



CECO Environmental Corp. Reports Third Quarter 2019 Results; Record Backlog Driven by Continued Bookings Strength and Strategic Investments

DALLAS, Texas, November 6, 2019 -- CECO Environmental Corp. (Nasdaq: CECE), a leading global air quality and fluid handling company serving the energy and industrial markets, today reported its financial results for the third quarter of 2019.

Highlights of the Third Quarter 2019*

- Bookings of \$115.7 million, compared with \$97.1 million, adjusted for divestitures
- Record Backlog of \$237.8 million, compared with \$182.1 million as of December 31, 2018
- Revenue of \$85.3 million, compared with \$88.3 million, and \$86.7 million organic
- Gross profit of \$28.8 million (33.8% margin), compared with \$28.7 million (32.5% margin)
- Operating income of \$4.1 million, compared with operating loss of \$(10.4) million (included a \$15.1 million non-cash impairment charge related to the sale of our Zhongli business)
- Non-GAAP operating income of \$7.0 million, compared with \$6.5 million
- Net income of \$1.9 million, compared with net loss of \$(12.9) million
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$8.4 million, compared with \$8.3 million
- Non-GAAP net income of \$4.2 million, compared with \$3.5 million
- Net income per diluted share was \$0.05, compared with net loss per diluted share of \$(0.37)
- Non-GAAP net income per diluted share of \$0.12, compared with \$0.10

* All comparisons are versus the comparable prior-year period, which include results from divestitures, unless otherwise stated.

CECO's Chief Executive Officer Dennis Sadlowski commented, "I am very pleased with our team's execution during the quarter which generated triple digit bookings, strong profitability and a record backlog for the Company. Our investments are continuing to pay off as we realized sequential quarterly growth in all our key financial metrics. Our strong third quarter bookings, led by our Energy Segment, and our record backlog are the best predictors of the future, signaling improving revenue going forward."

Mr. Sadlowski added, "We are pleased with our progress and are determined to do even better. We anticipate a continued positive trajectory towards our aggressive 2021 financial targets that we believe will produce significant upside for our shareholders."

THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

Revenue in the third quarter of 2019 was \$85.3 million as compared to \$88.3 million in the prior-year period. Excluding revenue of \$1.6 million attributable to the divested business in 2018, organic revenues decreased 1.6%.

Operating income was \$4.1 million for the third quarter of 2019, compared with an operating loss of \$10.4 million in the prior-year period. The operating loss in 2018 included a \$15.1 million non-cash impairment charge related to the sale of our Zhongli business. Non-GAAP operating income was \$7.0 million for the third quarter of 2019 (8.2% margin), compared with \$6.5 million in the prior-year period (7.4% margin).

Net income was \$1.9 million for the third quarter of 2019, compared with net loss of \$12.9 million in the prior-year period. Net income on a non-GAAP basis was \$4.2 million for the third quarter of 2019, compared with \$3.5 million in the prior-year period.

Net income per diluted share was \$0.05 for the third quarter of 2019, compared with net loss per diluted share of \$(0.37) in the prior-year period. Non-GAAP net income per diluted share was \$0.12 for the third quarter of 2019, compared with \$0.10 for the prior-year period.

Cash and cash equivalents were \$29.0 million and bank debt was \$69.4 million as of September 30, 2019, compared with \$43.7 million and \$76.1 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2018.

BACKLOG AND BOOKINGS

Total backlog at September 30, 2019 was \$237.8 million as compared with \$182.1 million on December 31, 2018 and \$211.4 million on September 30, 2018. As of September 30, 2018, \$7.4 million of backlog was attributable to the divested businesses. Adjusted for divestitures, backlog increased \$33.8 million from third quarter 2018 to third quarter 2019, or 16.6%.

Bookings were \$115.7 million for the third quarter of 2019, compared with \$97.5 million in the prior-year period. Excluding bookings of \$0.4 million attributable to the businesses divested in 2018, 2019 organic bookings increased \$18.6 million, or 19.2%. Bookings were \$316.0 million for the first nine months of 2019 compared with \$292.9 million for the prior-year period. Excluding the impact of divestitures, bookings increased \$29.5 million during the first nine months of 2019, or 10.3%.

YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS

Revenue in the first nine months of 2019 was \$252.5 million, up 3.7% from \$243.5 million in the prior-year period. Excluding revenue of \$9.3 million attributable to the business divested in 2018, organic revenues increased 7.8%.

