

RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS LTD/DE

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)	<i>September 30, 2002</i>
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter	<i>Richardson Electronics, Ltd.</i>
State or other jurisdiction of incorporation	<i>Delaware</i>
Commission file Number	<i>0-12906</i>
IRS Employer Identification No.	<i>36-2096643</i>
Address of principal executive office	<i>40W267 Keslinger Road, P. O. Box 393, La Fox, IL</i>
Zip Code	<i>60147-0393</i>
Registrant's telephone number, including area code	<i>630-208-2200</i>

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure
Richardson Posts Profitable First Quarter of Fiscal 2003

LaFox, IL, Monday September 30, 2002: Richardson Electronics, Ltd. (NASDAQ: RELL) today reported results for the first quarter of fiscal 2003, which ended August 31, 2002. Revenues in the first quarter of 2003 were \$108.6 million, an increase of 3.8% from the previous year. Revenue from continuing operations, excluding the sale of Medical Glassware, increased 7.4% from the prior year. Net earnings were \$0.3 million, or \$0.02 per share, compared to a net loss of \$0.4 million, or a loss of \$0.03 per share for the same quarter last year.

Gross margins were 25.0%, compared to 24.9% in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002, and 25.3% in the prior year. The stability in gross margins is the direct result of the broad product offering and continued emphasis on engineered solutions.

Edward J. Richardson, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are pleased with our ability to remain profitable in a difficult economic environment. Regional revenue growth, particularly in Asia Pacific, has helped offset declines in other regions. Margin pressure in the Wireless market has been mitigated by strength in our other business units, coupled with higher value added from engineered solutions."

Mr. Richardson concluded, "Bookings in the fiscal first quarter of 2003 were up 3% sequentially, driven primarily by strength in Wireless and Asia Pacific. Our design wins continue to be strong, but the uncertain outlook for the economy has delayed volume consumption. We believe our business model will continue to promote stability in the short term, and continued growth, through market share gains."

On Tuesday, October 1, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. CST, Mr. Edward J. Richardson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer will host a conference call to discuss the release. A question and answer session will be included as part of the call's agenda. To listen to the

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call, please dial 800-450-0819 approximately five minutes prior to the start of the call. A replay of the call will be available from 12:30 p.m. on October 1, 2002 through December 20, 2002. The telephone numbers for the replay are (USA) 800-475-6701 and (International) 320-365-3844; access code 653273.

This release includes certain "forward looking" statements as defined by the SEC. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance since the company's operations involve risks and uncertainties and actual results may differ materially from predictions. Reference is made to the company's Form 10-Q's and 10-K's for a summary of some of the risks that may affect the company's performance.

About Richardson Electronics

Richardson Electronics, Ltd. is a global provider of "engineered solutions," serving the RF and wireless communications, industrial power conversion, security and display systems markets. The Company delivers engineered solutions for its customers' needs through product manufacturing, systems integration, prototype design and assembly, testing and logistics. Press announcements and other information about Richardson are available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.rell.com/investor.asp>.

Richardson Electronics, Ltd.
Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations
First Quarter Fiscal 2003, Ended August 31, 2002
(in thousands, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

Three Months

	FY 2003	FY 2002
Net sales	\$ 108,614	\$ 104,681

Richardson Electronics, Ltd.
Sales and Gross Margin
First Quarter Fiscal 2003, Ended August 31, 2002
(in thousands, unaudited)

By Business Unit:	Sales			Gross Margin			
	FY 2003	FY 2002	% Change	FY 2003	GM% of Sales	FY 2002	GM% of Sales
First Quarter							
RFWC	\$ 51,801	\$ 44,463	16.5%	\$ 11,884	22.9%	\$ 11,190	25.2%
IPG	18,762	18,784	-0.1%	6,411	34.2%	6,397	34.1%
SSD	22,407	20,389	9.9%	5,434	24.3%	4,785	23.5%
DSG	13,289	14,862	-10.6%	3,603	27.1%	3,708	24.9%
MSG	599	4,076	-85.3%	156	26.0%	933	22.9%
Corporate	1,756	2,107		(334)		(539)	
Total	\$108,614	\$104,681	3.8%	\$ 27,154	25.0%	\$ 26,474	25.3%
Excluding MSG	\$108,015	\$100,605	7.4%	\$ 26,998	25.0%	\$ 25,541	25.4%

By Area:	Sales			Gross Margin			
	FY 2003	FY 2002	% Change	FY 2003	FY 2002		

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					GM% of Sales		GM% of Sales
First Quarter							
N. America	\$ 60,598	\$ 60,228	0.6%	\$ 15,638	25.8%	\$ 15,603	25.9%
Europe	22,440	20,775	8.0%	5,953	26.5%	5,689	27.4%
Asia/Pacific	17,333	13,074	32.6%	4,216	24.3%	3,395	26.0%
L. America	5,067	6,707	-24.5%	1,291	25.5%	1,881	28.0%
Other	1,420	1,790	-20.7%	390	27.5%	445	24.9%
Corporate	1,756	2,107		(334)		(539)	
Total	\$ 108,614	\$104,681	3.8%	\$ 27,154	25.0%	\$ 26,474	25.3%

Fiscal 2002 data has been reclassified to conform with the current presentation.