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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 5, 2020

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**BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Minnesota**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**0-17272**  
(Commission File Number)

**41-1427402**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

**614 McKinley Place NE**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(612) 379-8854**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock        | TECH              | NASDAQ                                    |

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

- Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

A copy of the press release issued by Bio-Techne Corporation on November 5, 2020, describing the results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 and its financial condition as of September 30, 2020, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibits attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

A copy of the press release issued by Bio-Techne Corporation on November 5, 2020, announcing a cash dividend is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 [Press Release, dated November 5, 2020, announcing results of operations](#)

99.2 [Press Release, dated November 5, 2020, announcing cash dividend.](#)

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION

Date: November 5, 2020

By: /s/ Brenda S. Furlow  
Brenda S. Furlow  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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## BIO-TECHNE RELEASES FIRST QUARTER FISCAL 2021 RESULTS

Minneapolis/November 5, 2020/ Bio-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ:TECH) today reported its financial results for the first quarter ended September 30, 2020.

**First Quarter FY2021 Snapshot**

- First quarter organic revenue increased by 10% (11% reported) to \$204.2 million.
- GAAP EPS was \$0.83 versus \$0.37 one year ago. Delivered adjusted earnings per share (EPS) of \$1.43, an increase of 35% over the prior year.
- Diagnostics and Genomics segment delivered 17% organic growth (18% reported), highlighted by growth in RNAscope products.
- Adjusted operating margin increased to 38.2% in the first quarter of fiscal 2021 compared to 31.8% in the prior year.
- The Company opened its new state-of-the-art GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) manufacturing facility, which is dedicated to supporting large-scale production of GMP-grade proteins and reagents.

The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Adjusted EPS, adjusted earnings, adjusted gross margin, adjusted operating income, and adjusted operating margin are non-GAAP measures that exclude certain items detailed later in this press release under the heading "Use of non-GAAP Adjusted Financial Measures." A reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measures is included in this press release.

"I am very pleased with our team and the results they produced for the first fiscal quarter of 2021," said Chuck Kummeth, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bio-Techne. "Achieving over 10% organic growth, including strong results from our key growth platforms, shows the strength of our diverse portfolio of tools that researchers are turning to in all aspects of life sciences research."

Kummeth added, "We have laid a foundation of COVID-19 related tools and diagnostics to enable researchers and clinicians in the near-term battle against the virus and provide continued insights over the long-term. This quarter was highlighted by the opening of our GMP manufacturing facility in Minnesota to accelerate the ramp and access to the world's highest quality GMP proteins and reagents to support the growing cell and gene therapy markets."

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## COVID-19 Business Update

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2021, we experienced a significant increase in the number of customer sites that were either fully or partially opened when compared to prior periods during the COVID-19 pandemic. The reopening of customer sites and demand for our portfolio of life science tools and diagnostic reagents enabled the Company to return to sales volumes experienced prior to the onset of the pandemic. However, we are unable to forecast if any customer sites may reclose given rising COVID-19 cases occurring in certain regions. We are anticipating a positive long-term outlook for sales growth resulting from expected future funding increases within life-science research in response to the current pandemic.

The Company has responded to the pandemic by leveraging our deep product portfolio and scientific expertise to develop a robust COVID-19 product and service offering that provides critical support for both clinical care and therapeutic development. The Company's ongoing efforts to utilize and expand upon our portfolio of products and services to enable solutions for this evolving pandemic may partially offset the impacts of any future customer site closures.

Adjusted EPS was favorably impacted in the current quarter when compared to prior periods during the COVID-19 pandemic due to increased sales volumes as described above. We anticipate the short- and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on adjusted EPS to be similar to that of sales growth.

The Company remains in a strong financial position with sufficient available cash as well as access to additional funding, if necessary, through our long-term debt agreement. We did not experience any material changes to our September 30, 2020 Balance Sheet resulting from COVID-19 for items such as additional reserves or asset impairments.

The Company remains fully operational as we abide by local COVID-19 safety regulations across the world. To achieve this, certain employees are working remotely and the Company has adopted significant protective measures for our employees on site, including staggered shifts, social distancing and hygiene best practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In addition, the Company has taken additional steps to monitor and strengthen our supply chain to maintain an uninterrupted supply of our critical products and services.

## First Quarter Fiscal 2021

### *Revenue*

Net sales for the first quarter increased 11% to \$204.2 million. Organic growth was 10% compared to the prior year, with foreign currency exchange having a favorable impact of 1%.

### *GAAP Earnings Results*

GAAP EPS increased to \$0.83 per diluted share, versus \$0.37 in the same quarter last year, primarily due to sales growth and operating margin expansion. GAAP operating income for the first quarter of fiscal 2021 increased 47.3% to \$49.1 million, compared to \$33.3 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2020. GAAP operating margin was 24.0%, compared to 18.2% in the first quarter of fiscal 2020. GAAP operating margin compared to prior year was positively impacted by volume leverage and cost management.