Operating income was \$11.0 million for the first nine months of 2019 (4.4% margin), compared with \$4.3 million in the prior-year period (1.8% margin). Operating income on a non-GAAP basis was \$18.6 million for the first nine months of 2019 (7.4% margin), compared with \$15.7 million in the prior-year period (6.4% margin).

Net income was \$9.3 million for the first nine months of 2019, compared with net loss of \$(8.1) million in the prior-year period. Net income on a non-GAAP basis was \$11.3 million for the first nine months of 2019, compared with \$7.1 million in the prior-year period.

Net income per diluted share was \$0.26 for the first nine months of 2019, compared with net loss per diluted share of \$0.23 in the prior-year period. Non-GAAP net income per diluted share was \$0.32 for the first nine months of 2019, compared with \$0.21 for the prior-year period.

CONFERENCE CALL

A conference call is scheduled for today at 8:30 a.m. ET to discuss the third quarter 2019 financial results. The conference call may also be accessed by dialing (888) 346-4547 (Toll-Free) within the U.S., (855) 669-9657 (Toll-Free) within Canada or Toll/International (412) 317-5251.

The live webcast and slides can also be accessed at <https://investors.cecoenviro.com/events-webcasts-and-presentations>

A replay of the conference call will be available on the Company's website for 7 days. The replay may be accessed by dialing toll free (877) 344-7529 within North America or Toll/International (412) 317-0088 and entering passcode 10135305.

ABOUT CECO ENVIRONMENTAL

CECO Environmental is a global leader in air quality and fluid handling serving the energy, industrial and other niche markets. Providing innovative technology and application expertise, CECO helps companies grow their business with safe, clean and more efficient solutions that help protect our shared environment. In regions around the world, CECO works to improve air quality, optimize the energy value chain and provide custom engineered solutions for applications including oil and gas, power generation, water and wastewater, battery production, poly silicon fabrication, chemical and petrochemical processing along with a range of others. CECO is listed on Nasdaq under the ticker symbol "CECE". For more information, please visit www.cecoenviro.com.

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CECO ENVIRONMENTAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	(unaudited)	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	DECEMBER 31, 2018
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,963	\$ 43,676
Restricted cash	1,276	762
Accounts receivable, net	58,091	53,225
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	34,409	29,694
Inventories, net	19,659	20,817
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12,879	10,117
Prepaid income taxes	2,419	1,388
Assets held for sale	589	1,186
Total current assets	158,285	160,865
Property, plant and equipment, net	13,857	22,200
Right-of-use assets from operating leases	13,810	—
Goodwill	151,969	152,156
Intangible assets – finite life, net	33,252	35,959
Intangible assets – indefinite life	14,280	18,258
Deferred charges and other assets	4,187	3,144
Total assets	<u>\$ 389,640</u>	<u>\$ 392,582</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of debt	\$ 2,500	\$ —
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	78,264	80,229
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	23,013	20,144
Note payable	—	1,700
Income taxes payable	—	1,813
Total current liabilities	103,777	103,886
Other liabilities	18,649	26,925
Debt, less current portion	64,995	74,456
Deferred income tax liability, net	6,717	8,755
Operating lease liabilities	11,328	—
Total liabilities	<u>205,466</u>	<u>214,022</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 10,000 shares authorized, none issued	—	—
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 35,243,663 and 34,953,825 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively	353	349
Capital in excess of par value	253,757	251,409
Accumulated loss	(54,736)	(59,427)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(14,844)	(13,415)
	<u>184,530</u>	<u>178,916</u>
Less treasury stock, at cost, 137,920 shares at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018	(356)	(356)
Total shareholders' equity	184,174	178,560
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 389,640</u>	<u>\$ 392,582</u>

CECO ENVIRONMENTAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Net sales	\$ 85,266	\$ 88,256	\$ 252,456	\$ 243,485
Cost of sales	56,489	59,582	168,400	161,725
Gross profit	28,777	28,674	84,056	81,760
Selling and administrative expenses	21,823	22,216	65,573	66,147
Amortization and earnout expenses	2,166	1,998	6,480	7,394
Loss on divestitures, net of selling costs	—	15,074	70	3,970
Restructuring expenses (income), net	729	(173)	968	(23)
Income (loss) from operations	4,059	(10,441)	10,965	4,272
Other (expense) income, net	(73)	592	95	(119)
Interest expense	(1,316)	(1,729)	(4,319)	(5,442)
Income (loss) before income taxes	2,670	(11,578)	6,741	(1,289)
Income tax expense (benefit)	739	1,337	(2,569)	6,764
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,931	\$ (12,915)	\$ 9,310	\$ (8,053)
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.37)	\$ 0.27	\$ (0.23)
Diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.37)	\$ 0.26	\$ (0.23)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	35,070,449	34,779,125	34,944,056	34,681,262
Diluted	35,624,590	34,779,125	35,522,568	34,681,262

