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Thermon Reports Third Quarter Fiscal 2012 Results

Company Announces Record Revenue of \$69 Million, Record Orders of \$84 Million, Record Backlog of \$102 Million, EPS Growth of 100% and Return on Equity of 42%

SAN MARCOS, Texas, Feb. 9, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Thermon Group Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:THR) ("Thermon" or the "Company") today announced consolidated financial results for the third quarter ended December 31, 2011. The Company posted record third quarter revenue of \$68.8 million, record orders of \$83.7 million, record EPS of \$0.22 and record Adjusted EPS of \$0.23 after adjustment for optional bond redemption expenses.

Highlights for the quarter include:

- Revenue growth of \$3.9 million or 6% year-over-year
- Gross profit growth of \$4.1 million or 14% year-over-year
- EPS of \$0.22 and Adjusted EPS of \$0.23
- Quarterly orders of \$83.7 million
- Backlog increased to \$102.2 million, an increase of \$22.4 million or 28% as compared to the prior year quarter
- Long-term debt reduced by \$4.3 million to \$139.1 million during Q3 2012. Overall, long-term debt has been reduced 34% in nine months.
- Return on equity of 42% measured by annualized Q3 Adjusted EBITDA

"Thermon demonstrated another strong fiscal quarter and our backlog is at an all time high. We would like to remind our investors that product installation timing is contingent upon completion of piping systems. This dynamic impacts the timing of our revenues as construction schedules fluctuate," said Rodney Bingham, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Our business continues to grow and we set several records in the current quarter including revenue, orders and EPS. As we move into the final quarter of our fiscal year we remain cautiously optimistic about our future," said Jay Peterson, Chief Financial Officer.

Third quarter revenue of \$68.8 million in Q3 2012 reflects growth of 6% compared to revenue of \$64.9 million in Q3 2011. The Company also experienced orders of \$83.7 million versus \$58.3 million year-over-year. Order growth was seen in both hemispheres with Western hemisphere increasing 69% and Eastern hemisphere increasing 12%. On a year-to-date basis the Company generated record revenue of \$201.5 million in fiscal 2012 reflecting growth of 13% compared to revenue of \$179.0 million year-to-date in fiscal 2011.

Gross margin percentage was 48.9% of revenue in Q3 2012, an increase of 3.3%, due primarily to a higher mix of MRO/UE (maintenance, repair, overhaul/upgrade and expansion) revenue in the current period. Operating expense as a percentage of revenue excluding amortization of intangible assets and management fees was 22% in both Q3 2012 and Q3 2011. Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees was \$18.7 million, an increase of \$2.2 million or 13% from \$16.5 million reported in Q3 2011, reflecting continued strong operating leverage.

On a year to date basis, gross margin percentage was 48.5% in fiscal 2012, an increase of 3.1% versus the prior year period excluding transaction charges. Operating expense as a percentage of revenue for the current nine-month-period excluding amortization of intangible assets and management fees was 26% versus 22% in the prior year period. Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees was a record of \$53.2 million in fiscal 2012, an increase of \$9.5 million or 21.5% versus fiscal 2011.

Record third quarter net income of \$6.9 million in Q3 2012 represented an improvement of \$3.9 million from income of \$3.0 million Q3 2011. Excluding transaction expenses, the Company generated record adjusted net income of \$7.2 million and \$0.23 per fully diluted common share in the current quarter. This performance reflects growth of \$3.3 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share, versus the \$0.14 generated in Q3 2011.

On a year-to-date basis, net income in fiscal 2012 was \$5.8 million, or \$0.19 per share, versus net loss of \$11.2 million in fiscal 2011. For the current nine month period after excluding transaction expenses, the Company generated a record adjusted net income of \$19.2 million and \$0.63 per fully diluted common share, an improvement of \$13.8 million versus the fiscal 2011 results.

