

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

### Keysight Technologies Reports Third Quarter 2019 Results

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GAAP Revenue of \$1.09B Grew 8 Percent

GAAP Earnings Per Diluted Share Grew 32 Percent

SANTA ROSA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Keysight Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: KEYS) today reported financial results for the third fiscal quarter of 2019 ended July 31, 2019.

"Keysight delivered another excellent quarter with both revenue and earnings exceeding the high-end of our guidance. Record third quarter revenue was driven by growth across the majority of our end markets as we continued to capture a significant portion of the demand we see in the marketplace," said Ron Nersesian, Keysight president and CEO.

"We are also driving strong earnings growth with our commitment to operational excellence and raising our revenue outlook for the year. Given our differentiated portfolio of solutions, software and services and broad market reach, we believe we are well-positioned to continue to expand our leadership even as our markets evolve," said Nersesian.

### Third Quarter Financial Summary

- GAAP revenue grew 8 percent to reach \$1,087 million, when compared with \$1,004 million last year.
- Non-GAAP revenue grew 8 percent to reach \$1,088 million. Non-GAAP core revenue, which also excludes the impact of foreign currency changes and revenue associated with businesses acquired or divested within the

last twelve months, increased 9 percent.

- GAAP net income was \$159 million, or \$0.83 per share, compared with GAAP net income of \$121 million, or \$0.63 per share, in the third quarter of 2018. This represents 32 percent year-over-year growth in GAAP earnings per diluted share.
- Non-GAAP net income was \$239 million, or \$1.25 per share, compared with \$170 million, or \$0.89 per share in the third quarter of 2018. This represents 41 percent year-over-year growth in non-GAAP earnings per diluted share.
- As of July 31, 2019, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$1,394 million.

### **Reporting Segments**

• Communications Solutions Group (CSG)

CSG reported revenue of \$683 million in the third quarter, up 13 percent, driven by strong demand for 5G solutions across the wireless ecosystem.

• Electronic Industrial Solutions Group (EISG)

EISG reported revenue of \$295 million in the third quarter, up 3 percent, driven by strength in automotive and general electronics across a broad set of industries, offset by softness in the semiconductor market as expected.

• Ixia Solutions Group (ISG)

ISG revenue was \$110 million in the third quarter, a 7 percent decrease when compared with \$119 million in the prior year third quarter, reflecting softness in the network test market, offset by high-single-digit year-over-year growth in network visibility.

#### Outlook

Keysight's fourth fiscal quarter of 2019 GAAP revenue is expected to be in the range of \$1,078 million to \$1,098 million and non-GAAP revenue for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2019 is expected to be in the range of \$1,080 million to \$1,100 million.

Non-GAAP earnings per share for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2019 are expected to be in the range of \$1.14 to \$1.20, which exclude items that pertain to future events and are not currently estimable with a reasonable degree of accuracy. Therefore, no reconciliation to GAAP amounts has been provided. Further information is discussed in the section titled "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

#### Webcast

Keysight's management will present more details about its third quarter FY2019 financial results and its fourth quarter FY2019 outlook on a conference call with investors today at 1:30 p.m. PT. This event will be webcast in listen-only mode. Listeners may log on to the call at www.investor.keysight.com under the "Upcoming Events" section and select "Q3 2019 Keysight Technologies Inc. Earnings Conference Call" to participate or dial +1 833-245-9654 (U.S. only) or +1 647-689-4226 (International) and enter passcode 8543328.

The webcast will remain on the company site for 90 days. A telephone replay of the conference call will be available at approximately 4:30 p.m. PT after the call and remain available for one week. The replay may be accessed by dialing +1 800-585-8367 (or +1 416-621-4642 from outside the U.S.) and entering passcode 8543328.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is subject to the safe harbors created therein. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect the expected results and are based on certain key assumptions of Keysight's management and on currently available information. Due to such uncertainties and risks, no assurances can be given that such expectations or assumptions will prove to have been correct, and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Keysight undertakes no responsibility to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained herein include, but are not limited to, information and future guidance on the company's goals, priorities, revenues, demand, financial condition, earnings, impacts of US export control regulations, the continued strengths and expected growth of the markets the company sells into, operations, operating earnings, and tax rates that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause Keysight's results to differ materially from management's current expectations. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, changes in the demand for current and new products, technologies, and services; customer purchasing decisions and timing, and the risk that we are not able to realize the savings or benefits expected from integration or restructuring activities. The words "estimate," "expect," "intend," "will," "should," "forecast," and similar expressions, as they relate to the company, are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

In addition to the risks above, other risks that Keysight faces include those detailed in Keysight's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 2018 and Keysight's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended April 30, 2019.

