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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **IKONICS REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR RESULTS**

DULUTH, MN - IKONICS Corporation (NASDAQ:IKNX), a Duluth based imaging technology company, reported sales for 2009 of \$15,122,000, a 4.6% decrease compared to 2008. Income from operations declined by 10% for the year to \$870,000. Cash provided by operations grew by 22% to \$1,374,000 over 2008. Reported income for the year was adversely affected by the \$919,000 write off of the Company's investment in Imaging Technology International (iTi). After the write off, the loss for the year was \$307,000 or \$0.16 per share compared to income of \$814,000 or \$0.40 per share for 2008. The iTi write off was a non-cash event, and cash and cash equivalents grew by 45% during the year to \$1,305,000.

Sales for the fourth quarter declined by 1.5% to \$3,851,000, while earnings increased by 80% to \$202,000 or \$0.10 per share.

Bill Ulland, IKONICS CEO said, "Between the recession and the iTi failure, 2009 was a turbulent year for the Company. However, we remain financially very strong with no long term debt and a very healthy balance sheet. We made progress during the year on our new initiatives; we have now placed a digital texturing printer at a beta site where it is operating above expectation and is generating ongoing sales for us in ink jet fluids and substrates. We have found a replacement supplier for the digital texturing printer that is a much stronger and more experienced manufacturer. Recoveries in the aerospace and electronics industries are helping our other new initiatives. Our screen-print stencil business remains steady while the awards and recognition sector continues to be soft. On balance, I believe 2010 will be a good year for IKONICS, and that we have come out of 2009 a better company and a stronger competitor in our various markets."

This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding sales, gross profits, net earnings, and new products and businesses that involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results could differ materially as a result of domestic and global economic conditions, competitive market conditions, acceptance of new products, the ability to identify and make suitable acquisitions, the ability to control costs without impacting growth as well as the factors described in the Company's Form s 10-K, and 10-Q, and other reports on file with the SEC.

# IKONICS Corporation

## CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Three Months and Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Twelve Months Ended</b>	
	<b>12/31/09</b>	<b>12/31/08</b>	<b>12/31/09</b>	<b>12/31/08</b>
Net sales	\$3,851,241	\$3,910,794	\$ 15,121,617	\$15,854,484
Cost of goods sold	<u>2,229,117</u>	<u>2,429,329</u>	<u>9,054,771</u>	<u>9,228,187</u>
Gross profit	1,622,124	1,481,465	6,066,846	6,626,297
Operating expenses	<u>1,290,223</u>	<u>1,344,302</u>	<u>5,197,195</u>	<u>5,655,925</u>
Income from operations	331,901	137,163	869,651	970,372
Gain on sale of investment	-	-	29,762	24,550
Loss on investment	-	-	(918,951)	-
Interest income	<u>2,988</u>	<u>2,950</u>	<u>8,178</u>	<u>90,212</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	334,889	140,113	(11,360)	1,085,134
Income tax expense	<u>132,747</u>	<u>27,887</u>	<u>296,000</u>	<u>271,000</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 202,142</u>	<u>\$ 112,226</u>	<u>\$ (307,360)</u>	<u>\$ 814,134</u>
Earnings (loss) per common share-diluted	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.06</u>	<u>\$ (0.16)</u>	<u>\$ 0.40</u>
Average shares outstanding-diluted	1,969,420	2,005,053	1,973,739	2,053,733

## CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<b>12/31/09</b>	<b>12/31/08</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$ 6,417,488	\$ 5,562,130
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,234,244	5,602,063
Investment in non-marketable equity securities	-	918,951
Intangible assets	<u>345,540</u>	<u>403,285</u>
	<u>\$11,997,272</u>	<u>\$12,486,429</u>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities	\$ 809,186	\$ 909,789
Deferred income taxes	162,000	143,000
Long term debt	-	-
Stockholders' equity	<u>11,026,086</u>	<u>11,433,640</u>
	<u>\$11,997,272</u>	<u>\$12,486,429</u>

## CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<b>12/31/09</b>	<b>12/31/08</b>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$1,374,112	\$1,125,668
Net cash used in investing activities	(847,420)	(1,003,504)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(123,844)</u>	<u>(450,446)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	402,848	(328,282)
Cash at beginning of period	<u>901,738</u>	<u>1,230,020</u>
Cash at end of period	<u>\$1,304,586</u>	<u>\$ 901,738</u>