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HIS Company, Inc. ("Hisco") Acquisition Overview

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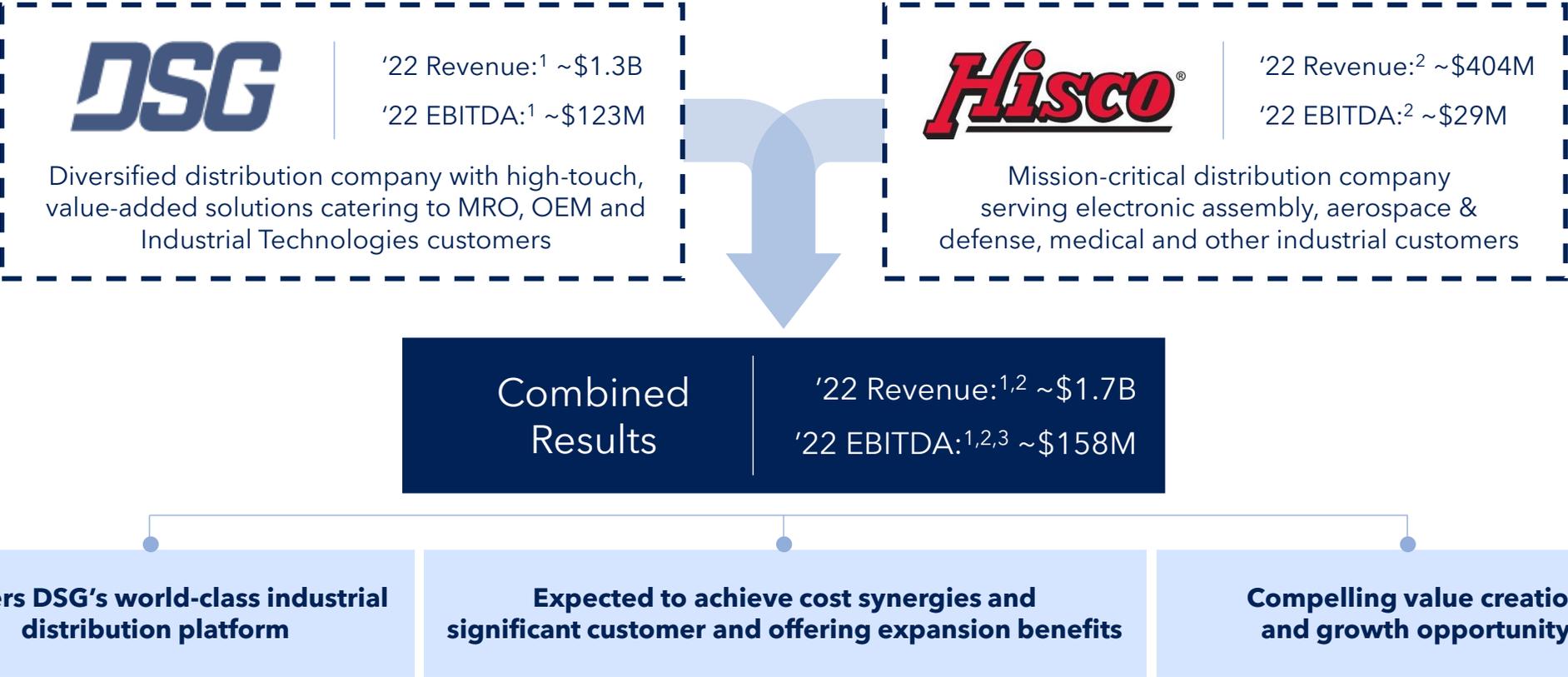
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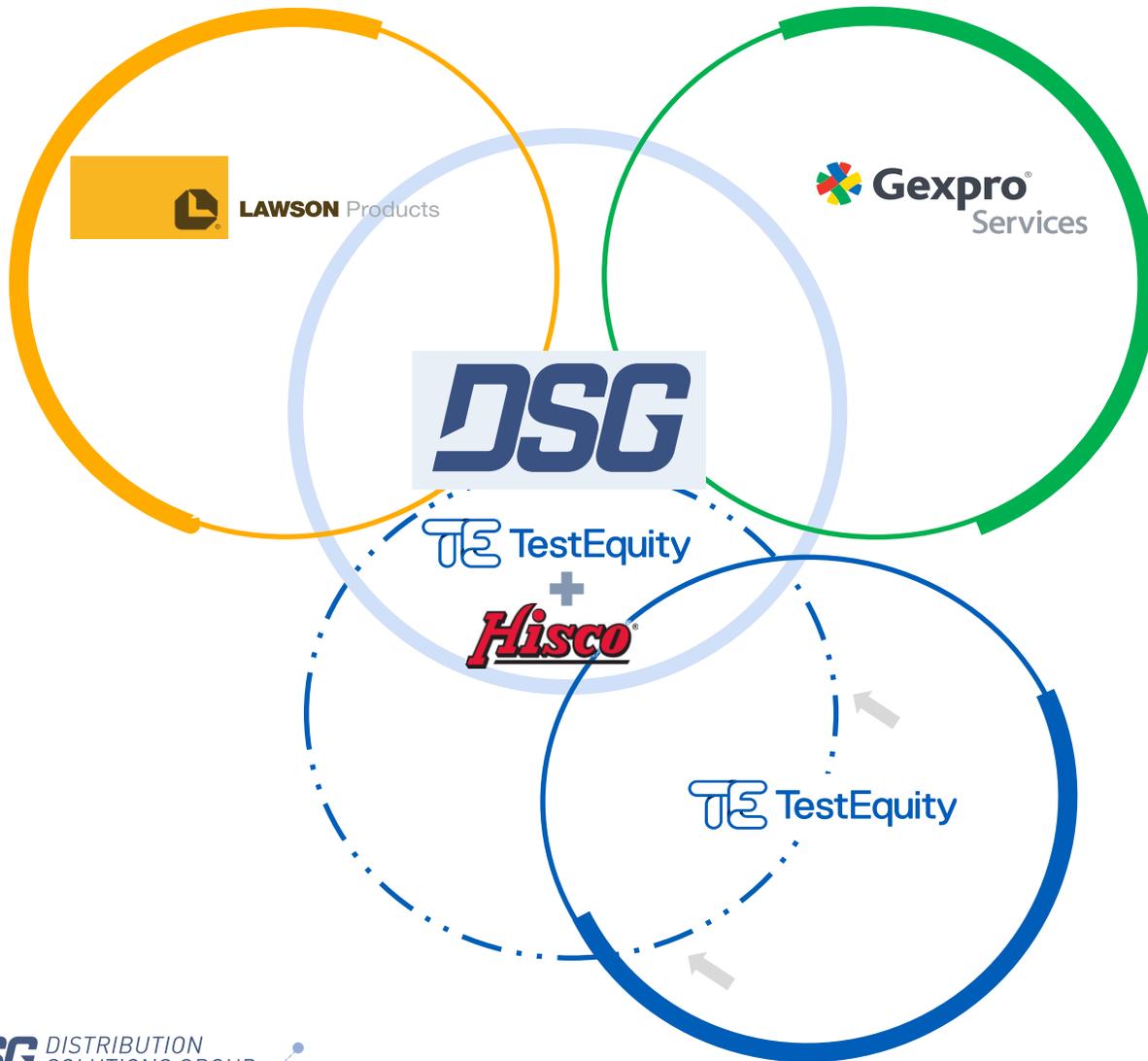
Hisco Accelerates DSG's Vision for Growth



