

# 4Q FY2022 Earnings Presentation

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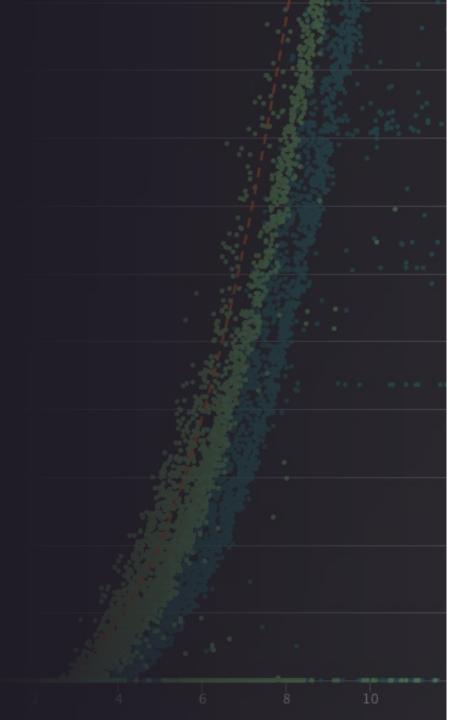
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# Today's Agenda

## **1** Strategy Update

Julian Nebreda, President & CEO

## 2 Financial Update

Manavendra Sial, SVP & CFO



# Strong Q4'22 Performance to Close 2022

Highest quarterly revenue in company history; positive gross margin improvement

Q4'22 Order Intake

\$560M

473 MWs Solutions<sup>1</sup>, 602 MWs Services, 811

**MWs Digital** 

Q4'22 Revenue Recognized

**\$442M** 

Highest Quarterly Revenue Ever Deployed 1 GWH Energy Storage Solutions<sup>2</sup> Services AUM at 9/30

**2.0 GW** 119% attach rate in Q4'22

Signed Contract Backlog at 9/30

Q4'22 Adjusted Gross Margin<sup>1</sup>

Digital AUM at 9/30

**\$2.2B** 57% With non-related parties **3.4%** Q4'22 GAAP Gross Margin of 2% 13.7 GW

Q3'22 Digital AUM 12.8 GW

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Note 1: Solutions are defined as or have been referred to as energy storage products, hardware solution as it is more representative of the offering. Note 2: Quarterly deployed GWH based on revenue recognition. Note 3: Services attachment rate based on MWH, refer to supplemental metric sheet for definition of attachment rate.

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## **FIRST 90 DAYS**

## What we learned

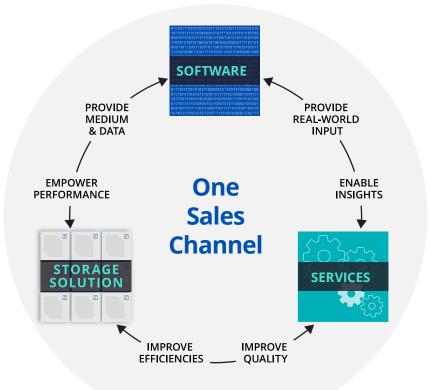
- Energy storage solutions business has tremendous tailwinds
- Digital business platform and model distracted; need for faster integration and simplification
- Strong conviction in maintaining leadership position in our three businesses
- High confidence in our ability to be Adjusted EBITDA breakeven in fiscal 2024

# Where we are going

- Accelerating integration of offerings to provide holistic end to end bundled solution including services and digital
- Retooling digital platform and go-tomarket strategy to increase scale of Mosaic and Nispera, allowing for faster roll-out at a lower cost
- Converting supply chain into competitive advantage
- Strong visibility to multi-year profitable revenue growth rate of 30%+

# Integrated Ecosystem with Solutions, Services, and Digital

Revised go-to-market approach using one integrated sales channel with technology integration



## **KEY ATTRIBUTES**

- Retain customer beyond day 1 sale
- Accessing customers anywhere along the value chain
- Multi-year visibility to high revenue growth rate
- Asset-lite; high return on invested capital
- Significant technical depth helps monetize data to drive customer returns
- Rapidly improving operating leverage with high revenue per employee

# Strategic Objectives 2023 and Beyond



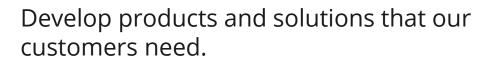








Deliver profitable growth.



