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NETSCOUT Reports First Quarter Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Results

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WESTFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.** (NASDAQ: NTCT), a leading provider of service assurance, security, and business analytics, today announced financial results for its first quarter fiscal year 2022 ended June 30, 2021.

"Our first-quarter performance provides a solid start to fiscal year 2022," stated Anil Singhal, NETSCOUT's president and chief executive officer. "Strong first-quarter product revenue growth in both the Service Assurance and Cybersecurity product lines drove our overall revenue increase and contributed to improved diluted earnings per share compared with the same quarter in the prior fiscal year."

Commenting on the Company's plans and outlook for fiscal year 2022, Singhal said, "As the world continues to emerge from the pandemic, we remain focused on meeting our customers' needs for Service Assurance and Cybersecurity solutions that solve some of the connected world's toughest challenges. We continue to see opportunities for our products and services in the emerging technology trends that we believe will benefit NETSCOUT in the future, such as 5G, digital transformation through cloud migration, and the expanding cybersecurity threat landscape."

Q1 FY22 Financial Results

Total revenue (GAAP and non-GAAP) for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 was \$190.3 million, compared with \$183.8 million in the same quarter one year ago. A reconciliation of GAAP and non-GAAP results is included in the attached financial tables.

Product revenue (GAAP and non-GAAP) for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 was \$82.0 million, which was

approximately 43% of total revenue. This compares with first-quarter fiscal year 2021 product revenue (GAAP and non-GAAP) of \$71.7 million, which was approximately 39% of total revenue.

Service revenue (GAAP and non-GAAP) for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 was \$108.3 million, or approximately 57% of total revenue, compared to service revenue (GAAP and non-GAAP) of \$112.1 million, or approximately 61% of total revenue, for the same period one year ago.

NETSCOUT's loss from operations (GAAP) was \$10.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2022, compared with a loss from operations (GAAP) of \$14.5 million in the comparable quarter one year ago. First-quarter fiscal year 2022 non-GAAP EBITDA from operations was \$27.6 million, or 14.5% of non-GAAP quarterly revenue, compared with \$26.6 million of non-GAAP EBITDA from operations, or 14.5% of non-GAAP quarterly revenue in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021. The Company's first-quarter fiscal year 2022 (GAAP) operating margin was -5.6% versus -7.9% in the prior fiscal year's first quarter. First-quarter fiscal year 2022 non-GAAP income from operations was \$21.8 million with a non-GAAP operating margin of 11.4%. This compares with first-quarter fiscal year 2021 non-GAAP income from operations of \$20.6 million and a non-GAAP operating margin of 11.2%.

Net loss (GAAP) for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 was \$11.3 million, or \$0.15 per share (diluted) versus net loss (GAAP) of \$17.4 million, or \$0.24 per share, for the first quarter of fiscal year 2021. On a non-GAAP basis, net income for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 was \$15.0 million, or \$0.20 per share (diluted), which compares with \$12.2 million, or \$0.17 per share (diluted), for the first quarter of fiscal year 2021.

As of June 30, 2021, cash, cash equivalents, and short and long-term marketable securities were \$493.9 million, compared with \$476.5 million as of March 31, 2021, and \$426.5 million as of June 30, 2020. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2022, NETSCOUT did not repurchase any shares of its common stock through its share repurchase program. At the end of the first quarter, NETSCOUT had \$350.0 million outstanding on its revolving credit facility. On July 27, 2021, NETSCOUT leveraged the favorable financing market environment to amend and extend its revolving credit facility. The amended \$800 million revolving credit facility extends the maturity from January 2023 to July 2026, increases financial flexibility, and lowers financing cost.

Outlook:

NETSCOUT is reiterating its (GAAP and non-GAAP) revenue outlook as well as its non-GAAP diluted net income per share outlook issued on May 6, 2021. The Company is updating its GAAP diluted net income per share range to take into account accelerated charges associated with the early amendment of its revolving credit facility, higher stock-based compensation cost including the new performance-based restricted stock units discussed in its recently issued 2021 Proxy Statement, and amortization of an acquired trade name intangible asset. The current outlook is as follows:

- GAAP and non-GAAP revenue expectations remain in the range of \$835 million to \$865 million.
- GAAP net income per share (diluted) is now expected to be in the range of \$0.36 to \$0.42 vs. the prior outlook

range of \$0.44 to \$0.50. Non-GAAP net income per share (diluted) expectations remain in the range of \$1.71 to \$1.77.

• A reconciliation between GAAP and non-GAAP revenue and net income per share (diluted) for NETSCOUT's guidance is included in the attached financial tables.

