# QKL Stores Inc. Announces Third Quarter 2011 Financial Results 

Daqing, China, November 14, 2011 - QKL Stores Inc. (the "Company") (Nasdaq: QKLS), a leading regional supermarket chain in Northeastern China, today announced its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2011.

Mr. Zhuangyi Wang, Chairman and CEO, said, "Our third quarter results generally met our levels of expectation. Of the 33 stores opened at least one year, we achieved same store sales growth of $9.3 \%$ on sales of $\$ 67.5$ million. The variety, value and freshness of our products continue to resonate with our customers driving sales higher. This store growth was also driven by in-store promotional events such as store anniversary celebrations. Our membership club continues to grow and now has over 650,000 members. This is our highest level yet and highlights the loyalty of our growing customer base."

Many of our new store locations are in new markets which typically take longer on average to ramp up sales and profit. Through our marketing/advertising efforts, we believe our market share will build over time as the smaller market consumer becomes more educated and increasingly understands our product quality, assortment and value. As this occurs, we expect these locations to become more productive and generate higher levels of sales, gross margin and profit."
"We plan to open our new Shenyang distribution center by the end of November. This 9,000 sq. meter facility which primarily stores non-food and grocery products, will serve as a central location for our two existing stores in Liaoning Province as well as future stores in the region. We also opened up two new stores in the third quarter. The first store is a 15,000 sq. meter hypermarket in Da'an which is in the Jilin province. The second store opened is a 6,600 sq. meter supermarket in Zhalannuoer County located in Inner Mongolia."
"We look forward to the upcoming holiday season as we have a number of exciting marketing initiatives planned. Our balance sheet is healthy with a strong cash position, low level of debt and stable flow of cash from operations. We continue to make progress with our store operations and that can result in greater sales and profits over time."

## Third Quarter 2011 Financial Results

Revenue in the third quarter of 2011 increased $26.5 \%$ to $\$ 82.1$ million from $\$ 64.9$ million in the third quarter of 2010. Revenue performance reflected the growth of 33 comparable stores, which are stores that have been open for at least one year before the beginning of the comparison period, or by July 1, 2010, as well as sales from the opening of 20 new stores since July 1, 2010. Same-store sales were approximately $\$ 67.5$ million in the third quarter of 2011, an increase of $9.3 \%$ from $\$ 61.7$ million in the third quarter of 2010.The 20 new stores opened since July 1, 2010 generated approximately $\$ 14.6$ million in the third quarter of 2011.

Gross profit increased 25.7\% year-over-year to $\$ 14.2$ million, compared to $\$ 11.3$ million in the prior year
period. Gross margin for the third quarter of 2011 was $17.3 \%$, slightly decreased from $17.4 \%$ in the prior year period. The increase in gross profit was primarily attributable to net sales increased by $\$ 17.2$ million in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the third quarter of 2010.

Operating expenses increased $54.7 \%$ to $\$ 15.4$ million compared to $\$ 9.9$ million in the prior year period. This was primarily a result of additional salary, rent and utility expenses, the hiring of more employees, and other operating costs related to the Company's increased store count over the past year as well as from pre-opening expenses from two new stores opened in the third quarter of 2011.

The Company reported a net loss of approximately $\$(0.8)$ million, or $\$(0.03)$ per diluted share, compared with net income of $\$ 1.0$ million, or $\$ 0.03$ per diluted share, for the same period in 2010. This decrease was due to higher selling expenses related to new stores opening and higher staff costs in the third quarter of 2011.

As of September 30, 2011, the Company had $\$ 28.0$ million in unrestricted cash, compared to $\$ 17.5$ million as of December 31, 2010.The Company had $\$ 3.1$ million short term bank loans as of September 30, 2011 compared with no debt or bank loans as of December 31, 2010.

As of September 30, 2011, the Company operated 53 stores totaling 296,600 sq. meters compared to 38 stores totaling 189,000 sq. meters in the prior year period. The Company opened 2 new store locations in the third quarter of 2011.

The number of weighted average shares outstanding used in the computation of diluted EPS (excluding the fair value of the warrants) decreased $19.2 \%$ to 31.1 million in the third quarter 2011 from 38.5 million in the third quarter 2010.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine month ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 was $\$ 27.4$ million and $\$ 7.3$ million, respectively. The increase in cash provided by operating activities for the nine month ended September 30, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010 primarily reflects net cash inflow caused by the increase in accrued expenses, decrease of inventories and decrease of other receivables. The increase in accrued expenses was in line with our increase in operating expenses due to inflation and new store openings. The decrease of inventories was caused by reducing the inventory on hand after the peak Chinese New Year season. The decrease of other receivables is largely attributable to the repayment of money from vendors.

