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### Ambarella, Inc. Announces Third Quarter Fiscal 2015 Financial Results

### Third Quarter Revenue Up 42.8% Year Over Year

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Dec. 4, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ambarella, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMBA), a leading developer of low-power, HD video compression and image processing semiconductors, today announced financial results for its fiscal third quarter ended October 31, 2014.

Revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$65.7 million, up 42.8% from \$46.0 million in the same period in fiscal 2014. For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, revenue was \$153.6 million, up 30.5% from \$117.6 million for the nine months ended October 31, 2013.

Gross margin under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was 63.3%, compared with 63.7% for the same period in fiscal 2014. For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, GAAP gross margin was 63.6%, compared with 63.1% for the nine months ended October 31, 2013.

GAAP net income for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$18.3 million, or \$0.57 per diluted ordinary share, compared with GAAP net income of \$9.1 million, or \$0.30 per diluted ordinary share, for the same period in fiscal 2014. GAAP net income for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 was \$32.9 million, or \$1.03 per diluted ordinary share. This compares with GAAP net income of \$20.1 million, or \$0.68 per diluted ordinary share, for the nine months ended October 31, 2013.

Gross margin on a non-GAAP basis for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was 63.4%, compared with 63.8% for the same period in fiscal 2014. For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, non-GAAP gross margin was 63.7%, compared with 63.2% for the nine months ended October 31, 2013.

Non-GAAP net income for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$22.1 million, or \$0.68 per diluted ordinary share. This compares with non-GAAP net income of \$11.1 million, or \$0.37 per diluted ordinary share, for the same period in fiscal 2014. Non-GAAP net income for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 was \$41.8 million, or \$1.31 per diluted ordinary share. This compares with non-GAAP net income of \$25.0 million for the nine months ended October 31, 2013, or \$0.84 per diluted ordinary share.

Ambarella reports gross margin, net income and earnings per share in accordance with GAAP and, additionally, on a non-GAAP basis. Non-GAAP financial information excludes the impact of stock-based compensation and the associated tax impact. A reconciliation of the GAAP to non-GAAP gross margin, net income and earnings per share numbers, as well as a description of the items excluded from the non-GAAP calculations, is included in the financial statements portion of this press release.

Total cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities on hand at the end of the third fiscal quarter of 2015 were \$186.5 million, compared with \$128.1 million at the end of the same quarter a year ago.

"We are delighted with our third quarter financial results," said Fermi Wang, president and CEO. "Our products for wearable sports and IP security cameras once again delivered strong revenue growth in the quarter, while the automotive aftermarket market also increased, reflecting strength in China and Korea. We also are very pleased with our progress in newer markets, such as wearable, home security and quadcopters cameras," he said.

### Quarterly Conference Call

Ambarella plans to hold a conference call at 5 p.m. Eastern Time / 2 p.m. Pacific Time today with Fermi Wang, Chief Executive Officer, and George Laplante, Chief Financial Officer, to discuss third quarter 2015 results. The call can be accessed by dialing 877-304-8963 in the USA; international callers should dial 760-666-4834. The conference ID is 34844393. Participant passcode is "Ambarella." Please dial in ten minutes prior to the scheduled conference call time. A live and archived webcast of the call will be available on Ambarella's website at <a href="http://www.ambarella.com/">http://www.ambarella.com/</a> for up to 30 days after the call.

Ambarella, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMBA), is a leading developer of low-power, high-definition (HD) video compression and image processing solutions. The company's products are used in a variety of HD cameras including IP security cameras, wearable sports cameras and automotive video camera recorders. Ambarella technology is also used in television broadcasting with TV programs being transmitted worldwide using Ambarella compression chips. For more information about Ambarella, please visit www.ambarella.com.

### "Safe harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are not historical facts and often can be identified by terms such as "outlook," "projected," "intends," "will," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "believes," "could," or similar expressions, including the comments of our CEO relating to the expansion of our primary and new target markets and our ability to generate revenue from our solutions in these markets. The achievement or success of the matters covered by such forward-looking statements involves risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results could differ materially from those predicted or implied and reported results should not be considered as an indication of our future performance.

The risks and uncertainties referred to above include, but are not limited to, risks associated with revenue being generated from new customers or design wins, neither of which is assured; our growth strategy; our ability to anticipate future market demands and future needs of our customers; our ability to introduce new and enhanced solutions; our ability to retain and expand customer relationships and to achieve design wins; our ability to successfully enter new markets; anticipated trends and challenges, including competition, in the markets in which we operate; our ability to effectively manage growth; our ability to retain key employees; and the potential for intellectual property disputes or other litigation.

Further information on these and other factors that could affect our financial results is included in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for our 2014 fiscal year, which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additional information will also be set forth in the company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, annual reports on Form 10-K and other filings the company makes with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time, copies of which may be obtained by visiting the Investor Relations portion of our web site at <a href="www.ambarella.com">www.ambarella.com</a> or the SEC's web site at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. Undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements in this release, which are based on information available to us on the date hereof. The results we report in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the third quarter ended October 31, 2014 could differ from the preliminary results announced in this press release.

