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CLARCOR REPORTS RECORD THIRD QUARTER 2004 RESULTS

SALES UP 8%, NET EARNINGS UP 11%

Unaudited Fiscal Third Quarter and Nine Months 2004 Highlights

(Amounts in thousands, except per share data and percentages)

	Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	8/28/04	8/30/03	% Change	8/28/04	8/30/03	% Change
Net Sales	\$206,209	\$190,647	8.2	\$580,193	\$547,916	5.9
Operating Profit	\$25,500	\$22,655	12.6	\$67,106	\$58,680	14.4
Net Earnings	\$15,875	\$14,304	11.0	\$42,450	\$36,947	14.9
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.61	\$0.56	8.9	\$1.65	\$1.46	13.0

Third Quarter and Nine Months 2004 Operating Review

FRANKLIN, TN, September 15, 2004--CLARCOR Inc. (NYSE: CLC) reported today that third quarter 2004 sales increased by 8%, and net earnings and diluted earnings per share increased by 11% and 9%, respectively, compared to the same quarter in 2003. Third quarter operating profit increased by 13%, and operating margins improved to 12.4% in 2004 from 11.9% in 2003.

For the nine-month 2004 period, sales increased by 6%, and net earnings and diluted earnings per share increased by 15% and 13%, respectively, compared to 2003. Nine-month operating profit increased by 14%, and operating margins improved to 11.6% in 2004 from 10.7% in 2003.

Third quarter 2004 results were impacted by several factors:

- *A \$0.04 per share cost to relocate the Company's headquarters to Franklin, Tennessee.*
- *Costs of \$0.01 per share incurred to comply with the provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404.*
- *A \$0.01 per share cost to sell a distribution operation in Mexico.*

Norm Johnson, CLARCOR's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "Our third quarter was another record for CLARCOR with growth in sales and operating profit in all three of our business segments. Operating margins improved in both our Industrial/Environmental segment and in our Packaging segment by over one percentage point each. We are pleased that we once again had a strong quarter despite costs incurred in our recent headquarters relocation, Sarbanes-Oxley 404 compliance and the sale of a Mexican distribution operation that impacted earnings per share this quarter by \$0.06.

“Our Engine/Mobile Filtration segment sales grew by over 13% this quarter, driven by increased product demand from independent aftermarket distribution and a growing presence in the OEM dealer channel. Both OEM and aftermarket sales of locomotive filtration products continue to be strong, as they have been throughout the year. Segment operating margins declined slightly, but would have been approximately the same as last year’s third quarter excluding Sarbanes-Oxley 404 compliance costs. Internationally, sales of our overseas operations were strong in both U.S. and local currencies, with particularly solid growth in China, South Africa, Mexico and continental Europe.

“Our Industrial/Environmental Filtration segment sales this quarter increased by 4% over the third quarter last year, but as has been the case throughout 2004, sales were very uneven across different markets. Sales were very strong to the oil drilling, aviation and aerospace industries. HVAC filter sales were weaker than we had expected, partially due to cooler than normal weather this summer. Dust collection cartridge sales also improved after a slow first half of the year and we expect to see a pickup in dust collection system sales later this year and in 2005, driven by our completely revamped product line. Sales of specialty filters and filtration systems were also strong this quarter, particularly small sewage filtration systems and filters used in industrial process applications. We continue to make progress towards achieving our objective of a 10% operating margin in this segment and several of our operations already exceed this goal.

“Packaging segment sales rose by 9%, driven by metal product sales which offset a decline in sales of plastic products. Improving manufacturing efficiencies led to an increase in operating profit compared to last year’s third quarter. For the remainder of the year, we expect that sales and operating profit will exceed last year’s fourth quarter.

“We are working on numerous growth programs, probably more now than at any time during my tenure at CLARCOR. These programs range from the development of new filter medias for our traditional products, to new filter designs for markets where we have not previously had a presence. We have more filters under development in both our filtration segments than ever before. We are also expanding our technical capabilities, including building a new aviation fuel test center in Greensboro, North Carolina, and designing a new HVAC filter research and product development center, which we believe will be the largest and most sophisticated in the industry. Elsewhere, we are expanding several of our technical facilities to support further development of our process liquid filter products.

“Our biggest immediate challenge is the cost and availability of certain raw materials. Like many industrial companies we are facing increased steel costs, but we also see increasing costs for other commodities. Similarly, costs for energy and health care also continue to rise. To offset these, we have and will continue to raise prices where possible, but also expect to improve productivity through increased training, automation and facilities integration.

