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RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FISCAL 2013 RESULTS AND DECLARES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

LaFox, IL, July 24, 2013: Richardson Electronics, Ltd. (NASDAQ: RELL) today reported sales and earnings for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended June 1, 2013. The Company also announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.06 per share quarterly cash dividend.

Fiscal 2013 Results

Net sales for fiscal 2013 were \$141.1 million, a 10.6% decrease compared to net sales of \$157.8 million in the prior year. Gross margin was down slightly at 29.5% during fiscal 2013, compared to 29.6% during fiscal 2012. Operating expenses were \$41.5 million, compared to \$40.6 million during fiscal 2012. Operating income for fiscal 2013 was breakeven, compared to operating income for fiscal 2012 of \$6.3 million. The operating income for fiscal 2013 included \$1.2 million of employee-related termination costs and \$1.0 million of unabsorbed labor and overhead costs.

Net income for fiscal 2013 was \$1.2 million, or \$0.08 per diluted common share, compared to net income for fiscal 2012 of \$8.5 million or \$0.50 per diluted common share. Net income for fiscal years 2013 and 2012 includes income from discontinued operations of \$0.8 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

Q4 Results

Net sales for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 were \$35.2 million, down 9.5% from net sales of \$38.9 million during the fourth quarter of last year. Gross profit for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 was 29.1% or \$10.2 million, compared to 28.5% or \$11.1 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. Operating expenses for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 were \$11.8 million, compared to \$10.4 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. Fourth quarter fiscal 2013 operating expenses included approximately \$0.9 million of employee-related termination costs.

Operating loss for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 was \$1.6 million, compared to operating income of \$0.7 million during last year's fourth quarter. Loss from continuing

operations was \$1.4 million, compared to income from continuing operations of \$3.7 million or \$0.22 per share last year.

"Unfortunately we did not see the global economic recovery we had expected in fiscal 2013, which resulted in lower-than-anticipated demand for replacement tubes particularly in the semiconductor wafer fabrication, textile, and wood drying markets. In addition, we experienced a drop in demand for medical monitors due to uncertainties surrounding healthcare reform, which had a negative impact on capital spending by our customers. As a result, we did not achieve our operating margin goal of 5%. Throughout the year we took steps to reduce our costs, and we continue to evaluate our resources to ensure maximum efficiency without putting the Company at risk of losing talented people or missing key opportunities for growth," said Edward J. Richardson, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY — FISCAL 2013

- Net sales for fiscal 2013 were \$141.1 million, down 10.6%, compared to net sales of \$157.8 million during fiscal 2012.
- Gross margin as a percentage of net sales was relatively flat at 29.5% during fiscal 2013, compared to 29.6% during fiscal 2012.
- Selling, general, and administrative expenses increased to \$41.5 million during fiscal 2013, compared to \$40.6 million during fiscal 2012.
- Operating income during fiscal 2013 was breakeven, compared to an operating income of \$6.3 million during fiscal 2012.
- Income from continuing operations during fiscal 2013 was \$0.5 million, or \$0.03 per diluted common share, versus \$8.0 million, or \$0.47 per diluted common share, during fiscal 2012.
- Income from discontinued operations, net of tax, was \$0.8 million, or \$0.05 per diluted common share, during fiscal 2013 compared to \$0.5 million, or \$0.03 per diluted common share, during fiscal 2012.
- Net income during fiscal 2013 was \$1.2 million, or \$0.08 per diluted common share, compared to net income of \$8.5 million, or \$0.50 per diluted common share, during fiscal 2012.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY — FOURTH QUARTER

- Net sales for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 were \$35.2 million, down 9.5%, compared to net sales of \$38.9 million during the fourth quarter of last year.
- Gross margin as a percentage of net sales increased to 29.1% during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013, compared to 28.5% during the fourth quarter of last year.

- SG&A expenses during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 were \$11.8 million, or 33.7% of net sales, compared to \$10.4 million, or 26.8% of net sales, during the fourth quarter of last year.
- Operating loss during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 was \$1.6 million, compared to \$0.7 million, or 1.8% of net sales, for the fourth quarter of last year.
- Loss from continuing operations during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 was \$1.4 million, compared to income from continuing operations of \$3.7 million, or \$0.22 per diluted common share, during the fourth quarter of last year.
- Income from discontinued operations, net of tax, was \$1.2 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 compared to a loss from discontinued operations of \$1.0 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012.
- Net loss during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 was \$0.2 million, compared to net income of \$2.7 million, or \$0.16 per diluted common share, in the prior year's fourth quarter.

