



Lennox International Reports Third Quarter 2003 Earnings per Share of \$0.46

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DALLAS, Oct. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Lennox International Inc. (NYSE: LII) announced third quarter 2003 diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$0.46. LII also reported \$0.46 EPS in the third quarter last year.

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Sales increased 2% to \$839 million from last year's third quarter. Adjusting for \$33 million in heat transfer revenues included in last year's sales - essentially all of which are now part of LII's joint venture with Outokumpu and no longer reported by LII - sales for the quarter increased 7%, up 4% when adjusted for currency exchange. Quarterly operating income was \$53 million, up 1% from last year. Net income was \$28 million, unchanged from the year-ago period.

LII's cash flow performance continued to show significant strength in the third quarter. The company generated \$83 million in free cash flow in the third quarter and continued to use that cash flow primarily to reduce debt. In the past 12 months LII has reduced debt by \$37 million, lowering debt-to-capitalization ratio to 39.9% from 46.7% one year ago. Over the past three years LII has cut its debt in half for a total reduction of \$366 million.

"LII achieved solid results in the third quarter, with higher sales and improved margins in our manufacturing businesses offsetting soft results in our Service Experts segment," said Bob Schjerven, chief executive officer. "Based on the strength of our performance in the first nine months of the year and our momentum going into the final quarter of the year, we are comfortable with our current earnings guidance for 2003 and expect full-year EPS will be in the range of \$1.10 to \$1.20. We are, however, raising our guidance for free cash flow, and now project full-year free cash flow to substantially exceed our net income." The company's previous guidance was for full-year 2003 free cash flow to be approximately equal to net income.

In the third quarter, LII realized a gain on the sale of its Electrical Products Division. As disclosed at the time of the sale, the financial impact of this transaction was not material to LII's operating performance. This gain was more than offset by reserve requirements related to the heat transfer joint venture agreement the company entered into with Outokumpu last year. The net result of these two items was an after-tax loss of \$2 million, or \$0.03 cents per share, which is included in the \$0.46 EPS the company reported for the third quarter.

The tables following the text in this news release provide description and financial detail, and reconcile the information provided to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) measures.

Business segment highlights:

Heating & Cooling: LII's Heating & Cooling business revenues rose 11% to \$519 million, reflecting favorable cooling season weather in many key markets. Adjusting for fluctuations in exchange rates, sales were up 8%. Segment operating income increased 44% to \$60 million and operating margins expanded 270 basis points to 11.5%.

LII's Residential Heating & Cooling business continues to outperform the market, with double-digit sales growth for both the Lennox and Ducane brands and continued top line growth in the hearth products division. Revenues grew 7% in the third quarter to \$368 million, with sales up 6% adjusting for foreign exchange. Segment operating income increased 24% for the quarter to \$42 million. Segment operating margins expanded 160 basis points to 11.5% through higher volumes and purchasing savings that have translated to lower product costs.

Driven primarily by increased domestic sales to new and existing National Account customers, as well as sales gains within the contractor community, Commercial Heating & Cooling revenues increased 20% to \$152 million, up 16% when adjusted for currency fluctuations. Segment operating profit more than doubled to \$18 million, with operating margins increasing to 11.5% from 5.9% last year. Higher volumes, increased factory productivity and the benefits realized from closing a plant in Europe earlier this year contributed to this improvement.

Service Experts: Revenues were relatively flat at \$251 million, down 3% adjusting for currency exchange. Consistent with the first half of the year, declines in commercial new construction offset modest revenue growth in residential new construction and both residential and commercial service and replacement. Segment operating income for the quarter declined from \$13 million in 2002 to \$300,000 this year. Operating margins contracted from 5.2% to 0.1%.

"While Service Experts has positive cash flow, its profitability for the quarter was clearly unsatisfactory," Schjerven said. "Our aggressiveness in defending the topline in a price competitive environment significantly depressed our gross margins and increased marketing costs." Service Experts also incurred higher costs for insurance, inventory valuation adjustments, and bad debt, as well as increased overhead expenses. In addition, percentage-of-completion accounting adjustments in the commercial new construction business negatively impacted segment profitability. "We remain confident about the prospects for Service Experts and while we have developed the right tools to make it successful, we know execution is the key to improvement," Schjerven said.

