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Coherent, Inc. Reports Third Fiscal Quarter Results

SANTA CLARA, CA, August 1, 2017 -- Coherent, Inc. (NASDAQ, COHR), one of the world's leading providers of lasers, laser-based technologies and laser-based system solutions in a broad range of scientific, commercial and industrial applications, today announced financial results for its third fiscal quarter ended July 1, 2017.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 1, 2017	April 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	**July 1, 2017**	July 2, 2016
GAAP Results					
(in millions except per share data)					
Net sales	**$ 464.1**	$ 422.8	$ 218.8	**$ 1,233.0**	$ 608.9
Net income	**$ 61.1**	$ 41.8	$ 18.7	**$ 133.4**	$ 56.7
Diluted EPS	**$ 2.46**	$ 1.69	$ 0.76	**$ 5.39**	$ 2.33
Non-GAAP Results					
(in millions except per share data)					
Net income	**$ 83.4**	$ 72.1	$ 26.2	**$ 218.8**	$ 75.4
Diluted EPS	**$ 3.36**	$ 2.91	$ 1.07	**$ 8.85**	$ 3.10

2017 THIRD FISCAL QUARTER DETAILS

For the third fiscal quarter ended July 1, 2017, Coherent announced net sales of $464.1 million and net income, on a U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis, of $61.1 million, or $2.46 per diluted share. These results compare to net sales of $218.8 million and net income of $18.7 million, or $0.76 per diluted share, for the third quarter of fiscal 2016.

Non-GAAP net income for the third quarter of fiscal 2017 was $83.4 million, or $3.36 per diluted share. Non-GAAP net income for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was $26.2 million, or $1.07 per diluted share. Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measures for the three months ended July 1, 2017, April 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, and the nine months ended

July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016 appear in the financial statements portion of this release under the heading “Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP net income."

Net sales for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 were $422.8 million and net income, on a GAAP basis, was $41.8 million, or $1.69 per diluted share. Non-GAAP net income for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 was $72.1 million, or $2.91 per diluted share.

As previously announced, on November 7, 2016, Coherent completed its acquisition of Rofin-Sinar Technologies, Inc. ("Rofin"), one of the world's leading developers and manufacturers of high-performance industrial laser sources and laser-based solutions and components. As a result, Rofin’s operating results were consolidated for the period from November 7, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in Coherent’s first fiscal quarter results ended December 31, 2016, and a full quarter of Rofin’s operating results in Coherent’s second and third fiscal quarter results ended April 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017.

"We had another record-setting result in our most recent quarter and demand remains buoyant. We booked a significant number of large format (i.e., Gen 5 or Gen 6) ELA tools for OLED manufacturing. Utilization within OLED fabs is very high and with more installations moving into the service pool, ELA service orders and revenues continue to climb. The outlook for FPD is bright with multiple new fabs having been announced or in the late stages of planning. These new fabs will drive business predominantly in FY19 and beyond. We will be prepared to satisfy the delivery schedule since we have started our previously announced facility expansions. The overall materials processing business continues to perform well. Most notably, we had very good traction during Q3 for high-power (i.e., 1-8 kilowatts) fiber lasers in battery welding for electric vehicles and metal cutting. The pipeline is strong and outstrips our current capacity, which necessitates expansions in our diode packaging and fiber laser integration and testing operations. The additional capacity will be staged over the next year,” said John Ambroseo, Coherent’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “We had another quarter of strong cash flow and we made a voluntary €45 million principal prepayment on our debt. Using excess cash flow to pay down the debt will remain a priority,” Ambroseo added.

CONFERENCE CALL REMINDER

The Company will host a conference call today to discuss its financial results at 1:30 P.M. Pacific (4:30 P.M. Eastern). A listen-only broadcast of the conference call and a transcript of management's prepared remarks can be accessed on the Company's website at http://www.coherent.com/Investors/. For those who are not able to listen to the live broadcast, the call will be archived for approximately three months on the Company's website.

Summarized statement of operations information is as follows (unaudited, in thousands except per share data):

