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DIGI REPORTS FISCAL 2001 FINANCIAL RESULTS; REVENUE FROM PRODUCTS ADDRESSING
GROWTH MARKETS INCREASES 27.6% IN FISCAL 2001

FISCAL 2001 & 2002 ACQUISITIONS SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE CONNECTWARE POSITIONING

MINNEAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 6, 2001 - Digi International(R) Inc. (Nasdaq: DGII) announced today that fiscal 2001 products addressing growth markets, which consists of Terminal Servers, USB and Device Server products, excluding the impact of SAB 101, increased 27.6% to \$33.3 million and increased as a percent of total revenue from 20% in fiscal 2000 to 27% in fiscal 2001. Fiscal 2001 products addressing mature markets, which consists of Asynchronous, Synchronous, RAS & MiLAN products, excluding the impact of the adoption of SAB 101, was \$90.8 million and decreased as a percent of total revenue from 80% in fiscal 2000 to 73% in fiscal 2001. Revenue for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2001, was \$26.4 million, excluding the impact of the adoption of SAB 101, and was comprised of \$8.4 million in revenue from products addressing growth markets and \$18.0 million in revenue from products addressing mature markets. Revenue from products addressing growth markets, excluding the impact of the adoption of SAB 101, increased to 32% of total revenue in the fiscal fourth quarter from 26.6% of total revenue in the fiscal third quarter.

"I am very proud of our employees and our numerous accomplishments in fiscal 2001," Digi's Chairman, President and CEO, Joe Dunsmore, stated. "Our focus on Connectware and on products addressing growth markets is showing strong results."

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In fiscal 2001, Digi aggressively drove a repositioning of its product lines into growth markets. In October 2000, Digi gained USB connectivity expertise with the acquisition of Inside Out Networks. In January 2001, Digi launched the "Connectware" category of wired and wireless, hardware and software connectivity solutions to drive instant recognition of Digi and our family of connectivity products. In February 2001, Digi enhanced its first-to-market

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strategy with the creation of DigiLabs. In June 2001, Digi positioned its products to go head-to-head with its major competitors through the acquisition of Decision Europe and its family of single port device servers. Following the acquisition of Decision Europe, Digi introduced the Digi One(TM) family of single-port device servers, to capitalize on trends in the industrial automation and embedded systems markets. In the second quarter of fiscal 2002, Digi expects to further enhance its Connectware positioning into growth markets with the proposed acquisition of NetSilicon, a leading provider of embedded Ethernet microprocessing solutions for intelligent networked devices.

Digi's fiscal 2001 revenue, including the impact of adoption of Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101 ("SAB 101"), was \$130.4 million, compared to revenue of \$132.5 million in fiscal 2000. Excluding the impact of the adoption of SAB 101, fiscal 2001 revenue was \$124.1 million, compared to \$132.5 million in fiscal 2000. Revenue for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2001 was \$32.3 million, including the impact of the adoption of SAB 101, and \$26.4 million excluding the impact of adoption of SAB 101, compared to revenue of \$34.2 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2000.

Net income for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2001, excluding the impact of the adoption of SAB 101, and excluding restructuring and net impairment charges, the net digital RAS asset write down, and amortization of intangible assets acquired in business combinations net of the related deferred tax benefits, totaled \$0.1 million, or \$0.01 per diluted share, versus \$2.4 million, or \$0.16 per diluted share, during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2000. The Company's reported net loss, including the impact of adoption of SAB 101, was \$2.1 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, compared to a net loss of \$7.1 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2000. Excluding the impact of adoption of SAB 101, the reported net loss for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 was \$0.25 per diluted share.

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Gross margin, for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2001, including the impact of adoption of SAB 101, and excluding a one-time charge of \$3.0 million related to the write down of inventories and other assets pertaining to the digital RAS product line, was 49.3%, compared to 52.7% during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2000. Gross margin, for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2001, excluding the impact of adoption of SAB 101 and a one-time charge of \$3.0 million related to the write down of inventory and other assets pertaining to the digital RAS product line, was 49.3%. This 3.4% decrease in gross margin, excluding the impact of adoption of SAB 101 and the RAS inventories write down, resulted primarily from lower sales volumes in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001.

Operating expenses, including the impact of adoption of SAB 101, but excluding amortization, restructuring, and asset impairment charges, were \$14.5 million, or 45.0% of sales, for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, compared to \$14.7 million, or 48.7% of sales, in the third quarter of fiscal 2001, and \$16.2 million, or 47.3% of sales, in the comparable quarter a year ago. Operating expenses for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, excluding the impact of SAB 101 and excluding amortization and restructuring charges, were \$14.3 million, or 54.1% of sales. The Company continues to employ an ongoing expense control strategy to improve expense to revenue ratios.

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During the quarter ended September 30, 2001, book value per share decreased \$0.27 from the prior quarter to \$7.39, net cash per share increased \$0.36 from the prior quarter to \$3.67, and tangible book value per share decreased \$0.21 from the prior quarter to \$5.98. Days sales outstanding (DSOs) decreased to 57 days for the quarter ended September 30, 2001, from 60 days in the quarter ended June 30, 2001. The Company's cash and marketable securities increased primarily due to a strong focus on receivables collections efforts in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001.

