



O2Micro Reports Fourth Quarter and Yearly 2017 Financial Results

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Operational and Strategic Highlights:

- Q4 2017 results were within the range of guidance provided in November 2017.
- Fiscal 2017 revenue increased 6.4% over fiscal 2016.
- GAAP net loss per ADS in the fourth quarter of 2017 was 7 cents, with non-GAAP net loss of 6 cents per ADS.
- Due to market seasonality, revenue in Q1 2018 is expected to range between -2% and -8% compared to Q4 2017.
- We remain optimistic about our growth drivers including backlighting, battery management and power products.

O2Micro® International Limited (NASDAQ:OIIM), a global leader in the design, development and marketing of high-performance integrated circuits and solutions, reported its financial results today for the fourth quarter and year ending December 31, 2017.

Financial Highlights for the Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017:

O2Micro International Limited ("Company") reported yearly revenue of \$60.2 million, a 6.4% increase over 2016. Fourth quarter 2017 revenue was \$15.2 million which was down 2% sequentially and down 4.3% from the same quarter in the previous year. The gross margin in the fourth quarter of 2017 was 50.5%, which was up from 50.3% in the prior quarter, and down from 54.1% in the fourth quarter of 2016. The gross margin remains in our target range and varies primarily with the quarterly revenue and product mix. During the fourth quarter of 2017, the Company recorded total GAAP operating expenses of \$9.4 million, compared to \$9.5 million in the third quarter of 2017, and \$9.0 million in the year-ago Q4 period. The GAAP operating margins for the fourth quarter of 2017, the third quarter of 2017, and fourth quarter of 2016 were (11.5%), (11.1%), and (2.4%), respectively.

Q4 2017 GAAP net loss was \$1.9 million. This compares to a GAAP net loss of \$1.4 million in the third quarter of 2017 and a GAAP net income of \$12,000 in Q4 2016. GAAP net loss per fully diluted ADS was \$0.07 in Q4 2017. This compares to a GAAP net loss per fully diluted ADS of \$0.05 in Q3 2017 and a GAAP net income per fully diluted ADS of \$0.00 in Q4 2016.

Yearly GAAP net loss was \$6.1 million in 2017. GAAP net loss in 2016 was \$3.0 million including a \$2.7 million one-time gain. GAAP net loss per fully diluted ADS was \$0.24 in 2017. This compares to a GAAP net loss of per fully diluted ADS of \$0.12 in 2016.

Supplementary Data:

The Company ended the fourth quarter of 2017 with \$46.1 million in unrestricted cash and short-term investments or \$1.80 per outstanding ADS. The accounts receivable balance was \$9.2 million and represented 54 days sales outstanding at the end of Q4 2017. Inventory was \$9.3 million or 119 days and turned over 3 times during Q4 2017. As of December 31, 2017, the Company had \$58.7 million in working capital and the book value was \$76.6 million, or \$2.98 per outstanding ADS. As of December 31, 2017, O2Micro International Limited had a total of 372 employees worldwide, including 228 engineers.

Management Commentary:

"Our first quarter of 2018 revenue guidance reflects continuing design activities in the growth drivers of the consumer and industrial markets. We are pleased with our continued acceptance our technology including high end backlighting for the TV, power tools, household appliances, and automotive, despite the current dynamic market," said Sterling Du, O2Micro's Chairman and CEO. "We believe our solutions for these product segments will continue to contribute to our top-line growth in upcoming quarters and lead O2Micro back to long term profitability."

Conference Call:

O2Micro will hold its fourth quarter conference call today, January 31st, 2018, at 6:00AM. Pacific, 9:00AM Eastern. You may participate using the following dial-in information.

Conference ID: 3027751
Participants, Int'l Toll: 719-325-2370
Participants, US/CAN: 800-967-7134

The Call-in Audio Replay will be available from January 31st, 2018 12:00 Eastern Time (US & Canada) through February 7th, 2018 12:00 Eastern Time (US & Canada)

<https://event.mymeetingroom.com/Public/WebRegistration/Y29uZmVyZW5jZUlKPTc3MTA4OTYmdHlwZT1yZXBsYXkmbGFuZ3VhZ2U9ZW5nbGlzaA==>

A live webcast will also be available on the Company's website at <http://ir.o2micro.com>, and an online replay will be available on the website for one week.