### Segment Data

Segment data reflects the results of our reportable segments under our management reporting system. Segment revenue excludes the impact of fair value adjustments to acquisition-related deferred revenue balances. Segment data are provided on page 6 of the attached tables.

#### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to financial information prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP ("GAAP"), this document also contains certain non-GAAP financial measures based on management's view of performance, including:

- Non-GAAP Revenue
- Non-GAAP Core Revenue
- Non-GAAP Net Income
- Non-GAAP Net Income per share

Income per share is based on weighted average diluted share count. See the attached supplemental schedules for reconciliations of each non-GAAP financial measure to its most directly comparable GAAP financial measure for the three months ended July 31, 2019 and for projected non-GAAP revenue amounts for the three months ended October 31, 2019. Following the reconciliations is a discussion of the items adjusted from our non-GAAP financial measures and the company's reasons for including or excluding certain categories of income or expenses from our non-GAAP results.

### About Keysight Technologies

Keysight Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: KEYS) is a leading technology company that helps enterprises, service providers and governments accelerate innovation to connect and secure the world. Keysight's solutions optimize networks and bring electronic products to market faster and at a lower cost with offerings from design simulation, to prototype validation, to manufacturing test, to optimization in networks and cloud environments. Customers span the worldwide communications ecosystem, aerospace and defense, automotive, energy, semiconductor and general electronics end markets. Keysight generated revenues of \$3.9B in fiscal year 2018. More information is available at www.keysight.com.

Additional information about Keysight Technologies is available in the newsroom at www.keysight.com/go/news and on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

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## KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (In millions, except per share amounts) (Unaudited) PRELIMINARY

	Т	Percent			
	20	)19	20	18 (a)	Inc/(Dec)
Orders	\$	1,110	\$	1,007	10%
Net revenue	\$	1,087	\$	1,004	8%
Costs and expenses:    Cost of products and services    Research and development    Selling, general and administrative    Other operating expense (income), net    Total costs and expenses		444 168 281 (3) 890		442 154 294 (3) 887	9% (4)% –
Income from operations		197		117	69%
Interest income Interest expense Other income (expense), net		7 (20) 15		3 (20) 13	115% 1% 23%
Income before taxes		199		113	77%
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		40		(8)	_
Net Income	\$	159	\$	121	32%
Net income per share: Basic Diluted	\$ \$	0.85 0.83	\$ \$	0.64 0.63	
Weighted average shares used in computing net income per share: Basic Diluted		188 191		188 191	

(a) Restated to include the impact of adoption of ASU 2017-07, Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost, on November 1, 2018. There is no impact to net income or net income per share.

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### KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (In millions, except per share amounts) (Unaudited) PRELIMINARY

Nine months ended

		Percent			
	2019		2018 (a	)	Inc/(Dec)
Orders	\$	3,247	\$	2,958	10%
Net revenue	\$	3,183	\$	2,831	12%
Costs and expenses: Cost of products and services Research and development Selling, general and administrative		1,314 512 869		1,305 464 894	1% 10% (3)%

other operating expense (income), net Total costs and expenses		(15) 2,680		(18 <u>)</u> 2,645	(13)% 1%
Income from operations		503		186	170%
Interest income Interest expense Other income (expense), net		17 (60) 52		8 (63) 42	100% (4)% 27%
Income before taxes		512		173	196%
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		86		(106)	_
Net Income	\$	426	\$	279	53%
Net income per share: Basic Diluted	\$	2.27 2.23	\$ \$	1.49 1.46	
Weighted average shares used in computing Basic Diluted	g net income per sha	are: 188 191		187 191	

<sup>(</sup>a) Restated to include the impact of adoption of ASU 2017-07, Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost, on November 1, 2018. There is no impact to net income or net income per share.

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#### KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (In millions, except par value and share amounts) PRELIMINARY

ASSETS	2	y 31, 019 udited)	ber 31, 018
Current assets:     Cash and cash equivalents     Accounts receivable, net     Inventory     Other current assets     Total current assets	\$	1,394 618 696 227 2,935	\$ 913 624 619 222 2,378
Property, plant and equipment, net Goodwill Other intangible assets, net Long-term investments Long-term deferred tax assets Other assets Total assets  LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	568 1,209 546 46 703 341 6,348	\$ 555 1,171 645 46 750 279 5,824
Current liabilities: Short-term debt Accounts payable Employee compensation and benefits Deferred revenue Income and other taxes payable Other accrued liabilities Total current liabilities	\$	500 247 223 324 48 90 1,432	\$ 499 242 276 334 42 69 1,462
Long-term debt Retirement and post-retirement benefits Long-term deferred revenue Other long-term liabilities Total liabilities		1,292 212 177 297 3,410	1,291 224 127 287 3,391

Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock; \$0.01 par value; 100 million shares authorized; none issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock; \$0.01 par value; 1 billion shares authorized; 194 million shares at July 31, 2019, and		
191 million shares at October 31, 2018, issued	2	2
Treasury stock at cost; 6.2 million shares at July 31, 2019 and 4.4 million shares at October 31, 2018	(312)	(182)
Additional paid-in-capital	1.994	1.889
Retained earnings	1.714	1,212
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(460)	(488)
Total stockholders' equity	 2,938	 2,433
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 6,348	\$ 5,824

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# KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (In millions) (Unaudited) PRELIMINARY

Cash flows from operating activities:         2019         2018           Net income         \$ 426         \$ 279           Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:         72         78           Depreciation         157         155           Share-based compensation         64         427           Amortization         164         427           Depreciation         64         427           Determined in wentory-related charges         20         20           Gain on divestiture         (1)         (8)           Other non-cash expenses (income), net         (4)         9           Changes in assets and liabilities:         25         (55)           Accounts payable         78         (43)           Accounts payable         (78)         (43)           Accounts payable         (75)         10           Accounts payable         (75)         10           Retirement and post-retirement benefits         33         (116)           Retirement and post-retirement benefits         33         (116)           Retirement and post-retirement benefits         33         (106)           Restirements in property, plant and equipment         (90)         (90) <th></th> <th>Ni</th> <th>hs en 31,</th> <th colspan="2">nded</th>		Ni	hs en 31,	nded	
Net income         \$ 426 \$ 279           Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:         72         78           Depreciation         72         78           Amortization         157         155           Share-based compensation         166         48           Deferred tax expense (benefit)         14         (227)           Excess and obsolete inventory-related charges         20         20           Gain on divestiture         (11)         (80)           Other non-cash expenses (income), net         (11)         (80)           Other non-cash expenses (income), net         25         (55)           Canages in assets and liabilities         25         (55)         (42)           Changes in assets and coverage income), net         (10)         (13)         (43)         (43)           Accounts payable         10         13         (55)         (22)         (55)         (22)         (25)         (55)         (22)         (23)           Accounts payable         10         13         (55)         (22)         (22)         (23)         (24)         (33)         (116)         (50)         (22)         (22)         (22)         (22)         (22)         (22)		20			018
Depreciation		\$	426	\$	279
Accounts receivable Inventory         (78)         (43)           Inventory         (78)         (43)           Accounts payable         10         13           Employee compensation and benefits         (55)         (22)           Deferred revenue         103         65           Income taxes payable         (111)         96           Retirement and post-retirement benefits         (33)         (116)           Retirement and post-retirement benefits         (33)         (116)           Net cash provided by operating activities         24         8           Net cash provided by operating activities         24         8           Investments in property, plant and equipment         (90)         (95)           Investments in property, plant and equipment         (90)         (95)           Proceeds from divestiture         2         12           Proceeds from divestiture         2         12           Proceeds from divestiture         2         12           Proceeds from divestiture         7         -           Net cash used in investing activities         2         -           Net cash used in investing activities         5         62           Payment of itaxes related to net share settlement of equity awards<	Depreciation Amortization Share-based compensation Deferred tax expense (benefit) Excess and obsolete inventory-related charges Gain on divestiture Other non-cash expenses (income), net		157 66 14 20 (1)		155 48 (227) 20 (8)
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Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock plans Payment of taxes related to net share settlement of equity awards Payment of acquisition-related contingent consideration Proceeds from credit facility Repayment of debt and credit facility Freasury stock repurchases Fifect of exchange rate movements Figure 1  Figure 2  Figure 3  Figure 3  Figure 3  Figure 4  Figure 3  Figure 4  Figure 4  Figure 5  Figure 5  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 7  Fig	Investments in property, plant and equipment Acquisition of businesses and intangible assets, net of cash acquired Proceeds from divestiture Proceeds from the sale of investments Other investing activities		(90) 2 7 2		(5) 12 -
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash  Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period  917 820	Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock plans Payment of taxes related to net share settlement of equity awards Payment of acquisition-related contingent consideration Proceeds from credit facility Repayment of debt and credit facility Treasury stock repurchases		(26) - - (130)		(18) (6) 40 (300) (80)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	Effect of exchange rate movements		4		(3)
	Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		479		(76)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period		917		820
	Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$	1,396	\$	744

(a) Cash payments included in operating activities:

### KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE GUIDANCE AND NON-GAAP CORE REVENUE (In millions) (Unaudited) PRELIMINARY

	Q2	1'19 G	iuidance	Ye	ar-over	-year compare
	Low	/ end	High end	Q3'19	Q3'18	Percent Inc/(Dec)
GAAP Revenue Amortization of acquisition-related balances	\$	1,078 2	\$ 1,098 2	\$ 1,087 1	\$ 1,004 4	8%
Non-GAAP Revenue  Less: Revenue from acquisitions or divestitures included in segment results  Currency impacts	\$	1,080	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,088	\$ 1,008 (6)	8%
Non-GAAP Core Revenue				\$ 1,088	\$ 1,002	9%

Non-GAAP core revenue excludes impact of currency and revenue from acquisitions or divestitures closed within the last twelve months.

Please refer page 8 for discussion on our non-GAAP financial measures.

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### KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. SEGMENT RESULTS INFORMATION (In millions, except where noted) (Unaudited) PRELIMINARY

Revenue Gross margin, % Income from operations Operating margin, %	\$ Q3'19 683 : 62.8% 190 :	58.1%	YoY % Chg 13%
Electronic Industrial Solutions Group  Revenue Gross margin, % Income from operations Operating margin, %	\$ Q3'19 295 : 61.5% 83 : 28 %	Q3'18 \$ 285 60.9%	YoY % Chg 3%
Ixia Solutions Group  Revenue Gross margin, % Income from operations Operating margin, %	\$ Q3'19 110 : 72.3% 2 : 1%	75.5%	YoY % Chg (7)%

Restated for (1) the organizational change completed in Q1'19 to align our services business with its customers and end markets. With this change, services, which was previously reported as Services Solutions Group (CSG), is now reported as part of the Communications Solutions Group (CSG) and Electronic Industrial Solutions Group (EISG); and (2) the retrospective application of ASU 2017-07, Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost, which the company adopted on November 1, 2018.

Net revenue for Ixia Solutions Group excludes the impact of amortization of acquisition-related balances of \$1 million and \$4 million for Q3'19 and Q3'18, respectively. Segment revenue and income from operations are consistent with the respective non-GAAP measures as discussed on Page 8.

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### KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. NON-GAAP NET INCOME AND DILUTED EPS RECONCILIATIONS (In millions, except per share amounts) (Unaudited) PRELIMINARY

	Three months ended July 31,						Nine months ended July 31,					
		201	9		2018	}	2	)	2018			
	Ne Inco		Diluted EPS	Net Incom		Diluted EPS	Net Income		Diluted EPS	Net Incon		Diluted EPS
GAAP Net income Non-GAAP adjustments: Amortization of acquisition-related	\$	159	\$ 0.83	\$ 1	21 \$	0.63	\$ 4	26 \$	2.23	\$	279	\$ 1.46
balances Share-based compensation Acquisition and integration costs Northern California wildfire-related		56 16 3	0.30 0.08 0.02		56 14 6	0.30 0.07 0.03		64 66 6	0.86 0.35 0.03		210 48 42	1.10 0.25 0.22
costs Restructuring and related costs Other Adjustment for taxes (a)		1 (3) 7	0.01 (0.03) 0.04	(3	- 3 8 88)	0.02 0.04 (0.20)	(1	- 7 8) (3)	0.03 (0.09) (0.01)	(	7 16 4 181)	0.04 0.09 0.02 (0.95)
Non-GAAP Net income	\$	239	\$ 1.25	\$ 1	70 \$	0.89	\$ 6	48 \$	3.40	\$	425	\$ 2.23
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted		191		1	91		1	91			191	

(a) For the three and nine months ended July 31, 2019 and July 31, 2018 management uses a non-GAAP effective tax rate of 12% and 15%, respectively.

Historical amounts are reclassified to conform with current presentation.

Please refer page 8 for discussion on our non-GAAP financial measures.

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#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Management uses both GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures to analyze and assess the overall performance of the business, to make operating decisions and to forecast and plan for future periods. We believe that our investors benefit from seeing our results "through the eyes of management" in addition to seeing our GAAP results. This information enhances investors' understanding of the continuing performance of our business and facilitates comparison of performance to our historical and future periods.

Our non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies, including industry peer companies, limiting the usefulness of these measures for comparative purposes.

These non-GAAP measures should be considered supplemental to and not a substitute for financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The discussion below presents information about each of the non-GAAP financial measures and the company's reasons for including or excluding certain categories of income or expenses from our non-GAAP results. In future periods, we may exclude such items and may incur income and expenses similar to these excluded items. Accordingly, adjustments for these items and other similar items in our non-GAAP presentation should not be interpreted as implying that these items are non-recurring, infrequent or unusual.