The Hisco Transaction Accelerates the Growth Trajectory of the Combined DSG Platform

(1) Represents adjusted DSG revenue and EBITDA, including Lawson Products pre-merger results. Excludes \$53M of revenue and \$4M of EBITDA contribution from pre-acquisition results of acquisitions acquired in 2022. See appendix for reconciliations.
 (2) Represents Hisco 2022 FY (Oct) revenue and Adjusted EBITDA. Excludes \$26M of revenue and \$2M of annual Adjusted EBITDA acquired in December 2022. See appendix for reconciliations.
 (3) Inclusive of \$6M of synergies (comprised of commercial benefits, net spend savings, and other SG&A savings) expected to be realized over the first year after the Transaction close.

Creating a More Unified Platform



More closely aligns TestEquity to DSG and strengthens the overall organization's value proposition

- ✓ Extended cross-sell opportunities
- ✓ Expanded value-added capabilities across platform
- ✓ Geographic pull-through deeper into Mexico and South America
- ✓ Expected to accelerate timeline to higher structural margin profile

Transaction Summary

Value

- Upfront purchase price of \$269.1M (9.4x 2022 Adjusted EBITDA¹)
 - Mid-7x inclusive of anticipated synergies realized within 12 months post-close
- Approximately \$35M of anticipated future tax benefit value²
- Expected to be accretive on an adjusted basis³ in 2023

Structure

- Transaction structure includes:
 - \$269.1M cash at close, subject to customary closing adjustments
 - \$37.5M employee retention payments paid 12 or more months after closing in cash or DSG stock
 - Up to \$12.6M cash earn-out, contingent on Hisco FY 2023 performance

Financing

- Funded at closing via:
 - Committed expansion of existing credit facility, plus
 - Approximately \$100M equity rights offering to existing shareholders, with support indicated by largest shareholder, Luther King Capital Management and affiliates (“LKCM”)
- Anticipating net borrowing leverage of 3.25x - 3.50x upon closing

Approval & Timing

- Unanimously approved by DSG’s Board of Directors
- Full support from LKCM (>77% of outstanding shares)
- Expected to close in 2Q 2023, subject to HSR approval and customary closing conditions

Industry-Leading Industrial Distribution Platform



LAWSON Products

MRO Focus

Leading vendor managed inventory provider of C-parts to the MRO market

~29% of Sales¹



Gexpro[®]
Services

OEM Focus

Leading global supply chain services and C-parts provider to OEM and aftermarket

~23% of Sales¹



Industrial Technologies Focus

Leading supplier of electronic & specialty production supplies and T&M equipment across OEM and MRO markets

~48% of Sales^{1,2}

Hisco Acquisition Benefits

- ✓ Elevates organic growth rate of all businesses through commercial revenue opportunities
- ✓ Diversifies products and geographies, while capitalizing on nearshoring trends

- ✓ Enhances DSG's suite of value-added capabilities leverageable across the entire platform

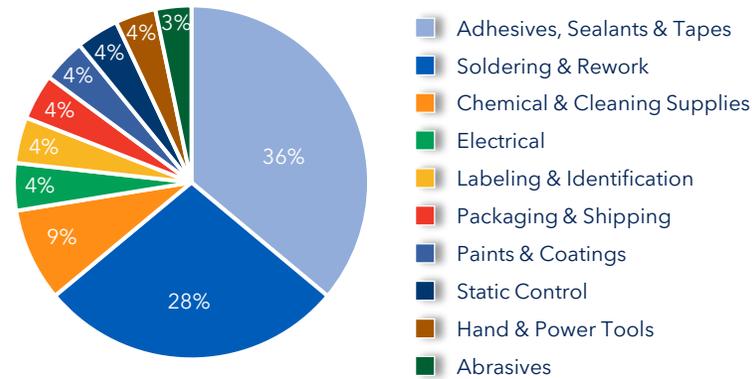
- ✓ Provides immediate scale; pro forma 2022 revenue of ~\$1.7B^{1,2} and adjusted EBITDA of ~\$158M^{1,2,3}
- ✓ Generates strong and sustainable pro forma cash flow

Hisco® At a Glance

Business Overview

- Leading broadline industrial supplies distribution business with integrated footprint across the United States, Canada, and Mexico
- Headquartered in Houston, TX with 38 branches and ~600 employees
- High-margin, value-added services including precision converting and packaging for adhesives, sealants, and specialty chemicals
- Deeply embedded with customers, providing requirement-driven solutions

Select Product Offering Mix¹



Largest Suppliers



Value-Added Services



Custom Fabrication



Packaging / Labeling



Cold / Clean Room Storage



Vendor-Managed Inventory



Precision Slitting



Die Cutting



Labeling / Printing



Prototyping

End Markets



Hisco's Strategic Fit with TestEquity

Highly Complementary Businesses

 **Aligned Product Offerings / Services**

Strong, complementary fit with TestEquity's niche, specialty product offerings and value-add services

 **Suppliers**

Strategic alignment with TestEquity's suppliers, particularly within Electronic Production Supplies ("EPS")

