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Microchip Technology Declares Quarterly Cash Dividend of 35.35 Cents Per Share

CHANDLER, Ariz.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Microchip Technology Incorporated (NASDAQ: MCHP), a leading provider of microcontroller, mixed-signal, analog and Flash-IP solutions, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of 35.35 cents per share. The dividend is payable on June 4, 2013 to stockholders of record on May 21, 2013. Microchip initiated quarterly cash dividend payments in the third quarter of fiscal year 2003 and has increased its dividend 37 times since its inception.

“Microchip’s fourth quarter of fiscal 2013 financial performance was outstanding. We grew our cash and investments balance to $1.84 billion at March 31, 2013, and our cash generation continues to be very strong,” said Steve Sanghi, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. “Our Board of Directors authorized an increase in our quarterly cash dividend to a record 35.35 cents per share, which continues to reflect our ongoing commitment to returning value to stockholders.”

Cautionary Statement:

The statements contained in this release relating to cash generation continuing to be very strong and our commitment to returning value to our stockholders are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including, but not limited to: actual cash flows generated from and used in the operation of our business; actual or projected levels of capital expenditures; our balance of cash and investments and whether such cash and investments are in the U.S. or foreign accounts; the tax impact of distributing accumulated earnings and profits held by our foreign subsidiaries to the U.S.; changes in the tax rates that our stockholders pay on our dividends; the impact of any significant acquisitions we may make; our ability to realize the expected benefits of our SMSC acquisition, changes in demand or market acceptance of our products and the products of our customers; the mix of inventory we hold and our ability to satisfy short-term orders from our inventory; changes in utilization of our manufacturing capacity and our ability to effectively manage our production levels; our ability to control the level of operating expenses relative to our level of revenues; competitive developments including pricing pressures; the level of orders that are received and can be shipped in a quarter; the level of sell-through of our products through distribution; changes or fluctuations in customer order patterns and seasonality; costs and outcome of any current or future tax audit or any litigation involving intellectual property, customers or other issues; disruptions in our business or the businesses of our customers or suppliers due to natural disasters (including any floods in Thailand), terrorist activity, armed conflict, war, worldwide oil prices and supply, public health concerns or disruptions in the transportation system; and general economic, industry or political conditions in the United States or internationally.

For a detailed discussion of these and other risk factors, please refer to Microchip's filings on Forms 10-K and 10-Q. You can obtain copies of Forms 10-K and 10-Q and other relevant documents for free at Microchip's website (www.microchip.com) or the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or from commercial document retrieval services.

Stockholders of Microchip are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date such statements are made. Microchip does not undertake any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or new information after this May 2, 2013 press release, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

About Microchip:

Microchip Technology Incorporated is a leading provider of microcontroller, mixed-signal, analog and Flash-IP solutions, providing low-risk product development, lower total system cost and faster time to market for thousands of diverse customer applications worldwide. Headquartered in Chandler, Arizona, Microchip offers outstanding technical support along with dependable delivery and quality. For more information, visit the Microchip website at www.microchip.com.

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