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Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 13, 2013

<u>National Holdings Corporation</u> (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	001-12629	36-4128138				
(State or Other Jurisdictionof Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)				
120 Broadway, 27 th Floor, New York, NY		10271				
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)				

(212) 417-8000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 \Box Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

The information in this Report, including Exhibit 99.1 and the information therefrom incorporated in Item 2.02 by reference to Exhibit 99.1, are being furnished, and shall not be deemed "filed," for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability under that section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 13, 2013, National Holdings Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for its fiscal second quarter and six months ended March 31, 2013. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release issued by National Holdings Corporation on May 13, 2013.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

National Holdings Corporation (Registrant)

Date: May 16, 2013

By: /s/ Mark Klein

Mark Klein Chief Executive Officer Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by National Holdings Corporation on May 13, 2013.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NATIONAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION REPORTS FISCAL SECOND QUARTER 2013 FINANCIAL RESULTS

NEW YORK, May 13, 2013 - **National Holdings Corporation (OTC BB: NHLD)** ("National Holdings" or the "Company"), a leading hybrid broker dealer, today announced financial results for the Company's fiscal second quarter and six months ended March 31, 2013.

Fiscal Second Quarter and Year-to-Date Highlights

- Generated fiscal second quarter 2013 net income of \$0.5 million, or \$0.01 per basic and diluted share, compared with a loss of \$1.8 million, or \$0.07 per basic and diluted share in the year-ago period
- Reported Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, of \$1.2 million and \$1.6 million for the fiscal second quarter and six months ended March 31, 2013, compared with \$0.1 million and a loss of \$0.2 million, respectively
- Strengthened capital structure with \$8.8 million private offering and converted all preferred share classes into common shares
- Satisfied all remaining \$2.8 million of outstanding debt

Mark D. Klein, National Holdings' Chief Executive Officer and Co-Executive Chairman, commented, "Over the past nine months, we have implemented a series of initiatives designed to focus our revenue mix on higher margin offerings, reduce costs, return to profitability and strengthen our capital and reporting structures. We are now seeing significant improvements in all of these key areas, with additional benefits to be realized in the coming quarters. Our improving results are a testament to the Company's success managing costs and streamlining operations. We expect to actively evaluate opportunities to expand into new products, broaden our business platform and increase our established brokerage force."

Fiscal Second Quarter 2013 Financial Review

National Holdings reported fiscal second quarter 2013 total revenue of \$32.9 million, a decrease of 1% from revenue of \$33.2 million reported in the fiscal second quarter of 2012.

Operating expenses were \$32.2 million in the second fiscal quarter of 2013. The \$32.2 million represents a \$1.7 million, or 5% decrease in expenses, compared with \$33.9 million in the fiscal second quarter of 2012. The decrease in expenses was due primarily to improvements in reduced occupancy costs and overall lower payroll. These expense reductions enabled the Company to return to profitability.

The Company uses Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and adjusted EBITDA to provide greater clarity regarding the cash earnings of the business by removing income taxes, non-cash reorganization-related share-based compensation charges and non-cash interest expenses, as defined in the Non-GAAP Financial Measures section below. On this basis, National Holdings reported fiscal second quarter 2013 Adjusted EBITDA of \$1.2 million, compared with \$0.1 million in the fiscal second quarter of 2012.

On a GAAP basis, net income for the fiscal second quarter was \$0.5 million, or \$0.01 per basic and diluted share, compared with a net loss of \$1.8 million, or \$0.07 per basic and diluted share, in the fiscal second quarter of 2012.

Six Months Ended March 31, 2013 Financial Review

National Holdings reported 2013 year-to-date revenue of \$59.4 million, an increase of 1% over year-to-date revenue of \$58.6 million reported in 2012.

Operating expenses were \$58.7 million for the six months ended March 31, 2013. The \$58.7 million represents a 3% decrease from \$60.3 million in the prior year period of 2012. The decrease was primarily a result of the Company's focus on managing expenses and increasing efficiencies within its brokerage operations, as well as other cost reduction efforts as described in the fiscal second quarter review.

Adjusted EBITDA increased to \$1.6 million in the six months ended March 31, 2013, compared with a loss of \$0.2 million in the six months ended March 31, 2012.

On a GAAP basis, net income for the six months ended March 31, 2013 was \$0.5 million, or \$0.01 per basic and diluted share, compared with a net loss of \$2.8 million, or \$0.12 per basic and diluted share in 2012.

