

Ultralife Corporation Reports Third Quarter Results

Operating Earnings Include \$1.1 Million Non-Cash Inventory Charge

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Ultralife Corporation (NASDAQ: ULBI)reported operating income from continuing operations of \$1.6 million on revenue of \$36.0 million for the quarter ended October 2, 2011. For the third quarter of 2010, the company reported operating income from continuing operations of \$6.1 million on revenue of \$50.8 million, which included approximately \$20.5 million from sales of SATCOM systems. Excluding sales of SATCOM systems, revenue for the third quarter of 2011 increased by \$5.7 million, or 19%.

"Our Battery & Energy Products business posted another quarter of solid results, with revenue up 27% over 2010 on continued strong demand from global defense customers and further penetration of our batteries into the metering business in China," said Michael D. Popielec, Ultralife's president and chief executive officer. "During the quarter, we achieved gross margin gains in both our Battery & Energy Products and Communications Systems businesses through continued progress on our Lean implementation and increased focus on high-margin product sales. The improvements in productivity and profitability, and several structural changes made throughout the year, combined with an intensified focus on new product introductions and expanded sales coverage, better position us for consistent and profitable growth as we enter 2012."

Third Quarter 2011 Financial Results

During the second quarter of 2011, Ultralife completed the exit of the Energy Services business. As a result, the Energy Services segment has been reclassified as a discontinued operation. Revenue, gross margin and operating expense figures presented below represent results from continuing operations.

Revenue decreased by 29% to \$36.0 million, compared to \$50.8 million for the third quarter of 2010, reflecting the absence of sales of SATCOM systems offset in part by higher Battery & Energy Product sales. Battery & Energy Product sales grew by \$6.2 million, or 27%, to \$28.8 million due primarily to increased shipments of rechargeable batteries and charger systems. Communications Systems sales declined by \$21.0 million, or 75%, to \$7.2 million, compared to \$28.1 million for last year's third quarter. Excluding last year's sales of SATCOM systems, Communications Systems sales decreased by \$0.4 million, or 6%, reflecting an increase in sales of amplifiers offset by lower sales of communications accessories.

Gross profit was \$9.6 million, or 26.8% of revenue, compared to \$15.1 million, or 29.8% of revenue, for the same quarter a year ago. Included in gross profit for the third quarter of 2011 was a \$1.1 million non-cash charge to write-off components for legacy amplifiers that the company has discontinued and replaced with higher technology products that hold greater growth and margin potential. Adjusting for the \$1.1 million write-off, gross margin for the third quarter of 2011 was 29.7%. Battery & Energy Products' gross margin increased to 27.5% from 23.0% last year reflecting improvements from the company's ongoing Lean initiative and favorable product mix. Communications Systems' gross margin, excluding the \$1.1 million charge, was 38.4%, compared to 35.2% last year, reflecting a higher mix of AMTI amplifiers. Including the charge, Communications Systems' gross margin for the third quarter of 2011 was 23.8%.

Operating expenses were \$8.1 million, compared to \$9.1 million a year ago. The overall decrease from 2010 resulted from continued actions to reduce general and administrative expenses while investing some of the savings in the development of new products and the expansion of the sales force to increase geographic coverage and penetrate new markets. As a percent of revenue, operating expenses were 22.4%, compared to 17.9% a year ago, with last year's operating expenses as a percent of revenue benefiting from the sales volume of SATCOM shipments.

Operating income was \$1.6 million, representing an operating margin of 4.4%, and included the \$1.1 million inventory charge which impacted the operating margin by 290 basis points. For the same quarter last year, operating income was \$6.1 million, for an operating margin of 11.9%, reflecting the leverage of the strong sales volume of SATCOM shipments.

Net income from continuing operations was \$1.4 million, or \$0.08 per share, compared to \$6.0 million, or \$0.35 per share, for the third quarter of 2010. The impact of the 2011 inventory charge was \$0.06 per share. Net income from discontinued operations was \$0.0 million, or \$0.00 per share, compared to a net loss of \$1.5 million, or \$0.09 per share, for the same quarter last year.

For the nine month period ended October 2, 2011, revenue from continuing operations was \$108.0 million, compared to \$120.9 million for the same period a year ago. Included in revenue for both periods were sales of SATCOM systems that amounted to \$7.5 million in the year-to-date 2011 revenue and \$26.3 million in the year-to-date 2010 revenue. Year-to-date 2011 revenue and operating income were negatively impacted by a \$2.7 million charge recorded in the first quarter to reflect the settlement with the U.S. Government related to exigent contracts completed between 2003 and 2004, and year-to-date 2011 operating income was impacted by a \$1.1 million charge to write-off discontinued inventory. These charges reduced operating income to \$0.3 million, compared to operating income of \$8.8 million for the first nine months of 2010. The net loss from continuing operations was \$0.1 million, or \$0.00 per share, compared to net income of \$7.8 million, or \$0.45 per share, for the same period a year ago. The net loss from discontinued operations was \$3.8 million, or \$0.22 per share, including \$2.9 million of costs related to the exit of the Energy Services business, compared to a net loss of \$3.0 million, or \$0.17 per share, for the first nine months of 2010.

Outlook

Management has revised its guidance for 2011 and now expects total revenue of approximately \$150.0 million, with the reduction from prior forecast entirely attributable to lower expectations for Communications Systems sales. Accordingly, management expects operating income of approximately \$5.5 million, including the impact of the third quarter \$1.1 million non-cash write-off. Management cautions that the timing of orders and shipments may cause variability in quarterly results.

