



CCA Reports First Quarter 2015 Financial Results

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NASHVILLE, TN -- (Marketwired) -- 05/06/15 -- **CCA (Corrections Corporation of America)** (NYSE: CXW), America's largest owner of partnership correctional and detention facilities, announced today its financial results for the first quarter of 2015.

First Quarter 2015 Highlights

- EPS and Adjusted Diluted EPS up 11.4% to \$0.49 from \$0.44
- Normalized FFO per diluted share up 9.7% to \$0.68 from \$0.62
- AFFO per diluted share up 17.2% to \$0.68 from \$0.58

Net income generated in the first quarter of 2015 totaled \$57.3 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share, compared to \$51.7 million, or \$0.44 per diluted share, generated in the first quarter of 2014. Net income after adjusting for special items increased to \$58.2 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share, during the first quarter of 2015, compared to \$51.7 million, or \$0.44 per diluted share, during the first quarter of 2014. Normalized FFO was \$79.5 million, or \$0.68 per diluted share, during the first quarter of 2015, compared with \$72.8 million, or \$0.62 per diluted share, during the first quarter of 2014.

"We are pleased with our exceptional performance in the first quarter of 2015, which exceeded the high-end of our guidance for nearly all financial metrics," said Damon Hininger, CCA's chief executive officer. "CCA's ability to differentiate our capabilities by delivering innovative solutions to government partners continues to drive our growth in the marketplace, as evidenced by the ongoing development of our South Texas Family Residential Center and the expansion of our contract with the state of Arizona at the Red Rock Correctional Center. We are actively pursuing a multitude of opportunities which, when coupled with our two additional facilities under development, should allow for the delivery of continued shareholder value."

Operating Results

Total revenue for the first quarter of 2015 was \$426.0 million compared to \$404.2 million in the first quarter of 2014. The increase in revenue was primarily attributable to the operational ramp of our South Texas Family Residential Center, which contributed approximately \$36.0 million in first quarter revenue, and the acceptance of an additional 500 inmates from the state of Arizona at the Red Rock Correctional Center. Partially offsetting the aforementioned revenue contributors was the termination last year of three managed-only contracts with the state of Florida and one managed only contract with the state of Idaho, which in the aggregate contributed \$12.5 million to revenue in the first quarter of 2014. These four facilities incurred net operating losses totaling \$1.0 million in the first quarter of 2014. Additional headwinds to revenue resulted from modest declines in first quarter 2015 occupancy at CCA facilities housing detainees for the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) versus the comparable prior year period. However, we began to experience increases from these federal partners late in the first quarter of 2015. Total net operating income (NOI) for the first quarter of 2015 of \$125.3 million increased 7.3% from \$116.8 million generated in the first quarter of 2014.

Net income generated in the first quarter of 2015 totaled \$57.3 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$51.7 million, or \$0.44 per diluted share in the prior year quarter. Special items in the first quarter of 2015 included a non-cash asset impairment charge related to the write-off of goodwill resulting from our election to terminate our contract at the Winn Correctional Center in Louisiana. Excluding this special item, adjusted net income during the first quarter of 2015 was \$58.2 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share, compared with \$51.7 million, or \$0.44 per diluted share, in the prior year quarter, an increase of 11.4% in adjusted diluted earnings per share.

Adjusted net income, NOI, FFO, Normalized FFO and AFFO, and their corresponding per share amounts, are measures calculated and presented on the basis of methodologies other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Please refer to the Supplemental Financial Information and related note following the financial statements herein for further discussion and reconciliations of these measures to GAAP measures.

Partnership Development Update

South Texas Family Residential Center Update. In the first quarter of 2015, ICE continued housing female adults with children arriving illegally on the Southwest border at the South Texas Family Residential Center, a facility we lease in Dilley, Texas. As of the end of the first quarter of 2015, the facility had capacity to house up to 480 individuals while ongoing construction will provide housing in 480-bed increments for up to 2,400 individuals scheduled to be completed in the second quarter of 2015. The new facility and services are being provided under an amended Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA), which has a term of up to four years, and can be extended by bi-lateral modification. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company recognized \$36.0 million in revenue associated with the amended IGSA.

Trousdale Turner Correctional Center Update. Construction of the new 2,552-bed Trousdale Turner Correctional Center remains on schedule for completion near the end of 2015. The total cost of construction is estimated at \$140.0 million to \$145.0 million, including \$87.4 million invested through March 31, 2015. We expect to begin receiving inmates from the state of Tennessee in early 2016 pursuant to a new IGSA with Trousdale County.

Otay Mesa Detention Center Update. Construction of the new 1,492-bed Otay Mesa Detention Center is on schedule for completion during the third quarter of 2015. The total cost of construction is estimated at \$153.0 million to \$157.0 million, including \$136.1 million invested through March 31, 2015. We plan to begin transferring federal inmate populations to this new facility from the 1,154-bed San Diego Correctional Facility during the third quarter of 2015.