Conference Call Instructions:

NETSCOUT will host a conference call to discuss its first-quarter fiscal year 2022 financial results today at 8:30 a.m. ET. This call will be webcast live through NETSCOUT's website at

https://ir.netscout.com/investors/overview/default.aspx. Alternatively, people can listen to the call by dialing (785) 424-1670. The conference call ID is NTCTQ122. A replay of the call will be available after 12:00 p.m. ET on July 29, 2021 for approximately one week. The number for the replay is (800) 839-5241 for U.S./Canada and (402) 220-2698 for international callers.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information:

To supplement the financial measures presented in NETSCOUT's press release in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), NETSCOUT also reports the following non-GAAP measures: non-GAAP revenue, non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per share (diluted) and non-GAAP earnings before interest and other expense, income taxes, depreciation, amortization, and (EBITDA) from operations. Non-GAAP revenue eliminates the GAAP effects of acquisitions by adding back revenue related to deferred revenue revaluation. Non-GAAP gross profit includes the aforementioned revenue adjustments and also removes expenses related to the amortization of acquired intangible assets, share based compensation, and acquisition-related depreciation. Non-GAAP income from operations includes the aforementioned adjustments and also removes business development and integration expense, compensation for post-combination services, legal expenses related to a civil judgment, restructuring charges, and costs related to new accounting standard implementation, and removes transitional service agreement expenses. Non-GAAP net income includes the foregoing adjustments related to non-GAAP income from operations, net of related income tax effects while removing transitional service agreement expenses. Non-GAAP EBITDA from operations includes the aforementioned items related to non-GAAP income from operations and also removes non-acquisition related depreciation expense. Investors are encouraged to review the related GAAP financial measures and the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures included in the attached tables within this press release.

These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with GAAP, should not be considered an alternative for measures prepared in accordance with GAAP (revenue, gross profit, operating margin, net income, and diluted net income per share), and may have limitations because they do not reflect all NETSCOUT's results of operations as determined in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP measures should only be used to evaluate NETSCOUT's results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures. The presentation of non-GAAP information is not meant to be considered superior to, in isolation from or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

NETSCOUT believes these non-GAAP financial measures will enhance the reader's overall understanding of NETSCOUT's current financial performance and NETSCOUT's prospects for the future by providing a higher degree of transparency for certain financial measures and providing a level of disclosure that helps investors understand how the Company plans and measures its own business. NETSCOUT believes that providing these non-GAAP measures affords investors a view of NETSCOUT's operating results that may be more easily compared to peer companies and also enables investors to consider NETSCOUT's operating results on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis during and following the integration period of NETSCOUT's acquisitions. Presenting the GAAP measures on their own, without the supplemental non-GAAP disclosures, might not be indicative of NETSCOUT's core operating results. Furthermore, NETSCOUT believes that the presentation of non-GAAP measures when shown in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures provides useful information to management and investors regarding present and future business trends relating to its financial condition and results of operations.

NETSCOUT management regularly uses supplemental non-GAAP financial measures internally to understand, manage and evaluate its business and to make operating decisions. These non-GAAP measures are among the primary factors that management uses in planning and forecasting.

About NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. (NASDAQ: NTCT) assures digital business services against disruptions in availability, performance, and security. Our market and technology leadership stems from combining our patented smart data technology with smart analytics. We provide real-time, pervasive visibility, and insights customers need to accelerate and secure their digital transformation. Our approach transforms the way organizations plan, deliver, integrate, test, and deploy services and applications. Our nGenius service assurance solutions provide real-time, contextual analysis of service, network, and application performance. Arbor security solutions protect against DDoS attacks that threaten availability and advanced threats that infiltrate networks to steal critical business assets. To learn more about improving service, network, and application performance in physical or virtual data centers, or in the cloud, and how NETSCOUT's performance and security solutions, powered by service intelligence can help you move forward with confidence, visit www.netscout.com or follow @NETSCOUT and @ArborNetworks on Twitter, Facebook, or LinkedIn.

Safe Harbor

Forward-looking statements in this release are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and other federal securities laws. Investors are cautioned that statements in this press release, which are not strictly historical statements, including without limitation, statements regarding NETSCOUT's focus on solving some of the connected world's toughest challenges, that NETSCOUT continues to see opportunities for its products and services in the emerging technology trends that it believes will benefit NETSCOUT in the future, such as 5G, digital transformation through cloud migration, and the expanding cybersecurity threat landscape, and its outlook for fiscal year 2022, constitute forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements due to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors. Such factors include COVID-19 related impacts, slowdowns or downturns in economic conditions generally and in the market for advanced network, service assurance and cybersecurity solutions specifically; the volatile foreign exchange environment; the Company's relationships with strategic partners and resellers; dependence upon broad-based acceptance of the Company's network performance management solutions; the presence of competitors with greater financial resources than we have, and their strategic response to our products; our ability to retain key executives and employees; the Company's ability to realize the anticipated savings from recent restructuring actions and other expense management programs; lower than expected demand for the Company's products and services; and the timing and magnitude of stock buyback activity based on market conditions, corporate considerations, debt agreements, and regulatory requirements. For a more detailed description of the risk factors associated with the Company, please refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. NETSCOUT assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking information

contained in this press release or with respect to the announcements described herein.

