SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Q4FY23

SEAGATE

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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

To supplement the consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the Company uses non-GAAP measures of gross profit, gross margin, operating expenses, income from operations, operating margin, net income, diluted EPS, free cash flow, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and the last twelve months (LTM) adjusted EBITDA, which are adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude certain benefits, expenses, gains and losses. These non-GAAP financial measures are provided to enhance the user's overall understanding of the Company's current financial performance and its prospects for the future. Specifically, the Company believes non-GAAP results provide useful information to both management and investors as these non-GAAP results exclude certain benefits, expenses, gains and losses that it believes are not indicative of its core operating results and because it is similar to the approach used in connection with the financial models and estimates published by financial analysts who follow the Company.

These non-GAAP results are some of the measurements management uses to assess the Company's performance, allocate resources and plan for future periods. Reported non-GAAP results should only be considered as supplemental to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, and not considered as a substitute or replacement for, or superior to, GAAP results. These non-GAAP measures may differ from the non-GAAP measures reported by other companies in its industry.



Executive Summary

FQ4 results reflect resilient operational & financial execution amid a difficult macro backdrop



- Revenue at \$1.6B, reflecting the uneven pace of economic recovery in China, cloud inventory digestion, and cautious enterprise spending
- Expecting these factors to persist through at least the first half of FY2024
- Free cash flow of \$168M; generated positive FCF throughout FY2023

Taking actions to navigate the downturn & position Seagate for long-term success

- Lowered cost structure by more than \$350M on an annualized basis
- Reduced production output to drive better supply / demand dynamics, managing manufacturing capacity through "build-to-order" approach
- Adjusting pricing strategy in certain markets to support a healthy supply chain for our customers over the long-term

Executing industry leading product roadmap, including HAMR 30+TB shipments

- Extending PMR platform into the mid-to-upper 20TB capacities
- HAMR 30+TB on track to begin volume ramp in early CY2024, preparing qualification with broader number of customers
- Mass capacity data storage to remain both an enabler and beneficiary of long-term demand trends including emerging Al applications



Q4FY23 Financial Highlights





1. See 'Reconciliation Tables' section for GAAP reconciliation.



FY23 Financial Highlights

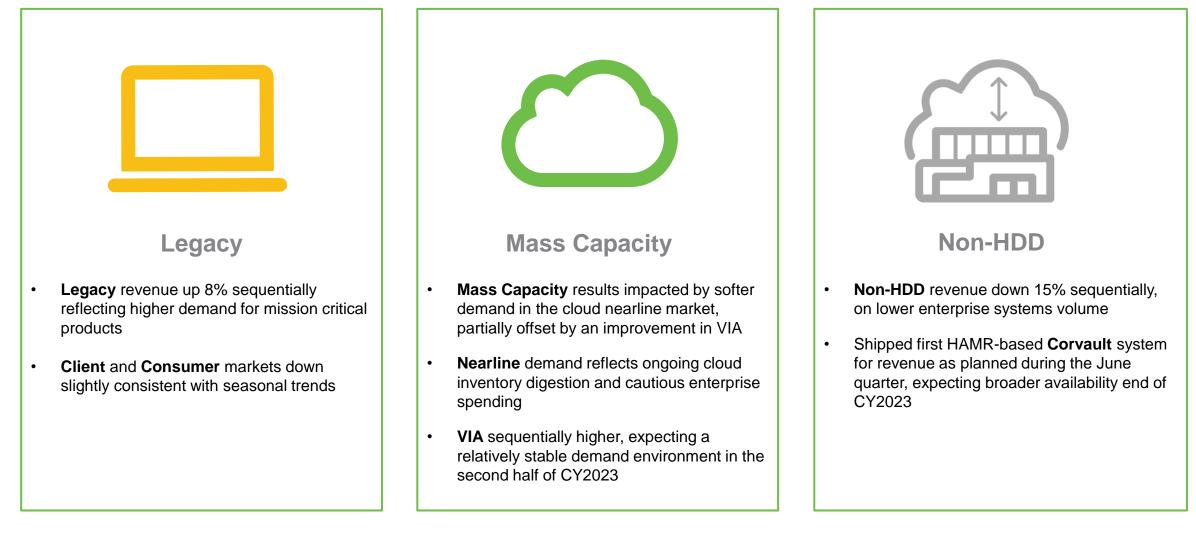




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Q4FY23 Market Highlights



Mass capacity storage includes nearline, video and image applications ("VIA") and network-attached storage. **Legacy markets** include mission critical, consumer, and client applications. **Non-HDD** includes enterprise systems business, SSD, and other.



