

Johnson Outdoors Reports Fiscal Third Quarter Results

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RACINE, Wis., Aug. 05, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Johnson Outdoors Inc. (Nasdaq:JOUT), a leading global innovator of outdoor recreation equipment and technology, today announced lower sales and earnings results for the Company's third fiscal quarter ending July 1, 2022.

"Markets are starting to moderate versus the unprecedented past two seasons that were driven by the pandemic. Our orders remain strong, and we're working hard to fill them as supply comes in. Managing ongoing global supply chain challenges, particularly in our Fishing business, remains our chief focus as we prioritize maximizing product build and shipments to customers," said Helen Johnson-Leipold, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "The power of our innovation and the strength of our brands continue to position Johnson Outdoors for long-term marketplace success."

THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

Total Company net sales in the third quarter declined 5 percent to \$203.8 million compared to the prior year's record-high third fiscal quarter. Key contributing factors include:

- Fishing sales declined by 12 percent driven primarily by ongoing supply chain disruptions
- Camping revenue increased 32 percent, including continued strong demand for both consumer tents and stoves
- Watercraft Recreation revenue grew 10 percent, driven by higher sales for the Sportsman line of products
- Diving sales increased 7 percent as more consumers resumed travel

Total Company operating profit was \$23.8 million for the third fiscal quarter versus \$38.1 million in the prior year third quarter. Gross margin of 36.1 percent was 9.6 points below the prior year quarter primarily due to increased materials costs driven by supply chain dynamics. Operating expenses of \$49.7 million decreased from the prior year period due primarily to the impact of lower sales volume-driven expenses, as well as lower variable and deferred compensation expense between quarters.

Net income was \$14.1 million, or \$1.38 per diluted share, versus \$28.8 million, or \$2.83 per diluted share in the previous year's third quarter.

YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS

Fiscal 2022 year-to-date net sales were \$547.0 million, a 7 percent decrease over last year's fiscal nine-month period. Total Company operating profit declined to \$53.0 million compared to \$97.7 million in the prior fiscal year-to-date period. Gross margin declined to 37.1 percent in the fiscal nine-month period versus 45.4 percent in the prior fiscal year-to-date period, primarily driven by increased material and inbound freight costs in the current year versus the prior year. Operating expenses were \$149.7 million in the nine-month period ending July 1, 2022, a decrease of \$18.4 million from the prior year-to-date period due primarily to lower sales volume direct expenses and lower deferred compensation expense between periods. Net income during the fiscal nine-month period was \$34.8 million, or \$3.42 per diluted share, versus \$76.5 million, or \$7.53 per diluted share, in the prior fiscal year-to-date period. The Company's effective tax rate increased to 25.9 percent in the current year period versus 25.3 percent in the prior year nine-month period.

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Company reported cash and short-term investments of \$117.6 million as of July 1, 2022. Depreciation and amortization were \$10.4 million in the nine-month period ending July 1, 2022, compared to \$10.0 million in the prior nine-month period. Capital spending totaled \$25.1 million in the current year-to-date period compared with \$15.5 million in the prior year period, due to additional capacity investments in the current year. In May 2022, the Company's Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of record as of July 14, 2022, which was payable July 28, 2022.

"To help mitigate supply chain disruptions, we have built up significantly higher levels of raw material and component inventory as we work to fulfill our strong order position. Our gross margins have been negatively impacted by supply chain constraints and related inflationary trends in the marketplace," said David W. Johnson, Chief Financial Officer. "Our strong balance sheet and cash position continue to enable us to invest in opportunities to strengthen the business and to deliver long-term value and consistently pay dividends to shareholders."

PRODUCT NEWS

Humminbird[®] received the "Best in Category Award for Electronics" at ICAST 2022, the world's most prestigious fishing show, with the brand's new MEGA Live Imaging TargetLock™ sonar technologyMEGA Live Imaging TargetLock, used in conjunction with the legendary Minn Kota Ultrex trolling motor and Humminbird MEGA Live Imaging, enables full trolling motor control while independently steering the MEGA Live transducer, making it easier to stay on and catch more fish. Humminbird innovation has captured 11 ICAST "Best of Electronics" awards in the past 12 years.

WEBCAST

The Company will host a conference call and audio web cast at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Friday, August 5, 2022. A live listen-only web cast of the conference call may be accessed at Johnson Outdoors' home page or here. A replay of the call will be available for 30 days on the Internet.

About Johnson Outdoors Inc.

JOHNSON OUTDOORS is a leading global innovator of outdoor recreation equipment and technologies that inspire more people to experience the awe of the great outdoors. The company designs, manufactures and markets a portfolio of winning, consumer-preferred brands across four categories: Watercraft Recreation, Fishing, Diving and Camping. Johnson Outdoors' iconic brands include: Old Town[®] canoes and kayaks; Ocean Kayak [™], Carlisle[®] paddles; Minn Kota[®] fishing motors, batteries and anchors; Cannon[®] downriggers; Humminbird[®] marine electronics and charts; SCUBAPRO[®] dive equipment; Jetboil[®] outdoor cooking systems; and, Eurekal[®] camping and hiking equipment.

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(thousands, except per share amounts)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED					NINE MONTHS ENDED		
Operating Results	July 1 2022		July 2 2021		July 1 2022		July 2 2021	
Net sales	\$ 203,819	\$	213,568	\$	546,966	\$	585,391	
Cost of sales	130,310		116,057		344,241		319,596	
Gross profit	73,509		97,511		202,725		265,795	
Operating expenses	49,710		59,412		149,737		168,103	
Operating profit:	23,799		38,099		52,988		97,692	
Interest income, net	(114)		(41)		(222)		(136)	
Other expense (income), net	4,669		(934)		6,167		(4,567)	
Income before income taxes	19,244		39,074		47,043		102,395	
Income tax expense	5,162		10,300		12,205		25,940	
Net income	\$ 14,082	\$	28,774	\$	34,838	\$	76,455	
Weighted average common shares outstanding - Dilutive	10,161		10,136		10,148		10,113	
Net income per common share - Diluted	\$ 1.38	\$	2.83	\$	3.42	\$	7.53	
Segment Results								
Net sales:							_	
Fishing	\$ 136,565	\$	155,348	\$	374,244	\$	442,363	
Camping	23,479		17,757		56,780		44,195	
Watercraft Recreation	21,872		19,873		59,481		50,094	
Diving	22,201		20,680		56,886		48,981	
Other/eliminations	(298)		(90)		(425)		(242)	
Total	\$ 203,819	\$	213,568	\$	546,966	\$	585,391	
Operating profit (loss):								
Fishing	\$ 16,553	\$	39,390	\$	44,166	\$	107,553	
Camping	4,998		4,305		12,867		10,075	
Watercraft Recreation	2,893		3,446		7,588		7,329	
Diving	2,412		1,978		4,074		384	
Other/eliminations	(3,057)		(11,020)		(15,707)		(27,649)	

Total	\$ 23,799	\$ 38,099	\$ 52,988	\$ 97,692
Balance Sheet Information (End of Period)				
Cash, cash equivalents and short term investments			\$ 117,567	\$ 249,016
Accounts receivable, net			103,244	94,750
Inventories, net			250,956	130,742
Total current assets			481,214	486,564
Total assets			675,842	659,395
Total current liabilities			117,028	132,715
Shareholders' equity			484,266	452,324

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