

# **Bel Reports Second Quarter Results**

JERSEY CITY, N.J.-- (BUSINESS WIRE)-- Bel Fuse Inc. (NASDAQ:BELFA) (NASDAQ:BELFB) today announced preliminary unaudited financial results for the second quarter and first half of 2011.

### Highlights

- Sales increased 1.9% to a second quarter record \$79.2 million compared to \$77.7 million for the second quarter of 2010. For the first half, sales increased 12.5% to \$150.6 million compared to \$133.8 million for the first half last year.
- Second quarter results were impacted by a charge of \$2,599,000 related to two lawsuits, resulting in a net loss for the quarter of \$574,000, or \$0.05 per diluted share. Excluding litigation and certain other charges referenced below, non-GAAP net earnings for this year's second quarter were \$2.1 million, or \$0.17 per diluted Class A share and \$0.18 per diluted Class B share.
- Cash and investments were \$99.7 million as of June 30, 2011, up \$14.1 million since December 31, 2010.

#### **CEO** comments

"Strong shipments of modules and interconnect products drove record revenue for the second quarter and first half of 2011. Bel's growing modules product business, which typically has higher material content and lower average profit margins, reduced the second quarter gross margin percentage. Cash flow is healthy, as evidenced by an increase of more than \$14 million in our cash and investments since the end of last year," said Daniel Bernstein, Bel's President and CEO.

#### Second Quarter Results

For the three months ended June 30, 2011, net sales increased to \$79,173,000 compared to \$77,732,000 for the second quarter of 2010.

Cost of sales increased to 82.6% of sales for the second quarter of 2011, compared to 79.2% of sales for the second quarter of 2010, primarily due to a shift in the product mix to sales of a higher proportion of modules products comprising higher materials content and lower profit margins than Bel's other product lines.

After litigation and other charges, the second quarter 2011 net loss was \$574,000, which included litigation charges of \$2,824,000 (\$2,599,000 after tax) and costs associated with the Pulse proxy initiative of \$221,000 (\$137,000 after tax). This compares to net earnings for the second quarter of 2010 of \$4,790,000, which included severance and plant closure costs of \$477,000 (\$455,000 after tax) primarily related to the relocation of manufacturing operations in China.

Excluding litigation and other charges referenced below in the comparison of GAAP and non-GAAP measures, non-GAAP net income for the second quarter of 2011 was \$2,088,000. This compares to non-GAAP net income for the second quarter of 2010 of \$5,243,000, adjusted to exclude severance and plant closure charges. A reconciliation of non-GAAP to GAAP financial measures is provided in the table attached to this press release.

The net loss per Class A common share for the second quarter of 2011 was \$0.05, compared to net income per diluted Class A common share of \$0.39 for the second quarter of 2010. Adjusted to exclude litigation and other charges, non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class A common share were \$0.17 for the second quarter of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class A common share of \$0.43 for the second quarter of 2010, adjusted to exclude severance and plant closure charges.

The net loss per Class B common share was \$0.05 for the second quarter of 2011, compared to net income per diluted Class B common share of \$0.42 for the second quarter of 2010. Adjusted to exclude litigation and other charges, non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class B common share were \$0.18 for the second quarter of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class B common share of \$0.45 for the second quarter of 2010, adjusted to exclude severance and plant closure charges.

Excluding litigation and other charges, non-GAAP income from operations for the second quarter of 2011 was \$3,205,000. For the second quarter of 2010, adjusted to exclude severance and plant closure charges, non-GAAP income from operations was \$6,344,000.

#### **Balance Sheet Data**

As of June 30, 2011, Bel reported working capital of \$163,014,000, including cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities of \$99,665,000, a current ratio of 4.2 to 1, total long-term obligations of \$11,256,000, and stockholders' equity of \$222,971,000. In comparison, as of December 31, 2010, Bel reported working capital of \$157,296,000, including cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities of \$85,535,000, a current ratio of 4.4 to 1, total long-term obligations of \$10,571,000, and stockholders' equity of \$220,333,000.