Quarterly Financial Trends

	L	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	QoQ	YoY
In Q4FY23:	GAAP Results							
III Q71 125.	Revenue (\$M)	2,628	2,035	1,887	1,860	1,602	-14%	-39%
Revenue in the lower half of	Gross Margin %	28.9%	23.7%	13.0%	17.2%	19.0%	1.8 ppt	-9.9 ppt
	Operating Expenses (\$M)	399	375	406	634	278	-56%	-30%
the guidance range	Operating Margin %	13.7%	5.3%	-8.5%	-16.9%	1.6%	18.5 ppt	-12.1 ppt
	Net (Loss) Income (\$M)	276	29	-33	-433	-92	*	*
	Diluted EPS ¹	\$1.27	\$0.14	-\$0.16	-\$2.09	-\$0.44	*	*
Gross Margin (Non-GAAP)								
	Non-GAAP Results ²				_			
up sequentially reflecting	Revenue (\$M)	2,628	2,035	1,887	1,860	1,602	-14%	-39%
lower underutilization costs,	Gross Margin %	29.3%	24.5%	21.4%	18.7%	19.5%	0.8 ppt	-9.8 ppt
	Operating Expenses (\$M)	349	314	294	282	258	-9%	-26%
offsetting a less favorable	Operating Margin %	16.1%	9.0%	5.8%	3.5%	3.4%	-0.1 ppt	-12.7 ppt
mix	Net (Loss) Income (\$M)	345	101	34	-58	-37	*	*
	Diluted EPS ¹	\$1.59	\$0.48	\$0.16	-\$0.28	-\$0.18	*	*
Operating Expense (Non-	End of Qtr Actual Share Count (M)	210	206	206	207	207	0%	-1%
GAAP) down QoQ reflecting	Diluted Shares O/S for EPS (M)	217	200	207	207	207	0%	-5%
cost structure improvement	Revenue by Product Line (\$M)							
actions and disciplined cost	HDD	2,410	1,772	1,663	1,604	1,385	-14%	-43%
management	Systems, SSD & Other	218	263	224	256	218	-15%	0%
management	Revenue by Channel							
	OEM	81%	76%	72%	73%	73%	0.0 ppt	-8.0 ppt
	Distributors	10%	15%	16%	16%	14%	-2.0 ppt	4.0 ppt
	Retail	9%	9%	12%	11%	13%	2.0 ppt	4.0 ppt

NOTE: Minor changes and calculation variances are due to rounding.

1. Q2FY23 GAAP diluted EPS was computed using weighted average basic shares of 206 million as a result of net loss reported during the period. Q3FY23 and Q4FY23 GAAP and non-GAAP diluted EPS were computed using weighted average basic shares of 207 million as a result of net loss reported during the period.

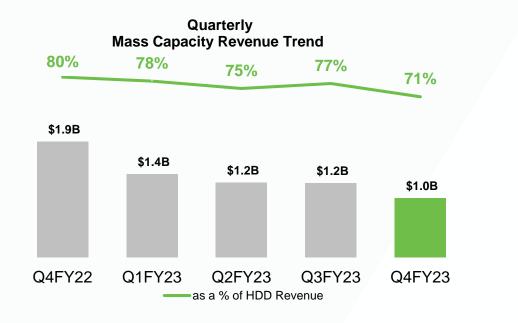
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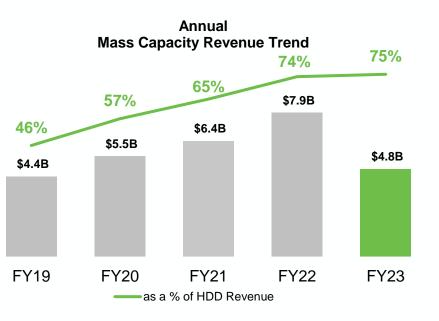
* Not a meaningful figure



