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### 2023 Financial Results

March 7, 2024





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Today's Conference Call Will Discuss Results Primarily on an Adjusted (Non-GAAP) and Comparable Operations Basis.

### Agenda

- 2023 Full Year and Q4 Consolidated Highlights & Financial Results
- Segment Highlights & Financial Results
- Q&A

DSG's Board of Directors approved and declared a two-for-one stock split in Q3. Accordingly, all share and per share amounts presented herein have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the impact of the Stock Split.

2022 GAAP results reported under Reverse Merger Accounting. Combined Gexpro Services/TestEquity is accounting acquiror of Lawson Products given common control of entities and thus, include Lawson Products results commencing on the Merger date of April 1, 2022.

See appendix for GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliations.



# Demonstrated our ability to execute strategic goals; expanding revenues, margins, enterprise value, and generating significant operating cash flow

- Accelerated growth through a disciplined execution of our M&A playbook
  - Accretive acquisition and integration of Hisco underway
- Key initiatives for MRO Focus
  - Salesforce transformation investments to drive productivity improvement in field sales reps, channel expansion through inside sales team
  - New product expansion
- Key initiatives for OEM Focus
  - Upstream & downstream synergies in large and diverse end markets
  - Gross margin expansion despite headwinds
- Key initiatives for Industrial Technologies focus
  - Meaningful expansion to DSG's scale and footprint in North America
  - Margin improvements, strategic cost-outs and system consolidation
  - Creation of one digital platform
- Capital building initiatives of rights offering and expanded share repurchase plan
- Built collaborative teams with a results-oriented culture



- Full year revenue increased 36.4%; adjusted for Lawson pre-merger, comparable pro forma revenue increased 23.7% over 2022.
- Q4 revenue up 23.2% from acquired revenue. Two-year stacked organic growth up 10% in Q4; Q4 2023 organic revenue down 6.4%. Technology end-market, renewables maintenance and capital spending continued to show softness.
- Full year adjusted EBITDA increased 27.6% or \$34M to \$157M or 10.0% of sales.
- Q4 adjusted EBITDA of \$34M, flat vs. year ago and 8.4% of sales.
- Full year loss per diluted share of \$0.20 compared to earnings per diluted share of \$0.21 in 2022. Non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS of \$1.42 compared to \$1.47 a year ago on 44.9M shares outstanding compared to 35.1M shares outstanding.
- Generated \$102M of full year operating cash flows (\$28M during Q4) from working capital efficiencies and improved profitability.
- Deleveraged the company to 2.9x; ended the year with \$100M of cash and approx. \$198M of availability under revolving credit facility.

Leading Specialty Industrial Distribution Platform







#### **MRO Focus**

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

 ${\sim}30\%$  of Revenue



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

~23% of Revenue



**DSG** DISTRIBUTION SOLUTIONS GROUP

**Industrial Technologies Focus** 

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

~47% of Revenue



Results are presented on an Adjusted (Non-GAAP) and continuing operations basis. See appendix of this presentation and press release for reconciliations. Information inclusive of Other Acquisition results prior to the acquisition date.

(1) Defined as Reg G EBITDA less Reg G cash items, less capex, plus/minus change in inventory, accounts receivable & accounts payable divided by Reg G EBITDA.



### **Reported Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA**

- Full year revenue of \$1.57B, an increase of \$419.0M or 36.4% over 2022; inclusive of Lawson pre-merger, pro forma revenue up \$301.1M or 23.7% over 2022.
- Q4 revenue of \$405.2M; up \$76.4M or 23.2% due to 2023 Hisco acquisition. Q4 two-year stacked organic growth up 10% while Q4 organic down 6.4% primarily from continued softness in technology end-market, renewables maintenance and capital spending.
- Q4 adjusted EBITDA flat vs. year ago at \$33.9M or 8.4% of sales.
- Full year adjusted EBITDA of \$157.0M; up 27.6% over 2022.