### First Half Results

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, net sales increased to a first-half record \$150,576,000 compared to \$133,801,000 for the first six months of 2010. Net earnings were \$2,670,000 for this year's first half, compared to net earnings of \$4,670,000 for the same period last year. A full six months of results are included in 2011 for Cinch, which was acquired on January 29, 2010. Cinch's January 2011 revenue accounted for \$5.5 million of the first-half increase in Bel's total net sales.

Net earnings per diluted Class A common share for the first six months of 2011 were \$0.21, compared to net earnings per diluted Class A common share of \$0.37 for the first six months of 2010. Adjusted to exclude litigation and other charges, non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class A common share were \$0.44 for the first six months of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class A common share were \$0.44 for the first six months of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class A common share were \$0.44 for the first six months of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class A common share of \$0.51 for the same period last year, adjusted to exclude severance, plant closure and acquisition-related charges.

Net earnings per diluted Class B common share were \$0.23 for the first six months of 2011, compared to net earnings per diluted Class B common share of \$0.41 for the first six months of 2010. Adjusted to exclude litigation and other charges, non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class B common share were \$0.47 for the first six months of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class B common share were \$0.47 for the first six months of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class B common share were \$0.47 for the first six months of 2011, compared to non-GAAP net earnings per diluted Class B common share of \$0.55 for the first six months of 2010, adjusted to exclude severance, plant closure and acquisition-related charges.

### **Conference Call**

Bel has scheduled a conference call at 11:00 a.m. EDT today. To participate in the call, dial (720) 545-0088, conference ID #85759718. A simultaneous webcast is available from the *Events and Presentations* link on the *Investor Info* tab at <u>www.BelFuse.com</u>. The webcast will be available for replay, for a period of 20 days, at this same Internet address. For a telephone replay, dial (404) 537-3406, conference ID #85759718 after 2:00 p.m. EDT.

#### About Bel

Bel (www.belfuse.com) and its divisions are primarily engaged in the design, manufacture, and sale of products used in networking, telecommunications, high-speed data transmission, commercial aerospace, military, transportation, and consumer electronics. Products include magnetics (discrete components, power transformers and MagJack® connectors with integrated magnetics), modules (DC-DC converters, integrated analog front-end modules and custom designs), circuit protection (miniature, micro and surface mount fuses) and interconnect devices (micro, circular and filtered D-Sub connectors, passive jacks, plugs and high-speed cable assemblies). The Company operates facilities around the world.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Except for historical information contained in this press release, the matters discussed in this press release are forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements are: the market concerns facing our customers; the continuing viability of sectors that rely on our products; the effects of business and economic conditions; capacity and supply constraints or difficulties; product development, commercializing or technological difficulties; the regulatory and trade environment; risks associated with foreign currencies; uncertainties associated with legal proceedings; the market's acceptance of the Company's new products and competitive responses to those new products; and the risk factors detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports. In light of the risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that any forward-looking statement will in fact prove to be correct. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

### **BEL FUSE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (000s omitted, except for per share data)

	Three Mon June		Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2011	2010*	2011	2010*				
	(unau	dited)	(unaudited)					
Net sales	\$ 79,173	\$ 77,732	\$150,576	\$133,801				
Costs and expenses: Cost of sales Selling, general and administrative	65,368 10,421	61,570 10,291	122,500 20,478	108,727 19,480				
Litigation charges	3,224		3,224					
Total costs and expenses	79,013	71,861	146,202	128,207				
Income from operations	160	5,871	4,374	5,594				
Gain on sale of investment	119		119					
Interest income and other, net	93	116	161	238				
Earnings before provision for income taxes	372	5,987	4,654	5,832				
Provision for income taxes	946	1,197	1,984	1,162				
Net (loss) earnings	\$ (574)	\$ 4,790	\$ 2,670	\$ 4,670				
(Loss) earnings per Class A common share basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>	<u>\$ 0.39</u>	<u>\$ 0.21</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>				
Weighted average Class A common shares outstanding basic and diluted	2,175	2,175	2,175	2,175				
(Loss) earnings per Class B common share basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>	<u>\$ 0.42</u>	<u>\$ 0.23</u>	<u>\$ 0.41</u>				
Weighted average Class B common shares outstanding basic and diluted	9,583	9,496	9,554	9,480				

