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#### **TriQuint Announces Third Quarter 2011 Results**

HILLSBORO, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. (NASDAQ:TQNT), a leading RF solutions supplier and technology innovator, announces its financial results for the guarter ended October 1, 2011, including the following highlights:

- Revenues for the quarter were \$216.0 million: revenues for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 were \$669.1 million
- GAAP net income for the guarter was \$16.2 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share
- Non-GAAP net income for the quarter was \$19.0 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share
- Recognized in Fortune magazine's "100 Fastest Growing Companies" annual list
- Earned the "Green Partner" Award from Huawei
- Released the world's first 40G SMT optical network differential driver

Commenting on the results for the quarter ended October 1, 2011, Ralph Quinsey, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "TriQuint's long term growth story remains intact. Mobile broadband and high performance RF are some of the most exciting growth markets in the world today. At TriQuint we are helping customers define the next generation of RF solutions. Additionally, we are investing in the capacity and capability required for future growth. I firmly believe these investments will lead to superior and sustainable long term financial performance for the company."

#### Summary Financial Results for the Three and Nine Months Ended October 1, 2011:

Revenues for the third quarter of 2011 were \$216.0 million, down 9% from the third quarter of 2010 and down 6% sequentially. Revenues for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 were \$669.1 million, up 7% from the nine months ended October 2, 2010. Mobile Devices revenue grew 14% over last year on a year to date basis.

#### **GAAP**

Gross margin for the third quarter of 2011 was 34.9%, down from 41.3% in the third quarter of 2010 and down sequentially from 40.3%. Gross margin for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 was 38.1%, compared to 40.3% for the same period in 2010.

Operating expenses for the third quarter of 2011 were \$63.3 million, or 29% of revenue, up from \$59.1 million in the third quarter of 2010 but down from \$70.9 million in the previous quarter. Operating expenses for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 were \$201.3 million, up from \$173.1 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2010.

Net income for the third quarter of 2011 was \$16.2 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share, relatively consistent with the second quarter of 2011. Net income for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 was \$45.2 million or \$0.26 per diluted share.

#### Non-GAAP

Gross margin for the third quarter was 36.3%, down from 42.3% in the third quarter of 2010 and down sequentially from 41.4%. The decline was largely due to product ramp related costs and product mix. Gross margin for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 was 39.3% down from 41.3% for the nine months ended October 2, 2010.

Operating expenses for the quarter were \$58.7 million or 27% of revenue, down from \$65.6 million in the prior quarter. Operating expenses for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 were \$187.5 million or 28% of revenue.

Net income for the third quarter of 2011 was \$19.0 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, down sequentially from \$0.17 per diluted share and down from \$0.28 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2010. Net income for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 was \$74.0 million, or \$0.43 per diluted share.

Please see the discussion of non-GAAP financial measures below and the attached supplemental schedule for a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measures.

#### Outlook:

The Company believes fourth quarter revenues will be between \$215 million and \$225 million. During the fourth quarter, we expect lower factory utilization as we burn through excess inventory and weak product mix to drive gross margin of 32% to 34%. Fourth quarter non-GAAP net income is expected to be between \$0.06 and \$0.08 per share. The Company is 90% booked to the midpoint of revenue guidance.

#### Additional Information Regarding October 1, 2011 Results:

GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures are presented in the tables below (in millions, except for percentage and per share information). Non-GAAP financial measures are reconciled to the corresponding GAAP financial measures in the financial statement portion of this press release.

GAAP RESULTS																	
		Three Months Ended											Nine Months Ended				
	_	Q3 2011	c	22 2011	9	<u>Change</u> vs. Q2 2011	c	3 2010	9	<u>Change</u> vs. Q3 2010	_	Q3 2011	c	Q3 2010		<u>Change</u> vs. Q3 2010	
Revenue	\$	216.0	\$	228.8		(6)%	\$	237.0		(9)%	\$	669.1	\$	625.3		7%	
Gross Profit	\$	75.4	\$	92.1		(18)%	\$	98.0		(23)%	\$	254.9	\$	251.9		1%	
Gross Margin %		34.9%		40.3%		(5.4)%		41.3%		(6.4)%		38.1%		40.3%		(2.2)%	
Op Income	\$	12.0	\$	21.3		(44)%	\$	38.9		(69)%	\$	53.6	\$	78.8		(32)%	
Net Income	\$	16.2	\$	16.6		(2)%	\$	112.2		(86)%	\$	45.2	\$	148.3		(70)%	
Diluted EPS	\$	0.09	\$	0.10	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.69	\$	(0.60)	\$	0.26	\$	0.92	\$	(0.66)	