### Lawson Products – MRO Focus 🥒 LAWSON

### 2023 Highlights:

- Pro forma revenue +9.1% or \$39M YTD; all organic growthdriven by pricing and expanding / new customer relationships
- Strong sales realized in strategic, Kent Automotive and government verticals in 2023
- Ended December 31, 2023 with ~900 sales reps. Q4 sales per rep per day productivity improved ~15% vs. Q4 2022 on top of ~18.0% gained in Q3
- YTD adjusted EBITDA of \$63.7 or 13.6% of revenue up from 9.0% of pro forma revenue. Q4 adjusted EBITDA of \$12.4M or 11.3% of revenue up from 10.7% over year ago quarter on revenue growth and improved gross margins
- Significant adjusted EBITDA expansion despite investments in business during 2023 to build infrastructure for long-term channel growth
- 2024 to be a year of continued evolution of sales rep enhancements and customer/channel expansion

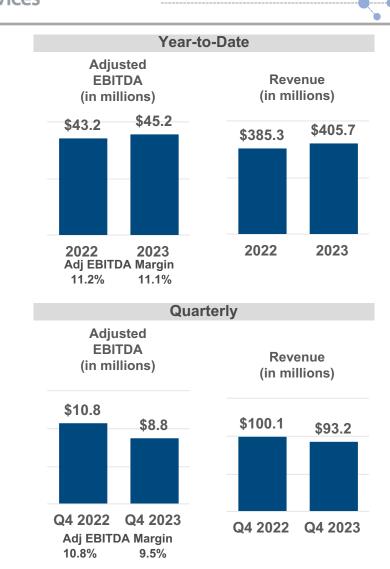




## Gexpro Services – OEM Focus **Cexpro**<sup>®</sup>

### 2023 Highlights:

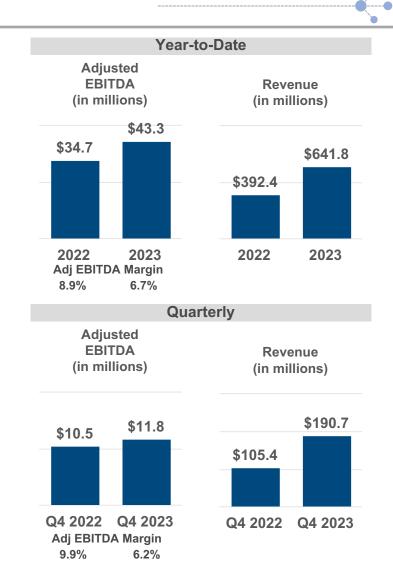
- Revenue + 5.3% or \$20.4M YTD; despite ~50% decline in technology/semiconductor end-market. Excluding acquired businesses and technology end-market, 2023 up ~15%
- Q4 revenue down 6.9% primarily within technology and delayed maintenance in renewables within acquired businesses. Remainder of business up 6.2%.
- Continued expansion in gross margin through strategic sourcing initiatives and supply chain improvements
- Value creation initiatives including DSG cross sell, acquisition synergies and expanded kitting offerings and E-commerce
- YTD adjusted EBITDA of \$45.2M or 11.1% of revenue flat with prior year. Q4 adjusted EBITDA of \$8.8M or 9.5% of revenue. Lower margin driven primarily by end market sales shift mix
- Flat opex on normalized sales levels to drive net margin expansion by Q2 as outstanding bids/quotes remain strong

