Kulicke & Soffa Reports Second Quarter 2021 Results Delivers GAAP Operating Margin of 24.4% and Strong Outlook

SINGAPORE, May 5, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ: KLIC) ("Kulicke & Soffa," "K&S" or the "Company"), today announced financial results of its second fiscal quarter ended April 3, 2021. The Company reported second quarter net revenue of \$340.2 million, net income of \$71.3 million, representing EPS of \$1.13 per fully diluted share, and non-GAAP net income of \$79.4 million, representing non-GAAP EPS of \$1.26 per fully diluted share.

Quarterly Results - U.S. GAAP

	Fiscal Q2 2021	Change vs. Fiscal Q2 2020	Change vs. Fiscal Q1 2021
Net Revenue	\$340.2 million	up 125.7%	up 27%
Gross Profit	\$148.5 million	up 114.3%	up 22.2%
Gross Margin	43.7%	down 230 bps	down 170 bps
Income from Operations	\$83.1 million	up 648.6%	up 53.9%
Operating Margin	24.4%	up 1700 bps	up 420 bps
Net Income	\$71.3 million	up 499.2%	up 47.3%
Net Margin	21.0%	up 1310 bps	up 290 bps
EPS – Diluted	\$1.13	up 494.7%	up 46.8%

Quarterly Results - Non-GAAP

		Change vs.	Change vs.
	Fiscal Q2 2021	Fiscal Q2 2020	Fiscal Q1 2021
Income from Operations	\$89.8 million	up 441%	up 50.2%
Operating Margin	26.4%	up 1540 bps	up 410 bps
Net Income	\$79.4 million	up 367.1%	up 47.9%
Net Margin	23.4%	up 1210 bps	up 340 bps
EPS - Diluted	\$1.26	up 384.6%	up 46.5%

A reconciliation between the GAAP and non-GAAP adjusted results is provided in the financial tables included in this release. See also the "Use of non-GAAP Financial Results" section.

Due to ongoing global supply chain challenges and strong business conditions, the Company incurred expediting fees and spot purchases of \$4.9 million during the second fiscal quarter. These incremental expenses materially contributed to the sequential gross margin change in the second fiscal quarter and are anticipated to continue temporarily through the second fiscal half of 2021. Management remains committed to fundamental gross margin improvement over the long-term.

Fusen Chen, Kulicke & Soffa's President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Demand continues to be strong for our solutions and is supported by structural dynamics, including the increasing global reliance on semiconductors and the increasing capital intensity within the semiconductor assembly process. These improving dynamics, combined with our ongoing strategic execution in supporting technology change for leading-edge applications and also for the display market, provide many new opportunities for shareholder value creation."

Second Quarter Fiscal 2021 Financial Highlights

- Net revenue of \$340.2 million.
- Gross margin of 43.7%.
- Net income of \$71.3 million or \$1.13 per share; non-GAAP net income of \$79.4 million or \$1.26 per share.
- Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments were \$564.3 million as of April 3, 2021.

Third Quarter Fiscal 2021 Outlook

The Company currently expects net revenue in the third fiscal quarter of 2021 ending July 3, 2021 to be approximately \$400 million +/- \$20 million, and expects non-GAAP EPS to be approximately \$1.35 +/- 10%.

Looking forward, Fusen Chen commented, "Our global operations and R&D teams have aggressively worked to mitigate supply chain constraints within our control. While ongoing challenges remain, these efforts have allowed us to further support our customers during this period of industry growth and increase our outlook into the second fiscal half."

Earnings Conference Call Details

A conference call to discuss these results will be held on May 6, 2021, beginning at 8:00am EDT. To access the conference call, interested parties may call +1-877-407-8037 or internationally +1-201-689-8037. A live webcast link and supplemental earnings presentation will also be available at investor.kns.com.

A replay will be available from approximately one hour after the completion of the call through May 13th by calling toll-free +1-877-660-6853 or internationally +1-201-612-7415 and using the replay ID number of 13717954. A webcast replay will also be available at <u>investor.kns.com</u>.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Results

In addition to U.S. GAAP results, this press release also contains the following non-GAAP financial results: income from operations, operating margin, net income, net margin and net income per diluted share. The Company's non-GAAP results exclude amortization of intangibles, costs associated with restructuring and severance, equity-based compensation, acquisition and integration costs, impairment relating to assets acquired through business combinations, income tax expense arising from discrete tax items triggered by significant changes in tax law, gain/loss on disposals of businesses, as well as tax benefits or expense associated with the foregoing non-GAAP items. The non-GAAP adjustments may or may not be infrequent or nonrecurring in nature, but are a result of periodic or non-core operating activities. These non-GAAP measures are consistent with the way management analyzes and assesses the Company's operating results. The Company believes these non-GAAP measures enhance investors' understanding of the Company's underlying operational performance, as well as their ability to compare the Company's period-to-period financial results and the Company's overall performance to that of its competitors.