CASH USED FOR SHARE REPURCHASES

"Total cash and investments as of fiscal year end were \$146.0 million reflecting repurchases of approximately 1.3 million shares for approximately \$15.0 million during the fiscal year. Of the 1.3 million shares, we repurchased 300,000 shares during the fourth quarter using \$3.5 million of cash. During our fiscal years 2013 and 2012, we have repurchased a total of 3.2 million shares using \$39.0 million of our cash. Our financial position provides flexibility as we carefully evaluate opportunities that will drive our future growth. While growth initiatives remain an integral part of our strategy, we will return value to our shareholders through a combination of cash dividends and share repurchases," said Mr. Richardson.

As of today, \$25.5 million remains under the Company's existing share repurchase authorization from the company's Board of Directors. Share repurchases may be made on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from time to time, subject to market conditions and trading restrictions. This authorization has no expiration and may be cancelled at any time.

OUTLOOK

"We are cautiously optimistic that the global economy is stabilizing, and we are beginning to see increased demand for our products in the key markets we serve," said Mr. Richardson. "We expect sales for EDG and Canvys for the first quarter of Fiscal 2014 to be in the range of \$35 to \$37 million. For fiscal 2014, we anticipate sales to be in the range of \$155 to \$160 million, with operating margin improving to the 5% level in the fourth quarter, and 3% for the fiscal year. We are not satisfied with this level of growth or return. We will continue to actively pursue acquisitions which leverage our existing global infrastructure and capitalize on our strength of serving a diverse end-user community," concluded Mr. Richardson.

CASH DIVIDEND

The Company also announced today that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.06 quarterly dividend per share to holders of common stock and a \$0.054 cash dividend per share to holders of Class B common stock. The dividend will be payable on August 23, 2013, to common stockholders of record on August 9, 2013. The Company currently has 12.1 million outstanding shares of common stock and 2.5 million outstanding shares of Class B common stock.

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION

On Thursday, July 25, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. CT, Edward J. Richardson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Kathleen S. Dvorak, Chief Financial Officer, will host a conference call to discuss the Company's Fiscal 2013 results. A question and answer session will be included as part of the call's agenda. To listen to the call, please dial (888) 339-2688 and enter passcode 73571335 approximately five minutes prior to the start of the call. A replay of the call will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. CT on July 25, 2013, for seven days. The telephone numbers for the replay are (USA) (888) 286-8010 and (International) (617) 801-6888; access code 54980382.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release includes certain "forward-looking" statements as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements in this press release regarding the Company's business which are not historical facts represent "forward-looking" statements that involve risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on July 27, 2012. The Company assumes no responsibility to update the "forward-looking" statements in this release as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

ABOUT RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS, LTD.

Richardson Electronics, Ltd. is a leading global provider of engineered solutions, power grid and microwave tubes and related consumables, and customized display solutions serving customers in the alternative energy, aviation, broadcast, communications, industrial, marine, medical, military, scientific and semiconductor markets. The Company's strategy is to provide specialized technical expertise and "engineered solutions" based on our core engineering and manufacturing capabilities. The Company provides solutions and adds value through design-in support, systems integration, prototype design and manufacturing, testing, logistics, and aftermarket technical service and repair. More information is available online at www.rell.com.

Richardson Electronics common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol RELL.

Richardson Electronics, Ltd. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | June 1, 2013 | June 2, 2012 |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | Ф. 102.002 | ф. 12.002 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 102,002 | \$ 43,893 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$1,092 and \$1,058 | 18,268 | 19,727 |
| Inventories | 33,975 | 34,675 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets Deferred income taxes | 1,155 | 806 |
| Income tax receivable | 1,856 | 2,095 |
| Investments - current | 6,429 | 6,572 105,009 |
| Discontinued operations - assets | 38,971 303 | 514 |
| • | | - |
| Total current assets | 202,959 | 213,291 |
| Non-current assets: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 5,073 | 4,375 |
| Goodwill | 1,519 | 1,261 |
| Other Intangibles | 908 | 355 |
| Non-current deferred income taxes | 1,398 | 1,458 |
| Investments - non-current | 5,461 | 10,683 |
| Total non-current assets | 14,359 | 18,132 |
| Total assets | \$ 217,318 | \$ 231,423 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 14,255 | \$ 12,611 |
| Accrued liabilities | 9,566 | 8,466 |
| Discontinued operations - liabilities | 245 | 253 |
| Total current liabilities | 24,066 | 21,330 |
| Non-current liabilities: | | |
| | 6726 | 7,306 |
| Long-term income tax liabilities Other non-current liabilities | 6,726 1,287 | 1,213 |
| Discontinued operations - non-current liabilities | 1,207 | 1,213 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 8,013 | 9,880 |
| Total liabilities | 32,079 | 31,210 |
| Commitments and contingencies | 32,077 | 31,210 |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Common stock, \$0.05 par value; issued 12,263 shares at June 1, 2013, and 13,074 | | |
| shares at June 2, 2012 | 613 | 654 |
| Class B common stock, convertible, \$0.05 par value; issued 2,491 shares at June 1, | 013 | 054 |
| 2013, and 2,920 shares at June 2, 2012 | 125 | 146 |
| Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value, no shares issued | - | - |
| Additional paid-in-capital | 73,979 | 88,217 |
| Common stock in treasury, at cost, 9 shares at June 1, 2013, and 18 shares | | |
| at June 2, 2012 | (105) | (216) |
| Retained earnings | 101,816 | 104,139 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 8,811 | 7,273 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 185,239 | 200,213 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 217,318 | \$ 231,423 |