## Conference Call

The Company will conduct a conference call to discuss its third quarter 2011 results on Monday, November $14^{\text {th }}, 2011$ at $8: 00$ am ET. Listeners may access the call by dialing \#1-719-457-2080. To listen to the live webcast of the event, please go to http://www.viavid.net. Listeners may access the call replay, which will be available through November $21^{\text {st }}$, 2011, by dialing \# 1-858-384-5517; conference ID: 5997482.

About QKL Stores Inc.:

Based in Daqing, China, QKL Stores, Inc. is a leading regional supermarket chain company operating in Northeastern China. QKL Stores sells a broad selection of merchandise, including groceries, fresh food, and non-food items, through its retail supermarkets, hypermarkets and department stores; the company also has its own distribution centers that service its supermarkets. For more information, please access the Company's website at: www.qklstoresinc.com.

## Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements in this release and other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of the Company are "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Statements regarding future events and developments and our future performance, as well as management's expectations, beliefs, plans, estimates or projections relating to the future, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of these laws. The forward looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties including market acceptance of the Company's services and projects and the Company's continued access to capital and other risks and uncertainties. The actual results the Company achieves may differ materially from those contemplated by any forward-looking statements due to such risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on our current expectations and speak only as of the date of such statements.

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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September 30, } \\ 2011 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \\ 2010 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Unaudited) |  |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Cash | 27,982,089 | \$ 17,460,034 |
| Restricted cash | 7,252 | 77,205 |
| Accounts receivable | 744,735 | 167,509 |
| Inventories | 42,788,700 | 44,467,265 |
| Other receivables | 10,831,183 | 28,236,397 |
| Prepaid expenses | 4,934,151 | 5,088,825 |
| Advances to suppliers | 4,552,051 | 3,740,327 |
| Deferred income tax assets | 754,117 | 508,617 |
| Total current assets | 92,594,278 | 99,746,179 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 43,268,109 | 24,792,149 |
| Land use rights, net | 771,571 | 748,533 |
| Goodwill | 45,302,741 | 43,863,929 |
| Other assets | 179,234 | 467,927 |
| T otal assets | \$ 182,115,933 | \$ 169,618,717 |
| LIABILITIESAND SHAREHOLDERS'EQUITY |  |  |
| Short-term loans | \$ 3,124,121 | \$ - |
| Accounts payable | 36,688,818 | 38,944,917 |
| Cash card and coupon liabilities | 14,193,500 | 10,814,546 |
| Customer deposits received | 1,530,876 | 1,495,059 |
| Accrued expenses and other payables | 14,216,714 | 9,883,282 |
| Income taxes payable | 508,142 | 2,365,931 |
| Total current liabilities | 70,262,171 | 63,503,735 |
|  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | 70,262,171 | 63,503,735 |
| Shareholders' equity |  |  |
| Common stock, $\$ 0.001$ par value per share, authorized $100,000,000$ shares, issued and outstanding 31,344590 and 29,743,811 shares at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 31,345 | 29,744 |
| Series A convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.01, authorized 10,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 5,694,549 and 7,295,328 at September |  |  |
| 30,2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively | 56,945 | 72,953 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 91,373,502 | 90,710,619 |
| Retained earnings - appropriated | 6,012,675 | 6,012,675 |
| Retained earnings | 3,799,602 | 2,094,850 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 10,579,693 | 7,194,141 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 111,853,762 | 106,114,982 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 182,115,933 | \$ 169,618,717 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

