# XPEL Reports Record First Quarter Revenue Growth of 99.5% to \$25.2 Million and EPS of \$0.07

San Antonio, TX – May 23, 2018 -- XPEL Technologies Corp. (TSXV: DAP.U), a leading supplier of automotive paint protection and window films, announced results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018.

## First Quarter Highlights:

- Revenues increased 99.5% to \$25.2 million compared to first quarter 2017; Sequential revenue growth of 24.5% compared to fourth quarter of 2018
- Gross margin improved to 29.7% compared to 26.4% in first quarter 2017
- Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased to 19.4% as a percentage of revenue
- Earnings per share of \$0.07 compared to a loss of (\$0.002) per share in first quarter 2017

Revenues for the quarter grew 99.5% to \$25.2 million. Gross profit as a percentage of sales was 29.7% as compared to 26.4% in the prior quarter. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to \$4.9 million, or 19.4% of revenue, as compared to \$3.3 million, or 26.3% of revenue, in the prior year quarter. Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) increased \$2.7 million to \$3.1 million compared to \$0.4 million in the prior year quarter. Net income was \$2.0 million or \$0.07 per basic and diluted share, compared to a net loss of (\$.06) million or a loss of (\$0.002) per basic and diluted share in the prior year quarter.

Mr. Ryan Pape, President and Chief Executive Officer of XPEL, commented, "First quarter 2018 is the strongest quarter in our Company's history, with record revenues reflecting strong demand across all of our product lines. Revenue grew by almost 100% over the first quarter of 2017 and by 25% sequentially, illustrating considerable momentum in our business. We also saw strong improvement in our gross margin percentage as the margin enhancement initiatives we began in Q3 last year have started to take hold.

"We are energized by the tremendous growth achieved in the first quarter and the increased demand for our products and unique services. We remain focused on continuing to drive profitable growth as we expand our presence in both domestic and international markets, capture new customers and grow our market share," Mr. Pape concluded.

## For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2018:

*Revenues.* Revenues increased approximately \$12.6 million to \$25.2 million, or 99.5% over the prior year period.

*Gross Margin.* Gross profit for the quarter grew 124.85% vs prior year quarter and increased as a percentage of sales to 29.7% from 26.4%.

*Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$1.6 million or 47.7% vs. prior year period but decreased as a percentage of sales to 19.4% of sales from 26.3% of sales

in the prior year. This increase was due mainly to increases in personnel, occupancy, sales and marketing and information technology related costs to support the ongoing growth of the business.

EBITDA. EBITDA increased \$2.7 million to \$3.1 million vs prior year quarter.

*Net income*. Net income for the quarter increased to \$2.0 million vs a loss of \$.06 million in the prior year quarter.

#### **Conference Call Information**

The Company will host a conference call to discuss the first quarter results today, May 23, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

To access the live webcast, please visit the XPEL Technologies website at www.xpel.com/investor.

To participate in the call by phone, dial (877) 407-8033 approximately five minutes prior to the scheduled start time. International callers please dial (201) 689-8033.

A replay of the teleconference will be available until June 23, 2018 and may be accessed by dialing (877) 481-4010. International callers may dial (919) 882-2331. Callers should use conference ID: 28532.

# **About XPEL Technologies Corp.**

XPEL leads the industry in designing, manufacturing and distributing high-performance automotive paint and headlamp protection film technologies. Using XPEL's proprietary software and materials, our professional design team develops products that deliver the ultimate in vehicle protection, meeting the demands of a broad range of makes and models. With more than 70,000 vehicle-specific applications and a global network of trained installers, XPEL is dedicated to exceeding customer expectations in providing high-quality products, customer service and technical support. XPEL Technologies Corp. (TSXV: DAP.U) is publicly traded on the TSXV Exchange. Visit www.xpel.com for more information.

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# **XPEL TECHNOLOGIES CORP.**

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income**

(Expressed in United States Dollars) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2018		2017
Revenue	\$	25,198,741	\$	12,630,467
Expenses				
Cost of sales		17,705,128		9,297,709
Selling, general and administrative		4,899,638	-	3,317,780
Income from operations		2,593,975		14,978
Interest expense		57,597		48,181
Foreign exchange (gain) loss		(72,135)		6,392
	-	(14,538)	-	54,573
Net (loss) income before income taxes		2,608,513		(39,595)
Deferred income tax recovery		(24,206)		(22,839)
Current income tax expense		616,161		48,092
		591,955	=	25,253
Net (loss) income	\$	2,016,558	\$	(64,848)
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Cumulative differences on translation foreign		1.62.02.4		(1.55.521)
operations		163,824		(165,621)
Total comprehensive (loss) income	\$	2,180,382	\$	(230,469)
Net (loss) income attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company		2,025,103		(53,960)
Non-Controlling interest		(8,545)	_	(10,888)
Net (loss) income	\$	2,016,558	\$	(64,848)
Total comprehensive (loss) income attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	\$	2,188,927	\$	(219,581)
Non-controlling interest	Ψ	(8,545)	Ψ	(10,888)
Total comprehensive (loss) income	\$	2,180,382	\$	(230,469)
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the				
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Basic and diluted	\$	0.073	\$	(0.002)
Weighted average number of common shares				
Basic and diluted		27,612,597		27,326,261

# XPEL TECHNOLOGIES CORP.

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

(Expressed in United States Dollars)
(Audited)

	March 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
Assets				
Current				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,429,034	\$	3,498,904
Accounts receivable		6,551,671		5,569,212
Inventory		10,867,879		10,151,594
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		700,542		689,890
Total current assets		21,549,126		19,909,600
Property, plant and equipment		2,172,523		2,153,233
Intangible assets		3,980,619		4,114,374
Deferred tax asset		406,381		378,014
Goodwill		2,476,363		2,490,105
Total assets	\$	30,585,012	\$	29,045,326
Liabilities				
Current				
Revolving line of credit	\$	2,000,000	\$	2,000,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Ψ	9,518,685	Ψ	9,519,649
Income tax payable		917,842		1,126,865
Current portion of bank loan payable		294,820		440,126
Current portion of notes payable – acquisitions		498,998		624,308
Total current liabilities		13,230,345		13,710,948
Deferred tax liability		451,410		463,140
Notes payable – acquisitions		870,130		1,018,493
Total liabilities		14,551,885		15,192,581
Equity				
Capital stock		9,210,646		9,210,646
Contributed surplus		2,165,130		2,165,130
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(820,457)		(984,281)
Retained Earnings		5,594,533		3,569,430
6	-	16,149,852	-	13,960,925
Non-controlling interest		(116,725)		(108,180)
Total liabilities and equity	\$	30,585,012	\$	29,045,326

#### **Non-IFRS Measures**

In addition to disclosing results in accordance with IFRS as issued by IASB, the Company also provides supplementary non-IFRS measures as a method of evaluating the Company's performance.

Management uses EBITDA as a measure of company-wide performance. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. Management believes EBITDA is a useful measure to allow period-to-period comparison of the Company's operating performance. EBITDA does not have a standardized meaning under IFRS and is not necessarily comparable to measures presented by other Companies. EBITDA excludes components that are significant in understanding and assessing our results of operations and cash flows. EBITDA does not represent funds available for Management's discretionary use and is not intended to represent cash flow from operations. EBITDA should not be considered a substitute for Net Income prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

### **EBITDA Reconciliation**

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2018	Three Months Ended March 31, 2017
Net (loss) income	\$2,016,558	\$(64,848)
Interest	57,597	48,181
Taxes	591,955	25,253
Depreciation	159,318	167,506
Amortization	259,945	231,754
EBITDA	\$3,085,373	\$407,846