

EMC profit nearly doubles as tech spending rises

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(AP) -- Data-storage company EMC Corp. reported a 92 percent jump in net income Wednesday and raised its full-year forecast, with technology spending rebounding.

The company said it earned \$373 million, 17 cents per share, for the first quarter. That compares with \$194 million, 10 cents per share, in the same period of 2009.

Excluding one-time items such as restructuring and acquisition-related costs, EMC would have earned 26 cents per share. On that basis, [earnings](#) topped the average forecast of 24 cents, according to Thomson Reuters.

Revenue climbed 23 percent to \$3.9 billion, beating the forecast of \$3.7 billion.

The company's stock climbed 49 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$19.90 ahead of regular trading.

The sharp increase in revenue at EMC, following optimistic reports from tech bellwethers IBM Corp. and [Intel](#) Corp., should add to the evidence that technology spending by businesses is growing again after the [recession](#) forced many companies to put off updating older equipment and software.

In a statement, EMC [Chief Financial Officer](#) David Goulden said

corporate customers are showing "increased confidence" and moving beyond just cost-cutting initiatives.

The company now expects 2010 earnings of \$1.18 per share, excluding items, on revenue of \$16.5 billion. Analysts were looking for \$1.14 per share and revenue of \$16 billion.

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