Convert our supply chain into a competitive advantage.

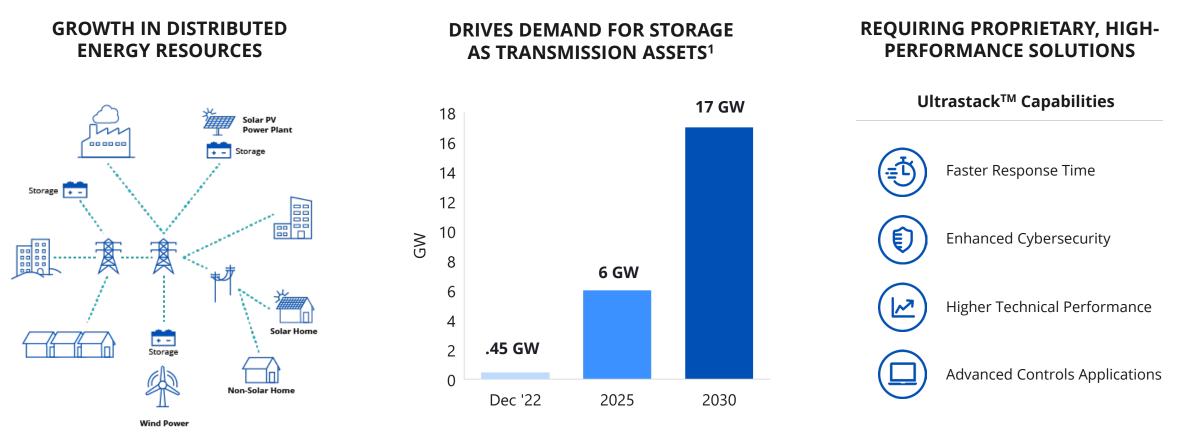
Use Fluence Digital as a competitive differentiator and margin driver.

Work better.

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## Fluence Ultrastack<sup>™</sup>

High performance product built for the complex requirements of transmission segment



#### Gridbooster TransnetBW (Germany)

250 MW | 250 MWh

## **Experience Unlocks Value With Customers**

Fluence Gridstack solution selected for performance coupled with our trusted industry experience

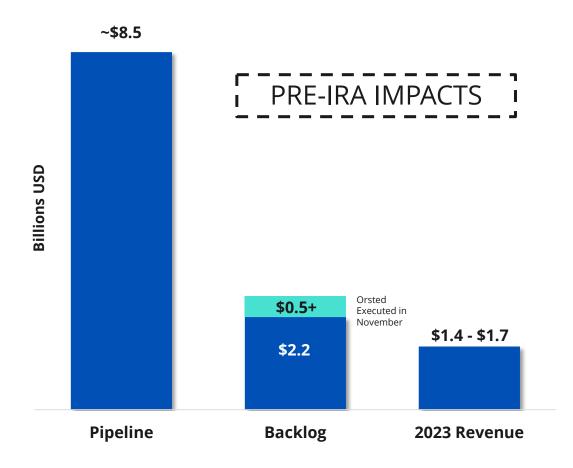
# Orsted

#### UNITED STATES 300 MW / 1,200 MWh

- Awarded \$500+ million contract in November to be completed in 2023 and 2024
- Further increasing our scale and complexity we are able to better capture value from our supply chain through higher commitments from our vendors
- Diversifying our backlog by increasing non-related parties
- Customer seeking trusted partner with strong experience delivering complex solutions
- Establishing ourselves as a leader among the mega project segment

## Strong top of funnel activity gives multi-year revenue certainty

Provides high degree of confidence to multi-year 30%+ revenue growth rate, <u>IRA provides additional upside</u>



- Strong demand at top of the funnel is a driver of ~\$8.5 billion pipeline, nearly 3x current backlog
- Expanding non-related parties' backlog with \$500M+ Orsted order
- IRA increases US TAM by ~\$35B+; nearly 100 GWH providing visibility to backlog growth
- Strong backlog growth factoring in recent Orsted order

Blue Bars in Chart as of September 30, 2022

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## Tremendous Policy Tailwinds for US Energy Storage

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Per BNEF, IRA increases US TAM by nearly 100 GWh

