PRESS RELEASE Formula Systems Reports Record-Breaking Revenues of \$311 Million for the First Quarter with 19% Year Over Year Growth

Formula expands portfolio, entering Israeli market for payroll software solutions with acquisition of Michpal Micro Computers

Or Yehuda, Israel, May 18, 2017 – Formula Systems (1985) Ltd. (NASDAQ: FORTY), a global information technology holding company engaged, through its subsidiaries and affiliates, in providing software consulting services and computer-based business solutions and developing proprietary software products, today announced its results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2017, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Financial Highlights for the First Quarter Ended March 31, 2017

• In January 2017, Formula acquired all of the share capital of Michpal Micro Computers (1983) Ltd., an Israeli privately-held company that develops, sells and supports a proprietary onpremise payroll software solution and complementary modules for processing traditional payroll stubs to Israeli enterprises and payroll service providers. The Michpal payroll software solution is recognized throughout Israel, with approximately 8,000 customers, most of which are long-term customers.

As part of its payroll software solution Michpal allows the preparation of employee pay statements, supporting journals, summaries, and management reports and supports monthly and year-end regulatory and legislative payroll tax statements and other forms such as payroll social and income taxes, to its clients and their employees. Formula paid a purchase price of \$22.1 million

- Consolidated Revenues for the first quarter increased by 19% to a record-breaking \$310.9 million, compared to \$262.2 million in the same period last year.
- Consolidated operating income for the first quarter, decreased by 25% to \$16.2 million, compared to \$21.5 million in the same period last year. The decrease in operating income is attributable to Sapiens' operating income decreasing from \$ 6.4 million in the first quarter of 2016 to an operating loss of (\$1.6) million due to the halt of a software development project with a significant customer of Sapiens and the integration of StoneRiver, Sapiens recent acquisition. In the second quarter, Sapiens will continue restructuring steps to address these developments and remain on track in the second half of 2017. Excluding the negative impact of Sapiens results, Formula operating income increased 17% year over year.
- Consolidated net income attributable to Formula's shareholders for the first quarter was \$0.2 million, or \$0.01 per fully diluted share, compared to \$4.1 million, or \$0.27 per fully diluted share, in the same period last year. The decrease in net income attributable to Formula's shareholders is primarily attributable to a decrease in Sapiens net income from \$5.0 million in the first quarter of 2016 to a loss of (\$2.2) million (as detailed above) and to devaluation of long term liabilities to banks and others denominated in New Israeli Shekels following the erosion of the US dollar against the new Israeli shekel amounting to \$3.5 million.
- As of March 31, 2017, Formula held 50.0%, 48.8%, 47.2%, 100% 50% and 90% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Matrix IT, Sapiens International Corporation N.V, Magic Software Enterprises Ltd., Michpal Micro Computers (1983) Ltd., TSG IT Advanced Systems, and Insync Staffing Solutions, respectively.
- Consolidated cash, short-term and long-term investments in marketable securities and bank deposits totaled approximately \$211.1 million as of March 31, 2017.

- Total consolidated equity as of March 31, 2017, was \$741.9 million (representing 51% of the total balance sheet).
- As of March 31, 2017, Formula was in compliance with all of its financial covenants under the debentures issued by Formula in September 2015 and under loans granted from other financial institutions.

Comments of Management

Commenting on the results, Guy Bernstein, CEO of Formula Systems, said, "We are pleased to report another quarter of double-digit revenue growth across our entire portfolio. While our topline growth was strong, our profitability was impacted mostly by certain aspects of Sapiens' business activities. Sapiens revenues reached \$56.5 million for the quarter, driven by a mix of organic growth and its recent StoneRiver acquisition. Sapiens operational profitability was affected by the loss of a significant customer and the integration of StoneRiver activities. Sapiens is taking steps to address and overcome these developments and has declared that it is on track to return to double-digit operating margins in the second half of 2017. Sapiens is maintaining its recently revised 2017 full-year revenue guidance of \$265-\$275 million. Matrix achieved another quarter of double-digit revenue growth, showing continued growth across all financial indicators. Matrix's consistent growth in revenues and profitability is a result of both organic growth and ongoing acquisitions. Magic had a strong start to the year with \$61 million in Q1 revenues, reflecting 36% growth year over year, and record-breaking non-GAAP operating income for the quarter of \$8.4 million, reflecting 26% year over year growth. Magic showed positive results across all financial metrics due to continued solid demand for its products and professional services. We are very excited about the opportunities provided by our Michpal acquisition, which enables us entry to the Israeli payroll market. The highly regulated market means that employers need to find advanced solutions to keep up with new requirements. Formula's Group capabilities allow us to create even more advanced software and services to serve the needs of this market."