### *Non-GAAP Earnings Results*

Adjusted EPS increased to \$1.43 per diluted share, versus \$1.06 in the same quarter last year, an increase of 35% resulting from sales growth and operating margin expansion. Adjusted operating income for the first quarter of fiscal 2021 increased 33.8% compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2020. Adjusted operating margin was 38.2%, compared to 31.8% in the first quarter of fiscal 2020. Adjusted operating margin compared to the prior year was positively impacted by volume leverage and cost management.

## Segment Results

Management uses adjusted operating results to monitor and evaluate performance of the Company's business segments, as highlighted below. Since these results are used for this purpose, they are also considered to be prepared in accordance with GAAP.

### *Protein Sciences Segment*

The Company's Protein Sciences segment is one of the world's leading suppliers of specialized proteins such as cytokines and growth factors, immunoassays, antibodies and reagents, to the biotechnology and academic research communities. Additionally, the segment provides an array of platforms useful in various areas of protein analysis. Protein Sciences segment's first quarter fiscal 2021 net sales were \$154.4 million, an increase of 10% from \$141.0 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2020. Organic growth for the segment was 8%, with foreign currency exchange having a favorable impact of 2% on revenue growth. Protein Sciences segment's operating margin was 45.6% in the first quarter of fiscal 2021 compared to 42.2% in the first quarter of fiscal 2020. The segment's operating margin compared to the prior year was positively impacted by volume leverage and cost management.

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## *Diagnostics and Genomics Segment*

The Company's Diagnostics and Genomics segment provides blood chemistry and blood gas quality controls, hematology instrument controls, diagnostic immunoassays and other bulk and custom reagents for the in vitro diagnostic market. The Diagnostics and Genomics segment also develops and provides *in situ* hybridization products as well as exosome-based diagnostics for various pathologies, including prostate cancer. The Diagnostics and Genomics segment's first quarter fiscal 2021 net sales were \$50.1 million, an increase of 18% compared to \$42.6 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2020. Organic growth for the segment was 17%, with foreign currency exchange having a favorable impact of 1%. The Diagnostics and Genomics segment's operating margin was 17.3% in the first quarter of fiscal 2021 compared to 2.1% in the first quarter of fiscal 2020. The segment's operating margin was positively impacted volume leverage.

### **Conference Call**

Bio-Techne will host an earnings conference call today, November 5, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. CDT. To listen, please dial 1-855-327-6837 or 1-631-891-4304 (for international callers), and reference conference ID 10011451. The earnings call can also be accessed via webcast through the following link <http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=141927>.

A recorded rebroadcast will be available for interested parties unable to participate in the live conference call by dialing 1-844-512-2921 or 1-412-317-6671 (for international callers) and referencing Conference ID 10011451. The replay will be available from 11:00 a.m. CDT on Thursday, November 5, 2020 until 11:00 p.m. CDT on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

### **Use of non-GAAP Adjusted Financial Measures:**

This press release contains financial measures that have not been calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP). These non-GAAP measures include:

- Organic growth
- Adjusted diluted earnings per share
- Adjusted net earnings
- Adjusted gross margin
- Adjusted operating income
- Adjusted operating margin

We provide these measures as additional information regarding our operating results. We use these non-GAAP measures internally to evaluate our performance and in making financial and operational decisions, including with respect to incentive compensation. We believe that our presentation of these measures provides investors with greater transparency with respect to our results of operations and that these measures are useful for period-to-period comparison of results.

Our non-GAAP financial measure of organic growth represents revenue growth excluding revenue from acquisitions within the preceding 12 months as well as the impact of foreign currency. Excluding these measures provides more useful period-to-period comparison of revenue results as it excludes the impact of foreign currency exchange rates, which can vary significantly from period to period, and revenue from acquisitions that would not be included in the comparable prior period.

Our non-GAAP financial measures for adjusted gross margin, adjusted operating margin, and adjusted net earnings, in total and on a per share basis, exclude the costs recognized upon the sale of acquired inventory, amortization of acquisition intangibles, acquisition related expenses inclusive of the changes in fair value of contingent consideration, and other non-recurring items including non-recurring costs and gains. The Company excludes amortization of purchased intangible assets, purchase accounting adjustments, including costs recognized upon the sale of acquired inventory and acquisition-related expenses inclusive of the changes in fair value contingent consideration, and other non-recurring items including gains or losses on legal settlements and one-time assessments from this measure because they occur as a result of specific events, and are not reflective of our internal investments, the costs of developing, producing, supporting and selling our products, and the other ongoing costs to support our operating structure. Additionally, these amounts can vary significantly from period to period based on current activity.