Expected ITC improves overall project returns for the customer; this benefit accrues to FLNC through improved pricing power or volume



PTC of \$10 per kwh results in potential margin uplift for FLNC, de-risks mid-teens gross margins target



IRA benefits are all upside and not necessary for Adjusted EBITDA Breakeven in FY 2024

## Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

#### TOPIC

#### ANTICIPATED FLNC IMPACT

Investment Tax Credit – Standalone storage	Per BNEF, expected US market growth to go from >30% to 40-50%. First IRA orders expected to sign June 2023. First IRA orders will be seen in financials in H2 of FY 2024
Section 45X – Production Tax Credit	\$10/kWh for battery modules produced in US. Utah facility expected cube capacity of nearly 6 GWH per year by FY 2024. Expected module production starting summer FY 2024
Section 48C – Qualifying Manufacturing Facility	One-time reimbursement for additional qualifying manufacturing facilities in the US

# Introducing Fluence's Battery Pack

## Gives Fluence greater control over the global supply chain and capitalizes on incentives under the Inflation Reduction Act.

#### TODAY

Fluence purchases the battery subsystem from OEM suppliers.

### 2023-2024 OBJECTIVE

Fluence will procure cells competitively and manufacture its own battery pack, which includes a Fluence-made battery module. Initial production start up scheduled for summer 2024.

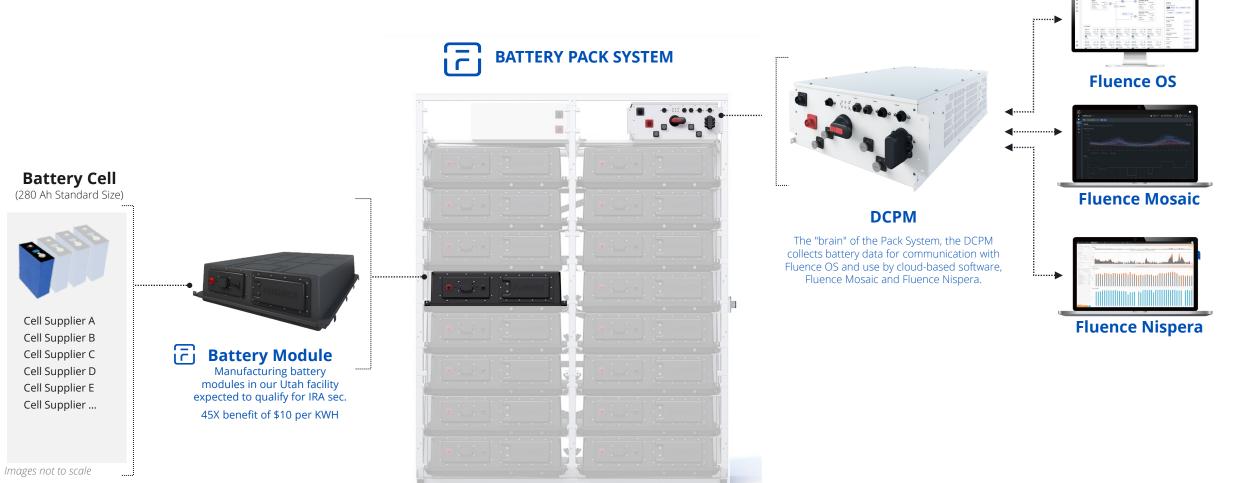
#### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Easier to incorporate new cells and diversify our cell supplier base; creates competition at cell level
- Easier to swap packs in and out of new product variants
- Allows us to incorporate our own BMS technology with more granular data access and system control
- Expands Fluence battery intelligence capabilities



## Fluence Battery Pack

Enables easier implementation of integrated solutions while commoditizing battery cells

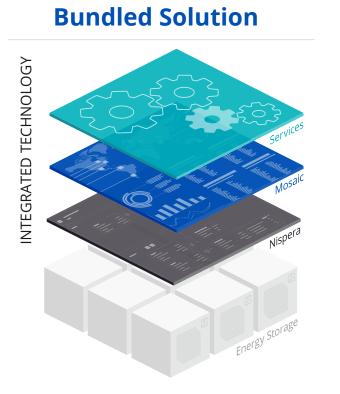


# Retooling digital platform and GTM strategy to increase scale and accelerate roll-out at a lower cost

Plan to Share Key Performance Indicators in 2023

## **Digital Moving Forward**

- One go-to-market approach
- Enabler for solutions offerings and set up for long-term success
- Reducing cost, complexity, and time to market
- Simplifying product applications
- Accelerating the Nispera<sup>1</sup> BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) capacity
- Positive gross margin in FY 2023; Expect adjusted EBITDA to be at or near breakeven in FY 2025



