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ACTEL CONFIRMS FIRST QUARTER 2009 GUIDANCE

Mountain View, Calif. – Actel Corporation (NASDAQ: ACTL) today released its business update for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, which is unchanged from previous guidance:

- The Company believes that first quarter 2009 revenues will decline sequentially 10 percent to 15 percent. Gross margin is expected to be about 59 percent or 60 percent. Operating expenses are anticipated to come in at approximately \$29 million, which excludes an estimated \$1.6 million of stock-based compensation expense. The operating expense outlook also does not include any restructuring charges that may be incurred during the first quarter of 2009 in connection with the restructuring plan. Other income is expected to be about \$2 million. The tax rate for the quarter is expected to be about 30 percent. Outstanding fully diluted share count is expected to be about 26.3 million shares.

About Actel

Actel is the leader in low-power and mixed-signal FPGAs, offering the most comprehensive portfolio of system and power management solutions. Power Matters. Learn more at www.actel.com.

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The statements in this press release regarding our updated business guidance and intentions are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Risk factors that make it difficult for us to accurately predict quarterly revenues include general economic conditions and a variety of risks specific to Actel or characteristic of the semiconductor industry, such as fluctuating demand, intense competition, rapid technological change and related intellectual property and international trade issues, wafer and other supply shortages, and booking and shipment uncertainties. Any failure to meet expectations could cause the price of our stock to decline significantly. We do not assume, and expressly disclaim, any duty to update the forward-looking statements or risk factors.

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