

Ciscom Significantly Improves Operational Results in 2024

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - April 3, 2025) - CISCOM Corp. (CSE: CISC) (OTCQB: CISCF) ("**Ciscom**" or "the **Company**"), which actively invests in, acquires, and manages companies within the Information and Communication Technology ("**ICT**") sector with a specialty in AdTech and MarTech, is pleased to announce that it has filed its audited consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**") for the year ended December 31, 2024. The financial statements show that Ciscom's revenues were stable year-over-year, and its cash-basis operating results (EBITDA) before non-recurring impairment charge more than doubled year-over-year - an impressive organic growth. The financial statements and the related MD&A are available on www.sedarplus.ca.

Ciscom's subsidiaries have principally served the retail sector and sales are aligned to this sector. As a result, historically a significant portion of its sales occurs in the last 4 months of the year. The Canada Post Corporation ("**CPC**") labor dispute in the fall of 2024 disrupted business and sales overall as direct mail could not be distributed and clients cancelled campaigns. Consequently, the CPC labor dispute negatively impacted the Company's Q4 2024 sales and gross profit. Gross profit was negatively impacted by an amount of approximately \$750,000. Still, the Company was able to maintain its gross profit within approximately 1% year-over-year at \$6.8M, relative to \$6.9M in 2023.

The Company achieved sales of \$35.018M in 2024 versus \$35.160M in 2023, a minimal decrease of \$0.142M or 0.4%. Gross profit for 2024 was \$6.822M versus \$6.906M in 2023, a small reduction of \$0.084M or 1.2%. Gross margins remained stable at 19.5% versus 19.6% respectively.

Ciscom achieved a cash-based operating profit (EBITDA) of \$2.032M in 2024, a significant increase of \$1.048M (106.4% - more than double) when compared to the EBITDA of \$0.984M in 2023. This performance is in part due to the effectiveness of Ciscom's cost reduction initiatives, which have saved over \$0.6M annually across various operational areas.

For 2024, Ciscom reported a net loss of \$1.267M versus \$1.461M in 2023, an improvement of \$0.194M or 13%. In 2024, a significant client of the Company sought bankruptcy protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("**CCAA**"), as previously disclosed in the press release of the Company dated February 5, 2025, and as a result the Company's accounts receivable were impaired by an amount of \$1.385M. If this non-recurring impairment had not occurred, the Company would have been profitable, with a net income of \$0.118M, which would have represented an improvement of \$1.579M year-over-year.

The Company continues to carry significant non-cash expenses totaling \$1.571M in 2024 (2023: \$1,828M), which include share-based compensation, intangible assets amortization and deferred charges. Nonetheless, Ciscom's operations generated positive cash flows of \$1.236M in 2024 (2023: \$1.273M) - significant outcome considering the \$1.385M impairment charge.

"We had a strong growth year that was dampened by the CPC labor dispute and a meaningful client's CCAA filing," reported Michel Pepin, President, CEO and Director of Ciscom Corp. "Yet, operations are doing well and new clients are being signed. We have a resilient business and we will recover from these two atypical and one-time events, stronger than before. It is particularly impressive that our growth comes during a difficult economy where retailers are still facing strong headwinds. Again, this is a testimony to the quality and expertise of our team, led by Dave Mathews and Sheri Rogers, and robust client relationships developed through the years, that we are able to withstand economic challenges and a changing market landscape."

"For Ciscom, 2024 was a year of significant multi-faceted challenges," continued Pepin. "These are now behind the Company and in 2025, the Company will be able to focus back on its core mandate by

raising capital and closing acquisitions. Ciscom continues to be in good standing with its banking partners, reflecting the Company's rigorous financial management and governance standards. Looking ahead, Ciscom is poised for further growth, with a focus on new acquisitions, client-centric services, and a commitment to operational excellence."

Non-IFRS Measures

This news release contains non-IFRS financial measures, in particular, EBITDA, calculated as total operating income (loss), excluding depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, other non-cash expenses. The closest comparable IFRS measure is total operating income (loss). Such measures are standard practices for emerging companies with significant non-cash items as part of management disclosures.

The Company believes that this measure provides investors with useful supplemental information about the financial performance of its business, enable comparison of financial results between periods where certain items may vary independent of business performance, and allow for greater transparency with respect to key metrics used by management in operating its business. Although management believes this financial measure is important in evaluating the Company's performance, it is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, financial information prepared and presented in accordance with IFRS.

For a full comparison of non-IFRS financial measures used herein to their nearest IFRS equivalents, please see the section entitled "Non-IFRS Financial Measures" in the Company's MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2024.

About Ciscom Corp.

Ciscom actively invests in, acquires, and manages market leading companies within the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector, with a specialty in AdTech and MarTech, targeting SMEs with proven profitability. This approach allows entrepreneurs to monetize their equity and continue contributing, enhancing shareholder value through acquisitions. As a leader in omni-media, particularly in data-driven marketing, Ciscom, through its subsidiaries, optimizes advertising spend across platforms, ensuring high ROI and customer engagement. Strategic ICT acquisitions bolster service offerings and shareholder value, marking Ciscom as an emergent force in the data driven and technology market. Ciscom became an issuer in June 2023 on the CSE and October 2023 on the OTCQB. Ciscom has two subsidiaries, namely Market Focus Direct and Prospect Media Group. For more information, visit <http://www.ciscomcorp.com>

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