HDD Product Trends

	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	QoQ	YoY
Capacity Shipped (EB)	154.6	118.2	112.5	118.7	91.2	-23%	-41%
Mass Capacity	138.5	104.0	96.7	104.1	75.2	-28%	-46%
Nearline	119.0	85.1	79.7	86.8	54.7	-37%	-54%
Legacy	16.1	14.3	15.8	14.6	16.0	9%	-1%
Average Capacity per Drive (TB)	7.8	7.5	7.3	8.2	6.4	-22%	-18%
Mass Capacity	11.5	11.8	11.9	13.0	9.6	-26%	-16%
Legacy	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.5	10%	21%





Cash, Cash Flow, and Operational Trends

		Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23
In Q4FY23:	Cash ¹ (\$M)	615	761	770	766	786
 Reduced Debt by \$507M, 	Debt (\$M)	5,646	6,249	6,029	5,958	5,451
down 9% QoQ, primarily	Cash Flow From Operations (\$M)	180	245	251	228	218
reflecting the 2023 Notes	Capital Expenditures ² (\$M)	72	133	79	54	50
retirement	Free Cash Flow ³ (\$M)	108	112	172	174	168
	YTD Cash Flow From Operations ⁴ (\$M)	1,657	245	496	724	942
Capex of \$50M, down 7%	YTD Shares Repurchased ⁴ (\$M)	1,799	408	408	408	408
QoQ	YTD Dividend Paid ⁴ (\$M)	610	147	292	437	582
	Dividends Per Share Paid	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$0.70
 Paid cash dividends of 	Shares Repurchased (M)	6.0	5.4	-	-	-
\$145M	YTD Shares Repurchased (M)	20.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
	Days Sales Outstanding	53	49	41	49	35
	Days Inventory Outstanding	76	94	66	71	80
	Days Payables Outstanding	100	100	60	100	112
	Cash Conversion Cycle	29	43	47	19	3

NOTE: Minor calculation variances are due to rounding.

1. Cash includes Cash and cash equivalents.

2. Capital Expenditures is cash paid for the acquisition of property, equipment, and leasehold improvements.

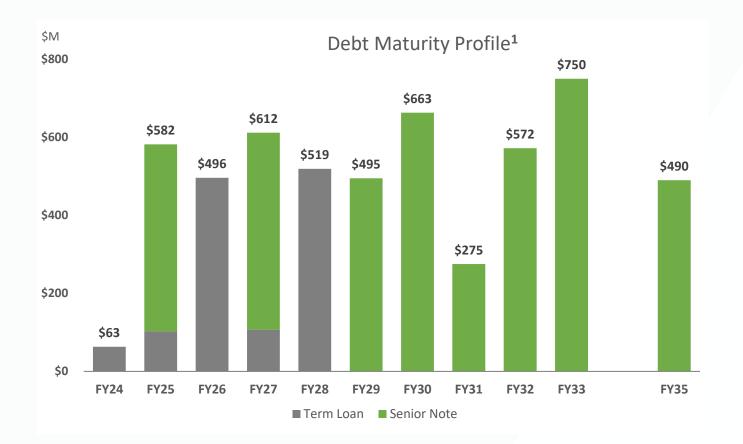
3. Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure. See 'Reconciliation Tables' section for GAAP reconciliation.

4. Based on Fiscal Year.



July 26, 2023

Capital Structure



\$2.3B Liquidity²

- \$786M Cash
- \$1.5B Revolving credit facility

\$5.5B Debt³

- Weighted average interest rate of 6.2%
- Weighted average maturity of ~6 years

NOTE: Minor calculation variances are due to rounding.

- 1. Principal outstanding
- 2. Liquidity levels include both Cash and cash equivalents and revolver.
- 3. Principal outstanding less unamortized discount and debt issuance cost



Debt Metrics

	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23
Debt (\$M)	5,646	6,249	6,029	5,958	5,451
Cash and cash equivalents (\$M)	615	761	770	766	786
Net Debt (\$M)	5,031	5,488	5,259	5,192	4,665
LTM Cash Interest Expense (\$M)	244	249	283	281	327
LTM Adjusted EBITDA (\$M) ¹	2,549	2,144	1,677	1,321	974
Total Leverage Ratio ²	2.2x	2.9x	3.6x	4.5x	5.6x
Total Leverage Ratio on Net Debt ³	2.0x	2.6x	3.1x	3.9x	4.8x
Interest Coverage Ratio ⁴	10.4x	8.6x	5.9x	4.7x	3.0x

The Credit Agreement includes three financial covenants: (1) interest coverage ratio, (2) leverage ratio, and (3) a minimum liquidity amount. Seagate was in compliance with the covenants as of June 30, 2023. We continue to evaluate our debt portfolio and structure to comply with our financial debt covenants.

