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AudioCodes Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2023 Results and Declares Semi-Annual Dividend of 18 cents per share

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Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2023 Highlights

- Quarterly revenues increased by 3.2% sequentially to \$63.6 million;
 full year 2023 revenues decreased by 11.2% to \$244.4 million.
- Quarterly Service revenues of \$30.9 million accounted for 48.6% of revenues; full year 2023 service revenues increased by 8.7% to \$120.4 million.
- GAAP results:
 - Quarterly GAAP gross margin was 66.7% compared to 66.5% in the prior quarter;
 - Quarterly GAAP operating margin was 11.4% compared to 9.4% in the prior quarter;
 - Quarterly GAAP net income was \$3.7 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share compared to \$4.3 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share, in the prior quarter;
 - Full 2023 year GAAP net income was \$8.8 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share.
- Non-GAAP results:
 - Quarterly Non-GAAP gross margin was 67.6% compared to 67.3% in the prior quarter;
 - Quarterly Non-GAAP operating margin was 16.9% compared to 15.5% in the prior quarter;
 - Quarterly Non-GAAP net income was \$8.9 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share compared to \$8.3 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share in the prior quarter;
 - Full 2023 year Non-GAAP net income was \$25.0 million, or \$0.77 per diluted share.
- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$9.3 million for the quarter and \$14.9 million for the full year.

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 - AudioCodes repurchased 595,583 of its ordinary shares during the quarter at an aggregate cost of \$6.3 million.

Details

AudioCodes (NASDAQ: AUDC), a leading vendor of advanced communications software, products and productivity solutions for the digital workplace, today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year period ended December 31, 2023.

Revenues for the fourth quarter of 2023 were \$63.6 million compared to \$61.6 million for the third quarter of 2023. Revenues were \$244.4 million in 2023 compared to \$275.1 million in 2022.

Net income was \$3.7 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to \$4.3 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2023. Net income was \$8.8 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, in 2023 compared to \$28.5 million, or \$0.88 per diluted share, in 2022.

On a Non-GAAP basis, net income was \$8.9 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to \$8.3 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2023. Non-GAAP net income was \$25.0 million, or \$0.77 per diluted share, in 2023 compared to \$45 million, or \$1.35 per diluted share, in 2022.

Non-GAAP net income excludes: (i) share-based compensation expenses; (ii) amortization expenses related to intangible assets; (iii) expenses related to deferred payments in connection with the acquisition of Callverso Ltd; (iv) other income related to a payment made by the landlord to AudioCodes Inc., a subsidiary of the Company, in connection with the termination of a lease agreement for its offices in New Jersey; (v) financial income related to exchange rate differences in connection with revaluation of assets and liabilities in non-dollar denominated currencies; (vi) non-cash deferred tax expenses (income); and (vii) non-cash lease expense which is required to be recorded during the quarter even though this is a free rent period under the lease for the Company's new headquarters. A reconciliation of net income on a GAAP basis to a non-GAAP basis is provided in the tables that accompany the condensed consolidated financial statements contained in this press release.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$9.3 million for the fourth quarter of 2023 and \$14.9 million for 2023.

Cash and cash equivalents, long and short-term bank deposits, long and short-term marketable securities and long and short-term financial investments were \$106.7 million as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$124.3 million as of December 31, 2022. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents, long and short-term bank deposits, long and short-term marketable securities and long and short-term financial investments was the result of the use of cash for the continued repurchasing

of the Company's ordinary shares pursuant to its share repurchase program and the payment of a cash dividend during each of the first and third quarters of 2023.

"I am pleased to report solid fourth quarter 2023 results with strength across the strategic areas of our business," said Shabtai Adlersberg, President and Chief Executive Officer of AudioCodes.

We continued to perform well in the enterprise space with business reaching roughly 90% for the fourth quarter and the full year. Microsoft-related business in the quarter grew 5% year-over-year, within which Teams grew 10% year-over-year. Full year Microsoft increased 7% year over year while Teams related business grew 13% year over year. We experienced continued strong momentum of our AudioCodes Live managed services, with ARR growing 50% year-over-year ending the quarter at \$48 million, consistent with our expectations.

Importantly, our customer experience (CX) and conversational AI (CAI) operations have clearly emerged as a second major growth pillar in our business. CX growth accelerated in the fourth quarter to over 40% year-over -year and to 19% for the full year. Conversational AI bookings grew over 50% for the quarter and the full year. Leading the growth in the CX and CAI markets has been Voca CIC, our Azure-native CCaaS solution for the Teams ecosystem, having won two large opportunities in North America. We have also seen solid growth with Meeting Insights, our enterprise grade solution for the meeting space.