About Formula

Formula Systems (1985) Ltd. is a global information technology company engaged, through its subsidiaries and affiliates, in providing software consulting services and computer-based business solutions and developing proprietary software products.

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FORMULA SYSTEMS (1985) LTD. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS U.S. dollars in thousands (except per share data)

	Three months ended March 31,		
	2017	2016	-
	Unaudited		_
Revenues	310,878	262,170	
Cost of revenues	244,549	201,397	
Gross profit	66,329	60,773	-
Research and development costs, net	7,811	4,516	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	42,280	34,709	_
Operating income	16,238	21,548	
Financial expenses, net	(7,962)	(3,916)	(*)
Income before taxes on income	8,276	17,632	(*)
Taxes on income	2,933	5,437	()
Income after taxes	5,343	12,195	(*)
Equity in gains of affiliated companies, net	212	-	
Net income	5,555	12,195	(*)
Change in redeemable non-controlling interests	458	315	
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	4,945	7,789	(*)
Net income attributable to Formula's shareholders	152	4,091	(*)
Earnings per share (basic)	0.01	0.28	
Earnings per share (diluted)	0.01	0.27	
Number of shares used in computing earnings per share (basic)	14,303,051	14,177,747	<u>.</u>
Number of shares used in computing earnings per share (diluted)	14,707,786	15,479,736	

(*) Immaterial adjustment of comparative data

FORMULA SYSTEMS (1985) LTD. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

U.S. dollars in thousands

U.S. dollars in thousands	March 31,	December 31,
	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	193,466	238,161
Marketable securities	17,604	37,516
Short-term deposits	13	13
Trade receivables	325,041	308,338
Other accounts receivable	50,375	45,678
Inventories	3,072	3,953
<u>Total</u> current assets	589,571	633,659
LONG-TERM ASSETS:		
Marketable securities	-	17,228
Deferred taxes	16,569	15,227
Prepaid expenses and other assets	13,935	14,390
Total long-term assets	30,504	46,845
INVESTMENTS IN COMPANIES ACCOUNTED FOR		
AT EQUITY METHOD	24 202	24,080
	24,392	24,080
PROPERTY, PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT, NET	28,203	26,130
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET AND GOODWILL	784,016	627,605
Total assets	1,456,686	1,358,319
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Liabilities to banks and other financial institutions	0.4 55 4	04.5.0
Debentures	86,574	84,760
Trade payables	3,687 74,109	3,274 80,114
Deferred revenues	54,111	37,030
Employees and payroll accruals	95,891	90,709
Other accounts payable	53,389	41,889
Dividend payable	-	7,070
Liabilities related to business combinations	5,302	8,119
Redeemable non-controlling interests	6,107	6,073
Total current liabilities	379,170	359,038
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Liabilities to banks and other financial institutions	112,239	115,529
Other long-term liabilities	45,044	9,384
Debentures, net of current maturities	57,070	55,441
Deferred taxes	48,217	30,939
Deferred revenues	12,530	4,697
Liabilities related to business combinations	5,552	9,611
Liability in respect to capital lease	-	108
Employee benefit liabilities	8,564	6,174
Redeemable non-controlling interests	46,362	43,556
<u>Total</u> long-term liabilities	335,578	275,439
EQUITY		
Formula Systems (1985) equity	345,498	336,387
Non-controlling interests	396,440	387,455
<u>Total</u> equity	741,938	723,842
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	1,456,686	1,358,319
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FORMULA SYSTEMS (1985) LTD. STANDALONE FINANCIAL DATA HIGHLIGHTS U.S. dollars in thousands

	March 31,	December 31,
	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Debentures	60,757	58,715
Other financial liabilities	36,631	46,564
Formula shareholders' equity	345,498	336,387
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term marketable securities	6,394	43,537
Fair market value of equity holdings in publicly traded subsidiaries	757,364	725,860