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# **CREATIVE ANNOUNCES Q3 FY07 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

**SINGAPORE – May 2, 2007**– Creative Technology Ltd. (NASDAQ: CREAF), a worldwide leader in digital entertainment products, today announced financial results for the third quarter of fiscal year 2007, ended March 31, 2007. All financial results are stated in U.S. dollars.

Revenues for the third quarter were \$183.8 million, compared to revenues of \$225.7 million for the same quarter last year. Net loss for the third quarter was \$23.6 million, with a loss per share of \$0.28, including restructuring charges of \$3.5 million. This compares to a net loss of \$114.3 million with a loss per share of \$1.38 for the same period last year, including one-time charges of \$41.6 million primarily related to goodwill and restructuring charges for 3Dlabs.

"Our sales for the quarter in the United States and Asia came in below our expectations, with worldwide revenues coming in at \$183.8 million. The lower revenues, with our operating expenses of \$59.6 million before restructuring charges, resulted in an operating loss for the period," said Craig McHugh, president of Creative Labs, Inc.

"During the quarter we continued to take steps that will reduce our operating expense level going forward," continued McHugh. "At the end of the quarter we reduced our worldwide headcount by approximately 10 percent. This resulted in restructuring charges of about \$3 million. We are targeting to reduce our operating expenses to about \$50 million by the end of our first fiscal quarter of 2008."

"In the third quarter we made significant progress toward our goal of reducing our inventory, coming in 24 percent below the previous quarter and 45 percent lower year-over-year," continued McHugh. "Our efforts in reducing our inventory, while providing other key

benefits, helped strengthen our cash position to \$293 million. After the close of the quarter we utilized \$75 million of this \$293 million to pay down our \$175 million syndicated term loan to \$100 million, which will be reflected on our balance sheet for the current quarter."

"Looking forward, we are very excited about key product introductions coming in the current quarter," continued McHugh. "With the potential we see for these exciting new products and our continued efforts to reduce operating expenses, we are now targeting to be profitable in the second half of the calendar year, with gross margins at 20 percent or higher."

### Listen to Creative's Q3 FY07 Analyst Conference Call:

Link to the Q3 earnings conference call live on May 2 at 8:00AM Singapore time (May 1 at 8:00PM Eastern time) via Creative's Investor Relations Web site: <u>http://us.creative.com/corporate/investor/</u>

#### or by calling 1-800-374-2493.

A replay will be available from shortly after the end of the conference call until May 8 via the same link from the IR web site or by calling 1-800-642-1687 or 1-706-645-9291. The reservation number to listen to call is 6343293.

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#### About Creative

Creative (NASDAQ: CREAF) is a worldwide leader in digital entertainment products. Famous for its Sound Blaster<sup>®</sup> audio cards and for launching the multimedia revolution, Creative is now driving digital entertainment on the PC platform with products like its highly acclaimed ZEN portable audio and media players. Creative's innovative hardware, proprietary technology, applications and services leverage the Internet, enabling consumers to experience high-quality digital entertainment -- anytime, anywhere.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements, including statements relating to Creative's gross margins, operating expenses, inventory, profitability and the market potential for its products. These forwardlooking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause Creative's actual results to differ materially. Such risks and uncertainties include: Creative's ability to timely develop new products that gain market acceptance and to manage frequent product transitions; competitive pressures in the marketplace; a reduction or cancellation of sales orders for Creative products; accelerated declines in the average selling prices of Creative's products or any prices of components; Creative's ability to successfully integrate acquisitions; potential fluctuations in quarterly results due to the seasonality of Creative's business and the difficulty of projecting such fluctuations; possible disruption in commercial activities caused by factors outside of Creative's control, such as terrorism, armed conflict and labor disputes; a reduction in demand for computer systems, peripherals and related consumer products as a result of poor economic conditions, social and political turmoil; major health concerns; the proliferation of sound functionality in new products from competitors at the application software, chip and operating system levels; the deterioration of global equity markets; exposure to excess and obsolete inventory; Creative's reliance on sole sources for many of its chips and other key components; component shortages which may impact Creative's ability to meet customer demand; Creative's ability to protect its proprietary rights; the vulnerability of certain markets to current and future currency fluctuations; the effects of restricted fuel availability and rising costs of fuel; fluctuations in the value and liquidity of Creative's investee companies; and the potential decrease in trading volume and value of Creative's Ordinary Shares as a result of the Flow Back Restriction that commenced on June 1, 2003 and Creative's previous plan and any future plans to delist from NASDAQ and to eliminate its U.S. reporting obligations. For further information regarding the risks and uncertainties associated with Creative's business, please refer to its filings with the SEC, including its Form 20-F for fiscal 2006 filed with the SEC. Creative undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to conform the statement to actual results or changes in Creative's expectations.

## CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY LTD. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In US\$'000)

		(Unaudited) March 31, 2007		June 30, 2006		
ASSETS						
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	292,507	\$	213,995		
Accounts receivable, net		119,190		133,002		
Inventory		153,411		234,942		
Other assets and prepaids		38,162		53,248		
Total current assets		603,270		635,187		
Property and equipment, net		99,737		109,174		
Investments		73,305		74,581		
Other non-current assets		9,969		11,671		
Total Assets	\$	786,281	\$	830,613		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	51,288	\$	104,923		
Accrued liabilities		88,160		100,690		
Income taxes payable		17,182		18,930		
Current portion of long term obligations and others		3,974		4,737		
Total current liabilities		160,604		229,280		
Long term obligations		204,342		206,593		
Minority interest in subsidiaries		375		1,587		
Shareholders' equity		420,960		393,153		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	786,281	\$	830,613		

### CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY LTD. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

( In US\$' 000, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31,			Nine months ended March 31,				
		2007		2006		2007		2006
Sales, net	\$	183,828	\$	225,657	\$	849,696	\$	896,656
Cost of goods sold		145,845		235,799		605,163		764,846
Gross profit (loss)		37,983		(10,142)		244,533		131,810
Operating expenses:								
Selling, general and administrative		44,521		51,959		138,714		152,444
Research and development		18,035		18,843		48,856		61,504
Other charges				37,351				37,351
Total operating expenses		62,556		108,153		187,570		251,299
Operating (loss) income		(24,573)		(118,295)		56,963		(119,489)
(Loss) gain from investments, net		(1,276)		2,030		(1,768)		18,938
Interest income		3,085		1,847		7,264		4,241
Interest expense		(2,798)		(2,449)		(8,547)		(6,710)
Others		2,976		2,488		11,803		(2,500)
(Loss) Income before income taxes and minority interest		(22,586)		(114,379)		65,715		(105,520)
Provision for income taxes		(529)		(229)		(19,029)		(482)
Minority interest in (gain) loss		(498)		279		815		575
Net (loss) income	\$	(23,613)	\$	(114,329)	\$	47,501	\$	(105,427)
Basic (loss) earnings per share:	\$	(0.28)	\$	(1.38)	\$	0.57	\$	(1.27)
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding ('000)		83,484		82,895		83,400		83,064
Diluted (loss) earnings per share:	\$	(0.28)	\$	(1.38)	\$	0.57	\$	(1.27)
Weighted average ordinary shares and equivalents outstanding ('000)		83,484		82,895		83,934		83,064

### CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY LTD. SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Three months ended					
	Mar 31,	** Dec 31,	Mar 31,			
	2007	2006	2006			
Revenue by geographical region :						
Americas	32%	34%	41%			
Europe	49%	51%	38%			
Asia and rest of the world	19%	15%	21%			
Revenue by product category :						
Personal Digital Entertainment	52%	68%	60%			
Audio	17%	10%	13%			
Speakers	21%	14%	17%			
Others	10%	8%	10%			

\*\* Note : Exclude Royalty Income from Zen Patent