

NEWS RELEASE

Attention business/financial editors and reporters:

**AEROQUEST INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (TSX:AQL)
Announces financial results for the three months ended December 31, 2009**

- *Revenue of \$8.2 million up \$2.6 million from Q4 (including acquisitions)*
- *EBITDA of negative \$1.4 million compared to negative \$1.3 million in Q4.*
- *Contract backlog at \$11.4 million, an increase of \$0.5 million from year-end.*

Mississauga, ON – February 10, 2010 - Aeroquest International Limited today reported financial results for its first quarter of fiscal 2009, the three months ended December 31, 2008. The quarterly results reflect both modest growth in the airborne geophysical survey business as well as the first quarter of revenue from the Optimal Geomatics business acquisition, which closed on September 30, 2009.

“We are cautiously optimistic that we have seen the worst of the economic slowdown and its impact on exploration activity” said Roy Graydon, President and CEO of Aeroquest; “at the same time, we believe that the pace of recovery in this segment will remain modest.”

Consolidated revenue for the three months ended December 31 2009 was \$8.2 million, a decrease of \$3.1 million or 28 percent over the first quarter last year. Revenue from airborne geophysical surveys comprised \$5.7 million, a decline of \$5.0 from Q1 of last year but up \$0.8 million from Q4 of 2009. Revenue from aerial geomatics (the former Optimal Geomatics business) was \$2.2 million. Contract R&D revenue (the Geophex business) contributed \$0.4 million.

Profit margins in the airborne geophysical survey businesses still lag behind historical level at 16 percent compared with 26 percent in the first quarter last year. Both the helicopter and fixed wing margins suffered primarily due to lower margins on government survey work in Australia combined with logistical issues with surveys in Latin America and South East Asia. Management expects that these margins will improve in the second quarter. Aerial Geomatics profit margins were 15% of revenue, again below management’s expectations. The Company embarked on a cost rationalization program at the former Optimal businesses in the first quarter and this process is continuing into the second quarter. Management expects margins to improve in this business segment over the next six months. Overall profit margin was 17% compared with 26% last year and 21% in the fourth quarter. EBITDA¹ in the quarter was negative \$1.4 million, a decline of \$1.3 million over the negative \$0.1 million reported in the comparable quarter last year and a decline of \$0.1 million from the fourth quarter of last year.

¹ *EBITDA stands for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. It is a financial metric used to analyze operating results. The Company defines EBITDA as revenue less cost of sales, cash operating costs (general and administrative expenses as well as foreign currency gains/losses) and stock-based compensation expense. It is not a standard measure under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and as such EBITDA as calculated may not be comparable to similarly titled amounts reported by other companies.*

Net loss in the quarter was \$2.3 million or \$0.06 per share compared to net loss of \$1.5 million, or \$0.04 per share in the first quarter last year.

Cash flow from operating activities was negative \$1.4 million, or \$0.03 per share for the period, as compared to positive \$1.1 million, or \$0.03 per share in the first quarter last year. Capital expenditures totaled \$0.2 million for the quarter, a decline of \$1.8 million from the comparable quarter last year. This decline is due to the acquisition last year of a new airborne gravity meter. Management expects capital expenditures to be modest for the balance of fiscal 2010.

Outlook – Q2 - 2010

Given the ongoing market uncertainty and its impact on worldwide exploration in the mining and petroleum industries, the Company has found that it is difficult to provide revenue guidance with a reasonable degree of certainty. However, contract backlog showed an increase of \$0.5 million from year-end and sits at \$11.4 million at quarter end. Backlog is composed of \$3.6 million in airborne geophysical survey backlog (\$2.0 million in helicopter and \$1.6 million in fixed wing) \$7.4 million in aerial geomatics backlog, and \$0.4 million in contract R&D backlog.

The Company believes that the worst of the negative impact on its target markets is ending and exploration spending is set for a gradual improvement in 2010.

Analyst Conference Call

Aeroquest International Limited will hold a Q1 2010 conference call at 11:00 a.m. ET on Thursday, February 11, 2010. The conference call will review Aeroquest's results for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. The scheduled speakers for the Company on the conference call are: Roy Graydon, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Robert Motz, Chief Financial Officer.

Interested parties can access the conference call by dialing from North America 1-866-696-5910. The international or local dial-in number is 416-340-2217. You must enter pass code 6870836. Please dial in approximately five minutes prior to the start time.

A replay service will be available from two hours following the conference call until midnight on February 25, 2010. To access this recording, dial 1-800-408-3053 or 1-416-695-5800 and enter pass code 7616327.

About Aeroquest International

Aeroquest International is a global information and technology services company and a leader in the development and operation of airborne geophysics and geomatics survey platforms for the mineral and petroleum exploration, and environmental and infrastructure industries. Through its subsidiary companies Aeroquest Surveys, UTS/Aeroquest, Geophex and Optimal Geomatics, Aeroquest International fields a fleet of 30 helicopter and fixed wing survey systems and is active around the world. More information about Aeroquest International can be found at www.aeroquest.ca.

