Frequency Electronics, Inc. Announces Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2020 Results

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MITCHEL FIELD, N.Y., Dec. 12, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Frequency Electronics, Inc. ("FEI" or the "Company") (NASDAQ-FEIM) reported revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2020, which ended October 31, 2019, of $9.1 million compared to $12.1 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2019. Revenues for the first six months of fiscal 2020 were $21.6 million compared to $23.2 million recorded in the same period of the prior year. The Company recorded operating loss of $4.9 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2020, compared to an operating loss of $230,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2019. Operating loss for the first six months of fiscal 2020 was $5.7 million compared to $146,000 in the first half of fiscal 2019. Net loss for the second quarter of fiscal 2020 was $4.9 million or ($0.54) per diluted share compared to net income of $122,000 or $0.01 per diluted share for the second quarter of the prior year. Net loss for the first six months of fiscal 2020 was $5.5 million or ($0.61) per diluted share compared the net income of $153,000 or $0.02 per diluted share for the first half of fiscal 2019.

FEI CEO, Stan Sloane, commented on second quarter results, "While our financial results were disappointing this quarter, I remain encouraged by the number of new business opportunities we are tracking, around $500 million in potential value. In Q2, we saw some slips in anticipated contract awards that resulted in planned revenues shifting to the right, but this was not the result of lost awards, just timing. The increase in backlog is indicative that these awards are starting to come in now, best illustrated by $40 million in total backlog at quarter end, up from $35 million in the previous period. This does not include contract value which is not yet fully funded or the value of production options which are not yet exercised. Subsequent to the quarter end, we have also added approximately $4 million of additional backlog. We continue to be cash positive and have no debt.

Margin impacts this quarter resulted from additional engineering costs incurred on a few programs that are still in their development phase. Keeping in mind that much of what we do is pushing the state of the art, the amount required to solve complex technical issues can sometimes be unforeseen. This is typical of development programs where the technical issues appear at certain cyclical points in the process, creating a "lumpiness" in the amount of effort needed to resolve them. As we complete development and transition to production on these programs, we would anticipate less cost fluctuation. These programs will generate future top line and bottom line growth once through this transition."

Fiscal 2020 Selected Financial Metrics and Other Items

- For the six months ended October 31, 2019 satellite related revenues, both for Government/DOD and commercial end use were approximately $9.4 million compared to $11.3 million for the same period of fiscal 2019. Commercial and U.S. Government satellite payload programs accounted for approximately 44% of consolidated revenues, for both fiscal periods.

- For the six months ended October 31, 2019 sales for non-space related U.S. Government/DOD, end use were $9.0 million compared to $10.4 million for the same period of fiscal 2019. Sales for U.S. Government/DOD non-space end use accounted for approximately 42% of consolidated revenues compared to 45% of consolidated revenues for the same period of fiscal 2019.

- Sales for other commercial and industrial applications were approximately $3.2 million for fiscal 2020 compared to $1.4 million for the same period of fiscal 2019. Commercial and industrial applications accounted for approximately 14% of consolidated revenues, compared to 6% for the same period of the prior year.

- Research and development expense were $3.7 million for the six months of fiscal 2020 compared to $3.3 million for the same period of fiscal 2019.

- For the quarter ended October 31, 2019 the Company generated nominal positive cash flows from operations.

- Backlog at the end of the quarter ended October 31, 2019 was approximately $40 million.

Investor Conference Call

As previously announced, the Company will hold a conference call to discuss these results on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 4:30 PM Eastern Time. Investors and analysts may access the call by dialing 1-844-407-9500. International callers may dial 1-862-298-0850. Ask for the Frequency Electronics conference call.

The archived call may be accessed by calling 1-877-481-4010 (domestic), or 1-919-882-2331 (international), use pin 53664 for one week following the call. Subsequent to that, the call can be accessed via a link available on the company's website through March 16, 2020.

About Frequency Electronics

Frequency Electronics, Inc. is a world leader in the design, development and manufacture of high precision timing, frequency control and synchronization products for space and terrestrial applications. Frequency's products are used in satellite payloads and in other government, military and commercial, systems including C4ISR, EW, missiles, UAVs, aircraft, secure communications, energy exploration and wireline and wireless communication networks. With over one thousand systems delivered to defense department and commercial customers, Frequency has received more than 100 awards for excellence in providing high performance electronic assemblies for over 150 space and DOD programs. The Company invests significant resources in research and development to expand its capabilities and markets.

Frequency's Mission Statement: "Our mission is to provide precision time and low phase noise frequency generation systems from 1 Hz to 50 GHz, for space and other challenging environments."

Subsidiaries and Affiliates: FEI-Zyfer provides GPS and secure timing ("SAASM") capabilities for critical military and commercial applications; FEI-Elcom Tech provides sub-systems for Electronic Warfare ("EW") and added resources for state-of-the-art RF microwave products. Frequency's Morion affiliate supplies high-quality, cost effective oscillators and quartz components for commercial applications. Additional information is available on the Company's website: www.frequencyelectronics.com

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Frequency Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(in thousands except per share data)

	Six Months Ended October 31,		Three Months Ended October 31,	
	2019	**2018**	**2019**	**2018**
Revenues	$ 21,641	$ 23,153	$ 9,087	$ 12,142
Cost of Revenues	18,870	14,860	10,269	8,123
Gross Margin	2,771	8,293	(1,182)	4,019
Selling and Administrative	4,743	5,182	2,290	2,642
Research and Development	3,731	3,257	1,450	1,607
Operating Loss	(5,703)	(146)	(4,922)	(230)
Interest and Other, Net	232	276	22	322

(Loss) Income before Income Taxes	(5,471)	130	(4,900)	92
Income Tax Benefit	29	(23)	9	(30)
Net (Loss) Income	$ (5,500)	$ 153	$ (4,909)	$ 122
Net Income (Loss) per share:				
Basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share	$ (0.61)	$ 0.02	$ (0.54)	$ 0.01
Average Shares Outstanding				
Basic	9,037	8,885	9,072	8,893
Diluted	9,037	9,046	9,072	9,102

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	October 31, 2019 (unaudited)	**April 30, 2019** (unaudited)
	(in thousands)	
ASSETS		
Cash & Marketable Securities	$ 10,989	$ 11,882
Accounts Receivable, Net	4,437	6,362
Costs and Estimated Earnings in Excess of Billings, Net	8,086	6,670
Inventories, Net	23,280	23,356
Other Current Assets	2,259	3,082
Current Assets Held for Sale	-	1,347
Property, Plant & Equipment, Net	12,708	13,038
Right –of –Use Assets	11,354	-
CSV of Life Insurance	14,640	14,292
Other Assets	4,196	6,540
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	-	202
	$ 91,949	$ 86,771
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Lease liability, current	$ 1,903	$ -
Other current liabilities	6,412	4,759
Current Liabilities Held for Sale	-	1,078
Non-Current Lease Liability	9,784	-
Other Long-term Obligations	15,682	15,592
Non-Current Liabilities Held for Sale	-	2,253
Stockholders' Equity	58,168	63,089
	$ 91,949	$ 86,771

Source: Frequency Electronics, Inc.