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Emerson Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2020 Results, Provides Initial 2021 Outlook

- Fourth quarter GAAP net sales of \$4.6 billion were down 8 percent; underlying sales were down 9 percent, in-line with management guidance. Full year GAAP net sales of \$16.8 billion were down 9 percent; underlying sales were down 8 percent, also in-line with management guidance.
- Fourth quarter GAAP EPS was \$1.20, up 3 percent from the year prior; adjusted EPS, which excludes restructuring and certain tax benefits, was \$1.10, down 4 percent. Full year GAAP EPS was \$3.24, down 13 percent from the year prior, and ahead of guidance of \$2.80 to \$2.95; adjusted EPS was \$3.46, down 6 percent, and ahead of guidance of \$3.20 to \$3.35.
- Delivered strong **operating cash flow** of \$1.23 billion in the quarter, up 2 percent, and \$3.08 billion for the year, up 3 percent.
- Delivered strong **free cash flow** of \$1.02 billion in the quarter, up 2 percent, and \$2.55 billion for the year, up 6 percent.
- Initiated \$73 million of **restructuring and related actions** in the quarter, totaling \$304 million for the year, continuing aggressive execution of the comprehensive cost reset program to return to record adjusted EBIT margins.
- Completed 64 consecutive years of increased dividends per share and plan to announce a
 2 cent increase for 2021, after today's Board of Directors meeting.

ST. LOUIS, Nov 3, 2020 - Emerson (NYSE: EMR) today reported results for the fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Fourth quarter *GAAP net sales* were down 8 percent and *underlying sales* were down 9 percent excluding favorable currency of 1 percent. Overall revenue declines were in-line with

management guidance, with Automation Solutions finishing at the low end of expectations and Commercial & Residential Solutions finishing above expectations. Overall, the company continued to see demand challenges most acute in North American markets, which were down in the mid-teens. Europe was down mid-single digits, and Asia, Middle East & Africa was most resilient, down low-single digits.

Emerson finished the year with September *trailing three-month underlying orders* down 11 percent, in-line with our expectation for the second half of the year, as strength in residential-facing markets, life sciences, medical, and food & beverage was more than offset by ongoing demand weakness in most other process and discrete industries. Importantly, Commercial & Residential Solutions trailing three-month underlying orders grew by 6 percent, bolstered by residential and big-box oriented retail businesses, and a return to orders growth in the cold chain business.

Fourth quarter *gross profit margin* of 41.3 percent was down 150 basis points from the previous year primarily due to volume deleverage and mix. *Pretax margin* of 16.8 percent and *EBIT margin* of 17.7 percent were up 20 basis points and 30 basis points, respectively. *Adjusted EBIT margin*, which excludes restructuring and related costs, was 19.3 percent for the quarter, up 80 basis points, supported by accelerated cost reduction actions.

GAAP earnings per share was \$1.20 for the quarter and adjusted earnings per share was \$1.10. Earnings in the quarter benefited from the ongoing restructuring and cost reduction actions.

Operating cash flow was \$1.23 billion, up 2 percent for the quarter. Full year operating cash flow was \$3.08 billion, up 3 percent. **Free cash flow** was \$1.02 billion, up 2 percent for the quarter, resulting in exceptional free cash flow conversion of 140 percent. Full year free cash flow was \$2.55 billion, up 6 percent, resulting in strong free cash flow conversion of 128 percent driven by rigorous operational execution across the two business platforms.

"The year took a dramatic turn in March, as the virus rapidly spread and impacted all of our major markets," said Emerson Chairman and CEO David N. Farr. "Despite unforeseen once-in-a-career challenges and circumstances, Emerson was relatively well prepared and positioned. We had already begun our focus on cost containment actions and planning for a low-growth year, as was laid out during our February 2020 Investor Day. And our well-established regionalization strategy - maximizing sourcing, manufacturing, and distribution of products and solutions within regional end markets - was instrumental to maintaining our supply chain integrity as uncertainty intensified and economies halted. Amidst all the challenges, we exceeded our second quarter reset financial forecast in sales, EBITDA, and cash flow.

"As the situation rapidly evolved, Emerson's leadership team and global operations maintained focus on our key priority: to safely serve our customers and ensure business continuity in essential industries like power, life sciences, food & beverage, home comfort and safety, water, and energy. I am exceptionally proud of the way our employees rose to the challenge, going above and beyond to help our customers navigate the turbulence. Although there is clearly more work to be done as we enter a new

fiscal year, I want to thank our employees, customers, shareholders, and Board of Directors for their unwavering commitment and partnership as we all manage this dynamic period in history.

"Although the COVID-19 virus has not yet subsided, the Emerson global team has learned to operate safely and effectively, in person, in this environment. Emerson's offices and facilities are open with employees safely working on site."

Business Platform Results

Automation Solutions net sales decreased 11 percent in the quarter, with underlying sales also down 11 percent. In the Americas, underlying sales were down 23 percent, with North America down over 20 percent, as continued broad-based demand challenges were partially offset by momentum in life sciences, food & beverage, and semiconductor. Europe underlying sales were down 6 percent. Asia, Middle East & Africa underlying sales returned to low single digit growth, as strength in Southeast Asia more than offset declines in China and the Middle East.

September trailing three-month underlying orders were down 19 percent, reflecting ongoing weakness across most end markets, with the exception of life sciences, medical, food & beverage, and semiconductor. Geographically, the Americas continue to be challenging, down nearly 30 percent. Asia, Middle East & Africa declined by 11 percent while Europe declined 8 percent. China orders were up 2 percent, however. Importantly, backlog in the business converted ahead of expectations, with a \$400 million reduction from last quarter, leaving the balance at approximately \$4.7 billion. Overall, we believe that the Automation Solutions business has reached and is trending along the trough of the demand curve. While the demand environment appears to be stabilizing, we have not yet seen meaningful indications of demand picking up in any key North American markets.

Segment EBIT margin decreased 140 basis points to 17.0 percent, as savings from cost actions and favorable price-cost was more than offset by volume deleverage and mix. Adjusted segment EBIT margin, which excludes restructuring and related costs, decreased 80 basis points to 18.7 percent while adjusted segment EBITDA margin decreased only 20 basis points, to 23.5 percent. Total restructuring and related actions in the quarter were \$52 million, totaling \$244 million for the full year.

Commercial & Residential Solutions net sales decreased 3 percent in the quarter, with underlying sales also down 3 percent. Underlying sales in the Americas were down 1 percent, reflecting improvement in residential and big-box retail channels. Similarly, Europe was down slightly at 1 percent as commercial market weakness was offset by continued heat pump demand due to sustainability regulations and customer technology preferences. Asia, Middle East & Africa was down 13 percent, with China down low double digits.

September trailing three-month underlying orders were up 6 percent, reflecting a sharp rebound in residential-facing markets and initial signs of recovery in cold chain markets. Meanwhile, professional tools markets remained weaker, but improving, as we move into our first quarter of fiscal 2021.

Geographically, North America increased by 12 percent as residential and big-box retail markets sharply rebounded. Additionally, cold chain markets showed signs of stabilizing. Asia, Middle East & Africa orders declined by 9 percent, while China was down low double digits. Europe grew by 8 percent, as demand for heat pump solutions continued to show momentum due to sustainability regulations and customer technology preferences.

Segment EBIT margin decreased 10 basis points to 20.7 percent as cost reductions and favorable price cost effectively offset deleverage. Adjusted segment EBIT margin, which excludes restructuring and related costs, increased 50 basis points to 22.1 percent, and adjusted segment EBITDA margin increased 120 basis points to 26.6 percent. Total restructuring and related actions in the quarter were \$21 million, with a total of \$52 million for the full year.

2021 Capital Allocation and Outlook

There is no change to the capital allocation framework set forth during the Investor Conference in February including the return of 50 to 60 percent of cash flow to shareholders in the form of dividends and share repurchases over the long term. Share repurchases were suspended in fiscal year 2020, with approximately \$950 million repurchased, due to the changing demand environment associated with COVID-19. Emerson intends to resume share repurchases in fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$500 million to \$1 billion, while concurrently maintaining optionality for further acquisitions should the opportunity arise. This allocation excludes the funding of the previously announced acquisition of Open Systems International Inc. which closed on Oct 1, 2020.

Management believes it is appropriate to assume a conservative forecast for the 2021 macroeconomic environment given the current uncertainty, and expects a slow-but-steady improvement in demand over the course of 2021 as economies, companies, and communities continue to gradually reopen and learn to safely operate with the virus. We also expect to see continued progress with regard to vaccine development, manufacturing, and distribution over the course of the fiscal year.

Within this framework, as management forecasted in April 2020, we expect overall revenue to return to growth in the third quarter of 2021. Commercial & Residential Solutions is expected to return to growth earlier than originally expected, while Automation Solutions is expected to return to growth later in the year. Due to the delayed recovery in many automation markets, we are increasing restructuring spend within Automation Solutions, resulting in a total company restructuring spend of over \$200 million in 2021. Lastly, the guidance assumes no major operational or supply chain disruptions and oil prices in the \$35 to \$50 range during this period.

The following table summarizes the 2021 guidance framework:

2021 Guidance					
Net Sales Growth	1% - 4%	Operating Cash Flow	~\$3.1B		
Automation Solutions	(1%) - 2%	Capital Spend	~\$600M		
Commercial & Residential Solutions	5% - 8%	Free Cash Flow	~\$2.5B		
Underlying Sales Growth	(1%) - 2%	Dividend	~\$1.2B		
Automation Solutions	(4%) - (1%)	Share Repurchase			
Commercial & Residential Solutions	4% - 7%	/ M&A (excl. OSI) ¹	\$500M - \$1.0B		
GAAP EPS	\$3.11 +/- \$.05	Tax Rate	~22.5%		
Adjusted EPS	\$3.45 +/- \$.05	Restructuring Actions	~\$200M+		

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Note 1: OSI Inc. closed on Oct. 1, 2020.

"Despite the uncertainties and challenges from COVID-19, we ended the year with orders and sales squarely in-line with second quarter guidance," Farr said. "Most importantly, we were able to deliver strong profitability, earnings, and cash flow, driven by our ongoing robust cost containment and restructuring actions. I'm proud of the team for executing on this challenging but vital work. As the broader macroeconomic outlook begins to stabilize, we are well-positioned with a more agile and lean cost structure to sustain and build upon our strong profitability, particularly as late cycle end markets begin their recovery.

"In conclusion, the fiscal year wasn't just about reacting to the pandemic. We also continued to invest and took bold action to build on our innovation and technology footprint of the future, with three strategic acquisitions: American Governor, Open Systems International Inc. and Progea. These core technologies and capabilities will strengthen our position in attractive and growing marketplaces including software, renewable energy, and transmission & distribution. Digital transformation initiatives continue to gain momentum among many of our industrial customers, and these portfolio enhancements will enable us to help more customers adapt and excel within new operating paradigms."

Upcoming Investor Events

Today, beginning at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, Emerson management will discuss the fourth quarter and full year 2020 results during an investor conference call. Please plan for a 90 minute call. Participants can access a live webcast available at www.emerson.com/financial at the time of the call. A replay of the call will remain available for 90 days. Conference call slides will be posted in advance of the call on the company website.

Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

Statements in this press release that are not strictly historical may be "forward-looking" statements, which involve risks and uncertainties, and Emerson undertakes no obligation to update any such statements to reflect later developments. These risks and uncertainties include the scope, duration

and ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as economic and currency conditions, market demand, including related to the pandemic and oil and gas price declines and volatility, pricing, protection of intellectual property, cybersecurity, tariffs, competitive and technological factors, among others, as set forth in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports filed with the SEC.

(tables attached)

Total

Table 1

EMERSON AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED OPERATING RESULTS (AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS EXCEPT PER SHARE, UNAUDITED)

	Quarter Ended Sept 30		Percent
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Net sales	\$4,971	\$4,558	(8)%
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of sales	2,843	2,676	
SG&A expenses	1,109	946	
Other deductions, net	153	131	
Interest expense, net	40	40	
Earnings before income taxes	826	765	(7)%
Income taxes	102	35	
Net earnings	724	730	
Less: Noncontrolling interests in earnings of subsidiaries	7	7	
Net earnings common stockholders	\$717	\$723	1%
Diluted avg. shares outstanding	617.5	601.1	
Diluted earnings per share common share	\$1.16	\$1.20	3%
	Quarter Ended Sept 30		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Other deductions, net			
Amortization of intangibles	\$61	\$61	
Restructuring costs	55	68	
Other	37	2	

\$153

\$131

Table 2

EMERSON AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED OPERATING RESULTS (AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS EXCEPT PER SHARE, UNAUDITED)

	Years Ended Sept 30		Percent
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Net sales Costs and expenses:	\$18,372	\$16,785	(9)%
Cost of sales	10,557	9,776	
SG&A expenses	4,457	3,986	
Other deductions, net	325	532	
Interest expense, net	174	156	
Earnings before income taxes	2,859	2,335	(18)%
Income taxes	531	345	,
Net earnings	2,328	1,990	
Less: Noncontrolling interests in earnings of subsidiaries	22	25	
Net earnings common stockholders	\$2,306	\$1,965	(15)%
Diluted avg. shares outstanding	620.6	606.6	
Diluted earnings per share common share	\$3.71	\$3.24	(13)%
	Years Ende	d Sept 30	
	<u>2019</u>	2020	
Other deductions, net			
Amortization of intangibles	\$238	\$239	
Restructuring costs	95	284	
Special advisory fees	_	13	
Other	(8)	(4)	
Total	\$325	\$532	

Table 3

EMERSON AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, UNAUDITED)

	Years ended Sept 30		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Assets			
Cash and equivalents	\$1,494	\$3,315	
Receivables, net	2,985	2,802	
Inventories	1,880	1,928	
Other current assets	780	761	
Total current assets	7,139	8,806	
Property, plant & equipment, net	3,642	3,688	
Goodwill	6,536	6,734	
Other intangible assets	2,615	2,468	
Other	565	1,186	
Total assets	\$20,497	\$22,882	
Liabilities and equity			
Short-term borrowings and current			
maturities of long-term debt	\$1,444	\$1,160	
Accounts payable	1,874	1,715	
Accrued expenses	2,658	2,910	
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Total current liabilities	5,976	5,785	
Long-term debt	4,277	6,326	
Other liabilities	1,971	2,324	
Total equity	8,273	8,447	
Total liabilities and equity	\$20,497	\$22,882	

Table 4

EMERSON AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, UNAUDITED)

	Years Ended Sept 30	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating activities		
Net earnings	\$2,328	\$1,990
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	822	854
Stock compensation	120	110
Pension expense	2	67
Pension funding	(60)	(66)
Changes in operating working capital	(150)	148
Other, net	(56)	(20)
Cash provided by operating activities	3,006	3,083
Investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(594)	(538)
Purchases of businesses, net of cash and equivalents acquired	(469)	(126)
Divestitures of businesses	14	_
Other, net	(125)	(76)
Cash used in investing activities	(1,174)	(740)
Financing activities		
Net increase in short-term borrowings	(6)	(90)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings greater than three months	_	1,043
Payments of short-term borrowings greater than three months	_	(1,043)
Proceeds from long-term debt	1,691	2,233
Payments of long-term debt	(656)	(503)
Dividends paid	(1,209)	(1,209)
Purchases of common stock	(1,250)	(942)
Other, net	39	2
Cash used in financing activities	(1,391)	(509)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	(40)	(13)
Increase in cash and equivalents	401	1,821
Beginning cash and equivalents	1,093	1,494
Ending cash and equivalents	\$1,494	\$3,315

Table 5

EMERSON AND SUBSIDIARIES SEGMENT SALES AND EARNINGS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, UNAUDITED)

Sales	Quarter Ende 2019	d Sept 30 2020
Automation Solutions	\$3,368	\$3,005
Climate Technologies Tools & Home Products Commercial & Residential Solutions	1,142 466 1,608	1,111 444 1,555
Eliminations Net sales	(5) \$4,971	(2) \$4,558
Earnings Automation Solutions	\$619	\$511
Climate Technologies Tools & Home Products Commercial & Residential Solutions	233 102 335	238 84 322
Stock compensation Unallocated pension and postretirement costs Corporate and other Interest expense, net Earnings before income taxes	(37) 27 (78) (40) \$826	(41) 16 (3) (40) \$765
Restructuring costs Automation Solutions	\$39	\$50
Climate Technologies Tools & Home Products Commercial & Residential Solutions	12 2 14	9 9 18
Corporate Total The table above does not include \$5 of costs related to reported in cost of sales in the fourth quarter of fiscal.		\$68 ons that were
Depreciation and Amortization Automation Solutions	\$142	\$143
Climate Technologies Tools & Home Products Commercial & Residential Solutions	44 17 61	51 19 70
Corporate and other Total	10 \$213	10 \$223

Total

Table 6

EMERSON AND SUBSIDIARIES SEGMENT SALES AND EARNINGS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, UNAUDITED)

	Years Ended Sept 30	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Sales	#40.000	444 455
Automation Solutions	\$12,202	\$11,155
Climate Technologies	4,313	3,980
Tools & Home Products	1,856	1,663
Commercial & Residential Solutions	6,169	5,643
Eliminations	1	(13)
Net sales	\$18,372	\$16,785
Earnings		
Automation Solutions	\$1,947	\$1,523
Climate Technologies	883	801
Tools & Home Products	388	317
Commercial & Residential Solutions	1,271	1,118
Stock compensation	(120)	(110)
Unallocated pension and postretirement costs	108	53
Corporate and other	(173)	(93)
Interest expense, net	(174)	(156)
Earnings before income taxes	\$2,859	\$2,335
Restructuring costs		
Automation Solutions	\$65	\$232
Climate Technologies	20	23
Tools & Home Products	7	21
Commercial & Residential Solutions	27	44
Corporate	3	8
Total	\$95	\$284
The table above does not include \$20 of costs related reported in cost of sales for the twelve months ended		
Depreciation and Amortization		
Automation Solutions	\$535	\$557
Climate Technologies	176	184
Tools & Home Products	71	77
Commercial & Residential Solutions	247	261
Corporate and other	40	36

\$822

\$854

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures & Other

Table 7

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP measures (denoted by *) with the most directly comparable GAAP measure (dollars in millions, except per share amounts):

