

# **LINAMAR CORPORATION ANNOUNCES EARNINGS IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS**

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March 1, 2000**

Linamar Corporation (TSE – LNR) announces its financial results for the year ended December 31, 1999. Sales for the year ended December 31, 1999 totaled \$1.252 billion, compared to \$998.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1998. Revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 1999 was \$338.8 million compared to \$280.0 million for the quarter ended December 31, 1998.

Over the past two years, Linamar has expanded its globalization plan, becoming established in Mexico and the USA, and strengthened its plant clusters in Hungary and Canada. The Company strengthened its product offering into areas of excellent market opportunity. Linamar also acquired a gray and ductile iron foundry to strategically enhance its capabilities as a full service supplier. However, the start up costs related to these nine new facilities continue to significantly restrict our earnings. Net earnings for the year were \$65.6 million compared to \$84.4 million from a year ago. The net earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 1999 were \$7.6 million compared to \$21.2 million in the quarter ended December 31, 1998. Fully Diluted earnings per share for the year were \$0.92, which exceeded the forecast of \$0.90 made at the end of the third quarter and compared to \$1.17 for 1998. Fully Diluted earnings per share for the quarter were \$0.11 compared to \$0.30 for the quarter ended December 31, 1998. During 1999 the Company aggressively invested cash in the future, making payment directly for \$168.5 million of capital assets, and investing \$54.8 million in non-cash working capital.

“Though 1999 was a challenging year for Linamar as our growth spurt was absorbed, it has strengthened the Company immeasurably,” said Linda Hasenfratz, Linamar’s President. “Linamar enters 2000 a refreshed and revitalized company, with the organizational structure, resources and information systems required to take its global plant clusters to full utilization of their expertise across a range of products and services.”

Linamar Corporation has declared a cash dividend on its common shares in the amount of \$0.04 per share. The dividend is payable on March 20, 2000, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 3, 2000.

The Company is pleased to announce that its new order intake in 1999 has increased to \$221.2 Million per year. In addition, new order intake year to date in 2000 has already reached \$91 million. The majority of this new business will commence in 2001 and 2002.

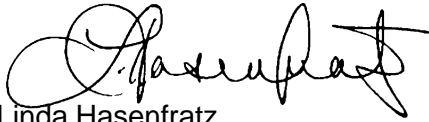
Linamar’s share buyback program is still very active. Linamar anticipates resuming share repurchase on March 6, 2000, on the completion of the trading restriction period

currently in place in accordance with Insider Trading rules.

Linamar is a global manufacturer of precision-machined components, assemblies and castings, primarily for the automotive industry. The Company is focussed primarily on the highly engineered systems of the vehicle such as engine, transmission, brake, steering and suspension. Linamar employs more than 8,400 people in 28 manufacturing facilities and 1 product development centre in Canada, the US, Mexico and Hungary.

Certain information regarding Linamar set forth in this document, including management's assessment of the company's future plans and operations, may constitute forward-looking statements under applicable securities law and necessarily involve risks as a consequence, actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements.

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