About O2Micro:

Founded in April 1995, O2Micro develops and markets innovative power management components for the Computer, Consumer, Industrial, Automotive and Communications markets. Products include LED General Lighting, Backlighting, Battery Management, and Power Management. The

Company maintains offices worldwide. Additional Company and product information can be found on the Company website at www.o2micro.com.

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O2MICRO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In Thousand U.S. Dollars, Except Per Share Amounts)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	(audited)
NET SALES	\$ 15,217	\$ 15,909	\$ 60,205	\$ 56,561
COST OF SALES	7,525	7,302	29,426	27,317
GROSS PROFIT	7,692	8,607	30,779	29,244
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Research and development (1)	4,774	4,118	17,989	15,645
Selling, general and administrative (1)	4,673	4,866	19,047	19,481
Litigation income	-	-	(19)	(23)
Total Operating Expenses	9,447	8,984	37,017	35,103
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(1,755)	(377)	(6,238)	(5,859)
NON-OPERATING INCOME				
Interest income	87	77	344	301
Foreign exchange (loss) gain – net	(84)	367	53	63
Gain on sale of real estate	-	-	-	1,725
Gain on sale of long-term investments	-	-	20	948
Other – net	202	283	686	894
Total Non-operating Income	205	727	1,103	3,931

INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX	(1,550)	350	(5,135)	(1,928)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	329	338	1,010	1,058
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(1,879)	12	(6,145)	(2,986)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	319	(905)	984	(397)
Unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities	-	-	(1)	1
Unrealized pension loss	(63)	(14)	(61)	(13)
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	256	(919)	922	(409)
COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	\$ (1,623)	\$ (907)	\$ (5,223)	\$ (3,395)
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER ADS				
Basic	\$ (0.07)	\$ -	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.12)
Diluted	\$ (0.07)	\$ -	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.12)

ADS UNITS USED IN EARNINGS (LOSS) PER ADS CALCULATION:

Basic (in thousands)	25,696	25,592	25,780	25,643
Diluted (in thousands)	25,696	26,050	25,780	25,643

(1) INCLUDES STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION CHARGE AS FOLLOWS:

Research and development	\$ 53	\$ 52	\$ 221	\$ 231
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 335	\$ 320	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,375

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In Thousand U.S. Dollars, Except Share Amounts)

	December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2016 (Audited)
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,520	\$ 31,332
Restricted cash	35	32
Short-term investments	17,601	21,532
Accounts receivable – net	9,184	7,205
Inventories	9,330	9,275
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,245	1,106
Total Current Assets	65,915	70,482
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS	3,112	4,253
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – NET	13,755	13,736
OTHER ASSETS	2,300	2,218
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 85,082	\$ 90,689
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Notes and accounts payable	\$ 2,460	\$ 4,329
Income tax payable	341	180

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	4,379	4,102
Total Current Liabilities	7,180	8,611
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Accrued pension liabilities	355	281
Deferred income tax liabilities	906	930
Other liabilities	86	83
Total Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,347	1,294
Total Liabilities	8,527	9,905
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preference shares at \$0.00002 par value per share		
Authorized – 250,000,000 shares	-	-
Ordinary shares at \$0.00002 par value per share		
Authorized – 4,750,000,000 shares		
Issued – 1,669,036,600 shares as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively	33	33
Outstanding – 1,284,146,100 and 1,279,124,900 shares as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively		
Additional paid-in capital	142,946	142,738
Accumulated deficits	(47,517)	(41,372)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	5,337	4,415
Treasury stock – 384,890,500 and 389,911,700 shares as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively	(24,244)	(25,030)
Total Shareholders' Equity	76,555	80,784
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 85,082	\$ 90,689

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