SPX Reports Third Quarter 2008 Results

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Revenues up 29%, Segment Income up 25%

EPS of $2.01, Adjusted EPS of $1.66

CHARLOTTE, NC - October 29, 2008 - SPX Corporation (NYSE:SPW) today reported results for the third quarter ended September 27, 2008:

- Revenues increased 28.8% to $1.51 billion from $1.17 billion in the year-ago quarter. Organic revenue growth* was 6.5%, while completed acquisitions and the impact of currency fluctuations increased reported revenues by 19.7% and 2.6%, respectively.

- Segment income and margins were $208.8 million and 13.8%, compared with $166.7 million and 14.2% in the year-ago quarter. Excluding the dilutive impact of the APV acquisition, segment margins improved 120 basis points.

- Diluted net income per share from continuing operations was $2.01, compared with $1.74 in the year-ago quarter. Both periods include benefits from the settlement of certain tax matters.

- Adjusted diluted net income per share from continuing operations was $1.66, compared with $1.39 in the year-ago quarter. The 2008 adjusted earnings exclude a benefit of $25.6 million ($0.47 per share) related to the settlement of tax matters and a charge of $9.5 million ($0.11 per share, net of tax) related to a legal settlement. Excluding these items, the company's effective tax rate for the quarter was 34.3%.

  The 2007 adjusted earnings exclude a benefit of $19.1 million ($0.35 per share) related to the settlement of certain tax matters and reductions in certain foreign statutory tax rates.

- Net cash from continuing operations was $103.8 million, compared with $48.3 million in the year-ago quarter. The increase in cash flow was due primarily to increased operating income.

- Free cash flow from continuing operations* during the quarter was $71.2 million, compared with $29.6 million in the year-ago quarter. The increase was due primarily to the items noted above, offset partially by increased capital expenditures in 2008 to support continued growth in the company.

The company also announced fourth quarter earnings guidance in the range of $1.90 to $2.00 per share, and narrowed its full year adjusted earnings guidance to a range of $6.40 to $6.50 per share, from the previous range of $6.40 to $6.60 per share. The guidance change is due primarily to fluctuations in foreign currency, most notably the recent strengthening of the US dollar against the Euro and British pound, and the impact those currency fluctuations are expected to have on the company's fourth quarter reported results.

Chris Kearney, Chairman, President and CEO said, "SPX's third quarter performance marked another period of solid revenue and earnings growth for our company, despite facing the most challenging economic environment in recent history. Our adjusted earnings per share of $1.66 represents a 19 percent increase over the same period last year, and we had strong revenue growth of 29 percent during the quarter.

"At this time, we are narrowing our full year earnings guidance to a range of $6.40 to $6.50 per share. This is necessary primarily from the impact the recent rapid strengthening of the US dollar against many of the foreign currencies in which we conduct business is expected to have on our fourth quarter results. Although we're unable to predict what impact the current global financial crisis will ultimately have on our customers, we are confident in the strategic direction we embarked on four years ago and we maintain our conservative approach to capital allocation. We believe we are well positioned to remain competitive and resilient during these uncertain times," Kearney added.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

Flow Technology

Revenues for the third quarter of 2008 were $493.0 million compared to $256.3 million in the third quarter of 2007, an increase of $236.7 million, or 92.4%. The increase was due primarily to the fourth quarter 2007 acquisition of APV, which contributed $211.5 million of revenues during the quarter. Additionally, organic revenue growth* was 8.3% in the quarter, driven primarily by strong sales in the power, oil and gas, and dehydration markets. The impact of currency fluctuations increased revenues by 1.0% from the year-ago quarter.
Segment income was $55.8 million, or 11.3% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2008 compared to $44.2 million, or 17.2% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2007. Segment income was favorably impacted by organic growth and operating profit from the APV acquisition. Segment margins declined primarily due to the significantly lower margins at APV.

Test and Measurement

Revenues for the third quarter of 2008 were $260.0 million compared to $245.0 million in the third quarter of 2007, an increase of $15.0 million, or 6.1%. The increase was due primarily to acquisitions completed in the second half of 2007. The impact of currency fluctuations increased reported revenues by 1.8%. These increases were offset partially by organic revenue declines* of 3.1% due primarily to reduced volumes in the North American automotive market.

Segment income was $30.3 million, or 11.7% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2008 compared to $22.0 million, or 9.0% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2007. The 2007 results included a one-time charge of $7.4 million. In addition, segment income increased due to the acquisitions and benefit of foreign currency fluctuations noted above, offset partially by declines associated with difficult conditions in the domestic automotive market.

Thermal Equipment and Services

Revenues for the third quarter of 2008 were $436.8 million compared to $422.1 million in the third quarter of 2007, an increase of $14.7 million, or 3.5%. The impact of currency fluctuations increased reported revenues by 5.3% from the year-ago quarter, while organic revenue* declined 1.8%. The organic revenue decline was primarily driven by timing and the uneven nature of large project business in the segment.

Segment income was $52.4 million, or 12.0% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2008 compared to $56.5 million, or 13.4% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in segment income and margins was due primarily to the organic revenue decline noted above and unfavorable product mix as compared to the year-ago quarter.

Industrial Products and Services

Revenues for the third quarter of 2008 were $319.8 million compared to $248.6 million in the third quarter of 2007, an increase of $71.2 million, or 28.6%. The increase was due primarily to organic revenue growth* of 28.2%, driven primarily by increased sales and pricing of power transformers and solar and broadcast equipment. The impact of currency fluctuations increased revenues by 0.4% from the year-ago quarter.

Segment income was $70.3 million, or 22.0% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2008 compared to $44.0 million, or 17.7% of revenues, in the third quarter of 2007. The increase in segment income and margins was driven largely by the organic growth noted above, as well as manufacturing efficiencies achieved from operating initiatives across the segment.

OTHER ITEMS

Share Repurchase Plan: On September19, 2008, the company announced that it had adopted a written trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, to facilitate the repurchase of up to 3.0 million shares of its common stock on or before October 30, 2009, in accordance with a share repurchase program authorized by its Board of Directors. Trading under this plan is scheduled to begin no sooner than November 3, 2008.

Acquisition: On September 2, 2008, the company announced that its Service Solutions business unit had completed the acquisition of AUTOBOSS Tech, Inc., a Shenzhen, China-based manufacturer of diagnostic tools and equipment serving China's vehicle maintenance and repair market.

Dividend: On August 28, 2008, the Board of Directors announced a quarterly dividend of $0.25 per common share to shareholders of record on September 15, 2008. The second quarter 2008 dividend of $0.25 per common share was paid on October 2, 2008.

Discontinued Operations: During the third quarter of 2008, the company committed to a plan to divest two product lines, one previously reported in its Flow Technology segment and one previously reported in its Test and Measurement segment. These sales are expected to be completed in within the next twelve months.

During the first quarter of 2008, the company committed to a plan to divest its vibration test equipment product line, which was previously reported in the Test and Measurement segment. On October 1, the company announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell this business for $102.0 million. This sale is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2008.

During the third quarter of 2007, the company committed to a plan to divest its air filtration product line, which was previously reported in the Flow Technology segment. This sale was completed on July 3, 2008.

The financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows of the product lines discussed above have been reported as discontinued operations in the attached condensed consolidated financial statements.

Form 10-Q: The company expects to file its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2008 with the Securities and Exchange Commission by November 6, 2008. This press release should be read in conjunction with that filing, which will be available on the company's website at www.spx.com, in the Investor Relations section.

SPX Corporation is a Fortune 500 multi-industry manufacturing leader. The company offers highly-specialized engineered solutions to solve critical problems for customers.

SPX is focused on providing solutions that support the expansion of global infrastructure, with particular emphasis on the growing worldwide demand for energy and power. Its innovative product portfolio, containing many energy efficient products, includes cooling systems for power plants throughout the world; custom engineered process equipment that assists a variety of flow processes including food and beverage manufacturing, oil and gas exploration, distribution and refinement and power generation; handheld diagnostic tools that aid in vehicle maintenance and repair; and power transformers that regulate voltage for electrical transmission and distribution by utility companies.

SPX is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina and employs more than 17,000 people worldwide in over 35 countries. Visit www.spx.com. (NYSE: SPW)

* Non-GAAP number. See attached financial schedules for reconciliation to most comparable GAAP number.

Certain statements in this press release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are subject to the safe harbor created thereby. Please read these results in conjunction with the company's documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. These filings identify important risk factors and other uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from these statements. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "guidance," "target" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Although the company believes that the expectations reflected in its forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. In addition, estimates of future operating results are based on the company's current complement of businesses, which is subject to change. Statements in this press release speak only as of the date of this press release, and SPX disclaims any responsibility to update or revise such statements.

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