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The Company's non-GAAP adjusted operating margin and adjusted net earnings, in total and on a per share basis, also excludes stock-based compensation expense, which is inclusive of the employer portion of payroll taxes on those stock awards, restructuring, impairments of equity method investments, gain and losses from investments, and certain adjustments to income tax expense. Stock-based compensation is excluded from non-GAAP adjusted net earnings because of the nature of this charge, specifically the varying available valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions, variety of award types, and unpredictability of amount and timing of employer related tax obligations. Impairments of equity investments are excluded as they are not part of our day-to-day operating decisions. Additionally, gains and losses from other investments that are either isolated or cannot be expected to occur again with any predictability are excluded. Costs related to restructuring activities, including reducing overhead and consolidating facilities, are excluded because we believe they are not indicative of our normal operating costs. The Company independently calculates a non-GAAP adjusted tax rate to be applied to the identified non-GAAP adjustments considering the impact of discrete items on these adjustments and the jurisdictional mix of the adjustments. In addition, the tax impact of other discrete and non-recurring charges which impact our reported GAAP tax rate are adjusted from net earnings. We believe these tax items can significantly affect the period-over-period assessment of operating results and not necessarily reflect costs and/or income associated with historical trends and future results.

Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliations of adjusted financial measures used in this press release to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures as provided with the financial statements attached to this press release.

**Forward Looking Statements:**

Our press releases may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties that may affect the actual results of operations. The following important factors, among others, have affected and, in the future, could affect the Company's actual results: the effect of new branding and marketing initiatives, the integration of new businesses and leadership, the introduction and acceptance of new products, the funding and focus of the types of research by the Company's customers, the impact of the growing number of producers of biotechnology research products and related price competition, general economic conditions, the impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations, and the costs and results of research and product development efforts of the Company and of companies in which the Company has invested or with which it has formed strategic relationships.

For additional information concerning such factors, see the section titled "Risk Factors" in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements we make in our press releases due to new information or future events. Investors are cautioned not to place undue emphasis on these statements.

Bio-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ: TECH) is a global life sciences company providing innovative tools and bioactive reagents for the research and clinical diagnostic communities. Bio-Techne products assist scientific investigations into biological processes and the nature and progress of specific diseases. They aid in drug discovery efforts and provide the means for accurate clinical tests and diagnoses. With thousands of products in its portfolio, Bio-Techne generated approximately \$739 million in net sales in fiscal 2020 and has over 2,300 employees worldwide. For more information on Bio-Techne and its brands, please visit [www.bio-techne.com](http://www.bio-techne.com).

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BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

|   | QUARTER<br>ENDED |            |
|---|------------------|------------|
|   | 9/30/20          | 9/30/19    |
| Net sales                                   | \$ 204,199       | \$ 183,243 |
| Cost of sales                               | 66,468           | 64,829     |
| Gross margin                                | 137,731          | 118,414    |
| Operating expenses:                         |                  |            |
| Selling, general and administrative         | 72,598           | 69,010     |
| Research and development                    | 16,041           | 16,077     |
| Total operating expenses                    | 88,639           | 85,087     |
| Operating income                            | 49,092           | 33,327     |
| Other income (expense)                      | (9,753)          | (15,521)   |
| Earnings before income taxes                | 39,339           | 17,806     |
| Income taxes                                | 5,944            | 3,408      |
| Net earnings                                | \$ 33,395        | \$ 14,398  |
| Earnings per share:                         |                  |            |
| Basic                                       | \$ 0.87          | \$ 0.38    |
| Diluted                                     | \$ 0.83          | \$ 0.37    |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |                  |            |
| Basic                                       | 38,536           | 38,032     |
| Diluted                                     | 40,025           | 39,253     |