Management uses both U.S. GAAP metrics as well as these non-GAAP metrics to evaluate the Company's operating and financial results. Non-GAAP financial measures may not provide information that is directly comparable to that provided by other companies in the Company's industry, as other companies in the industry may calculate non-GAAP financial results differently. In addition, there are limitations in using non-GAAP financial measures because the non-GAAP financial measures are not prepared in accordance with GAAP, may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies and exclude expenses that may have a material impact on the Company's reported financial results. The presentation of non-GAAP items is meant to supplement, but not substitute for, GAAP financial measures or information. The Company believes the presentation of non-GAAP results in combination with GAAP results provides better transparency to the investment community when analyzing business trends, providing meaningful comparisons with prior period performance and enhancing investors' ability to view the Company's results from management's perspective. A reconciliation of each available GAAP to non-GAAP financial measure discussed in this press release is contained in the financial tables at the end of this press release.

About Kulicke & Soffa

Kulicke & Soffa (NASDAQ: KLIC) is a leading provider of semiconductor, LED and electronic assembly solutions serving the global automotive, consumer, communications, computing and industrial markets. Founded in 1951, K&S prides itself on establishing foundations for technological advancement - creating pioneering interconnect solutions that enable performance improvements, power efficiency, form-factor reductions and assembly excellence of current and next-generation semiconductor devices.

Leveraging decades of development proficiency and extensive process technology expertise, Kulicke & Soffa's expanding portfolio provides equipment solutions, aftermarket products and services supporting a comprehensive set of interconnect technologies including wire bonding, advanced packaging, lithography, and electronics assembly. Dedicated to empowering technological discovery, always, K&S collaborates with customers and technology partners to push the boundaries of possibility, enabling a smarter future.

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. 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 effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, and the other factors listed or discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 3, 2020, filed on November 20, 2020, 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 forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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

	Three months ended		Six months ended			
		March 28,	-	March 28,		
	April 3, 2021	2020	April 3, 2021	2020		
Net revenue	\$ 340,163	\$ 150,741	\$ 608,020	\$ 295,038		
Cost of sales	191,673	81,438	338,044	155,371		
Gross profit	148,490	69,303	269,976	139,667		
Operating expenses:						
Selling, general and		27.224				
administrative	27,774	27,331	61,274	53,755		
Research and development	34,868	29,067	66,412	57,359		
Amortization of intangible assets	1,355	1,820	3,313	3,637		
Acquisition-related costs	1,379	_	1,730	426		
Restructuring		9	91	426		
Total operating expenses	65,376	58,227	132,820	115,177		
Income from operations	83,114	11,076	137,156	24,490		
Other income (expense):	F0C	2.675	1 227	F F1.4		
Interest income	586	2,675	1,237	5,514		
Interest expense	(74)	(661)	(106)	(1,244)		
Income before income taxes	83,626	13,090	138,287	28,760		
Income tax expense	12,212	1,162	18,510	3,295		
Share of results of equity-method	94	40	0.4	100		
investee, net of tax			94	100		
Net income	\$ 71,320	\$ 11,888	\$ 119,683	\$ 25,365		
Net income per share:						
Basic	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 1.93	\$ 0.40		
Diluted	\$ 1.15 \$ 1.13	\$ 0.19	\$ 1.90	\$ 0.40 \$ 0.39		
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Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.24		
Weighted average shares						
outstanding:						
Basic	62,068	63,679	62,023	63,675		
Diluted	63,237	64,219	63,118	64,266		
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	Three mo	nths ended	Six mon	ths ended		
		March 28,		March 28,		
Supplemental financial data:	April 3, 2021	2020	April 3, 2021	2020		
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,769	\$ 9,747	\$ 9,528		
Capital expenditures	5,121	2,775	8,808	5,099		
Equity-based compensation						
expense:	210	102	415	415		
Cost of sales	210	183	415	415		
Selling, general and	2.024	2.605	F 100	E 420		
administrative	2,824	2,695	5,103	5,430		
Research and development	929	844	1,846	1,486		

Total equity-based			 	
compensation expense	\$ 3,963	\$ 3,722	\$ 7,364	\$ 7,331

	As of				
		March 28,			
	April 3, 2021	2020			
Backlog of orders ¹	\$ 664,831	\$ 136,353			
Number of employees	3,434	2,929			

