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LINEAR TECHNOLOGY REPORTS INCREASED QUARTERLY REVENUES AND PROFITS OVER THE PRIOR YEAR'S QUARTER. CURRENT REVENUES INCLUDE ROYALTY REVENUE OF \$40 MILLION.

Milpitas, California, April 19, 2005, Linear Technology Corporation (NASDAQ-LLTC), a leading, independent manufacturer of high performance linear integrated circuits, today announced that total revenue for its third quarter ended April 3, 2005, was \$290,734,000, an increase of 39% over revenue of \$209,133,000 for the third quarter of the previous year. Included in the current quarter's revenue is royalty revenue of \$40,000,000, which represents past royalties receivable under terms of a settlement and license agreement with another company. Linear Technology expects to earn further royalties, dependent on sales of licensed products, quarterly from July 2005 through June 2013. Such ongoing quarterly royalty revenue is not expected to be material to each individual quarter's total revenue. The Company also reported net income for the quarter of \$121,633,000 or \$0.39 diluted earnings per share, an increase of 42% from \$85,549,000 or \$0.27 diluted earnings per share reported for the third quarter of last year. The current quarter net income has been reduced by various expenses related to royalty revenue. During the quarter, the Company's cash and short-term investments increased by \$5.2 million, net of spending \$57.8 million to purchase 1,532,770 shares of common stock. A cash dividend of \$0.10 per share will be paid on May 18, 2005 to stockholders of record on April 29, 2005

According to Lothar Maier, CEO, "Linear Technology completed a solid quarter, further enhanced by the settlement and license agreement. Product sales were similar to last quarter, whereas bookings improved slightly during the quarter. The Company continues to be cash flow positive and profitable as evidenced by the 42% return on sales.

The license agreement confirms the strength of our intellectual property. We continue to lead the market with high performance analog technology and innovative products.

With regard to the upcoming quarter, these continue to be challenging times to forecast. Many customers are cautious given the general concerns in the macroeconomic environment. We expect end demand to be relatively stable with bookings increasing slightly over the prior quarter. Additional royalty revenue under the license agreement does not commence until the September quarter. However, we expect sequential product revenues in the June quarter to increase 2% to 3% over the quarter just ended. Consequently, we expect total revenue in the range of \$255 million to \$258 million.”

Except for historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release are forward-looking statements. In particular, the statements regarding the demand for our products, our customers’ ordering patterns and the anticipated growth of our sales and profits are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are dependent on certain risks and uncertainties, including such factors, among others, as the timing, volume and pricing of new orders received and shipped, the timely introduction of new processes and products, general conditions in the world economy and financial markets and other factors described in our 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 27, 2004.

Company officials will be discussing these results in greater detail in a conference call tomorrow, Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Coast Time. Those investors wishing to listen in may call (719) 457-2679 before 8:15 a.m. to be included in the audience. There will be a live webcast of this conference call that can be accessed through www.linear.com or www.streetevents.com. A replay of the conference call will be available from April 20 through April 26, 2005. You may access this post view by calling (719) 457-0820 and entering reservation #7411195. An archive of the webcast will also be available at www.linear.com and www.streetevents.com as of April 20, 2005 until the third quarter earnings release next year.

Linear Technology Corporation was founded in 1981 as a manufacturer of high performance linear integrated circuits. Linear Technology products include high performance amplifiers, comparators, voltage references, monolithic filters, linear regulators, DC-DC converters, battery chargers, data converters, communications interface circuits, RF signal conditioning circuits, and many other analog functions. Applications for Linear Technology's high performance circuits include telecommunications, cellular telephones, networking products such as optical switches, notebook and desktop computers, computer peripherals, video/multimedia, industrial instrumentation, security monitoring devices, high-end consumer products such as digital cameras and MP3 players, complex medical devices, automotive electronics, factory automation, process control, and military and space systems.

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LINEAR TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(unaudited)

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u>	
	<u>April 3, 2005</u>	<u>March 28, 2004</u>	<u>April 3, 2005</u>	<u>March 28, 2004</u>
Net sales	\$ 250,734	\$ 209,133	\$ 753,883	\$ 569,231
Royalty revenue	<u>40,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>--</u>
Total revenue	<u>290,734</u>	<u>209,133</u>	<u>793,883</u>	<u>569,231</u>
Cost of sales	<u>56,600</u>	<u>47,596</u>	<u>165,329</u>	<u>132,782</u>
Gross profit	<u>234,134</u>	<u>161,537</u>	<u>628,554</u>	<u>436,449</u>
Expenses:				
Research & development	36,002	26,633	99,049	75,960
Selling, general and administrative	<u>32,172</u>	<u>20,553</u>	<u>81,551</u>	<u>57,364</u>
	<u>68,174</u>	<u>47,186</u>	<u>180,600</u>	<u>133,324</u>
Operating income	165,960	114,351	447,954	303,125
Interest income, net	<u>7,802</u>	<u>6,140</u>	<u>20,514</u>	<u>19,909</u>
Income before income taxes	173,762	120,491	468,468	323,034
Provision for income taxes	<u>52,129</u>	<u>34,942</u>	<u>140,541</u>	<u>93,679</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 121,633</u>	<u>\$ 85,549</u>	<u>\$ 327,927</u>	<u>\$ 229,355</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.39</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 1.07</u>	<u>\$ 0.73</u>
Shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	<u>307,960</u>	<u>311,993</u>	<u>307,811</u>	<u>312,924</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.39</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 1.04</u>	<u>\$ 0.71</u>
Shares used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share	<u>315,617</u>	<u>321,507</u>	<u>316,452</u>	<u>322,614</u>

LINEAR TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars in thousands)

	April 3, 2005 <u>(unaudited)</u>	June 27, 2004 <u>(audited)</u>		April 3, 2005 <u>(unaudited)</u>	June 27, 2004 <u>(audited)</u>
ASSETS			LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current assets:			Current liabilities:		
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$1,737,129	\$1,656,540	Accounts payable	\$ 12,293	\$ 14,410
			Accrued income taxes, payroll & other accrued liabilities	136,539	146,342
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,713 (\$1,762 at June 27, 2004)	112,485	79,142	Deferred income on shipments to distributors	<u>43,607</u>	<u>41,862</u>
Inventories	32,645	32,704	Total current liabilities	<u>192,439</u>	<u>202,614</u>
Deferred tax assets and other current assets	<u>104,095</u>	<u>63,709</u>	Deferred tax and other long-term liabilities	70,826	74,484
Total current assets	<u>1,986,354</u>	<u>1,832,095</u>	Stockholders' equity:		
Property, plant & equipment, net	218,337	201,080	Common stock	907,869	815,472
Other non current assets	<u>53,035</u>	<u>54,528</u>	Retained earnings	1,089,901	997,593
Total assets	<u>\$2,257,726</u>	<u>\$2,087,703</u>	Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>(3,309)</u>	<u>(2,460)</u>
			Total stockholders' equity	<u>1,994,461</u>	<u>1,810,605</u>
				<u>\$2,257,726</u>	<u>\$2,087,703</u>