\* Prior year amounts have been restated to reflect adjustments previously reported during the measurement period related to the Cinch acquisition as if all such adjustments had been recognized on the date of acquisition.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA

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	June 30,	Dec. 31,		June 30,	Dec. 31,	
ASSETS	2011	2010	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2011	2010	
	(unaudited)	(audited)		(unaudited)	(audited)	
Current assets	\$ 213,210	\$203,564	Current liabilities	\$ 50,196	\$ 46,268	
Property, plant &						

equipment, net	42,365	44,793	Noncurrent liabilities	11,256	10,571
Goodwill and intangibles	15,585	15,555			
Other assets	 13,263	13,260	Stockholders' equity	222,971	220,333
Total Assets	\$ 284,423	\$277,172	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 284,423	\$277,172

# BEL FUSE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NON-GAAP MEASURES (unaudited)

(000s omitted, except for per share data)

				Three M	onths Er	nded June 30,	2011		Six Months Ended June 30, 2011									
	Income from			Net	Net (loss) earnings		Net (loss) earnings			Income			0 1		Net earnings per			
				(loss)	•		per Class B common			from		Net	Class A common share - diluted <sup>(3)</sup>			B common		
	Ор	erations	ea	nings <sup>(2)</sup>	) share - diluted <sup>(3)</sup> share - di		e - diluted <sup>(3)</sup>	Operations		earnings <sup>(2)</sup>		share - diluted <sup>(3)</sup>						
GAAP measures	\$	160	\$	(574)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.05)	\$	4,374	\$	2,670	\$	0.21	\$	0.23		
Severance costs										135		92		0.01		0.01		
Litigation charges, net Costs associated with		2,824		2,599		0.21		0.22		2,824		2,599		0.21		0.22		
Pulse proxy initiative Gain on sales of Pulse		221		137		0.01		0.01		267		166		0.01		0.01		
shares, net of income tax				(74)		(0.01)		(0.01)				(74)		(0.01)		(0.01)		
Non-GAAP measures <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	3,205	\$	2,088	\$	0.17	\$	0.18	\$	7,600	\$	5,453	\$	0.44	\$	0.47		

				Three Mo	onths En	ded June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30, 2010										
		Income from Operations		Net arnings <sup>(2)</sup>	Net earnings per Class A common share - diluted <sup>(3)</sup>		Net earnings per Class B common share - diluted <sup>(3)</sup>		Income from Operations		Net earnings <sup>(2)</sup>		Net earnings per Class A common share - diluted <sup>(3)</sup>		Class B common		
GAAP measures Severance and plant closure costs Acquisition-related costs and inventory-related purchase	\$	5,871 477	\$	4,790 455	\$	0.39 0.04	\$	0.42 0.04	\$	5,594 1,052	\$	4,670 957	\$	0.37 0.08	\$	0.41 0.08	
accounting adjustments Non-GAAP measures <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	(4) 6,344	\$	(2) 5,243	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	1,074 7,720	\$	666 6,293	\$	0.05	\$	0.06	

(1) The non-GAAP measures presented above are not measures of performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). These measures should not be considered a substitute for, and the reader should also consider, income from operations, net earnings, earnings per share and other measures of performance as defined by GAAP as indicators of our performance or profitability. Our non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to other similarly-titled captions of other companies due to differences in the method of calculation.

Based upon discussions with investors and analysts, we believe that the reader's understanding of Bel's performance and profitability is enhanced by reference to these non-GAAP measures. Removal of amounts such as gains on sales of investments, charges for severance, factory closure, amounts paid or reserved for lawsuits, inventory-related purchase accounting adjustments and acquisition-related costs facilitates comparisons of our results among reporting periods. We believe that such amounts are not reflective of the relevant business in the period in which the gain or charge is recorded for accounting purposes.

(2) Net of income tax at effective rate in the applicable tax jurisdiction

(3) Individual amounts of earnings (loss) per share may not agree to the total due to rounding.

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