SAB 101 summarizes certain of the SEC's views regarding revenue recognition. The Company adopted the provisions of SAB 101 during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001. The implementation guidelines of SAB 101 require that the accounting effects of adoption of SAB 101 must be reflected retroactively to October 1, 2000, the first day of fiscal 2001. The primary effect of SAB 101 was a deferral

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of certain fiscal 2000 revenues and related expenses into fiscal 2001, and deferral of certain fiscal 2001 revenue and related expenses within the respective quarters of fiscal 2001. The initial effect of these deferrals was a one-time charge of \$1.9 million for the cumulative effect of this accounting change effective October 1, 2000. The effect of this change on the full fiscal year 2001 results was a net increase in revenues of \$6.3 million.

REVENUE AND EARNINGS GUIDANCE:

"Given current conditions in the economy and our industry, future visibility is particularly uncertain," Dunsmore stated. "Longer term we expect the addition of NetSilicon will significantly accelerate the rate of revenue growth from products addressing growth markets and drive Digi to \$200 million in revenue by the end of fiscal 2004 while shifting our revenue mix from 75% from products addressing mature markets to 75% from products addressing growth markets."

Before giving effect to the proposed acquisition of NetSilicon, Digi expects first fiscal quarter revenue from products addressing growth markets to total \$8.0 million, revenue from products addressing mature markets, excluding MiLAN, to total \$11.0 million, and MiLAN revenue to total \$5.0 million, and expects fiscal 2002 revenue from products addressing growth markets to total \$41.0 million, revenue from products addressing mature markets, excluding MiLAN, to total \$37.5 million, and MiLAN revenue to total \$27.0 million.

Excluding NetSilicon products, Digi's fiscal first quarter earnings per share before amortization of intangibles and acquisition-related expenses is expected to be in the range of \$0.00 to \$0.02, and in the range of a \$0.06 loss to an \$0.08 loss on a reported basis. Excluding NetSilicon products, Digi's fiscal 2002 earnings per share before amortization of intangibles and acquisition-related expenses is expected to be in the range of \$0.22 to \$0.31, and in the range of a \$0.07 loss to a \$0.01 profit on a reported basis.

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DIGI INTERNATIONAL, INC.
 CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 AND 2000

	Three months ended September 30		Twelve months ended September 30
	2001	2000	
Net sales before impact of adoption of SAB 101	\$ 26,432,032	\$ 34,230,497	\$ 127,812,000
Impact of adoption of SAB 101	5,868,165	--	17,100,000
Net sales including impact of adoption of SAB 101	32,300,197	34,230,497	144,912,000
Cost of sales	19,376,836	16,200,707	65,100,000
Gross margin	12,923,361	18,029,790	79,812,000
Operating expenses:			
Sales and marketing	7,527,950	8,557,613	26,100,000
Research and development	4,119,018	4,513,212	14,500,000
General and administrative	4,336,127	4,434,408	14,500,000
Impairment loss	--	8,078,051	8,078,051
Restructuring	1,351,188	1,531,992	1,531,992
Total operating expenses	17,334,283	27,115,276	64,730,000
Operating loss	(4,410,922)	(9,085,486)	(34,918,000)
Other income	328,002	756,711	756,711
(Loss) income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	(4,082,920)	(8,328,775)	(34,161,289)
Income tax (benefit) provision	(2,025,182)	(1,255,345)	(1,255,345)
Net (loss) income before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ (2,057,738)	\$ (7,073,430)	(35,416,634)
Cumulative effect of accounting change (net of income tax provision of \$1,055,928)	--	--	1,055,928
Net loss	\$ (2,057,738)	\$ (7,073,430)	(34,360,706)
Net (loss) income per common share, basic:			
Continuing operations	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.47)	(0.28)
Cumulative effect of accounting change	--	--	0.01
	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.47)	(0.27)
Net (loss) income per common share, assuming dilution:			
Continuing operations	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.47)	(0.28)
Cumulative effect of accounting change	--	--	0.01
	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.47)	(0.27)
Weighted average common shares, basic	15,322,781	15,121,290	127,812,000

