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Conn's, Inc. Reports Net Sales Results for the Quarter Ended July 31, 2008

BEAUMONT, Texas, Aug 7, 2008 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Conn's, Inc. (Nasdaq:CONN), a specialty retailer of home appliances, consumer electronics, computers, lawn and garden products, furniture and mattresses, today announced its net sales results for the quarter ended July 31, 2008.

Net sales for the quarter ended July 31, 2008, of \$190.6 million, increased \$11.6 million, or 6.5%, as compared with the quarter ended July 31, 2007. Net sales represent total product sales, service maintenance agreement commissions and service revenues. Same store sales (sales recorded in stores operated for the entirety of both periods) decreased 1.4% for the quarter ended July 31, 2008. Total revenues for the quarter, including revenues from finance charges and other, will be reported in the Company's earnings release and conference call scheduled for August 28, 2008. The following table presents the makeup and changes in net sales for the quarter:

	Quarter ended July 31,					
	2008	% of Total	2007	% of Total	Change	% Change
(in \$000)						
Net sales						
Consumer electronics	\$ 63,033	33.1%	\$ 54,061	30.2%	\$ 8,972	16.6%
Home appliances	60,920	31.9%	60,732	33.9%	188	0.3%
Track Furniture and mattresses	23,180	12.1%	20,425	11.4%	2,755	13.5%
Other	16,558	8.7%	15,284	8.6%	1,274	8.3%
	11,549	6.1%	13,291	7.4%	(1,742)	-13.1%
Total product sales	175,240	91.9%	163,793	91.5%	11,447	7.0%
Service maintenance agreement commissions	9,912	5.2%	9,071	5.1%	841	9.3%
Service revenues	5,488	2.9%	6,137	3.4%	(649)	-10.6%
Total net sales	\$190,640	100.0%	\$179,001	100.0%	\$ 11,639	6.5%

The following is a summary of the key items impacting net sales during the quarter:

- * The consumer electronics category showed strong growth as continued consumer interest in LCD televisions offset declines in projection and plasma televisions,
- * The home appliance category increased slightly on strong room air

conditioning sales and an increase in laundry sales, as the appliance market in general showed continued weakness, primarily due to lower refrigeration sales,

- * Solid track sales increases were largely due to higher laptop computer and video game equipment sales, and the addition of GPS devices,
- * The increase in furniture and mattresses was driven by growth in furniture sales,
- * Other sales declined on lower lawn and garden sales due to reduced rainfall levels as compared to the prior year,
- * The service maintenance agreement commissions increase was consistent with the overall increase in product sales, and
- * 11 stores opened since May 1, 2007, with four stores opened during the quarter ended July 31, 2008.

Net sales for the six months ended July 31, 2008, of \$385.7 million, increased \$25.4 million, or 7.0%, as compared with the six months ended July 31, 2007. Net sales represent total product sales, service maintenance agreement commissions and service revenues. Same store sales (sales recorded in stores operated for the entirety of both periods) decreased 0.2% for the six months ended July 31, 2008. Total revenues for the six month period, including revenues from finance charges and other, will be reported in the Company's earnings release and conference call scheduled for August 28, 2008.

The Company will host a conference call and audio webcast on Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 10:00AM, CDT, to fully discuss its earnings and operating performance for the quarter. The webcast will be available live at www.conns.com and will be archived for one year. Participants can join the call by dialing 877-604-9670 or 719-325-4924.

About Conn's, Inc.

The Company is a specialty retailer currently operating 73 retail locations in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma: 23 stores in the Houston area, 18 in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, 10 in San Antonio, five in Austin, five in Southeast Texas, one in Corpus Christi, four in South Texas, six in Louisiana and one in Oklahoma City. It sells home appliances, including refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers and ranges, and a variety of consumer electronics, including LCD, plasma and DLP televisions, camcorders, digital cameras, computers and computer accessories, DVD players, video game equipment, portable audio, MP3 players, GPS devices and home theater products. The Company also sells lawn and garden products, furniture and mattresses, and continues to introduce additional product categories for the home to help respond to its customers' product needs and to increase same store sales.

Unlike many of its competitors, the Company provides flexible in-house credit options for its customers. In the last three years, the Company has financed, on average, approximately 59% of retail sales. Customer receivables are financed substantially through an asset-backed securitization facility, from which the Company derives servicing fee income and interest income. The Company transfers receivables, consisting of retail installment contracts and revolving accounts extended to its customers, to a qualifying special purpose entity (QSPE) in exchange for cash and subordinated securities. The QSPE funds its purchases of the receivables through the issuance of medium-term and variable funding notes issued to third parties and secured by the receivables, and subordinated securities issued to the Company.

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delinquency and loss trends in the receivables portfolio; changes in the assumptions used in the calculation of the fair value of its interests in securitized assets; changes in the Company's stock price; and the actual number of shares of common stock outstanding. Further information on these risk factors is included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed on March 27, 2008. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Except as required by law, the Company is not obligated to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect the events or circumstances after the date of this press release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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