

Universal Electronics Reports Third Quarter 2018 Financial Results

November 8, 2018

SANTA ANA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 8, 2018-- Universal Electronics Inc. (UEI), (NASDAQ: UEIC) reported financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018.

"During the third quarter, we delivered sales growth, up 5% over third quarter 2017," said Paul Arling, UEI's chairman and CEO. "With our intuitive wireless universal control and sensing, UEI continues to capture expanding global demand for home control devices. Additionally, product advancements as well as proactive operational measures are fortifying customer relationships.

"Our innovation has expanded our presence in home automation products and technologies, which we expect to generate more than \$130 million in net sales in 2018 and increase in contribution in 2019. Building on our growing cloud-enabled systems, at the International CES 2019, we plan to introduce a new voice-enabled AI product platform that promises to unify entertainment control and home automation experience. Ultimately, we provide what consumers want, the connected home," concluded Arling.

- Financial Results for the Three Months Ended September 30: 2018 Compared to 2017
- GAAP net sales were \$182.7 million, compared to \$175.7 million; Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales were \$184.7 million, compared to \$175.5 million.
- GAAP gross margins were 22.1%, compared to 24.5%; Adjusted Non-GAAP gross margins were 23.6%, compared to 26.3%.
- GAAP operating income was \$4.7 million, compared to operating income of \$4.2 million; Adjusted Non-GAAP operating income was \$12.2 million, compared to \$15.4 million.
- GAAP net income was \$1.0 million, or \$0.07 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$1.7 million or \$0.12 per
 diluted share; Adjusted Non-GAAP net income was \$9.7 million, or \$0.69 per diluted share, compared to \$11.9 million, or
 \$0.81 per diluted share.
- At September 30, 2018, cash and cash equivalents were \$42.0 million, compared to \$62.4 million at December 31, 2017.

Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended September 30: 2018 Compared to 2017

- GAAP net sales were \$509.9 million, compared to \$514.6 million; Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales were \$510.2 million, compared to \$515.8 million.
- GAAP gross margins were 20.4%, compared to 24.8%; Adjusted Non-GAAP gross margins were 24.7%, compared to 26.3%.
- GAAP operating loss was \$4.2 million, compared to operating income of \$11.2 million; Adjusted Non-GAAP operating income was \$31.7 million, compared to \$43.0 million.
- GAAP net income was \$23.0 million, or \$1.63 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$6.5 million or \$0.44 per diluted share; Adjusted Non-GAAP net income was \$23.8 million, or \$1.69 per diluted share, compared to \$32.4 million, or \$2.21 per diluted share.

Financial Outlook

For the fourth quarter of 2018, the company expects GAAP net sales to range between \$180 million and \$188 million, compared to \$181.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. GAAP earnings per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2018 is expected to range from \$0.10 to \$0.20, compared to GAAP loss per diluted share of \$1.19 in the fourth quarter of 2017.

For the fourth quarter of 2018, the company expects Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales to range between \$180 million and \$188 million, compared to \$180.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. Adjusted Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share are expected to range from \$0.70 to \$0.80, compared to Adjusted Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share of \$0.60 in the fourth quarter of 2017. The fourth quarter Adjusted Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share estimate excludes \$0.60 per share related to stock-based compensation, amortization of acquired intangibles, changes in contingent consideration relating to acquisitions, effects of foreign currency fluctuations, unabsorbed manufacturing overhead resulting from underutilization, tariffs, restructuring costs and the related tax impact of these adjustments.