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NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended

	June 30,			
	2021		-	2020
Revenue: Product Service Total revenue	\$	81,950 108,322 190,272	\$	71,693 112,122 183,815
Cost of revenue: Product Service Total cost of revenue		23,165 31,245 54,410		21,152 31,828 52,980
Gross profit	-	135,862		130,835
Operating expenses: Research and development Sales and marketing General and administrative Amortization of acquired intangible assets Restructuring charges		42,820 65,958 22,745 15,006		45,381 59,434 25,153 15,261 93
Total operating expenses		146,529		145,322
Loss from operations Interest and other expense, net		(10,667) (2,420)		(14,487) (4,780)
Loss before income tax benefit Income tax benefit Net loss	\$	(13,087) (1,746) (11,341)	\$	(19,267) (1,847) (17,420)
Basic net loss per share Diluted net loss per share Weighted average common shares outstanding used in computing: Net loss per share - basic Net loss per share - diluted	\$	(0.15) (0.15) 73,859 73,859	\$	(0.24) (0.24) 72,303 72,303

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands)

Accepte	-	une 30, 2021 aaudited)	N	larch 31, 2021
Assets Current assets: Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities Accounts receivable and unbilled costs, net Inventories Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$	493,905 146,199 20,841 35,311	\$	476,453 197,717 22,813 25,489
Total current assets		696,256		722,472
Fixed assets, net Goodwill and intangible assets, net Operating lease right-of-use assets Other assets		46,973 2,210,504 58,899 20,422		48,474 2,229,420 61,512 23,160
Total assets	\$	3,033,054	\$	3,085,038
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Current liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued compensation Accrued other Current portion of operating lease liabilities Deferred revenue and customer deposits	\$	16,961 53,292 27,218 12,125 257,969	\$	17,964 83,057 28,152 12,354 269,748
Total current liabilities		367,565		411,275
Other long-term liabilities Deferred tax liability Accrued long-term retirement benefits Long-term deferred revenue Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion Long-term debt		22,180 89,591 40,255 101,929 58,579 350,000		21,641 92,287 39,479 103,310 61,267 350,000
Total liabilities		1,030,099		1,079,259
Stockholders' equity: Common stock Additional paid-in capital Accumulated other comprehensive loss Treasury stock, at cost Retained earnings		124 2,968,631 (1,877) (1,327,273) 363,350		124 2,955,400 (1,940) (1,322,496) 374,691
Total stockholders' equity		2,002,955		2,005,779
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	3,033,054	\$	3,085,038

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. Reconciliation of Current GAAP to Current and Historical Non-GAAP Financial Measures (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

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	Т	Three Months Ended June 30,			Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2021		2020		2021		
Revenue (GAAP) Service deferred revenue fair value adjustment	\$	190,272	\$	183,815 2	\$	213,389 1		
Non-GAAP Revenue	\$	190,272	\$	183,817	\$	213,390		
Gross Profit (GAAP) Service deferred revenue fair value adjustment	\$	135,862 - 1,887	\$	130,835 2 1,595	\$	158,447 1 1,493		
Share-based compensation expense (1) Amortization of acquired intangible assets (2) Acquisition related depreciation expense (5)	_	3,360 5	_	4,735 6		4,782 6		
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	\$	141,114	\$	137,173	\$	164,729		
Income (Loss) from Operations (GAAP) Service deferred revenue fair value adjustment	\$	(10,667)	\$	(14,487)	\$	16,068		
Share-based compensation expense (1) Amortization of acquired intangible assets (2) Business development and integration expense (3)		13,965 18,366 (5)		12,096 19,996 16		11,543 20,016 (14)		
Compensation for post-combination services (4) Restructuring charges		(5) 2		64 93		`61´ -		
Acquisition related depreciation expense (5) Transitional service agreement expense (6) Legal judgments expense (7)		60 58		61 - 2,804		60 57		
Non-GAAP Income from Operations	\$	21,779	\$	20,645	\$	47,792		
Net Income (Loss) (GAAP) Service deferred revenue fair value adjustment	\$	(11,341)	\$	(17,420)	\$	11,437 1		
Share-based compensation expense (أ) Amortization of acquired intangible assets (2)		13,965 18,366		12,096 19,996		11,543 20,016		
Business development and integration expense (3) Compensation for post-combination services (4) Restructuring charges		(5) 2		16 64 93		(14) 61		
Restructuring charges Acquisition related depreciation expense (5) Legal judgments expense (7)		60		61 2,804		60		
Income tax adjustments (8) Non-GAAP Net Income	\$	(6,089) 14,958	\$	(5,496 <u>)</u> 12,216	\$	(6,619) 36,485		
Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share (GAAP)	\$	(0.15)	\$	(0.24)	\$	0.15		
Share impact of non-GAAP adjustments identified above Non-GAAP Diluted Net Income Per Share	\$	0.35	\$	0.41	\$	0.34 0.49		
Shares used in computing non-GAAP diluted net income per share		75,212		73,454		74,766		