Red Rock Correctional Center Update. During the first quarter of 2014, we received 500 inmates from the state of Arizona at our 1,596-bed Red Rock Correctional Center pursuant to a new management contract that became effective January 1, 2014. During the first quarter of 2015, we

received an additional 500 inmates under this contract, bringing the total population to approximately 1,000 inmates.

Winn Correctional Center Update. In early April 2015, we provided notice to the state of Louisiana that we will cease management of the Winn Correctional Center within 180 days, in accordance with the notice provisions of the contract. In anticipation of terminating the contract at the facility, we recorded an asset impairment of \$1.0 million during the first quarter of 2015 for the write-off of goodwill associated with the facility. Our contractual per diem at the Winn facility is approximately \$10 lower than our average managed-only per diem rate, and contributed to operating losses in the first quarter of 2015.

Guidance

We currently expect Adjusted Diluted EPS for the second quarter of 2015 to be in the range of \$0.49 to \$0.51, while Normalized FFO and AFFO per share are expected to be in the range of \$0.67 to \$0.69 and \$0.65 to \$0.67, respectively. For the full year 2015, we now expect Adjusted Diluted EPS to be in the range of \$1.89 to \$1.97, while Normalized FFO and AFFO per share are now expected to be in the range of \$2.62 to \$2.70 and \$2.57 to \$2.64, respectively.

We have updated full-year 2015 guidance to reflect year-to-date financial results and current market developments, the most significant development being an expected decline in California inmates housed in certain of our facilities located outside the state of California as a result of decreases in inmate populations within the state's correctional system. During the first quarter of 2015 the adult inmate population held in state of California institutions met the Federal court order to reduce inmate populations below 137.5% of its capacity. Inmate populations in the state have continued to decline below the court ordered capacity limit, which has resulted in inmate populations in the out-of-state program declining to approximately 8,100 as of April 30, 2015 from approximately 8,600 as of March 31, 2015. While we expect a reduction in the program, we believe our contract with the state of California will continue beyond the next state fiscal year as we have been an important solution in the state's efforts to address overcrowding and comply with court mandates.

During 2015, we expect to invest approximately \$193.0 million to \$208.0 million in capital expenditures, consisting of approximately \$135.0 million to \$145.0 million in on-going prison construction and expenditures related to potential land acquisitions, and certain leasehold improvements and equipment at the South Texas Family Residential Center; approximately \$25.0 million to \$26.0 million in maintenance capital expenditures on real estate assets; and approximately \$33.0 million to \$37.0 million for capital expenditures on other assets and information technology.

Supplemental Financial Information and Investor Presentations

We have made available on our website supplemental financial information and other data for the first quarter of 2015. We do not undertake any obligation, and disclaim any duty to update any of the information disclosed in this report. Interested parties may access this information through our website at www.cca.com under "Financial Information" of the Investors section.

Management may meet with investors from time to time during the second quarter of 2015. Written materials used in the investor presentations will also be available on our website beginning on or about May 18, 2015. Interested parties may access this information through our website at www.cca.com under "Webcasts" of the Investors section.

Webcast and Replay Information

We will host a webcast conference call at 10:00 a.m. central time (11:00 a.m. eastern time) on Thursday, May 7, 2015, to discuss our first quarter 2015 financial results and future outlook. To listen to this discussion, please access "Webcasts" on the Investors page at www.cca.com. The conference call will be archived on our website following the completion of the call. In addition, a telephonic replay will be available at 1:00 p.m. central time (2:00 p.m. eastern time) on May 7, 2015, through 1:00 p.m. central time (2:00 p.m. eastern time) on May 15, 2015. To access the telephonic replay, dial 888-203-1112 in the U.S. and Canada, International callers dial +719-457-0820 and enter passcode 5399162.