Non-GAAP Revenue includes recognition of acquired deferred revenue that was written down to fair value in purchase accounting. Management believes that excluding fair value purchase accounting adjustments more closely correlates with the ordinary and ongoing course of the acquired company's operations and facilitates analysis of revenue growth and business trends.

Non-GAAP Core Revenue is non-GAAP revenue (see Non-GAAP Revenue above) excluding the impact of foreign currency changes and revenue associated with businesses acquired and divested within the last twelve months. We exclude the impact of foreign currency changes as currency rates can fluctuate based on factors that are not within our control and can obscure revenue growth trends. As the nature, size and number of acquisitions can vary significantly from period to period and as compared to our peers, we exclude revenue associated with recently acquired businesses to facilitate comparisons of revenue growth and analysis of underlying business trends.

Non-GAAP Income from Operations, Non-GAAP Net Income and Non-GAAP Diluted EPS may include the following types of adjustments:

- \*Acquisition-related Items: We exclude the impact of certain items recorded in connection with business combinations from our non-GAAP financial measures that are either non-cash or not normal, recurring operating expenses due to their nature, variability of amounts and lack of predictability as to occurrence or timing. These amounts may include non-cash items such as the amortization of acquired intangible assets and amortization of items associated with fair value purchase accounting adjustments, including recognition of acquired deferred revenue (see Non-GAAP Revenue above). We also exclude other acquisition and integration costs associated with business acquisitions that are not normal recurring operating expenses, including amortization of amounts paid to redeem acquires' unvested stock-based compensation awards, and legal, accounting and due diligence costs. We exclude these charges to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of our current operating performance and comparisons to our past operating performance.
- •Share-based Compensation Expense: We exclude share-based compensation expense from our non-GAAP financial measures because share-based compensation expense can vary significantly from period to period based on the company's share price, as well as the timing, size and nature of equity awards granted. Management believes the exclusion of this expense facilitates the ability of investors to compare the company's operating results with those of other companies, many of which also exclude share-based compensation expense in determining their non-GAAP financial measures.
- •Restructuring and Related Costs: We exclude incremental expenses associated with restructuring initiatives, usually aimed at material changes in the business or cost structure. Such costs may include employee separation costs, asset impairments, facility-related costs, contract termination fees, and costs to move operations from one location to another. These activities can vary significantly from period to period based on the timing, size and nature of restructuring plans; therefore, we do not consider such costs to be normal, recurring operating expenses. We believe that these costs do not reflect expected future operating expenses and do not contribute to a meaningful evaluation of the company's current operating performance or comparisons to our operating performance in other periods.
- •Northern California wildfire-related costs and Other Items: We exclude certain other significant income or expense items that may occur occasionally and are not normal, recurring, cash operating, from our non-GAAP financial measures. Such items are evaluated on an individual basis based on both quantitative and qualitative factors and generally represent items that we would not anticipate occurring as part of our normal business on a regular basis. While not all-inclusive, examples of certain other significant items excluded from non-GAAP financial measures would include net unrealized gains on equity investments still held, and significant non recurring events like goodwill impairment charges, realized gains or losses associated with our employee benefit plans, costs related to unusual disaster like Northern California wildfires, gain on sale of assets and small divestitures, separation and related costs, etc.
- •Estimated Tax Rate: We utilize a consistent methodology for long-term projected non-GAAP tax rate. When projecting this long-term rate, we exclude any tax benefits or expenses that are not directly related to ongoing operations and which are either isolated or cannot be expected to occur again with any regularity or predictability. Additionally, we evaluate our current long-term projections, current tax structure and other factors, such as existing tax positions in various jurisdictions and key tax holidays in major jurisdictions where Keysight operates. This tax rate could change in the future for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to significant changes in geographic earnings mix including acquisition activity, or fundamental tax law changes in major jurisdictions where Keysight operates. The above reasons also limit our ability to reasonably estimate the future GAAP tax rate and provide a reconciliation of the expected non-GAAP earnings per share for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2019 to the GAAP equivalent.

Management recognizes these items can have a material impact on our cash flows and/or our net income. Our GAAP financial statements, including our Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, portray those effects. Although we believe it is useful for investors to see core performance free of special items, investors should understand that the excluded costs are actual expenses that may impact the cash available to us for other uses. To gain a complete picture of all effects on the company's profit and loss from any and all events, management does (and investors should) rely upon the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. The non-GAAP measures focus instead upon the core business of the company, which is only a subset, albeit a critical one, of the company's performance.

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