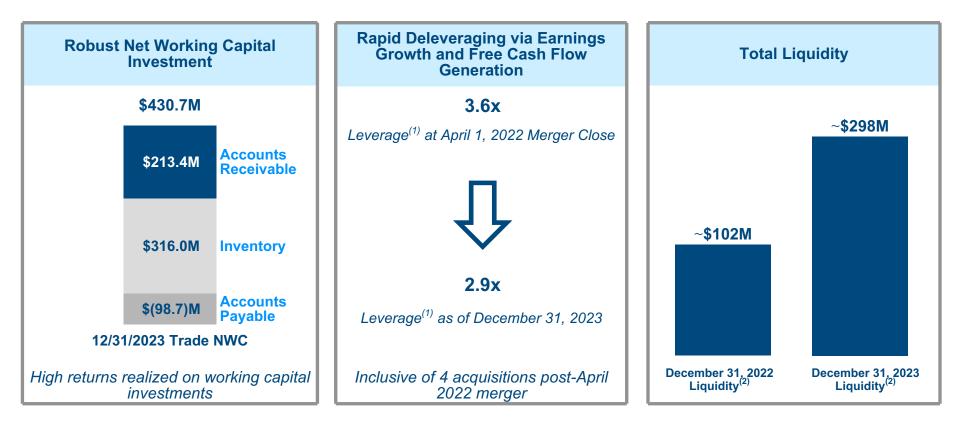


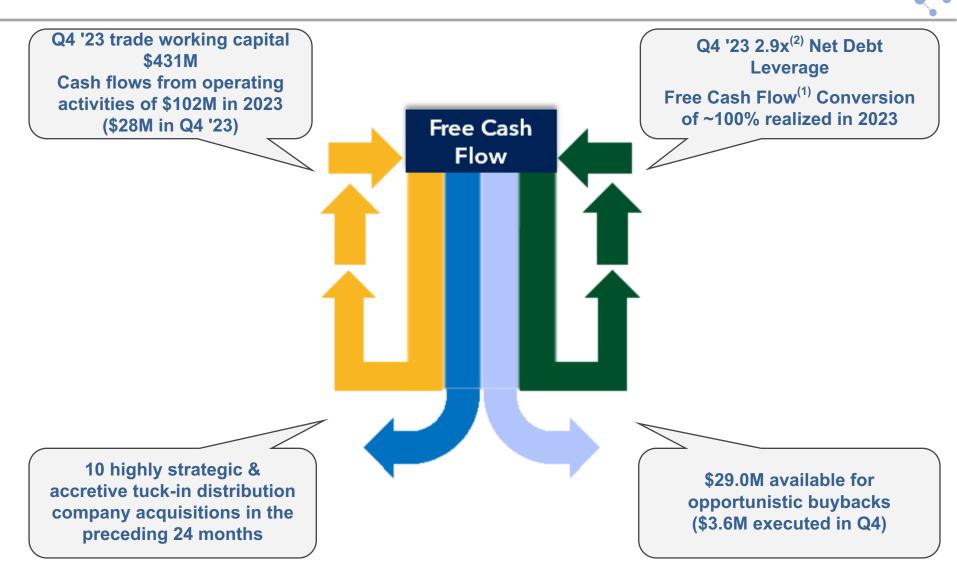
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### 2023 Highlights:

- Revenue +63.6% or \$249.4M YTD; primarily driven by acquisitions; organic revenue down 8.0% or \$24.0M. Sales softness in core legacy business as T&M "capital" type project delays continue
- Revenue from 2022 and 2023 acquisitions (Hisco and Instrumex) up \$273.4M from a year ago
- Key operating initiatives focused on acquisition integration, pricing disciplines, sales force optimization and digital channel expansion
- Proactively taking actions to align operating costs annualized margin cost savings expected to exceed \$10M
- YTD adjusted EBITDA of \$43.3M or 6.7% of revenue down from 8.9%. \$19.7M adjusted EBITDA generated from acquisitions
- Q4 adjusted EBITDA includes \$6.3M from acquisitions; offset by softer organic sales and higher compensation and health insurance claims
- Sequential quarterly margin improvement anticipated in 2024 through Hisco integration, gross margin enhancements and sales drivers on relatively flat opex







(1) Defined as Reg G EBITDA less Reg G cash items, less capex, plus/minus change in inventory, accounts receivable & accounts payable divided by Reg G EBITDA. (2) As defined under DSG's credit agreement

### Summary

- **Strong full year results** despite tougher sales comps in 2nd half; softening of certain end-markets experienced.
- **Proactively re-baselining cost structure** where appropriate.
- Full year results driven primarily by acquired revenue aligns with growth strategy; **Q4 two-year organic growth of 10%**.
- Year-over-year improvement in adjusted EBITDA of 10.0% and comparative margin excluding Hisco of 10.5% vs. 9.7% a year ago.
- Conservative financial management and prudent capital allocation to continue.
  \$102 million of cash flows from operations in 2023 with leverage of 2.9x.
- Companies **collaborating well together** to identify growth and cost saving opportunities.
- **Disciplined M&A strategy** to capture accretive, bolt-on acquisitions; **pipeline** for add-on acquisitions **remains encouraging**.

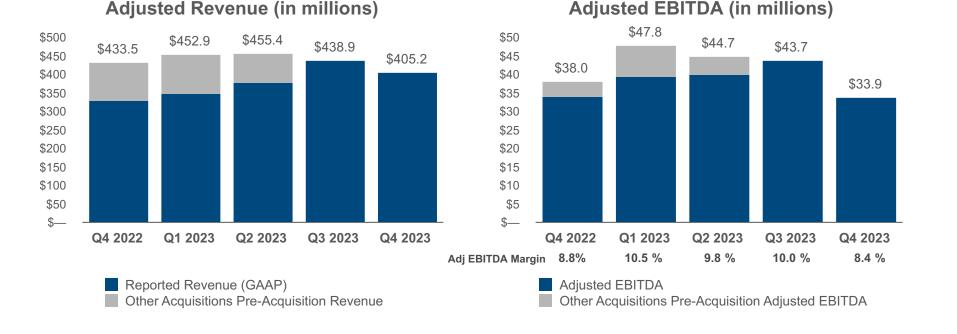


### Appendix



### **Results Inclusive of Other Acquisitions Pre-Acquisition Results**

 Adjusted Revenue and adjusted EBITDA below include the reported GAAP results and the preacquisition results of other businesses that were acquired at any time during the Q4 2022-Q4 2023 period.



### Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA results are presented on an Adjusted (Non-GAAP) and continuing operations basis. Information inclusive of Other Acquisition results prior to the acquisition date.

#### Q4 Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation (\$000s)

(Unaudited)

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Quarter Ended	Q	4 2023	Q4 2022		Q4 2023	(	Q4 2022	0	Q4 2023	ເ	4 2022	G	4 2023	Q4	2022	Q	4 2023	Q4	2022	G	4 2023	Q	4 2022
Revenue from external customers	\$	109,475	\$ 108,02	9	\$ 91,968	\$	100,103	\$	190,560	\$	105,374	\$	13,236 \$	\$	15,344	\$	_	\$	_	\$	405,239	\$	328,850
Intersegment revenue		332		_	1,243		_		125		_		_		_		(1,700)		—		_		_
Revenue	\$	109,807	\$ 108,02	9	\$ 93,211	\$	100,103	\$	190,685	\$	105,374	\$	13,236 \$	\$	15,344	\$	(1,700)	\$	_	\$	405,239	\$ 3	328,850
Operating income (loss)	\$	5,140	\$ 3,74	6	\$ 3,516	\$	4,317	\$	(8,282) \$	5	3,932	\$	(663) \$	\$	663					\$	(289) \$	\$	12,658
Depreciation and amortization		4,407	4,06	3	4,026		4,196		7,315		5,055		524		558						16,272		13,872
Adjustments:																							
Merger and acquisition related costs(1)		360	1,32	4	268		1,823		931		1,486		939		_						2,498		4,633
Stock-based compensation(2)		2,499	2,00	3	_		—		_		_		_		_						2,499		2,003
Severance and acquisition related retention expenses(3)		46	2'	7	199		221		11,153		3		2		2						11,400		443
Inventory step-up(4)		_		_	_		_		716		_		_		_						716		_
Other non-recurring(5)		(30)	15	6	814		238		_		_		—		_						784		394
Non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA	\$	12,422	\$ 11,50	9	\$ 8,823	\$	10,795	\$	11,833	\$	10,476	\$	802 \$	\$	1,223					\$	33,880	\$	34,003
Operating income (loss) as a percent of revenue		4.7%	3.5%		3.8%		4.3%		(4.3)%		3.7%		(5.0)%	4	.3%						(0.1)%		3.8%
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of revenue		11.3%	10.7%		9.5%		10.8%		6.2%		9.9%		6.1%	ε	.0%						8.4%	1	10.3%

(1) Transaction and integration costs related to the mergers and other acquisitions

(2) Expense (benefit) primarily for stock-based compensation, of which a portion varies with the Company's stock price

(3) Includes severance expense for actions taken in 2023 and 2022 not related to a formal restructuring plan and acquisition related retention expenses for the Hisco acquisition

(4) Inventory fair value step-up adjustment for Lawson resulting from the reverse merger acquisition accounting and acquisition accounting for additional acquisitions completed by Gexpro Services or TestEquity

(5) Other non-recurring costs consist of non-capitalized deferred financing costs incurred in conjunction with the 2023 credit agreement amendment, certain non-recurring strategic projects and other non-recurring items