NOTE: Minor calculation variances are due to rounding. For the capitalized terms included but not defined here, please see the Credit Agreement filed with the SEC.

- 1. EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) before income tax expense, interest expense, interest income, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA excludes certain benefits, expenses, gains, losses and other extraordinary charges such as factory underutilization charges and BIS settlement penalty. See 'Reconciliation Tables' section for reconciliation of Net Income to adjusted EBITDA.
- 2. On May 19, 2023, Seagate amended its Credit Agreement to replace the total leverage ratio with a new total net leverage ratio during a covenant relief period to 6.75 to 1.0 beginning Q4FY23, with periodic step downs, and returning to a maximum permitted total leverage ratio of 4.0 to 1.0 for any fiscal quarter after Q4FY25.
- 3. Also known as "total net leverage ratio", which reflects Net Debt divided by LTM Adjusted EBITDA.
- 4. In connection with the amendment, the minimum interest coverage ratio is 2.50 to 1.00 beginning Q4FY23, with periodic step downs and step ups during the covenant relief period, returning to a minimum interest coverage ratio of 3.25 to 1.00 after Q4FY24.



Environmental, Social and Governance



2022 Sustainable Datasphere Report Highlights

People

Planet

Prosperity

~281K

hours of learning and development completed in FY2022 by our employees¹ 99%

Of non-manufacturing specialist employees completed their goal setting and year-end review process in FY2022

~21K MWh 87%

of electricity saved through energy conservation and efficiency initiatives in FY2022, exceeding our initial conservation goal of 10K MWh (~27K metric tons) of non-

(~27K metric tons) of nonhazardous waste diverted from landfills in FY2022

131

different engagements and partnerships conducted in local communities in FY2022 20%

increase in supplier diversity spend from FY2021 to FY2022

3,600

9.1%↑

increase in inventions with 1+

female inventors in FY2022

global members representing nine employee resource groups (ERGs) and over 27 local chapters across all ERGs in FY2022 **1.4%**↑

increase in women in leadership from FY2020 to FY2022 82%

of hazardous waste generated in FY2022 was recycled

~1M Drives

returned to service through refurbishment and redeployment in CY2021

no cases of child labor or forced labor were found within Seagate's manufacturing operations in the FY2022 RBA Validated Audits 125

direct and packaging suppliers completed the RBA environmental survey in FY2022 (70% have GHG reduction targets and 67% have water reduction targets)

352

mentorship assignments established in FY2022, enabling employees to expand their network and find career or skill-based guidance **17.5%**↑

increase in water recycling in CY2021 from CY2020



reduction in absolute marketbased scope 2 operational emissions in CY2021 vs. CY2020



RECONCILIATION TABLES



Supplemental Financial Information Fiscal Q4 2023 (quarter ended June 30, 2023)