Conference Call Information

UEI's management team will hold a conference call today, Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. ET / 1:30 p.m. PT, to discuss its third quarter 2018 earnings results, review recent activity and answer questions. To access the call in the U.S. please dial 877-843-0414, and for international calls

dial 315-625-3071 approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the conference. The conference ID is 4477623. The conference call will also be broadcast live at www.uei.com where it will be available for replay for one year. In addition, a replay will be available via telephone for two business days beginning two hours after the call. To listen to the replay, in the U.S. please dial 855-859-2056, and internationally dial 404-537-3406. The access code is 4477623.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, UEI provides Adjusted Non-GAAP information as additional information for its operating results. References to Adjusted Non-GAAP information are to non-GAAP financial measures. These measures are not required by, in accordance with, or an alternative for, GAAP and may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. UEI's management uses these measures for reviewing the financial results of UEI, for budget planning purposes, and for making operational and financial decisions and believes that providing these non-GAAP financial measures to investors, as a supplement to GAAP financial measures, helps investors evaluate UEI's core operating and financial performance and business trends consistent with how management evaluates such performance and trends. Additionally, management believes these measures facilitate comparisons with the core operating and financial results and business trends of competitors and other companies.

Certain elements of UEI's results of operations are presented excluding the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations (constant currency). To present this information, current period results for entities reporting in currencies other than the U.S. dollars are translated into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rates in effect during the corresponding period of the prior fiscal year, rather than the average exchange rate in effect during the current fiscal year. Therefore, the foreign currency impact is equal to current year results in local currencies multiplied by the change in the average foreign currency exchange rate between the current fiscal period and the corresponding period of the prior fiscal year. Management believes that presenting constant currency results of operations provides useful information to investors because they provide transparency to underlying performance by excluding the effect that foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations have on period-to-period comparability.

Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales is defined as net sales excluding the impact of stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants, the impact of the adoption of Accounting Standards Codification 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" ("ASC 606"), the revenue impact of increased U.S. tariffs on products manufactured in China and imported into the U.S. and the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Adjusted Non-GAAP gross profit is defined as gross profit excluding stock-based compensation expense, depreciation expense related to the increase in fixed assets from cost to fair market value resulting from acquisitions, the effect of fair value adjustments to inventories acquired in business combinations that sold through during the period, amortization of intangibles acquired, excess manufacturing costs, the impact of the adoption of ASC 606, the impact of increased U.S. tariffs on products manufactured in China and imported into the U.S. and costs of implementing countermeasures to mitigate this impact, and the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Adjusted Non-GAAP operating expenses are defined as operating expenses excluding amortization of intangibles acquired, stock-based compensation expense, employee related restructuring costs, changes in contingent consideration related to acquisitions, the impact of the adoption of ASC 606, costs incurred related to implementing countermeasures to mitigate the impact of increased U.S. tariffs on products manufactured in China and imported into the U.S., and the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Adjusted Non-GAAP net income is defined as net income excluding the aforementioned items, foreign currency gains and losses, the net gain recognized on the sale of the company's Guangzhou factory, and the related tax effects of all adjustments. Adjusted Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share is calculated using Adjusted Non-GAAP net income. A reconciliation of these financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP f

About Universal Electronics

Universal Electronics Inc. is the worldwide leader in universal control and sensing technologies for the smart home. For more information, please visit www.uei.com/about.

Note on Forward-looking Statements

This press release and accompanying schedules contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of federal securities laws, including net sales, profit margin and earnings trends, estimates and assumptions; our expectations about new product introductions; and similar statements concerning anticipated future events and expectations that are not historical facts. We caution you that these statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including those we identify below and other risk factors that we identify in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and the periodic reports filed thereafter. Risks that could affect forward-looking statements in this press release include the continued adoption by our customers of our advanced intuitive 2-way home entertainment systems and technologies as anticipated by management, including our one-touch view and voice control technologies; the growth of the home automation markets and growth of the sales of our products occurring during the third quarter and into the future as expected by management; and management's ability to manage its business to achieve its revenue, margins, and earnings as guided, including management's ability to improve operating costs and efficiencies at acceptable levels through cost containment efforts including moving our operations and manufacturing facilities to lower cost jurisdictions and due to the effects that changes in laws, regulations and policies may have on our business including the impact of new or additional tariffs and surcharges. Any of these factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations we express or imply in this press release. We make these forward-looking statements as of November 8, 2018. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share-related data) (Unaudited)