Refrigeration: Segment revenues increased 4% to \$97 million, down 4% when adjusted for currency exchange. A focus on cost control and improved manufacturing efficiency in a challenging worldwide market helped segment operating income increase 8% to \$10 million, with operating margins expanding 30 basis points to 9.8%.

Conference Call

A conference call to discuss the company's third quarter 2003 results will be held on Wednesday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m. (CDT). All interested parties are invited to listen as Bob Schjerven, CEO, and Rick Smith, CFO, comment on the company's operating results.

To listen, please call the conference call line at 612-326-1011 ten minutes prior to the scheduled start time and use reservation number 701264. The number of connections for this call is limited to 200.

This conference call will be broadcast live on the Internet and can be accessed at <http://www.firstcallevts.com/service/ajwz390236203gf12.html>. A link to the broadcast can also be found on the company's web site at <http://www.lennoxinternational.com>.

If you are unable to participate in this conference call, a replay will be available from 1:00 p.m. (CDT) October 22 through October 29, 2003 by dialing 800-475-6701, access code 701264. This call will also be archived on the company's web site.

A Fortune 500 company operating in over 100 countries, Lennox International Inc. is a global leader in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration markets. Lennox International stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LII." Additional information is available at: <http://www.lennoxinternational.com> or by contacting Bill Moltner, Vice President, Investor Relations, at 972-497-6670.

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LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002
(Unaudited, in millions, except per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
NET SALES	\$839.1	\$818.8	\$2,308.1	\$2,321.4
COST OF GOODS SOLD	561.4	562.7	1,539.6	1,590.6
Gross profit	277.7	256.1	768.5	730.8
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Selling, general and administrative expense	223.8	205.7	646.8	618.3
(Gains) losses and other expenses	1.0	(8.9)	1.9	(8.9)
Restructurings	-	6.7	-	8.6
Income from operations	52.9	52.6	119.8	112.8
INTEREST EXPENSE, net	6.9	8.9	21.8	25.0
OTHER EXPENSE (INCOME)	0.6	(0.2)	(1.2)	(0.6)
Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	45.4	43.9	99.2	88.4
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	17.7	16.3	38.7	34.6
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	27.7	27.6	60.5	53.8
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE	-	-	-	(249.2)
Net income (loss)	\$ 27.7	\$ 27.6	\$ 60.5	\$ (195.4)
INCOME PER SHARE BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE:				
Basic	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.94
Diluted	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.01	\$ 0.91
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE PER SHARE:				
Basic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4.36)
Diluted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4.24)
NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE:				
Basic	\$0.47	\$0.48	\$ 1.04	\$ (3.42)
Diluted	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$ 1.01	\$ (3.32)

AVERAGE SHARES (In Millions):

Basic	58.5	57.6	58.2	57.2
Diluted	60.5	59.4	59.9	58.8

LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

SEGMENT REVENUES AND OPERATING PROFIT

For the Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002
(Unaudited, in millions)

	For the		For the	
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Net Sales				
Residential	\$367.7	\$342.5	\$1,038.8	\$965.1
Commercial	151.7	126.3	376.6	328.1
Heating and Cooling	519.4	468.8	1,415.4	1,293.2
Service Experts	251.3	251.6	691.7	708.1
Refrigeration	96.8	92.8	284.3	273.2
Corporate and other (a)	-	33.1	-	128.2
Eliminations	(28.4)	(27.5)	(83.3)	(81.3)
	\$839.1	\$818.8	\$2,308.1	\$2,321.4
Segment Profit (Loss)				
Residential	\$ 42.2	\$ 33.9	\$ 110.7	\$ 85.5
Commercial	17.5	7.5	25.9	13.1
Heating and Cooling	59.7	41.4	136.6	98.6
Service Experts	0.3	13.1	3.2	26.2
Refrigeration	9.5	8.8	26.8	26.0
Corporate and other (a)	(16.4)	(13.0)	(44.7)	(37.6)
Eliminations	0.8	0.1	(0.2)	(0.7)
Segment Profit	53.9	50.4	121.7	112.5
Reconciliation to Income before Income Taxes:				
(Gains) losses and				
other expenses	1.0	(8.9)	1.9	(8.9)
Restructurings	-	6.7	-	8.6
Interest Expense, net	6.9	8.9	21.8	25.0
Other	0.6	(0.2)	(1.2)	(0.6)
	\$ 45.4	\$ 43.9	\$ 99.2	\$ 88.4