QKL STORESINC.AND SUBSIDIARIES C ondensed Consolidated Statements of Income

|  | (Unaudited) Three M onths Ended September 30, |  |  |  | (Unaudited) <br> Nine M onths Ended September <br> 30 , |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 |  | 2010 |  | 2011 |  | 2010 |  |
| Net sales | \$ | 82,068,788 \$ | \$ | 64,869,749 | \$ | 266,833,256 \$ | \$ | 212,575,456 |
| Cost of sales |  | 67,874,242 |  | 53,575,513 |  | 219,918,263 |  | 175,160,430 |
| Gross profit |  | 14,194,546 |  | 11,294,236 |  | 46,914,993 |  | 37,415,026 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling expenses |  | 13,040,763 |  | 7,817,663 |  | 38,327,459 |  | 21,801,656 |
| General and administrative expenses |  | 2,333,267 |  | 2,123,248 |  | 6,483,350 |  | 6,022,119 |
| Total operating expenses |  | 15,374,030 |  | 9,940,911 |  | 44,810,809 |  | 27,823,775 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income from operations |  | (1,179,484) |  | 1,353,325 |  | 2,104,184 |  | 9,591,251 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-operating income (expense): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Increase) decrease in fair value of warrants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7,801,649 |
| Interest income |  | 175,745 |  | 165,287 |  | 629,130 |  | 510,215 |
| Interest expense |  | $(10,593)$ |  | (35) |  | $(41,693)$ |  | $(10,416)$ |
| Total non-operating income (loss) |  | 165,152 |  | 165,252 |  | 587,437 |  | 8,301,448 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) before income taxes |  | (1,014,332) |  | 1,518,577 |  | 2,691,621 |  | 17,892,699 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income taxes |  | $(164,822)$ |  | 486,712 |  | 986,869 |  | 2,865,614 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | $(849,510)$ \$ |  | 1,031,865 | \$ | 1,704,752 \$ | \$ | 15,027,085 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comprehensive income statement: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | $(849,510)$ \$ |  | 1,031,865 | \$ | 1,704,752 \$ | \$ | 15,027,085 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment |  | 1,023,116 |  | 1,697,722 |  | 3,385,552 |  | 1,743,207 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ | 173,606 \$ | \$ | 2,729,587 | \$ | 5,090,304 | \$ | $\underline{16,770,292}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income per common stock - basic | \$ | (0.03) | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.05 | \$ | 0.41 |
| Net income per common stock - diluted | \$ | (0.03) | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.05 | \$ | 0.18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted average shares used in calculating net income per ordinary share - basic |  | 31,122,579 |  | 29,714,017 |  | 30,300,355 |  | 29,647,487 |
| Weighted average shares used in calculating net income per Series A convertible participating preferred stock - basic |  | 5,916,560 |  | 7,325,122 |  | 6,812,143 |  | 7,372,789 |
| Weighted average shares used in calculating net income per ordinary share - diluted |  | 31,122,579 |  | 38,529,272 |  | 37,112,498 |  | 39,800,488 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## QKL STORESINC.AND SUBSIDIARIES C ondensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

|  | (Unaudited) <br> Nine M onths Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 |  | 2010 |  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 1,704,752 | \$ | 15,027,085 |
| Depreciation - property, plant and equipment |  | 5,815,703 |  | 3,776,394 |
| Amortization |  | 22,519 |  | 30,920 |
| Share-based compensation |  | 648,474 |  | 823,540 |
| Deferred income tax |  | $(225,151)$ |  | $(434,518)$ |
| Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets |  | 153,494 |  | - |
| Change in fair value of warrants |  | - |  | $(7,801,649)$ |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable |  | $(562,574)$ |  | $(423,628)$ |
| Inventories |  | 3,086,917 |  | 1,630,666 |
| Other receivables |  | 18,037,812 |  | $(763,314)$ |
| Prepaid expenses |  | 604,642 |  | $(1,198,263)$ |
| Advances to suppliers |  | $(2,500,125)$ |  | $(938,109)$ |
| Accounts payable |  | $(3,476,958)$ |  | $(361,435)$ |
| Cash card and coupon liabilities |  | 2,975,779 |  | 1,978,662 |
| Customer deposits received |  | $(13,012)$ |  | $(2,949,589)$ |
| Accrued expenses and other payables |  | 2,996,074 |  | $(968,598)$ |
| Income taxes payable |  | $(1,904,396)$ |  | $(95,213)$ |
| Net cash provided by operating activities |  | 27,363,950 |  | 7,332,951 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment |  | (20,686,955) |  | $(5,486,632)$ |
| Acquisition of operating rights |  | - |  | $(11,627,230)$ |
| Refund of office building purchase payment |  | - |  | 11,015,480 |
| Decrease of restricted cash |  | 69,952 |  | 83,676 |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | $(20,617,003)$ |  | $(6,014,706)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Bank borrowing |  | 3,074,081 |  | - |
| Net cash provided by financing activities |  | 3,074,081 |  | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Effect of foreign currency translation |  | 701,027 |  | 1,141,629 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net increase in cash |  | 10,522,055 |  | 2,459,874 |
| Cash - beginning of period |  | 17,460,034 |  | 45,912,798 |
| Cash - end of period | \$ | 27,982,089 | \$ | 48,372,672 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest received | \$ | 285,158 | \$ | 510,215 |
| Interest paid | \$ | 41,693 | \$ | 10,600 |
| Income taxes paid | \$ | 3,024,287 | \$ | 3,528,790 |