As the capital structure of the Company was substantially different prior to the April 2010 acquisition of the Company sponsored by CHS Capital LLC (together with related transactions, the "CHS Transactions"), per share earnings of the nine month periods ended December 31, 2010 and 2011 are not comparable under GAAP. By applying the current nine month period 30.5 million fully diluted weighted average shares outstanding to adjusted net income for the nine month period ended December 31, 2010, which the Company believes provides the most comparable presentation, fully diluted adjusted earnings per common share would have been \$0.18.

In the first nine months of 2012, we have reduced our long term debt by \$70.9 million to \$139.1 million, saving the company approximately \$6.7 million per year in interest expense.

Adjustments to GAAP net income in both Q3 2011 and Q3 2012 are due to acquisition activities and capital market transactions, specifically the effects of the CHS Transactions on Q3 2011, and the effect of the optional redemption of our long-term debt in Q3 2012. See the tables titled "Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA excluding

management fees and Return on Equity" and "Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income and EPS" for additional details.

Conference Call and Webcast Information

Thermon's senior management team, including Rodney Bingham, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Jay Peterson, Chief Financial Officer, will discuss Q3 2012 results during a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time), which will be simultaneously webcast on Thermon's Investor Relations website located at <http://ir.thermon.com>. Investment community professionals interested in participating in the question-and-answer session may access the call by dialing (877) 312-5421 from within the United States/Canada and (253) 237-1121 from outside of the United States/Canada. A replay of the webcast will be available on Thermon's Investor Relations website beginning two hours after the conclusion of the call.

About Thermon

Through its global network, Thermon provides highly engineered thermal solutions, known as heat tracing, for process industries, including energy, chemical processing and power generation. Thermon's products provide an external heat source to pipes, vessels and instruments for the purposes of freeze protection, temperature maintenance, environmental monitoring and surface snow and ice melting. Thermon is headquartered in San Marcos, Texas. For more information, please visit www.thermon.com.

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Disclosure in this release to "Adjusted EPS" or "Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees," which are "non-GAAP financial measures" as defined under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), are intended as supplemental measures of our financial performance that are not required by, or presented in accordance with, U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). "Adjusted earnings per share (or EPS)" represents net income before certain transaction expenses and expenses related with debt redemptions, per fully-diluted common share. "Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees" represents net income (loss) before interest expense (net of interest income), income tax expense, depreciation and amortization expense and other non-cash charges such as stock-based compensation expense, transaction expenses incurred in connection with the CHS Transactions and our initial public offering, and other unusual transactions not associated with our ongoing operations, such as the loss on retirement of debt, as adjusted to further exclude management and termination fees paid to our private equity sponsors.

In connection with our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA, we have also presented a value for Return on Equity, which is also a Non-GAAP Financial Measure.

We believe these non-GAAP financial measures are meaningful to our investors to enhance their understanding of our financial performance and are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to compare our performance with the performance of other companies that report Adjusted EPS or Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted

EPS and Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees should be considered in addition to, not as substitutes for, income from operations, net income (loss), net income (loss) per share and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. Our calculation of Adjusted EPS and Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. For a description of how adjusted EPS and Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees are calculated from our net income (loss) and a reconciliation of our Adjusted EPS and Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees to net income (loss) per share and net income, respectively, see the sections of this release titled "Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees and Return on Equity" and "Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income and EPS."

Forward-Looking Statements

This release may include forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws in addition to historical information. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding our industry, business strategy, plans, goals and expectations concerning our market position, future operations, margins, profitability, capital expenditures, liquidity and capital resources and other financial and operating information. When used, the words "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "budget," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "will," "future" and similar terms and phrases are intended to identify forward-looking statements in this release. Forward-looking statements reflect our current expectations regarding future events, results or outcomes. These expectations may or may not be realized. Some of these expectations may be based upon assumptions, data or judgments that prove to be incorrect. In addition, our business and operations involve numerous risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could result in our expectations not being realized or otherwise materially affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Actual events, results and outcomes may differ materially from our expectations due to a variety of factors. Although it is not possible to identify all of these factors, they include, among others, (i) general economic conditions and cyclicity in the markets we serve; (ii) future growth of energy and chemical processing capital investments; (iii) changes in relevant currency exchange rates; (iv) our ability to comply with the complex and dynamic system of laws and regulations applicable to international operations; (v) a material disruption at any of our manufacturing facilities; (vi) our dependence on subcontractors and suppliers; (vii) our ability to obtain standby letters of credit, bank guarantees or performance bonds required to bid on or secure certain customer contracts; (viii) competition from various other sources providing similar heat tracing products and services, or other alternative technologies, to customers; (ix) our ability to attract and retain qualified management and employees, particularly in our overseas markets; (x) our ability to continue to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our liquidity needs; (xi) the extent to which federal, state, local and foreign governmental regulation of energy, chemical processing and power generation products and services limits or prohibits the operation of our business; and (xii) other factors discussed in more detail under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2011.