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2013, National Holdings had \$13.5 million in cash and cash equivalents. On January 25, 2013, the Company completed an offering of 29.45 million shares of its common stock that raised gross proceeds of \$8.8 million. The proceeds were used to repay \$2.8 million in debt. Proceeds will also be utilized for general working capital purposes, as well as investments in organic and M&A opportunities to expand, strengthen and diversify National Holdings' business units. As part of this transaction, the Company converted its outstanding preferred Series C, D and E into common stock. No preferred shares of National Holdings remain outstanding as of March 31, 2013.

Conference Call

National Holdings will host a conference call to discuss its fiscal second quarter 2013 earnings results on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. ET. To access the teleconference, please dial (706) 902-2067 (domestic and international) approximately ten minutes before the teleconference's scheduled start time and reference ID # 64698546. A live webcast will also be available on the investor relations portion of National Holdings' website at http://www.nhldcorp.com/investors.aspx.

If you are unable to access the live teleconference, a replay will be available beginning approximately two hours after the call's completion and available through May 20, 2013. The teleconference replay can be accessed by dialing (404) 537-3406 (domestic and international) and entering the ID# 64698546. A webcast replay will also be available on the investor relations portion of National Holding's website at <u>http://www.nhldcorp.com/investors.aspx</u>.

About National Holdings Corporation

National Holdings Corporation is a full-service investment banking and asset management firm that provides a range of services, including independent retail brokerage and advisory services, investment banking, institutional sales and trading and equity research, to corporations, institutional investors and high-net-worth clients. With over 1,000 Independent advisors, brokers, traders and sales associates, the Company is a leading Independent Advisor and Broker services company. National Holdings operates through four subsidiaries: National Securities Corporation, vFinance Investments, Inc., National Insurance Corporation and National Asset Management, Inc. The Company was founded in 1947 and is headquartered in New York and Florida. For more information, visit www.nhldcorp.com.

Safe Harbor Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. The forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Information on significant potential risks and uncertainties that may also cause differences includes, but is not limited to, those mentioned by National Holdings from time to time in their filings with the SEC. The words "may," "will," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "plan," "intend," "project," "anticipate," "could," "would," "should," "seek," "continue," "pursue" and similar expressions and variations thereof identify certain of such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the dates on which they were made. National Holdings undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that may be disclosed from time to time in our SEC filings or otherwise, including the factors discussed in Item 1A, Risk Factors, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K and in or periodic reports on Form 10-Q, and, therefore, readers should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

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NATIONAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION ASSETS