**Results Inclusive of Lawson Products Pre-Merger Results** 

	Lawson Products			Gexpro Services				TestEquity				Other	r	Eliminations				Consolidate		ed DSG	
Year Ended		2023		2022		2023		2022		2023	2022		2023	2022		2023	2022		2023	2	2022
Revenue from external customers	\$	468,379	\$	324,783	\$	404,490 \$	\$	385,326	\$	641,643 \$	392,358	\$	55,890 \$	48,955	\$	— \$	-		\$1,570,402	\$1, <sup>-</sup>	151,422
Intersegment revenue		332				1,243		_		125	—		—	—		(1,700)	-		—		_
Revenue		468,711		324,783		405,733		385,326		641,768	392,358		55,890	48,955		(1,700)	-		1,570,402	1,	151,422
Pre-merger revenue(1)		—		104,902		—		_		—	—		—	12,975		—	-		—		117,877
Pro forma revenue	\$	468,711	\$	429,685	\$	405,733 \$	\$	385,326	\$	641,768 \$	392,358	\$	55,890 \$	61,930	\$	(1,700) \$	-	_	\$ 1,570,402	\$1,2	269,299
Operating income (loss)	\$	32,498	\$	6,536	\$	27,000 \$	\$	21,291	\$	(16,465) \$	11,375	\$	(42) \$	2,584					\$ 42,991	\$	41,786
Pre-merger operating income(1)		_		11,096		—		_		—	—		—	980					_		12,076
Pro forma merger adjustments(2)		—		(4,086)		—				—	—		—	—				_	—		(4,086)
Pro forma operating income (loss)		32,498		13,546		27,000		21,291		(16,465)	11,375		(42)	3,564					42,991		49,776
Depreciation and amortization		19,532		14,716		15,986		15,175		26,002	17,480		2,068	2,080					63,588		49,451
Adjustments:																					
Merger and acquisition related costs(3)		3,015		7,672		1,081		5,957		6,215	4,786		1,250	_					11,561		18,415
Stock-based compensation(4)		7,940		(4,237)		—		_		_	_		_	_					7,940		(4,237)
Severance and acquisition related retention expenses(5)		476		2,050		238		266		23,949	1,095		3	11					24,666		3,422
Inventory net realizable value adjustment(6)		_		1,737		_		_		_	_		_	_					_		1,737
Inventory step-up(7)		_		1,943		_		163		3,582	_		_	761					3,582		2,867
Other non-recurring(8)		202		1,199		886		354		_	_		1,620	44					2,708		1,597
Non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA	\$	63,663	\$	38,626	\$	45,191 \$	\$	43,206	\$	43,283 \$	34,736	\$	4,899 \$	6,460					\$ 157,036	\$	123,028
Operating income (loss) as a percent of revenue		6.9%		2.0%		6.7%		5.5%		(2.6)%	2.9%		(0.1)%	5.3%					2.7%	:	3.6%
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of revenue		13.6%		11.9%		11.1%		11.2%		6.7%	8.9%		8.8%	13.2%					10.0%	1	10.7%
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of pro forma revenue		13.6%		9.0%		11.1%		11.2%		6.7%	8.9%		8.8%	10.4%					10.0%	9	9.7%

#### References to table footnotes are on slide 18



#### Fiscal Year Pro Forma Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation – Table Footnotes

- (1) Represents Lawson Products pre-merger revenue and operating income
- (2) Represents Lawson Products pro forma adjustments related to the merger consisting primarily of amortization of intangibles and stock based compensation
- (3) Transaction and integration costs related to the mergers and other acquisitions
- (4) Expense (benefit) primarily for stock-based compensation, of which a portion varies with the Company's stock price
- (5) Includes severance expense for actions taken in 2023 and 2022, not related to a formal restructuring plan and acquisition related retention expenses for the Hisco acquisition
- (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 our records
- (7) Inventory fair value step-up adjustment for Lawson resulting from the reverse merger acquisition accounting and acquisition accounting for additional acquisitions completed by Gexpro Services or TestEquity
- (8) Other non-recurring costs consist of non-capitalized deferred financing costs incurred in conjunction with the 2023 credit agreement amendment, certain non-recurring strategic projects and other non-recurring items

#### Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation (\$000s)

**Results Inclusive of Other Acquisitions – Pre-Acquisition Date** (Unaudited)

		Со	ns	olidated D	)S(	G	
Quarter Ended	 Q4 2022	Q1 2023		Q2 2023		Q3 2023	Q4 2023
Revenue	\$ 328,850	\$ 348,270	\$	377,984	\$	438,909	\$ 405,239
Pre-acquisition revenue(1)	104,677	104,616		77,447		—	—
Adjusted revenue	\$ 433,527	\$ 452,886	\$	455,431	\$	438,909	\$ 405,239
Operating income (loss)	\$ 12,658	\$ 16,721	\$	5 13,776	\$	12,783	\$ (289)
Pre-acquisition operating Income (loss) (1)	(577)	3,345		6,014		_	_
Adjusted Operating Income (loss)	12,081	20,066		19,790		12,783	(289)
Depreciation and amortization	13,872	15,722		14,584		17,010	16,272
Adjustments:							
Merger and acquisition related costs(2)	4,633	4,099		5,058		(94)	2,498
Stock-based compensation(3)	2,003	2,204		2,188		1,049	2,499
Severance and acquisition related retention expenses(4)	443	351		2,437		10,478	11,400
Inventory step-up(5)		_		716		2,150	716
Other non-recurring(6)	394	256		1,341		327	784
Pre-Acquisition add-backs(7)	4,571	5,056		(1,375)			_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 37,997	\$ 47,754	\$	6 44,739	\$	43,703	\$ 33,880
Operating income (loss) as a percent of revenue	3.8%	4.8%		3.6%		2.9%	(0.1)%
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of revenue	11.6%	13.7%		11.8%		10.0%	8.4%
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of pro forma revenue	8.8%	10.5%		9.8%		10.0%	8.4%

