MARTEN TRANSPORT ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER RESULTS

MONDOVI, Wis., July 16, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Marten Transport, Ltd. (Nasdaq/GS:MRTN) today reported net income of \$7.2 million, or 9 cents per diluted share, for the second quarter ended June 30, 2025, compared with \$7.9 million, or 10 cents per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2024. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, net income was \$11.5 million, or 14 cents per diluted share, compared with \$17.5 million, or 22 cents per diluted share, for the 2024 six-month period.

Operating revenue was \$229.9 million for the second quarter of 2025 compared with \$246.2 million for the second quarter of 2024. Excluding fuel surcharges, operating revenue was \$203.8 million for the 2025 quarter compared with \$213.5 million for the 2024 quarter. Fuel surcharge revenue decreased to \$26.1 million for the 2025 quarter from \$32.7 million for the 2024 quarter.

Operating revenue was \$453.1 million for the first six months of 2025 compared with \$495.9 million for the first six months of 2024. Excluding fuel surcharges, operating revenue was \$399.6 million for the 2025 period compared with \$429.3 million for the 2024 period. Fuel surcharge revenue decreased to \$53.5 million for the 2025 period from \$66.6 million for the 2024 period.

Operating income was \$9.7 million for the second quarter of 2025 compared with \$10.0 million for the second quarter of 2024.

Operating income was \$15.6 million for the first six months of 2025 compared with \$22.2 million for the first six months of 2024.

Operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue were 95.8% for the 2025 quarter and 95.9% for the 2024 quarter. Operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue, with both amounts net of fuel surcharges, were 95.2% for the 2025 quarter and 95.3% for the 2024 quarter.

Operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue were 96.6% for the first six months of 2025 and 95.5% for the first six months of 2024. Operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue, with both amounts net of fuel surcharges, were 96.1% for the 2025 period and 94.8% for the 2024 period.

Executive Chairman Randolph L. Marten stated, "Our unique multifaceted business model's value continued to be highlighted by the operating results of our dedicated and brokerage operations for the first six months of this year and throughout last year. Our earnings have continued to be heavily pressured by the considerable duration and depth of the freight market recession's oversupply and weak demand - and the cumulative impact of inflationary operating costs, freight rate reductions and freight network disruptions."

"We remain focused on minimizing the freight market's impact - and the impact of the U.S. and global economies with the current trade policy volatility - while investing in and positioning our operations to capitalize on profitable organic growth opportunities. We expect such growth opportunities to be positively impacted by anticipated additional industry capacity exits relating to increased enforcement of the English Language Proficiency and B-1 visa regulations."

Current Investor Presentation

Marten Transport, with headquarters in Mondovi, Wis., is a multifaceted business offering a network of time and temperature-sensitive and dry truck-based transportation and distribution capabilities across Marten's six distinct business platforms – Temperature-Sensitive and Dry Truckload, Dedicated, Intermodal, Brokerage and MRTN de Mexico. Marten is one of the leading temperature-sensitive truckload carriers in the United States, specializing in transporting and distributing food, beverages and other consumer packaged goods that require a temperature-controlled or insulated environment. The Company offers service in the United States, Mexico and Canada, concentrating on expedited movements for high-volume customers. Marten's common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol MRTN.

This press release contains certain statements that may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements include a discussion of Marten's prospects for future growth, including the impact of the freight market and U.S. and global economies with the current trade policy volatility along with the impact of additional industry capacity exits relating to increased enforcement of the English Language Proficiency and B-1 visa regulations, and by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. Important factors known to the Company that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements are discussed in Part I, Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company undertakes no obligation to correct or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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MARTEN TRANSPORT, LTD. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