(a) In the third quarter of 2002, the Company formed joint ventures with Outokumpu Oyj by selling to Outokumpu Oyj a 55% interest in the Company's heat transfer business segment for approximately \$55 million in cash and notes. The Company accounts for its remaining 45% interest using the equity method of accounting and includes such amounts in the Corporate and other segment. The historical net sales, results of operations and total assets of the

Corporate and other segment have been restated to include the portions of the heat transfer business segment that was sold to Outokumpu Oyj. The results of operations of the heat transfer business segment now presented in the Corporate and other segment were \$(0.4) million and \$(1.8) million for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2003, respectively. The historical net sales and results of operations were \$33.1 million and \$(1.7) million for the three months ended September 30, 2002 and \$128.2 million and \$(2.8) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, respectively.

- (b) Segment profit is based upon income from operations included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations excluding restructuring charges and other operating gains, losses and expenses. [

LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As of September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002
(In millions, except share data)

	September 30, 2002 (unaudited) [December 31, 2003
ASSETS [
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$64.4	\$76.4
Accounts and notes receivable, net	451.0	307.3
Inventories	242.8	219.7
Deferred income taxes	33.6	33.3
Other assets	55.6	38.4
Total current assets	847.4	675.1
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net	221.7	231.0
GOODWILL, net	439.9	420.8
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	78.4	82.7
OTHER ASSETS	133.9	112.1
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,721.3	\$1,521.7

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Short-term debt	\$4.0	\$9.3
Current maturities of long-term debt	11.4	13.9
Accounts payable	237.8	247.6
Accrued expenses	303.9	253.9
Income taxes payable	56.2	12.8
Total current liabilities	613.3	537.5
LONG-TERM DEBT	357.4	356.7
POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS, OTHER THAN PENSIONS	14.7	13.5
PENSIONS	89.6	85.4

OTHER LIABILITIES	85.3	75.8
Total liabilities	1,160.3	1,068.9
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding	--	--
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 63,829,034 shares and 63,039,254 shares issued for 2003 and 2002, respectively	0.6	0.6
Additional paid-in capital	413.9	404.7
Retained earnings	215.2	171.3
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(27.1)	(79.6)
Deferred compensation	(10.5)	(13.5)
Treasury stock, at cost, 3,043,916 and 3,009,656 shares for 2003 and 2002, respectively	(31.1)	(30.7)
Total stockholders' equity	561.0	452.8
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$1,721.3	\$1,521.7

Lennox International Inc. and Subsidiaries
Reconciliation to U.S. GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles)
Measures [
(Unaudited, in millions, except ratio data)

Free Cash Flow

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Net Cash Provided by				
Operating Activities	\$26.4	\$69.3	\$17.4	\$113.7
Purchases of Property, Plant and Equipment	(11.9)	(6.9)	(22.2)	(19.9)
Change in Asset Securitization	68.2	2.1	13.0	(16.7)
Cash Restructuring Charges	-	-	-	1.9
Free Cash Flow	\$82.7	\$64.5	\$ 8.2	\$ 79.0

Operational Working Capital

Sept. 30, 2003	September 30, 2003 Trailing 12 Mo. Avg.	Sept. 30, 2002	September 30, 2002 Trailing 12 Mo. Avg.
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Accounts and Notes

Receivable, Net	\$451.0		\$364.3	
Allowance for				
Doubtful Accounts	21.3		23.5	
Asset Securitization	86.0		159.8	
Accounts and				
Notes Receivable, Gross	558.3	\$506.8	547.6	\$533.5
Inventories	242.8		250.3	
Excess of current				
Cost Over Last-in,				
First-out	48.2		47.0	
Inventories Adjusted	291.0	304.1	297.3	340.7
Accounts Payable	(237.8)	(236.6)	(261.6)	(255.7)
Operational Working				
Capital (a)	611.5	574.3	583.3	618.5
Net Sales, Trailing				
Twelve Months (b)	3,012.5	3,012.5	3,048.4	3,048.4
Operational Working				
Cap. Ratio (a/b)	20.3%	19.1%	19.1%	20.3%

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