

BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS REPORTS SEQUENTIAL QUARTERLY INCREASES IN REVENUES AND EARNINGS FOR SECOND QUARTER 2002

Benchmark Electronics, Inc. announced sales revenue of \$404.4 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 compared to \$329.2 million in the previous quarter and \$317.4 million in the same quarter of the prior year. Second quarter net income was \$8.3 million on a GAAP basis, compared to \$5.3 million net income in the prior quarter and to net income, excluding amortization of goodwill and restructuring charges, net of tax, of \$2.4 million for the same quarter in the previous year. Diluted earnings per share on a GAAP basis was \$0.33 for the second quarter of 2002, compared to \$0.26 per share for the previous quarter and \$0.12 cash earnings per share (excluding amortization of goodwill and restructuring charges, net of tax) for the same quarter in the previous year. During the quarter ended June 30, 2002, GAAP earnings and cash earnings per share are equal as no restructuring charges were incurred or goodwill amortization was recorded during the period.

"Over the past year we remained focused on one of our key business strategies, expansion in Asia. Our team is excited about our recently announced acquisition of the ACT Thailand and UK operations. We are also pleased to announce our greenfield operation in Suzhou, China which we expect to commence production in the fourth quarter this year," commented Donald E. Nigbor, Chief Executive Officer of Benchmark Electronics, Inc.

Quarterly Financial Highlights

- Cash generated from operations was \$47 million in the second quarter and \$73 million for the six month period ended June 30th.
- Second quarter revenue grew by 23% over first quarter 2002.
- Accounts receivables increased by \$5.8 million to \$191.6 million in the second quarter from \$185.8 million in the first quarter. Calculated days sales outstanding improved to 43 days from 51 days in the previous quarter.
- Inventories decreased to \$195.7 million in the quarter from \$196.8 million for the first quarter 2002. Inventory turns improved to 7.6 for the quarter from 6.2 for the first quarter.

Third Quarter 2002 Guidance

We expect to close the acquisition of the ACT Thailand and UK operations in the middle of the third quarter. Based on current customer indications and including contributions for part of the quarter from the ACT Thailand and UK operations, the Company expects third quarter 2002 revenues to range from \$420 million to \$430 million, with corresponding earnings per share of \$0.34 to \$0.37, excluding any one-time transaction and related charges associated with the acquisition.

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Benchmark Electronics, Inc. is in the business of manufacturing electronics and provides its services to original

equipment manufacturers of telecommunication equipment, computers and related products for business enterprises, video/audio/entertainment products, industrial control equipment, testing and instrumentation products and medical devices. Benchmark's global operations include facilities in six countries. Benchmark's Common Stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BHE.

A conference call hosted by Benchmark management will be held today at 10:00 am CDT to discuss the financial results of the Company and its future outlook. This call will be broadcast via the Internet and may be accessed by logging on to our website at <http://www.bench.com/>.

Benchmark Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Income
(Amounts in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2002		Six Months Ended June 30, 2002	
	2001		2001	
Net sales	\$404,375	317,433	733,563	749,338
Cost of sales	373,573	295,381	677,886	695,123
Gross profit	30,802	22,052	55,677	54,215
Selling, general and administrative expenses	16,122	14,666	30,298	28,825
Asset write-offs	1,608	---	1,608	---
Restructuring charges	---	3,347	---	4,613
Amortization of goodwill	---	3,223	---	6,445
Operating income	13,072	816	23,771	14,332
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(2,777)	(4,600)	(5,691)	(10,313)
Other	2,607	794	3,179	294
Total other expense, net	(170)	(3,806)	(2,512)	(10,019)
Income (loss) before income taxes	12,902	(2,990)	21,259	4,313
Income tax expense (benefit)	4,644	(897)	7,653	1,294
Net income (loss)	\$8,258	(2,093)	13,606	3,019
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$0.35	(0.11)	0.63	0.15

Diluted	0.33	(0.11)	0.60	0.15
Cash	0.33	0.01	0.60	0.37

Earnings per share
before restructuring
charges:

Basic	\$0.35	0.01	0.63	0.32
Diluted	0.33	0.01	0.60	0.31
Cash	0.33	0.12	0.60	0.53

Weighted average
number of shares
outstanding:

Basic	23,654	19,605	21,719	19,601
Diluted	24,691	19,605	22,585	20,312

Benchmark Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

June 30, 2002

(Amounts in Thousands)

(UNAUDITED)

Assets

Current assets:

Cash	\$225,976
Accounts receivable, net	191,585
Inventories, net	195,682
Other current assets	29,849
Total current assets	643,092

Property, plant and equipment, net	80,733
Other assets, net	15,031
Goodwill, net	119,506

Total assets	\$858,362
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Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

Current liabilities:

Current installments of other long-term debt	\$23,415
Accounts payable	188,988
Other current liabilities	37,836
Total current liabilities	250,239

Revolving line of credit	---
Convertible subordinated notes	80,200
Other long-term debt, excluding current installments	32,514

Other long-term liabilities	18,702
Shareholders' equity	476,707
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$858,362

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