		March 31, 2013		September 30, 2012	
Current Assets	(Unaudited)		(Audited)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	13,496,000	\$	7,934,000	
Deposit with clearing organizations		1,107,000		1,107,000	
Receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations		3,572,000		3,650,000	
Other receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts		747,000		147,000	
Advances to registered representatives - Current portion		215,000		249,000	
Securities owned: marketable - at market value		2,072,000		696,000	
Securities owned: non-marketable - at fair value		423,000		56,000	
Other assets		907,000		520,000	
Total Current Assets		22,539,000		14,359,000	
Advances to registered representatives - Long term portion		531,000		641,000	
Fixed assets, net		474,000		662,000	
Intangible assets, net		155,000		466,000	
Other assets		155,000		461,000	
Total Assets	\$	23,854,000	\$	16,589,000	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DE	FICI	Г)			
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	12,421,000	\$	11,297,000	
Payable to broker-dealers and clearing organizations		13,000		119,000	
Securities sold, but not yet purchased, at market		213,000		1,000	
Convertible notes payable		_		6,800,000	
Subordinated borrowings - Related party		-		1,000,000	
Total Current Liabilities		12,647,000		19,217,000	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities - Long term portion		236,000		263,000	
Total Liabilities		12,883,000		19,480,000	
National Holdings Corporation Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)					
Series C and D, convertible preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares					
authorized, 0 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2013 and 94,169 at September 30,					
2012		-		6,156,000	
Common stock, \$.02 par value, 150,000,000 shares authorized;					
89,016,988 and 26,567,193 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2013 and					
September 30, 2012		1,780,000		531,000	
Additional paid-in capital		64,496,000		46,184,000	
Accumulated deficit		(55,326,000)		(55,780,000)	
Total National Holdings Corporation Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)		10,950,000		(2,909,000)	
Non Controlling Interest		21,000		18,000	
Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)		10,971,000		(2,891,000)	
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)	\$	23,854,000	\$	16,589,000	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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NATIONAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three-month Period Ended March 31,		Six-month P Marc		
	2013	2012	2013	2012	
Revenues					
Commissions	\$ 20,769,000	\$ 20,484,000	\$ 36,809,000	\$ 33,687,000	
Net dealer inventory gains	4,310,000	3,686,000	6,912,000	6,762,000	
Investment banking	2,334,000	4,232,000	4,389,000	8,987,000	
Interest and dividends	1,004,000	663,000	2,050,000	1,366,000	
Transfer fees and clearing services	2,033,000	2,141,000	4,040,000	3,971,000	
Investment advisory fees and other income	2,499,000	2,003,000	5,193,000	3,835,000	
Total Revenues	32,949,000	33,209,000	59,393,000	58,608,000	
Operating Expenses					
Commissions, compensation and fees	28,329,000	29,682,000	51,164,000	52,412,000	
Clearing fees	575,000	374,000	997,000	834,000	
Communications	1,149,000	1,162,000	2,267,000	2,362,000	
Occupancy, equipment and other administrative costs	981,000	1,345,000	1,754,000	2,206,000	
Professional fees	764,000	643,000	1,535,000	1,174,000	
Interest	66,000	276,000	230,000	552,000	
Taxes, licenses, registration	369,000	440,000	777,000	803,000	
Total Operating Expenses	32,233,000	33,922,000	58,724,000	60,343,000	
Net Income (Loss) from Operations	716,000	(713,000)	669,000	(1,735,000)	
Other Expenses					
Loss on disposition of unconsolidated joint venture	-	(1,051,000)	-	(1,051,000)	
Loss on investment in unaffiliated entity	(162,000)	-	(162,000)	-	
Income tax expense - Current	(60,000)	-	(60,000)	-	
Total Other Expenses	(222,000)	(1,051,000)	(222,000)	(1,051,000)	
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Net income (loss) before non-controlling interest Non-controlling interest	494,000	(1,764,000) 4,000	447,000 7,000	(2,786,000) 17,000	
Non-controlling interest Net income (loss)	494,000	(1,760,000)	454,000	(2,769,000)	
Net income (1055)	494,000	(1,700,000)	434,000	(2,709,000)	
Preferred stock dividends	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(93,000)	
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 494,000	\$ (1,760,000)	\$ 454,000	\$ (2,862,000)	
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Diluted:					
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 0.01	<u>\$ (0.07</u>)	\$ 0.01	<u>\$ (0.12)</u>	
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders: Diluted	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.12)	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding: Basic	72,232,218	26,088,530	49,289,601	23,855,581	
	74,743,336	26,088,530	55,324,608	23,855,581	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding: Diluted	74,745,550	20,088,330	55,524,008	25,055,501	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To provide investors with greater insight, promote transparency and allow for a more comprehensive understanding of the information used by management in its financial and operational decision-making, the Company supplements its combined consolidated statements of income presented on a GAAP basis with non-GAAP financial measures of earnings. Please refer to the schedule in this release for a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP measures.

Management uses Earnings before Interest, Income Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") and adjusted EBITDA as financial measures to evaluate the profitability and efficiency of the Company's business model. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are not presented in accordance with GAAP.

Investors should consider the non-GAAP measures in addition to, and not as a substitute for, financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, the Company's non-GAAP measures may differ from similar measures used by other companies, even if similar terms are used to identify such measures.

National Holdings Corporation Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to GAAP Measures (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,		
		2013	2012	 2013	2012
Net income (loss), as reported	\$	494,000	\$ (1,760,000)	\$ 454,000	\$ (2,769,000)
Interest expense		66,000	276,000	230,000	552,000
Taxes		88,000	43,000	108,000	83,000
Depreciation		110,000	140,000	227,000	288,000
Amortization		155,000	155,000	311,000	311,000
EBITDA		913,000	(1,146,000)	1,330,000	(1,535,000)
Non-cash compensation expense		-	4,000	-	10,000
Non-cash other administrative expense		-	140,000	-	140,000
Forgivable loan write down		75,000	60,000	135,000	143,000
Loss on disposition of joint venture		-	1,051,000	-	1,051,000
Loss on investment in unaffiliated entity		162,000	-	162,000	-
EBITDA, as adjusted	\$	1,150,000	\$ 109,000	\$ 1,627,000	<u>\$ (191,000)</u> 6