Symantec's Operating Margin And EPS Rise In Third Quarter Fiscal 2014; Full-Year 2014 Guidance Raised

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 01/29/14 -- Symantec Corp. (NASDAQ: SYMC) today reported revenue of $1.7 billion for its third quarter of fiscal year 2014, ended December 27, 2013, down 5 percent year-over-year and down 4 percent after adjusting for currency. Non-GAAP operating margin of 30.1 percent grew 370 basis points after adjusting for currency, resulting in non-GAAP earnings per share of $0.51, up 13 percent year-over-year. GAAP operating margin of 23.8 percent grew 680 basis points, resulting in GAAP earnings per share of $0.40, up 29 percent year-over-year.

"We benefited in the December quarter from improved total business activity after separating our sales organization into dedicated new business and renewal teams earlier this year," said Steve Bennett, president and chief executive officer, Symantec. "Although revenue declined, we exceeded our expectations in operating margin and EPS. While we won't be pleased until total business activity is growing again, I'm happy with our financial results given the massive changes in our business."

"Since July, we've made substantial progress in three areas -- offerings, go-to-market, and increased efficiency -- to drive improved long-term performance. We have the right strategy to leverage Symantec's assets and better solve our customers' biggest problems. We are where we expected to be at this point in our 3-to 5-year transformation, as we continue to make the changes needed to achieve our long-term targets."

GAAP Results for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014

GAAP operating margin was 23.8 percent, up 680 basis points year-over-year and up 625 basis points after adjusting for currency.

GAAP net income was $283 million, up 31 percent year-over-year.

GAAP diluted earnings per share were $0.40, up 29 percent year-over-year.
GAAP deferred revenue as of December 27, 2013 was $3.59 billion, down 6 percent year-over-year and down 5 percent after adjusting for currency.

Cash flow from operating activities was $329 million, down 29 percent year-over-year.

Non-GAAP Results for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014

Non-GAAP operating margin was 30.1 percent, up 420 basis points year-over-year and up 370 basis points after adjusting for currency.

Non-GAAP net income was $358 million, up 13 percent year-over-year.

Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share were $0.51, up 13 percent year-over-year.

Business Segment Highlights for the Quarter

The User Productivity & Protection segment represented 42 percent of total revenue and declined 4 percent year-over-year (as reported and after adjusting for currency) to $718 million.

The Information Security segment represented 19 percent of total revenue and declined 3 percent year-over-year (1 percent after adjusting for currency) to $327 million.

The Information Management segment represented 39 percent of total revenue and declined 6 percent year-over-year (7 percent after adjusting for currency) to $660 million.

Geographic Highlights for the Quarter

International revenue represented 53 percent of total revenue and decreased 4 percent year-over-year (3 percent after adjusting for currency).

The Europe, Middle East and Africa region represented 29 percent of total revenue and decreased 1 percent year-over-year (5 percent after adjusting for currency).

The Asia Pacific/Japan region represented 17 percent of total revenue and decreased 12 percent year-over-year (4 percent after adjusting for currency).
The Americas, including the United States, Latin America and Canada, represented 54 percent of total revenue and decreased 4 percent year-over-year (as reported and after adjusting for currency).

Capital Allocation
Symantec ended the quarter with cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of $3.9 billion compared to $4.3 billion, a decrease of 9 percent year-over-year. On December 18, 2013, we paid a dividend of $0.15 per share for a total of $104 million. Also, during the quarter, Symantec repurchased 5.3 million shares for $125 million at an average price of $23.76. At the end of the third quarter, Symantec had $783 million remaining for future repurchases in the current board authorized stock repurchase plan.

Symantec's Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of $0.15 per common share to be paid on March 19, 2014 to all shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 24, 2014. The ex-dividend date will be February 20, 2014.

Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2014 Guidance
For the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014, we expect:

Revenue of $1.615 to $1.655 billion, compared to $1.748 billion in the year-ago period.

GAAP operating margin of 18.0 to 19.5 percent compared to 14.6 percent in the year-ago period.

Non-GAAP operating margin of 24.5 to 26.0 percent compared to 24.1 percent in the year-ago period.

GAAP diluted earnings per share between $0.29 and $0.31 as compared to $0.27 in the year-ago period.

Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share between $0.40 and $0.42 as compared to $0.44 in the year-ago period.

Guidance assumes an exchange rate of $1.36 per Euro for the March 2014 quarter versus the actual weighted average rate of $1.32 and an end of period rate of $1.28 per Euro for the March 2013 quarter. Our guidance assumes an effective tax rate of 28 percent and a common stock equivalents total for the quarter of 702 million shares.
Fiscal Year 2014 Guidance
For the fiscal year 2014, we expect:

Revenue of $6.666 to $6.706 billion, compared to $6.906 billion in the year-ago period.

GAAP operating margin of 17.6 to 17.9 percent compared to 16.0 percent in the year-ago period.

Non-GAAP operating margin of 26.9 to 27.2 percent compared to 25.5 percent in the year-ago period.

GAAP diluted earnings per share between $1.25 and $1.27 as compared to $1.06 in the year-ago period.

Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share between $1.85 and $1.87 as compared to $1.76 in the year-ago period.

Conference Call
Symantec has scheduled a conference call for 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT today to discuss the results of its fiscal third quarter 2014, ended December 27, 2013 and to review guidance. Interested parties may access the conference call on the Internet at http://www.symantec.com/invest. To listen to the live call, please go to the website at least 15 minutes early to register, download and install any necessary audio software. A replay and script of our officers' remarks will be available on the investor relations' home page shortly after the call is completed.

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USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Our results of operations have undergone significant change due to a series of acquisitions, the impact of stock-based compensation, impairment charges and other corporate events. To help our readers understand our past financial performance and our future results, we supplement the financial results that we provide in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, with non-GAAP financial measures. The method we use to produce non-GAAP results is not computed according to GAAP and may differ from the methods used by other companies. Our non-GAAP results are not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for comparable GAAP measures and should be read only in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our management regularly uses our supplemental non-GAAP financial measures internally to understand, manage and evaluate our business and make operating decisions. These non-GAAP measures are among the primary factors management uses in planning for and forecasting future periods. Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of our non-GAAP financial measures to the comparable GAAP results, which is attached to our quarterly earnings release and which can be found, along with other financial information, on the investor relations' page of our website at www.symantec.com/invest.
**SYMANTEC CORPORATION**

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In millions, unaudited)

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**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

|                        |                   |               |
| Current liabilities:   |                   |               |
| Accounts payable       | $306 $334         |               |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 338 422 |               |
| Deferred revenue       | 3,087             | 3,496         |
| Current portion of long-term debt | - 997 |               |
| Other current liabilities | 418 318 |               |
|                        |                   |               |
| Total current liabilities | 4,149 5,567     |               |

SYMANTEC CORPORATION
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income
(Dollars in millions, except per share data, unaudited)

Year-Over-Year
Year-Over-Year
Three Months Ended Growth Rate
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December 27, December 28,
2013 2012 (2)  Actual  Currency(1)

Net revenue:

Content, subscription,
and maintenance $ 1,508 $ 1,521 -1% 0%
License 197 270 -27% -27%

Total net revenue 1,705 1,791 -5% -4%

(1) Derived from audited consolidated financial statements.

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Cost of revenue:

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<td><strong>299</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Gross profit</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,422</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,492</strong></td>
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Operating expenses:

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<td><strong>1,188</strong></td>
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<td><strong>405</strong></td>
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Interest income

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Provision for income taxes

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Net income attributable to Symantec Corporation

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(In millions, unaudited)

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(Dollars in millions, except per share data, unaudited)

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(2) Currency and Actual amounts for the three months ended December 27, 2013 are not available.

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Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding attributable to Symantec Corporation stockholders 702 702 702 702 0% N/A

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(2) Management refers to growth rates adjusting for currency so that the business results can be viewed without the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. We compare the percentage change in the results from one period to another period in order to provide a framework for assessing how our underlying businesses performed excluding the effect of foreign currency rate fluctuations. To present this information, current and comparative prior period results for entities reporting in currencies other than United States dollars are converted into United States dollars at the actual exchange rates in effect during the respective prior periods.