For Investors

This news release may include statements about expected future events and/or financial results that are forward-looking in nature and subject to risks and uncertainties. The Company cautions that actual performance will be affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond its control. Future events and results may vary substantially from what the Company currently

foresees. Discussion of the various factors that may affect future results is contained in the Company's recent filings, available on SEDAR.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

As at	Dec. 31, 09	Sep. 30, 09
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,671,287	\$ 6,145,782
Accounts receivable	6,784,704	5,870,328
Income taxes recoverable	2,816,792	2,196,916
Unbilled contracts in progress	614,142	723,008
Inventory	607,701	342,012
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,699,733	1,564,357
Total current assets	17,194,359	16,842,403
Long term		
Long term investments	137,338	99,521
Capital assets	11,409,303	12,426,652
Intangible assets	15,354,291	16,275,187
Goodwill	11,365,694	11,408,513
Future income taxes	701,273	687,907
Total long term assets	38,967,899	40,897,780
Total Assets	56,162,258	57,740,183
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 5,021,063	\$ 4,783,426
Deferred revenue	1,938,975	910,429
Capital lease obligations	489,977	543,874
Total current liabilities	7,450,015	6,237,729
Long term		
Capital lease obligations	135,856	223,815
Future income taxes	4,726,623	5,113,055
Total liabilities	12,312,494	11,574,599
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	48,465,023	48,084,479
Contributed surplus	2,216,990	2,479,824
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	1,323,298	1,490,428
Retained earnings/(deficit)	(8,155,547)	(5,889,147)
Total shareholders' equity	43,849,764	46,165,584
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	56,162,258	\$ 57,740,183

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Consolidated Statements of Operations

For the three months ending	Dec. 31, 09	Dec. 31, 08
Sales	\$ 8,174,536	\$ 11,297,694
Cost of sales	6,779,344	8,369,934
Gross profit	1,395,192	2,927,760
Expenses and other items		
General and administrative	2,668,099	4,350,563
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	81,087	(1,205,586)
Stock based compensation expense	84,809	104,392
Amortization of intangible assets	874,568	885,050
Depreciation of capital assets	880,148	801,563
Total operating expenses	4,588,711	4,935,982
Operating profit/(loss)	(3,193,519)	(2,008,222)
Other costs (income)	(118,326)	-
Interest Income	-	(70,770)
Interest Expense	15,223	14,585
Income/(loss) before income taxes	(3,090,416)	(1,952,037)
Income taxes		
Current	(438,291)	(147,067)
Future (recovery)	(385,725)	(291,400)
Total income tax	(824,016)	(438,467)
Net income/(loss) for the period	\$ (2,266,400)	\$ (1,513,570)
Earnings/(loss) per share		
Basic	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.04)
Diluted	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.04)

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Consolidated Statements of Retained Earnings/(Deficit)

For the three months ending	Dec. 31, 09	Dec. 31, 08
Retained earnings (deficit), beginning of period	\$ (5,889,147)	\$ 4,681,071
Excess of purchase price over cost on redemption of shares	-	52,087
Net income/(loss)	(2,266,400)	(1,513,570)
Retained earnings, end of period	(8,115,547)	\$ 3,219,588

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the three months ending	Dec. 31, 09	Dec. 31, 08
Net Income/(loss) for the period	\$ (2,266,400)	\$ (1,513,570)
Revaluation of long term investments to fair market value (Net of tax \$26,773, 2008 - \$1,360)	(52,177)	(2,640)
Unrealized gain(loss) on translation of self-sustaining foreign operations	(114,953)	592,864
Total Other Comprehensive Income (loss)	(168,130)	590,224
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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss):		
Revaluation of long term investments to fair market value	\$ (28,081)	\$ 6,280
Unrealized gain(loss) on translation of self-sustaining foreign operations	1,351,379	(1,210,814)
Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)	\$ 1,323,298	\$ (1,204,534)

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow

For the three months ending	Dec. 31, 09	Dec. 31, 08
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Net income/(loss) for the period	\$ (2,266,400)	\$ (1,513,570)
Operating items not requiring cash		
Amortization of intangible assets	874,568	885,050
Depreciation of capital assets	880,148	801,563
Future income taxes	(385,725)	(291,400)
Stock based compensation	84,809	104,392
Operating cash flow before changes in non-cash working capital	(812,600)	(13,965)
Changes in non cash working capital	(601,468)	1,110,747
Total cash flow from operating activities	(1,414,068)	1,096,782
Investing activities		
Capital asset purchases	(163,423)	(2,039,702)
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	330,400	(86,000)
Long-term investments acquired	(90,000)	-
Total cash flow from investing activities	76,977	(2,125,702)
Financing activities		
Capital lease payments	(141,856)	(85,130)
Aeroquest shares redeemed	-	(56,814)
Proceeds: issuance of common shares	4,450	-
Total cash flow from financing activities	(137,406)	(141,944)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents for the period	\$ (1,474,497)	\$ (1,170,864)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	6,145,784	15,373,132
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 4,671,287	\$ 14,202,268