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

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

	As of			
	April 3, 2021	October 3, 2020		
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 257,333	\$ 188,127		
Short-term investments	307,000	342,000		
Accounts and other receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts				
of \$942 and \$968, respectively	307,934	198,640		
Inventories, net	139,999	111,809		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	23,471	19,620		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,035,737	860,196		
Property, plant and equipment, net	61,965	59,147		
Operating right-of-use assets	21,346	22,688		
Goodwill	73,548	56,695		
Intangible assets, net	46,046	37,972		
Deferred tax assets	9,668	8,147		
Equity investments	6,371	7,535		
Other assets	2,292	2,186		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,256,973	\$ 1,054,566		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS'	EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-			
Accounts payable	123,832	57,688		
Operating lease liabilities	6,171	5,903		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	104,386	76,762		
Income taxes payable	25,183	17,540		
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	259,572	157,893		
Deferred income taxes	33,395	33,005		
Income taxes payable	67,234	74,957		
Operating lease liabilities	16,741	18,325		
Other liabilities	13,171	12,392		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	390,113	296,572		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Common stock, no par value	542,112	539,213		
Treasury stock, at cost	(392,680)	(394,817)		
Retained earnings	718,427	616,119		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(999)	(2,521)		
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 866,860	\$ 757,994		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,256,973	\$ 1,054,566		

KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three mont	ths ended	Six months ended			
	April 3, 2021	March 28, 2020	April 3, 2021	March 28, 2020		
Net cash provided by operating activities Net cash provided by/(used in)	\$ 27,085	\$ 14,055	\$ 85,720	\$ 39,083		
investing activities	1,775	(131,466)	1,999	(24,979)		
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents Changes in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents,	(9,910)	12,106	(19,117)	14,258		
	(1,287)	238	604	(239)		
	17,663	(105,067)	69,206	28,123		
beginning of period	239,670	497,374	188,127	364,184		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 257,333	\$ 392,307	\$ 257,333	\$ 392,307		
Short-term investments	307,000	248,000	307,000	248,000		
Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ 564,333	\$ 640,307	\$ 564,333	\$ 640,307		

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP to Non-GAAP Income from Operation and Operating Margin (In thousands, except percentages) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended				
	April 3, 2021	January 2, 2021			
Net revenue	\$ 340,163	\$ 150,741	\$ 267,857		
U.S. GAAP income from operations	83,114	11,076	54,042		
U.S. GAAP operating margin	24.4 %	7.3 %	20.2 %		
Pre-tax non-GAAP items: Amortization related to intangible assets acquired through business combination- selling, general and administrative	1,355	1,820	1,958		
Restructuring	- -	9	91		
Equity-based compensation (a)	3,963	3,722	3,401		
Acquisition-related costs	1,379	_	351		
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$ 89,811	\$ 16,627	\$ 59,843		
Non-GAAP operating margin	26.4 %	11.0 %	22.3 %		

⁽a) This non-GAAP measure is newly included for the three months ended January 2, 2021. Comparatives have been included.

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP Net Income to Non-GAAP Net Income and U.S. GAAP net income per share to Non-GAAP net income per share (In thousands, except percentages and per share data) (Unaudited)

Three months ended	

	Ар	ril 3, 2021	Ma	arch 28, 2020	Jar	nuary 2, 2021
Net revenue	\$ 3	340,163	\$	150,741	\$	267,857
U.S. GAAP net income		71,320		11,888		48,363
U.S. GAAP net margin		21.0 %		7.9 %		18.1 %
Non-GAAP adjustments: Amortization related to intangible assets acquired through business combination- selling,						
general and administrative		1,355		1,820		1,958
Restructuring		_		9		91
Equity-based compensation		3,963		3,722		3,401
Acquisition-related costs		1,379		-		351
Income tax effects on non-GAAP items		1,429		(432)		(474)
Total non-GAAP adjustments	\$	8,126	\$	5,119	\$	5,327
Non-GAAP net income	\$	79,446	\$	17,007	\$	53,690
Non-GAAP net margin		23.4 %		11.3 %		20.0 %
U.S. GAAP net income per share:						
Basic		1.15		0.19		0.78
Diluted ^(a)		1.13		0.19		0.77
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Non-GAAP adjustments per share:(b)						
Basic		0.13		0.08		0.09
Diluted		0.13		0.07		0.09
Non-GAAP net income per share:						
Basic	\$	1.28	\$	0.27	\$	0.87
Diluted ^(c)	\$	1.26	\$	0.26	\$	0.86

- (a) GAAP diluted net earnings per share reflects any dilutive effect of outstanding restricted stock units and stock options, but that effect is excluded when calculating GAAP diluted net (loss) per share because it would be anti-dilutive.
- (b) Non-GAAP adjustments per share include amortization related to intangible assets acquired through business combinations, costs associated with restructuring, equity-based compensation expenses and acquisition-related costs as well as income tax effects associated with the foregoing non-GAAP items.
- (c) Non-GAAP diluted net earnings per share reflects any dilutive effect of outstanding restricted stock units and stock options.

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