ousands, except share information)		June 30, 2025	December 31, 2024		
	J)	Unaudited)			
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	35,052	\$ 17,20		
Receivables:					
Trade, net		91,432	89,99		
Other		7,387	5,30		
Prepaid expenses and other		21,942	25,88		
Total current assets		155,813	138,5		
Property and equipment:					
Revenue equipment, buildings and land, office equipment and other		1,207,399	1,198,7.		
Accumulated depreciation		(373,131)	(370,12		
Net property and equipment		834,268	828,6		
Other noncurrent assets		1,735	1,63		
Total assets	\$	991,816	\$ 968,73		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	44,894	\$ 25,78		
Insurance and claims accruals		43,817	44,24		
Accrued and other current liabilities		27,974	23,49		
Total current liabilities		116,685	93,5		
Deferred income taxes		104,098	107,03		
Noncurrent operating lease liabilities		317	2		
Total liabilities		221,100	200,83		
Stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value per share; 2,000,000 shares authorized;					
no shares issued and outstanding		-			
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share; 192,000,000 shares					
authorized; 81,520,424 shares at June 30, 2025, and 81,463,938					
shares at December 31, 2024, issued and outstanding		815	8		
Additional paid-in capital		53,994	52,94		
Retained earnings		715,907	714,10		
Total stockholders' equity		770,716	767,92		
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MARTEN TRANSPORT, LTD. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,				
(In thousands, except per share information)		2025		2024		2025		2024		
Operating revenue	\$	229,922	\$	246,238	\$	453,074	\$	495,910		
Operating expenses (income): Salaries, wages and benefits Purchased transportation Fuel and fuel taxes Supplies and maintenance Depreciation Operating taxes and licenses Insurance and claims Communications and utilities Gain on disposition of revenue equipment Other		78,570 43,123 32,591 15,606 27,307 2,451 15,852 2,164 (5,182) 7,706		86,519 43,235 38,809 16,472 28,206 2,539 12,559 2,297 (2,532) 8,160		157,370 80,779 65,708 31,119 54,777 4,868 29,229 4,443 (6,847) 16,035		175,281 85,049 78,370 32,542 56,733 5,114 24,216 4,668 (3,703) 15,416		
Total operating expenses		220,188		236,264		437,481		473,686		
Operating income		9,734		9,974		15,593		22,224		
Other		(436)		(1,014)		(785)		(1,810)		
Income before income taxes		10,170		10,988		16,378		24,034		
Income taxes expense		2,984		3,099		4,857		6,499		
Net income	\$	7,186	\$	7,889	\$	11,521	\$	17,535		
Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.09	\$	0.10	\$	0.14	\$	0.22		
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.09	\$	0.10	\$	0.14	\$	0.22		
Dividends declared per common share	\$	0.06	\$	0.06	\$	0.12	\$	0.12		

MARTEN TRANSPORT, LTD. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Dollar Change ree Months Ended June 30,	Percentage Change Three Months Ended June 30,		
(Dollars in thousands)		2025		2024	20	25 vs. 2024	2025 vs. 2024		
Operating revenue:									
Truckload revenue, net of fuel surcharge revenue	\$	92,484	\$	96,046	\$	(3,562)	(3.7)%		
Truckload fuel surcharge revenue		14,002		16,477		(2,475)	(15.0)		
Total Truckload revenue		106,486		112,523		(6,037)	(5.4)		
Dedicated revenue, net of fuel surcharge revenue		61,338		67,444		(6,106)	(9.1)		
Dedicated fuel surcharge revenue		10,536		13,822		(3,286)	(23.8)		
Total Dedicated revenue		71,874		81,266		(9,392)	(11.6)		
Intermodal revenue, net of fuel surcharge revenue		10,093		12,660		(2,567)	(20.3)		
Intermodal fuel surcharge revenue		1,610		2,404		(794)	(33.0)		
Total Intermodal revenue		11,703		15,064		(3,361)	(22.3)		
Brokerage revenue		39,859		37,385		2,474	6.6		
Total operating revenue	\$	229,922	\$	246,238	\$	(16,316)	(6.6)%		
Operating income/(loss):									
Truckload	\$	2,344	\$	1,115	\$	1,229	110.2%		
Dedicated		5,429		6,650		(1,221)	(18.4)		
Intermodal		(735)		(684)		(51)	(7.5)		
Brokerage		2,696		2,893		(197)	(6.8)		
Total operating income	\$	9,734	\$	9,974	\$	(240)	(2.4)%		
Operating ratio:									
Truckload		97.8%	,	99.0%					
Dedicated		92.4		91.8					
Intermodal		106.3		104.5					
Brokerage		93.2		92.3					
Consolidated operating ratio			95.9%						
Operating ratio, net of fuel surcharges:									
Truckload		97.5%	,	98.8%					
Dedicated		91.1		90.1					
Intermodal		107.3		105.4					
Brokerage		93.2		92.3					
Consolidated operating ratio, net of fuel surcharges		95.2%		95.3%					
surcharges		93.2%		93.3%					