Richardson Electronics, Ltd. Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended | | Twelve Months Ended | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| | | June 1, 2013 | | une 2, 2012 | _ | June 1, 2013 | | June 2, 2012 |
| Statements of Income (Loss) | | | | | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ | 35,183 | \$ | 38,857 | \$ | 141,066 | \$ | 157,836 |
| Cost of sales | | 24,936 | | 27,765 | | 99,521 | | 111,055 |
| Gross profit | | 10,247 | | 11,092 | | 41,545 | | 46,781 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | | 11,841 | | 10,401 | | 41,536 | | 40,603 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of assets | | - | | (4) | | (2) | | (77) |
| Operating income (loss) | | (1,594) | | 695 | | 11 | | 6,255 |
| Other (income) expense: | | ()) | | | _ | | _ | -, |
| Investment/interest income | | (311) | | (385) | | (1,306) | | (1,386) |
| Foreign exchange (gain) loss | | 40 | | (281) | | 760 | | (5) |
| Other, net | | (23) | | 1 | | (85) | | (10) |
| Total other (income) expense | | (294) | | (665) | _ | (631) | _ | (1,401) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | | (1,300) | _ | 1,360 | | 642 | | 7,656 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | | | | | | | | |
| | | 119 | | (2,381) | | 160 | | (334) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | | (1,419) | | 3,741 | | 482 | | 7,990 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax | _ | 1,238 | _ | (1,015) | | 766 | | 536 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | (181) | \$ | 2,726 | \$ | 1,248 | \$ | 8,526 |
| Net income (loss) per Common share - Basic: | | | | | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | (0.10) | \$ | 0.23 | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.48 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | | 0.08 | | (0.06) | | 0.05 | | 0.03 |
| Total net income (loss) per Common share - Basic: | \$ | (0.02) | \$ | 0.17 | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.51 |
| Net income (loss) per Class B common share - Basic: | | | | | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | (0.09) | \$ | 0.21 | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.43 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | | 0.08 | | (0.06) | | 0.05 | | 0.03 |
| Total net income (loss) per Class B common share - Basic: | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.15 | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.46 |
| Net income (loss) per Common share - Diluted: | | | | | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | (0.09) | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.47 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | | 0.08 | | (0.06) | | 0.05 | | 0.03 |
| Total net income (loss) per Common share - Diluted: | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.16 | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.50 |
| Net income (loss) per Class B common share - Diluted: | | | | | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | (0.08) | \$ | 0.21 | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.43 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | | 0.08 | | (0.06) | | 0.05 | | 0.03 |
| Total net income (loss) per Class B common share - Diluted: | \$ | | \$ | 0.15 | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.46 |
| Weighted average number of shares: | | | | | | | | |
| Common shares - Basic | | 12,293 | | 13,700 | | 12,448 | | 14,025 |
| Class B common shares - Basic | | 2,696 | | 2,932 | | 2,790 | | 2,941 |
| Common shares - Diluted | | 15,122 | | 16,728 | | 15,372 | | 17,118 |
| Class B common shares - Diluted | | 2,696 | | 2,932 | | 2,790 | | 2,941 |
| Dividends per common share | \$ | 0.060 | \$ | 0.050 | \$ | 0.240 | \$ | 0.200 |
| Dividends per Class B common share | \$ | 0.054 | \$ | 0.045 | \$ | 0.220 | \$ | 0.180 |
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Richardson Electronics, Ltd. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended | | Twelve Months Ended | | Ende d | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | June 1, 2013 | | | ne 2,)12 | June 1, 2013 | | June 2, 2012 | |
| Operating activities: | | | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (| (181) | \$ | 2,726 | \$ | 1,248 | \$ | 8,526 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided | | | | | | | | |
| by (used in) operating activities: | | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 274 | | 292 | | 1,057 | | 1,112 |
| Gain on sale of investments | | (2) | | (11) | | (28) | | - |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of assets | | - | | (4) | | 16 | | (77) |
| Share-based compensation expense | | 206 | | 88 | | 619 | | 481 |
| Deferred income taxes | | 161 | | 590 | | 145 | | 2,855 |
| Inventory provisions | | 113 | | 335 | | 607 | | 512 |
| Change in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquired businesses: | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 1, | ,337 | | 4,866 | | 1,814 | | 4,112 |
| Income tax receivable | | 371 | | (1,762) | | 143 | | (6,572) |
| Inventories | | 817 | | 3,511 | | 2,490 | | (4,941) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | | (5) | | (3,530) | | (329) | | 5,058 |
| Accounts payable | 1, | ,227 | | (1,484) | | 1,482 | | (4,712) |
| Accrued liabilities | 1, | ,255 | | (585) | | 960 | | (50,115) |
| Long-term income tax liabilities | (1, | ,792) | | 176 | | (1,918) | | (5,205) |
| Other | | (29) | | (1,368) | | 319 | | 243 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 3, | ,752 | | 3,840 | | 8,625 | | (48,723) |
| Investing activities: | | | | | | | | |
| Cash consideration paid for acquired businesses | | - | | - | | (2,557) | | (2,291) |
| Capital expenditures | (| (571) | | (136) | | (1,640) | | (218) |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | | - | | 5 | | 4 | | 25 |
| Proceeds from maturity of investments | 26, | ,686 | | 57,866 | | 154,228 | | 376,633 |
| Purchases of investments | (| (377) | (| 49,624) | | (82,898) | (| (423,585) |
| Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities | | 27 | | 25 | | 188 | | 208 |
| Purchases of available-for-sale securities | | (27) | | (25) | | (188) | | (208) |
| Other | | 68 | | 27 | | 68 | | 39 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 25, | ,806 | | 8,138 | | 67,205 | | (49,397) |
| Financing activities: | | | | | | | | |
| Repurchase of common stock | (3, | ,474) | (| 10,907) | | (15,024) | | (23,991) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | | 50 | ` | 90 | | 198 | | 807 |
| Cash dividends paid | (| (886) | | (807) | | (3,571) | | (3,315) |
| Other | | - | | (24) | | - | | (75) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (4, | ,310) | (| 11,648) | | (18,397) | | (26,574) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (| (269) | | (1,711) | | 676 | | (2,388) |
| Increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | ,979 | | (1,381) | | 58,109 | | (127,082) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | | ,023 | | 45,274 | | 43,893 | | 170,975 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | | | | | ¢ | | • | |
| Cash and Cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 102, | ,002 | \$ | 43,893 | \$ | 102,002 | \$ | 43,893 |