Ambarella assumes no obligation and does not intend to update the forward-looking statements made in this press release, except as required by law.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

The company has provided in this release non-GAAP financial information including non-GAAP gross margin, net income, and earnings per share, as a supplement to the condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures internally in analyzing the company's financial results to assess operational performance and liquidity. The company believes that both management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing its performance and when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods. Further, the company believes these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors because they allow for greater transparency with respect to key financial metrics that the company uses in making operating decisions and because the company believes that investors and analysts use them to help assess the health of its business and for comparison to other companies. Non-GAAP results are presented for supplemental informational purposes only for understanding the company's operating results. The non-GAAP information should not be considered a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP, and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies.

The company has provided below reconciliations between its non-GAAP financial measures to its most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

# AMBARELLA, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except share and per share data) (unaudited)

Three Months Ended October 31,		Nine Months Ended October 31,	
2014	2013	2014	2013

Revenue	\$ 65,689	\$ 45,990	\$ 153,578	\$ 117,641
Cost of revenue	24,130	16,689	55,887	43,356
Gross profit	41,559	29,301	97,691	74,285
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	15,584	13,476	41,995	35,767
Selling, general and administrative	7,324	5,761	20,954	16,303
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Total operating expenses	22,908	19,237	62,949	52,070
Income from operations	18,651	10,064	34,742	22,215
	40	(40)	400	(20)
Other income (loss), net	40	(12)	128	(28)
Income before income taxes	18,691	10,052	34,870	22,187
Provision for income taxes	364	926	1,973	2,066
Net income	\$ 18,327	\$ 9,126	\$ 32,897	\$ 20,121
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Net income per share attributable to ordinary shareholders:				
Basic	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.73
Diluted	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.30	\$ 1.03	\$ 0.68
Weighted-average shares used to compute net income per share attributable to ordinary shareholders:				
Basic	30,006,896	27,836,086	29,467,178	27,432,301
Diluted	32,382,526	30,355,230	32,014,373	29,754,837

The following table presents details of stock-based compensation expense included in each functional line item in the condensed consolidated statements of operations above:

	Three Months Ended October 31,		Nine Months Ended October 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(unaudited, in thousands)			
Stock-based compensation:				
Cost of revenue	\$ 97	\$ 47	\$ 214	\$ 115
Research and development	2,363	1,385	5,582	3,259
Selling, general and administrative	1,824	1,029	4,311	2,286
Total stock-based compensation	\$ 4,284	\$ 2,461	\$ 10,107	\$ 5,660

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### RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months En	ded October 31,	Nine Months En	ded October 31,
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(unaudited)				

GAAP net income	\$ 18,327	\$ 9,126	\$ 32,897	\$ 20,121
Two-class method - allocation to participating securities	(1)	(8)	(8)	(27)
Treasury stock method - additional allocation to ordinary shares			1	2
GAAP net income - diluted	\$ 18,326	\$ 9,118	\$ 32,890	\$ 20,096
Non CAAR adjustments:				
Non-GAAP adjustments:	0.740	0.000	0.047	4.044
Stock-based compensation expense, net of tax effect	3,740	2,000	8,947	4,911
Two-class method - additional allocation to participating securities	(1)	(3)	(2)	(7)
Treasury stock method - additional allocation to ordinary shares		1		1
Non-GAAP net income - diluted	\$ 22,065	\$ 11,116	\$ 41,835	\$ 25,001
GAAP - diluted weighted average shares	32,382,526	30,355,230	32,014,373	29,754,837
Non-GAAP - diluted weighted average shares	32,382,526	30,355,230	32,014,373	29,754,837
GAAP - diluted net income per share	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.30	\$ 1.03	\$ 0.68
Non-GAAP adjustments:				
Stock-based compensation expense, net of tax effect	0.11	0.07	0.28	0.16
Non-GAAP adjustment to two-class method diluted net income	_	_	_	_
Non-GAAP adjustment to treasury stock method diluted net income	_	_	_	_
Non-GAAP - diluted net income per share	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.31	\$ 0.84

The difference between GAAP and non-GAAP gross margin was 0.1% for each period, or \$96,839 and \$47,309 for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, or \$213,697 and \$114,946 for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The difference was due to the effect of stock-based compensation, and the associated tax impact, recorded for GAAP purposes.

## AMBARELLA, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited, in thousands)

	October 31, January 31,		
	2014	2014	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 146,577	\$ 143,394	
Marketable securities	39,951	_	
Accounts receivable, net	40,965	18,837	
Inventories	14,839	10,452	
Restricted cash	3	3	
Deferred tax assets, current	1,856	1,599	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,256	2,951	
Total current assets	246,447	177,236	
Property and equipment, net	3,182	3,018	
Deferred tax assets, non-current	1,666	1,134	
Other assets	1,983	1,919	
Total assets	\$ 253,278	\$ 183,307	

### LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	20,830	8,321
Accrued liabilities	14,846	11,705
Income taxes payable	1,895	545
Deferred revenue, current	5,034	4,831
Total current liabilities	42,605	25,402
Deferred revenue, non-current	144	_
Other long-term liabilities	1,175	1,544
Total liabilities	43,924	26,946
Shareholders' equity:		
Preference shares	_	_
Ordinary shares	14	13
Additional paid-in capital	130,394	110,285
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(14)	_
Retained earnings	78,960	46,063
Total shareholders' equity	209,354	156,361
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 253,278	\$ 183,307

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