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SurModics Reports Third Quarter 2011 Results Raising Earnings Guidance for Full Year Fiscal 2011

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minnesota – August 3, 2011 – SurModics, Inc. (Nasdaq: SRDX), a leading provider of drug delivery and surface modification technologies to the healthcare industry, today reported financial results for the third quarter ended June 30, 2011.

Third Quarter Summary:

- GAAP results:
 - Revenue of \$18.0 million, up 3% sequentially
 - Operating income of \$3.4 million
 - Net income of \$3.8 million
 - Diluted EPS of \$0.22
- Revenue summary:
 - o Royalties and license fees \$7.5 million, down 2% sequentially
 - Product sales \$5.8 million, unchanged sequentially
 - o R&D revenue \$4.6 million, up 15% sequentially
- Revenue by business unit:
 - Medical Device \$9.6 million, down 4% sequentially
 - o Pharmaceuticals \$5.0 million, up 19% sequentially
 - o In Vitro Diagnostics \$3.4 million, up 3% sequentially
- Non-GAAP results (assuming normalized effective tax rate):
 - Adjusted net income of \$2.3 million
 - Adjusted diluted EPS of \$0.13
- Operating profit by business unit:
 - o Medical Device \$4.5 million
 - o Pharmaceuticals (\$0.8) million
 - o In Vitro Diagnostics \$1.4 million
 - Corporate (\$1.7) million
- Operating cash flow of \$3.8 million
- Cash and investments of \$63.2 million; zero debt
- 5 new licenses signed with SurModics customers
- 2 new customer product classes launched by SurModics customers
- Updated guidance for fiscal year 2011:
 - Full year revenue in the range of \$65 to \$68 million; raising the low end of the previous range from \$63 to \$65 million
 - Non-GAAP diluted EPS in the range of \$0.28 to \$0.38 per share, up from the previous range of \$0.13 to \$0.26

o GAAP diluted EPS in the range of \$0.03 to \$0.13, compared to the previous range of a loss of (\$0.21) to a loss of (\$0.08)

"SurModics had a strong third quarter, delivering sequential growth in revenue and operating income of 3% and 69%, respectively," said Gary Maharaj, SurModics' president and chief executive officer. "Our renewed focus on our core businesses and disciplined execution in each business contributed to our success during the quarter. Furthermore, we were pleased with the underlying momentum of the business, led by the signing of five new license agreements in our Medical Device business including some in high growth strategic areas for SurModics, as well as the recent launch of our new assay diluent product in our IVD business. Having defined our core business in a crisp and clear manner, we are now actively implementing our strategic plan and are confident in our ability to reach our revised financial targets for the fiscal year. In addition, we are pleased with the progress we are making in our review of strategic alternatives for the Pharmaceuticals business."

Revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2011 was \$18.0 million, up 3% sequentially compared with \$17.5 million in the second quarter, driven by growth in our In Vitro Diagnostics and Pharmaceuticals businesses, offset slightly by lower revenue in our Medical Device business. Operating income was \$3.4 million, compared with \$2.0 million in the second quarter, driven by higher revenue and prudent expense management. Net income was \$3.8 million, compared with \$2.5 million in the second quarter. Diluted earnings per share was \$0.22, compared with \$0.14 in the second quarter. On a non-GAAP basis, assuming a normalized effective tax rate: adjusted net income was \$2.3 million, compared with \$1.5 million in the second quarter; and adjusted diluted earnings per share was \$0.13, compared with \$0.08 in the second quarter.

SurModics' cash and investment balance totaled \$63.2 million as of June 30, 2011, with no debt. Operating cash flow for the third quarter was \$3.8 million.

Outlook

As a result of better-than-expected nine-month results and our expectations for the remainder of the year, the Company is raising the low end of its full year expected revenue range from \$63 to \$65 million, and now expects its full year revenue to be between \$65 and \$68 million. Non-GAAP diluted EPS is now expected to be in the range

of \$0.28 to \$0.38 per share, up from our previous range of \$0.13 to \$0.26 per share. Including event-specific charges such as restructuring charges and goodwill impairment charges, GAAP diluted earnings per share is now expected to be in the range of \$0.03 to \$0.13, compared to our previous range of a loss of (\$0.21) to a loss of (\$0.08).

Live Webcast

SurModics will host a webcast at 5:00 p.m. ET (4:00 p.m. CT) today to discuss the quarterly results. To access the webcast, go to the investor relations portion of the Company's website at www.surmodics.com, and click on the webcast icon. A replay of the third quarter conference call will be available by dialing 800-406-7325 and entering conference call ID 4461515. The audio replay will be available beginning at 7:00 p.m. CT on Wednesday, August 3, until 7:00 p.m. CT on Wednesday, August 11.

About SurModics, Inc.