About CCA

CCA, a publicly traded real estate investment trust (REIT), is the nation's largest owner of partnership correction and detention facilities and one of the largest prison operators in the United States. Following the completion of our previously announced development projects, we will own or control 51 correctional and detention facilities, with a design capacity of approximately 71,000 beds, and manage 11 additional facilities owned by our government partners with a total design capacity of approximately 14,000 beds, in 18 states and the District of Columbia. CCA specializes in owning, operating and managing prisons and other correctional facilities and providing residential, community re-entry and prisoner transportation services for governmental agencies. In addition to providing fundamental residential services, our facilities offer a variety of rehabilitation and educational programs, including basic education, faith-based services, life skills and employment training and substance abuse treatment. These services are intended to reduce recidivism and to prepare offenders for their successful re-entry into society upon their release.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements as to our beliefs and expectations of the outcome of future events that are forward-looking statements as defined within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the statements made. These include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties associated with: (i) general economic and market conditions, including the impact governmental budgets can have on our per diem rates, occupancy, and overall utilization; (ii) fluctuations in our operating results because of, among other things, changes in occupancy levels, competition, increases in cost of operations, fluctuations in interest rates and risks of operations; (iii) our ability to obtain and maintain correctional facility management contracts, including, but not limited to, sufficient governmental appropriations, contract compliance and as a result of inmate disturbances; (iv) changes in the privatization of the corrections and detention industry, the public acceptance of our services, the timing of the opening of and demand for new prison facilities and the commencement of new management contracts; (v) changes in government policy and in legislation and regulation of the corrections and detention industry that affect our business, including but not limited to, California's continued utilization of out of state private correctional capacity; (vi) our ability to meet and maintain REIT qualification status; and (vii) increases in costs to construct or expand correctional and other facilities that exceed original estimates, or the inability to complete such projects on schedule as a result of various factors, many of which are beyond our control, such as weather, labor conditions and material shortages, resulting in increased construction costs. Other factors that could cause operating and financial results to differ are described in the filings we make from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

CCA takes no responsibility for updating the information contained in this press release following the date hereof to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date hereof or the occurrence of unanticipated events or for any changes or modifications made to this press release or the information contained herein by any third-parties, including, but not limited to, any wire or internet services.

CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(UNAUDITED AND AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

ASSETS	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,022	\$ 74,393
Restricted cash	2,254	-
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$2,269 and \$748, respectively	226,275	248,588
Current deferred tax assets	11,414	13,229
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	29,213	29,775
Total current assets	343,178	365,985
Property and equipment, net	2,720,082	2,658,628
Restricted cash	105	2,858
Investment in direct financing lease	2,617	3,223
Goodwill	15,155	16,110
Non-current deferred tax assets	3,479	2,301
Other assets	75,155	78,086
Total assets	\$ 3,159,771	\$ 3,127,191
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 316,149	\$ 317,566
Income taxes payable	659	1,368
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	-	54
Total current liabilities	316,808	318,988
Long-term debt	1,240,000	1,200,000
Deferred revenue	91,607	87,227
Other liabilities	37,740	39,476
Total liabilities	1,686,155	1,645,691
Commitments and contingencies		
Preferred stock — \$0.01 par value; 50,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	-	-
Common stock — \$0.01 par value; 300,000 shares authorized; 117,000 and 116,764 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	1,170	1,168
Additional paid-in capital	1,746,727	1,748,303
Accumulated deficit	(274,281)	(267,971)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 1,473,616	\$ 1,481,500
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,159,771	\$ 3,127,191

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(UNAUDITED AND AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
REVENUE:		
Owned and controlled properties	\$ 372,122	\$ 339,169
Managed only and other	53,878	65,053
Total revenue	426,000	404,222

EXPENSES:

Operating:		
Owned and controlled properties	248,706	225,219
Managed only and other	51,956	62,161
Total operating expenses	300,662	287,380
General and administrative	26,872	25,392
Depreciation and amortization	28,685	28,384
Asset impairments	955	-
	357,174	341,156
OPERATING INCOME	68,826	63,066
OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE:		
Interest expense, net	10,190	10,348
Other income	(26)	(387)
	10,164	9,961
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	58,662	53,105
Income tax expense	(1,385)	(1,367)
NET INCOME	\$ 57,277	\$ 51,738
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE:	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.45
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE:	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.44
REGULAR DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER SHARE	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.51

CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

(UNAUDITED AND AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

CALCULATION OF ADJUSTED NET INCOME AND ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS

	<i>For the Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	
	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
Net income	\$ 57,277	\$ 51,738
Special items:		
Asset impairments, net	955	-
Diluted adjusted net income	\$ 58,232	\$ 51,738
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic	116,634	115,773
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock options	869	963
Restricted stock-based compensation	265	224
Weighted average shares and assumed conversions - diluted	117,768	116,960
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.44

CALCULATION OF NORMALIZED FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS AND ADJUSTED FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

	<i>For the Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	
	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
Net income	\$ 57,277	\$ 51,738
Depreciation of real estate assets	21,272	21,077
Funds From Operations	\$ 78,549	\$ 72,815
Goodwill and other impairments, net	955	-
Normalized Funds From Operations	\$ 79,504	\$ 72,815

Maintenance capital expenditures on real estate assets	(4,238)	(8,728)
Stock-based compensation	3,798	3,293
Amortization of debt costs and other non-cash interest	776	771
Other non-cash revenue and expenses	(16)	(16)
Adjusted Funds From Operations	<u>\$ 79,824</u>	<u>\$ 68,135</u>
Normalized Funds From Operations Per Diluted Share	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 0.62</u>
Adjusted Funds From Operations Per Diluted Share	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 0.58</u>

