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LITTELFUSE REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2005 RESULTS

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DES PLAINES, Illinois, November 2, 2005 - Littelfuse, Inc. (NASDAQ/NMS:LFUS) today reported sales and earnings for the third quarter of 2005.

Third Quarter 2005 Highlights

- Sales for the third quarter of 2005 were $131.0 million, a 4% decrease from sales of $135.9 million in the third quarter of 2004
- Diluted earnings per share were $0.28 for the third quarter of 2005, compared to earnings of $0.49 per diluted share for the third quarter of 2004.
- Special items for the third quarter of 2005 included $1.6 million of restructuring charges related to downsizing the Ireland operation, a $1.0 million charge related to Delphi Corporation's bankruptcy filing and a $1.4 million gain on sale of the Company's 40% interest in a wafer fabrication facility in Swindon, England.
- By geography, sales for the third quarter of 2005 were down 10% in the Americas, down 8% in Europe and up 8% in Asia compared to the third quarter of 2004.
- By market, sales for the third quarter of 2005 were down 11% for electronics, up 9% for automotive and up 15% for electrical compared to the prior year period.

Third Quarter Operating Results
The sales declines in the Americas and Europe were driven by lower electronic sales reflecting continued weakness in telecom end markets and additional third quarter 2004 sales related to the build-up in distribution inventory. The decline in Americas electronic sales was partially offset by sales increases in automotive and electrical reflecting new business wins and price realization in both the automotive aftermarket and electrical markets. The sales increase in Asia reflected strong performance in the electronic markets in Taiwan, Southeast Asia and Korea and in the automotive market in Korea.

"Our third quarter sales and earnings performance, although below that of the prior year, showed sequential growth and was at the high end of our expected range," said Gordon Hunter, Chief Executive Officer. "We continue to make progress on our key initiatives including the Heinrich integration and new product programs and believe the business is well positioned for improved performance in the coming year."

"Excluding special charges, operating margin for the third quarter improved sequentially to over 8%," said Phil Franklin, Chief Financial Officer. "This margin improvement was driven by operating leverage on higher sales and continued progress on cost reduction initiatives."

The effective tax rate increased to 41% in the third quarter of 2005 compared to 35% in the previous two quarters. The tax rate for the third quarter was impacted by several factors including charges related to repatriation of foreign earnings from lower tax jurisdictions and limited tax shield from Ireland restructuring charges.

Free cash flow (cash from operating activities minus net capital expenditures) of $10.1 million for the third quarter of 2005 was down from $16.3 million for the same period in 2004, but up from negative $4.8 million for the first half of 2005. "Because of our weak performance for the first half of the year, free cash flow for 2005 will be below that of recent years," said Franklin. "However, going forward, free cash flow should be more consistent with our historical performance."

Year to Date Highlights
For the first three quarters of 2005, sales were $376.6 million, compared to sales of $376.1 million for the same period in 2004. Diluted earnings per share were $0.66 for the first three quarters of 2005, compared to earnings of $1.38 per diluted share for the prior year period.

Heinrich Minority Share Squeeze-out
The Heinrich squeeze out has now been registered with the German courts and the Heinrich shares have been de-listed from the local German stock exchange. It is expected that Littelfuse will acquire the remaining 3% of Heinrich shares outstanding before the end of 2005.

Future Restructuring Charges Littelfuse also announced that it will be further downsizing its Ireland operation and outsourcing more of its varistor manufacturing to lower cost Asian subcontractors. This will result in future restructuring charges currently estimated at $2.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2005 and $2.1 million in 2006.

Conference Call Webcast Information
Littelfuse will host a conference call today, Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern/10:00 a.m. Central time to discuss the third quarter results. The call will be broadcast live over the Internet and can be accessed through the company's Web site: www.littelfuse.com. Listeners should go to the Web site at least 15 minutes prior to the call to download and install any necessary audio software. The call will be available for replay through December 31, 2005 and can be accessed through the Web site listed above.

About Littelfuse
As the worldwide leader in circuit protection products and solutions with annual sales of $500.2 million in 2004, the Littelfuse portfolio is backed by industry leading technical support, design and manufacturing expertise. Littelfuse products are vital components in virtually every product that uses electrical energy, including automobiles, computers, consumer electronics, handheld devices, industrial equipment, and telecom/datacom circuits. Littelfuse offers Teccor®, Wickmann®, Pudenz® and Efen® brand circuit protection products. In addition to its Des Plaines, Illinois, world headquarters, Littelfuse has research and manufacturing facilities in China, England, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, the Philippines and the United States. It also has sales, distribution and engineering facilities in Brazil, China, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the U.S.

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