CECO ENVIRONMENTAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP MEASURES

(dollars in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Revenue as reported in accordance with GAAP	\$ 85.3	\$ 88.3	\$ 252.5	\$ 243.5
Less revenue attributable to divestitures	—	(1.6)	—	(9.3)
Organic revenue	\$ 85.3	\$ 86.7	\$ 252.5	\$ 234.2

(dollars in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Operating income (loss) as reported in accordance with GAAP	\$ 4.1	\$ (10.4)	\$ 11.0	\$ 4.3
<i>Operating margin in accordance with GAAP</i>	4.8%	(11.8)%	4.4%	1.8%
Amortization and earnout expenses	2.2	2.0	6.5	7.4
Loss on divestitures, net of selling costs	—	15.1	0.1	4.0
Restructuring expense (income), net	0.7	(0.2)	1.0	—
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 7.0	\$ 6.5	\$ 18.6	\$ 15.7
<i>Non-GAAP operating margin</i>	8.2%	7.3%	7.4%	6.4%

(dollars in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Net income (loss) as reported in accordance with GAAP	\$ 1.9	\$ (12.9)	\$ 9.3	\$ (8.1)
Amortization and earnout expenses, net	2.2	2.0	6.5	7.4
Loss on divestiture, net of selling costs	—	15.1	0.1	4.0
Restructuring expense (income), net	0.7	(0.2)	1.0	—
Deferred financing fee adjustment	—	—	0.4	—
Foreign currency remeasurement	0.2	—	0.5	0.8
Tax expense (benefit) of adjustments	(0.8)	(0.5)	(2.1)	3.0
Zhongli tax benefit	—	—	(4.4)	—
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 4.2	\$ 3.5	\$ 11.3	\$ 7.1
Depreciation	0.5	1.0	1.7	2.7
Non-cash stock compensation	1.0	0.9	2.8	2.3
Other income	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.7)
Interest expense	1.3	1.7	3.9	5.4
Income tax expense	1.5	1.8	3.7	3.8
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 8.4	\$ 8.3	\$ 22.8	\$ 20.6

Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.37)	\$ 0.27	\$ (0.23)
Diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.37)	\$ 0.26	\$ (0.23)

Non-GAAP net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.21
Diluted	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.21

NOTE REGARDING NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

CECO is providing certain non-GAAP historical financial measures as presented above as the Company believes that these figures are helpful in allowing individuals to better assess the ongoing nature of CECO's core operations. CECO is providing organic revenue for comparability purposes given the impact of divestitures. A "non-GAAP financial measure" is a numerical measure of a company's historical financial performance that excludes amounts that are included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in the GAAP statement of operations.

Non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP earnings per basic and diluted share and adjusted EBITDA, as we present them in the financial data included in this press release, have been adjusted to exclude the effects of transactions related to loss on divestitures, net of selling costs, acquisition and integration expense activities including retention, legal, accounting, banking, amortization and contingent earn-out expenses, foreign currency re-measurement, other nonrecurring or infrequent items and the associated tax benefit of these items. Organic revenue, as we present them in the financial data included in this press release, excludes revenue attributable to divested businesses. Management believes that these items are not necessarily indicative of the Company's ongoing operations and their exclusion provides individuals with additional information to compare the Company's results over multiple periods. Management utilizes this information to evaluate its ongoing financial performance. Our financial statements may continue to be affected by items similar to those excluded in the non-GAAP adjustments described above, and exclusion of these items from our non-GAAP financial measures should not be construed as an inference that all such costs are unusual or infrequent.

Organic revenue, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP earnings per basic and diluted share and adjusted EBITDA are not calculated in accordance with GAAP, and should be considered supplemental to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the costs associated with the operations of our business as determined in accordance with GAAP. As a result, you should not consider these measures in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of CECO's results as reported under GAAP. Additionally, CECO cautions investors that non-GAAP financial measures used by the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation G issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, organic revenue, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP earnings per basic and diluted share and adjusted EBITDA stated in the tables above present the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure and reconcile to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

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