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CALCULATION OF ADJUSTED FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS PER SHARE & ADJUSTED EBITDA GUIDANCE

	<i>For the Quarter Ending June 30, 2015</i>		<i>For the Year Ending December 31, 2015</i>	
	Low End of Guidance	High End of Guidance	Low End of Guidance	High End of Guidance
Net income	\$ 58,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 222,045	\$ 231,045
Asset impairment, net	-	-	955	955
Adjusted net income	\$ 58,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 223,000	\$ 232,000
Depreciation on real estate assets	21,000	21,000	86,000	87,000
Funds From Operations	\$ 79,000	\$ 81,000	\$ 309,000	\$ 319,000
Other non-cash revenue and expenses	5,000	5,000	19,000	19,000
Maintenance capital expenditures on real estate assets	(7,000)	(7,000)	(25,000)	(26,000)
Adjusted Funds From Operations	<u>\$ 77,000</u>	<u>\$ 79,000</u>	<u>\$ 303,000</u>	<u>\$ 312,000</u>
Adjusted EPS per diluted share	<u>\$ 0.49</u>	<u>\$ 0.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.89</u>	<u>\$ 1.97</u>
FFO per diluted share	<u>\$ 0.67</u>	<u>\$ 0.69</u>	<u>\$ 2.62</u>	<u>\$ 2.70</u>
AFFO per diluted share	<u>\$ 0.65</u>	<u>\$ 0.67</u>	<u>\$ 2.57</u>	<u>\$ 2.64</u>
Adjusted net Income	\$ 58,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 223,000	\$ 232,000
Interest expense, net	12,000	12,000	49,000	51,000
Depreciation and amortization	38,000	39,000	154,000	156,000
Income tax expense	4,000	4,000	12,000	14,000
EBITDA	\$ 112,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 438,000	\$ 453,000
Depreciation associated with STFRC rent payment	(9,000)	(9,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
Interest expense associated with STFRC rent payment	(2,000)	(2,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 101,000</u>	<u>\$ 104,000</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 415,000</u>

NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note A: Adjusted Net Income, EBITDA, Funds From Operations (FFO), Normalized FFO and Adjusted Funds From Operations (AFFO), and their corresponding per share metrics are non-GAAP financial measures. CCA believes that these measures are important operating measures that supplement discussion and analysis of the Company's results of operations and are used to review and assess operating performance of the Company and its correctional facilities and their management teams. CCA believes that it is useful to provide investors, lenders and security analysts' disclosures of its results of operations on the same basis that is used by management. FFO and AFFO, in particular, are widely accepted non-GAAP supplemental measures of REIT performance, each grounded in the standards for FFO established by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT).

NAREIT defines FFO as net income computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, excluding gains (or losses) from sales of property and extraordinary items, plus depreciation and amortization of real estate and impairment of depreciable real estate. EBITDA, FFO and AFFO are useful as supplemental measures of performance of the Company's corrections facilities because they don't take into account depreciation and amortization, or with respect to EBITDA, the impact of the Company's tax provisions and financing strategies. Because the historical cost accounting convention used for real estate assets requires depreciation (except on land), this accounting presentation assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes at a level rate over time. Because of the unique structure, design and use of the Company's properties, management believes that assessing performance of the Company's properties without the impact of depreciation or amortization is useful. CCA may make adjustments to FFO from time to time for certain other income and expenses that it considers non-recurring, infrequent or unusual, even though such items may require cash settlement, because such items do not reflect a necessary component of the ongoing operations of the Company. Normalized FFO excludes the

effects of such items. CCA calculates AFFO by adding to Normalized FFO non-cash expenses such as the amortization of deferred financing costs and stock-based compensation, and by subtracting from Normalized FFO recurring real estate expenditures that are capitalized and then amortized, but which are necessary to maintain a REIT's properties and its revenue stream. Some of these capital expenditures contain a discretionary element with respect to when they are incurred, while others may be more urgent. Therefore, these capital expenditures may fluctuate from quarter to quarter, depending on the nature of the expenditures required, seasonal factors such as weather, and budgetary conditions. CCA calculates Adjusted Net Income by adding or deducting from GAAP Net Income amounts associated with the Company's debt refinancing, REIT conversion, mergers and acquisitions activity and certain impairments that the Company believes are unusual or nonrecurring to provide an alternative measure of comparing operating performance for the periods presented.

Other companies may calculate Adjusted Net Income, EBITDA, FFO, Normalized FFO, and AFFO differently than the Company does, or adjust for other items, and therefore comparability may be limited. Adjusted Net Income, EBITDA, FFO, Normalized FFO, and AFFO and their corresponding per share measures are not measures of performance under GAAP, and should not be considered as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities, a measure of liquidity or an alternative to net income as indicators of the Company's operating performance or any other measure of performance derived in accordance with GAAP. This data should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and related notes included in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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