

Photronics Reports Full Year and Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2021 Results

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BROOKFIELD, Conn., Dec. 08, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Photronics, Inc. (NASDAQ:PLAB), a worldwide leader in photomask technologies and solutions, today reported financial results for its full year and fourth quarter fiscal 2021 ended October 31, 2021.

"Photronics achieved a fourth consecutive year of record revenue, as demand for our design-driven products accelerated and we fully ramped new flat panel display capacity," said Peter Kirlin, chief executive officer. "We made strategic investments in 2021 that have positioned us to achieve organic growth as market trends such as the increase in demand from Asia foundries and the adoption of advanced display technologies in mobile applications have driven the market higher."

Full Year 2021 Results

- Revenue of \$663.8 million was a record for the fourth consecutive year, up 9% compared with 2020
- Net income attributable to Photronics, Inc. shareholders was \$55.4 million, or \$0.89 per diluted share
- Cash provided by operating activities was \$150.8 million, capex was \$103.5 million, share repurchases were \$48.3 million, and ending cash balance was \$276.7 million

Fourth Quarter 2021 Results

- Revenue was \$181.3 million, the third consecutive quarterly record, up 6% sequentially and 21% year-over-year
- Net income attributable to Photronics, Inc. shareholders was \$19.8 million (\$0.33 per diluted share), compared with \$17.1 million (\$0.28 per diluted share) for the third quarter of 2021 and \$6.5 million (\$0.10 per diluted share) for the fourth quarter of 2020

Full year integrated circuit (IC) revenue was \$460.2 million, up 10% compared with last year; flat panel display (FPD) revenue was \$203.6 million, 6% over the same quarter last year.

IC revenue in the fourth quarter was \$125.4 million, up 7% sequentially and 18% compared with the fourth quarter of last year; FPD revenue was \$55.8 million, up 6% over last quarter and 29% over the same period last year.

"Past investments in targeted technologies are paying off, as margin expansion is accompanying top-line growth," added Kirlin. "We are generating gross and operating margins already at the high-end of the three-year target model we presented last year, and our strong cash flow enables us to invest in the business while we also return cash to shareholders as part of our disciplined capital allocation. With strong end market demand, solid balance sheet, broad geographic presence, and a team with a proven track record, we are excited about our future and optimistic we can deliver on our long-term target model objectives."

First Quarter 2022 Guidance

For the first quarter of 2022, Photronics expects revenue to be between \$178 million and \$186 million, and net income attributable to Photronics, Inc. shareholders to be between \$0.27 and \$0.34 per diluted share.

Conference Call

A conference call to discuss these results is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. The call can be accessed by logging onto Photronics' website at www.photronics.com. The live dial-in number is (877) 377-7095 or (408) 774-4601 outside of the United States and Canada. The call will be archived on Photronics' website.

About Photronics

Photronics is a leading worldwide manufacturer of integrated circuit (IC) and flat panel display (FPD) photomasks. High precision quartz plates that contain microscopic images of electronic circuits, photomasks are a key element in the IC and FPD manufacturing process. Founded in 1969, Photronics has been a trusted photomask supplier for over 50 years. As of October 31, 2021, the company had 1,728 employees. The company operates 11 strategically located manufacturing facilities in Asia, Europe, and North America. Additional information on the company can be accessed at www.photronics.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the company and its subsidiaries. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of Photronics to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "projects," "estimates," "plans," "may increase," "may fluctuate," "will," "should," "would," "may" and "could" or similar words or

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PHOTRONICS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

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

	Three Months Ended					Year Ended				
	0	ctober 31, 2021			October 31, 2020		October 31, 2021		October 31, 2020	
Revenue	\$	181,288	\$	170,643	\$	149,286	\$	663,761	\$	609,691
Cost of goods sold		129,347		125,318		117,401		496,717		475,037
Gross Profit		51,941		45,325		31,885		167,044		134,654
Operating Expenses:										
Selling, general and administrative		14,322		15,083		12,790		57,525		53,582
Research and development		4,100		5,305		4,110		18,490		17,144
Total Operating Expenses		18,422		20,388		16,900		76,015		70,726
Other operating income, net		-		3,525		-		3,525		<u>-</u>
Operating Income		33,519		28,462		14,985		94,554		63,928
Non-operating income (expense), net		3,809		3,735		(2,937)		7,452		(2,327)
Income Before Income Tax Provision		37,328		32,197		12,048		102,006		61,601
Income tax provision	_	8,697		7,842		3,469		23,190		21,258
Net Income		28,631		24,355		8,579		78,816		40,343
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		8,820		7,279		2,119		23,367		6,523
Net income attributable to Photronics, Inc. shareholders	\$	19,811	\$	17,076	\$	6,460	\$	55,449	\$	33,820
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	0.33	\$	0.28	\$	0.10	\$	0.90	\$	0.52
Diluted	\$	0.33	\$	0.28	\$	0.10	\$	0.89	\$	0.52

Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:

Basic	60,216	60,884	64,193	61,407	64,866
Diluted	60,908	61,515	64,768	61,999	65,470

PHOTRONICS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands) (Unaudited)

Assets	October 31, 		October 31, 2020		
Current assets:	Φ.	070.070	æ	070.005	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	276,670	\$	278,665	
Accounts receivable Inventories		174,447		134,470	
		55,249		57,269	
Other current assets		44,250		29,735	
Total current assets		550,616		500,139	
Property, plant and equipment, net		696,553		631,475	
Intangible assets, net		774		3,437	
Other assets		46,259		53,131	
Total assets	\$	1,294,202	\$	1,188,182	
Liabilities and Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Debt	\$	22,248	\$	13,678	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	· 	153,900		129,261	
Total current liabilities		176,148		142,939	
Long-term debt		89,446		54,980	
Other liabilities		28,046		27,997	
Photronics, Inc. shareholders' equity		823,692		804,962	
Noncontrolling interests		176,870		157,304	
Total equity		1,000,562		962,266	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	1,294,202	\$	1,188,182	

PHOTRONICS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands) (Unaudited)

Year Ended						
October 31,	October 31,					
2021	2020					

Cash flows from operating activities: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Share-based compensation Changes in operating assets, liabilities and other	\$ 78,816 90,396 5,348 (23,788)	\$ 40,343 93,814 4,927 3,962
Net cash provided by operating activities	 150,772	 143,046
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of property, plant and equipment Government incentives	(109,099) 5,775 (170)	(70,815) 5,263
Purchases of intangible assets Net cash used in investing activities	(103,494)	(159) (65,711)
Cash flows from financing activities: Proceeds from long-term debt Purchases of treasury stock Repayments of debt Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests Proceeds from share-based arrangements Contribution from noncontrolling interest Net settlements of restricted stock awards	 20,858 (48,250) (20,352) (9,597) 3,874 - (436)	20,340 (34,394) (7,392) (16,151) 4,239 17,596 (248)
Net cash used in financing activities	 (53,903)	 (16,010)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	 4,703	 10,986
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, beginning of period	 (1,922) 281,602	 72,311 209,291
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 279,680	\$ 281,602

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