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### GAAP Deferred Revenue - Y/Y Growth Rate in Constant Currency

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Operating Margin by Segment Detail (1) (2)
(Dollars in millions, unaudited)

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<td>Total Operating Income by Segment</td>
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SYMANTEC CORPORATION

Guidance and Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Operating Margin and Earnings Per Share
(Dollars in millions, except per share data, unaudited)

We include certain non-GAAP measures in the tracking and forecasting of our earnings and management of our business. For a detailed explanation of these non-GAAP measures, please see our Explanation of non-GAAP Measures and Other Items in Appendix A.

Fiscal Year 2014

Year Ended March 28, 2014

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<td>GAAP revenue range</td>
<td>$6,666 - $6,706</td>
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Operating Margin

Guidance and Reconciliation

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<tr>
<th>GAAP operating margin</th>
<th>17.6% - 17.9%</th>
<th>160bps - 190bps</th>
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expense and restructuring & transition expenses 7.0%

Non-GAAP operating margin 26.9% - 27.2% 140bps - 170bps 101bps - 137bps

Year Ended March 28, 2014

Year-Over-Year Growth Rate

Earnings Per Share Guidance and Reconciliation

<table>
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<th>GAAP diluted earnings per share range</th>
<th>$1.25 - $1.27</th>
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<td>$0.16</td>
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<td>Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share range</td>
<td>$1.85 - $1.87</td>
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Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2014

Three Months Ended March 28, 2014

Year-Over-Year Growth Rate

Constant
### Revenue Guidance

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<td>$1,615 - $1,655</td>
<td>(7.6%) - (5.3%)</td>
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### Three Months Ended March 28, 2014

#### Year-Over-Year Growth Rate

#### Operating Margin

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### Earnings Per Share

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Add back:
Stock-based compensation, net of taxes $0.04

Amortization of intangible assets, non-cash interest expense and restructuring & transition expenses, net of taxes $0.07

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Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share range $0.40 - $0.42 (9.1%) - (4.5%)

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Appendix A

Change in accounting policy: Effective March 30, 2013, we changed our accounting policy for sales commissions that are incremental and directly related to customer sales contracts in which revenue is deferred. These commission costs are accrued and capitalized upon execution of a non-cancelable customer contract, and subsequently expensed over the term of such contract in proportion to the related future revenue streams. For commission costs where revenue is recognized, the related commission costs are recorded in the period of revenue recognition. Prior to this change in accounting policy, commission costs were expensed in the period in which they were incurred. The adoption of this accounting policy change has been applied
retrospectively to all periods presented in this document, in which the cumulative effect of the change has been reflected as of the beginning of the first period presented.

Segment reporting: We previously announced our new strategic direction during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013. As part of the strategy, we made changes to the organization and to performance measurements. During the first quarter of fiscal 2014, we modified our segment reporting structure to more readily match our operating structure. The historical periods presented have been adjusted to reflect the modified reporting structure, which are now the following:

User Productivity & Protection

Information Security

Information Management

Historically, we reported our Other segment which consisted primarily of sunset products and products nearing the end of their life cycle. As such there was no revenue associated with this segment. Additionally, this Other segment included certain general and administrative expenses, amortization of intangible assets, stock-based compensation expense, restructuring and transition expenses, and certain indirect costs that were not charged to the other operating segments. Effective fiscal 2014, we will allocate all of our shared expenses from this Other segment to the three new segments except for the following reconciling items: stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets, restructuring and transition, impairment of intangible assets, impairment of assets held for sale, acquisition/divestiture-related expenses and settlements of litigation.

The non-GAAP financial measures included in the tables adjust for the following items: business combination accounting entries, stock-based compensation expense, restructuring and transition charges, charges related to the amortization of intangible assets, impairments of assets and certain other items. We believe the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures, when taken together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures, provides meaningful supplemental information regarding the Company's operating performance for the reasons discussed below. Our management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing the Company's operating results, as well as when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures also facilitate comparisons of the Company's performance to prior periods and to our peers and that investors benefit from an understanding of these non-GAAP financial measures.

