# **News Release**

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### Daktronics, Inc. Announces Second Quarter Fiscal 2007 Results Revenues up 63% for the quarter, 46% year to date Orders Up Over 50% for the second consecutive quarter

Brookings, S.D. – Nov 15, 2006 - Daktronics, Inc. (Nasdaq - DAKT) today reported fiscal 2007 second quarter net sales of \$123.5 million and net income of \$8.9 million, or \$0.22 per diluted share, compared with fiscal 2006 second quarter net sales of \$75.8 million and net income of \$5.2 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share. Backlog at the end of the fiscal 2007 second quarter was approximately \$121 million, compared with a backlog of approximately \$81 million at the end of second quarter of fiscal 2006.

Net sales, net income and earnings per share for the six months ended October 28, 2006 were \$215.7 million, \$13.9 million and \$0.34 per diluted share, respectively, compared to \$148.1 million, \$9.8 million and \$0.25 per diluted share, respectively, for the same period one year ago.

"The exceptional results for the quarter were mostly due to an absolutely fantastic team effort by everyone at Daktronics. Our people went above and beyond to serve our customers, and as a result we exceeded our guidance on both the top and bottom lines, " said Jim Morgan, president and chief executive officer. "I want to thank all of our employees for the excellent job they did this past quarter. I would also note that the additional space that we brought on line in Brookings in the first quarter was a key enabler for us to achieve what we did in the second quarter. We also realized the benefit of process improvements that we recently implemented."

Morgan continued, "Our Sioux Falls facility is coming along nicely. We shipped our first display out of that plant in mid-October. The capacity of this facility will continue to be ramped up over the coming months as we add personnel and additional work shifts. We are excited to have the Sioux Falls facility coming on line to help us respond to the anticipated continued growth of demand in the digital billboard marketplace. We see workforce availability as a limiting factor to the growth rate in Brookings, and therefore we continue to evaluate opportunities to expand capacity outside of Brookings."

"Although much of the external attention to our business has been given to the outdoor advertising space where orders continue to outpace revenues, it is important to note that the orders in our sports markets are up more than 45% on a year to date basis over last fiscal year," Morgan continued. "Also, our transportation market had an excellent quarter for orders, and it is showing greater potential. Revenues in transportation are up over 60% both for the quarter and year to date as compared to last year, although order growth remained below 10%. We remain optimistic that these two markets will continue to show solid long-term growth. Our commercial market order bookings are now up over 75% year-to-date led by outdoor advertising opportunities."

"Our gross profit margin met our expectations, which anticipated the cost effects of the capacity expansion. We expect that our continued investment in capacity will have some effect on gross profit margin in the third quarter," said Bill Retterath, chief financial officer. "We believe that we can expand gross profit slightly in the third quarter from the second quarter."

Retterath continued "For the quarter, our cash decreased significantly, as we funded almost two-thirds of our capital budget in the first half of the year and made two strategic investments. Pending unforeseen changes we should now be in a position to generate free cash flow for the second half of the fiscal year," Retterath said.



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Morgan concluded, "We estimate net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 will be in the range of \$103 to \$115 million, with earnings in the range of \$0.12 to \$0.18 per share. We expect that for the fiscal year as a whole, net sales could reach \$450 million, which is subject to a number of risks as spelled out in our public filings."

#### Webcast Information

The Company will host a conference call and webcast to discuss its financial results today at 10:00 am (Central Time). This call will be broadcast live at <u>http://investor.daktronics.com</u> and available for replay shortly after the event.

#### **About Daktronics**

Daktronics has strong leadership positions in, and is one of the world's largest suppliers of, electronic scoreboards, computer-programmable displays, and large screen video displays and control systems. The company excels in the control of large display systems, including those that require integration of multiple complex displays showing real-time information, graphics, animation and video. Daktronics designs, manufactures, markets and services display systems for customers around the world in sport, business and transportation applications. For more information, visit the company's World Wide Web site at: http://www.daktronics.com, e-mail the company at investor@daktronics.com, call (605) 697-4000 or toll-free (800) 843-5843 in the United States or write to the company at 331 32nd Ave. PO Box 5128 Brookings, S.D. 57006-5128.

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Financial tables are included on the following pages.



### Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income

(in thousands, except earnings per share) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended				
	0	ctober 28, 2006	Oc	tober 29, 2005	00	ctober 28, 2006	Oc	tober 29, 2005
Net sales	\$	123,530	\$	75,802	\$	215,683	\$	148,147
Cost of goods sold		88,044		53,485		153,821		103,636
Gross profit		35,486		22,317		61,862		44,511
Operating expenses:								
Selling		12,528		9,178		24,974		18,988
General and administrative		4,628		2,683		8,356		5,305
Product design and development		3,936		2,749		7,555		5,233
		21,092		14,610		40,885		29,526
Operating income		14,394		7,707		20,977		14,985
Nonoperating income (expense):								
Interest income (expense), net		455		462		1,074		788
Other income (expense), net		(648)		(5)		(541)		(77)
Income before income taxes		14,201		8,164		21,510		15,696
Income tax expense		5,310		2,979		7,631		5,880
Net income	\$	8,891	\$	5,185	\$	13,879	\$	9,816
Weighted average number of fully diluted shares and common								
equivalent shares		41,129		40,267		41,072		40,249
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.23	\$	0.13	\$	0.36	\$	0.25
Diluted	\$	0.22	\$	0.13	\$	0.34	\$	0.25



## Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

	October 28, 2006 (unaudited)		April 29, 2006		
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,589	\$	26,921	
Restricted cash		5,123		-	
Marketable securities		-		8,310	
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts		52,677		46,019	
Inventories		50,602		31,045	
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings		22,298		17,375	
Current maturities of long-term receivables		4,182		4,476	
Prepaid expenses and other		3,750		2,522	
Deferred income taxes		7,204		6,213	
Income taxes receivable		219		97	
Rental equipment available for sale		23		286	
Total current assets		151,667		143,264	
Advertising rights, net		4,012		3,112	
Long-term receivables, less current maturities		9,253		8,756	
Investments in affiliates		10,000		582	
Goodwill		4,344		2,706	
Intangible and other assets		3,858		636	
Deferred income taxes		114		232	
		31,581		16,024	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:					
Land		2,985		1,223	
Buildings		27,576		20,470	
Machinery and equipment		34,881		22,332	
Office furniture and equipment		29,172		22,926	
Equipment held for rental		2,700		2,182	
Demonstration equipment		4,154		4,899	
Transportation equipment		5,889		4,863	
		107,357		78,895	
Less accumulated depreciation		41,023		38,336	
		66,334		40,559	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	249,582	\$	199,847	



# Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued) (in thousands)

	October 28, 2006 (unaudited)	April 29, 2006		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Notes payable, bank	\$ 2,363	\$ -		
Accounts payable	40,720	20,506		
Accrued expenses and warranty obligations	18,888	15,396		
Current maturities of long-term debt and marketing obligations	1,002	491		
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings	23,306	19,760		
Customer deposits	8,521	7,777		
Deferred revenue	4,736	3,849		
Income taxes payable	1,699	555		
Total current liabilities	101,235	68,334		
Long-term debt, less current maturities	635	131		
Long-term marketing obligations, less current maturities	539	574		
Long-term warranty obligations and other payables	6,196	3,864		
Deferred income taxes	1,779	1,599		
	9,149	6,168		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	110,384	74,502		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:				
Common stock	20,546	19,551		
Additional paid-in capital	4,587	3,480		
Retained earnings	113,921	102,381		
Treasury stock, at cost	(9)	(9)		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	153	(58)		
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	139,198	125,345		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 249,582	\$ 199,847		



### Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands) (unaudited)

(		Six Months Ended				
	October 28, 2006		October 29, 2005			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Net income	\$	13,879	\$	9,816		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided						
by operating activities:						
Depreciation		5,660		4,203		
Amortization		23		26		
Gain on sale of property and equipment		68		(14)		
Stock-based compensation		856		_		
Equity in earnings of investments in affiliates		781		_		
Provision for doubtful accounts		263		(255)		
Deferred income taxes, net		(693)		(930)		
Change in operating assets and liabilities		(10,168)		(6,591)		
Net cash provided by operating activities		10,669		6,255		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Purchase of property and equipment		(27,753)		(7,946)		
Cash consideration paid for acquired business		(13,771)		(130)		
Sales (purchases) of marketable securities, net		8,310		348		
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		44		33		
Net cash used in investing activities		(33,170)		(7,695)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Dividend paid		(2,339)		(1,917)		
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		251		_		
Principal payments on long-term debt		25		(525)		
Net borrowing (payments) on notes payable		2,363		(84)		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants		639		335		
Net cash used in financing activities		939		(2,191)		
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH		230		(190)		
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(21,332)		(3,821)		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BEGINNING OF PERIOD		26,921		15,961		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF PERIOD	\$	5,589	\$	12,140		