KPI	Initiative
Software	<ul> <li>Bundled sale of Nispera APM with all Fluence batteries</li> </ul>
Attach Rate	<ul> <li>New market expansion for Mosaic; targeting 4 additional markets over 3 years</li> </ul>
ARR	<ul> <li>Expand portion of Mosaic-revenue sharing contracts</li> </ul>
	Further develop and monetize
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	<ul> <li>Services for reporting, analysis, and optimization</li> </ul>
Churn Rate	<ul> <li>Energy forecasting services</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Continue expanding product feature set and offerings</li> </ul>
Growth Beyond Core Customers	<ul> <li>Pursue both APM and automated bidding use cases in broader non-BESS renewables market</li> </ul>

#### New solution includes integrated Nispera offering

Note 1: Per BNEF, Company analysis, asset performance management (APM) TAM assessed at ~1.8 TW in 2025 and growing

# Transforming the Way We Operate

Doubling Talent in 2023 & Expanding Capabilities While Minimizing Overhead



1 Successful Year 1 establishing facility 2 2023 hiring talent across technology and functional areas

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Enables operating leverage with overhead growing at less than 50% of revenue growth

# Initial success in implementing turnaround

Progressing on strategic objectives



### **Deliver Profitable Growth**

• Awarded \$225M+ for world's largest energy storage-as-transmission project in Germany that carries higher margins.



#### Develop products and solutions that our customers need

• Awarded \$500M+ project from Orsted; continuing to expand non-related parties backlog



#### Convert our supply chain into a competitive advantage

• Opened contract manufacturing facility in Utah; well-positioned to capture incentives from IRA (second overall facility)



#### Use Fluence Digital as a competitive differentiator and margin driver

• TIME Magazine recognized Fluence Mosaic as one of the Best Inventions of 2022 that are making the world better and smarter



### Work Better

• Enhanced India technology centre laying the foundation for increased utilization through a workforce optimization that will significantly increase roles in India in 2023

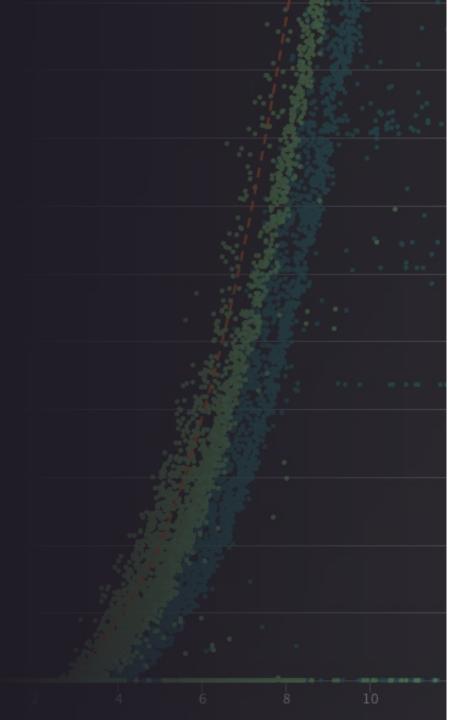


Committed to 2024 breakeven Adjusted EBITDA target; higher margin contracts, improved execution and risk management

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Asset-lite solutions business model optimal way for investing in energy storage

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# Fourth Quarter 2022 Financial Performance

Strongest revenue quarter in the history of Fluence, positive Gross Margin

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Q4′21	Q3′22	Q4′22		
188	239	442		
8	2	15		
(20)	(33)	(37)		
(8)	(18)	(18)		
(28)	(51)	(55)		
14.9%	21.3%	12.4%		
(15)	(48)	(40)		
38	762	540		
(59)	(5)	11		
(87)	(61)	(56)		
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Note 1 Platform investment includes R&D and Depreciation expenses

Note 2 Operating expenses exclude stock compensations expenses

Note 3 Total cash includes Cash and cash equivalents + Restricted Cash + Short term investments