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. Reconciliation of Current GAAP to Current and Historical Non-GAAP Financial Measures - Continued (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2021 2020),	Thre	ee Months Ended March 31, 2021
(1) Share-based compensation expense included in these amounts is as follows: Cost of product revenue Cost of service revenue Research and development Sales and marketing General and administrative Total share-based compensation expense	\$	274 1,613 4,091 4,814 3,173 13,965	\$	245 1,350 3,781 3,992 2,728 12,096	\$	201 1,292 3,560 3,726 2,764 11,543
(2) Amortization expense related to acquired software and product technology, tradenames, customer relationships included in these amounts is as follows: Cost of product revenue Operating expenses Total amortization expense	\$	3,360 15,006 18,366	\$	4,735 15,261 19,996	\$	4,782 15,234 20,016
(3) Business development and integration expense included in these amounts is as follows: General and administrative Total business development and integration expense	\$	(5) (5)	\$	16 16	\$	(14) (14)
(4) Compensation for post-combination services included in these amounts is as follows: Research and development Sales and marketing Total compensation for post-combination services	\$	2 -	\$	63 1 64	\$	59 2 61
(5) Acquisition related depreciation expense included in these amounts is as follows:	\$	3 2 42 9 4 60	\$	4 2 42 9 4	\$	4 2 42 8 4 60
(6) Transitional service agreement (income) expense included in these amounts is as follows: Research and development Sales and marketing General and administrative Other (income) expense, net Total transitional service agreement (income) expense	\$	6 10 42 (58)	\$	- - - -	\$	7 8 42 (57)
(7) Legal judgments expense included in these amounts is as follows: General and administrative Total legal judgments expense	\$		\$	2,804 2,804	\$	-
(8) Total income tax adjustment included in these amounts is as follows: Tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments above Total income tax adjustments	\$	(6,089) (6,089)	\$	(5,496) (5,496)	\$	(6,619) (6,619)

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. Reconciliation of Current GAAP to Current and Historical Non-GAAP Financial Measures -Non-GAAP EBITDA from Operations (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Three Months Ended March 31,		
		2021		2020		2021	
Income (loss) from operations (GAAP) Previous adjustments to determine non-GAAP income from operations Non-GAAP Income from operations	\$	(10,667) 32,446 21,779	\$	(14,487) 35,132 20,645	\$	16,068 31,724 47,792	
Depreciation excluding acquisition related		5,811		5,952		6,114	
Non-GAAP EBITDA from operations	\$	27,590	\$	26,597	\$	53,906	

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. Reconciliation of GAAP Financial Guidance to Non-GAAP Financial Guidance (Unaudited)

(In millions, except net income per share - diluted)

GAAP & Non-GAAP revenue	FY'21 FY'22 \$ 831.3 ~\$835 million to ~\$865 million
GAAP net income Deferred service revenue fair value adjustment Amortization of intangible assets Share-based compensation expenses Business development & integration expenses* Unamortized debt issuance expense Legal judgments expense New accounting standard implementation	FY'21 FY'22 \$ 19.4
Restructuring costs Total adjustments Related impact of adjustments on income tax Non-GAAP net income	\$ 0.1 - \$ 135.5 ~\$127 million to ~\$128 million \$ (29.0) (~\$27 million) \$ 125.8 ~\$128 million to ~\$133 million
GAAP net income per share (diluted) Non-GAAP net income per share (diluted)	\$ 0.26 ~\$0.36 to ~\$0.42 \$ 1.70 ~\$1.71 to ~\$1.77
Average weighted shares outstanding (diluted GAAP) Average weighted shares outstanding (diluted Non-GAAP)	73.8 ~75 million 73.8 ~75 million

^{*}Business development & integration expenses include compensation for post-combination services and acquisition-related depreciation expense **Figures in table may not total due to rounding

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