

Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. Reports Third Quarter Fiscal 2024 Financial Results

March 7, 2024

- Q3 Net Sales of \$137.5 Million
- Q3 Gross Margin of 28.7%; Non-GAAP Gross Margin of 29.1%
- Q3 EPS of \$0.17/Share; Q3 Adjusted EPS of \$0.19/Share
- Q3 Adjusted EBITDAS Margin of 15.6%

Maryville, Tennessee--(Newsfile Corp. - March 7, 2024) - Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. (NASDAQ: SWBI), a U.S.-based leader in firearm manufacturing and design, today announced financial results for the third quarter of fiscal 2024, ended January 31, 2024.

Financial Highlights

- Net sales were \$137.5 million, an increase of \$8.4 million, or 6.5%, over the comparable quarter last year.
- Gross margin was 28.7% compared with 32.4% in the comparable quarter last year.
- GAAP net income was \$7.9 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share, compared with \$11.1 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, for the comparable quarter last year.
- Non-GAAP net income was \$8.7 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share, compared with \$11.6 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, for the comparable quarter last year. GAAP to non-GAAP adjustments for income exclude costs related to the move of our headquarters and significant elements of our operations to a new facility in Maryville, Tennessee, or the Relocation, and other costs. For a detailed reconciliation, see the schedules that follow in this release.
- Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDAS was \$21.4 million, or 15.6% of net sales, compared with \$25.1 million, or 19.5% of net sales, for the comparable quarter last year.

Mark Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Our team delivered another strong quarter on both the top and bottom line. We believe we gained market share as our shipments outpaced the overall firearm market, reflecting the continuing robust demand for our best-in-class, innovative new products and sustained momentum in our core product portfolio. We continue to expect the firearm market to experience healthy demand through the 2024 election cycle. With our deep pipeline of new products, leading brand, new state-of-the-art facility in Tennessee, strong balance sheet, and most importantly, world-class dedicated employees, we are well positioned to continue delivering value for our stockholders."

Deana McPherson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, commented, "Net sales for our third quarter were 6.5% above the prior year comparable quarter. During the quarter, inventory in the distribution channel declined from October levels, in terms of actual units and weeks of inventory, indicating strong sell through of our products at retail. Cash generated by operations was \$25.4 million, \$18.5 million better than last year, primarily due to receivables remaining relatively flat to last quarter while inventory declined by \$9.8 million. We repurchased nearly 71,000 shares during the third quarter, utilizing \$916,000 of our \$50 million authorization, and paid \$5.5 million in dividends. Consistent with our capital allocation strategy, our board of directors has authorized a \$0.12 per share quarterly dividend, which will be paid to stockholders of record on March 21, 2024 with payment to be made on April 4, 2024."

Conference Call and Webcast

The company will host a conference call and webcast on March 7, 2024 to discuss its third quarter fiscal 2024 financial and operational results. Speakers on the conference call will include Mark Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Deana McPherson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The conference call may include forward-looking statements. The conference call and webcast will begin at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (2:00 p.m. Pacific Time). Interested parties in North America are invited to participate by dialing 1-877-704-4453. Interested parties from outside North America are invited to participate by dialing 1-201-389-0920. Participants should dial in at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the call. The conference call audio webcast can also be accessed live on the company's website at www.smith-wesson.com, under the Investor Relations section.

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this press release, certain non-GAAP financial measures, including "non-GAAP net income," "Adjusted EBITDAS," and "free cash flow" are presented. From time-to-time, we consider and use these supplemental measures of operating performance in order to provide the reader with an improved understanding of underlying performance trends. We believe it is useful for us and the reader to review, as applicable, both (1) GAAP measures that include (i) interest expense, (ii) income tax expense, (iii) depreciation and amortization, (iv) stock-based compensation expense, (v) spin related stock-based compensation, (vi) an accrued legal settlement, (vii) Relocation expense, and (viii) the tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments; and (2) the non-GAAP measures that exclude such information. We present these non-GAAP measures because we consider them an important supplemental measure of our performance. Our definition of these adjusted financial measures may differ from similarly named measures used by others. We believe these measures facilitate operating performance comparisons from period to period by eliminating potential differences caused by the existence and timing of certain expense items that would not otherwise be apparent on a GAAP basis. These non-GAAP measures have limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for our GAAP measures. The principal limitations of these measures are that they do not reflect our actual expenses and may thus have the effect of inflating its financial measures on a GAAP basis.

About Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc.

Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. (NASDAQ: SWBI) is a U.S.-based leader in firearm manufacturing and design, delivering a broad portfolio of quality

handgun, long gun, and suppressor products to the global consumer and professional markets under the iconic Smith & Wesson® and Gemtech® brands. The company also provides manufacturing services including forging, machining, and precision plastic injection molding services. For more information call (800) 331-0852 or visit <u>www.smith-wesson.com</u>.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements contained in this press release may be deemed to be forward-looking statements under federal securities laws, and we intend that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe-harbor created thereby. Such forward-looking statements include, among others, that (i) we continue to expect the firearm market to experience healthy demand through the 2024 election cycle and (ii) with our deep pipeline of new products, leading brand, new state-of-the-art facility in Tennessee, strong balance sheet, and most importantly, world-class dedicated employees, we are well positioned to continue delivering value for our stockholders. We caution that these statements are qualified by important risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, economic, social, political, legislative, and regulatory factors; the potential for increased regulation of firearms and firearm-related products; actions of social activists that could have an adverse effect on our business; the impact of lawsuits; the demand for our products; the state of the U.S. economy in general and the firearm industry in particular; general economic conditions and consumer spending patterns; our competitive environment; the supply, availability and costs of raw materials and components; our anticipated growth and growth opportunities; our strategies; our ability to maintain and enhance brand recognition and reputation; our ability to effectively manage and execute the Relocation; our ability to introduce new products; the success of new products; the potential for cancellation of orders from our backlog; and other risks detailed from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2023.

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SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of:				
	Janu	ary 31, 2024	A	oril 30, 2023	
	(In th	ousands, excep		alue and share	
		da	ita)		
Current assets: ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	47,367	\$	53,556	
Accounts receivable, net of allowances for credit losses of \$0 on	Ψ	47,507	Ψ	00,000	
January 31, 2024 and \$23 on April 30, 2023		60,647		55,153	
Inventories		153,529		177,118	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		9,020		4,917	
Income tax receivable		5,613		1,176	
Total current assets		276,176		291,920	
Property, plant, and equipment, net		256,830		210,330	
Intangibles, net		2,670		3,588	
Goodwill		19,024		19,024	
Deferred income taxes		8,085		8,085	
Other assets		7,781		8,347	
Total assets	\$	570,566	\$	541,294	
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Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	36,141	\$	36,795	
Accrued expenses and deferred revenue	Ψ	24,333	Ψ	20,149	
Accrued payroll and incentives		19,897		18,565	
Accrued income taxes		190		1,831	
Accrued profit sharing		3,473		8,203	
Accrued warranty		2,110		1,670	
Total current liabilities		86,144		87,213	
Notes and loans payable, net of current portion		64,858		24,790	
Finance lease payable, net of current portion		35,809		36,961	
Other non-current liabilities		7,324		7,707	
Total liabilities		194,135		156,671	
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued					
or outstanding		-		-	
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 75,325,789 shares					
issued and 45,568,550 shares outstanding on January 31, 2024 and 75,029,300					
shares issued and 45,988,930 shares outstanding on April 30, 2023		75		75	
Additional paid-in capital		287,827		283,666	
Retained earnings		520,050		523,184	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		73		73	
Treasury stock, at cost (29,757,239 shares on January 31, 2024 and 29,040,370 shares					
on April 30, 2023)	_	(431,594)	_	(422,375)	
Total stockholders' equity		376,431		384,623	
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SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For th	e Three Month	s End	ed January 31,	For the Nine Months Ended Janua			
	2024			2023		2024		2023
				(In thousands, exc	ept per	share data)		
Net sales	\$	137,484	\$	129,036	\$	376,686	\$	334,465
Cost of sales		98,060		87,195		275,094		221,890
Gross profit		39,424		41,841		101,592		112,575
Operating expenses:								
Research and development		1,969		2,133		5,492		5,675
Selling, marketing, and distribution		10,108		9,996		31,101		27,454
General and administrative		16,065		15,576		45,599		48,867
Total operating expenses		28,142		27,705		82,192		81,996
Operating income		11,282		14,136		19,400		30,579
Other income/(expense), net:								
Other income(expense), net		(11)		840		176		2,304
Interest (expense)/income, net		(955)		(508)		(1,448)		(1,361)
Total other (expense)/income, net		(966)		332		(1,272)		943
Income from operations before income taxes		10,316		14,468		18,128		31,522
Income tax expense		2,434		3,389	<u> </u>	4,629		7,483
Net income	\$	7,882	\$	11,079	\$	13,499	\$	24,039
Net income per share:								
Basic - net income	\$	0.17	\$	0.24	\$	0.29	\$	0.52
Diluted - net income	\$	0.17	\$	0.24	\$	0.29	\$	0.52
Weighted average number of common shares outs	standing:							
Basic		45,618		45,897		45,901		45,817
Diluted		46,028		46,166		46,315		46,133

SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For t	the Nine Months	Ended Ja	nuary 31,
		2024		023
		(In tho	usands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	13,499	\$	24,039
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		24,291		21,795
Loss/(gain) on sale/disposition of assets		785		(43)
Provision for recoveries on notes and accounts receivable		(23)		(1)
Stock-based compensation expense		4,264		3,859
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		(5,471)		4,444
Inventories		23,589		(56,767)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(4,103)		(384)
Income taxes		(6,079)		(8,220)
Accounts payable		11,230		134
Accrued payroll and incentives		1,332		1,073
Accrued profit sharing		(4,730)		(5,737)
Accrued expenses and deferred revenue		3,917		(4,078)
Accrued warranty		440		(156)
Other assets		565		1,158
Other non-current liabilities		(383)		(2,364)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		63,123		(21,248)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Payments to acquire patents and software		(164)		(251)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		2,877		85
Payments to acquire property and equipment		(85,188)		<u>(64,586</u>)
Net cash used in investing activities		(82,475)		(64,752)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from loans and notes payable		50,000		25,000
Payments on notes and loans payable		(10,000)		(231)
Payments on finance lease obligation		(1,049)		(856)
Payments to acquire treasury stock		(9,128)		-

Dividend distribution	(16,557)	(13,744)
Proceeds to acquire common stock from employee stock purchase plan	722	753
Payment of employee withholding tax related to restricted stock units	 (825)	 (1,054)
Net cash provided by financing activities	 13,163	 9,868
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(6,189)	(76,132)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	 53,556	 120,728
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 47,367	\$ 44,596
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid for:		
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 3,317	\$ 1,743
Income taxes	\$ 10,687	\$ 15,775

SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	For	Months End	ded	For the Nine Months Ended				
	January	31, 2024	January	31, 2023	January	31, 2024	January	31, 2023
		% of		% of		% of		% of
	\$	Sales	\$	Sales	\$	Sales	\$	Sales
GAAP gross profit	\$ 39,424	28.7%	\$ 41,841	32.4%	\$101,592	27.0%	\$112,575	33.7%
Relocation expenses	642	0.5%	305	0.2%	1,954	0.5%	3,285	1.0%
Settlement		0.0%		0.0%	3,200	1%		0.0%
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$ 40,066	29.1%	<u>\$ 42,146</u>	32.7%	<u>\$106,746</u>	28.3%	<u>\$115,860</u>	34.6%
GAAP operating expenses	\$ 28,142	20.5%	\$ 27,705	21.5%	\$ 82,192	21.8%	\$ 81,996	24.5%
Spin related stock-based compensation	(3)	0.0%	(26)	0.0%	(10)	0.0%	(79)	0.0%
Relocation expenses	(431)	-0.3%	(321)	-0.2%	(5,092)	-1.4%	(2,649)	-0.8%
Non-GAAP operating expenses	<u>\$ 27,708</u>	20.2%	<u>\$ 27,358</u>	21.2%	<u>\$ 77,090</u>	20.5%	<u>\$ 79,268</u>	23.7%
GAAP operating income	\$ 11,282	8.2%	\$ 14,136	11.0%	\$ 19,400	5.2%	\$ 30,579	9.1%
Settlement	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,200	-	-	0.0%
Spin related stock-based compensation	3	0.0%	26	0.0%	10	0.0%	79	0.0%
Relocation expenses	1,073	0.8%	626	0.5%	7,046	1.9%	5,934	1.8%
Non-GAAP operating income	<u>\$ 12,358</u>	9.0%	<u>\$ 14,788</u>	11.5%	<u>\$ 29,656</u>	7.9%	<u>\$ 36,592</u>	10.9%
GAAP net income	\$ 7,882	5.7%	\$ 11,079	8.6%	\$ 13,499	3.6%	\$ 24,039	7.2%
Settlement	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,200	0.8%	-	0.0%
Spin related stock-based compensation	3	0.0%	26	0.0%	10	0.0%	79	0.0%
Relocation expenses	1,073	0.8%	626 (152)	0.5%	7,046	1.9%	5,934	1.8%
Tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments	<u>(254</u>)	-0.2%	(153)	-0.1%	<u>(2,446</u>)	-0.6%	<u>(1,425)</u>	-0.4%
Non-GAAP net income	<u>\$ 8,704</u>	6.3%	<u>\$ 11,578</u>	9.0%	<u>\$ 21,309</u>	5.7%	<u>\$ 28,627</u>	8.6%
GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.17		\$ 0.24		\$ 0.29		\$ 0.52	
Settlement	-		-		0.07		-	
Relocation expenses	0.02		0.01		0.15		0.13	
Tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments	<u>(0.01)</u>		¢ 0.25		(0.05) © 0.46		<u>(0.03</u>)	
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted	<u>\$ 0.19</u>	(a)	\$ 0.25		<u>\$ 0.46</u>		\$ 0.62	

(a) Non-GAAP net income per share does not foot due to rounding.

SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP INCOME FROM OPERATIONS TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED EBITDAS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended					For the Nine Months Ended			
	Janua	ry 31, 2024	January 31, 2023		January 31, 2024		January 31, 202		
GAAP net income	\$	7,882	\$	11,079	\$	13,499	\$	24,039	
Interest expense		1,615		671		3,404		1,806	
Income tax expense		2,434		3,389		4,629		7,483	
Depreciation and amortization		6,941		6,669		24,145		21,795	
Stock-based compensation expense		1,504		1,253		4,264		3,859	
Settlement		-		-		3,200		-	
Relocation expense		1,073		2,082		5,186	. <u> </u>	7,390	

Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDAS	\$ 21,449	\$ 25,143	\$ 58,327	\$ 66,372
	15.6%	19.5%	15.5%	19.8%

SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS TO FREE CASH FLOW (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		For the Three	Months	Ended	For the Nine Months Ended			
	January 31, 2024		January 31, 2023		January 31, 2024		January 31, 2023	
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	\$	25,367	\$	6,917	\$	63,123	\$	(21,248)
Net cash used in investing activities		(18,205)		(25,162)		<u>(85,188</u>)		(64,752)
Free cash flow	\$	7,162	\$	(18,245)	\$	(22,065)	\$	(86,000)

