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BENCHMARK REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR 2023 RESULTS

Fourth quarter 2023 results:

- Revenue of \$691 million
- Generated net cash provided by operations of \$137 million and positive free cash flow⁽¹⁾ of \$126 million
- GAAP and non-GAAP⁽¹⁾ gross margin of 10.3%
- GAAP operating margin of 4.6% and non-GAAP⁽¹⁾ operating margin of 5.1%
- GAAP and non-GAAP⁽¹⁾ earnings per share of \$0.49 and \$0.58, respectively

Full year 2023 results:

- Revenue of \$2.8 billion
- Delivered net cash provided by operations of \$174 million and positive free cash flow⁽¹⁾ of \$97 million
- GAAP and non-GAAP⁽¹⁾ gross margin of 9.5%, up 70 basis points year-over-year
- GAAP operating margin of 3.9% and non-GAAP⁽¹⁾ operating margin of 4.4%
- GAAP and non-GAAP⁽¹⁾ earnings per share of \$1.79 and \$2.04, respectively

TEMPE, AZ, January 31, 2024 – Benchmark Electronics, Inc. (NYSE: BHE) today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2023.

	Three Months Ended										
	Dece	mber 31,	Se	ptember 30,	D	ecember 31,					
(Amounts in millions, except per share data)		2023		2023		2022					
Sales	\$	691	\$	720	\$	751					
Net income	\$	18	\$	20	\$	21					
Income from operations	\$	32	\$	30	\$	27					
Net income – non-GAAP ⁽¹⁾	\$	21	\$	21	\$	21					
Income from operations – non-GAAP ⁽¹⁾	\$	35	\$	34	\$	33					
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.49	\$	0.57	\$	0.60					
Diluted earnings per share – non-GAAP ⁽¹⁾	\$	0.58	\$	0.57	\$	0.60					
Operating margin		4.6%		4.2%		3.6%					
Operating margin – non-GAAP ⁽¹⁾		5.1%		4.7%		4.3%					

December 31,					
2023 2022					
2,839	\$	2,886			
64	\$	68			
110	\$	90			
73	\$	75			
124	\$	104			
1.79	\$	1.91			
2.04	\$	2.09			
3.9%		3.1%			
4.4%		3.6%			
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⁽¹⁾ A reconciliation of non-GAAP results to the most directly comparable GAAP measures and a discussion of why management believes these non-GAAP results are useful is included below.

"Benchmark delivered another solid year of performance in 2023 as we continued to execute to our strategic plan. I'm particularly pleased with our free cash flow performance which was aided by inventory reductions. At the same time, our operational discipline allowed us to expand both gross and operating margin despite the dynamic environment," said Jeff Benck, Benchmark's President and CEO.

Benck continued "Looking forward, we expect the current demand softness across several of our end-markets will likely persist through the first half of 2024, driven by customers closely managing inventories. However, as demonstrated by our performance this past year, I am confident in our ability to deliver further margin expansion and positive free cash flow in 2024."

Cash Conversion Cycle

	December 31, 2023	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Accounts receivable days	59	60	59
Contract asset days	23	24	22
Inventory days	99	100	97
Accounts payable days	(53)	(53)	(56)
Advance payments from customers days	(30)	(26)	(26)
Cash conversion cycle days	98	105	96

Fourth Quarter 2023 Industry Sector Update

Revenue and percentage of sales by industry sector were as follows.

(In millions)	December 31, 2023			Septemb 2023	•	Decemb 202	,
Medical	\$	126	18% \$	149	21% \$	144	19%
Semi-Cap		168	24	165	23	178	24
A&D		102	15	100	14	90	12
Industrials		132	19	154	21	143	19
Advanced Computing		95	14	66	9	92	12
Next Gen Communications		68	10	86	12	104	14
Total	\$	691	100% \$	720	100% \$	751	100%

Revenue decreased year over year primarily due to a decrease in Next Gen Communications of 35% and a decrease in Medical of 13%, partially offset by an increase in A&D of 13%.

First Quarter 2024 Guidance

- Revenue between \$625 million \$665 million
- Diluted GAAP earnings per share between \$0.32 \$0.38
- Diluted non-GAAP earnings per share between \$0.42 \$0.48 (excluding restructuring charges and other costs and amortization of intangibles)

Restructuring charges are expected to range between \$3.1 million and \$3.5 million in the first quarter of 2024 and the amortization of intangibles is expected to be \$1.2 million in the first quarter.

Fourth Quarter 2023 Earnings Conference Call

The Company will host a conference call to discuss the results today at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The live webcast of the call and accompanying reference materials will be accessible by logging on to the Company's website at www.bench.com. A replay of the broadcast will also be available on the Company's website.

About Benchmark Electronics, Inc.