Reconciliation of GAAP Gross Profit to Non-GAAP Gross Profit (\$M)	Q4FY22	FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	FY23
GAAP Gross Profit	759	3,469	482	246	319	304	1,351
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	-	1	-	39	18	3	60
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	1	4	1	1	1	-	3
Pandemic-related lockdown charges	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
Purchase order cancellation fees	-	-	-	108	-	-	108
Share-based compensation	11	38	8	8	8	5	29
Other charges	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	771	3,512	498	403	347	313	1,561
GAAP Gross Margin %	28.9%	29.7%	23.7%	13.0%	17.2%	19.0%	18.3%
Non-GAAP Gross Margin %	29.3%	30.1%	24.5%	21.4%	18.7%	19.5%	21.1%
Reconciliation of GAAP Operating Expenses to Non-GAAP Operating Expenses (\$M)	Q4FY22	FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	FY23
GAAP Operating Expenses	399	1,514	375	406	634	278	1,693
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	(13)	(13)	(22)	-	(3)	-	(25)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	(2)	(11)	(3)	-	-	-	(3)
BIS settlement penalty	-	-	-	-	(300)	-	(300)
Restructuring and other, net	(1)	(3)	(9)	(81)	(20)	8	(102)
Share-based compensation	(28)	(107)	(21)	(25)	(23)	(17)	(86)
Other charges	(6)	(10)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(11)	(29)
Non-GAAP Operating Expenses	349	1,370	314	294	282	258	1,148
Reconciliation of GAAP Income (Loss) From Operations to Non-GAAP Income From Operations (\$M)	Q4FY22	FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	FY23
GAAP Income (Loss) From Operations	360	1,955	107	(160)	(315)	26	(342)
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	13	14	22	39	21	3	85
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	3	15	4	1	1	-	6
BIS settlement penalty	· ·	-	-	-	300	-	300
Pandemic-related lockdown charges	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
Purchase order cancellation fees	-	-	-	108	-	-	108
Restructuring and other, net	1	3	9	81	20	(8)	102
Share-based compensation	39	145	29	33	31	22	115
Other charges	6	10	6	7	7	12	32
Non-GAAP Income From Operations	422	2,142	184	109	65	55	413
GAAP Operating Margin %	13.7%	16.8%	5.3%	(8.5)%	(16.9)%	1.6%	(4.6)%
Non-GAAP Operating Margin %	16.1%	18.4%	9.0%	5.8%	3.5%	3.4%	5.6%

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Reconciliation of GAAP Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share to Non-GAAP Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share (\$M)	Q4FY22	FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	FY23
GAAP Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share	\$1.27	\$7.36	\$0.14	\$(0.16)	\$(2.09)	\$(0.44)	\$(2.56)
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.19	0.10	0.01	0.41
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	0.01	0.07	0.02	-	-	-	0.03
BIS settlement penalty		-	-	-	1.45	-	1.45
Net (gain) loss recognized from early redemption of debt		-	-	(0.99)	(0.01)	0.08	(0.91)
Pandemic-related lockdown charges	-	-	0.03	-	-	-	0.03
Purchase order cancellation fees	-	-	-	0.52	-	-	0.52
Restructuring and other, net	-	0.01	0.04	0.39	0.10	(0.04)	0.49
Share-based compensation	0.18	0.65	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.11	0.56
Strategic investment losses or impairment charges	0.03	0.05	-	-	-	0.04	0.05
Other charges	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.15
Income tax adjustments	-	(0.07)	(0.02)	0.01	(0.01)	-	(0.03)
Non-GAAP Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share	\$1.59	\$8.18	\$0.48	\$0.16	\$(0.28)	\$(0.18)	\$0.19
Shares used in diluted earnings (loss) per share calculation (M)							
GAAP	217	224	210	206	207	207	207
Non-GAAP	217	224	210	207	207	207	209

Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow (\$M)	Q4FY22	FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	FY23
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	180	1657	245	251	228	218	942
Acquisition of property, equipment and leasehold improvements	(72)	(381)	(133)	(79)	(54)	(50)	(316)
Free Cash Flow	108	1,276	112	172	174	168	626

Reconciliation of GAAP Net Income (Loss) to Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA (\$M)	Q4FY22	FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	FY23
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	276	1,649	29	(33)	(433)	(92)	(529)
Depreciation and amortization	127	451	135	148	126	104	513
Interest expense	65	249	71	77	81	84	313
Interest income	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(6)	(10)
Income tax expense (benefit)	5	30	(2)	(5)	33	7	33
Non-GAAP EBITDA	472	2,377	232	186	(195)	97	320
BIS settlement penalty	-	-	-	-	300	-	300
Impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Net (gain) loss recognized from early redemption of debt		1	-	(204)	(3)	17	(190)
Pandemic-related lockdown charges			6	-	-	-	6
Purchase order cancellation fees	· ·	-	-	108	-	-	108
Restructuring and other, net	1	3	9	81	20	(8)	102
Share-based compensation	39	145	29	33	31	22	115
Strategic investment losses or impairment charges	6	12	-	-	1	9	10
Underutilization charges, net of depreciation and amortization	-		37	45	60	29	171
Other charges	6	10	6	7	7	12	32
Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA	525	2,549	319	256	221	178	974



Non-GAAP Measures Adjusted for the Following Items:

Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts

These expenses are excluded in the non-GAAP measures due to the inconsistency in amount and frequency and are excluded to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of the Company's current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Amortization of acquired intangible assets

The Company records expense from amortization of intangible assets that were acquired in connection with its business combinations over their estimated useful lives. Such charges are inconsistent in size and are significantly impacted by the timing and magnitude of the Company's acquisitions. Consequently, these expenses are excluded in the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

BIS settlement penalty

The Company accrued a settlement penalty of \$300 million for the fiscal third quarter of 2023 related to the alleged violations of the U.S. Export Administration Regulations between August 17, 2020 and September 29, 2021 by the BIS, which were subsequently resolved by a settlement agreement on April 18, 2023. This settlement penalty is excluded from the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of the Company's current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Net loss (gain) recognized from early redemption of debt

From time to time, the Company incurs gains, losses and fees from the early redemption and repurchase of certain long-term debt instruments. The gains and losses represent the difference between the reacquisition price and the par value of the debt extinguished less the write-off of any unamortized debt issuance costs and discount. Fees include certain costs associated with a debt extinguishment or modification. The amount of these charges may be inconsistent in size and varies depending on the timing of the early redemption of debt and consequently is excluded from the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Pandemic-related lockdown charges

Pandemic-related lockdown charges are factory under-utilization costs incurred due to the pandemic-related lockdown measures at our factory in Wuxi, China. These charges are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are excluded in the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Purchase order cancellation fees

Purchase order cancellation fees are the costs incurred to cancel certain purchase commitments made with the Company's suppliers for component and equipment purchases that will not be received due to change in forecasted demand. These charges are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are excluded in the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Restructuring and other, net

Restructuring and other, net are costs associated with restructuring plans that are primarily related to costs associated with reduction in the Company's workforce, exiting certain facilities and other related costs, as well as charges or gains from sale of properties. These costs or benefits do not reflect the Company's ongoing operating performance and consequently are excluded from the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Share-based compensation

These expenses consist primarily of expenses for employee share-based compensation. Given the variety of equity awards used by companies, the varying methodologies for determining share-based compensation expense, the subjective assumptions involved in those determinations, and the volatility in valuations that can be driven by market conditions outside the Company's control, the Company believes excluding share-based compensation expense enhances the ability of management and investors to understand and assess the underlying performance of its business over time and compare it against the Company's peers, a majority of whom also exclude share-based compensation expense from their non-GAAP results.

Strategic investment losses or impairment charges

From time to time, the Company incurs losses, gains or impairment charges from strategic investments that are measured and accounted at fair value, under the equity method of accounting, as available-for-sale debt securities or adjust for downward or upward adjustments to the carrying value under the measurement alternative if an impairment or observable price adjustment is recognized in the current period that are not considered as part of its ongoing operating performance. The resulting expense, gain or impairment loss is inconsistent in amount and frequency and consequently is excluded from the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Other charges

The other charges primarily include IT transformation costs. These charges are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are excluded in the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods' operating performance.

Income tax adjustments

Provision or benefit for income taxes represents the tax effects of non-GAAP adjustments determined using a hybrid with and without method and effective tax rate for the applicable adjustment and jurisdiction.

Free cash flow

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure defined as net cash provided by operating activities less acquisition of property, equipment and leasehold improvements. Free cash flow does not reflect non-cash items, net cash used or provided by financing activities and net cash used or provided by investing activities, other than acquisition of property, equipment and leasehold improvements. This non-GAAP financial measure is used by management to assess the Company's sources of liquidity, capital structure and operating performance.

EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and last twelve months (LTM) adjusted EBITDA

EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) before income tax expense, interest expense, interest income, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA excludes certain expenses, gains and losses that the Company believes are not indicative of its core operating results. These adjustments primarily include impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts, net gain recognized from early redemption of debt, pandemic-related lockdown charges, purchase order cancellation fees, restructuring and other, net, share-based compensation, strategic investment losses (gains) or impairment charges, other extraordinary charges such as factory underutilization charges and BIS settlement penalty. LTM adjusted EBITDA is defined as the total of last twelve months adjusted EBITDA. These non-GAAP financial measures are used by management to evaluate the Company's debt portfolio and structure to comply with its financial debt covenants.