References to table footnotes are on slide 20



#### Adjusted Revenue and EBITDA Reconciliation – Table Footnotes

- (1) Represents additional revenue and operating income of other acquisitions prior to their acquisition dates not in reported GAAP results
- (2) Transaction and integration costs related to the mergers and other acquisitions
- (3) Expense (benefit) primarily for stock-based compensation, of which a portion varies with the Company's stock price
- (4) Includes severance expense for actions taken in 2023 and 2022, not related to a formal restructuring plan and acquisition related retention expenses for the Hisco acquisition
- (5) 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 or TestEquity
- (6) Other non-recurring costs consist of non-capitalized deferred financing costs incurred in conjunction with the 2023 credit agreement amendment, certain non-recurring strategic projects and other non-recurring items
- (7) Represents additional EBITDA adjustments of other acquisitions prior to the respective acquisition dates

### GAAP Net Income (Loss) and GAAP Diluted EPS to Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income and Non-GAAP Adjusted Diluted EPS Reconciliation (\$000s, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

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		Q4 20	2023 Q4 2022 <sup>(3)</sup> Full Year 2023 Full Yea				Full Year	r 2022 <sup>(3)</sup>							
	Δ	mount		iluted PS <sup>(2)</sup>	Am	nount	Di E	iluted PS <sup>(2)</sup>	A	mount	iluted PS <sup>(2)</sup>	A	mount		luted PS <sup>(2)</sup>
Net income (loss)	\$	(16,330)	\$	(0.35)	\$	(1,883)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(8,967)	\$ (0.20)	\$	7,406	\$	0.21
Pretax adjustments:															
Stock-based compensation		2,499		0.05		2,003		0.05		7,940	0.18		2,448		0.07
Merger and acquisition related costs		2,498		0.05		4,633		0.12		11,561	0.26		15,441		0.44
Amortization of intangible assets		10,398		0.22		8,186		0.21		40,263	0.90		29,097		0.83
Severance and acquisition related retention expenses		11,400		0.24		443		0.01		24,666	0.55		2,796		0.08
Change in fair value of earnout liabilities		(112)		—		4,431		0.11		(758)	(0.02)		483		0.01
Inventory net realizable value adjustment		—		—		_		_		_	—		1,737		0.05
Inventory step-up		716		0.02		_		_		3,582	0.08		2,867		0.08
Other non-recurring		784		0.02		394		0.01		2,708	0.06		1,597		0.05
Total pretax adjustments		28,183		0.60		20,090		0.51		89,962	2.01		59,861		1.71
Tax effect on adjustments(1)		(7,412)		(0.16)		(5,264)		(0.14)		(23,660)	(0.53)		(15,684)		(0.45)
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance(5)		6,144		0.13		124				6,144	0.14		124		_
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$	10,585	\$	0.22	\$	13,067	\$	0.32	\$	63,479	\$ 1.42	\$	51,707	\$	1.47

(1) The estimated tax effect on the adjustments is determined by applying the jurisdictional rate of the originating territory of the non-GAAP adjustments.

(2) Pretax adjustments to diluted EPS calculated on 46.805 million and 38.817 million diluted shares for the fourth quarter of 2023 and 2022, respectively. Pretax adjustments to diluted EPS calculated on 44.869 million and 35.087 million diluted shares for the twelve months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

- (3) In 2023, the Company changed the treatment of amortization of intangible assets and the deferred tax asset valuation allowance to be included in the calculation of Non-GAAP adjusted net income and Non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS. The calculation of the tax effect on adjustments was revised to consider the jurisdictional rate of the originating territory of the non-GAAP adjustments. Prior periods have been adjusted to conform to current period presentation.
- (4) Share and per share data for all periods presented reflect two-for-one stock split.
- (5) Represents expense related to the deferred tax asset valuation allowance from interest expense limitations under Section 163(j).