

SECOND QUARTER PERIOD
 Period Ending April 30, 2009
 (Unaudited)

NORDSON CORPORATION
 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
 (Dollars in thousands except for per-share amounts)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

	Second Quarter		Year-to-Date	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net sales	\$ 188,840	\$ 294,116	\$ 375,448	\$ 538,805
Cost of sales	85,957	128,243	165,328	233,073
Selling & administrative expenses	84,304	111,650	178,466	215,110
Operating profit	18,579	54,223	31,654	90,622
Interest expense - net	(1,579)	(4,013)	(4,170)	(9,143)
Other income (expense) - net	521	1,008	7,200	2,221
Income before income taxes	17,521	51,218	34,684	83,700
Income taxes	3,678	18,169	9,685	29,312
Net Income	<u>\$ 13,843</u>	<u>\$ 33,049</u>	<u>\$ 24,999</u>	<u>\$ 54,388</u>
Return on sales	7%	11%	7%	10%
Return on average shareholders' equity	10%	23%	9%	20%

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	April 30 2009	October 31 2008
Cash and marketable securities	\$ 19,638	\$ 11,760
Receivables	152,253	224,813
Inventories	107,963	118,034
Other current assets	29,825	29,706
Total current assets	309,679	384,313
Property, plant & equipment - net	126,791	133,843
Other assets	643,146	648,513
	<u>\$ 1,079,616</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,669</u>
Notes payable and debt due within one year	\$ 6,867	\$ 46,351
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	116,836	157,645
Total current liabilities	123,703	203,996
Long-term debt	230,350	238,550
Other liabilities	147,701	150,011
Total shareholders' equity	577,862	574,112
	<u>\$ 1,079,616</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,669</u>

Average common shares outstanding (000's)	33,555	33,525	33,540	33,571
Average common shares and common share equivalents (000's)	33,571	34,111	33,557	34,150

Per share:

Basic earnings	\$.41	\$.99	\$.75	\$ 1.62
Diluted earnings	\$.41	\$.97	\$.74	\$ 1.59
Dividends paid	\$.1825	\$.1825	\$.365	\$.365

Other information:

Employees	3,832	4,200
Common shares outstanding (000's)	33,591	33,708

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SALES BY BUSINESS SEGMENT	Second Quarter		% Growth over 2008			Year-to-Date		% Growth over 2008		
	2009	2008	Volume	Currency	Total	2009	2008	Volume	Currency	Total
Adhesive dispensing systems	\$ 111,325	\$ 152,451	-18.7%	-8.3%	-27.0%	\$ 215,646	\$ 276,316	-15.0%	-7.0%	-22.0%
Advanced technology systems	49,973	93,773	-41.0%	-5.7%	-46.7%	106,514	177,667	-34.2%	-5.8%	-40.0%
Industrial coating & automotive systems	27,542	47,892	-38.5%	-4.0%	-42.5%	53,288	84,822	-33.7%	-3.5%	-37.2%
Total sales by business segment	\$ 188,840	\$ 294,116	-29.0%	-6.8%	-35.8%	\$ 375,448	\$ 538,805	-24.3%	-6.0%	-30.3%

OPERATING PROFIT BY BUSINESS SEGMENT	Second Quarter		Year-to-Date		
	2009	2008	2009	2008	
Adhesive dispensing systems	\$ 30,627	\$ 38,681	\$ 56,779	\$ 66,819	
Advanced technology systems	(539)	18,889	783	29,225	
Industrial coating & automotive systems	(1,868)	4,520	(4,064)	5,370	
Corporate	(9,641)	(7,867)	(21,844)	(10,792)	
Total operating profit by business segment	\$ 18,579	\$ 54,223	\$ 31,654	\$ 90,622	

SALES BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION	Second Quarter		% Growth over 2008			Year-to-Date		% Growth over 2008		
	2009	2008	Volume	Currency	Total	2009	2008	Volume	Currency	Total
United States	\$ 55,025	\$ 84,204	-34.7%	-	-34.7%	\$ 111,400	\$ 157,195	-29.1%	-	-29.1%
Americas	12,049	17,831	-20.2%	-12.2%	-32.4%	24,585	33,809	-15.7%	-11.6%	-27.3%
Europe	71,988	113,379	-22.7%	-13.8%	-36.5%	141,649	204,495	-17.9%	-12.8%	-30.7%
Japan	20,552	29,133	-30.7%	1.2%	-29.5%	39,517	49,373	-25.2%	5.2%	-20.0%
Asia Pacific	29,226	49,569	-36.2%	-4.8%	-41.0%	58,297	93,933	-32.6%	-5.3%	-37.9%
Total Sales by Geographic Region	\$ 188,840	\$ 294,116	-29.0%	-6.8%	-35.8%	\$ 375,448	\$ 538,805	-24.3%	-6.0%	-30.3%

SELECTED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION	Second Quarter		Year-to-Date	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 8,458	\$ 7,814	\$ 16,364	\$ 15,547
Capital expenditures	\$ 2,124	\$ 5,758	\$ 7,753	\$ 10,122
Dividends paid	\$ 6,124	\$ 6,112	\$ 12,236	\$ 12,245

NORDSON CORPORATION
ORDER RATES FOR 12-WEEK PERIOD ENDING MAY 17, 2009
CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR

<u>BUSINESS SEGMENT</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHY</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Adhesive dispensing systems	-16%	United States	-22%
Advanced technology systems	-33%	Americas	-13%
Industrial coating & automotive systems	-35%	Europe	-29%
		Japan	-33%
Total	-25%	Asia Pacific	-20%
		Total	-25%

Note: Numbers in this table are unaudited and exclude the effects of currency movements.