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Daktronics, Inc. Announces Second Quarter Fiscal 2022 Results

Brookings, S.D., December 1, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Daktronics, Inc. (NASDAQ - DAKT) today reported results for fiscal 2022 second quarter which ended October 30, 2021.

Q2 FY2022 financial highlights:

- Net sales increased to \$164.5 million as compared to Q2 FY2021 net sales of \$127.4 million as a result of strong demand and eased pandemic related site restrictions.
- Operating income decreased to \$4.4 million as compared to Q2 FY2021 operating income of \$6.7 million due to inflation in materials and freight costs and increased personnel spend compared to prior year.
- Net income of \$2.4 million, and earnings per diluted share of \$0.05 compared to net income of \$3.4 million, and \$0.08 earnings per diluted share, for Q2 FY2021.
- Second quarter orders of \$163.7 million, grew 20.7% year-over-year, driven by increased market activity as the pandemic restrictions eased and economic conditions improved, including record bookings in Commercial and High School Park and Recreation business units.
- Product order backlog of \$282 million compared to \$201 million a year earlier.(1) The increase was driven by strong order volume
 offset by muted conversion to sales due to supply chain challenges.
- Balance sheet remains strong. There were no advances under the loan portion of the line of credit compared to \$15 million borrowed at the end of Q2 FY2021.

Reece Kurtenbach, chairman, president and chief executive officer stated, "Market demand continued to return to pre-pandemic levels and our order bookings grew through the first half of the year. Our operating expenses have increased as we adjust our capacity to support increased demand levels and convert our record high backlog to sales. At the same time, material, labor, and freight availability constraints are creating headwinds in lead times and are causing inflationary cost pressures."

Outlook

Kurtenbach added, "We expect dynamic supply chain conditions to persist through next calendar year. As we continue to work through supply chain challenges, inflationary pressures, and evolving pandemic impacts, we expect volatility in our pricing, order and revenue cycles, and production costs in the near term. Over the long-term, we believe the fundamentals of the audiovisual industry are strong and are poised for continued growth. To position us to benefit from both near term growth and long-term trends, we are actively investing in capacity, in new technologies, and in different markets to make Daktronics and our solutions the preferred choice for new and existing customers."

Second Quarter and Year to Date Results

Orders for the second quarter of fiscal 2022 increased 20.7 percent as compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2021. Each business unit's order volume grew through the first half of fiscal 2022 reflecting the recovery from the impact of the global pandemic among our customers. Commercial business unit orders increase is due to strong demand from customers using systems for on-premise promotion and out-of-home advertising. High School Park and Recreation continued growth for the year and quarter is driven by the adoption of video displays for sporting and educational use. Transportation order levels increased as project planning and approval activities resumed and moved forward for displays used in intelligent transportation systems and mass transit venues. The International business unit orders for the quarter were less than last year, same quarter, but improved through the first half of the year. The pandemic recovery in regions around the world has varied. While some countries have eased travel restrictions and we have seen business in those locations increase, other countries still continue to deal with the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Live Events business unit orders were similar to last year second quarter and increased on a year to date basis.

Net sales increased by 29.1 percent in the second quarter of fiscal 2022 as compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2021. Net sales for the six months ended Oct. 30, 2021 increased by 14.1 percent as compared to the same period one year ago. Material supply and labor shortages are creating an increase in lead times and extending the timing of converting some orders to sales in the near-term. This has created a larger than typical backlog, which we expect to fulfill in future quarters.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was 19.6 percent for the second quarter of fiscal 2022 as compared to 26.2 percent a year earlier and 20.8 percent for the six months ended Oct. 30, 2021 as compared to 25.5 percent for the six months ended a year earlier. The decrease in gross profit is primarily related to increased input costs including material, freight, and tariff costs and increased

personnel spend compared to prior year during the pandemic. In addition, during the second quarter of fiscal 2022 we had more large project sales which generally have lower gross profit because of the competitive nature of large projects.

Operating expenses for the second quarter of fiscal 2022 were \$27.9 million, compared to \$26.7 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2021 or an increase of 4.5 percent and \$54.4 million for the six months ended Oct. 30, 2021 as compared to \$52.9 million for the six months ended a year prior. The increases were primarily associated with increases in personnel related expenses.