On the operations side, I am glad to report solid progress in non-GAAP gross margin, which has recovered from early 2023 to reach 67.6%. Coupled with disciplined expense management, non-GAAP operating margin reached 16.9% in the quarter. With continued focus on shifting our business model into subscription and recurring sales, and the shift to higher margin cloud software solutions, we are making significant progress in our transformation to becoming a software and services company. With increased focus and investments in technologies and services for the UCaaS, CX and Conversational AI markets backed by strong Live bookings mainly in Teams, Live CX, and Voca CIC, we believe we are on the right path to execute on our plan to achieve revenue growth and drive improved profitability in 2024," concluded Mr. Adlersberg.

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Share Buy Back Program

During the quarter ended December 31, 2023, the Company acquired 595,583 of its ordinary shares under its share repurchase program for a total consideration of \$6.3 million.

In December 2023, the Company received court approval in Israel to purchase up to an aggregate amount of \$20 million of additional ordinary shares. The court approval also permits AudioCodes to declare a dividend out of any part of this amount. The approval is valid through June 18, 2024.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had \$19.2 million available under the approval for the repurchase of shares and/or declaration of cash dividends.

Cash Dividend

AudioCodes also announced today that the Company's Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend in the amount of 18 cents per share. The aggregate amount of the dividend is approximately \$5.5 million. The dividend is payable on March 6, 2024, to all of the Company's shareholders of record at the close of trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on February 20, 2024.

In accordance with Israeli tax law, the dividend is subject to withholding tax at source at the rate of 25% of the dividend amount payable to each shareholder of record, subject to applicable exemptions. If the recipient of the dividend is at the time of distribution or was at any time during the preceding 12-month period the holder of 10% or more of the Company's share capital, the withholding rate is 30%.

The dividend will be paid in U.S. dollars on the ordinary shares of AudioCodes Ltd. that are traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market or the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange. The amount and timing of any other dividends will be determined by the Board.

Conference Call & Web Cast Information

AudioCodes will conduct a conference call at 8:30 A.M., Eastern Time today to discuss the Company's fourth quarter and full year of 2023 operating performance, financial results and outlook. Interested parties may participate in the conference call by dialing one of the following numbers:

United States Participants: 888-506-0062

International Participants: +1 (973) 528-0011

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The conference call will also be simultaneously webcast. Investors are invited to listen to the call live via webcast at the AudioCodes investor website at <u>http://www.audiocodes.com/investors-lobby</u>

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About AudioCodes

AudioCodes Ltd. (NASDAQ, TASE: AUDC) is a leading vendor of advanced communications software, products and productivity solutions for the digital workplace. AudioCodes enables enterprises and service providers to build and operate all-IP voice networks for unified communications, contact centers, and hosted business services. AudioCodes offers a broad range of innovative products, solutions and services that are used by large multi-national enterprises and leading tier-1 operators around the world.

For more information on AudioCodes, visit <u>http://www.audiocodes.com</u>.

Statements concerning AudioCodes' business outlook or future economic performance; product introductions and plans and objectives related thereto; and statements concerning assumptions made or expectations as to any future events, conditions, performance or other matters, are "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined under U.S. Federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in such statements. These risks, uncertainties and factors include, but are not limited to: the effect of global economic conditions in general and conditions in AudioCodes' industry and target markets in particular; shifts in supply and demand; market acceptance of new products and the demand for existing products; the impact of competitive products and pricing on AudioCodes' and its customers' products and markets; timely product and technology development, upgrades and the ability to manage changes in market conditions as needed; possible need for additional financing; the ability to satisfy covenants in the Company's loan agreements; possible disruptions from acquisitions; the ability of AudioCodes to successfully integrate the products and operations of acquired companies into AudioCodes' business; possible adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business and results of operations; the effects of the current terrorist attacks by Hamas in Israel, and the war and hostilities between Israel and Hamas, and Israel and Hezbollah as well as the possibility that this could develop into a broader regional conflict involving Israel with other parties, may affect our operations and may limit our ability to produce and sell our solutions; any disruption in our operations by the obligations of our personnel to perform military service as a result of current or future military actions involving Israel; and other factors detailed in AudioCodes' filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commissi

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Summary financial data follows