### NON-GAAP RESULTS A

	Three Months Ended											<u>Nin</u>	Nine Months Ended			
		23 2011	c	2 2011	_	<u>Change</u> vs. Q2 2011	C	23 2010		<u>Change</u> vs. Q3 2010	_	23 2011	C	Q3 2010		<u>Change</u> vs. Q3 2010
Revenue	\$	216.0	\$	228.8		(6)%	\$	237.0		(9)%	\$	669.1	\$	625.3		7%
Gross Profit	\$	78.3	\$	94.8		(17)%	\$	100.3		(22)%	\$	262.8	\$	258.5		2%
Gross Margin %		36.3%		41.4%		(5.1)%		42.3%		(6.0)%		39.3%		41.3%		(2.0)%
Op Income	\$	19.6	\$	29.2		(33)%	\$	44.3		(56)%	\$	75.3	\$	95.4		(21)%
Net Income	\$	19.0	\$	28.9		(34)%	\$	44.2		(57)%	\$	74.0	\$	94.9		(22)%
Diluted EPS	\$	0.11	\$	0.17	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.28	\$	(0.17)	\$	0.43	\$	0.59	\$	(0.16)

A Excludes stock based compensation charges, non-cash tax expense, certain entries associated with acquisitions, and other specifically identified non-routine transactions.

#### **Conference Call:**

TriQuint will host a conference call this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. PDT to discuss the results for the quarter and our future expectations for the company. To access the conference call, please dial (888) 813-6582 domestically, or (706) 643-7082 internationally, approximately ten minutes prior to the beginning of the call, using passcode 15587215. The call can also be heard via webcast accessed through the "Investors" section of TriQuint's web site at: <a href="https://www.triquint.com/investors/events">www.triquint.com/investors/events</a>. A replay of the conference call will be available until November 2, 2011.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures:**

This press release provides financial measures for non-GAAP net income, diluted earnings per share, gross profit, operating expenses and operating income that exclude equity compensation expense, non-cash tax expense, certain entries associated with acquisitions, and other specifically identified non-routine items, and are therefore not calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). The non-cash tax expense excludes certain deferred tax charges and benefits that do not result in a tax payment or tax refund. Management believes that these non-GAAP financial

measures provide meaningful supplemental information that enhances management's and investors' ability to evaluate TriQuint's operating results.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to be used in isolation and should not be considered a substitute for any other performance measure determined in accordance with GAAP. Investors and potential investors are cautioned that there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures as an analytical tool, including that other companies may calculate similar non-GAAP financial measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as a comparative tool. The company compensates for these limitations by providing specific information regarding the GAAP amount excluded from the non-GAAP financial measures. The company further compensates for the limitations of our use of non-GAAP financial measures by presenting comparable GAAP measures more prominently. Investors and potential investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures contained within this press release with our GAAP net income and net income per share.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements:**

This press release contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements regarding TriQuint's anticipated revenues, non-GAAP net income and our bookings to revenue; TriQuint's factory utilization and product mix; expected litigation charges; the impact of our investments in increased capacity; the opportunity to be at the leading edge of RF solutions; growth in demand for TriQuint's products; RF content expansion in smartphones; and expected market growth. These forward-looking statements are statements of management's opinion and are subject to various assumptions, risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances. Actual results may vary materially from those expressed or implied in the statements herein or from historical results, due to changes in economic, business, competitive, technological and/or regulatory factors. More detailed information about risk factors that may affect actual results are set forth in TriQuint's reports on Form 10-K and 10-Q and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These reports can be accessed at the SEC web site, <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. Except as required by law, TriQuint undertakes no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to these forward-looking statements.

A reader of this release should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all risk factors and should not consider the risk factors described in TriQuint's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties.

#### **Facts About TriQuint**

Founded in 1985, TriQuint Semiconductor (NASDAQ: TQNT) is a leading RF solutions supplier and technology innovator for the world's top communications, defense and aerospace companies. People and organizations around the world need real-time, all-the-time connections; TriQuint products help reduce the cost and increase the performance of connected mobile devices and the networks that deliver critical voice, data and video communications. With the industry's broadest technology portfolio, recognized R&D leadership, and expertise in high-volume manufacturing, TriQuint creates standard and custom products using gallium arsenide (GaAs), gallium nitride (GaN), surface acoustic wave (SAW) and bulk acoustic wave (BAW) technologies. The company has ISO9001-certified manufacturing facilities in the U.S., production in Costa Rica, and design centers in North America and Germany. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.triquint.com">www.triquint.com</a>.