Operating income as a percent of sales for the quarter was 2.7 percent as compared to an operating income as a percent of sales of 5.2 percent during the second quarter of fiscal 2021 and 3.2 percent for six months ended Oct. 30, 2021 as compared to 6.0 percent for the six months ended a year prior.

The effective tax rate expense for the second quarter of fiscal 2022 was 29.6 percent compared to an effective tax rate expense of 41.1 percent for the second quarter of fiscal 2021. The effective tax rate expense for the six months ended Oct. 30, 2021 was 27.0 percent compared to an effective tax rate expense of 26.2 percent for the six months ended a year prior. The difference in tax rates is primarily driven by a decrease in estimated tax credits proportionate to an increase in estimated pre-tax earnings in the second quarter of fiscal 2021 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2022.

Cash, restricted cash, and marketable securities at the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2022 were \$61.6 million, which compares to \$74.4 million at the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2021 and \$80.4 million at the end of fiscal 2021. There were no advances under the loan portion of the line of credit compared to \$15 million borrowed at the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2021. Free cash flow, defined as cash provided from or used in operating activities less net investment in property and equipment, was a negative \$12.3 million for the first six months of fiscal 2022, as compared to a positive free cash flow of \$34.5 million for the same period in fiscal 2021. Cash provided from or used in operating activities differed as compared to last year due to an increase in accounts receivable and inventory required to support the increased order volume. Net investment in property and equipment was \$3.7 million for fiscal 2022, as compared to \$5.4 million for fiscal 2021.

(1) Backlog is not a measure defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), and our methodology for determining backlog may vary from the methodology used by other companies in determining their backlog amounts. For more information related to backlog, see Part I, Item 1. Business of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 1, 2021.

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, High School Park and Recreation, and Transportation, and one International business unit. For more information, visit the company's website at: www.daktronics.com, email 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., P.O. Box 5128, Brookings, S.D. 57006-5128.

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Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

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

	Three Months Ended					Six Months Ended				
	Oc	tober 30, 2021	Oc	ctober 31, 2020	O	ctober 30, 2021	October 31, 2020			
Net sales	\$	164,477	\$	127,367	\$	309,209	\$	271,011		
Cost of sales		132,213		94,053		244,757		201,936		
Gross profit		32,264		33,314		64,452		69,075		
Operating expenses:										
Selling		12,482		12,654		24,277		24,210		
General and administrative		8,201		7,264		15,772		14,388		
Product design and development		7,196		6,737		14,358		14,269		
		27,879		26,655		54,407		52,867		
Operating income		4,385		6,659		10,045		16,208		
Nonoperating (expense) income:										
Interest (expense) income, net		(59)		(18)		78		(6)		
Other (expense) income, net		(952)		(837)	_	(1,820)		(1,464)		
Income before income taxes		3,374		5,804		8,303		14,738		
Income tax expense		1,000		2,388		2,244		3,855		
Net income	\$	2,374	\$	3,416	\$	6,059	\$	10,883		
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		45,350		44,893		45,271		44,808		
Diluted		45,499		44,977		45,490		44,947		
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	0.05	\$	0.08	\$	0.13	\$	0.24		
Diluted	\$	0.05	\$	0.08	\$	0.13	\$	0.24		

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

		October 30, 2021		May 1, 2021
	(un	(unaudited)		
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	59,727	\$	77,590
Restricted cash		1,877		2,812
Accounts receivable, net		95,156		67,808
Inventories		94,790		74,356
Contract assets		40,231		32,799
Current maturities of long-term receivables		2,167		1,462
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		10,897		7,445
Income tax receivables		322		731
Total current assets		305,167		265,003
Property and equipment, net		56,084		58,682
Long-term receivables, less current maturities		6,357		1,635
Goodwill		8,293		8,414
Intangibles, net		1,706		2,083
Investment in affiliates and other assets		28,259		27,403
Deferred income taxes		11,940		11,944
Total non-current assets		112,639		110,161
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	417,806	\$	375,164

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)

(in thousands)

