

## Daktronics Announces a Semi-Annual Cash Dividend Per Share and a Special Dividend

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BROOKINGS, S.D., Nov. 29, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Daktronics, Inc. (Nasdaq:DAKT) today announced that its Board of Directors approved a regular semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.115 per share and a special dividend of \$0.50 per share.

"Given our cash and marketable securities position of more than \$79 million as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2013 and our belief that we will continue to generate and increase free cash flow from the business over the long-term, we felt that it was again appropriate to not only declare a semi-annual dividend, but also a special dividend," said Jim Morgan, president and chief executive officer.

The semi-annual and special cash dividends will be payable on December 20, 2012, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 10, 2012. While the company intends to pay regular semi-annual dividends for the foreseeable future, subsequent dividends will continue to be reviewed annually and declared by the Board at its discretion.

## **About Daktronics**

Daktronics has strong leadership positions in, and is the world's largest supplier of, large screen video displays, electronic scoreboards, LED text and graphics displays, and related control systems. The company excels in the control of 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 four domestic business units: Live Events, Commercial, Schools and Theatres and Transportation, and one International business unit. For more information, visit the company's World Wide Web site at: <a href="http://www.daktronics.com">http://www.daktronics.com</a>, e-mail the company at investor@daktronics.com, call (605) 692-0200 or toll-free (800) 843-5843 in the United States or write to the company at 201 Daktronics Dr., PO Box 5128, Brookings, S.D. 57006-5128..

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