

Applied Materials Delivers All-Time Record Performance

November 16, 2017

- Record quarterly revenue of \$3.97 billion, up 20% year over year
- Record quarterly EPS of \$0.91 up 63% year over year, and non-GAAP EPS of \$0.93 up 41% year over year
- Record annual revenues and operating profit for all segments
- Momentum continues with record year-end backlog of \$6.03 billion, up 32% year over year

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 16, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Applied Materials, Inc. (NASDAQ:AMAT) today reported record results in its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended October 29, 2017.

Fourth Quarter Results

Compared to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016, Applied grew net sales by 20 percent to \$3.97 billion. On a GAAP basis, the company reported gross margin of 45.0 percent; operating income of \$1.10 billion; and earnings per share (EPS) of \$0.91. On a non-GAAP adjusted basis, year over year, the company increased gross margin by 2.5 points to 46.2 percent, grew operating income by 37 percent to \$1.14 billion or 28.7 percent of net sales, and increased EPS by 41 percent to \$0.93.

The company paid cash dividends of \$107 million and used \$385 million to repurchase 8 million shares of common stock at an average price of \$48.65.

Full Year Results

In fiscal 2017, Applied grew net sales by 34 percent to \$14.54 billion. On a GAAP basis, the company recorded gross margin of 44.9 percent, operating income of \$3.87 billion, and EPS of \$3.17. On a non-GAAP adjusted basis, year over year, the company increased gross margin by 2.9 points to 46.1 percent, grew operating income by 73 percent to \$4.05 billion or 27.9 percent of net sales, and increased EPS by 86 percent to \$3.25.

The company generated \$3.61 billion in cash from operations, paid dividends of \$430 million and used \$1.17 billion to repurchase 28 million shares of common stock at an average price of \$42.08.

"Fiscal 2017 was a record-breaking year for the company. We have great momentum and we're confident that in 2018 we can deliver strong double-digit growth across our semiconductor, display and service businesses," said Gary Dickerson, president and CEO. "This is the most exciting time in the history of the electronics industry. Al will transform entire industries over the coming years, creating trillions of dollars of economic value, and Applied is uniquely positioned to deliver the innovative materials needed to enable next-generation memory and high-performance computing."

Results Summary

	Q4 FY201	17	Q4 FY20 ⁻	16	FY2017		FY2016		vs.	nge FY2017 FY2016	FY2 vs. FY2	
	(In million	s, exc	ept per sha	are an	ounts and p	ercen	tages)					
Net sales	\$ 3,969		\$ 3,297		\$ 14,537		\$ 10,825		20	%	34	%
Gross margin	45.0	%	42.4	%	44.9	%	41.7	%	2.6	points	3.2	points
Operating margin	27.7	%	23.6	%	26.6	%	19.9	%	4.1	points	6.7	points
Net income	\$ 982		\$ 610		\$ 3,434		\$ 1,721		61	%	100	%
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.91		\$ 0.56		\$ 3.17		\$ 1.54		63	%	106	%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results												
Non-GAAP adjusted gross margin	46.2	%	43.7	%	46.1	%	43.2	%	2.5	points	2.9	points
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	28.7	%	25.2	%	27.9	%	21.7	%	3.5	points	6.2	points
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$ 1,005		\$ 722		\$ 3,525		\$ 1,950		39	%	81	%

\$ 0.93

A reconciliation of the GAAP and non-GAAP adjusted results is provided in the financial tables included in this release. See also "Use of Non-GAAP Adjusted Financial Measures" section.

Business Outlook

In the first quarter of fiscal 2018, Applied expects net sales to be in the range of \$4.00 billion to \$4.20 billion; the midpoint of the range would be an increase of approximately 25 percent, year over year. Non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS is expected to be in the range of \$0.94 to \$1.02; the midpoint of the range would be an increase of approximately 46 percent, year over year.

This outlook for non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS excludes known charges related to completed acquisitions of \$0.04 per share, but does not reflect any items that are unknown at this time, such as any additional charges related to acquisitions or other non-operational or unusual items, as well as other tax related items, which we are not able to predict without unreasonable efforts due to their inherent uncertainty.

Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year Reportable Segment Information

Semiconductor Systems	Q4 FY2017		Q4 FY2016		FY2017		FY2016	
	(In millions, e	except	percentages)					
Net sales	\$ 2,431		\$ 2,127		\$ 9,517		\$ 6,873	
Foundry	36	%	52	%	41	%	40	%
DRAM	12	%	10	%	16	%	16	%
Flash	38	%	23	%	34	%	31	%
Logic and other	14	%	15	%	9	%	13	%
Operating income	801		667		3,173		1,807	
Operating margin	32.9	%	31.4	%	33.3	%	26.3	%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results								
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$ 847		\$ 713		\$ 3,357		\$ 1,991	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	34.8	%	33.5	%	35.3	%	29.0	%

Applied Global Services	ices Q4 FY2017 Q4 FY2016		5	FY2017		FY2016			
	(In millions,	except	percentages)						
Net sales	\$ 831		\$ 693		\$ 3,017		\$ 2,589		
Operating income	232		193		817		682		
Operating margin	27.9	%	27.8	%	27.1	%	26.3	%	
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results									
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$ 232		\$ 193		\$ 821		\$ 683		
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	27.9	%	27.8	%	27.2	%	26.4	%	

Display and Adjacent Markets	Q4 FY2017		Q4 FY2016		FY2017		FY2016			
	(In millions,	except	percentages)							
Net sales	\$ 677		\$ 452		\$ 1,900		\$ 1,206			
Operating income	212		103		502		245			
Operating margin	31.3	%	22.8	%	26.4	%	20.3	%		
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results										
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$ 215		\$ 103		\$ 507		\$ 245			
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	31.8	%	22.8	%	26.7	%	20.3	%		

Backlog Information

Backlog by reportable segment as of October 29, 2017 and October 30, 2016 was as follows:

	FY2017			FY2016					
	(In millions, exce	pt percentage	es)						
Semiconductor Systems	\$ 2,991	49	%	\$ 2,098	45	%			
Applied Global Services	1,130	19	%	866	19	%			
Display and Adjacent Markets	1,847	31	%	1,539	34	%			
Corporate and Other	63	1	%	75	2	%			
Total	\$ 6,031	100	%	\$ 4,578	100	%			

Use of Non-GAAP Adjusted Financial Measures

Applied provides investors with certain non-GAAP adjusted financial measures, which are adjusted to exclude the impact of certain costs, expenses, gains and losses, including certain items related to mergers and acquisitions; restructuring charges and any associated adjustments; impairments of assets, or investments; gain or loss on sale of strategic investments; income tax items and certain other discrete adjustments. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are provided in the financial tables included in this release.

Management uses these non-GAAP adjusted financial measures to evaluate the company's operating and financial performance and for planning purposes, and as performance measures in its executive compensation program. Applied believes these measures enhance an overall understanding of our performance and investors' ability to review the company's business from the same perspective as the company's management, and facilitate comparisons of this period's results with prior periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our ongoing operating performance. There are limitations in using non-GAAP financial measures because the non-GAAP financial measures are not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies, and may exclude certain items that may have a material impact upon our reported financial results. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the directly comparable financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Webcast Information

Applied Materials will discuss these results during an earnings call that begins at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time today. A live webcast will be available at www.appliedmaterials.com. A replay will be available on the website beginning at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time today.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including those regarding anticipated growth and trends in our businesses and markets, industry outlooks and demand drivers, technology transitions, our business and financial performance and market share positions, our capital allocation, our development of new products and technologies, our business outlook for the first quarter of fiscal 2018, and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements and their underlying assumptions are subject to risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees of future performance. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements include, without limitation: the level of demand for our products; global economic and industry conditions; consumer demand for electronic products; the demand for semiconductors; customers' technology and capacity requirements; the introduction of new and innovative technologies, and the timing of technology transitions; our ability to develop, deliver and support new products and technologies; the concentrated nature of our customer base; our ability to expand our current markets, increase market share and develop new markets; market acceptance of existing and newly developed products; our ability to obtain and protect intellectual property rights in key technologies; our ability to achieve the objectives of operational and strategic initiatives, align our resources and cost structure with business conditions, and attract, motivate and retain key employees; the variability of operating expenses and results among products and segments, and our ability to accurately forecast future results, market conditions, customer requirements and business needs; and other risks and uncertainties described in our SEC filings, including our most recent Forms 10-Q and 8-K. All forward-looking statements are based on management's current estimates, projections and assumptions, and we assume no obligation to update them.

About Applied Materials

Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) is the leader in materials engineering solutions used to produce virtually every new chip and advanced display in the world. Our expertise in modifying materials at atomic levels and on an industrial scale enables customers to transform possibilities into reality. At Applied Materials, our innovations make possible the technology shaping the future. Learn more at www.appliedmaterials.com.

