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### **Merix Corporation Announces Third Quarter 2009 Results**

BEAVERTON, OR, April 8, 2009 - Merix Corporation (NASDAQ:MERX) today announced consolidated financial results for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 ended February 28, 2009.

The Company reported a net loss of \$32.7 million or \$1.54 per diluted share on revenue of \$60.7 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2009, which compares to a net loss of \$6.1 million or \$0.29 per diluted share on revenue of \$76.9 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

Included in the fiscal 2009 third quarter loss was a non-cash impairment charge of \$20.5 million or \$0.97 per diluted share for goodwill recorded on the 2005 acquisition of our Asian business and \$1.8 million or \$0.09 per diluted share of severance and other restructuring charges associated with our recent cost reduction activities.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2009 the Company generated \$10.3 million of cash from operations and ended the quarter with \$19.1 million of cash and cash equivalents, representing a \$7.6 million increase from the second quarter of the fiscal year.

Commenting on the recent third quarter performance, Michael D. Burger, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "Like most businesses today, the printed circuit board market has been severely affected by the global recession. Despite the decline in revenues, we were able to generate good third quarter cash flows through improvements in days sales outstanding and inventory turns as well as the collection of Chinese value added tax refunds. Further, we continued to reduce our costs through selective actions, many of which were made near the end of the third quarter and are anticipated to have a greater benefit in the fourth fiscal quarter, which ends in May."

On a sequential basis, third quarter 2009 revenue decreased 21% when compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2009. This decline was due in part to a 34% decrease in sales to the automotive end market caused by a sharp global decrease in automobile sales.

Mr. Burger continued, "Despite the economic slowdown we believe we are maintaining market share and beginning to win new projects in a number of larger customer

programs. Further, I am pleased with how our employees and managers are responding to the market challenges by continuing to build upon the process improvements made over the last 18 months. In fact, Merix' factories continue to execute exceptionally well and we continue to improve on-time-delivery, factory yields and product quality. Although difficult to predict, based on recent booking trends, our backlog at end of the third quarter and other market data, we anticipate fourth quarter revenues to stabilize and remain relatively flat when compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2009."

Merix' overall gross margins averaged 1.4% of revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 compared to 8.4% and 7.8% in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 and second quarter of fiscal 2009, respectively. The margin declines were primarily caused by lower fixed cost absorption resulting from decreased production volumes and lower revenue. Gross margins tend to be heavily influenced by fluctuations in revenues due to the fixed cost nature of the production processes.

Operating expenses, exclusive of impairment and restructuring charges, totaled \$9.4 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2009 compared to \$10.8 million and \$9.2 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 and second quarter of fiscal 2009, respectively. Third quarter 2009 operating expenses included a \$0.3 million increase in the allowance for doubtful accounts to recognize increased risk associated with the current economic environment.

As noted earlier, the Company evaluated its goodwill and other long lived assets for impairment. As a result of management's third quarter impairment analysis the Company recognized a non-cash charge of \$20.5 million to write-down goodwill in our Asia business segment to zero.

#### Conference Call and Webcast Information

Merix will conduct a conference call and live webcast Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. PT. Management will discuss third quarter fiscal 2009 financial results, provide a qualitative discussion regarding our business outlook and comment further on the strategic direction of the Company. To access the webcast, log on to [www.merix.com](http://www.merix.com).

An online replay of the webcast will be available at 5:00 pm PT on April 8, 2009 and a telephone replay will be available from 4:00 pm PT on April 8, 2009 until 11:59 pm PT on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 by calling (320) 365-3844, access code 993471.

#### About Merix

Merix is a leading manufacturer of technologically advanced, multilayer, rigid printed circuit boards for use in sophisticated electronic equipment. Merix provides high-performance materials, quick-turn prototype, pre-production and volume production services to its customers. Principal markets served by Merix include communications and networking, computing and peripherals, test, industrial and medical, defense and aerospace, and automotive end markets in the electronics industry. Additional corporate information is available on the internet at [www.merix.com](http://www.merix.com)

## Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 relating to the Company’s business operations and prospects, including statements related to estimates of financial results for future reporting periods that are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements, which may be identified by the inclusion of words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “seeks,” “estimates,” “goals” and other similar expressions, are based on current expectations, estimates, assumptions and projections that are subject to change. Actual results may differ materially from the forward-looking statements. Many factors, including the following, could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements: our ability to control or pass through increases in the cost of raw materials and supplies; changes in customer order levels, product mix and inventory build-up; lower than expected or delayed sales; ability to successfully restructure Merix Asia and complete the related capital and technology expansion; the ability to successfully and timely integrate the operations of Merix Asia; continued availability of our line of credit facility or sources of additional capital; the ability to successfully restructure Merix Oregon; fluctuations in demand for products and services of the Company, including quick-turn and premium services; foreign currency risk; the introduction of new products or technologies by competitors; the ability to avoid unanticipated costs, including costs relating to product quality issues and customer warranty claims; pricing and other competitive pressures in the industry from domestic and global competitors; all other risks inherent in foreign operations such as increased regulatory complexity and compliance cost and greater political and economic instability; our ability to fully utilize our assets and control costs; our ability to retain or attract employees with sufficient know-how to conduct our manufacturing processes and maintain or increase our production output and quality; and other risks listed from time to time in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise disclosed by the Company, including those set forth in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2008 and Form 10-Q for the second quarter ended November 29, 2008. Merix Corporation does not undertake to update any such factors or to publicly announce developments or events relating to the matters described herein.

**MERIX CORPORATION**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(in thousands, except earnings per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal quarter ended			Nine months ended	
	February 28, 2009	November 29, 2008	March 1, 2008	February 28, 2009	March 1, 2008
Net sales:	\$ 60,721	\$ 76,900	\$ 94,275	\$ 228,248	\$ 291,083
Cost of sales	59,845	70,865	86,351	211,063	262,593
Gross profit	876	6,035	7,924	17,185	28,490
<i>Gross margin</i>	1.4%	7.8%	8.4%	7.5%	9.8%
Operating expenses:					
Engineering	500	697	337	1,760	1,287
Selling, general and administrative	8,395	7,989	9,930	26,086	32,161
Amortization of intangible assets	472	520	527	1,512	1,785
Impairment and severance charges	22,342	1,089	14,640	22,904	15,861
Total operating expenses	31,709	10,295	25,434	52,262	51,094
Operating income (loss)	(30,833)	(4,260)	(17,510)	(35,077)	(22,604)
Other expense, net	(1,050)	(1,029)	3,914	(3,268)	1,744
Loss before income taxes and minority interests	(31,883)	(5,289)	(13,596)	(38,345)	(20,860)
Provision for income taxes	628	693	(511)	2,049	445
Loss before minority interests	(32,511)	(5,982)	(13,085)	(40,394)	(21,305)
Minority interests	155	106	269	507	707
Net loss	\$ (32,666)	\$ (6,088)	\$ (13,354)	\$ (40,901)	\$ (22,012)
Diluted net loss per share	\$ (1.54)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.63)	\$ (1.95)	\$ (1.05)
Diluted shares used in per share calculations	21,170	20,945	21,079	20,957	21,002

**MERIX CORPORATION**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**NET SALES, GROSS PROFIT & GROSS MARGIN BY SEGMENT**  
(in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal quarter ended			Nine months ended	
	February 28, 2009	November 29, 2008	March 1, 2008	February 28, 2009	March 1, 2008
Net sales:					
Oregon	\$ 22,964	\$ 29,431	\$ 41,151	\$ 89,638	\$ 133,057
San Jose	5,843	6,720	7,485	20,237	24,650
North America	28,807	36,151	48,636	109,875	157,707
Asia	31,914	40,749	45,639	118,373	133,376
Total net sales	\$ 60,721	\$ 76,900	\$ 94,275	\$ 228,248	\$ 291,083
Gross profit:					
Oregon	\$ (2,356)	\$ 768	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,261	\$ 12,534
San Jose	(30)	716	1,206	2,001	4,056
North America	(2,386)	1,484	3,406	4,262	16,590
Asia	3,262	4,551	4,518	12,923	11,900
Total gross profit	\$ 876	\$ 6,035	\$ 7,924	\$ 17,185	\$ 28,490
Gross margin:					
Oregon	-10.3%	2.6%	5.3%	2.5%	9.4%
San Jose	-0.5%	10.7%	16.1%	9.9%	16.5%
North America	-8.3%	4.1%	7.0%	3.9%	10.5%
Asia	10.2%	11.2%	9.9%	10.9%	8.9%
Total gross margin	1.4%	7.8%	8.4%	7.5%	9.8%