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

U.S. dollars in thousands

| ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents Chart form and restricted bank denosits | 2023 (Unaudited) \$ 30,546 212 7,438 | 2022 (Audited) \$ 24,535 5,210 |
|--|--|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents | 212 7,438 | 5,210 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 212 7,438 | 5,210 |
| | 212 7,438 | 5,210 |
| Chart tarm and restricted hank denosits | 7,438 | |
| Short-term and restricted bank deposits | - | |
| Short-term marketable securities | - | 2,120 |
| Short-term financial investments | | 15,258 |
| Trade receivables, net | 51,125 | 56,424 |
| Other receivables and prepaid expenses | 9,381 | 10,006 |
| Inventories | 43,959 | 36,377 |
| Total current assets | 142,661 | 149,930 |
| LONG-TERM ASSETS: | | |
| Long-term Trade receivables | \$ 16,798 | \$ 13,099 |
| Long-term marketable securities | 65,732 | 75,946 |
| Long-term financial investments | 2,730 | 1,242 |
| Deferred tax assets | 6,208 | 9,073 |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets | 36,712 | 13,517 |
| Severance pay funds | 17,202 | 17,933 |
| Total long-term assets | 145,382 | 130,810 |
| | 10,893 | 3,965 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET | 10,893 | 3,905 |
| GOODWILL, INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND OTHER, NET | 38,581 | 39,126 |
| Total assets | \$ 337,517 | \$ 323,831 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Trade payables | 7,556 | 11,338 |
| Other payables and accrued expenses | 29,943 | 38,316 |
| Deferred revenues | 38,820 | 36,634 |
| Short-term operating lease liabilities | 7,878 | 8,169 |
| Total current liabilities | 84,197 | 94,457 |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accrued severance pay | \$ 16,662 | \$ 17,755 |
| Deferred revenues and other liabilities | 17,142 | 16,308 |
| Long-term operating lease liabilities | 31,404 | 5,551 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 65,208 | 39,614 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 188,112 | 189,760 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 337,517 | \$ 323,831 |

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

U.S. dollars in thousands, except per share data

| | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Unaudit | ted) |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Products | \$ 123,991 | \$ 164,302 | \$ 32,692 | \$ 42,017 |
| Services | 120,392 | 110,791 | 30,867 | 28,639 |
| Total Revenues | 244,383 | 275,093 | 63,559 | 70,656 |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Products | 47,964 | 63,686 | 11,396 | 15,835 |
| Services | 38,070 | 32,629 | 9,771 | 8,663 |
| Total Cost of revenues | 86,034 | 96,315 | 21,167 | 24,498 |
| Gross profit | 158,349 | 178,778 | 42,392 | 46,158 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Operating expenses: Research and development, net | 57,169 | 59,842 | 13,806 | 15,090 |
| Selling and marketing | 70,243 | 70,123 | 17,496 | 18,088 |
| General and administrative | 16,513 | 17,494 | 3,856 | 4,644 |
| | | | · | |
| Total operating expenses | 143,925 | 147,459 | 35,158 | 37,822 |
| Operating income | 14,424 | 31,319 | 7,234 | 8,336 |
| Financial income (loss), net | (52) | 2,864 | (1,740) | 669 |
| Income before taxes on income | 14,372 | 34,183 | 5,494 | 9,005 |
| Taxes on income, net | (5,592) | (5,717) | (1,839) | (1,456) |
| Net income | \$ 8,780 | \$ 28,466 | \$ 3,655 | \$ 7,549 |
| Basic net earnings per share | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.89 | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.24 |
| | <u></u> | | | |
| Diluted net earnings per share | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.88 | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.23 |
| Weighted average number of shares used in | | | | |
| computing basic net earnings per share (in thousands) | 31,401 | 31,849 | 30,678 | 31,642 |
| | | | | |
| Weighted average number of shares used in computing diluted net earnings per share (in | | | | |
| thousands) | 31,579 | 32,500 | 30,893 | 32,145 |
| | | | | |

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME

U.S. dollars in thousands, except per share data

| <i>,</i> | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Unaud | (Unaudited) | |
| GAAP net income | \$ 8,780 | \$ 28,466 | \$ 3,655 | \$ 7,549 | |
| GAAP net earnings per share | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.88 | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.23 | |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 388 | 425 | 84 | 125 | |
| Amortization expenses (2) | 501 | 760 | 122 | 190 | |
| Lease expenses (7) | 685 | - | 363 | - | |
| | 1,574 | 1,185 | 569 | 315 | |
| Research and development, net: | | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 2,685 | 3,481 | 595 | 839 | |
| Deferred payments expenses (3) | 770 | 500 | 408 | 125 | |
| Lease expenses (7) | 430 | - | 55 | - | |
| | 3,885 | 3,981 | 1,058 | 964 | |
| Selling and marketing: | | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 4,297 | 6,032 | 917 | 1,338 | |
| Amortization expenses (2) | 44 | 44 | 11 | 11 | |
| Deferred payments expenses (3) | 86 | 500 | 46 | 125 | |
| Lease expenses (7) | 430 | - | 55 | - | |
| | 4,857 | 6,576 | 1,029 | 1,474 | |
| General and administrative: | | | | | |
| Share-based compensation (1) | 4,010 | 5,184 | 768 | 1,450 | |
| Other Income (4) | - | (1,093) | - | - | |
| Lease expenses (7) | 171 | - | 91 | - | |
| | 4,181 | 4,091 | 859 | 1,450 | |
| Financial expenses: | | | | | |
| Exchange rate differences (5) | 205 | (1,321) | 1,442 | (227) | |
| Income taxes: | | | | | |
| Deferred tax (6) | 1,549 | 1,974 | 302 | 398 | |
| Non-GAAP net income | \$ 25,031 | \$ 44,952 | \$ 8,914 | \$ 11,923 | |
| Non-GAAP diluted net earnings per share | \$ 0.77 | \$ 1.35 | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.36 | |
| Weighted average number of shares used in computing Non-GAAP diluted net earnings per share | | | | | |
| (in thousands) | 32,637 | 33,359 | 31,937 | 33,088 | |

