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Benchmark Electronics, Inc. revised its earnings outlook for the second quarter of 2001, due to the continued slowdown in the technology marketplace. Sales for the second quarter ending June 30, 2001 are expected to be approximately \$315 -- \$320 million. Cash earnings per share, excluding restructuring charges are expected to be approximately \$0.12 -- \$0.14. Third quarter revenues and earnings are currently expected to be comparable to the second quarter.

"The current economic environment has continued to impact the demand from our OEM customers across all sectors. We are experiencing a high level of activities in quotations and new product introductions. These activities are expected to have a strong positive impact on our revenues when they are transitioned into production. In the near term, we are continuing to adjust our cost structure to address the current downturn while maintaining our infrastructure to support long-term growth," stated Cary T. Fu, President.

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