Benchmark provides comprehensive solutions across the entire product life cycle by leading through its innovative technology and engineering design services, leveraging its optimized global supply chain and delivering world-class manufacturing services in the following industries: commercial aerospace, defense, advanced computing, next generation telecommunications, complex industrials, medical, and semiconductor capital equipment. Benchmark's global operations include facilities in seven countries and its common shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BHE.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are identified as any statement that does not relate strictly to historical or current facts and may include words such as "anticipate," "believe," "intend," "plan," "project," "forecast," "strategy," "position," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "may," "will," "could," "predict," and similar expressions of the negative or other variations thereof. In particular, statements, express or implied, concerning the Company's outlook and guidance for first quarter and fiscal year 2024 results, future operating results or margins, the ability to generate sales and income or cash flow, expected revenue mix, the Company's business strategy and strategic initiatives, the Company's repurchases of shares of its common stock, the Company's expectations regarding restructuring charges and amortization of intangibles, and the Company's intentions concerning the payment of dividends, among others, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes these statements are based on and derived from reasonable assumptions, they involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are beyond the Company's ability to control or predict, relating to operations, markets and the business environment generally, including those discussed under Part I, Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, and in any of the Company's subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Events relating to the possibility of customer demand fluctuations, supply chain constraints, continuing inflationary pressures, the effects of foreign currency fluctuations and high interest rates, geopolitical uncertainties including continuing hostilities and tensions, trade restrictions and sanctions, or the ability to utilize the Company's manufacturing facilities at sufficient levels to cover its fixed operating costs, may have resulting impacts on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, and the Company's ability (or inability) to execute on its plans. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes, including the future results of the Company's operations, may vary materially from those indicated. Undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based upon information available to the Company as of the date of this document, and the Company assumes no obligation to update.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Management discloses non-GAAP information to provide investors with additional information to analyze the Company's performance and underlying trends. A detailed reconciliation between GAAP results and results excluding certain items ("non-GAAP") is included in the following tables attached to this document. In situations where a non-GAAP reconciliation has not been provided, the Company was unable to provide such a reconciliation without unreasonable effort due to the uncertainty and inherent difficulty predicting the occurrence, the financial impact and the periods in which the non-GAAP adjustments may be recognized. Management uses non-GAAP measures that exclude certain items in order to better assess operating performance and help investors compare results with our previous guidance. This document also references "free cash flow", a non-GAAP measure, which the Company defines as cash flow from operations less additions to property, plant and equipment and purchased software. The Company's non-GAAP information is not necessarily comparable to the non-GAAP information used by other companies. Non-GAAP information should not be viewed as a substitute for, or superior to, net income or other data prepared in accordance with GAAP as a measure of the Company's profitability or liquidity. Readers should consider the types of events and transactions for which adjustments have been made.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Amounts in Thousands, Except Per Share Data) (UNAUDITED)

	Three Mor	Ended	Year Ended				
	 December 31,				Decem	ber	31,
	2023		2022		2023		2022
Sales	\$ 691,354	\$	750,644	\$	2,838,976	\$	2,886,331
Cost of sales	 620,350		678,517		2,567,906		2,631,096
Gross profit	71,004		72,127		271,070		255,235
Selling, general and administrative expenses	35,646		39,540		147,025		150,215
Amortization of intangible assets	1,204		1,592		5,979		6,384
Restructuring charges and other costs	2,054		4,049		8,402		8,567
Income from operations	32,100		26,946		109,664		90,069
Interest expense	(8,692)		(5,466)		(31,875)		(12,894)
Interest income	2,033		887		6,256		1,730
Other (expense) income, net	 (3,105)		3,860		(2,825)		5,437
Income before income taxes	22,336		26,227		81,220		84,342
Income tax expense	4,784		5,008		16,905		16,113
Net income	\$ 17,552	\$	21,219	\$	64,315	\$	68,229
Earnings per share:	 						
Basic	\$ 0.49	\$	0.60	\$	1.81	\$	1.94
Diluted	\$ 0.49	\$	0.60	\$	1.79	\$	1.91
Weighted-average number of shares used in							
calculating earnings per share:							
Basic	35,658		35,166		35,566		35,179
Diluted	35,956		35,630		35,973		35,718

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In Thousands) (UNAUDITED)

		December 31,				
		2023		2022		
Assets		_		_		
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	277,391	\$	207,430		
Restricted cash		5,822		_		
Accounts receivable, net		449,404		491,957		
Contract assets		174,979		183,613		
Inventories		683,801		727,749		
Other current assets		44,350		41,400		
Total current assets		1,635,747		1,652,149		
Property, plant and equipment, net		227,698		211,478		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		130,830		93,081		
Goodwill and other, net		280,480		270,623		
Total assets	\$	2,274,755	\$	2,227,331		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity						
Current liabilities:						
Current installments of long-term debt	\$	4.283	\$	4,275		
Accounts payable	Ą	367,480	٦	424,272		
Advance payments from customers		204,883		197,937		
Accrued liabilities		136,901		122,652		
Total current liabilities		713,547		749,136		
Long-term debt, less current installments		326,674		320,675		
Operating lease liabilities		123,385		86,687		
Other long-term liabilities		32,064		44,417		
Shareholders' equity		1,079,085		1,026,416		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,274,755	\$	2,227,331		

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In Thousands) (UNAUDITED)

	Year Ended				
		Decem	ber 31,		
		2023		2022	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$	64,315	\$	68,229	
Depreciation and amortization		45,410		44,252	
Stock-based compensation expense		15,286		18,485	
Accounts receivable		42,050		(136,455)	
Contract assets		8,634		(28,370)	
Inventories		45,071		(206,247)	
Accounts payable		(35,320)		(16,656)	
Advance payments from customers		6,946		79,813	
Other changes in working capital and other, net		(18,098)		(518)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		174,294		(177,467)	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Additions to property, plant and equipment and software		(77,739)		(46,774)	
Other investing activities, net		601		5,600	
Net cash used in investing activities		(77,138)		(41,174)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Share repurchases		_		(9,391)	
Net debt activity		5,509		194,261	
Other financing activities, net		(29,087)		(25,641)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(23,578)		159,229	
Effect of exchange rate changes		2,205		(4,907)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash		75,783		(64,319)	
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year		207,430		271,749	
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of year	\$	283,213	\$	207,430	

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Results (Amounts in Thousands, Except Per Share Data) (UNAUDITED)

		Three Months Ended					Year Ended				
	De	cember 31, 2023	Se	ptember 30, 2023	De	ecember 31, 2022	December 31, 2023		De	ecember 31, 2022	
Income from operations (GAAP)	\$	32,100	\$	30,341	\$	26,946	\$	109,664	\$	90,069	
Amortization of intangible assets		1,204		1,592		1,592		5,979		6,384	
Restructuring charges and other costs		2,054		1,437		799		7,281		5,710	
Gain on assets held for sale		_		_		_		_		(393)	
Asset impairment		_		198		_		1,121		_	
Settlement		_		_		3,250		_		3,250	
Customer insolvency (recovery)				<u> </u>						(599)	
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$	35,358	\$	33,568	\$	32,587	\$	124,045	\$	104,421	
GAAP operating margin		4.6%		4.2%		3.6%		3.9%		3.1%	
Non-GAAP operating margin		5.1%		4.7%		4.3%		4.4%		3.6%	
Gross Profit (GAAP)	\$	71,004	\$	69,077	\$	72,127	\$	271,070	\$	255,235	
Customer insolvency (recovery)	ې	71,004	ڔ	09,077	ڔ	72,127	ڔ	2/1,0/0	ڔ	(425)	
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	71,004	Ś	69,077	Ś	72,127	Ś	271,070	Ś	254,810	
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GAAP gross margin		10.3%		9.6%		9.6%		9.5%		8.8%	
Non-GAAP gross margin		10.3%		9.6%		9.6%		9.5%		8.8%	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	35,646	\$	35,509	\$	39,540	\$	147,025	\$	150,215	
Customer insolvency (recovery)	•	· –		· –		, <u> </u>			•	174	
Non-GAAP selling, general and administrative											
expenses	\$	35,646	\$	35,509	\$	39,540	\$	147,025	\$	150,389	
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Net income (GAAP)	\$	17,552	\$	20,412	\$	21,219	\$	64,315	\$	68,229	
Amortization of intangible assets	Ψ	1,204	_	1,592	_	1,592	Ť	5,979	_	6,384	
Restructuring charges and other costs		2,899		1,437		799		8,126		5,710	
Gain on assets held for sale		_,				_				(393)	
Asset impairment		_		198		_		1,121		_	
Settlement		(37)		(3,375)		(2,344)		(4,567)		(2,955)	
Customer insolvency (recovery)		_		(c)c: -)		(=/c + · · /		_		(599)	
Income tax adjustments ⁽¹⁾		(657)		245		(5)		(1,598)		(1,644)	
Non-GAAP net income	\$	20,961	\$	20,509	\$	21,261	\$	73,376	\$	74,732	
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Diluted earnings per share:											
Diluted (GAAP)	\$	0.49	\$	0.57	\$	0.60	\$	1.79	\$	1.91	
Diluted (Non-GAAP)	\$	0.58	\$	0.57	\$	0.60	\$	2.04	\$	2.09	
Weighted-average number of shares used in											
calculating diluted earnings per share:											
Diluted (GAAP)		35,956		35,876		35,630		35,973		35,718	
Diluted (Non-GAAP)		35,956		35,876		35,630		35,973		35,718	
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	\$	137,080	\$	37,583	\$	(52,749)	\$	174,294	\$	(177,467)	
Additions to property, plant and equipment and											
software		(11,026)	_	(19,664)	_	(13,180)	_	(77,739)	_	(46,774)	
Free cash flow (used)	\$	126,054	\$	17,919	\$	(65,929)	\$	96,555	\$	(224,241)	

⁽¹⁾ This amount represents the tax impact of the non-GAAP adjustments using the applicable effective tax rates.