Q4 2020 Underlying Sales Change	Au	to Solns	C	omm & Res Solns	Emerson
Reported (GAAP)		(11)%		(3)%	(8)%
(Favorable) / Unfavorable FX		— %		— %	(1)%
Acquisitions / Divestitures		— %		— %	— %
Underlying*		(11)%		(3)%	(9)%
2020 Underlying Sales Change	Er	nerson			
Reported (GAAP)		(9)%			
(Favorable) / Unfavorable FX		1 %			
Acquisitions / Divestitures		— %			
Underlying*		(8)%			
FY 2021E Underlying Sales Change		to Solns	C	omm & Res Solns	Emerson
Reported (GAAP)		(1)% - 2%		5% - 8%	1% - 4%
(Favorable) / Unfavorable FX		~ (1)%		~ (1)%	~ (1)%
Acquisitions / Divestitures		~ (2)%		~ -%	
Underlying*	(4	-)% - (1)%		4% - 7%	(1)% - 2%
Q4 Earnings Per Share	Q	4 FY19		Q4 FY20	Change
Earnings per share (GAAP)	\$	1.16	\$	1.20	3 %
Restructuring and related charges		0.07		0.10	3 %
Certain tax benefits		(0.09)		(0.20)	(10)%
Adjusted earnings per share*	\$	1.14	\$	1.10	(4)%
Earnings Per Share		FY19		FY20	Change
Earnings per share (GAAP)	\$	3.71	\$	3.24	(13)%
Restructuring and related charges		0.12		0.42	9 %
Certain tax benefits		(0.14)		(0.20)	(2)%
Adjusted earnings per share*	\$	3.69	\$	3.46	(6)%
Earnings Per Share	-	/2020E Prior uidance		FY2021E	
Earnings per share (GAAP)		80 - \$2.95		~ \$3.11	
Restructuring and related charges	φ2.0	~ 0.40		~ \$3.11 ~ 0.28	
OSI purchase accounting		~ -		~ 0.06	
Adjusted earnings per share*	\$3.	20 - \$3.35		~ \$3.45	
EBIT Margin	Q	4 FY19		Q4 FY20	Change
Pretax margin (GAAP)		16.6 %	_	16.8 %	20 bps
Interest expense, net		0.8 %		0.9 %	10 bps
Earnings before interest and taxes margin*		17.4 %		17.7 %	30 bps
Restructuring and related charges		1.1 %		1.6 %	50 bps
Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes margin*		18.5 %	_	19.3 %	80 bps

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Automation Solutions Segment EBIT Margin		Q4 FY19	_	Q4 FY20	Change
Automation Solutions Segment EBIT margin (GAAP)	_	18.4 %		17.0 %	(140) bps
Restructuring charges impact		1.1 %		1.7 %	60 bps
Automation Solutions Adjusted Segment EBIT margin*		19.5 %		18.7 %	(80) bps
Depreciation / amortization		4.2 %		4.8 %	60 bps
Automation Solutions Adjusted Segment EBITDA margin*		23.7 %		23.5 %	(20) bps
Commercial & Residential EBIT Margin		Q4 FY19		Q4 FY20	Change
Commercial & Residential EBIT margin (GAAP)	_	20.8 %	_	20.7 %	(10) bps
Restructuring charges impact		0.8 %		1.4 %	60 bps
Commercial & Residential Adjusted EBIT margin*		21.6 %		22.1 %	50 bps
Depreciation / amortization		3.8 %		4.5 %	70 bps
Commercial & Residential Adjusted EBITDA margin*		25.4 %		26.6 %	120 bps
Q4 Cash Flow		Q4 FY19		Q4 FY20	% Change
Operating cash flow (GAAP)	\$	1,204	\$	1,229	2 %
Capital expenditures		(199)		(209)	— %
Free cash flow*	\$	1,005	\$	1,020	2 %
Cash Flow		FY 2019		FY 2020	% Change
Operating cash flow (GAAP)	\$	3,006	\$	3,083	3 %
Capital expenditures		(594)		(538)	3 %
Free cash flow*	\$	2,412	\$	2,545	6 %
FY 2021E Cash Flow		FY 2021E			
Operating cash flow (GAAP)		~ \$3,100			
Capital expenditures		~ (600)			
Free cash flow*		~ \$2,500			
Cash Flow to Net Earnings Conversion		Q4 FY20		FY20	
Operating cash flow to net earnings (GAAP)		168 %		155 %	
Capital expenditures		(28)%		(27)%	
Free cash flow to net earnings*		140 %		128 %	

Note: Underlying sales and orders exclude the impact of acquisitions, divestitures and currency translation.