“Fluctuations in currencies did not have a material impact this quarter on either sales or profitability. Our effective tax rate this quarter was 36.7% and we expect a 36.5% rate in the fourth quarter. Capital expenditures increased in the third quarter compared to capital spending earlier this year. For 2004, capital expenditures should be in the \$23 million to \$26 million range.

“Cash flow from operations continues to be solid at over \$44 million for the year-to date. With relatively little debt and cash balances of over \$26 million, we have the ability to fund all of our growth programs, continue to pay a dividend and explore acquisition opportunities. It has been our policy over the years to maintain a strong and liquid balance sheet and we expect that this will continue.

“In our previous guidance, we estimated that 2004 earnings per share would be in the range of \$2.30 to \$2.40, excluding relocation costs estimated at \$0.07 per share. We now expect 2004 diluted earnings per share to be \$2.36 to \$2.41, again excluding relocation costs, which we now estimate will be \$0.05 per share. We do not believe that relocation costs going forward will be significant. Including all relocation costs, our full year 2004 earnings per share estimate is in the range of \$2.31 to \$2.36, and \$0.66 to \$0.71 for the fourth quarter. Sarbanes-Oxley implementation costs will continue, but these costs are included in our estimate for the year.

“We previously announced the acquisition of United EFP, which we expect we will complete later today. We do not expect that this acquisition will have a material impact on fourth quarter 2004 results.”

CLARCOR will be holding a conference call to discuss third quarter results at 10:00 am CDT on September 15, 2004. Interested parties can listen to the conference call through the Internet at www.clarcor.com or www.companyboardroom.com. A replay will be available on these websites and also at 877-519-4471 or 973-341-3080 by providing confirmation code 5131895. The replay will be available through September 22nd by telephone and for 30 days on the Internet.

CLARCOR is based in Franklin, Tennessee, and is a diversified marketer and manufacturer of mobile, industrial and environmental filtration products and consumer and industrial packaging products sold in domestic and international markets. Common shares of the Company are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CLC.

The statements in this release concerning the Company's sales, earnings, business performance and prospects are forward-looking statements that involve significant risks and uncertainties, including the effect of changes in product demand, availability of labor, price and product competition, raw material costs, energy prices, productivity improvement and plant consolidation programs, distribution channels, acquisitions and divestitures, general economic conditions in both domestic and foreign markets, interest rates, currency fluctuations, the success of our Total Filtration Program, the success of sales and marketing programs, the cost of the relocation of the Company's corporate offices, the cost of compliance with recently enacted regulatory requirements and other factors discussed in filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS*(Dollars in thousands except per share data)*

For periods ended August 28, 2004 and August 30, 2003	Third Quarter		Nine Months	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Net sales.....	\$ 206,209	\$ 190,647	\$ 580,193	\$ 547,916
Cost of sales.....	142,975	134,493	404,376	386,814
Gross profit.....	63,234	56,154	175,817	161,102
Selling and administrative expenses.....	37,734	33,499	108,711	102,422
Operating profit.....	25,500	22,655	67,106	58,680
Other income (expense).....	(278)	(71)	90	(400)
Earnings before income taxes and minority earnings.....	25,222	22,584	67,196	58,280
Income taxes.....	9,257	8,239	24,527	21,254
Earnings before minority earnings.....	15,965	14,345	42,669	37,026
Minority interests in earnings of subsidiaries.....	(90)	(41)	(219)	(79)
Net earnings.....	\$ 15,875	\$ 14,304	\$ 42,450	\$ 36,947
Net earnings per common share:				
Basic.....	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.48
Diluted.....	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.56	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.46
Average shares outstanding:				
Basic.....	25,544,988	25,174,259	25,454,180	25,046,912
Diluted.....	25,869,507	25,534,741	25,780,426	25,280,719

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS*(Dollars in thousands)*

	August 28, 2004	November 29, 2003
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash investments.....	\$ 26,281	\$ 8,348
Accounts receivable, net.....	136,267	127,546
Inventories.....	109,688	99,673
Other.....	20,357	21,835
Total current assets.....	292,593	257,402
Plant assets, net.....	129,987	129,572
Acquired intangibles, net.....	125,589	122,351
Pension assets.....	21,022	20,153
Other assets.....	7,906	8,759
	\$ 577,097	\$ 538,237
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt..	\$ 542	\$ 674
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	105,149	102,322
Income taxes.....	4,460	8,377
Total current liabilities.....	110,151	111,373
Long-term debt.....	16,783	16,913
Long-term pension liabilities.....	9,966	7,813
Other liabilities.....	32,635	31,746
	169,535	167,845
Shareholders' Equity.....	407,562	370,392
	\$ 577,097	\$ 538,237

