

Quanex Building Products Announces Third Quarter 2017 Results

EPS Improves Year-over-Year Margin Expansion Continues in Cabinet Components Segment Strong Free Cash Flow Generation Allows \$22 Million of Debt Repayment

HOUSTON, TEXAS – September 6, 2017 - **Quanex Building Products Corporation** (NYSE:NX) ("Quanex" or the "Company") today announced its results for the quarter ended July 31, 2017.

Bill Griffiths, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Overall, third quarter revenues came in a little softer than expected; however, we realized significant earnings per share growth and our consolidated Adjusted EBITDA margin percentage improved. In addition, strong cash flow generation during the quarter enabled us to repay more than \$22 million in outstanding debt and we expect to generate even stronger cash flow in the fourth quarter. Looking ahead, the recent promotion of George Wilson to the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer will allow me to spend more time concentrating on strategy while he builds on the progress we have made towards operational excellence, margin expansion and cash flow generation, all of which will contribute toward the goal of further enhancing and creating value for our shareholders."

Third Quarter 2017 Results Summary

The Company reported net sales of \$229.4 million for the three months ended July 31, 2017, compared to \$248.1 million for the three months ended July 31, 2016. Similar to the first and second quarters of 2017, the decrease was primarily attributable to Quanex's previously disclosed decision to exit product lines and less profitable business that does not meet the Company's financial objectives. (See Sales Analysis table for additional information)

Net income increased to \$10.2 million, or \$0.29 per diluted share, during the third quarter of 2017, compared to a net loss of \$4.0 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2016. Adjusted EBITDA decreased slightly to \$32.2 million during the third quarter of 2017, compared to \$33.1 million during the third quarter of 2016, but consolidated Adjusted EBITDA margin percentage increased by approximately 70 basis points. (See Non-GAAP Terminology Definitions and Disclaimers section and Selected Segment Data table for additional information)

Cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended July 31, 2017, was \$29.6 million, compared to \$25.2 million during the same period of 2016. Quanex generated Free Cash Flow of \$20.0 million during the third quarter of 2017, representing an increase of approximately 20% compared to the third quarter of 2016. As of July 31, 2017, the Company's leverage ratio of Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA was 2.5x. As expected, Quanex's leverage ratio decreased quarter-over-quarter largely as a result of the repayment of approximately \$22 million in debt. The Company remains focused on generating Free Cash Flow to pay down debt and continues to anticipate a further improvement in the leverage ratio by year-end 2017. (See Free Cash Flow Reconciliation table and Non-GAAP Terminology Definitions and Disclaimers section for additional information)

	Three Months Ended July 31, 2017				Three Months Ended July 31, 201							
	F	Results					F	Results				
(\$ in thousands, except per share data)	ı	Before			A	djusted		Before			Αd	justed
	Adj	ustments	Adju	stments	R	lesults	Adj	ustments	Adju	stments	R	esults
Net sales	\$	229,367	\$	-	\$	229,367	\$	248,085	\$	-	\$ 2	248,085
Cost of sales (1)		176,758		-		176,758		186,631		(67)		186,564
Selling, general and administrative (2)		20,478		(35)		20,443		28,551		(109)		28,442
Restructuring charges (3)		864		(864)		-						-
EBITDA		31,267		899		32,166		32,903		176		33,079
Depreciation and amortization (4)		13,915		(1,277)		12,638		12,973		-		12,973
Operating income (loss)		17,352		2,176		19,528		19,930		176		20,106
Interest expense (5)		(2,575)		-		(2,575)		(22,200)		16,677		(5,523)
Other, net (6)		46		(39)		7		(2,523)		2,239		(284)
Income (loss) before income taxes		14,823		2,137		16,960		(4,793)		19,092		14,299
Income tax (expense) benefit (7)		(4,608)		(860)		(5,468)		817		(5,910)		(5,093)
Net income (loss)	\$	10,215	\$	1,277	\$	11,492	\$	(3,976)	\$	13,182	\$	9,206
Diluted earnings (loss) per share (8)	\$	0.29			\$	0.33	\$	(0.12)			\$	0.27

- (1) Cost of sales adjustment relates solely to purchase price accounting inventory step-up impact from HL Plastics acquisition. (2) SG&A adjustments are for acquisition related transaction costs.
- (3) Restructuring charges relate to the closure of several manufacturing plant facilities.
- (4) D&A adjustments relate to accelerated depreciation and amortization for restructured PP&E and intangible assets.
- (5) Interest expense adjustments relate to write off of deferred loan costs, unamortized original issuance discount, and prepayment call premium related to debt refinance.
- (6) Other, net adjustments relate to foreign currency transaction (gains) losses. (7) Effective tax rate reflects impacts of adjustments on a with and without basis.
- (8) Adjusted EPS for 2016 is calculated using diluted shares outstanding of 34.5 million, respectively.

