Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc.

Kulicke & Soffa Reports Third Quarter 2014 Results

SINGAPORE--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ: KLIC) ("Kulicke & Soffa", "K&S" or the "Company") today announced results for its third fiscal guarter ended June 28, 2014.

Quarterly Results

	Change vs.	Change vs.
Fiscal Q3 2014	E' 02 2012	E'I 02 2014
	Fiscal Q3 2013	Fiscal Q2 2014
\$180.5 million	27.9%	58.1%
\$85.2 million	29.2%	47.7%
47.2%	50 bps	(330) bps
\$31.6 million	67.4%	212.4%
17.5%	410 bps	860 bps
\$26.6 million	40.9%	193.5%
14.7%	137 bps	680 bps
\$0.34	36.0%	183.3%
	\$85.2 million 47.2% \$31.6 million 17.5% \$26.6 million 14.7%	Fiscal Q3 2014 Fiscal Q3 2013 \$180.5 million 27.9% \$85.2 million 29.2% 47.2% 50 bps \$31.6 million 67.4% 17.5% 410 bps \$26.6 million 40.9% 14.7% 137 bps

Bruno Guilmart, Kulicke & Soffa's President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "The 58% revenue increase, over the March Quarter, was driven by increased demand for our market-leading equipment solutions. While these offerings individually serve targeted segments, they collectively cover a wide-range of the industry's interconnect requirements. We expect to drive further enhancements to the diversity and breadth of our equipment portfolio as our ongoing Advanced Packaging investments come to fruition."

Third Quarter Fiscal 2014 Key Product Trends

- Ball bonder equipment net revenue increased 74.7% over the March quarter.
- 68.8% of ball bonder equipment was sold as copper capable.
- Wedge bonder equipment net revenue increased 82.4% over the March quarter.

Third Quarter Fiscal 2014 Financial Highlights

- Net revenue of \$180.5 million.
- Gross margin of 47.2%.
- Net income of \$26.6 million or \$0.34 per share.
- Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments were \$600.1 million as of June 28, 2014.

Fourth Ouarter Fiscal 2014 Outlook

The Company currently expects net revenue in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2014, ending September 27, 2014, to be in the range of approximately \$185 million to \$195 million.

Looking forward, Bruno Guilmart commented, "The improved demand for our offerings combined with positive macro trends, such as the rapid growth in price-sensitive mobile devices, anticipated improvements in the PC market, and expansion of new opportunities such as the Internet-of-Things and Advanced Packaging, all add support to our longer-term value proposition. In addition to trends we currently participate in, we continue to actively seek supplemental opportunities to further enhance shareholder value."

Earnings Conference Call Details

A conference call to discuss these results will be held today, July 29, 2014, beginning at 8:00 am (EDT). To access the conference call, interested parties may call +1-877-407-8037 or internationally +1-201-689-8037. The call will also be available by live webcast at <u>investor.kns.com</u>.

A replay will be available from approximately one hour after the completion of the call through August 5, 2014 by calling toll-free +1-877-660-6853 or internationally +1-201-612-7415 and using the replay ID number of 13586285. A webcast replay will also be available at investor.kns.com.

About Kulicke & Soffa

Kulicke & Soffa (NASDAQ: KLIC) is a global leader in the design and manufacture of semiconductor and LED

assembly equipment. As a pioneer in this industry, K&S has provided customers with market leading packaging solutions for decades. In recent years, K&S has expanded its product offerings through strategic acquisitions, adding wedge bonding and a broader range of expendable tools to its core ball bonding products. Combined with its extensive expertise in process technology, K&S is well positioned to help customers meet the challenges of assembling the next-generation semiconductor and LED devices. (www.kns.com)

Caution Concerning Results and Forward Looking Statements

In addition to historical statements, this press release contains statements relating to future events and our future results. These statements are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to our future revenue, sustained, increasing, continuing or strengthening demand for our products, the continuing transition from gold to copper wire bonding, replacement demand, our research and development efforts, our ability to identify and realize new growth opportunities and our ability to control costs. While these forward-looking statements represent our judgments and future expectations concerning our business, a number of risks, uncertainties and other important factors could cause actual developments and results to differ materially from our expectations. These factors include, but are not limited to: the risk that customer orders already received may be postponed or canceled, generally without charges; the risk that anticipated customer orders may not materialize; the risk that our suppliers may not be able to meet our demands on a timely basis; the volatility in the demand for semiconductors and our products and services; a slowdown of transition from gold to copper wire bonding by our customers and the industry, volatile global economic conditions, which could result in, among other things, sharply lower demand for products containing semiconductors and for the Company's products, and disruption of capital and credit markets; the risk of failure to successfully manage our operations; acts of terrorism and violence; risks, such as changes in trade regulations, currency fluctuations, political instability and war, which may be associated with a substantial non-U.S. customer and supplier base and substantial non-U.S. manufacturing operations; and the factors listed or discussed in Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. is under no obligation to (and expressly disclaims any obligation to) update or alter its forwardlooking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