\*Non-GAAP figure. Refer to Appendix for reconciliation of Adjusted Gross Profit, Adjusted EBITDA, etc. to the comparable GAAP financial measures

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Highest Revenue quarter driven by higher volumes
- 2. Positive Gross Margin
- 3. High watermark for Operating Expenses % of Revenue level for FY 2022; expected to reduce in FY 2023 and beyond
- 4. Ended FY 2022 with >\$500M of total cash, ample liquidity to meet next 12 months cash needs
- 5. Greater transparency, additional information available in metrics sheet

# FY 2022 Cash > \$500M and No recourse debt

Asset-lite and operating cash efficient model with cash usage in FY 22 and FY 23 largely driven by EBITDA

All figures in \$ million, unless specified

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Total Cash at 10/1/21	\$38	
Financing	\$817	IPO Proceeds \$936, Debt and Other \$(119)
Investing	\$(38)	Nispera \$(30), Capex \$(8)
Adj. EBITDA	\$(184)	
GAAP-only items	\$(53)	Expenses
Change in Operating Cash	\$(40)	~10% of revenue increase YoY
Total Cash at 9/30/22	\$540	



# FY 2023 guidance driven by strong & growing backlog

FY 2023 orders trajectory, operating leverage sets us well for FY 2024 Adj. EBITDA break-even

All figures in \$ million, unless specified

	FY 2022	FY 2023 Guide
Revenue	\$1,199	\$1,400 - \$1,700
Adj. Gross Profit <sup>1</sup>	\$(3)	\$60 - \$100

1. 2023 Adjusted Gross Profit = GAAP Gross Profit primarily adjusted for Stock compensation and restructuring / re-organization, see reconciliation of Adjusted Gross Profit to the comparable GAAP financial measure.



2. We are unable to provide a quantitative reconciliation of Adjusted Gross Profit guidance to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure without unreasonable efforts because of the inherent difficulty in forecasting and quantifying certain amounts that are necessary for such reconciliation.

- ~90% of Revenue in backlog as of October 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2. Expect 40 / 60 revenue split between 1H / 2H 2023
- 3. Expect SG&A to grow at less than 50% of revenue growth
- FY 2023 cash flow primarily driven by FY 2023 EBITDA with Capex and change in operating cash in line with FY 2022
  - A. Expect cash position to be higher in H2 than H1
  - B. Expect \$80M -100M Q1 cash usage, mostly due to battery supply negotiation of ~\$60M-\$70M

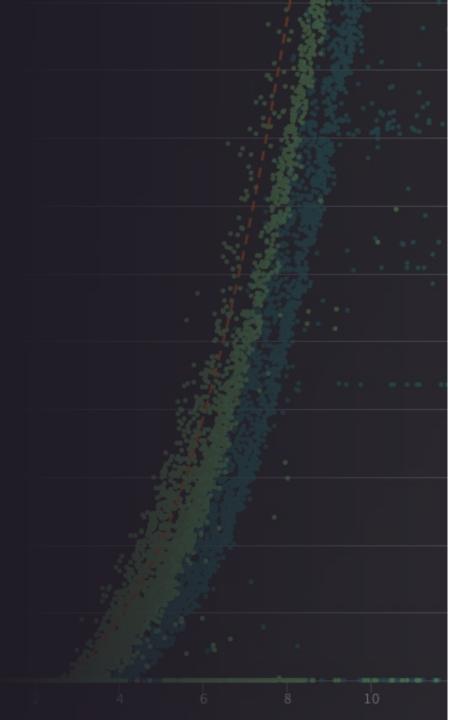
# High confidence path to 2023 Adjusted Gross Profit guidance

Expected FY 2023 margin improvement driven by higher margin deals and better risk management

All figures in \$ million, unless specified

	AMOUNT
FY 2022 Adjusted Gross Profit	\$(3)
<ul> <li>New deals at or close to <u>double-digit</u> margins</li> <li>Signing contracts at higher margins relative to legacy contracts</li> </ul>	\$40 - \$70
<ul><li>Better risk management and improved execution</li><li>Pricing index, Passing logistics costs, Gen 6 issues behind us</li></ul>	\$23 - \$33
FY 2023 Adjusted Gross Profit	\$60 - \$100