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BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION  
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|   | 9/30/20             | 6/30/20             |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                 |                     |                     |
| Cash and equivalents                          | \$ 169,404          | \$ 146,625          |
| Short-term available-for-sale investments     | 117,986             | 124,268             |
| Accounts receivable, net                      | 122,635             | 122,534             |
| Inventories                                   | 106,003             | 103,152             |
| Other current assets                          | 25,865              | 24,341              |
| Total current assets                          | <u>541,893</u>      | <u>520,920</u>      |
| Property and equipment, net                   | 191,677             | 176,829             |
| Right of use asset                            | 70,018              | 71,465              |
| Goodwill and intangible assets, net           | 1,239,227           | 1,244,853           |
| Other assets                                  | 10,281              | 13,522              |
| Total assets                                  | <u>\$ 2,053,096</u> | <u>\$ 2,027,589</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                     |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses         | \$ 61,999           | \$ 63,270           |
| Contract liabilities                          | 13,285              | 13,049              |
| Income taxes payable                          | 2,157               | 2,376               |
| Contingent consideration payable              | 5,788               | 5,938               |
| Operating lease liabilities – current         | 9,695               | 9,535               |
| Current portion of long-term debt obligations | 12,500              | 12,500              |
| Total current liabilities                     | <u>105,424</u>      | <u>106,668</u>      |
| Deferred income taxes                         | 101,374             | 101,090             |
| Long-term debt obligations                    | 311,139             | 344,243             |
| Operating lease liabilities                   | 65,694              | 67,248              |
| Long-term contingent consideration payable    | 199                 | 199                 |
| Other long-term liabilities                   | 29,981              | 26,949              |
| Stockholders' equity                          | 1,439,285           | 1,381,192           |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity    | <u>\$ 2,053,096</u> | <u>\$ 2,027,589</u> |

BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION  
RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED GROSS MARGIN PERCENTAGE  
(Unaudited)

|                                    | QUARTER<br>ENDED |              |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                    | 9/30/20          | 9/30/19      |
| Gross margin percentage – GAAP     | 67.4%            | 64.6%        |
| Identified adjustments:            |                  |              |
| Amortization of intangibles        | 4.2%             | 4.7%         |
| Stock compensation expense - COGS  | 0.3%             | 0.2%         |
| Gross margin percentage - Adjusted | <u>71.9%</u>     | <u>69.5%</u> |

BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION  
RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED OPERATING MARGIN PERCENTAGE  
(Unaudited)

|  | QUARTER<br>ENDED |              |
|--|------------------|--------------|
|  | 9/30/20          | 9/30/19      |
| Operating margin percentage – GAAP     | 24.0%            | 18.2%        |
| Identified adjustments:                |                  |              |
| Amortization of intangibles            | 7.6%             | 8.1%         |
| Acquisition related expenses           | 0.1%             | 0.7%         |
| Stock-based compensation               | 6.5%             | 4.8%         |
| Operating margin percentage - Adjusted | <u>38.2%</u>     | <u>31.8%</u> |

BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION  
RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NET EARNINGS and EARNINGS per SHARE  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

|  | QUARTER<br>ENDED |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | 9/30/20          | 9/30/19          |
| Net earnings – GAAP                                | \$ 33,395        | \$ 14,398        |
| Identified adjustments:                            |                  |                  |
| Amortization of intangibles                        | 15,501           | 14,901           |
| Acquisition related expenses                       | 230              | 1,404            |
| Stock-based compensation                           | 13,333           | 8,800            |
| Realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments | 4,351            | 10,401           |
| Tax impact of above adjustments                    | (5,514)          | (6,982)          |
| Tax impact of discrete items                       | (4,151)          | (1,271)          |
| Net earnings - Adjusted                            | <u>\$ 57,145</u> | <u>\$ 41,651</u> |
| Earnings per share - diluted – Adjusted            | \$ 1.43          | \$ 1.06          |

BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION  
SEGMENT REVENUE  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|  | QUARTER<br>ENDED  |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | 9/30/20           | 9/30/19           |
| Protein Sciences segment revenue         | \$ 154,446        | \$ 140,995        |
| Diagnostics and Genomics segment revenue | 50,125            | 42,552            |
| Intersegment revenue                     | (372)             | (304)             |
| Consolidated revenue                     | <u>\$ 204,199</u> | <u>\$ 183,243</u> |

BIO-TECHNE CORPORATION  
SEGMENT OPERATING INCOME  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|   | QUARTER<br>ENDED |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | 9/30/20          | 9/30/19          |
| Protein Sciences segment operating income         | \$ 70,352        | \$ 59,538        |
| Diagnostics and Genomics segment operating income | 8,674            | 900              |
| Segment operating income                          | 79,026           | 60,438           |
| Corporate general, selling, and administrative    | (964)            | (2,100)          |
| Adjusted operating income                         | 78,062           | 58,338           |
| Amortization of intangibles                       | (15,501)         | (14,901)         |
| Acquisition related expenses                      | (136)            | (1,310)          |
| Stock-based compensation                          | (13,333)         | (8,800)          |
| Operating income                                  | <u>\$ 49,092</u> | <u>\$ 33,327</u> |

**BIO-TECHNE DECLARES DIVIDEND**

MINNEAPOLIS, November 5, 2020/PRNewswire/ -- Bio-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ: TECH) announced that its Board of Directors has decided to pay a dividend of \$0.32 per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2020. The quarterly dividend will be payable November 27, 2020 to all common shareholders of record on November 16, 2020. Future cash dividends will be considered by the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

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