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Weighted average common shares, assuming dilution	15,322,781	15,121,290
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NET INCOME AND NET INCOME PER COMMON AND DILUTED SHARE EXCLUDING (1) AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET OF TAXES, (2) RESTRUCTURING AND ASSET IMPAIRMENT CHARGES, NET OF TAXES, (3) ASSET WRITEDOWN, NET OF TAXES, (4) THE AETHERWORKS CORPORATION NOTE RECOVERY, AND (5) NET EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF SAB 101 ON THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FISCAL 2001		
	2001	2000
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Net loss for the three months and twelve months ended September 30	\$ (2,057,738)	\$ (7,073,430)
(1) Intangible asset amortization, net of taxes	1,098,622	1,031,985
(2) Restructuring and impairment losses, net of taxes	868,570	8,474,501
(3) Asset writedown, net of taxes	1,929,000	--
(4) Aetherworks Corporation note recovery	--	--
(5) Net effect of adoption of SAB 101 on the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001	(1,742,233)	--
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Net income excluding (1) amortization of intangible assets, net of taxes, (2) restructuring and impairment losses, net of taxes, (3) asset writedown, net of taxes, (4) the AetherWorks Corporation note recovery, and (5) net effect of adoption of SAB 101 on the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001	\$ 96,221	\$ 2,433,056
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Net income per common share excluding (1) amortization of intangible assets, net of taxes, (2) restructuring and impairment losses, net of taxes, (3) asset writedown, net of taxes, (4) the AetherWorks Corporation note recovery, and (5) net effect of adoption of SAB 101 on the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.16
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Net income per diluted share excluding (1) amortization of intangible assets, net of taxes, (2) restructuring and impairment losses, net of taxes (3) asset writedown, net of taxes, (4) the AetherWorks Corporation note recovery, and (5) net effect of adoption of SAB 101 on the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.16
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Weighted average common shares, basic	15,322,781	15,121,290
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Weighted average common shares, assuming dilution	15,495,269	15,139,314
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DIGI INTERNATIONAL INC CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	September 30, 2001	September 30, 2000
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ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and marketable securities	\$ 56,152,200	\$ 58,936,068
Accounts receivable, net	16,161,143	18,175,226
Inventories, net	16,791,851	19,700,010
Other	4,602,668	3,655,511
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Total current assets	93,707,862	100,466,815
Property, equipment and improvements, net	22,677,152	24,408,384
Intangible assets, net	21,538,390	16,397,744
Other	1,529,169	1,649,252
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Total assets	\$ 139,452,573	\$ 142,922,195
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes payable, current	\$ 938,400	\$ 3,147,900
Current portion of long-term debt	211,056	330,305
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,583,102	17,371,399
Restructuring	1,369,117	1,531,992
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Total current liabilities	18,101,675	22,381,596
Long-term liabilities	8,433,481	7,081,396
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Total liabilities	26,535,156	29,462,992
Total stockholders' equity	112,917,417	113,459,203
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 139,452,573	\$ 142,922,195
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Digi invites all those interested in hearing management's discussion of the quarter to attend our fiscal fourth quarter conference call either by phone or on the Web. Participants can access the call directly at 4:00 p.m. Central Time on Tuesday, November 6, 2001, by dialing 800-633-8406. A replay will be available for one week following the call by dialing 800-633-8284 and entering the code 19932694. Participants may also access a live web cast of the

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conference call through the investor relations section of Digi's web site, www.digi.com.

ABOUT DIGI INTERNATIONAL

Digi International (DGII), based in Minneapolis, is the leader in Connectware, wired and wireless, hardware and software connectivity solutions that businesses use to create, customize and control retail operations, industrial automation and other applications. Connectware network-enables the essential devices that build business. Digi markets its products through a global network of distributors and resellers, systems integrators and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

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This press release contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "believe," "target," "estimate," "may," "will," "expect," "plan," "project," "should," or "continue" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or similar terminology. Such statements are based on information available to management as of the time of such statements and relate to, among other things, the anticipated benefits of the NetSilicon acquisition, expectations of the business environment in which the Company operates, projections of future performance, perceived opportunities in the market and statements regarding the Company's mission and vision. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including the possibility that the NetSilicon acquisition will not be consummated, risks related to the highly competitive market in which the Company operates, rapid changes in technologies that may displace products sold by the Company, declining prices of networking products, the Company's reliance on distributors, delays in the Company's product development efforts, uncertainty in consumer acceptance of the Company's products, and changes in the Company's level of revenue or profitability. These and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions identified from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including without limitation, its annual reports on Form 10-K and its quarterly reports on Form

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10-Q, could cause the Company's future results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company. Many of such factors are beyond the Company's ability to control or predict. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date for which they are made. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future

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events or otherwise.

Additional information

Digi intends to file a registration statement on Form S-4 in connection with the transaction, and Digi and NetSilicon intend to mail a joint proxy statement/prospectus to their respective shareholders in connection with the transaction. Investors and security-holders of Digi and NetSilicon are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available because it will contain important information about the companies, the transaction, the persons soliciting proxies relating to the transaction, their interests in the transaction, and related matters. When available, investors and security-holders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. A free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus may also be obtained from either of the companies.

In addition to the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus, each company files annual, quarterly, and special reports, proxy and information statements, and other information with the SEC. Investors may read and copy any of these reports, statements, and other information at the SEC's public reference room located at 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20549, or any of the SEC's other public reference rooms located in New York and Chicago. Investors should call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on these public reference rooms. These SEC filings are also available for free at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. A free copy of these filings may also be obtained from either company by request to one of the respected contacts noted above.

Information concerning participants

Each of the companies and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from their respective shareholders in favor of the transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Digi may be found in Digi's definitive proxy statement for its 2001 annual meeting of shareholders and in Digi's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000. Information about the directors and executive officers of NetSilicon may be found in NetSilicon's definitive proxy statement of its 2001 annual meeting of shareholders. In addition, information regarding the interests of NetSilicon's officers and directors in the transaction will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus.

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