	September 2018	30, D	ecember 31, 2017
ASSETS			
	\$ 41.9	95 \$	62.438

Restricted cash	_	4,901
Accounts receivable, net	151,885	151,578
Contract assets	26,257	_
Inventories, net	135,888	162,589
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	15,429	11,687
Assets held for sale	_	12,517
Income tax receivable	2,695	1,587
Total current assets	374,149	407,297
Property, plant and equipment, net	101,025	110,962
Goodwill	48,509	48,651
Intangible assets, net	25,580	29,041
Deferred income taxes	7,371	7,913
Other assets	4,335	 4,566
Total assets	\$ 560,969	\$ 608,430
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 108,343	\$ 119,165
Line of credit	103,500	138,000
Accrued compensation	32,220	34,499
Accrued sales discounts, rebates and royalties	7,944	8,882
Accrued income taxes	1,441	3,670
Other accrued liabilities	19,899	 28,719
Total current liabilities	273,347	332,935
Long-term liabilities:		
Long-term contingent consideration	10,170	13,400
Deferred income taxes	1,189	4,423
Income tax payable	2,520	2,520
Other long-term liabilities	 1,534	 1,603
Total liabilities	288,760	354,881
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	_	_
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized; 23,891,790 and 23,760,434 shares issued on		
September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	239	238
Paid-in capital	274,493	265,195
Treasury stock, at cost, 10,076,385 and 9,702,874 shares on September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	(274,629)	(262,065)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(21,789)	(16,599)
Retained earnings	293,895	266,780
Total stockholders' equity	272,209	 253,549
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 560,969	\$ 608,430

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended September 30, Nine Months Ended September 30,

	 2018	2017		2018	 2017	
Net sales	\$ 182,717	\$	175,652	\$ 509,938	\$ 514,638	
Cost of sales	 142,401		132,582	405,661	386,783	
Gross profit	40,316		43,070	104,277	127,855	
Research and development expenses	5,593		5,415	17,703	15,859	
Factory transition restructuring charges			446	_	6,145	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	29,994		32,997	90,811	94,701_	
Operating income (loss)	4,729		4,212	(4,237)	11,150	
Interest income (expense), net	(1,177)		(721)	(3,526)	(1,676)	
Gain on sale of Guangzhou factory				36,978	_	
Other income (expense), net	 (2,282)		61	(3,951)	22	
Income before provision for income taxes	1,270		3,552	25,264	9,476	
Provision for income taxes	 311		1,824	 2,233	2,945	

Net income	\$ 959	\$ 1,728	\$ 23,031	\$ 6,531
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.12	\$ 1.65	\$ 0.45
Diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.12	\$ 1.63	\$ 0.44
Shares used in computing earnings per share:				
Basic	13,836	14,381	13,997	14,412
Diluted	13,959	14,666	14,116	14,689

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Nine	Months End	ed Se	ed September 30,		
		2018		2017		
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities:						
Net income	\$	23,031	\$	6,531		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:				•		
Depreciation and amortization		25,264		23,202		
Provision for doubtful accounts		2		167		
Provision for inventory write-downs		6,450		2,189		
Gain on sale of Guangzhou factory		(36,978)		· —		
Deferred income taxes		(1,370)		(953)		
Shares issued for employee benefit plan		879		591		
Employee and director stock-based compensation		6,808		9,476		
Performance-based common stock warrants		747		1,122		
Impairment of China factory equipment		2,886		_		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable and contract assets		(1,289)		(24,440)		
Inventories		(9,535)		(21,217)		
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(4,193)		(2,422)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(13,142)		1,488		
Accrued income taxes		(4,134)		(1,517)		
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities		(4,574)		(5,783)		
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities:						
Proceeds from sale of Guangzhou factory		51,291		_		
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment		(16,838)		(29,922)		
Refund of deposit received toward sale of Guangzhou factory		(5,053)		_		
Acquisitions of intangible assets		(1,911)		(1,275)		
Acquisition of net assets of Residential Control Systems, Inc.				(8,894)		
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		27,489		(40,091)		
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities:						
Borrowings under line of credit		48,000		115,000		
Repayments on line of credit		(82,500)		(50,987)		
Proceeds from stock options exercised		864		1,107		
Treasury stock purchased		(12,564)		(20,217)		
Contingent consideration payments in connection with business combinations		(3,858)		_		
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities		(50,058)		44,903		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		1,799		(5,504)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(25,344)		(6,475)		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year		67,339		59,834		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$	41,995	\$	53,359		
Supplemental cash flow information:						
Income taxes paid	\$	5,453	\$	5,770		
Interest paid		3,722		1,697		