Recent Events

Quanex's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.04 per share on the Company's common stock, payable September 29, 2017, to shareholders of record on September 18, 2017.

During the third quarter of 2017, Quanex transferred operating responsibility of two wood-based accessory plants from the North American Engineered Components segment to the North American Cabinet Components segment. These moves have been contemplated since the Company acquired Woodcraft and better align manufacturing capability and capacity. (See Segment Reconciliation table for additional information)

Conference Call and Webcast Information

The Company has scheduled a conference call for Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. ET (10:00 a.m. CT). To participate in the conference call dial (877) 388-2139 for domestic callers and (541) 797-2983 for international callers, in both cases using the conference passcode 66331845, and ask for the Ouanex call a few minutes prior to the start time. A link to the live audio webcast will also be available on the Company's website at http://www.quanex.com in the Investors section under Presentations & Events. A telephonic replay of the call will be available approximately two hours after the live broadcast ends and will be accessible through September 14, 2017. To access the replay dial (855) 859-2056 for domestic callers and (404) 537-3406 for international callers, in both cases referencing conference passcode 66331845.

About Quanex

Quanex Building Products Corporation is an industry-leading manufacturer of components sold to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the building products industry. Quanex designs and produces energy-efficient fenestration products in addition to kitchen and bath cabinet components.

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Non-GAAP Terminology Definitions and Disclaimers

EBITDA (defined as net income or loss before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and other, net) and Adjusted EBITDA (defined as EBITDA further adjusted to exclude purchase price accounting inventory step-ups, transaction costs, gain/loss on the sale of fixed assets related to the plant closure in Mexico, one-time employee benefit adjustment and restructuring charges) are non-GAAP financial measures that the Company uses to measure operational performance and assist with financial decisionmaking. Net Debt is calculated using the sum of current maturities of long-term debt and long-term debt, minus cash and cash equivalents. The leverage ratio of Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA is a financial measure that Ouanex believes is useful to investors and financial analysts in evaluating the Company's leverage. In addition, with certain limited adjustments, this leverage ratio is the basis for a key covenant in Quanex's credit agreement. Free Cash Flow is a non-GAAP measure calculated using cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. Adjusted Net Income (Loss) is a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes certain charges and credits because the Company believes that such items are not indicative of its core operating results and trends, and do not provide meaningful comparisons with other reporting periods. Quanex believes that the presented non-GAAP measures provide a consistent basis for comparison between periods, and will assist investors in understanding the Company's financial performance when comparing results to other investment opportunities. The presented non-GAAP measures may not be the same as those used by other companies. Quanex does not intend for this information to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for other measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Forward Looking Statements

Statements that use the words "estimated," "expect," "could," "should," "believe," "will," "might," or similar words reflecting future expectations or beliefs are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the Company's future operating results, future financial condition, future uses of cash and other expenditures, expenses and tax rates, expectations relating to Quanex's industry, and the Company's future growth, including any guidance discussed in this press release. The statements and guidance set forth in this release are based on current expectations. Actual results or events may differ materially from this release. For a complete discussion of factors that may affect Quanex's future performance, please refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2016, under the sections entitled "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors". Any forward-looking statements in this press release are made as of the date hereof, and Quanex undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect new information or events.

QUANEX BUILDING PRODUCTS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

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

	Three Months Ended July 31,				Nine Months Ended July 31,					
	2017			2016		2017		2016		
Net sales	\$	229,367	\$	248,085	\$	634,406	\$	679,013		
Cost of sales		176,758		186,631		494,647		522,476		
Selling, general and administrative		20,478		28,551		74,839		88,430		
Restructuring charges		864		-		3,083		-		
Depreciation and amortization		13,915		12,973		43,701		39,759		
Operating income		17,352		19,930		18,136		28,348		
Interest expense		(2,575)		(22,200)		(7,126)		(34,324)		
Other, net		46		(2,523)		572		(4,036)		
Income (loss) before income taxes		14,823		(4,793)		11,582		(10,012)		
Income tax (expense) benefit		(4,608)		817		(3,631)		2,722		
Net income (loss)	\$	10,215	\$	(3,976)	\$	7,951	\$	(7,290)		
Income (loss) per common share, basic	\$	0.30	\$	(0.12)	\$	0.23	\$	(0.22)		
Income (loss) per common share, diluted	\$	0.29	\$	(0.12)	\$	0.23	\$	(0.22)		
Weighted average common shares outstanding:										
Basic		34,224		33,916		34,141		33,850		
Diluted		34,924		33,916		34,771		33,850		
Cash dividends per share	\$	0.04	\$	0.04	\$	0.12	\$	0.12		