KULICKE & SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share and employee data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net revenue:				
Equipment	\$165,013	\$ 125,103	\$ 325,770	\$316,088
Expendable Tools	15,504	16,078	48,066	45,242
Total net revenue	180,517	141,181	373,836	361,330
Cost of sales:				
Equipment	88,749	67,632	173,933	175,204
Expendable Tools	6,611	7,635	18,709	19,867
Total cost of sales	95,360	75,267	192,642	195,071
Gross profit:	76.264	F 7 4 7 1	151 027	1 40 004
Equipment	76,264	57,471	151,837	140,884
Expendable Tools	8,893	8,443	29,357	25,375
Total gross profit	85,157	65,914	181,194	166,259
Operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	28,600	28,095	76,303	80,329
Research and development	23,480	15,783	60,277	46,243
Amortization of intangible assets	1,329	2,296	3,988	6,883
Restructuring	164	873	1,139	1,542
Total operating expenses	53,573	47,047	141,707	134,997

Equipment operations:	27,804	16,474	26,217	22,647	
Expendable Tools Total income from operations	3,780 31,584	2,393 18,867	13,270 39,487	8,615 31,262	
Other income (expense): Interest income Interest expense	256 (316	267) —	878 (732	629) (1)
Income from operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes Net income	31,524 4,908 \$ 26,616	19,134 247 \$ 18,887	39,633 5,904 \$ 33,729	31,890 2,063 \$ 29,827	
Net income per share: Basic Diluted	\$ 0.35 \$ 0.34	\$ 0.25 \$ 0.25	\$ 0.44 \$ 0.44	\$ 0.40 \$ 0.39	
Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic Diluted	76,596 77,605	75,231 76,473	76,308 77,086	75,083 76,204	
Supplemental financial data: Depreciation and amortization Capital expenditures Equity-based compensation expense: Cost of sales Selling, general and administrative Research and development Total equity-based compensation expense	Three month June 28, 2014 \$ 3,509 1,022 82 2,182 471 \$ 2,735	s ended June 29, 2013 \$ 4,798 2,554 53 2,125 418 \$ 2,596	Nine month June 28, 2014 \$ 9,995 9,596 269 6,924 1,624 \$ 8,817	s ended June 29, 2013 \$ 14,302 5,957 275 6,375 1,438 \$ 8,088	
Backlog of orders 1 Number of employees	As of June 28, 2014 \$ 130,500 2,643		June 29, 2013 \$ 125,000 2,437		

^{1.} Represents customer purchase commitments. While the Company believes these orders are firm, they are generally cancellable by customers without penalty.

KULICKE & SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	As of June 28, 2014	September 28, 2013
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$597,457	\$521,788
Short-term investments	2,600	3,252
Accounts and notes receivable, net of allowance for doubtful	154,410	162,714

accounts of \$239 and \$504 respectively inventories, net	53,922	38,135	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets Deferred income taxes TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	19,153 4,063 831,605	24,012 4,487 754,388	
Property, plant and equipment, net Goodwill Intangible assets Other assets TOTAL ASSETS	52,231 41,546 7,221 7,260 \$939,863	47,541 41,546 11,209 8,310 \$862,994	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$66,222	\$ 37,030	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities Income taxes payable	41,406 4,076	38,868 1,504	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,076 111,704	77,402	
Financing obligation Deferred income taxes Other liabilities TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,618 40,115 8,957 180,394	19,396 40,709 8,822 146,329	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common stock, no par value	476,547	· ·	
Treasury stock, at cost	(46,356)		
Accumulated income Accumulated other comprehensive income	325,607 3,671	291,878 3,618	
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	759,469	716,665	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$939,863	\$862,994	

KULICKE & SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three mon	ths ended	Nine months ended		
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$5,919	\$11,348	\$84,189	\$68,180	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities, continuing operations	4,657	(2,554)	(8,672)	(647)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities, continuing operations	(274)	328	205	868	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	45	752	(53)	(152)
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	10,347	9,874	75,669	68,249	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	587,110	498,619	521,788	440,244	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$597,457	\$508,493	\$597,457	\$508,493	}

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