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NON-GAAP FINANCIAL RESULTS

(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine	Months End	led September 30,		
		2018		2017		2018		2017	
Net sales:									
Net sales - GAAP	\$	182,717	\$	175,652	\$	509,938	\$	514,638	
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		404		(141)		747		1,122	
Adoption of ASC 606 ⁽¹⁾		1,842		_		2,942		_	
U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (2)		(399)		_		(399)		_	
Constant currency adjustment (3)		139				(3,038)			
Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales	\$	184,703	\$	175,511	\$	510,190	\$	515,760	
Cost of sales:									
Cost of sales - GAAP	\$	142,401	\$	132,582	\$	405,661	\$	386,783	
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets (4)		(158)		(466)		(474)		(1,023)	
Stock-based compensation expense		(23)		(19)		(63)		(53)	
Excess manufacturing overhead (5)		(3,336)		(2,700)		(13,925)		(5,468)	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		_		(37)		(37)		(75)	
Adoption of ASC 606 (1)		2,025		_		2,767		_	
U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (2)		(1,084)		_		(1,084)		_	
Constant currency adjustment (3)		1,291		_		(8,545)		_	
Adjusted Non-GAAP cost of sales		141,116		129,360		384,300		380,164	
Adjusted Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	43,587	\$	46,151	\$	125,890	\$	135,596	
Gross margin:									
Gross margin - GAAP		22.1 %		24.5 %		20.4 %		24.8 %	
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		0.2 %		(0.0) %		0.1 %		0.2 %	
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets (4)		0.1 %		0.3 %		0.1 %		0.2 %	
Stock-based compensation expense		0.0 %		0.0 %		0.0 %		0.0 %	
Excess manufacturing overhead (5)		1.9 %		1.5 %		2.7 %		1.1 %	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		— %		0.0 %		0.0 %		0.0 %	
Adoption of ASC 606 (1)		(0.4) %		— %		0.0 %		—%	
U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (2)		0.4 %		- %		0.2 %		—%	
Constant currency adjustment (3)		(0.7) %		- %		1.2 %		<u> </u>	
Adjusted Non-GAAP gross margin		23.6 %		26.3 %		24.7 %		26.3 %	
Operating expenses:									
Operating expenses - GAAP		35,587		38,858		108,514		116,705	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		(1,400)		(1,395)		(4,201)		(4,071)	
Stock-based compensation expense		(2,117)		(3,902)		(6,746)		(9,423)	
Employee related restructuring costs		(272)		(524)		(384)		(7,008)	
Change in contingent consideration		(300)		(2,300)		(558)		(3,200)	
Adoption of ASC 606 ⁽¹⁾		35		_		55		_	
U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (2)		(200)		_		(200)		_	
Constant currency adjustment (3)		320		_		(1,551)		_	
Other		(220)				(774)		(366)	
Adjusted Non-GAAP operating expenses	\$	31,433	\$	30,737	\$	94,155	\$	92,637	