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 1, 2017	April 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	**July 1, 2017**	July 2, 2016
Net sales	**$ 464,107**	$ 422,833	$ 218,767	**$ 1,233,013**	$ 608,924
Cost of sales(A)(B)(D)(E)(F)	**256,921**	243,318	124,208	**704,798**	341,868
Gross profit	**207,186**	179,515	94,559	**528,215**	267,056
Operating expenses:					
Research & development(A)(B)(F)	**30,483**	30,536	21,441	**88,103**	61,536
Selling, general & administrative(A)(B)(E)(F)(G)	**72,383**	72,451	46,256	**218,602**	123,970
Gain from business combination(C)	**—**	—	—	**(5,416)**	—
Amortization of intangible assets(D)	**3,743**	5,439	574	**13,060**	1,975
Total operating expenses	**106,609**	108,426	68,271	**314,349**	187,481
Income from operations	**100,577**	71,089	26,288	**213,866**	79,575
Other income (expense), net(B) (H)	**(7,942)**	(10,255)	852	**(13,025)**	(1,150)
Income from continuing operations, before income taxes	**92,635**	60,834	27,140	**200,841**	78,425
Provision for income taxes (I)	**29,764**	18,646	8,490	**65,084**	21,708
Net income from continuing operations	**62,871**	42,188	18,650	**135,757**	56,717
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	**(1,754)**	(343)	—	**(2,387)**	—
Net income	**$ 61,117**	$ 41,845	$ 18,650	**$ 133,370**	$ 56,717
Net income per share:					
Basic from continuing operations	**2.56**	1.72	0.77	**5.55**	2.35
Basic from discontinued operations	**(0.07)**	(0.01)	—	**(0.10)**	—
Basic earnings per share	**$ 2.49**	$ 1.71	$ 0.77	**$ 5.45**	$ 2.35
Diluted from continuing operations	**2.53**	1.70	0.76	**5.49**	2.33
Diluted from discontinued operations	**(0.07)**	(0.01)	—	**(0.10)**	—
Diluted earnings per share	**$ 2.46**	$ 1.69	$ 0.76	**$ 5.39**	$ 2.33
Shares used in computations:					
Basic	**24,537**	24,496	24,192	**24,460**	24,108
Diluted	**24,823**	24,757	24,467	**24,741**	24,355

(A) Stock-based compensation expense included in operating results is summarized below (all footnote amounts are unaudited, in thousands, except per share data):

Stock-based compensation expense	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 1, 2017	April 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	**July 1, 2017**	July 2, 2016
Cost of sales	**$ 880**	$ 778	$ 677	**$ 2,618**	$ 1,876
Research & development	**639**	597	610	**2,289**	1,646
Selling, general & administrative	**5,373**	5,308	4,402	**18,323**	11,299
Impact on income from operations	**$ 6,892**	$ 6,683	$ 5,689	**$ 23,230**	$ 14,821

For the quarters ended July 1, 2017, April 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, the impact on net income, net of tax was $5,041 ($0.20 per diluted share), $4,868 ($0.20 per diluted share) and $4,101 ($0.17 per diluted share), respectively. For the nine months ended July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, the impact on net income, net of tax was $18,075 ($0.73 per diluted share) and $11,371 ($0.47 per diluted share), respectively.

(B) Changes in deferred compensation plan liabilities are included in cost of sales and operating expenses while gains and losses on deferred compensation plan assets are included in other income (expense), net. Deferred compensation expense (benefit) included in operating results is summarized below:

Deferred compensation expense (benefit)	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 1, 2017	April 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	**July 1, 2017**	July 2, 2016
Cost of sales	**$ 53**	$ 69	$ 69	**$ 123**	$ 35
Research & development	**163**	308	330	**496**	166
Selling, general & administrative	**1,014**	1,430	1,619	**2,382**	836
Impact on income from operations	**$ 1,230**	$ 1,807	$ 2,018	**$ 3,001**	$ 1,037

For the quarters ended July 1, 2017, April 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, the impact on other income (expense), net from gains or losses on deferred compensation plan assets was income of $1,204, income of $1,812 and income of $1,867, respectively. For the nine months ended July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, the impact on other income (expense) net from gains or losses on deferred compensation plan assets was income of $3,027 and income of $981, respectively.

(C) For the nine months ended July 1, 2017, the gain from business combination was $5,416 ($3,426 net of tax ($0.14 per diluted share)).

(D) For the quarters ended July 1, 2017, April 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, the impact of amortization of intangibles expense was $15,452 ($10,870 net of tax ($0.44 per diluted share)), $16,763 ($12,573 net of tax ($0.51 per diluted share)), and $2,032 ($1,400 net of tax ($0.06 per diluted share)), respectively. For the nine months ended July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, the impact of amortization of intangible expense was $44,303 ($31,169 net of tax ($1.26 per diluted share)) and $6,201 ($4,270 net of tax ($0.18 per diluted share)), respectively.

(E) For the quarters ended July 1, 2017 and April 1, 2017, the impact of inventory step-up costs related to acquisitions was $4,445 ($3,172 net of tax ($0.13 per diluted share)) and $13,019 ($9,401 net of tax ($0.38 per diluted share)), respectively. For the nine months ended July 1, 2017, the impact of inventory and favorable lease step-up costs related to acquisitions was $26,768 ($19,042 net of tax ($0.77 per diluted share)).

(F) For the quarters ended July 1, 2017 and April 1, 2017, the impact of restructuring charges was $1,500 ($1,131 net of tax ($0.05 per diluted share)) and $557 ($378 net of tax ($0.02 per diluted share)), respectively. For the nine months ended July 1, 2017, the impact of restructuring charges was $9,119 ($6,109 net of tax ($0.25 per diluted share)).