(1) Share-based compensation expenses related to options and restricted share units granted to employees and others.

(2) Amortization expenses related to intangible assets.

(3) Expenses related to deferred payments in connection with the acquisition of Callverso Ltd.

(4) Other income related to a payment made to AudioCodes Inc. in connection with the termination of a lease agreement for its offices in New Jersey.

(5) Financial expenses related to exchange rate differences in connection with revaluation of assets and liabilities in non-dollar denominated currencies.

(6) Non-cash deferred tax expenses.



(7) Non-cash lease expense which is required to be recorded during the quarter even though this is a free rent period under the lease for the Company's new headquarters.

Note: Non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, the results prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that non-GAAP information is useful because it can enhance the understanding of its ongoing economic performance and therefore uses internally this non-GAAP information to evaluate and manage its operations. The Company has chosen to provide this information to investors to enable them to perform comparisons of operating results in a manner similar to how the Company analyzes its operating results and because many comparable companies report this type of information.

AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands

| | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Unaudited) | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 8,780 | \$ 28,466 | \$ 3,655 | \$ 7,549 |
| Adjustments required to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,596 | 2,984 | 624 | 723 |
| Amortization of marketable securities premiums and accretion of discounts, net | 1,348 | 1,533 | 321 | 378 |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued severance pay, net | (362) | (349) | 131 | (17) |
| Share-based compensation expenses | 11,380 | 15,122 | 2,364 | 3,752 |
| Decrease in deferred tax assets, net | 1,437 | 1,780 | 273 | 356 |
| Cash financial loss (income), net | (218) | (912) | 179 | (184) |
| Decrease in operating lease right-of-use assets | 9,281 | 6,712 | 2,593 | 2,073 |
| Increase (decrease) in operating lease liabilities | (6,914) | (9,582) | 1,497 | (324) |
| Decrease (increase) in trade receivables, net Decrease (increase) in other receivables and prepaid | 1,600 | (20,567) | (3,045) | (8,080) |
| expenses | 625 | (1,621) | (947) | (277) |
| Decrease (increase) in inventories | (7,791) | (12,653) | 814 | (4,605) |
| Increase (decrease) in trade payables Increase (decrease) in other payables and accrued | (3,782) | 3,475 | 918 | (1,164) |
| expenses | (6,233) | (4,077) | 181 | 2,126 |
| Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues | 3,144 | (2,030) | (279) | (1,883) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 14,891 | 8,281 | 9,279 | 423 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | |
| Investment in short-term deposits | - | (5,000) | | (5) |
| Proceeds from short-term deposits | 4,998 | 10 | (10) | - |
| Proceeds from long-term deposits | - | 94 | - | - |
| Proceeds from redemption of marketable securities | 3,084 | 1,123 | - | - |
| Proceeds from redemption of financial investments | 14,094 | 1,052 | - | 1,052 |
| Purchase of financial investments | (81) | (16,615) | - | (405) |
| Proceeds from sale of marketable securities | 3,846 | 2,250 | - | 2,250 |
| Net cash paid in acquisition of subsidiary | - | (1,100) | - | (1,000) |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (5,965) | (1,487) | (664) | (336) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 19,976 | (19,673) | (674) | 1,556 |



AUDIOCODES LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands

| | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| | | | | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | |
| | (Unaudited) | naudited) (Audited) | | (Unaudited) | |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (18,259) | (38,099) | (6,286) | (2,858) | |
| Cash dividends paid to shareholders | (11,399) | (11,552) | - | - | |
| Proceeds from issuance of shares upon exercise of | | | | | |
| options and warrants | 802 | 1,055 | 548 | 522 | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (28,856) | (48,596) | (5,738) | (2,336) | |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash | 6,011 | (59,988) | 2,867 | (357) | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period | 24,535 | 84,523 | 27,679 | 24,892 | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period | \$ 30,546 | \$ 24,535 | \$ 30,546 | \$ 24,535 | |