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Three Months Er	Three Months Ended		Ended
October 29, 2017	October 30, 2016	October 29, 2017	October 30, 2016
\$ 3,969	\$ 3,297	\$ 14,537	\$ 10,825
2,182	1,898	8,005	6,314
1,787	1,399	6,532	4,511
466	394	1,774	1,540
105	114	456	429
118	114	434	390
689	622	2,664	2,359
1,098	777	3,868	2,152
57	38	198	155
33	1	61	16
1,074	740	3,731	2,013
92	130	297	292
\$ 982	\$ 610	\$ 3,434	\$ 1,721
\$ 0.92	\$ 0.56	\$ 3.20	\$ 1.56
\$ 0.91	\$ 0.56	\$ 3.17	\$ 1.54
1,064	1,081	1,073	1,107
1,076	1,093	1,084	1,116
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APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions)	October 29, 2017	October 30, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,010	\$ 3,406
Short-term investments	2,266	343
Accounts receivable, net	2,338	2,279
Inventories	2,930	2,050
Other current assets	374	275
Total current assets	12,918	8,353
Long-term investments	1,143	929
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,066	937
Goodwill	3,368	3,316
Purchased technology and other intangible assets, net	412	575
Deferred income taxes and other assets ¹	512	460
Total assets	\$ 19,419	\$ 14,570
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable, notes payable and accrued expenses	2,450	2,256
Customer deposits and deferred revenue	1,665	1,376
Total current liabilities	4,115	3,632
Long-term debt ¹	5,304	3,125
Other liabilities	651	596
Total liabilities	10,070	7,353
Total stockholders' equity	9,349	7,217

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended				Twelve Months Ended			
(In millions)	October 29, 2017		October 30, 2016		October 2 2017	9,	October 3 2016	0,
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Net income	\$ 982		\$ 610		\$ 3,434		\$ 1,721	
Adjustments required to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:								
Depreciation and amortization	105		100		407		389	
Share-based compensation	58		51		220		201	
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(4)	(5)	(55)	(23)
Deferred income taxes	(17)	7		(11)	21	
Other	(24)	18		(9)	38	
Net change in operating assets and liabilities	(401)	16		(377)	119	
Cash provided by operating activities	699		797		3,609		2,466	
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Capital expenditures	(124)	(88))	(345)	(253)
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(12)	(11)	(68)	(16)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	921		553		2,743		1,234	
Purchases of investments	(1,314)	(443)	(4,856)	(1,390)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(529)	11		(2,526)	(425)
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Debt borrowings, net of issuance costs	_		_		2,176		_	
Debt repayments	_		_		(205)	(1,207)
Proceeds from common stock issuances and others	50		44		97		88	
Common stock repurchases	(385)	(171)	(1,172)	(1,892)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	4		5		55		23	
Payments of dividends to stockholders	(107)	(108)	(430)	(444)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(438)	(230)	521		(3,432)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(268)	578		1,604		(1,391)
Cash and cash equivalents — beginning of period	5,278		2,828		3,406		4,797	
Cash and cash equivalents — end of period	\$ 5,010		\$ 3,406		\$ 5,010		\$ 3,406	
Supplemental cash flow information:								
Cash payments for income taxes	\$ 26		\$ 13		\$ 194		\$ 157	
Cash refunds from income taxes	\$ 44		\$ 9		\$ 61		\$ 113	
Cash payments for interest	\$ 76		\$ 41		\$ 186		\$ 151	

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Corporate and Other

(In millions)	Q4 FY2017	Q4 FY2016	FY2017	FY2016
Unallocated net sales	\$ 30	\$ 25	\$ 103	\$ 157

¹ Balances reflect the effects of the retrospective adoption of the authoritative guidance in the first quarter of fiscal 2017, which required debt issuance costs to be presented as a direct reduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability. These amounts were originally recorded under Other Assets.

Unallocated cost of products sold and expenses	(119)	(160)	(507)	(538)
Share-based compensation	(58)	(51)	(220)	(201)
Total	\$ (147)	\$ (186)	\$ (624)	\$ (582)

Additional Information

	Q4 FY2017		Q4 FY2016		FY2017		FY2016	
Net Sales by Geography (In millions)								
United States	415		289		1,474		1,143	
% of Total	10	%	9	%	10	%	11	%
Europe	227		256		816		615	
% of Total	6	%	8	%	6	%	6	%
Japan	507		364		1,518		1,279	
% of Total	13	%	11	%	10	%	12	%
Korea	1,175		632		4,052		1,883	
% of Total	30	%	19	%	28	%	17	%
Taiwan	718		1,154		3,291		2,843	
% of Total	18	%	35	%	23	%	26	%
Southeast Asia	330		161		640		803	
% of Total	8	%	5	%	4	%	7	%
China	597		441		2,746		2,259	
% of Total	15	%	13	%	19	%	21	%
Employees (In thousands)								
Regular Full Time	18.4		15.6					