QUANEX BUILDING PRODUCTS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	July 31, 2017		October 31, 2016			
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	15,791	\$	25,526		
Accounts receivable, net		78,046		83,625		
Inventories, net		94,373		84,335		
Prepaid and other current assets		8,119		10,488		
Total current assets		196,329		203,974		
Property, plant and equipment, net		214,829		198,497		
Goodwill		222,153		217,035		
Intangible assets, net		143,702		154,180		
Other assets		8,046		6,667		
Total assets	\$	785,059	\$	780,353		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	45,709	\$	47,781		
Accrued liabilities		35,476		55,101		
Income taxes payable		2,133		732		
Current maturities of long-term debt		26,364		10,520		
Total current liabilities		109,682		114,134		
Long-term debt		238,033		259,011		
Deferred pension and postretirement benefits		10,704		8,167		
Deferred income taxes		18,509		18,322		
Other liabilities		15,460		12,888		
Total liabilities		392,388		412,522		
Stockholders' equity:						
Common stock		375		376		
Additional paid-in-capital		256,170		254,540		
Retained earnings		216,553		214,047		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(27,491)		(38,765)		
Treasury stock at cost	_	(52,936)		(62,367)		
Total stockholders' equity		392,671		367,831		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	785,059	\$	780,353		

QUANEX BUILDING PRODUCTS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended July 31,				
		2017		2016	
Operating activities:					
Net income (loss)	\$	7,951	\$	(7,290)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		43,701		39,759	
Stock-based compensation		4,305		4,587	
Deferred income tax		(1,847)		(6,370)	
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation		(229)		(134)	
Charge for deferred loan costs and debt discount		-		15,883	
Other, net		1,136		, 543	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:		,			
Decrease in accounts receivable		6,923		2,035	
Increase in inventory		(8,576)		(1,530)	
Increase in other current assets		(379)		(1,239)	
Decrease in accounts payable		(3,145)		(2,092)	
Decrease in accrued liabilities		(12,303)		(2,139)	
Increase in income taxes payable		4,349		2,990	
Increase in deferred pension and postretirement benefits		2,537		2,485	
Increase in other long-term liabilities		1,226		894	
Other, net		(389)		676	
Cash provided by operating activities		45,260	-	49,058	
Investing activities:		,		,	
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(8,497)		(245,904)	
Capital expenditures		(27,098)		(25,938)	
Proceeds from disposition of capital assets		1,232		984	
Cash used for investing activities		(34,363)		(270,858)	
Financing activities:					
Borrowings under credit facilities		53,500		632,800	
Repayments of credit facility borrowings		(74,125)		(389,000)	
Debt issuance costs		-		(11,795)	
Repayments of other long-term debt		(2,240)		(1,825)	
Common stock dividends paid		(4,127)		(4,101)	
Issuance of common stock		6,379		3,368	
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation		229		134	
Cash (used for) provided by financing activities		(20,384)		229,581	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(248)		1,277	
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(9,735)		9,058	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		25,526	_	23,125	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	15,791	\$	32,183	

QUANEX BUILDING PRODUCTS CORPORATION FREE CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

The following table reconciles the Company's calculation of Free Cash Flow, a non-GAAP measure, to its most directly comparable GAAP measure. The Company defines Free Cash Flow as cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures.

	Three Months Ended July 31,						
	2017	2016					
Cash provided by operating activities	\$29,556	\$25,249					
Capital expenditures	(9,548)	(8,519)					
Free Cash Flow	\$20,008	\$16,730					

QUANEX BUILDING PRODUCTS CORPORATION SEGMENT RECONCILIATION

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

The following tables reconcile the Company's segment presentation to account for the transfer of operating facilities from the North American Engineered Components segment to the Cabinet Components segment, as previously reported in our earnings release for the three-months and nine-months ended July 31, 2016, to the current presentation:

Components Components Corp & Other	Total
Three months ended July 31, 2016	
As previously reported	
Net sales \$ 150,462 \$ 40,217 \$ 58,826 \$ (1,420) \$	248,085
Cost of sales 109,513 27,533 50,376 (791)	186,631
Selling, general and administrative 15,408 5,896 4,035 3,212	28,551
Depreciation and amortization 7,063 2,340 3,435 135	12,973
Operating income (loss) \$ 18,478 \$ 4,448 \$ 980 \$ (3,976) \$	19,930
Reclassification	
Net sales \$ (5,422) \$ - \$ 6,094 \$ (672) \$	-
Cost of sales (4,364) - 5,036 (672)	-
Selling, general and administrative (230) - 230 -	-
Depreciation and amortization (133) - 133 -	-
Operating income (loss) \$ (695) \$ - \$ 695 \$ - \$	-
Current presentation	
Net sales \$ 145,040 \$ 40,217 \$ 64,920 \$ (2,092) \$	248,085
Cost of sales 105,149 27,533 55,412 (1,463)	186,631
Selling, general and administrative 15,178 5,896 4,265 3,212	28,551
Depreciation and amortization 6,930 2,340 3,568 135	12,973
Operating income (loss) \$ 17,783 \$ 4,448 \$ 1,675 \$ (3,976) \$	19,930
Nine months ended July 31, 2016	
As previously reported	
Net sales \$ 406,029 \$ 110,250 \$ 166,906 \$ (4,172) \$	679,013
Cost of sales 304,434 76,698 143,716 (2,372)	522,476
Selling, general and administrative 46,386 17,370 12,366 12,308	88,430
Depreciation and amortization 21,424 7,191 10,709 435	39,759
Operating income (loss) \$ 33,785 \$ 8,991 \$ 115 \$ (14,543) \$	28,348
Reclassification ====================================	
Net sales \$ (15,772) \$ - \$ 18,143 \$ (2,371) \$	-
Cost of sales (12,440) - 14,811 (2,371)	-
Selling, general and administrative (660) - 660 -	-
Depreciation and amortization (375) - 375 -	-
Operating income (loss) \$ (2,297) \$ - \$ 2,297 \$ - \$	-
Current presentation	
Net sales \$ 390,257 \$ 110,250 \$ 185,049 \$ (6,543) \$	679,013
Cost of sales 291,994 76,698 158,527 (4,743)	522,476
Selling, general and administrative 45,726 17,370 13,026 12,308	88,430
Depreciation and amortization 21,049 7,191 11,084 435	39,759
Operating income (loss) \$ 31,488 \$ 8,991 \$ 2,412 \$ (14,543) \$	28,348

QUANEX BUILDING PRODUCTS CORPORATION SELECTED SEGMENT DATA

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

This table provides operating income (loss), EBITDA, and Adjusted EBITDA by reportable segment. Non-operating expense and income tax expense are not allocated to the reportable segments.