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NON-GAAP FINANCIAL RESULTS

(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended Sep			eptember 30,	Nine	e Months End	ded September 30,		
		2018		2017		2018		2017	
Operating income (loss):									
Operating income (loss) - GAAP	\$	4,729	\$	4,212	\$	(4,237)	\$	11,150	
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		404		(141)		747		1,122	
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets (4)		158		466		474		1,023	
Excess manufacturing overhead (5)		3,336		2,700		13,925		5,468	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		1,400		1,432		4,238		4,146	
Stock-based compensation expense		2,140		3,921		6,809		9,476	
Employee related restructuring costs		272		524		384		7,008	
Change in contingent consideration		300		2,300		558		3,200	
Adoption of ASC 606 (1)		(218)		_		120		_	
U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (2)		885		_		885		_	
Constant currency adjustment (3)		(1,472)		_		7,058		_	
Other		220		_		774		366	
Adjusted Non-GAAP operating income	\$	12,154	\$	15,414	\$	31,735	\$	42,959	
Adjusted Non-GAAP operating income as a percentage of net sales		6.6 %		8.8 %	,	6.2 %		8.3 %	
Net income:									
Net income - GAAP	\$	959	\$	1,728	\$	23,031	\$	6,531	
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		404		(141)		747		1,122	
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets (4)		158		466		474		1,023	
Excess manufacturing overhead (5)		3,336		2,700		13,925		5,468	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		1,400		1,432		4,238		4,146	
Stock-based compensation expense		2,140		3,921		6,809		9,476	
Employee related restructuring costs		272		524		384		7,008	
Change in contingent consideration		300		2,300		558		3,200	
Adoption of ASC 606 (1)		(218)		_		120		_	
U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (2)		885		_		885		_	
Constant currency adjustment (3)		(1,472)		_		7,058		_	
Foreign currency (gain) loss		2,308		312		4,014		340	
Gain on sale of Guangzhou factory		_		_		(36,978)		_	
Other		220		_		774		366	
Income tax provision on adjustments		(1,686)		(1,921)		(1,661)		(7,173)	
Other income tax adjustments (6)		694		539		(531)		918	
Adjusted Non-GAAP net income	\$	9,700	\$	11,860	\$	23,847	\$	32,425	
Diluted earnings per share:									
Diluted earnings per share - GAAP	\$	0.07	\$	0.12	\$	1.63	\$	0.44	
Total adjustments	\$	0.62	\$	0.69	\$	0.06	\$	1.77	
Adjusted Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share	\$	0.69	\$	0.81	\$	1.69	\$	2.21	

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the impact of adopting ASC 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which was adopted on a modified retrospective basis effective January 1, 2018.

⁽²⁾ The three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 include incremental revenues and costs directly attributable to new U.S. tariffs on goods manufactured in China and imported into the U.S. as well as costs incurred for the movement of factory equipment, duplicative labor efforts and other costs of countermeasures undertaken by the company to modify its manufacturing operations and supply chain in response to the new U.S. tariffs on goods manufactured in China and imported into the U.S.

⁽³⁾ Adjustment to remove the translation impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates in material jurisdictions on sales, cost of sales and operating expenses whereby the average exchange rates used in current periods are adjusted to be consistent with the average exchange rates in effect during the comparative prior period.

⁽⁴⁾ Consists of depreciation related to the mark-up from cost to fair value of fixed assets acquired in business combinations as well as the effect of fair value adjustments to inventories acquired in business combinations that sold through during the period.

- (5) The three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 include \$3.3 million of excess manufacturing overhead costs incurred as a result of expanding our manufacturing capacity in Mexico and transitioning certain of our manufacturing activities from China to Mexico. The nine months ended September 30, 2018 also includes \$5.8 million of costs incurred resulting from factory underutilization associated with ceasing manufacturing activities while transitioning our Asia operations onto our new global ERP system, which went live in Asia in April 2018, as well as \$4.8 million of asset write-downs associated with the closure and sale of our Guangzhou, China factory. The three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 include excess manufacturing costs incurred resulting from the transition of manufacturing activities from our Guangzhou factory to our other China factories.
- (6) The three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 include \$0.7 million of net deferred tax asset adjustments resulting from a lower statutory tax rate due to tax incentives at one of our China factories. The nine months ended September 30, 2018 also includes an adjustment to bring the Non-GAAP effective tax rate in line with the full year estimated annual effective tax rate. The three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 include the tax effects of projected losses that were to be incurred as a result of the shutdown of our Guangzhou factory and which would not provide future tax benefits due to that entity ceasing operations and not generating future taxable income.

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