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED RESULTS

	Three Months	Twelve Months Ended				
(In millions, except percentages)	October 29, 2017	October 30, 2016	October 29, 2017	October 30, 2016		
Non-GAAP Adjusted Gross Profit						
Reported gross profit - GAAP basis	\$ 1,787	\$ 1,399	\$ 6,532	\$ 4,511		
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	45	42	172	167		
Inventory reversals related to restructuring ²	_	_	_	(2)		
Non-GAAP adjusted gross profit	\$ 1,832	\$ 1,441	\$ 6,704	\$ 4,676		
Non-GAAP adjusted gross margin	46.2 %	43.7 %	46.1 %	43.2 %		
Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income						
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$ 1,098	\$ 777	\$ 3,868	\$ 2,152		
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	49	47	191	188		
Acquisition integration costs	_	_	3	2		
Reversals related to restructuring, net ²	_	_	_	(3)		
Other gains, losses or charges, net ^{3,4}	(9)	8	(12)	8		
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$ 1,138	\$ 832	\$ 4,050	\$ 2,347		
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	28.7 %	25.2 %	27.9 %	21.7 %		
Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income						
Reported net income - GAAP basis	\$ 982	\$ 610	\$ 3,434	\$ 1,721		
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	49	47	191	188		
Acquisition integration costs	_	_	3	2		

Reversals related to restructuring, net ²	_		_		_		(3)
Impairment (gain on sale) of strategic investments, net	(7)	6		(3)	3	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	_		_		5		5	
Other gains, losses or charges, net ^{3, 4}	(9)	8		(12)	8	
Resolution of prior years' income tax filings, reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit and other tax items 5	(11)	57		(79)	45	
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments ⁶	1		(6)	(14)	(19)
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$ 1,005		\$ 722		\$ 3,525		\$ 1,950	

¹ These items are incremental charges attributable to completed acquisitions, consisting of amortization of purchased intangible assets.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED RESULTS

	Three Mor	ided	Twelve Months Ended			
(In millions, except per share amounts)	October 29, 2017	Oct 30, 20		October 29, 2017		October 30, 2016
Non-GAAP Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share						
Reported earnings per diluted share - GAAP basis	\$ 0.91	\$	0.56	\$ 3.17		\$ 1.54
Certain items associated with acquisitions	0.04	0.0	4	0.16		0.16
Resolution of prior years' income tax filings, reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit and other tax items	(0.01) 0.0	5	(0.07)	0.04
Other gains, losses or charges, net	(0.01	0.0	1	(0.01)	0.01
Non-GAAP adjusted earnings per diluted share	\$ 0.93	\$	0.66	\$ 3.25		\$ 1.75
Weighted average number of diluted shares	1,076	1,0	93	1,084		1,116

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED RESULTS

	Three Months	Ended	Twelve Months Ended			
(In millions, except percentages)	October 29, 2017	October 30, 2016	October 29, 2017	October 30, 2016		
Semiconductor Systems Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income						
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$ 801	\$ 667	\$ 3,173	\$ 1,807		
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	46	46	184	184		
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$ 847	\$ 713	\$ 3,357	\$ 1,991		
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	34.8 %	33.5 %	35.3 %	29.0 %		

² Results for fiscal 2016 included favorable adjustments associated with the cost reductions in the solar business.

³ Results for the three and twelve months ended October 29, 2017 included immaterial correction of errors related to prior periods.

⁴ Results for the three and twelve months ended October 30, 2016 included a loss of \$8 million due to discontinuance of cash flow hedges that were probable not to occur by the end of the originally specified time period.

⁵ Results for the three and twelve months ended October 29, 2017 included the recognition of previously unrecognized foreign tax credits.

⁶ These amounts represent non-GAAP adjustments above multiplied by the effective tax rate within the jurisdictions that the adjustments affect.

\$ 232	\$ 193	\$ 817	\$ 682	
_	_	1	1	
_	_	3	_	
\$ 232	\$ 193	\$ 821	\$ 683	
27.9 %	27.8 %	27.2 %	26.4 %	
\$ 212	\$ 103	\$ 502	\$ 245	
3	_	5	_	
\$ 215	\$ 103	\$ 507	\$ 245	
31.8 %	22.8 %	26.7 %	20.3 %	
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Note: The reconciliation of GAAP and non-GAAP adjusted segment results above does not include certain revenues, costs of products sold and operating expenses that are reported within corporate and other and included in consolidated operating income.

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