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Results for Q3FY2008

Sh.. we published the numbers for the third quarter: Revenues for the third quarter of fiscal 2008 were \$3.266 billion, a decrease of 0.5 percent as compared with \$3.283 billion for the third quarter of fiscal 2007. Total gross margin as a percent of revenues was 44.9, an increase of 0.4 percentage points, as compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2007.

Net loss for the third quarter of fiscal 2008 on a GAAP basis was \$34 million, or (\$0.04) per share, as compared with net income of \$67 million, or \$0.07 per share, for the third quarter of fiscal 2007. In the third quarter of fiscal 2008, the company recorded a \$52 million dollar tax provision, as compared to a tax benefit of \$3 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2007. Net loss for the third quarter included charges related to the acquisition of MySQL, which reduced earnings per share by approximately \$0.04. Not unexpected when one of your most important markets has a slight economic problem.

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in Sun at 22:41

just saw a headline that Sun is going to cut b/t 1,500 and 2,500 employees. this is really bad news.
Anonymous on May 1 2008, 23:09

Yes ...that's definitely not a good news ...
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 06:29

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No, other Tier1-companies are growing 10% to 15%. Sun relies still too much on banks in the US. The management missed to find new sectors where they can grow. For example the SMB market: Mr. Schwartz said in his blog: I don't want to go to the dentist office. Others are making billions with companies like dentist offices...
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 08:38

When you look at the recent results of other companies, hardware sales in US is mediocre at all competitors ...
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 09:31

At least it was unexpected by those, who are responsible for that numbers:
"Net loss for the third quarter included charges related to the acquisition of MySQL".

Sun pays a lot for free software!
Who explains this to the 2500 employees, who will be fired?
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 10:55

Good question who will be fired. But i guess that SUN will also kick out employees if he loses only 10€. You can buy something for 1 billion dollars, but you cant hold your employees for 1 year to give a good feeling to all of them.
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 14:08

Well, it explains the "25% rebate" blow-out sales over the last weeks.
At least partly (who in his right mind will spend money now on a U20M2 when the new AMD Quadcores are (hopefully?) on their way?).
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 14:39

The people who doesn't need 4 cores (for example an application that doesn't scale or works almost completely in the GPU) in their workstation and want to save a buck or two ...
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 14:43

OK, yes.
Comparing the midrange U20M2 vs. slightly more expensive U24 "Type 2" shows FX560 vs. NVS290.

Still, the Intel offering sounds much better - at least on paper.

But then, I'm rather saving for a Mac...
Anonymous on May 2 2008, 14:51