	NA E	NA Engineered		EU Engineered		NA Cabinet		Unallocated		Total
	Con	ponents	Cor	nponents	Con	nponents	Corp	& Other		iotai
Three months ended July 31, 2017										
Net sales	\$	126,446	\$	40,359	\$	63,839	\$	(1,277)	\$	229,367
Cost of sales		94,169		29,002		54,538		(951)		176,758
Selling, general and administrative		11,829		5,162		3,968		(481)		20,478
Restructuring charges		727		-		137		-		864
Depreciation and amortization		7,899		2,391		3,491		134		13,915
Operating income (loss)		11,822		3,804		1,705		21		17,352
Depreciation and amortization		7,899		2,391		3,491		134		13,915
EBITDA		19,721		6,195		5,196		155		31,267
Transaction related costs		-		-		-		35		35
Restructuring charges		727				137		-		864
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	20,448	\$	6,195	\$	5,333	\$	190	\$	32,166
Adjusted EBITDA Margin %		16.2%		15.3%		8.4%				14.0%
Three months ended July 31, 2016 (1)										
Net sales	\$	145,040	\$	40,217	\$	64,920	\$	(2,092)	\$	248,085
Cost of sales		105,149		27,533		55,412		(1,463)		186,631
Selling, general and administrative		15,178		5,896		4,265		3,212		28,551
Depreciation and amortization		6,930		2,340		3,568		135		12,973
Operating income (loss)		17,783		4,448		1,675		(3,976)		19,930
Depreciation and amortization		6,930		2,340		3,568		135		12,973
EBITDA		24,713		6,788		5,243		(3,841)		32,903
Transaction related costs		-		-		-		109		109
PPA-Inventory Step-up		-		67		-		-		67
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	24,713	\$	6,855	\$	5,243	\$	(3,732)	\$	33,079
Adjusted EBITDA Margin %		17.0%		17.0%		8.1%		<u> </u>		13.3%
Nine months ended July 31, 2017										
Net sales	\$	343,694	\$	106,133	\$	188,359	\$	(3,780)	\$	634,406
Cost of sales	,	260,479	7	75,304	7	161,704	7	(2,840)	7	494,647
Selling, general and administrative		38,770		15,132		12,739		8,198		74,839
Restructuring charges		2,207		-		876		-		3,083
Depreciation and amortization		26,377		6,753		10,160		411		43,701
Operating income (loss)		15,861		8,944		2,880		(9,549)		18,136
Depreciation and amortization		26,377		6,753		10,160		411		43,701
EBITDA		42,238		15,697		13,040		(9,138)		61,837
Transaction related costs		-12,230		-		-		327		327
Mexico restructuring, loss on sale of fixed assets		_		-		190		327		190
One-time employee benefit adjustment				-		188				188
PPA-Inventory Step-up		-		104		100		-		104
Restructuring charges		2,207		104		876				3,083
Adjusted EBITDA	\$		<u>+</u>	15,801	\$	14,294	\$	(8,811)	\$	
Adjusted EBITDA Adjusted EBITDA Margin %	-	44,445 12.9%	\$	13,601	Þ	7.6%	Þ	(0,011)	Þ	65,729 10.4%
		12.970		14.970		7.070				10.470
Nine months ended July 31, 2016 (1)								(4 = 40)		
Net sales	\$	390,257	\$	110,250	\$	185,049	\$	(6,543)	\$	679,013
Cost of sales		291,994		76,698		158,527		(4,743)		522,476
Selling, general and administrative		45,726		17,370		13,026		12,308		88,430
Depreciation and amortization		21,049		7,191		11,084		435		39,759
Operating income (loss)		31,488		8,991		2,412		(14,543)		28,348
Depreciation and amortization		21,049		7,191		11,084		435		39,759
EBITDA		52,537		16,182		13,496		(14,108)		68,107
Transaction related costs		-		-		-		4,987		4,987
PPA-Inventory Step-up		-		351		2,287		-		2,638
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	52,537	\$	16,533	\$	15,783	\$	(9,121)	\$	75,732
Adjusted EBITDA Margin %		13.5%		15.0%		8.5%				11.2%

⁽¹⁾ Updated to reflect transfer of operating facilities from NA Engineered Componnets to NA Cabinet Components. See Reconciliation for additional details.

QUANEX BUILDING PRODUCTS CORPORATION SALES ANALYSIS

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended					ed		
	<u>July 31, 2017</u>		<u>July 31, 2016 ⁽¹⁾</u>		July 31, 2017		July :	31 <u>, 2016 ⁽¹⁾</u>
NA Engineered Components:								
United States - fenestration (2)	\$	107,193	\$	121,717	\$	289,231	\$	328,957
International - fenestration		9,959		9,530		24,945		23,317
United States - non-fenestration		7,060		8,677		19,590		24,237
International - non-fenestration		2,234		5,116		9,928		13,746
	\$	126,446	\$	145,040	\$	343,694	\$	390,257
EU Engineered Components (3):								
United States - fenestration	\$	190	\$	159	\$	304	\$	285
International - fenestration		35,087		35,547		94,528		98,744
International - non-fenestration		5,082		4,511		11,301		11,221
	\$	40,359	\$	40,217	\$	106,133	\$	110,250
NA Cabinet Components:								
United States - fenestration	\$	4,322	\$	3,008	\$	12,316	\$	10,651
United States - non-fenestration (4)		59,237		61,268		174,404		172,273
International - non-fenestration		280		644		1,639		2,125
	\$	63,839	\$	64,920	\$	188,359	\$	185,049
Unallocated Corporate & Other:								
Eliminations	\$	(1,277)	\$	(2,092)	\$	(3,780)	\$	(6,543)
	\$	(1,277)	\$	(2,092)	\$	(3,780)	\$	(6,543)
Net Sales	\$	229,367	\$	248,085	\$	634,406	\$	679,013

⁽¹⁾ Updated to reflect transfer of operating facilities from NA Engineered Components to NA Cabinet Components. See Reconciliation for additional details.
(2) Reflects the loss of revenue associated with eliminated products of \$20.1 million and \$53.4 million for the three-months and nine-months ended July 31, 2017, respectively.
(3) Reflects the loss of revenue associated with foreign currency impacts of \$2.6 million and \$11.7 million for the three-months and nine-months ended July 31, 2017, respectively.
(4) Reflects the loss of revenue associated with eliminated products of \$2.9 million and \$8.3 million for the three-months and nine-months ended July 31, 2017, respectively.