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GENUS ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER RESULTS FOR 1999

SUNNYVALE, Calif., April 28, 1999 – Genus, Inc. (NASDAQ: GGNS), announced today results for the first quarter ended March 31, 1999. The Company recorded net sales of \$6.0 million, compared to \$7.2 million for the first quarter of 1998 when Genus was a two-product line company. Net loss for the first quarter of 1999 was \$611,000 or \$0.03 per share, compared to a net loss of \$7.4 million or \$0.54 per share for the same quarter of 1998.

"This was another solid quarter for Genus as we reposition the Company in the thin film equipment sector," said Dr. William W.R. Elder, Genus' chairman and CEO. "The book-to-bill for the quarter was almost 2:1, and we are confident in meeting our breakeven plan for the year."

Kenneth Schwanda, Genus' chief financial officer, stated, "Genus' first quarter financial results were in line with our expectations, as we see the semiconductor equipment industry coming out of the current recession toward a growth phase beginning later this year."

Founded in 1982, Genus, Inc. designs, manufactures and markets capital equipment and deposition processes for advanced semiconductor manufacturing. The Company's thin film deposition products are used worldwide to produce integrated circuits for the data processing, communications, medical, military, transportation and consumer electronics industries. Genus' customers include semiconductor manufacturers located throughout the United States, Europe and the Pacific Rim including Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Genus' headquarters are located at 1139 Karlstad Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089; telephone (408) 747-7120; fax (408) 747-7199. For the most up-to-date company, product and financial information, visit Genus' web site at <http://www.genus.com>.

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This release contains forward-looking statements dependent on a number of risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, retrenchment in the semiconductor industry, general conditions in the Company's industry sector, and the additional risks and uncertainties detailed under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998.

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GENUS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (unaudited)
(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	1999	1998
Net sales	\$ 5,953	\$ 7,238
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of goods sold	3,604	6,941
Research and development	1,203	3,332
Selling, general and administrative	1,865	4,223
Income(loss) from operations	<u>(719)</u>	<u>(7,258)</u>
Other, net	108	(156)
Net income(loss)	<u>(611)</u>	<u>(7,414)</u>
Deemed dividends on preferred stock	-	<u>(1,829)</u>
Net income(loss) available to common shareholders	<u>\$ (611)</u>	<u>\$ (9,243)</u>
Net income(loss) per common share and per common share assuming dilution	<u>(0.03)</u>	<u>(0.54)</u>
Shares used in per share calculations-basic	17,865	17,125
Shares used in per share calculations-diluted	17,865	17,125

GENUS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)
(Amounts in thousands)

	March 31, 1999	December 31, 1998
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,258	\$ 8,125
Accounts receivable, net	9,470	13,008
Inventories	5,199	5,338
Other current assets	262	379
Total current assets	<u>22,189</u>	<u>26,850</u>
Property and equipment, net	4,462	4,659
Other assets, net	332	318
Total assets	<u>\$ 26,983</u>	<u>\$ 31,827</u>
Liabilities, redeemable preferred stock, and shareholders' equity		
Short-term borrowings	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Total current liabilities	6,808	7,051
Long-term debt	41	50
Redeemable preferred stock	-	773
Shareholders' equity	<u>20,134</u>	<u>19,953</u>
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred stock, and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 26,983</u>	<u>\$ 31,827</u>