Our forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual results

and future performance may differ materially from those suggested in any forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update these statements unless we are required to do so under applicable securities laws.

Thermon Group Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(in Thousands)

	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
	(Unaudited) _____	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$19,776	\$51,266
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,405 and \$1,487 as of Dec. 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011, respectively	46,187	40,013
Inventories, net	40,143	31,118
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	2,283	2,063
Income taxes receivable	6,328	2,462
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	7,065	7,633
Deferred income taxes	1,684	2,779
Total current assets	123,466	137,334
Property, plant and equipment, net	25,381	21,686
Goodwill	116,438	120,750
Intangible assets, net	145,999	159,056
Debt issuance costs, net	7,472	11,573
Other noncurrent assets	—	633
	<u>\$418,756</u>	<u>\$451,032</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$21,592	\$18,573
Accrued liabilities	15,525	28,972
Obligations due to settle the CHS Transactions	3,550	4,213
Revolving lines of credit	9,000	2,063
Current portion of long term debt	—	21,000
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	2,634	1,110
Income taxes payable	—	7,934
Total current liabilities	52,301	83,865
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	139,145	189,000
Deferred income taxes	47,553	49,809
Other noncurrent liabilities	1,967	1,826
Common Stock	30	25
Additional paid in capital	187,906	131,416
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(987)	10,031

Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	<u>(9,159)</u>	<u>(14,940)</u>
Shareholders' equity	<u>177,790</u>	<u>126,532</u>
	<u>\$418,756</u>	<u>\$451,032</u>

Thermon Group Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations
(Unaudited, in Thousands except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2011	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010	Nine Months Ended Dec. 31, 2011	Nine Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010
	(Successor)	(Successor)	(Successor)	(Predecessor/ Successor Combined Non-GAAP)
Sales	\$68,837	\$64,941	\$201,478	\$178,968
Cost of sales	35,146	35,333	103,847	97,723
Fair value Adjustment	—	—	—	7,519
Gross profit	33,691	29,608	97,631	73,726
Operating expenses:				
Marketing, general and administrative and engineering	15,242	13,471	45,006	39,344
Stock compensation expense	58	734	6,456	734
Management fees (a)	—	500	8,141	1,412
Amortization of other intangible assets	2,809	3,700	8,572	15,341
Income from operations	15,582	11,203	29,456	16,895
Interest income	72	7	239	17
Interest expense	(3,867)	(5,055)	(11,924)	(17,389)
Acceleration of unamortized debt cost	(174)	—	(3,096)	(493)
Debt cost amortization	(162)	(525)	(1,003)	(5,458)
Loss on retirement of senior notes	(229)	—	(3,195)	—
Interest expense, net	(4,360)	(5,573)	(18,979)	(23,323)
CHS transaction expense	—	(818)	—	(21,606)
Miscellaneous income (expense)	(215)	(211)	(1,402)	300
Other income and (expense)	(215)	(1,029)	(1,402)	(21,306)
Income (loss) before provision for taxes	11,007	4,601	9,075	(27,734)
Income tax expense (benefit)	4,074	1,592	3,294	(16,507)
Net income (loss)	<u>\$6,933</u>	<u>\$3,009</u>	<u>\$5,781</u>	<u>\$(11,227)</u>
Net income (loss) per common share				
Basic income (loss) per share	\$0.23	\$0.12	\$0.20	(b)
Diluted income (loss) per share	\$0.22	\$0.11	\$0.19	(b)