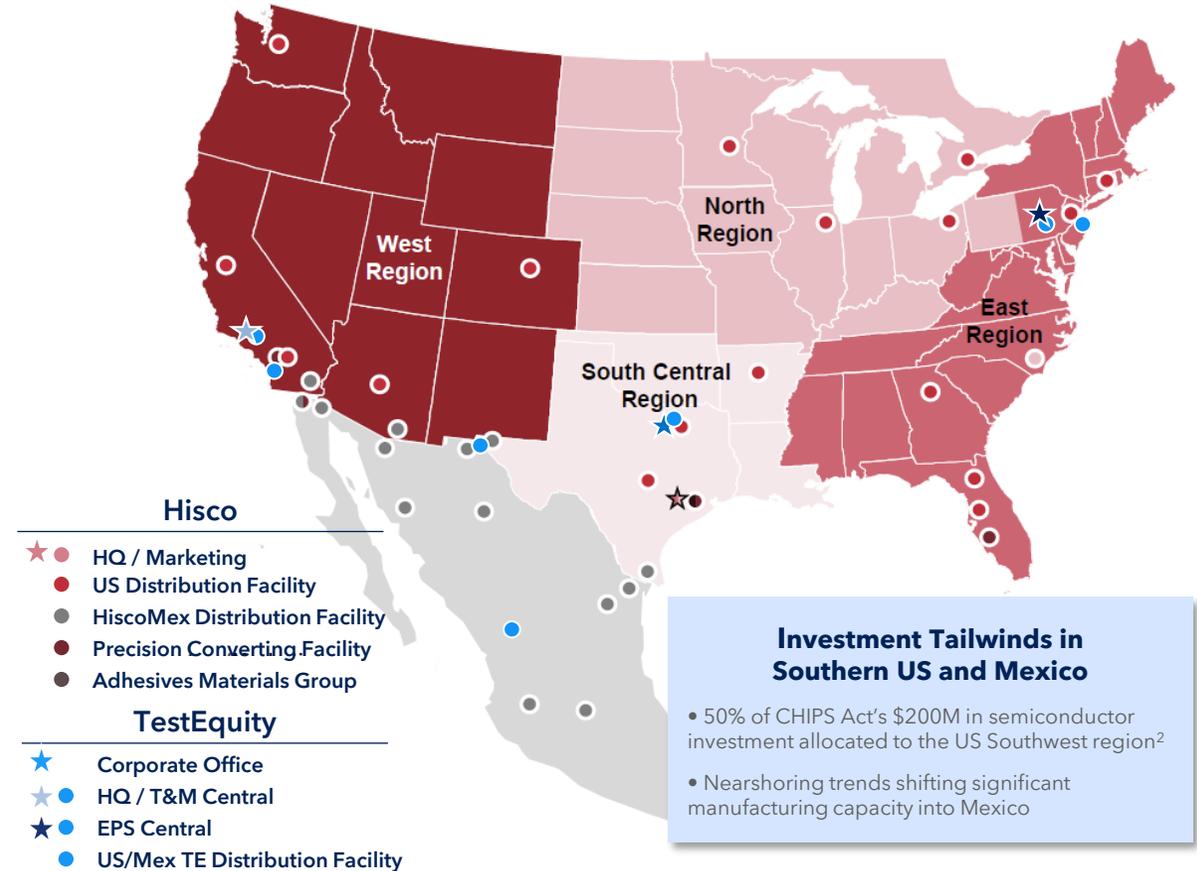
 **Operational Structure**

"Best of both" consolidation with meaningful combination benefits, including facility optimization and operating resource leverage

 **Benefits of Market Tailwinds**

Beneficiary of growth driven by CHIPS Act in the Southwestern US and nearshoring trends in Mexico

Scaled Geographic Footprint



Transformed Industrial Technologies Focus with ~2/3¹ of Business Driven by Production Supplies and Value-added Services

DSG Go-Forward Vision for Growth

Best-in-Class Specialty Distribution Platform Poised for Accelerated Growth

Positioned for Organic Growth Opportunities

- ✓ Unique Total Customer and Supplier Value Proposition
- ✓ Comprehensive Value-Added Capabilities Across Premier Brands
- ✓ Geographic / Infill Expansion Opportunities Across North America
- ✓ Enhanced Digital Capabilities Across the Platform
- ✓ Proven Management Team with Clear Vision of Value Creation
- ✓ Continued Commitment to Drive Expanded EBITDA Margins



Actionable Acquisition Program

- In-house Corporate Development team with first-class experience
- Highly fragmented markets with thousands of smaller competitors
- Established track record of purchasing and integrating complementary, accretive businesses
- Well-capitalized to selectively pursue incremental acquisitions

Value-Added Acquisitions

Hisco[®]