SUMMARY CASH FLOWS*(Dollars in thousands)*

	Nine Months	
	2004	2003
From Operating Activities		
Net earnings.....	\$ 42,450	\$ 36,947
Depreciation.....	13,822	14,554
Amortization.....	595	681
Changes in assets and liabilities.....	(11,703)	1,306
Other, net.....	(489)	82
Total provided (used) by operating activities.....	44,675	53,570
From Investing Activities		
Plant asset additions.....	(15,089)	(8,877)
Business acquisition.....	(4,871)	-
Other, net.....	1,969	(3)
Total provided (used) by investing activities.....	(17,991)	(8,880)
From Financing Activities		
Proceeds from line of credit.....	1,500	108,565
Payments on line of credit.....	(1,500)	(148,444)
Payments on long-term debt.....	(292)	(5,310)
Cash dividends paid.....	(9,563)	(9,218)
Other, net.....	1,101	5,246
Total provided (used) by financing activities.....	(8,754)	(49,161)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash.....	3	217
Change in Cash and Cash Investments.....	\$ 17,933	\$ (4,254)

QUARTERLY INCOME STATEMENT DATA BY SEGMENT*(Dollars in thousands)*

	2004				
	Quarter Ended February 28	Quarter Ended May 29	Six Months	Quarter Ended August 28	Nine Months
Net sales by segment:					
Engine/Mobile Filtration.....	\$ 70,800	\$ 82,992	\$ 153,792	\$ 83,771	\$ 237,563
Industrial/Environmental Filtration.....	88,962	98,249	187,211	102,646	289,857
Packaging.....	15,510	17,471	32,981	19,792	52,773
	<u>\$ 175,272</u>	<u>\$ 198,712</u>	<u>\$ 373,984</u>	<u>\$ 206,209</u>	<u>\$ 580,193</u>
Operating profit by segment:					
Engine/Mobile Filtration.....	\$ 14,425	\$ 16,989	\$ 31,414	\$ 16,892	\$ 48,306
Industrial/Environmental Filtration.....	3,252	6,076	9,328	8,457	17,785
Packaging.....	136	1,153	1,289	1,665	2,954
Relocation Costs.....	-	(425)	(425)	(1,514)	(1,939)
	<u>\$ 17,813</u>	<u>\$ 23,793</u>	<u>\$ 41,606</u>	<u>\$ 25,500</u>	<u>\$ 67,106</u>
Operating margin by segment:					
Engine/Mobile Filtration.....	20.4%	20.5%	20.4%	20.2%	20.3%
Industrial/Environmental Filtration.....	3.7%	6.2%	5.0%	8.2%	6.1%
Packaging.....	0.9%	6.6%	3.9%	8.4%	5.6%
	<u>10.2%</u>	<u>12.0%</u>	<u>11.1%</u>	<u>12.4%</u>	<u>11.6%</u>

	2003				
	Quarter Ended March 1	Quarter Ended May 31	Six Months	Quarter Ended August 30	Nine Months
Net sales by segment:					
Engine/Mobile Filtration.....	\$ 66,776	\$ 73,066	\$ 139,842	\$ 73,815	\$ 213,657
Industrial/Environmental Filtration.....	90,369	95,852	186,221	98,683	284,904
Packaging.....	14,349	16,857	31,206	18,149	49,355
	<u>\$ 171,494</u>	<u>\$ 185,775</u>	<u>\$ 357,269</u>	<u>\$ 190,647</u>	<u>\$ 547,916</u>
Operating profit by segment:					
Engine/Mobile Filtration.....	\$ 12,686	\$ 14,253	\$ 26,939	\$ 15,137	\$ 42,076
Industrial/Environmental Filtration.....	2,373	5,417	7,790	6,218	14,008
Packaging.....	428	868	1,296	1,300	2,596
	<u>\$ 15,487</u>	<u>\$ 20,538</u>	<u>\$ 36,025</u>	<u>\$ 22,655</u>	<u>\$ 58,680</u>
Operating margin by segment:					
Engine/Mobile Filtration.....	19.0%	19.5%	19.3%	20.5%	19.7%
Industrial/Environmental Filtration.....	2.6%	5.7%	4.2%	6.3%	4.9%
Packaging.....	3.0%	5.1%	4.2%	7.2%	5.3%
	<u>9.0%</u>	<u>11.1%</u>	<u>10.1%</u>	<u>11.9%</u>	<u>10.7%</u>

Note: Operating profit by segment for the quarter and six-months ended May 29, 2004, was restated to show relocation costs as a separate line item in this table.