WSJ.com

April 27, 2012, 10:01 a.m. ET

Kodak Reports \$366 Million Loss

By KRISTIN JONES

<u>Eastman Kodak</u> Co. on Friday reported a wider first-quarter loss, reflecting costs associated with its filing for bankruptcy early in the year.

Kodak filed for Chapter 11 protection in January after running short on cash to fund a sputtering turnaround. Along with its inability to attract buyers for its patents, the burden of retiree benefits, a weak economy and moves by vendors to cut ties to the company were cited as factors in the move

Kodak said in February that it would phase out its capture-devices business, including digital cameras, pocket video cameras and digital picture frames, to focus its consumer business on retail and desktopinkjet printing.

The company said Friday it has bolstered its liquidity and made progress in monetizing its intellectual property portfolio. Shutterfly Inc.recently agreed to acquire the Kodak Gallery, an online photo service, for about \$23.8 million.



"Kodak is focusing on its opportunities, reducing costs, and fine-tuning the balance between liquidity and growth to enable the enterprise to emerge from its Chapter 11 restructuring in 2013 as a leaner, stronger, and sustainable business," Chief Executive Antonio M. Perez on Friday.

Kodak reported a loss of \$366 million, compared with a \$246 million loss in the year-earlier period. The results included reorganization costs associated with bankruptcy, the absence of a gain from an asset sale in the year-ago quarter, and restructuring charges.

Revenue declined 27% to \$965 million from the year-ago quarter. The steep decline reflected the company's exit from the digital-camera business, continued decline in its traditional businesses, and a \$61 million decrease in revenue linked to a tax refund sharing agreement with intellectual property licensees.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

WSLcom

The consumer segment's loss narrowed to \$164 million, from a year-earlier loss of \$187 million, benefiting from a South Korean tax refund as well as better cost controls and sales growth in the retail systems solutions business.

The commercial segment also saw its loss narrow, driven by a reduction in operating expenses.

Corporate overhead expenses decreased by \$84 million from the year-ago quarter.