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PULSE SEISMIC INC. REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2023 RESULTS AND DECLARES REGULAR QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

CALGARY, Alberta, October 24, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Pulse Seismic Inc. (TSX:PSD) (OTCQX:PLSDF) (“Pulse” or the “Company”) is pleased to report its financial and operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, accompanying notes and MD&A are being filed on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) and will be available on Pulse’s website at www.pulseseismic.com.

Pulse’s Board of Directors today approved a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.01375 per share (\$0.055 per share annualized) totalling approximately \$724,000 based on Pulse’s 52,659,363 common shares outstanding as of October 24, 2023, which will be paid on November 21, 2023 to shareholders of record on November 14, 2023. This dividend is designated as an eligible dividend for Canadian income tax purposes. For non-resident shareholders, Pulse’s dividends are subject to Canadian withholding tax.

Pulse considers the return of cash to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks to be a prudent allocation of capital at this time. Excluding the regular dividend approved today, in 2023 the Company has already distributed \$0.19 per share in dividends, representing a yield of approximately 10.8% at today’s closing share price. Additionally, the Company has purchased 945,506 shares for \$1.8 million in the first three quarters of 2023. Since 2003 Pulse has distributed \$78.5 million in dividends and spent \$48.0 million to purchase shares of the Company through its normal course issuer bid.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

- Total revenue was \$5.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, total revenue was \$22.3 million compared to \$7.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022. Data library sales revenue increased in each quarter of 2023 over the 2022 comparative periods;
- Net earnings for the three months ended September 30, 2023 was \$393,000 (\$0.01 per share basic and diluted) compared to a net loss of \$1.7 million (\$0.03 per share basic and diluted) for the three months ended September 30, 2022. Net earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$6.7 million (\$0.13 per share basic and diluted) compared to a net loss of \$5.9 million (\$0.11 per share basic and diluted) for the nine months ended September 30, 2022;
- EBITDA^(a) was \$3.3 million (\$0.06 per share basic and diluted) for the three months ended September 30, 2023, compared to \$741,000 (\$0.01 per share basic and diluted) for the three months ended September 30, 2022. EBITDA was \$16.8 million (\$0.32 per share basic and diluted) for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to \$1.6 million (\$0.03 per share basic and diluted) for the nine months ended September 30, 2022;
- Shareholder free cash flow^(a) was \$2.8 million (\$0.05 per share basic and diluted) for the third quarter of 2023 compared to \$880,000 (\$0.02 per share basic and diluted) for the comparable period in 2022. Shareholder free cash flow was \$13.9 million (\$0.26 per share basic and diluted) for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to \$2.3 million (\$0.04 per share basic and diluted) for the nine months ended September 30, 2022;
- In the third quarter of 2023, Pulse paid a special dividend of \$0.15 per share and a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.01375 per share for a total of \$8.7 million (regular dividend of \$0.0125 per share for a total of \$672,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2022). For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, Pulse paid a total of \$10.1 million compared to \$2.0 million for the same period in 2022;
- In the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023 Pulse purchased and cancelled, through its normal course issuer bid, a total of 945,506 common shares at a total cost of approximately \$1.8 million (average cost of \$1.94 per common share including commissions); and
- At September 30, 2023 Pulse was debt-free and had a cash balance of \$9.8 million. The Company’s \$25.0 million revolving credit facility is undrawn and fully available to the Company.

SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING INFORMATION

(thousands of dollars except per share data, numbers of shares and kilometres of seismic data)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,		Year ended
	2023	2022	2023	2022	December 31,
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)		2022
Revenue					
Data library sales	5,083	2,163	22,203	6,934	9,345
Other revenue	20	15	63	197	225
Total revenue	5,103	2,178	22,266	7,131	9,570
Amortization of seismic data library	2,273	2,444	6,833	7,402	9,818
Net earnings (loss)	393	(1,675)	6,700	(5,959)	(7,907)
Per share basic and diluted	0.01	(0.03)	0.13	(0.11)	(0.15)
Cash provided by operating activities	10,564	829	16,524	11,231	11,992
Per share basic and diluted	0.20	0.02	0.31	0.21	0.22
EBITDA ^(a)	3,289	741	16,839	1,568	2,035
Per share basic and diluted ^(a)	0.06	0.01	0.32	0.03	0.04
Shareholder free cash flow ^(a)	2,793	880	13,883	2,292	3,200
Per share basic and diluted ^(a)	0.05	0.02	0.26	0.04	0.06
Capital expenditures					
Property and equipment	14	-	28	12	12
Regular dividends paid	731	672	2,138	2,015	2,685
Special dividend paid	7,992	-	7,992	-	-
Total dividends paid	8,723	672	10,130	2,015	2,685
Weighted average shares outstanding					
Basic and diluted	53,135,041	53,699,692	53,436,340	53,726,390	53,703,039
Shares outstanding at period-end			52,681,363	53,634,317	53,626,869
Seismic library					
2D in kilometres			829,207	829,207	829,207
3D in square kilometres			65,310	65,310	65,310

FINANCIAL POSITION AND RATIO

(thousands of dollars except ratio)	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2022
Working capital	7,820	6,597	6,593
Working capital ratio	2.3:1	7.5:1	6.8:1
Cash and cash equivalents	9,821	5,811	5,822
Total assets	34,727	37,552	35,222
Long-term debt	-	-	-
Trailing 12-month (TTM) EBITDA ^(b)	17,306	15,403	2,035
Shareholders' equity	28,225	35,964	33,496

