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CAMTEK ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2009 FINANCIAL RESULTS

*34% sequential revenue increase from first quarter 2009;
substantially narrows operating and net loss compared to first quarter 2009*

MIGDAL HAEMEK, Israel – August 12, 2009 – Camtek Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: CAMT), today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009.

Revenues for the second quarter of 2009 increased 34% to \$12.5 million, compared to \$9.3 million in the first quarter of 2009. Revenues in the second quarter last year totaled \$22.7 million.

Gross profit for the second quarter totaled \$4.2 million, a 21% increase compared to the \$3.5 million gross profit in the first quarter of 2009. Gross profit for the second quarter of 2008 totaled \$8.8 million. Gross margin for the second quarter of 2009 totaled 34%, compared to 37% in the first quarter of 2009 and 38.9% in the second quarter of 2008.

Operating loss for the second quarter of 2009 totaled \$2.1 million, compared to the \$5.0 million operating loss in the prior quarter. Operating loss in the second quarter 2008 totaled \$0.5 million.

Net loss for the second quarter of 2009 totaled \$2.1 million, or \$0.07 per share, compared to \$5.5 million, or \$0.19 per share in the prior quarter. Net loss for the second quarter last year totaled \$0.5 million, or \$0.02 per share.

Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2009, totaled \$12.0 million compared to \$11.4 million at the end of March 31, 2009 and \$14.4 million net, at the end of December 31, 2008.

“During the second quarter we recognized a sequential increase in revenues and gross profit, while narrowing both our operating and net loss. Furthermore, we managed our cash resources, through prudent expense management, directly attributed to the deep restructuring measures implemented during the first quarter,” **said Rafi Amit, Camtek’s CEO**. “Looking ahead, despite the tough business environment we operate in, we continue to invest in R&D, in order to improve performances of our current product lines, as well as to develop new products. We estimate that revenues in the third quarter will be slightly higher than those of the second quarter.”

Conference Call

Camtek will host a conference call today, August 12, at 10:30 am EDT. Roy Porat, General Manager Camtek Israel and Mira Rosenzweig, Chief Financial Officer will host the call and will be available to answer questions after presenting the results.

To participate, please call one of the following telephone numbers at least 10 minutes before the start of the call, referencing the "Camtek second quarter 2009 results conference call".

US: 1 866 744 5399 at 10:30 am Eastern Time

Israel: 03 918 0687 at 5:30 pm Israel Time

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For those unable to participate, the teleconference will be available for replay on Camtek's website at <http://www.camtek.co.il/> beginning 24 hours after the call.

ABOUT CAMTEK LTD.

With headquarters in Migdal Ha'Emek Israel, Camtek Ltd., designs, develops, manufactures, and markets automatic optical inspection systems and related products. Camtek's automatic inspection systems are used to enhance both production processes and yield for manufacturers in the printed circuit board industry, the high density interconnect substrate industry and the semiconductor manufacturing and packaging industry. This press release is available at www.camtek.co.il

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands)

	June 30, 2009 Unaudited U.S. Dollars (In thousands)	December 31, 2008 Audited U.S. Dollars (In thousands)
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	12,029	15,949
Accounts receivable, net	16,417	18,156
Inventories	13,915	9,792
Due from affiliates	353	414
Other current assets	1,685	1,929
Deferred tax asset	39	39
Total current assets	44,438	46,279
Fixed assets, net	16,335	15,648
Long term inventory	10,693	21,653
Deferred tax asset	127	127
Other assets, net (*)	4,694	1,028
	15,514	22,808
Total assets	76,287	84,735
<u>Liabilities and shareholder's equity</u>		
Current liabilities		
Short term loan	-	1,500
Accounts payable trade	2,225	5,240
Due to affiliates	104	294
Convertible loan – current portion	1,667	1,667
Other current liabilities	11,256	11,382
Total current liabilities	15,252	20,083
Long term liabilities		
Convertible loan net of current portion	1,666	1,666
Other long term liabilities (*)	3,822	-
Liability for employee severance benefits	264	271
Total liabilities	21,004	22,020
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity		
Ordinary shares NIS 0.01 par value, authorized 100,000,000 shares, issued 31,227,484 in 2008 and 31,272,318 in 2009, outstanding 29,135,108 in 2008 and 29,178,942 in 2009.	132	132
Additional paid-in capital	60,251	60,149
Retained earnings (losses)	(3,202)	4,332
	57,181	64,613
Treasury stock, at cost (2,092,376 shares in 2008 and 2009)	(1,898)	(1,898)
Total shareholders' equity	55,283	62,715
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	76,287	84,735

(*) The increase relates to Printar acquisition

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands, except share data)

	Six Months ended June 30,		Three Months ended June 30,		Year ended December 31,
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2008
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	U.S. dollars		U.S. dollars		U.S. dollars
Revenues	21,798	43,945	12,510	22,653	75,463
Cost of revenues	14,146	25,649	8,319	13,834	47,615
Gross profit	7,652	18,296	4,191	8,819	27,848
Research and development costs	4,896	6,340	2,309	3,345	12,801
Selling, general and administrative expenses	9,864	12,329	4,008	5,961	24,834
	14,760	18,669	6,317	9,306	37,635
Operating loss	(7,108)	(373)	(2,126)	(487)	(9,787)
Financial income (expenses), net	(281)	522	96	56	1,000
Income (loss) before income taxes	(7,389)	149	(2,030)	(431)	(8,787)
Income tax	(145)	(154)	(52)	(67)	(770)
Net loss	(7,534)	(5)	(2,082)	(498)	(9,557)
Net loss per ordinary share:					
Basic	(0.26)	-	(0.07)	(0.02)	(0.32)
Diluted	(0.26)	-	(0.07)	(0.02)	(0.32)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding:					
Basic	29,209	30,249	29,212	30,250	29,916
Diluted	29,209	30,249	29,212	30,250	29,916