# Trading Statement

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Trading Update

At the time of the announcement of its results in June 2000, the Company referred to prevailing high book-to-bill ratios and quarterly order growth rates. Those buoyant trading conditions have been maintained through the first half of the current financial year, and have translated into sustained sales growth.

Acal has had notable success in electronic components, where continental European businesses in particular have out-performed against expectations, with high levels of demand from manufacturers of cellular base stations and products for the data communications, wireless and high-speed networking markets. Success in electronic components has been complemented by major growth in sales of networking products and fibre channel products for the rapidly growing Storage Area Network market.

As a result of the buoyant trading conditions being experienced, Acal expects its performance for the half year ending 30th September 2000 to be ahead of current market expectations.

The Company expects to announce its interim results on 4th December 2000.