		88,648
Cash flows from investing activities:										
Cash of acquired business		-		-		2,440		-		7,875
Purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software										
costs		(30,310)		(28,212)		(29,692)		(58,522)		(61,235)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments		95,349		154,466		104,414		249,815		156,083
Purchases of investments		(198,277)		(160,182)		(152,831)		(358,459)		(206,110)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		7		67		-		74		-
Net cash used in investing activities		(133,231)		(33,861)		(75,669)		(167,092)		(103,387)
Cash flows from financing activities:										
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under stock option										
and employee stock purchase plans		13,623		4,509		11,059		18,132		17,751
Excess tax benefits from stock-related compensation		7,005		3,277		4,618		10,282		15,973
Payments on capital leases		-		-		(23)		-		(23)
Net cash provided by financing activities		20,628		7,786		15,654	_	28,414		33,701
Effects of exchange rate translation on cash and cash equivalents		(269)		1,483		157		1,214		605
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(43,078)		63,417		(24,083)		20,339		19,567
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		208,495		145,078		124,245		145,078		80,595
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	165,417	\$	208,495	\$	100,162	\$	165,417	\$	100,162

*Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to providing financial measurements based on generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP), Akamai has historically provided additional financial metrics that are not prepared in accordance with GAAP (non-GAAP). Recent legislative and regulatory changes discourage the use of and emphasis on non-GAAP financial metrics and require companies to explain why non-GAAP financial metrics are relevant to management and investors. We believe that the inclusion of these non-GAAP financial measures in this press release helps investors to gain a meaningful understanding of our past performance and future prospects, consistent with how management measures and forecasts our performance, especially when comparing such results to previous periods or forecasts. Our management uses these non-GAAP measures, in addition to GAAP financial measures, as the basis for measuring our core operating performance and comparing such performance to that of prior periods and to the performance of our competitors. These measures are also used by management in its financial and operational decision-making.

There are limitations associated with reliance on these non-GAAP financial metrics because they are specific to our operations and financial performance, which makes comparisons with other companies' financial results more challenging. By providing both GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures, we believe that investors are able to compare our GAAP results to those of other companies while also gaining a better understanding of our operating performance as evaluated by management.

Akamai defines "Adjusted EBITDA" as net income, before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets, stock-related compensation expense, amortization of capitalized stock-related compensation, restructuring charges and benefits, certain gains and losses on investments, foreign exchange gains and losses, loss on early extinguishment of debt, utilization of tax NOLs/credits and release of the deferred tax asset valuation allowance. Akamai considers Adjusted EBITDA to be an important indicator of the Company's operational strength and performance of its business and a good measure of the Company's historical operating trend.

Adjusted EBITDA eliminates items that are either not part of the Company's core operations, such as investment gains and losses, foreign exchange gains and losses, early debt extinguishment and net interest expense, or do not require a cash outlay, such as stock-related compensation. Adjusted EBITDA also excludes depreciation and amortization expense, which is based on the Company's estimate of the useful life of tangible and intangible assets. These estimates could vary from actual performance of the asset, are based on historic cost incurred to build out the Company's deployed network, and may not be indicative of current or future capital expenditures.

Akamai defines "Adjusted EBITDA margin" as a percentage of Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues. Akamai considers Adjusted EBITDA margin to be an indicator of the Company's operating trend and performance of its business in relation to its revenue growth.

Akamai defines "capital expenditures" or "capex" as purchases of property and equipment, capitalization of internal-use software development costs and capitalization of stock-related compensation. Capital expenditures or capex are disclosed in Akamai's condensed consolidated Statement of Cash Flows in the company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Akamai defines "normalized net income" as net income before amortization of other intangible assets, stock-related compensation expense, amortization of capitalized stock-related compensation, restructuring charges and benefits, certain gains and losses on investments, loss on early extinguishment of debt, utilization of tax NOLs/credits and release of the deferred tax asset valuation allowance. Akamai considers normalized net income to be another important indicator of the overall performance of the Company because it eliminates the effects of events that are either not part of the Company's core operations or are non-cash.

Akamai defines "diluted shares used in normalized net income per share calculation" as diluted common shares outstanding used in GAAP net income per share calculation, excluding the effect of FAS 123R under the treasury stock method. Akamai considers

normalized net income to be another important indicator of overall performance of the Company because it eliminates the effect of a non-cash item.

Adjusted EBITDA and normalized net income should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, the Company's operating income and net income, as well as other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation G issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company is presenting the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures and reconciling the non-GAAP financial metrics to the comparable GAAP measures.

	Three Months Ended						Six Months Ende				
		lune 30, 2008	March 31, 2008		June 30, 2007		June 30, 2008			June 30, 2007	
Net income	\$	34,334	\$	36,911	\$	21,646	\$	71,245	\$	40,825	
Amortization of intangible assets Stock-related compensation Amortization of capitalized stock-related compensation Gain on investments, net		3,491 16,997 1,014 (64)		3,590 11,251 861 (208)		2,932 17,208 401 -		7,081 28,248 1,875 (272)		5,744 34,038 589 -	
Utilization of tax NOLs/credits Loss on early extinguishment of debt Restructuring benefit		20,735 - -		23,217 - -		13,437 - (178)		43,952 - -		25,138 1 (178)	
Total normalized net income:		76,507		75,622		55,446		152,129		106,157	
Interest income, net Provision for income taxes Depreciation and amortization Other expense (income), net		(4,780) 1,120 18,906 970		(7,331) 1,227 18,196 (476)		(5,243) 548 14,244 572		(12,111) 2,347 37,102 <u>494</u>		(9,975) 1,346 26,093 <u>776</u>	
Total Adjusted EBITDA:	\$	92,723	\$	87,238	\$	65,567	\$	179,961	\$	124,397	
Normalized net income per share: Basic Diluted	\$ \$	0.46 0.41	\$ \$	0.46 0.41	\$ \$	0.34 0.30	\$ \$	0.91 0.81	\$ \$	0.65 0.58	
Shares used in normalized per share calculations: Basic Diluted		167,417 188,970		165,959 186,826		164,798 187,432		166,688 188,835		163,184 186,320	

Reconciliation of GAAP net income to Normalized net income and Adjusted EBITDA (amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Akamai Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act

This release contains information about future expectations, plans and prospects of Akamai's management that constitute forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions under The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements concerning the expected growth and development of our business and expectations with respect to revenue. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by these forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors including, but not limited to, failure to maintain the prices we charge for our services, deteriorating macroeconomic conditions, failure to increase our revenue and keep our expenses consistent with revenues, the effects of any attempts to intentionally disrupt our services or network by unauthorized users or others, failure to have available sufficient transmission capacity, a failure of Akamai's services or network infrastructure, inability to realize the benefits of our net operating loss

carryforward, delay in developing or failure to develop new service offerings or functionalities, and if developed, lack of market acceptance of such service offerings and functionalities, and other factors that are discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and other documents periodically filed with the SEC.

In addition, the statements in this press release represent Akamai's expectations and beliefs as of the date of this press release. Akamai anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause these expectations and beliefs to change. However, while Akamai may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Akamai's expectations or beliefs as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

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