	October 30, 2021	May 1, 2021
	(unaudited)	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 65,963 \$	40,251
Contract liabilities	70,158	64,495
Accrued expenses	32,683	30,672
Warranty obligations	10,285	10,464
Income taxes payable	850	738
Total current liabilities	179,939	146,620
Long-term warranty obligations	15,493	15,496
Long-term contract liabilities	10,707	10,720
Other long-term obligations	9,809	7,816
Long-term income taxes payable	682	548
Deferred income taxes	373	410
Total long-term liabilities	37,064	34,990
TOTAL LIABILITIES	217,003	181,610
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common stock	61,175	60,575
Additional paid-in capital	47,412	46,595
Retained earnings	102,075	96,016
Treasury stock, at cost	(7,101)	(7,297)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,758)	(2,335)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	200,803	193,554
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 417,806 \$	

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

(in thousands) (unaudited)

	Six Months Ended			led
	Oc	tober 30, 2021	Oc	tober 31, 2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net income	\$	6,059	\$	10,883
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		7,789		8,564
Gain on sale of property, equipment and other assets		(676)		(162)
Share-based compensation		1,012		1,047
Equity in loss of investees		1,565		1,145
Provision for doubtful accounts		(588)		153
Deferred income taxes, net		(41)		2
Change in operating assets and liabilities		(23,654)		18,343
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(8,534)		39,975
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(4,507)		(5,776)
Proceeds from sales of property, equipment and other assets		760		341
Proceeds from sales or maturities of marketable securities				247
Purchases of and loans to equity investees		(6,129)		(903)
Net cash used in investing activities		(9,876)		(6,091)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Principal payments on long-term obligations		(200)		(220)
Proceed from exercise of stock options		3		
Tax payments related to RSU issuances		(199)		(125)
Net cash used in financing activities		(396)		(345)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH		8		(498)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED				(.,,,)
CASH		(18,798)		33,041
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH:				
Beginning of period		80,402		40,412
End of period	\$	61,604	\$	73,453

Daktronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Net Sales and Orders by Business Unit

(in thousands) (unaudited)

		Three Months Ended					Six Months Ended									
	(October 30, 2021	C	October 31, 2020	Dollar Change		Percent Change		October 30, 2021		October 31, 2020		Dollar Change		Percent Change	
Net Sales:																_
Commercial	\$	34,463	\$	30,356	\$	4,107		13.5%	\$	67,244	\$	64,862	\$	2,382	3.7	%
Live Events		59,396		37,822		21,574		57.0		111,783		89,296		22,487	25.2	
High School Park and																
Recreation		32,747		27,578		5,169		18.7		60,641		56,521		4,120	7.3	
Transportation		14,053		15,323		(1,270)		(8.3)		26,611		29,821		(3,210)	(10.8	()
International		23,818		16,288		7,530		46.2		42,930		30,511		12,419	40.7	1
	\$	164,477	\$	127,367	\$	37,110		29.1%	\$	309,209	\$	271,011	\$	38,198	14.1	%
Orders:																_
Commercial	\$	58,358	\$	32,590	\$	25,768		79.1%	\$	96,687	\$	58,123	\$	38,564	66.3	%
Live Events		40,501		40,684		(183)		(0.4)		90,187		82,544		7,643	9.3	j
High School Park and																
Recreation		25,651		20,117		5,534		27.5		71,362		48,216		23,146	48.0)
Transportation		14,699		11,633		3,066		26.4		36,044		24,722		11,322	45.8	;
International		24,498		30,642		(6,144)	((20.1)		51,173		44,214		6,959	15.7	1
	\$	163,707	\$	135,666	\$	28,041		20.7%	\$	345,453	\$	257,819	\$	87,634	34.0	%

Reconciliation of Free Cash Flow*

(in thousands) (unaudited)

Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities
Purchases of property and equipment
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment
Free cash flow

Six Months Ended									
Oc	tober 30,	October 31,							
	2021	2020							
\$	(8,534)	\$	39,975						
	(4,507)		(5,776)						
	760		341						
\$	(12,281)	\$	34,540						

^{*}In evaluating its business, Daktronics considers and uses free cash flow as a key measure of its operating performance. The term free cash flow is not defined under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and is not a measure of operating income, cash flows from operating activities or other GAAP figures and should not be considered alternatives to those computations. Free cash flow is intended to provide information that may be useful for investors when assessing period to period results.