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# TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Octob	er 1, 2011	Ju	ly 2, 2011	October	2, 2010
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$	147,224	\$	180,855	\$	187,170
Accounts receivable, net		140,144		135,394		141,795
Inventories		159,330		137,358		103,346
Other current assets		72,363		79,348		75,260
Total current assets		519,061	_	532,955		507,571

Property, plant and equipment, net	451,642	419,807	309,914
Other, net	 85,661	85,200	84,013
Total assets	\$ 1,056,364	\$1,037,962	\$ 901,498
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 109,522	\$ 107,502	\$ 112,826
Other accrued liabilities	 11,731	13,315	13,647
Total current liabilities	121,253	120,817	126,473
Long-term income tax liability	2,183	5,167	9,247
Other long-term liabilities	10,096	10,401	8,878
Total liabilities	133,532	136,385	144,598
Stockholders' equity	922,832	901,577	756,900
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,056,364	\$1,037,962	\$ 901,498

## TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended						Nine Months Ended			
		ober 1, 011		July 2, 2011	Oc	tober 2, 2010	00	ctober 1, 2011	0	ctober 2, 2010
Revenues	\$ 21	5,988	\$2	228,785	\$ 2	236,998	\$	669,096	\$	625,314
Cost of goods sold	14	10,632	1	36,643		139,039		414,204		373,373
Gross profit	7	75,356		92,142		97,959		254,892		251,941
Operating expenses:										
Research, development and engineering	3	36,479		37,955		32,978		110,910		96,397
Selling, general and administrative	2	22,799		25,386		23,308		73,415		71,594
Litigation expense		4,058		7,512		2,807		16,968	_	5,133
Total operating expenses	6	3,336		70,853		59,093		201,293		173,124
Operating income		2,020		21,289		38,866		53,599		78,817
Other (expense) income:										
Interest income		40		106		85		249		308
Interest expense		(367)		(354)		(189)		(1,107)		(559)
Foreign currency (loss) gain		(309)		87		(202)		(278)		(411)
Recovery of investment		360		356		_		867		_
Other, net		7_	_	71_		248_		101_	_	316
Other (expense) income, net		(269)		266		(58)		(168)		(346)
Income before income tax		1,751	_	21,555		38,808		53,431		78,471
Income tax (benefit) expense		(4,464)	_	4,990		(73,367)		8,212		(69,872)
Net income	\$ 1	6,215	\$	16,565	\$	112,175	\$	45,219	\$	148,343
Per Share Data:										
Basic per share net income	\$	0.10	\$	0.10	\$	0.72	\$	0.28	\$	0.96
Diluted per share net income	\$	0.09	\$	0.10	\$	0.69	\$	0.26	\$	0.92

Basic 164,812 164,110 155,734 163,773 154,737 Diluted 171,027 173,518 162,653 173,082 161,146

### TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited) (% of revenue)

	Three	Months	Ended	Nine Months Ended			
	October 1, 2011	July 2, 2011	October 2, 2010	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010		
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Cost of goods sold	65.1%	59.7%	58.7%_	61.9%	59.7%_		
Gross profit	34.9%	40.3%	41.3%	38.1%	40.3%		
Operating expenses:							
Research, development and engineering	16.9%	16.6%	13.9%	16.6%	15.4%		
Selling, general and administrative	10.6%	11.1%	9.8%	11.0%	11.4%		
Litigation expense	1.8%	3.3%	1.2%	2.5%	0.8%		
Total operating expenses	29.3%	31.0%	24.9%	30.1%	27.7%		
Operating income	5.6%	9.3%	16.4%	8.0%	12.6%		
Other (expense) income:							
Interest income	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%		
Interest expense	(0.2)%	(0.2)%	(0.1)%	(0.2)%	(0.1)%		
Foreign currency (loss) gain	(0.1)%	0.0%	(0.1)%	(0.0)%	(0.1)%		
Recovery of investment	0.2%	0.2%	—%	0.1%	—%		
Other, net	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%		
Other (expense) income, net	(0.1)%	0.1%	(0.0)%	(0.0)%	(0.1)%		
Income before income tax	5.5%	9.4%	16.4%	8.0%	12.5%		
Income tax (benefit) expense	(2.0)%	2.2%	(30.9)%	1.2%	(11.2)%		
Net income	7.5%	7.2%	47.3%	6.8%	23.7%		

## TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. **SUPPLEMENTAL RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP RESULTS**(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

		hree Mor	nths End	Nine Months Ended						
	October 1, 2011		July 2, 2011		October	2, 2010	October	1, 2011	October 2, 2010	
	(% of rev	/enues)	(% of rev	/enues)	(% of rev	enues)	(% of rev	enues)	(% of rev	enues)
GAAP GROSS PROFIT	\$75,356	34.9 %	\$92,142	40.3 %	\$ 97,959	41.3 %	\$254,892	38.1 %	\$251,941	40.3 %
Adjustment for stock based compensation charges Adjustment for charges associated with acquisitions:	1,906	0.9 %	1,585	0.7 %	1,321	0.6 %	4,710	0.7 %	3,407	0.5 %
Amortization of intangible assets	1,079	0.5 %	1,079	0.4 %	1,039	0.4 %		0.5 %		0.5 %
NON-GAAP GROSS PROFIT	\$78,341	36.3 %	\$94,806	41.4 %	\$100,319	42.3 %	\$262,826	39.3 %	\$258,472	41.3 %