MARTEN TRANSPORT, LTD. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,					Dollar Change ix Months Ended June 30,	Percentage Change Six Months Ended June 30,
(Dollars in thousands)		2025		2024	20	25 vs. 2024	2025 vs. 2024
Operating revenue:							
Truckload revenue, net of fuel surcharge revenue	\$	182,590	\$	191,068	\$	(8,478)	(4.4)%
Truckload fuel surcharge revenue		28,287		33,006		(4,719)	(14.3)
Total Truckload revenue		210,877		224,074		(13,197)	(5.9)
Dedicated revenue, net of fuel surcharge revenue		123,743		139,182		(15,439)	(11.1)
Dedicated fuel surcharge revenue		21,756		28,544		(6,788)	(23.8)
Total Dedicated revenue		145,499		167,726		(22,227)	(13.3)
Intermodal revenue, net of fuel surcharge revenue		20,361		25,941		(5,580)	(21.5)
Intermodal fuel surcharge revenue		3,459		5,095		(1,636)	(32.1)
Total Intermodal revenue		23,820		31,036		(7,216)	(23.3)
Brokerage revenue		72,878		73,074		(196)	(0.3)
Total operating revenue	\$	453,074	\$	495,910	\$	(42,836)	(8.6)%
Operating income/(loss):							
Truckload	\$	2,044	\$	1,604	\$	440	27.4%
Dedicated	Ψ	10,283	Ψ	15,908	Ψ	(5,625)	(35.4)
Intermodal		(1,590)		(878)		(712)	(81.1)
Brokerage		4,856		5,590		(734)	(13.1)
Total operating income	\$	15,593	\$	22,224	\$	(6,631)	(29.8)%
Operating ratio:							
Truckload		99.0%		99.3%			
Dedicated		99.0% 92.9		99.3% 90.5			
Intermodal		92.9 106.7		90.3 102.8			
		93.3					
Brokerage				92.4			
Consolidated operating ratio		96.6%)	<u>95.5</u> %			
Operating ratio, net of fuel surcharges:							
Truckload		98.9%	1	99.2%			
Dedicated		91.7		88.6			
Intermodal		107.8		103.4			
Brokerage		93.3		92.4			
Consolidated operating ratio, net of fuel surcharges		96.1%	,	94.8%			
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MARTEN TRANSPORT, LTD. OPERATING STATISTICS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,				
	_	2025		2024		2025		2024	
Truckload Segment:									
Revenue (in thousands)	\$	106,486	\$	112,523	\$	210,877	\$	224,074	
Average revenue, net of fuel surcharges, per tractor per	<i></i>	4.000	•	4 0 0 0	•	4 9 9 9	.		
week ⁽¹⁾	\$	4,209	\$	4,093	\$	4,203	\$	4,044	
Average tractors ⁽¹⁾		1,690		1,805		1,680		1,817	
Average miles per trip		524	,	528		531	,	533	
Non-revenue miles percentage ⁽²⁾	11.0%		0					12.1%	
Total miles (in thousands)		39,221 4		40,847		77,494		80,550	
Dedicated Segment:									
Revenue (in thousands)	\$	71,874	\$	81,266	\$	145,499	\$	167,726	
Average revenue, net of fuel surcharges, per tractor per									
week ⁽¹⁾	\$	3,807	\$	3,754	\$	3,827	\$	3,768	
Average tractors ⁽¹⁾		1,239		1,382		1,251		1,421	
Average miles per trip		301		323		305		326	
Non-revenue miles percentage ⁽²⁾				1.1%		1.4%	1.1%		
Total miles (in thousands)		25,132		28,231		50,368		57,311	
Intermodal Segment:									
Revenue (in thousands)	\$	11,703	\$	15,064	\$	23,820	\$	31,036	
Loads	Ψ	3,555	Ψ	4,464	Ψ	7,212	Ψ	9,053	
Average tractors		77		121		77		123	
Brokarage Segment:									
Brokerage Segment: Revenue (in thousands)	\$	39,859	\$	37,385	\$	72,878	\$	73,074	
Loads	φ	24,094	φ	22,700	Φ	44,510	φ	42,761	
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At June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024:		• • • • •		0.106					
Total tractors ⁽¹⁾		2,928		3,126					
Average age of company tractors (in years)		2.1		1.8					
Total trailers		5,164		5,539					
Average age of company trailers (in years)		5.0		5.0					
Ratio of trailers to tractors ⁽¹⁾		1.8		1.8					
Total refrigerated containers		786		787					
		Three			Six N				
		Ended June 30,				Ended			
(In thousands)		2025		2024	_	2025		2024	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	33,153	\$	35,821	\$	69,368	\$	81,543	
Net cash used for investing activities	*	(33,115)		(27,776)	•	(41,528)		(48,025)	
Net cash used for financing activities		(4,891)		(4,576)		(10,055		(9,532)	
Weighted average shares outstanding:									
Basic		81,510		81,381		81,502		81,365	
Diluted		81,517		81,446		81,512		81,442	
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(1) Includes tractors driven by both company-employed drivers and independent contractors. Independent contractors provided 80 and 90 tractors as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

(2) Represents the percentage of miles for which the company is not compensated.