Weighted –average shares used in computing net loss per common share:

Basic common shares	29,587	24,909	28,937	(b)
Fully-diluted common shares	31,216	27,557	30,480	(b)

(a) Management Fees for the nine months ended December 31, 2011 includes \$7.8 million in termination fees paid to our private equity sponsors at the completion of the IPO in Q1 2012. The fees were paid in settlement of the remaining term of the management services agreement that was in place prior to the IPO.

(b) Net loss per share for the nine months ended December 31, 2010 is not presented as the capital structure of the Company was substantially different prior to the CHS Transactions. Therefore, net loss per share during the nine months ended December 31, 2010 is not comparable under GAAP with the current nine month period. By applying the current nine month period 30.5 million diluted weighted average shares outstanding to the net loss during the nine months ended December 31, 2010, which we believe provides the most comparable presentation, diluted net loss per common share was \$(0.37).

Thermon Group Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees and Return on Equity

(Unaudited, in Thousands except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2011	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010	Nine Months Ended Dec. 31, 2011	Nine Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010
	(Successor)	(Successor)	(Successor)	(Predecessor / Successor Combined – Non GAAP)
Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees and Return on Equity				
Net income (loss)	\$6,933	\$3,009	\$5,781	\$(11,227)
Interest expense, net	4,360	5,573	18,979	23,323
Income tax expense (benefit)	4,074	1,592	3,294	(16,507)
Depreciation and amortization expense	3,285	4,228	10,623	24,432
EBITDA—non-GAAP basis	<u>\$18,652</u>	<u>\$14,402</u>	<u>\$38,677</u>	<u>\$20,021</u>
Stock compensation expense	58	734	6,457	734
Fees and expenses related to the CHS Transaction	–	818	–	21,606
Adjusted EBITDA—non-GAAP basis	<u>\$18,710</u>	<u>\$15,954</u>	<u>\$45,134</u>	<u>\$42,361</u>
Termination of management fee agreement with private equity sponsor	–	500	8,104	1,412
Adjusted EBITDA excluding management fees – non-GAAP basis	<u>\$18,710</u>	<u>\$16,454</u>	<u>\$53,238</u>	<u>\$43,773</u>
Adjusted EBITDA – Annualized for a full fiscal year	<u>\$74,840</u>			
Total shareholders' equity at December 31, 2011	<u>\$177,790</u>			
Return on Equity – non-GAAP basis	<u>42%</u>			

Thermon Group Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income and EPS

(Unaudited, in Thousands except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2011	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010	Nine Months Ended Dec. 31, 2011	Nine Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010	
Adjusted Net Income and EPS	(Successor)	(Successor)	(Successor)	(Predecessor/ Successor- Combined)	Adjustment to:
GAAP net income (loss)	\$6,933	\$3,009	\$5,781	\$(11,227)	
Fair value adjustment to gross profit	-	-	-	7,519	Cost of Sales
Acceleration of stock compensation in connection with the IPO	-	-	6,341	-	Operating expense
Management fees which terminated at the IPO	-	500	8,105	1,412	Operating expense
Transaction expenses related to the CHS Transactions	-	818	-	21,606	Miscellaneous expense
Premium paid on redemption of long term debt	229	-	3,195	-	Loss on retirement of debt
Acceleration of unamortized debt costs due to optional redemptions of long term debt	174	-	3,096	4,932	Loss on retirement of debt
Discrete tax items related to the CHS Transactions	-	-	-	(6,339)	Income tax benefit
Tax effect of financial adjustments	\$(141)	\$(464)	\$(7,278)	\$(12,457)	Income tax benefit
	\$7,195	\$3,863	\$19,240	\$5,446	
Adjusted fully-diluted earnings per common share	\$0.23	\$0.14	\$0.63	\$0.18	
Fully-diluted common shares	31,216	27,557	30,480	30,480	

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