Richardson Electronics, Ltd. Net Sales and Gross Profit For the Fourth Quarter and Twelve Months of Fiscal 2013 and Fiscal 2012 (in thousands)

By Strategic Business Unit:

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|-----|----|-----|----|
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| | FY 2013 | FY 2012 | % Change | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| Fourth Quarter | | | | |
| EDG | \$ 26,447 | \$ 26,968 | (1.9%) | |
| Canvys | 8,736 | 11,889 | (26.5%) | |
| Total | \$ 35,183 | \$ 38,857 | (9.5%) | |

| | FY 2013 | FY 2012 | % Change |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Twelve Months | | | |
| EDG | \$ 102,593 | \$ 112,586 | (8.9%) |
| Canvys | 38,473 | 45,250 | (15.0%) |
| Total | \$ 141,066 | \$ 157,836 | (10.6%) |

| Gross Profit | | % of | | % of |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | FY 2013 | Net Sales | FY 2012 | Net Sales |
| Fourth Quarter | | | | |
| EDG | \$ 8,094 | 30.6% | \$ 8,324 | 30.9% |
| Canvys | 2,153 | 24.6% | 2,768 | 23.3% |
| Total | \$ 10,247 | 29.1% | \$11,092 | 28.5% |

| | | % of | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | FY 2013 | Net Sales | FY 2012 | Net Sales |
| Twelve Months | | | | |
| EDG | \$ 31,431 | 30.6% | \$ 34,626 | 30.8% |
| Canvys | 10,114 | 26.3% | 12,155 | 26.9% |
| Total | \$41,545 | 29.5% | \$46,781 | 29.6% |