



AMSC Reports First Quarter Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Results

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American Superconductor Corporation (NASDAQ: AMSC), a global power technologies company, today reported financial results for the first quarter of its fiscal year 2010 ended June 30, 2010.

Revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 2010 increased 33 percent to \$97.2 million from \$73.0 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009. Gross margin for the first quarter of fiscal 2010 was 40.1 percent, which compares with 30.9 percent for the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

AMSC generated net income of \$9.2 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2010. This compares with net income of \$1.8 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009. Non-GAAP net income was \$13.0 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2010. This compares with non-GAAP net income of \$5.5 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2009. Please refer to the financial table included below for a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP results.

Cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities and restricted cash at June 30, 2010 were \$120.7 million. This compares with \$155.1 million as of March 31, 2010. The decrease was due primarily to some customer payments shifting from June to July 2010, an increase in capital expenditures in line with the company's plan and changes in the dollar value of cash held in foreign currencies.

The company reported backlog as of June 30, 2010 of approximately \$952 million compared with approximately \$588 million as of March 31, 2010. This increase is related primarily to a multi-year order worth approximately US\$445 million the company received in May 2010 from Sinovel Wind Group Co., Ltd.

"American Superconductor has achieved six consecutive quarters of rapid, profitable growth, and we are now well positioned to exceed our original forecasts for revenues and earnings for full fiscal 2010," said Greg Yurek, AMSC's founder and chief executive officer. "We achieved a record level of backlog in our first quarter, which gives us very good visibility to continued profitable growth over the next several years. The bulk of our sales during this period are expected to continue to be to Asian wind turbine manufacturers who are building out capacity to meet increased domestic demand and who are also preparing to export wind turbines to Western markets. We also expect our sales to customers in Western countries to start ramping significantly during that time."

Yurek added, "In our AMSC Superconductors business unit, we made good progress during the first fiscal quarter in migrating to our 100-millimeter superconductor wire manufacturing process. We ramped our capital expenditures for superconductor manufacturing, as planned, and have now begun to install and qualify the additional equipment that will be needed to meet expected wire demand for Korean and Chinese superconductor power grid projects, the Tres Amigas SuperStation in the U.S., and SeaTitan™ superconductor wind turbines for offshore wind farms in the years ahead."

Financial Forecast

"We are increasing our revenue forecast for full year fiscal 2010 from a range of \$415 million to \$425 million to a range of \$420 million to \$430 million," said David Henry, AMSC's senior vice president and chief financial officer. "We also are increasing our net income forecast for the full fiscal year from a range of \$37.5 million to \$40.0 million, or \$0.80 to \$0.85 per diluted share, to a range of \$39.5 million to \$42.0 million, or \$0.85 to \$0.90 per diluted share. Our non-GAAP net income guidance is similarly increased from a range of \$54.0 million to \$56.5 million, or \$1.15 to \$1.20 per diluted share, to a range of \$56.0 million to \$58.5 million, or \$1.20 to \$1.25 per diluted share."

Conference Call Reminder

In conjunction with this announcement, AMSC management will participate in a conference call with investors beginning at 10:00 a.m. ET today to discuss the company's results and its business outlook. Those who wish to listen to the live conference call webcast should visit the "[Investors](#)" section of the company's website at www.amsc.com/investors. The live call also can be accessed by dialing 913-312-0950 and using conference ID 3274268. A telephonic playback of the call will be available from 1:00 p.m. ET on July 29 through 1:00 p.m. ET on August 5. Please call 719-457-0820 and refer to conference ID 3274268 to access the playback.

[About American Superconductor \(NASDAQ: AMSC\)](#)

AMSC offers an array of proprietary technologies and solutions spanning the electric power infrastructure - from generation to delivery to end use. The company is a leader in [renewable energy](#), providing proven, megawatt-scale wind turbine designs and electrical control systems. The company also offers a host of [Smart Grid](#) technologies for power grid operators that enhance the reliability, efficiency and capacity of the grid, and seamlessly integrate renewable energy sources into the power infrastructure. These include superconductor power cable systems, grid-level surge protectors and power electronics-based voltage stabilization systems. AMSC's technologies are protected by a broad and deep intellectual property portfolio consisting of hundreds of patents and licenses worldwide. More information is available at www.amsc.com.

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Note: Non-GAAP net income (loss) is defined by the company as net income (loss) before amortization of acquisition-related intangibles, restructuring and impairments, stock-based compensation, other unusual charges and any tax effects related to these items. The company believes non-GAAP net income (loss) is an important measurement for management and investors given the effect that these non-cash or non-recurring charges have on the company's net income (loss). The company regards non-GAAP net income (loss) as a useful measure of operating performance and cash flow to complement operating income, net income (loss) and other GAAP financial performance measures.

Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position or cash flow that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. The non-GAAP measures included in this release, however, should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for or superior to, operating income, cash flows, or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of non-GAAP to GAAP net income (loss) is set forth in the table above.

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended June 30,	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Revenues:		
Power Systems	\$ 94,928	\$ 70,696
Superconductors	2,281	2,304
Total revenues	<u>97,209</u>	<u>73,000</u>
Cost of revenues	<u>58,224</u>	<u>50,417</u>
Gross profit	<u>38,985</u>	<u>22,583</u>
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	7,335	4,528
Selling, general and administrative	15,183	10,885
Amortization of acquisition related intangibles	386	445
Restructuring and impairments	--	334
Total operating expenses	<u>22,904</u>	<u>16,192</u>
Operating income	16,081	6,391
Interest income	175	243
Other income (expense), net	171	(1,976)
Income before income tax expense	16,427	4,658
Income tax expense	<u>7,257</u>	<u>2,866</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 9,170</u>	<u>\$ 1,792</u>
Net income per common share		
Basic	<u>\$ 0.20</u>	<u>\$ 0.04</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.20</u>	<u>\$ 0.04</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding		
Basic	<u>45,242</u>	<u>43,789</u>
Diluted	<u>45,983</u>	<u>44,533</u>

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

	June 30, March 31,	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 64,844	\$ 87,594
Marketable securities	44,632	54,469
Accounts receivable, net	90,212	62,203
Inventory	41,022	35,858
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	16,315	15,381
Restricted cash	5,265	5,713
Deferred tax assets	<u>2,022</u>	<u>1,776</u>
Total current assets	<u>264,312</u>	<u>262,994</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	70,191	64,315
Goodwill	37,934	36,696
Intangibles, net	8,016	7,770
Marketable securities	5,961	7,342
Deferred tax assets	3,652	3,043
Other assets	<u>19,967</u>	<u>18,024</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 410,033</u>	<u>\$ 400,184</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 79,113	\$ 84,319

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