Stock-based compensation: Consists of expenses for employee stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock awards, performance based awards and our
employee stock purchase plan determined in accordance with the authoritative guidance on stock-based compensation. When evaluating the performance of our individual business units and developing short and long term plans, we do not consider stock-based compensation charges. Our management team is held accountable for cash-based compensation, but we believe that management is limited in its ability to project the impact of stock-based compensation and accordingly is not held accountable for its impact on our operating results. Although stock-based compensation is necessary to attract and retain quality employees, our consideration of stock-based compensation places its primary emphasis on overall shareholder dilution rather than the accounting charges associated with such grants. In addition, for comparability purposes, we believe it is useful to provide a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes stock-based compensation in order to better understand the long-term performance of our core business and to facilitate the comparison of our results to the results of our peer companies. Furthermore, unlike cash-based compensation, the value of stock-based compensation is determined using complex formulas that incorporate factors, such as market volatility, that are beyond our control.

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<td><strong>Total stock-based compensation</strong></td>
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Amortization of intangible assets: When conducting internal development of intangible assets, accounting rules require that we expense the costs as incurred. In the case of acquired businesses, however, we are required to allocate a portion of the purchase price to the accounting value assigned to intangible assets acquired and amortize this amount over the estimated useful lives of the acquired intangible assets. The acquired company, in most cases, has itself previously expensed the costs incurred to develop the acquired intangible assets, and the purchase price allocated to these assets is not necessarily reflective of the cost we would incur in developing the intangible asset. We eliminate these amortization charges from our non-GAAP operating results to provide better comparability of pre- and post-acquisition operating results and comparability to results of businesses utilizing internally developed intangible assets.
Restructuring and transition: We have engaged in various restructuring and transition activities over the past several years that have resulted in costs associated with severance, facilities costs, and transition and other related costs. Transition and other related costs consist of severance costs associated with acquisition integrations in efforts to streamline our business operations, associated with the implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning system, and costs related to the outsourcing of certain back office functions. Each restructuring and transition activity has been a discrete event based on a unique set of business objectives or circumstances, and each has differed from the others in terms of its operational implementation, business impact and scope. We do not engage in restructuring or transition activities in the ordinary course of business. While our operations previously benefited from the employees and facilities covered by our various restructuring charges, these employees and facilities have benefited different parts of our business in different ways, and the amount of these charges has varied significantly from period to period. We believe that it is important to understand these charges and, we believe that investors benefit from excluding these charges from our operating results to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of current operating performance and comparisons to past operating performance.

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Appendix A (continued)

Acquisition related expenses: The authoritative guidance on business combinations requires us to record in the statement of income, certain items that at the time of an acquisition would have been recorded to goodwill under the old authoritative guidance. We have excluded the effect of acquisition-related expenses from our non-GAAP operating expenses and net income measures. We incurred expenses in connection with our acquisitions, which we generally would not have otherwise incurred in the periods presented as a part of our continuing operations. Acquisition related expenses consist of professional service expenses. We believe it is useful for investors to understand the effects of these items on our operations. Although acquisition-related expenses generally diminish over time with respect to past transactions, we generally will incur these expenses in connection with any future transactions.

Non-cash interest expense: Effective April 4, 2009, we adopted authoritative guidance on convertible debt instruments, which changed the method of accounting for our convertible notes. Under this authoritative guidance, our EPS and net income calculated in accordance with GAAP have been reduced as a result of recognizing incremental non-cash interest expense. We believe it is useful to provide a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes this incremental non-cash interest expense in order to better understand the long-term performance of our core business and to facilitate the comparison of our results to the results of our peer companies.
China VAT refund: During the third quarter of fiscal 2013, we received a tax incentive from the China tax bureau in the form of value-added tax ("VAT") refunds. The tax incentive is provided to software companies that perform research and development activities with respect to software in China. The refunds relate to VAT collected on qualifying software product sales during the periods from January 2011 through December 2012. This tax incentive plan was updated late in 2011 and it enabled companies to retrospectively apply the incentive back to January 2011.

Release of pre-acquisition tax contingencies: During the third quarter of fiscal 2013, we executed the final closing agreement for the VERITAS 2002 through 2005 tax years and recorded a benefit to GAAP net income of $3 million and a non-GAAP expense $2 million, based on the closing agreement, as well as a GAAP benefit of $2 million for the adjustment of other pre-acquisition tax accruals. The non-GAAP expense was due to the additional accrual of post acquisition related interest.

Source: Symantec Corporation