SurModics' vision is to extend and improve the lives of patients through technology innovation. The Company partners with the world's foremost medical device, pharmaceutical and life science companies to develop and commercialize innovative products that result in improved diagnosis and treatment for patients. Core offerings include: drug delivery technologies (coatings, microparticles, nanoparticles, and implants); surface modification coating technologies that impart lubricity, prohealing, and biocompatibility capabilities; and components for in vitro diagnostic test kits and specialized surfaces for cell culture and microarrays. SurModics is headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota and its SurModics Pharmaceuticals subsidiary is located in Birmingham, Alabama. For more information about the Company, visit www.surmodics.com. The content of SurModics' website is not part of this release or part of any filings the Company makes with the SEC.

Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Statements that are not historical or current facts, including statements about beliefs and expectations, such as our expectations regarding the Company's performance in the near- and long-term, including our revenues and earnings expectations for fiscal 2011, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, and important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated,

including (1) our ability to successfully complete our review of strategic alternatives for our Pharmaceuticals business; (2) our reliance on third parties (including our customers and licensees) and their failure to successfully develop, obtain regulatory approval for, market and sell products incorporating our technologies may adversely affect our business operations, our ability to realize the full potential of our pipeline, and our ability to achieve our corporate goals; and (3) the factors identified under "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, and updated in our subsequent reports filed with the SEC. These reports are available in the Investors section of our website at www.surmodics.com and at the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update them in light of new information or future events.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, SurModics is reporting non-GAAP financial results including non-GAAP revenue, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted net income per share. We believe that these non-GAAP measures provide meaningful insight into our operating performance excluding certain eventspecific charges, and provide an alternative perspective of our results of operations. We use non-GAAP measures, including those set forth in this release, to assess our operating performance and to determine payout under our executive compensation programs. We believe that presentation of certain non-GAAP measures allows investors to review our results of operations from the same perspective as management and our board of directors and facilitates comparisons of our current results of operations. The method we use to produce non-GAAP results is not in accordance with GAAP and may differ from the methods used by other companies. Non-GAAP results should not be regarded as a substitute for corresponding GAAP measures but instead should be utilized as a supplemental measure of operating performance in evaluating our business. Non-GAAP measures do have limitations in that they do not reflect certain items that may have a material impact upon our reported financial results. As such, these non-GAAP measures presented should be viewed in conjunction with both our financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP and the reconciliation of the

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supplemental non-GAAP financial measures to the comparable GAAP results provided for the specific periods presented, which are attached to this release.

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SurModics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except per share data)

		nths Ended ne 30,	Nine Months Ended June 30,		
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
	(Una	udited)	(Unau	dited)	
Revenue					
Royalties and license fees	\$ 7,529	\$ 9,356	\$ 22,787	\$ 26,333	
Product sales	5,839	5,769	16,449	15,586	
Research and development	4,599	3,483	11,393	12,430	
Total revenue	17,967	18,608	50,629	54,349	
Operating costs and expenses					
Product costs	1,704	2,388	5,813	6,820	
Customer research and development	4,379	4,642	14,141	12,748	
Other research and development	3,522	4,223	8,923	13,507	
Selling, general and administrative	4,916	4,944	14,998	13,667	
Asset impairment charges	_	191	_	2,265	
Restructuring charges	_	_	1,236	1,306	
Goodwill impairment charge			5,650		
Total operating expenses	14,521	16,388	50,761	50,313	
Income (loss) from operations	3,446	2,220	(132)	4,036	
Other income (loss)					
Investment income	319	539	899	1,120	
Impairment loss on investments		(2,577)		(2,577)	
Other income (loss)	319	(2,038)	899	(1,457)	
Income before income taxes	3,765	182	767	2,579	
Income tax benefit (provision)	77	(1,098)	(608)	(2,005)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 3,842	\$ (916)	\$ 159	\$ 574	
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.03	
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.03	
Weighted average shares outstanding					
Basic	17,437	17,360	17,409	17,373	
Diluted	17,529	17,360	17,456	17,385	

SurModics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

	June 30, September 3 2011 2010		
	(Una	audited)	
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 34,347	\$ 20,496	
Accounts receivable	9,166	8,987	
Inventories	3,735	3,047	
Other current assets	3,355	4,948	
Total current assets	50,603	37,478	
Property and equipment, net	63,842	65,395	
Long-term investments	28,899	36,290	
Other assets	30,105	31,116	
Total assets	\$ 173,449	\$ 170,279	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Current liabilities	\$ 7,523	\$ 7,647	
Other liabilities	8,050	8,273	
Total stockholders' equity	157,876	154,359	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 173,449	\$ 170,279	

SurModics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands)