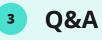
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## Definitions

ITEM	DEFINITION
Pipeline	Represents our uncontracted, potential revenue from energy storage products, service, and digital software contracts, which have a reasonable likelihood of contract execution within 24 months.
Contracted Backlog	Represent signed purchase orders or contractual minimum purchase commitments with take-or pay provisions. For our energy storage product contracts, contracted backlog includes signed customer orders or contracts under execution prior to when substantial completion is achieved. For service contracts, contracted backlog includes signed service agreements associated with our storage product projects that have not been completed. For digital applications contracts, contracted backlog includes signed agreements where the associated subscription has not started.
Deployed	Represents cumulative energy storage products that have achieved substantial completion and are not decommissioned.
Assets Under Management	Asset under management for service contracts represents our long-term service contracts with customers associated with our completed energy storage products. We start providing maintenance, monitoring, or other operational services after the storage product projects are completed.
	Assets under management for digital software represents contracts signed and active (post go live).

# Total Year 2022 Financial Performance

Tough 2022 results but exiting year with strong Q4'22 Revenue, positive Gross profit

All figures in \$ million, unless specified	2021	2022
Revenue	681	1,199
Adjusted Gross Profit	15	(3)
SG&A (a)	(61)	(126)
Platform investment <sup>1</sup> (b)	(29)	(59)
Operating expenses <sup>2</sup> (a+b)	(89)	(186)
Operating expenses, % of Revenue	13.1%	15.5%
Adjusted EBITDA	(65)	(184)
Total Cash <sup>3</sup>	38	540
GAAP metrics		
Gross Profit	(69)	(62)
Net Income	(162)	(289)

Note 1 Platform investment includes R&D and Depreciation expenses

Note 2 Operating expenses exclude stock compensations expenses

Note 3 Total cash includes Cash and cash equivalents + Restricted Cash + Short term investments

2022 margin was negatively impacted by:

- Increases in battery prices, inability to completely pass on to customer
- Liquidated damages as a result of not delivering our products on time due to shipping and logistics challenges
- Our supply chain was negatively impacted by Covid-19 lockdowns in China that resulted in our battery manufactures declaring force majeure.
- Increased costs associated with rolling out our new Gen 6 product.

2022 margin drivers well understood and largely behind us

# Non-GAAP Financial Measures & Reconciliations

(\$ in millions)	Q4′21	Q3′22	Q4′22	FY21	FY22
NET LOSS	(87.2)	(60.8)	(56.2)	(162.0)	(289.2)
ADD (DEDUCT):					
INTEREST EXPENSE (INCOME), NET	0.5	(0.2)	(1.2)	1.4	(0.3)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	(1.0)	(1.0)	1.9	1.8	1.4
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	1.6	2.0	2.2	5.1	7.1
STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (a)	-	7.4	9.1	-	44.1
OTHER EXPENSES <sup>(c)</sup>					
IPO one-time expenses	3.3	-	-	4.8	0.1
COVID-19 pandemic	64.9	3.9	-	71.8	39.1
BBC Finland Cargo Loss Incident	2.6	0.4	2.7	12.4	11.9
Other	-	-	1.6	-	1.6
ADJUSTED EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	(15.3)	(48.3)	(39.9)	(64.7)	(184.2)
(\$ in millions)	Q4'21	Q3′22	Q4′22	FY21	FY22
GROSS (LOSS) PROFIT	(59.1)	(5.2)	10.7	(69.1)	(62.4)
ADD (DEDUCT):	()	()		()	()
STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (b)	-	2.6	1.6	-	8.5
OTHER EXPENSES <sup>(c)</sup>					
COVID-19 pandemic	64.9	3.9	-	71.8	39.1
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ADJUSTED GROSS (LOSS) PROFIT <sup>1</sup>	8.4	1.7	15.0	15.1	(2.9)

- a) Included awards that will be settled in shares and awards that will be settled in cash.
- b) Included COGS portion of stock compensation only
- c) Other primarily include executive severance cost for FY2022.
- d) In FY2023 we expect to see reorganization / restructuring expenses.

Note 1 may not reconcile to financial statements due to rounding.

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ADJUSTED NET LOSS	(15.5)	(47.8)	(41.4)	(69.4)	(187.8)

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