Commenting on the revised guidance, Popielec said, "We're still on track to deliver high single digit year-over-year revenue growth in our Battery & Energy Products business driven by strong demand for rechargeable batteries and chargers and increased business from our China operation. However, timing uncertainty in government funding for some large radio upgrade programs has caused us to revise our revenue outlook for our Communications Systems business. Excluding SATCOM sales in both periods, we now expect a year-over-year decline of 7% for this business."

About Ultralife Corporation

Ultralife Corporation serves its markets with products and services ranging from portable power solutions to communications and electronics systems. Through its engineering and collaborative approach to problem solving, Ultralife serves government, defense and commercial customers across the globe.

Headquartered in Newark, New York, the company's business segments include: Battery & Energy Products and Communications Systems. Ultralife has operations in North America, Europe and Asia. For more information, visit www.ultralifecorp.com.

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Conference Call Information

Ultralife will hold its third quarter earnings conference call today at 10:00 AM ET. To participate, please call (800) 915-4836, identify yourself and ask for the Ultralife call. The conference call will also be broadcast live over the Internet at http://investor.ultralifecorp.com. To listen to the call, please go to the web site at least fifteen minutes early to download and install any necessary audio software. For those who cannot listen to the live webcast, a replay of the webcast will be available shortly after the call at the same location.

ULTRALIFE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)
(Unaudited)

Three-Month Periods Ended Nine-Month Periods Ended
October 2, September 26, September 26,
2011 2010 2011 2010

| Revenues: | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Battery & energy products | \$ 28,834 | \$ 22,682 | \$ 84,321 | \$ 72,359 |
| Communications systems | 7,172 | 28,130 | 23,696 | 48,569 |
| Total revenues | 36,006 | 50,812 | 108,017 | 120,928 |
| Cost of products sold: | | | | |
| Battery & energy products | 20,905 | 17,456 | 66,098 | 55,926 |
| Communications systems | 5,462 | 18,231 | 15,945 | 31,032 |
| Total cost of products sold | 26,367 | 35,687 | 82,043 | 86,958 |
| Gross profit | 9,639 | 15,125 | 25,974 | 33,970 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Research and development | 2,294 | 2,590 | 6,915 | 6,180 |
| Selling, general, and administrative | 5,761 | 6,484 | 18,732 | 18,965 |
| Total operating expenses | 8,055 | 9,074 | 25,647 | 25,145 |
| Operating income (loss) | 1,584 | 6,051 | 327 | 8,825 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest income | 2 | - | 4 | - |
| Interest expense | (126 |) (242 |) (444 |) (952) |
| Miscellaneous | 49 | 436 | 339 | 353 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income | 1,509 | 6,245 | 226 | 0 226 |
| taxes | 1,509 | 0,245 | 220 | 8,226 |
| Income tax provision-current | 66 | 151 | 133 | 217 |
| Income tax provision-deferred | 66 | 130 | 199 | 224 |
| Total income taxes | 132 | 281 | 332 | 441 |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations | 1,377 | 5,964 | (106 |) 7,785 |
| Discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | - | (1,466 |) (3,796 |) (2,974) |
| Net income (loss) | 1,377 | 4,498 | (3,902 |) 4,811 |
| Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest | 11 | 28 | 39 | 22 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Ultralife | \$ 1,388 | \$ 4,526 | \$ (3,863 |) \$ 4,833 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Ultralife common | | | | |
| shareholders - basic | | | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.35 | \$ (0.00 |) \$ 0.45 |
| Discontinued operations | \$ 0.00 | \$ (0.09 |) \$ (0.22 |) \$ (0.17) |
| Total | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.26 | \$ (0.22 |) \$ 0.28 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Ultralife common shareholders - diluted | | | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.35 | \$ (0.00 |) \$ 0.45 |
| Discontinued operations | \$ 0.00 | \$ (0.09 |) \$ (0.22 |) \$ (0.17) |
| Total | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.26 | \$ (0.22 |) \$ 0.28 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 17,313 | 17,225 | 17,295 | 17,131 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 17,341 | 17,449 | 17,295 | 17,136 |
| ULTRALIFE CORPORATION | .,, | ., | ., | , |
| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS | | | | |

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

(unaudited)

| | October 2, | December 31, |
|---|------------|--------------|
| ASSETS | 2011 | 2010 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$4,493 | \$ 5,105 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net | 26,308 | 34,270 |
| Inventories | 29,482 | 33,122 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 3,917 | 3,157 |
| Total current assets | 64,200 | 75,654 |
| Property and equipment | 12,963 | 14,485 |
| Other assets | | |
| Goodwill, intangible and other assets | 24,184 | 24,696 |
| Total Assets | \$101,347 | \$ 114,835 |

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:

| Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt | \$2,483 | \$ 8,717 | |
|---|-----------|------------|---|
| Accounts payable | 13,393 | 16,409 | |
| Other current liabilities | 9,154 | 11,219 | |
| Total current liabilities | 25,030 | 36,345 | |
| Long-term liabilities: | | | |
| Long-term debt and capital lease obligations | - | 251 | |
| Other long-term liabilities | 5,223 | 4,444 | |
| Total long-term liabilities | 5,223 | 4,695 | |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | |
| Ultralife equity: | | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.10 per share | 1,872 | 1,865 | |
| Capital in excess of par value | 171,952 | 171,020 | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (994) | (1,262 |) |
| Accumulated deficit | (94,063) | (90,200 |) |
| | 78,767 | 81,423 | |
| Less Treasury stock, at cost | 7,658 | 7,652 | |
| Total Ultralife equity | 71,109 | 73,771 | |
| Noncontrolling interest | (15) | 24 | |
| Total shareholders' equity | 71,094 | 73,795 | |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | \$101,347 | \$ 114,835 | |

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