GAAP OPERATING EXPENSES	\$63,336	29.3 %	\$70,853	31.0 %	\$ 59,093	24.9 %	\$201,293	30.1 %	\$173,124	27.7 %
Adjustment for stock based compensation charges Adjustment for charges	(4,230)	(1.9)%	(5,716)	(2.5)%	(3,336)	(1.4)%	(13,632)	(2.0)%	(9,532)	(1.5)%
associated with acquisitions: Change in estimate of earnout liability Writeoff IPR&D for	_	— %	681	0.3 %	467	0.2 %	681	0.1 %	467	0.1 %
abandoned development effort  Amortization of intangible	(186)	(0.1)%	_	— %	_	— %	(186)	— %	_	— %
assets	(195)	(0.1)%	(208)	(0.1)%	(213)	(0.1)%	(619)	(0.1)%	(1,011)	(0.2)%
NON-GAAP OPERATING EXPENSES	\$58,725	27.2 %	\$65,610	28.7 %	\$ 56,011	23.6 %	\$187,537	28.1 %	\$163,048	26.1 %
GAAP OPERATING INCOME Adjustment for stock based	\$12,020	5.6 %	\$21,289	9.3 %	\$ 38,866	16.4 %	53,599	8.0 %	78,817	12.6 %
compensation charges	6,136	2.8 %	7,301	3.2 %	4,657	2.0 %	18,342	2.7 %	12,939	2.1 %
Adjustment for charges associated with acquisitions	1,460	0.7 %	606	0.2 %	785	0.3 %	3,348	0.5 %	3,668	0.6 %
NON-GAAP OPERATING INCOME	\$19,616	9.1 %	\$29,196	12.7 %	\$ 44,308	18.7 %	\$ 75,289	11.2 %	\$ 95,424	15.3 %
GAAP NET INCOME	\$16,215	7.5 %	\$16,565	7.2 %	\$112,175	47.3 %	\$ 45,219	6.8 %	\$148,343	23.7 %
Adjustment for stock based compensation charges	6,136	2.8 %	7,301	3.2 %	4,657	2.0 %	18,342	2.7 %	12,939	2.1 %
Adjustment for recovery of investment	(360)	(0.2)%	(356)	(0.2)%	_	— %	(867)	(0.1)%	_	— %
Adjustment for non-cash tax (benefit) expense	(4,470)	(2.0)%	4,734	2.1 %	(73,511)	(31.0)%	7,868	1.2 %	(70,341)	(11.2)%
Adjustment for charges associated with acquisitions	1,482	0.7 %	628	0.3 %	873	0.3 %	3,432	0.5 %	3,995	0.6 %
NON-GAAP NET INCOME	\$19,003		\$28,872		\$ 44,194		\$ 73,994	11.1 %		15.2 %
GAAP DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.09		\$ 0.10	,	\$ 0.69		\$ 0.26		\$ 0.92	
Adjustment for stock based	ψ 0.03		Ψ 0.10	,	ψ 0.03		ψ 0.20		ψ 0.32	
compensation charges	0.04		0.04		0.02		0.11		0.08	
Adjustment for recovery of investment	(0.00)		(0.00)		_		(0.01)		_	
Adjustment for non-cash	, ,		, ,		(6.1.1)				(2.45)	
tax (benefit) expense Adjustment for charges	(0.03)		0.03		(0.44)		0.05		(0.42)	
associated with acquisitions	0.01	•	0.00		0.01		0.02		0.02	
NON-GAAP DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.11		\$ 0.17	;	\$ 0.28		\$ 0.43		\$ 0.59	

Our earnings release contains forward looking estimates of non-GAAP gross margin and diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2011. We provide these non-GAAP measures on a prospective basis for the same reasons that we provide them to investors on a historical basis. The following table provides a reconciliation of GAAP gross margin and diluted earnings per share to non-GAAP gross margin and diluted earnings per share for Q4 2011 based on the mid-point of guidance.

Forward Looking GAAP Gross Margin	31.6%
Adjustment for stock based compensation charges	0.9%
Adjustment for charges associated with acquisitions	0.5%
Forward Looking non-GAAP Gross Margin	33.0%

Forward Looking GAAP Diluted Earnings per Share	\$(0.02)
Adjustment for stock based compensation charges	0.04
Adjustment for non-cash tax expense	0.04
Adjustment for charges associated with acquisitions	0.01
Forward Looking non-GAAP Diluted Earnings per Share	\$ 0.07

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