



Rush Enterprises, Inc. Reports Record Results

Year to Date Net Income Increases 32 Percent On a Revenue Increase of 26 Percent

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb 13, 2007 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Rush Enterprises, Inc. (Nasdaq:RUSHA) (Nasdaq:RUSHB), which operates the largest network of heavy-duty and medium-duty truck dealerships in North America and a John Deere construction equipment dealership in Houston, Texas, today announced results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2006.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company's gross revenues totaled \$2.4 billion, a 26% increase compared to gross revenues of \$1.9 billion reported in 2005. Net income was \$58.8 million or \$2.33 per diluted share, a 32% increase over net income of \$44.6 million or \$1.79 per diluted share in 2005.

In the fourth quarter, the Company's gross revenues totaled \$632.1 million, a 23% increase from gross revenues of \$515.5 million reported for the quarter ended December 31, 2005. Net income was \$15.9 million, or \$0.63 per diluted share, during the fourth quarter of 2006, compared to \$12.6 million, or \$0.50 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2005.

The Company began recording stock option expense in the first quarter of 2006 as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R. This non-cash expense totaled \$2.6 million (\$1.7 million after tax or \$0.07 per diluted share) for the year ended December 31 2006 and \$361,000 (\$226,000 after tax or \$0.01 per diluted share) in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The Company's truck segment recorded revenues of \$2.3 billion in 2006, compared to \$1.8 billion in 2005. Overall, the company sold 20,497 new and used trucks in 2006, a 24% increase compared to 16,595 new and used trucks sold in 2005. The Company delivered 11,799 new heavy-duty trucks, 4,693 new medium-duty trucks and 4,005 used trucks during 2006, compared to 10,111 new heavy-duty trucks, 2,807 new medium-duty trucks and 3,677 used trucks in 2005. Parts, service and body shop sales increased from \$343.7 million in 2005 to \$411.6 million in 2006.

The Company's truck segment recorded revenues of \$607.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2006, compared to \$494.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2005. The Company delivered 3,293 new heavy-duty trucks, 1,508 new medium-duty trucks and 994 used trucks during the fourth quarter of 2006, compared to 2,809 new heavy-duty trucks, 831 new medium-duty trucks and 933 used trucks in the fourth quarter of 2005. Parts, service and body shop sales increased from \$90.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 to \$103.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The Company's construction equipment segment recorded revenues of \$77.8 million in 2006, compared to \$57.7 million in 2005. The construction equipment segment recorded revenues of \$18.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2006, compared to \$15.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2005.

W. Marvin Rush, Chairman of Rush Enterprises, Inc., said, "I am pleased to announce that Rush Enterprises achieved another record year, for the third year running. Gross revenue well exceeded the \$2 billion mark for the first time in the company's history, and net income reached record levels as well. Our performance in 2006 can be attributed to a particularly strong year in new and used Class 8 truck sales, significant growth in our medium-duty truck business, improved absorption, expansion of our finance and insurance businesses, increased penetration in niche markets such as the refuse and crane markets and market share growth in our equipment business."

Mr. Rush added, "New emissions standards governing diesel engines went into effect on January 1, 2007 and are expected to cause class 8 truck sales to decrease 40% or more compared to 2006. We believe our first quarter class 8 truck deliveries will remain strong compared to the first quarter of 2006, due to the continued high demand for trucks with engines built before the new emissions standards took effect. Class 8 truck deliveries will decrease in the second and third quarters as the industry transitions into the new engines. We anticipate the class 8 truck deliveries will begin to rebound in the fourth quarter of 2007. We expect strong class 8 markets in 2008 and 2009 as customers purchase trucks in advance of even more stringent diesel engine emissions standards that will go into effect in 2010."

Rusty Rush, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rush Enterprises, Inc., said, "We have known that there would be a sharp

Assets	(Unaudited)	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 161,558	\$ 133,069
Accounts receivable, net	74,441	63,473
Inventories	484,696	338,212
Prepaid expenses and other	2,128	1,829
Deferred income taxes, net	7,496	3,856
Total current assets	730,319	540,439
Property and equipment, net	278,690	196,161
Goodwill, net	117,071	100,725
Other assets, net	2,330	2,909
Total assets	\$1,128,410	\$ 840,234
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Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Floor plan notes payable	\$ 446,354	\$ 315,985
Current maturities of long-term debt	25,999	18,807
Current maturities of capital lease obligations	2,933	2,277
Advances outstanding under lines of credit	--	2,755
Trade accounts payable	37,449	23,327
Accrued expenses	61,287	51,151
Total current liabilities	574,022	414,302
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	166,125	114,345
Capital lease obligations, net of current maturities	14,799	14,628
Deferred income taxes, net	33,856	23,339
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share; 1,000,000 shares authorized; 0 shares outstanding in 2006 and 2005	--	--
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; 40,000,000 class A shares and 10,000,000 class B shares authorized; 17,069,494 class A shares and 8,072,226 class B shares outstanding in 2006; 16,770,060 class A shares and 7,895,863 class B shares outstanding in 2005	251	247
Additional paid-in capital	169,801	162,603
Retained earnings	169,556	110,770
Total shareholders' equity	339,608	273,620

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	----- 2006 -----	----- 2005 -----	----- 2006 -----	----- 2005 -----
Revenues:				
New and used truck sales	\$489,073	\$392,079	\$1,780,418	\$1,400,736
Parts and service	110,925	96,483	441,424	365,908
Construction equipment sales	13,466	11,809	59,545	41,692
Lease and rental	11,230	9,150	41,776	33,975
Finance and insurance	5,410	3,864	19,197	15,356
Other	2,026	2,098	8,163	7,103
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Total revenue	632,130	515,483	2,350,523	1,864,770
Cost of products sold:				
New and used truck sales	455,235	366,532	1,652,913	1,304,290
Parts and service	66,124	57,647	259,801	215,419
Construction equipment sales	11,593	10,605	52,527	36,509
Lease and rental	9,109	7,063	32,615	25,860
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Total cost of products sold	542,061	441,847	1,997,856	1,582,078
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Gross profit	90,069	73,636	352,667	282,692
Selling, general and administrative	56,738	47,583	230,056	188,667
Depreciation and amortization	3,522	2,800	12,889	10,487
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Operating income	29,809	23,253	109,722	83,538
Interest expense, net	4,419	3,552	15,718	12,895

Gain on sale of assets	97	40	54	495
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Income before taxes	25,487	19,741	94,058	71,138
Provision for income taxes	9,558	7,189	35,272	26,513
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Net income	\$ 15,929	\$ 12,552	\$ 58,786	\$ 44,625
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Earnings per share:				
Earnings per common share - Basic	\$.63	\$.51	\$ 2.35	\$ 1.84
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Earnings per common share - Diluted	\$.63	\$.50	\$ 2.33	\$ 1.79
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Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	25,125	24,504	24,984	24,202
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Diluted	25,326	25,126	25,260	24,957
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