~Q2 2023



Compelling Strategic Rationale

- ✓ Meaningfully enhances DSG's scale and operational footprint in North America
- ✓ Highly complementary product offerings, supplier & customer bases and end markets
- ✓ Synergistic acquisition with strong commercial logic, accelerating DSG's overall growth trajectory
- ✓ Strategic fit with TestEquity, enhancing its value proposition as a specialty distribution provider
- ✓ Best-in-class, combined management team with a track record of operational excellence
- ✓ Expected to be accretive on an adjusted basis¹ in 2023, delivering incremental value for all DSG shareholders

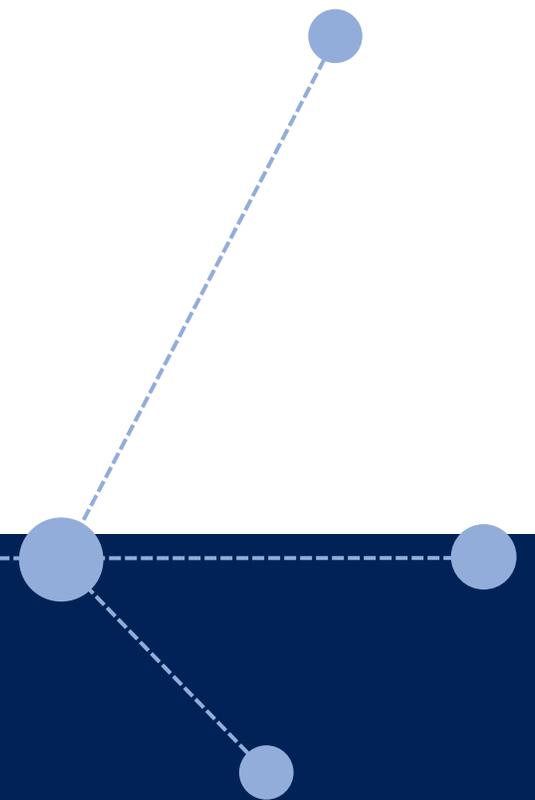
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Appendix



Reconciliation of GAAP Revenue and GAAP Operating Income to Non-GAAP Adjusted Revenue and Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA

(Dollars in Thousands)

Distribution Solutions Group		Hisco	
	Year Ended 12/31/2022		Year Ended 10/31/2022
GAAP Revenue	\$ 1,151,422	GAAP Revenue	\$ 403,675
Pre-Merger Revenue (1)	117,877		
Adjusted Revenue	\$ 1,269,299		
GAAP Operating Income	\$ 41,786	GAAP Operating Income	\$ 9,101
Pre-Merger Operating Income (1)	12,076		
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 53,862		
Depreciation and amortization	47,275	Depreciation and amortization	7,306
Adjustments:		Adjustments:	
Merger/integration costs (2)	15,633	Merger/integration costs (2)	-
Stock-based compensation (3)	(6,147)	Stock-based compensation (9)	6,872
Severance costs (4)	3,422	Severance costs (4)	-
Acquisition related costs (5)	2,782	Acquisition related costs (5)	873
Inventory net realizable value adj. (6)	1,737	Inventory net realizable value adj. (6)	4,353
Inventory step-up (7)	2,867	Inventory step-up (7)	-
Other non-recurring (8)	1,597	Other non-recurring (8)	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 123,028	Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 28,505

- (1) Lawson Products revenue and operating income for the three months ended March 31, 2022, were not included in the Company's GAAP operating results under reverse merger acquisition accounting.
- (2) Merger transaction costs related to the negotiation, review and execution of the merger agreements relating to the business combination of Lawson Products, TestEquity and Gexpro Services and subsequent integration costs.
- (3) Expense primarily for stock-based compensation (benefit), of which a portion varies with the Company's stock price.
- (4) Includes severance expense for actions taken, not related to a formal restructuring plan.
- (5) Expense for acquisition related costs, unrelated to the business combination of Lawson Products, TestEquity and Gexpro Services.
- (6) Inventory net realizable value adjustment recorded to reduce inventory related to discontinued products where the anticipated net realizable value was lower than the cost reflected in the Company's records.
- (7) Inventory fair value step-up adjustments resulting from the reverse merger acquisition accounting for Lawson Products and acquisition accounting for additional acquisitions completed by Gexpro Services.
- (8) Other non-recurring costs consists of sales force optimization and other non-recurring items.
- (9) Compensation expense for the fair market value of shares released and contributed to the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan.