

Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Fiscal 2024 Financial Results

June 20, 2024

- Q4 Net Sales of \$159.1 Million
- Q4 Gross Margin of 35.5%; Non-GAAP Gross Margin of 35.6%
- Q4 EPS of \$0.57/Share; Q4 Adjusted EPS of \$0.45/Share
- Q4 Adjusted EBITDAS Margin of 22.6%
- Board of Directors Authorized 8.3% Increase in Quarterly Dividend

Maryville, Tennessee--(Newsfile Corp. - June 20, 2024) - **Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. (NASDAQ: SWBI)**, a U.S.-based leader in firearm manufacturing and design, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full fiscal year 2024, ended April 30, 2024.

Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2024 Financial Highlights

- Net sales were \$159.1 million, an increase of \$14.4 million, or 9.9%, over the comparable guarter last year.
- Gross margin was 35.5% compared with 29.0% in the comparable quarter last year.
- GAAP net income was \$26.1 million, or \$0.57 per diluted share, compared with \$12.8 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, for the comparable quarter last year.
- Non-GAAP net income was \$20.9 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, compared with \$14.6 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, for the
 comparable quarter last year. GAAP to non-GAAP adjustments for income include a gain related to the sale of certain intangible assets and
 other costs. For a detailed reconciliation, see the schedules that follow in this release.
- Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDAS was \$36.0 million, or 22.6% of net sales, compared with \$30.3 million, or 20.9% of net sales, for the comparable quarter last year.

Full Year Fiscal 2024 Financial Highlights

- Net sales were \$535.8 million, an increase of \$56.6 million, or 11.8%, over the prior fiscal year.
- Gross margin was 29.5% compared with 32.2% in the prior fiscal year.
- GAAP net income was \$39.6 million, or \$0.86 per diluted share, compared with \$36.9 million, or \$0.80 per diluted share, for the prior fiscal year.
- Non-GAAP net income was \$42.6 million, or \$0.92 per diluted share, compared with \$43.3 million, or \$0.94 per diluted share, for the prior
 fiscal year. GAAP to non-GAAP adjustments for income include a gain related to the sale of certain intangible assets, costs related to the
 move of our headquarters and significant elements of our operations to a new facility in Maryville, Tennessee, or the Relocation, an accrued
 legal settlement, and other costs. For a detailed reconciliation, see the schedules that follow in this release.
- Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDAS was \$94.3 million, or 17.6% of net sales, compared with \$95.2 million, or 19.9% of net sales, for the prior fiscal
 year.

Mark Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We delivered yet another strong quarter to close out fiscal 2024. I am very proud of the team's continuing discipline and execution against our strategic initiatives of strong brand messaging and marketing, best-in-class innovation, operational excellence, and business process efficiencies. Our results in fiscal 2024 again demonstrate that our relentless focus on these long-term strategies consistently reinforces our position as a market leader and delivers solid stockholder returns. While the summer months will be highly competitive as we navigate the traditionally slower season for firearms, we continue to expect healthy demand overall for firearms in fiscal 2025, and Smith & Wesson is well positioned to deliver another solid year of growth. With our deep pipeline of new products, leading brand, new state of the art facility now fully operational, strong balance sheet, and, most importantly, world-class dedicated employees, we are excited to continue delivering value for our stockholders."

Deana McPherson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, commented, "Our fourth quarter net sales increased by nearly 10% compared to the comparable quarter last year, while our fiscal 2024 sales increased by nearly 12% year-over-year. Fourth quarter gross margin of 35.5% was 6.5% above the prior year comparable quarter, with the full year ending at 29.5%. We generated operating cash of \$43.6 million during the fourth quarter and \$106.7 million for the full year. Despite a competitive marketplace and inflationary impacts, we expect to grow both net sales and gross margin in fiscal 2025. During fiscal 2024, we repurchased 793,551 shares, utilizing \$10.2 million of our \$50 million authorization and paid \$22.0 million of dividends. Consistent with our capital allocation strategy, our board of directors has authorized a \$0.13 per share quarterly dividend, which will be paid to stockholders of record on July 11, 2024 with payment to be made on July 25, 2024."

Conference Call and Webcast The company will host a conference call and webcast on June 20, 2024 to discuss its fourth quarter and full 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) a gain from the sale of certain intangible assets, (vi) spin related stock-based compensation, (vii) an accrued legal settlement, (viii) Relocation expense, and (ix) 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 www.smith-wesson.com.

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) while the summer months will be highly competitive as we navigate the traditionally slower season for firearms, we continue to expect healthy demand overall for firearms in fiscal 2025 and Smith & Wesson is well positioned to deliver another solid year of growth and (ii) despite a competitive marketplace and inflationary impacts, we expect to grow both net sales and gross margin in fiscal 2025. 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, 2024.

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

	,	As of:		
	 April 30, 2024	April 30, 2023		
	(In thousands, exc	ept pai data)	value and share	
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 60,839	\$	53,556	
Accounts receivable, net of allowances for credit losses of \$0 on April 30, 2024 and \$23 on April 30, 2023	E0 074		EE 150	
30, 2023	59,071		55,153	
Inventories	160,500		177,118	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,973		4,917	
Income tax receivable	 2,495		1,176	
Total current assets	 287,878		291,920	
Property, plant, and equipment, net	252,633		210,330	
Intangibles, net	2,598		3,588	
Goodwill	19,024		19,024	
Deferred income taxes	7,249		8,085	
Other assets	8,614		8,347	
Total assets	\$ 577,996	\$	541,294	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 41,831	\$	36,795	
Accrued expenses and deferred revenue	26,811		20,149	
Accrued payroll and incentives	17,147		18,565	
Accrued income taxes	_		1,831	

Accrued profit sharing	9,098	8,203
Accrued warranty	1,813	1,670
Total current liabilities	96,700	87,213
Notes and loans payable, net of current portion	39,880	24,790
Finance lease payable, net of current portion	35,404	36,961
Other non-current liabilities	7,852	7,707
Total liabilities	179,836	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, 75,395,490 issued and 45,561,569 shares outstanding on April 30, 2024 and 75,029,300 shares issued and 45,988,930 shares outstanding on April 30, 2023	75	75
Additional paid-in capital	289,994	283,666
Retained earnings	540,660	523,184
Accumulated other comprehensive income	73	73
Treasury stock, at cost (29,833,921 shares on April 30, 2024 and 29,040,370 shares on April 30, 2023)), (432,642)	(422,375)
Total stockholders' equity	398,160	384,623
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 577,996	\$ 541,294

SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the Thr		For the Year	ed April 30,		
_	2024	2023		2024		2023
		(In thousands, except per s	hare	data)		
Net sales	159,148	\$ 144,777	\$	535,833	\$	479,242
Cost of sales	102,646	102,815	_	377,740		324,705
Gross profit	56,502	41,962	_	158,093		154,537
Operating expenses:						
Research and development	1,774	1,875		7,266		7,550
Selling, marketing, and distribution	9,463	9,522		40,564		36,976
General and administrative	19,886	12,738	_	65,484		61,604
Total operating expenses	31,123	24,135	_	113,314		106,130
Operating income	25,379	17,827	_	44,779		48,407
Other income/(expense), net:						
Other income/(expense), net	6,496	(2,154)		6,672		150
Interest expense, net	(607)	1,030	_	(2,055)		(331)
Total other income/(expense), net	5,889	(1,124)	_	4,617		(181)
Income from operations before income taxes	31,268	16,703		49,396		48,226
Income tax expense	5,158	3,867		9,787		11,350
Net income	\$ 26,110	\$ 12,836	\$	39,609	\$	36,876
Net income per share:						
Basic - net income	0.57	\$ 0.28		\$ 0.86		\$ 0.80
Diluted - net income	0.57	\$ 0.28		\$ 0.86		\$ 0.80
Weighted average number of common shares outst	anding:					
Basic	45,544	45,929		45,813		45,844
Diluted	46,043	46,283		46,248		46,170

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

	Ap	ril 30, 2024	April 30, 2023		
				(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$	39,609	\$	36,876	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		32,558		31,436	
(Gain)/loss on sale/disposition of assets		(5,595)		(55)	
Provision for (recoveries)/losses on notes and accounts receivable		(23)		(27)	
I\mpairment of long-lived tangible assets		_		_	
Deferred income taxes		835		(6,864)	
Stock-based compensation expense		5,683		5,102	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(3,896)		7,569	
Inventories		16,618		(40,458)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(57)		653	
Income taxes		(3,149)		(74)	
Accounts payable		18,341		(8,606)	
Accrued payroll and incentives		(1,418)		1,194	
Accrued profit sharing		895		(5,340)	
Accrued expenses and deferred revenue		6,318		(3,618)	
Accrued warranty		142		(168)	
Other assets		(267)		1,789	
Other non-current liabilities		145		(2,677)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		106,739		16,732	
Cash flows from investing activities:	_				
Payments to acquire patents and software		(186)		(334)	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		2,955		118	
Proceeds from sale of intangible assets		6,500		_	
Payments to acquire property and equipment		(90,759)		(89,565)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(81,490)		(89,781)	
Cash flows from financing activities:		<u> </u>			
Proceeds from loans and notes payable		50,000		25,000	
Payments on finance lease obligation		(1,378)		(1,253)	
Payments on notes and loans payable		(35,000)		_	
Payments to acquire treasury stock		(10,213)		_	
Dividend distribution		(22,020)		(18,333)	
Proceeds to acquire common stock from employee stock purchase plan		1,484		1,528	
Payment of employee withholding tax related to restricted stock units		(839)		(1,065)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(17,966)		5,877	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		7,283		(67,172)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		53,556		120,728	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	60,839	\$	53,556	
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Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information					
Cash paid for:	¢.	A 7AE	¢	0.440	
Interest	\$	4,745	\$	2,148	
Income taxes	\$	12,662	\$	18,208	

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

	For the Three I	Months Ende	<u>d</u>	For the Year Ended						
 April 30, 2024 April 30, 2023		30, 2023	April 30	, 2024	April 30	0, 2023				
	% of		% of		% of		% of			
 \$	Sales	\$	Sales_	\$	Sales	\$	Sales			

GAAP gross profit Relocation expenses Settlement	\$	56,502 162	35.5% 0.1% 0.0%	\$	41,962 640 —	29.0% 0.4% 0.0%	\$	158,093 2,115 3,200	29.5% 0.4% 0.0%	\$	154,537 3,923	32.2% 0.8% 0.0%
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	56,664	35.6%	\$	42,602	29.4%	\$	163,408	30.5%	\$	158,460	33.1%
GAAP operating expenses Spin related	\$	31,123	19.6%	\$	24,135	16.7%	\$	113,314	21.1%	\$	106,130	22.1%
stock-based compensation		(3)	0.0%		(27)	0.0%		(13)	0.0%		(106)	0.0%
Relocation expenses		155	0.1%		(1,687)	-1.2%		(4,938)	-0.9%		(4,338)	0.9%
Non-GAAP operating expenses	\$	31,275	19.7%	\$	22,421	15.5%	\$	108,363	20.2%	\$	101,686	21.2%
GAAP operating	•	05.070	45.007		ф 4 7 007	40.007	Φ.	44 770	0.407	•	40.40=	40.407
income	\$	25,379	15.9%	`	\$ 17,827	12.3%	\$	44,779	8.4%	\$	48,407	10.1%
Settlement Spin related stock-based		_	0.0%		_	0.0%		3,200	0.0%		_	0.0%
compensation		3	0.0%		27	0.0%		13	0.0%		106	0.0%
Relocation expenses		7	0.0%		2,327	1.6%		7,053	1.3%		8,261	1.7%
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	25,389	16.0%	\$	20,181	13.9%	\$	55,045	10.3%	\$	56,774	11.8%
GAAP net income	\$	26,110	16.4%	\$	12,836	8.9%	\$	39,609	7.4%	\$	36,876	7.7%
Settlement		_	0.0%		_	0.0%		3,200	0.0%		_	0.0%
Sale of intangible assets		(6,500)	0.0%		_	0.0%		(6,500)	_		_	0.0%
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compensation		3	0.0%		27	0.0%		13	0.0%		106	0.0%
Relocation expenses Tax effect of		7	0.0%		2,327	1.6%		7,053	1.3%		8,261	1.7%
non-GAAP adjustments		1,285	0.8%		(545)	-0.4%		(746)	-0.1%		(1,970)	-0.4%
Non-GAAP net income	\$	20,905	13.1%		\$ 14,645	10.1%	\$	42,629	8.0%	\$	43,273	9.0%
GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$	0.57		\$	0.28		\$	0.86		\$	0.80	
Settlement		_			_			0.07			_	
Sale of intangible assets		(0.14)			_			(0.14)			_	
Relocation expenses		_			0.05			0.15			0.18	
Tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments		0.03			(0.01)			(0.02)			(0.04)	
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$	0.45	(a)	\$	0.32		\$	0.92		\$	0.94	

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

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

		For the Three N	For the Year Ended						
	April 30, 2024			April 30, 2023		April 30, 2024		April 30, 2023	
GAAP net income	\$	26,110	\$	12,836	\$	39,609	\$	36,876	
Interest expense		1,434		446		4,838		2,253	
Income tax expense		5,158		3,867		9,787		11,350	

Depreciation and amortization	8,324	9,552	32,469	31,347
Stock-based compensation expense	1,419	1,244	5,683	5,103
Sale of intangible assets	(6,500)	_	(6,500)	_
Settlement	_	_	3,200	_
Relocation expense	 7	 2,327	 5,193	 8,261
Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDAS	\$ 35,952	\$ 30,272	\$ 94,279	\$ 95,190

SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILITATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO FREE CASH FLOW (in thousands) (Unaudited)

		For the Three	s Ended	For the Year Ended				
	A	pril 30, 2024	A	oril 30, 2023	A	oril 30, 2024		April 30, 2023
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	43,616	\$	37,980	\$	106,739	\$	16,732
Payments to acquire property and equipment		(5,571)		(24,979)		(90,759)		(89,565)
Free cash flow	\$	38,045	\$	13,001	\$	15,980	\$	(72,833)



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