Nine Months Ended June 30, 2011 2010 (Unaudited) Operating Activities: Net income \$ 159 \$ 574 5,397 5,950 Depreciation and amortization Stock-based compensation 3,239 4,192 Goodwill impairment charge 5,650 2,265 Asset impairment charges Impairment loss on investments 2,577 Deferred taxes (871)990 Net other operating activities (133)(268)Change in operating assets and liabilities 568 Accounts receivable (179)Accounts payable and accrued liabilities 531 (565)Income taxes 1,876 (2,796)Deferred revenue 872 2,881 (425)Net change in other operating assets and liabilities (751)15,020 16,713 Net cash provided by operating activities Investing Activities: Net purchases of property and equipment (3,279)(7,196)Payments related to prior business acquisitions (750)(5,650)Net other investing activities 518 (10,325)(8,411)(18,271)Net cash used in investing activities Financing Activities: 487 892 Issuance of common stock Purchase of common stock to fund employee taxes (9)(393)Repurchase of common stock (2,032)(41)72 Net other financing activities 437 (1,461)Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities 7,046 Net change in cash and cash equivalents (3,019)Cash and cash equivalents Beginning of period 11,391 11,636 \$ 18,437 8,617 End of period

SurModics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Supplemental Non-GAAP Information for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2011

(in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	As Reported GAAP ¹		Adjustments		Adjusted Non-GAAP ²	
Revenue						
Royalties and license fees	\$	7,529	\$	$(49)^3$	\$	7,480
Product sales		5,839				5,839
Research and development		4,599				4,599
Total revenue	\$	17,967	\$	(49)	\$	17,918
Income from operations	\$	3,446	\$	(49)	\$	3,397
Net income	\$	3,842	\$	(1,538)4	\$	2,304
Diluted net income per share ⁵	\$	0.22			\$	0.13

¹ Reflects operating results in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

² Adjusted Non-GAAP amounts consider adjustments in the period associated with up-front license fees received under certain of our customer agreements (including our agreement with Genentech) (long-term agreements), and certain other non-recurring or event-specific items recognized in the period in accordance with GAAP.

³ Reflects amortization of deferred revenue recognized in the period under GAAP associated with long-term agreements.

⁴ Non-GAAP results assume an effective tax rate of 38.0%.

⁵ Diluted net income per share is calculated using the diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the period presented.

SurModics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Supplemental Non-GAAP Information for the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2011

(in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	As Reported GAAP ¹	Adjustments	Adjusted Non-GAAP ²	
Revenue				
Royalties and license fees	\$ 22,787	\$ 103 ³	\$ 22,890	
Product sales	16,449		16,449	
Research and development	11,393		11,393	
Total revenue	\$ 50,629	\$ 103	\$ 50,732	
(Loss) income from operations	\$ (132)	\$ 6,662 ⁴	\$ 6,530	
Net income	\$ 159	\$ 4,447 ⁵	\$ 4,606	
Diluted net income per share ⁶	\$ 0.01		\$ 0.26	

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Reflects amortization of deferred revenue recognized in the period under GAAP associated with long-term agreements and amounts billed and deferred in the period associated with long-term agreements.

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Adjusted Non-GAAP amounts consider adjustments in the period associated with up-front license fees received under certain of our customer agreements (including our agreement with Genentech) (long-term agreements), and certain other non-recurring or event-specific items recognized in the period in accordance with GAAP.

⁴ Reflects restructuring charges of \$1,236, goodwill impairment charges of \$5,650, government grant income associated with qualifying therapeutic discovery projects of \$827, expenses of \$500 for certain non-recurring advisory services related to our 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, amortization of deferred revenue recognized in the period under GAAP associated with long-term agreements, and amounts billed and deferred in the period associated with long-term agreements.

⁵ Reflects the after tax impact of the adjustments. The Company's adjusted non-GAAP effective tax rate for the period was 38.0%. The goodwill impairment charges of \$5,650 did not generate a tax benefit.

⁶ Diluted net income per share is calculated using the diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the period presented.

SurModics, Inc. and Subsidiaries Supplemental Segment Information

(in thousands)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended June 30,

	20	2011		2010		
Revenue		% of Total		% of Total		
Medical Device	\$ 9,557	53.2%	\$11,684	62.8%	-18.2%	
Pharmaceuticals	4,970	27.7	3,711	19.9	33.9	
In Vitro Diagnostics	3,440	19.1	3,213	17.3	7.1	
Total revenue	\$17,967	100.0%	\$18,608	100.0%	-3.4%	

Nine Months Ended June 30,

	20	2011		2010		
Revenue		% of Total		% of Total		
Medical Device	\$29,342	58.0%	\$33,385	61.4%	-12.1%	
Pharmaceuticals	11,804	23.3	12,645	23.3	-6.7	
In Vitro Diagnostics	9,483	18.7	8,319	15.3	14.0	
Total revenue	\$50,629	100.0%	\$54,349	100.0%	-6.8%	

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Nine Months Ended June 30,				
		2011 2010		2011			2010	
Operating Income (Loss)								
Medical Device	\$	4,516	\$	5,837	\$	14,885	\$	15,799
Pharmaceuticals		(799)		(2,864)		(12,116)		(8,186)
In Vitro Diagnostics		1,426		1,212		3,323		2,572
Corporate		(1,697)		(1,965)		(6,224)		(6,149)
Total operating income (loss)	\$	3,446	\$	2,220	\$	(132)	\$	4,036