**MERIX CORPORATION**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in thousands)

	(Unaudited)	
	February 28, 2009	May 31, 2008
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 19,084	\$ 5,728
Accounts receivable, net	45,699	73,153
Inventories, net	16,213	23,631
Assets held for sale	4	1,477
Deferred income taxes	75	75
Prepaid and other current assets	4,684	12,961
Total current assets	85,759	117,025
Property, plant and equipment, net	101,015	103,012
Goodwill	11,392	31,794
Intangible assets, net	7,352	8,866
Deferred income taxes	773	885
Assets held for sale	1,146	-
Other assets	4,732	5,859
Total assets	\$ 212,169	\$ 267,441
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 37,262	\$ 59,789
Accrued liabilities	14,712	15,783
Total current liabilities	51,974	75,572
Long-term debt	78,000	70,000
Other long-term liabilities	3,751	3,522
Total liabilities	133,725	149,094
Minority interests	3,849	4,573
Shareholders' equity	74,595	113,774
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 212,169	\$ 267,441

**MERIX CORPORATION**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW**  
(in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	Feb. 28, 2009	Mar. 1, 2008	Feb. 28, 2009	Mar. 1, 2008
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>				
Net loss	\$ (32,666)	\$ (13,354)	\$ (40,901)	\$ (22,012)
Net adjustments to reconcile loss to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	5,697	5,235	16,822	16,231
Other non-cash items	20,969	7,383	22,381	10,052
Changes in working capital	16,258	4,778	25,044	4,004
Net cash provided by operating activities	10,258	4,042	23,346	8,275
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(3,288)	(7,679)	(18,132)	(19,749)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	362	-	961	23
Net changes in investments	-	-	-	9,025
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,926)	(7,679)	(17,171)	(10,701)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>				
Principal payments on long-term borrowings	-	(2,500)	-	(2,500)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	-	-	-	(438)
Net borrowings on revolving line of credit	1,017	-	8,000	-
Other financing activities, net	(748)	(104)	(819)	(1,386)
Net cash used in financing activities	269	(2,604)	7,181	(4,324)
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	7,601	(6,241)	13,356	(6,750)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>				
Beginning of period	11,483	16,666	5,728	17,175
End of period	\$ 19,084	\$ 10,425	\$ 19,084	\$ 10,425

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**NET SALES STATISTICS AND SHARE BASED COMPENSATION**  
(in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended						Nine months ended			
	February 28, 2009		November 29, 2008		March 1, 2008		February 28, 2009		March 1, 2008	
<b>Net Sales by End Markets:</b>										
Communications & Networking	\$ 24,917	41%	\$ 29,664	39%	\$ 40,402	43%	\$ 93,357	41%	\$ 122,909	42%
Automotive	11,511	19%	17,449	23%	17,520	19%	48,373	21%	58,583	20%
Computing & Peripherals	4,725	8%	5,984	8%	9,681	10%	17,294	8%	26,065	9%
Test, Industrial and Medical	7,153	12%	9,366	12%	9,753	10%	26,938	12%	32,022	11%
Defense & Aerospace	5,998	10%	7,299	9%	6,534	7%	20,520	9%	18,827	7%
Other	6,417	10%	7,138	9%	10,385	11%	21,766	9%	32,677	11%
	<u>\$ 60,721</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 76,900</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 94,275</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 228,248</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 291,083</u>	<u>100%</u>

<b>Net Sales by Type:</b>										
Quick-Turn & Premium	\$ 9,959	16%	\$ 13,158	17%	\$ 20,378	22%	\$ 41,096	18%	\$ 67,767	23%
Full Lead Time	50,762	84%	63,742	83%	73,897	78%	187,152	82%	223,316	77%
	<u>\$ 60,721</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 76,900</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 94,275</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 228,248</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 291,083</u>	<u>100%</u>

<b>Top 5 Customers (as % of net sales)</b>	<u>37%</u>	<u>36%</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>38%</u>	<u>34%</u>
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	Three months ended				Nine months ended	
	November 29, 2008		March 1, 2008		March 1, 2008	
Current Period Change in Average Pricing Compared to:						
Oregon	4%		13%		5%	
San Jose	-2%		-1%		11%	
Asia	3%		10%		10%	
Consolidated	<u>4%</u>		<u>3%</u>		<u>-3%</u>	

	Three months ended				Nine months ended	
	November 29, 2008		March 1, 2008		March 1, 2008	
Current Period Change in Unit Volumes Compared to:						
Oregon	-25%		-51%		-37%	
San Jose	-12%		-21%		-24%	
Asia	-24%		-37%		-19%	
Consolidated	<u>-24%</u>		<u>-38%</u>		<u>-20%</u>	