^(a) The Company's continuous disclosure documents provide discussion and analysis of "EBITDA", "EBITDA per share", "shareholder free cash flow" and "shareholder free cash flow per share". These financial measures do not have standard definitions prescribed by IFRS and, therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures disclosed by other companies. The Company has included these non-GAAP financial measures because management, investors, analysts and others use them as measures of the Company's financial performance. The Company's definition of EBITDA is cash available to invest in growing the Company's seismic data library, pay interest and principal on its long-term debt, purchase its common shares, pay taxes and the payment of dividends. EBITDA is calculated as earnings (loss) from operations before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA per share is defined as EBITDA divided by the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period. The Company believes EBITDA assists investors in comparing Pulse's results on a consistent basis without regard to non-cash items, such as depreciation and amortization, which can vary significantly depending on accounting methods or non-operating factors such as historical cost. Shareholder free cash flow further refines the calculation by adding back non-cash expenses, net restructuring costs and deducting net financing costs and current income tax expense from EBITDA. Shareholder free cash flow per share is defined as shareholder free cash flow divided by the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period.

^(b) TTM EBITDA is defined as the sum of EBITDA generated over the previous 12 months and is used to provide a comparable annualized measure. These non-GAAP financial measures are defined, calculated and reconciled to the nearest GAAP financial measures in the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

OUTLOOK

With seismic data library sales of \$22.2 million in the first nine months of 2023, Pulse is pleased with the recovery from a slow 2022 and remains optimistic about the remainder of the year. Areas of strength continue to include buoyant global demand for fossil fuels, forecasts for relative strength in industry capital investment and field activities, ongoing corporate profitability, and Alberta mineral lease auctions ("land sales") through September 30 showing the greatest year-to-date strength in nearly a decade. These positive factors are dampened by continued geopolitical instability and a challenging federal regulatory environment.

The Company cautions, as always, that industry conditions do not provide visibility regarding Pulse's seismic data library sales levels. Pulse's key strengths include zero debt, a low-cost structure, high leverage to increased revenue in its EBITDA margin, no capital spending commitments, Canada's largest licensable seismic data library, and strong customer relations.

The Company remains focused on the business practices that have served it throughout the full range of conditions: maintaining a strong balance sheet with access to credit on favourable terms, careful management of cash resources including distributing cash to shareholders when prudent, a low cost structure, a disciplined and rigorous approach to growth opportunities, an experienced and capable management team, and excellent customer care complemented by the initiative to broaden the attractiveness of the seismic data library.

CORPORATE PROFILE

Pulse is a market leader in the acquisition, marketing and licensing of 2D and 3D seismic data to the western Canadian energy sector. Pulse owns the largest licensable seismic data library in Canada, currently consisting of approximately 65,310 square kilometres of 3D seismic and 829,207 kilometres of 2D seismic. The library extensively covers the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, where most of Canada's oil and natural gas exploration and development occur.

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The Outlook section herein contain forward-looking information which includes, but is not limited to, statements regarding:

- > The outlook of the Company for the year ahead, including future operating costs and expected revenues;
- > Recent events on the political, economic, regulatory, public health and legal fronts affecting the industry’s medium- to longer-term prospects, including progression and completion of contemplated pipeline projects;
- > The Company’s capital resources and sufficiency thereof to finance future operations, meet its obligations associated with financial liabilities and carry out the necessary capital expenditures through 2023;
- > Pulse’s capital allocation strategy;
- > Pulse’s dividend policy;
- > Oil and natural gas prices and forecast trends;
- > Oil and natural gas drilling activity and land sales activity;
- > Oil and natural gas company capital budgets;
- > Future demand for seismic data;
- > Future seismic data sales;
- > Pulse’s business and growth strategy; and
- > Other expectations, beliefs, plans, goals, objectives, assumptions, information and statements about possible future events, conditions, results and performance, as they relate to the Company or to the oil and natural gas industry as a whole.

By its very nature, forward-looking information involves inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. Pulse does not publish specific financial goals or otherwise provide guidance, due to the inherently poor visibility of seismic revenue. The Company cautions readers not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of important factors could cause the actual results to differ materially from the beliefs, plans, objectives, expectations and anticipations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking information. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- > Uncertainty of the timing and volume of data sales;
- > Volatility of oil and natural gas prices;
- > Risks associated with the oil and natural gas industry in general;
- > The Company’s ability to access external sources of debt and equity capital;
- > Credit, liquidity and commodity price risks;
- > The demand for seismic data and;
- > The pricing of data library licence sales;
- > Cybersecurity;
- > Relicensing (change-of-control) fees and partner copy sales;
- > Environmental, health and safety risks;
- > Federal and provincial government laws and regulations, including those pertaining to taxation, royalty rates, environmental protection, public health and safety;
- > Competition;
- > Dependence on key management, operations and marketing personnel;

- > The loss of seismic data;
- > Protection of intellectual property rights;
- > The introduction of new products; and
- > Climate change.

Pulse cautions that the foregoing list of factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Additional information on these risks and other factors which could affect the Company's operations and financial results is included under "Risk Factors" in the Company's most recent annual information form, and in the Company's most recent audited annual financial statements, most recent MD&A, management information circular, quarterly reports, material change reports and news releases. Copies of the Company's public filings are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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