(G) The quarters ended July 1, 2017, April 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016 included $426 ($269 net of tax ($0.01 per diluted share)), $2,933 ($2,664 net of tax ($0.11 per diluted share)) and $3,050 ($2,012 net of tax ($0.08 per diluted share)), respectively, of costs related to the acquisition of Rofin. The nine months ended July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016 included $17,587 ($17,425 net of tax ($0.70 per diluted share)) and $6,634 ($4,276 net of tax ($0.18 per diluted share)), respectively, of costs related to the acquisition of Rofin.

(H) For the nine months ended July 1, 2017, the gain on our hedge of the debt commitment and issuance of the debt was $11,298 ($7,147 net of tax ($0.29 per diluted share)) and interest expense on the debt commitment was $2,665 ($1,844 net of tax ($0.07 per diluted share)).

(I) The nine months ended July 2, 2016 included $1,221 ($0.05 per diluted share) non-recurring tax benefit from the renewal of the R&D tax credit for fiscal 2015.

Summarized balance sheet information is as follows (unaudited, in thousands):

	July 1, 2017	October 1, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and short-term investments	**$ 473,487**	$ 399,953
Accounts receivable, net	**277,853**	165,715
Inventories	**402,849**	212,898
Prepaid expenses and other assets	**74,827**	37,073
Assets held-for-sale	**32,556**	—
Total current assets	**1,261,572**	815,639
Property and equipment, net	**268,622**	127,443
Other assets	**748,235**	218,066
Total assets	**$ 2,278,429**	$ 1,161,148
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	**$ 5,485**	$ 20,000
Accounts payable	**72,755**	45,182
Other current liabilities	**301,069**	136,312
Total current liabilities	**379,309**	201,494
Other long-term liabilities	**831,078**	48,826
Total stockholders' equity	**1,068,042**	910,828
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	**$ 2,278,429**	$ 1,161,148

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP net income (unaudited, in thousands (other than per share data), net of tax):

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 1, 2017	April 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	**July 1, 2017**	July 2, 2016
GAAP net income from continuing operations	**$ 62,871**	$ 42,188	$ 18,650	**$ 135,757**	$ 56,717
Stock-based compensation expense	**5,041**	4,868	4,101	**18,075**	11,371
Restructuring charges	**1,131**	378	—	**6,109**	—
Amortization of intangible assets	**10,870**	12,573	1,400	**31,169**	4,270
Gain on business combination	**—**	—	—	**(3,426)**	—
Non-recurring tax benefit	**—**	—	—	**—**	(1,221)
Acquisition-related costs	**269**	2,664	2,012	**17,425**	4,276
Interest expense on debt commitment	**—**	—	—	**1,844**	—
Gain on hedge of debt and debt commitment	**—**	—	—	**(7,147)**	—
Purchase accounting step-up	**3,172**	9,401	—	**19,042**	—
Non-GAAP net income	**$ 83,354**	$ 72,072	$ 26,163	**$ 218,848**	$ 75,413
Non-GAAP net income per diluted share	**$ 3.36**	$ 2.91	$ 1.07	**$ 8.85**	$ 3.10

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains forward-looking statements, as defined under the Federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements include the statements in this press release that relate to customer demand for our products, our outlook for the flat panel display market and ability to satisfy anticipated demand, capacity projections, the timing and subject matter for capital spending and the timing and pace of any payment of our outstanding debt. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause our actual results to differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks associated with any general market recovery, growth in demand for our products, customer acceptance of our products, the worldwide demand for flat panel displays, the demand for and use of our products in commercial applications, our ability to general sufficient cash to fund capital spending or debt repayment, our successful implementation of our customer design wins, our and our customers' exposure to risks associated with worldwide economic conditions, our customers' ability to cancel long-term purchase orders, the ability of our customers to forecast their own end markets, our ability to accurately forecast future periods, customer acceptance and adoption of our new product offerings, continued timely availability of products and materials from our suppliers, our ability to timely ship our products and our customers' ability to accept such shipments, our ability to have our customers qualify our product offerings, worldwide government economic policies, our ability to integrate the business of Rofin successfully, manage our expanded operations and achieve anticipated synergies, and other risks identified in the Company's SEC filings. Readers are encouraged to refer to the risk disclosures and critical accounting policies and estimates described in the Company's reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, as applicable and as filed from time-to-time by the Company. Actual results, events and performance may differ materially from those presented herein. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements as a result of events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Founded in 1966, Coherent, Inc. is one of the world's leading providers of lasers, laser-based technologies and laser-based system solutions for scientific, commercial and industrial customers. Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and is part of the Russell 2000 and Standard & Poor's MidCap 400 Index. For more information about Coherent, visit the company's website at www.coherent.com/ for product and financial updates.

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