UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 6, 2024

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The Honest Company, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

12130 Millennium Drive, #500 Los Angeles, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 001-40378

(Commission File Number)

90-0750205

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

> **90094** (Zip Code)

(888) 862-8818

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	HNST	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 6, 2024, The Honest Company, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2023. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information provided in this Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

Description

<u>99.1</u> Press Release, dated March 6, 2024

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

The Honest Company, Inc.

Date: March 6, 2024

By: /s/ David Loretta

Name: David Loretta Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

The Honest Company Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2023 Financial Results and Provides Full Year 2024 Financial Outlook

Transformation Initiative Drives Double-Digit Revenue Growth and Improved Gross Margin in the Fourth Quarter Achieves Both Positive Net Income and Positive Adjusted EBITDA in the Fourth Quarter Provides Full Year 2024 Financial Outlook and Long-Term Financial Algorithm

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – March 6, 2024 – The Honest Company (NASDAQ: HNST), a personal care company dedicated to creating clean- and sustainably-designed products, today reported fourth quarter and full year 2023 financial results for the period ended December 31, 2023.

"Our fourth quarter results demonstrate the benefit that our Transformation Initiative has had on the business. Our clear focus on Brand Maximization, Margin Enhancement, and Operating Discipline has enabled us to achieve both positive Net Income and positive Adjusted EBITDA," said Chief Executive Officer, Carla Vernón. "These achievements are a reflection of our Honest team's tenacity and commitment to drive shareholder value. I am confident in our long-term strategy and look forward to continuing to bring clean, effective and trustworthy products to our categories. This mission, grounded in our unique and rigorous Honest Standard, serves an enduring and important role for our growing Honest community."

"Our team's work executing against our Transformation Initiative over the last 12 months has helped us to successfully build a strong financial foundation," said Chief Financial Officer, Dave Loretta. "As a result, we achieved double-digit revenue growth for the fourth quarter, while also improving gross margin and reducing operating expenses. At the same time, we improved our balance sheet, more than doubling our year-end cash position. Our 2024 outlook emphasizes profitable growth and showcases the confidence we have in the long-term strategy and financial future of Honest."

This press release includes non-GAAP financial measures. See "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" at the end of this press release for more information. The Honest Company may also be referred to as the "Company" "we" "us" or "our" in this press release.

Fourth Quarter Results

(All comparisons are versus the fourth quarter of 2022)

Revenue increased 10% to \$90 million, driven by growth in the Digital channel, volume growth and the benefit of price increases.

Revenue by Product Category

	For the three months ended December 31,								
	2023			2022	% change				
(Unaudited, in thousands, except percentages)									
Diapers and Wipes	\$	57,347	\$	50,017	15 %				
Skin and Personal Care		21,356		22,783	(6)				
Household and Wellness		11,561		9,059	28				
Total Revenue	\$	90,264	\$	81,859	10%				

• *Diapers and Wipes:* Revenue from Diapers and Wipes increased 15% driven by new distribution, price increases and strong sales velocity in wipes.

• *Skin and Personal Care:* Revenue from Skin and Personal Care decreased 6% largely due to exiting distribution in low-margin channels. This was partially offset by strong consumption growth in baby personal care.

• Household and Wellness: Revenue from Household and Wellness increased 28% reflecting strong performance of the baby clothing business.

Revenue by Channel

	For the three months ended December 31,							
	2023	2023 2						
(Unaudited, in thousands, except percentages)								
Digital	\$ 45,	67 \$	35,490	28 %				
Retail	44,	397	46,369	(3)				
Total Revenue	\$ 90,	264 \$	81,859	10 %				
	For the t		ns ended Decem 20	,				
(As a percentage of revenue)								
Digital		50 %	, 0	43 %				
Retail		50 %	0	57 %				
Total Revenue		100 %	<u></u>	100 %				

Digital revenue increased 28% compared to the fourth quarter of 2022 driven by volume growth.

Retail revenue decreased 3% compared to the fourth quarter of 2022 due to exiting distribution in low-margin channels.

Gross margin was 33.5% compared to 27.5% in the fourth quarter of 2022. Gross margin increased by 600 basis points compared to the fourth quarter of 2022. The drivers of gross margin improvement included cost savings and price increases.

Operating expenses decreased \$6 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2022.

Net income was \$1 million compared to net loss of \$13 million in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Adjusted EBITDA was \$4 million and included \$0.2 million in costs related to the Transformation Initiative. See the reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, to net income (loss) in the table at the end of this press release.

Full Year Results

(All comparisons are versus full year 2022)

Revenue of \$344 million increased 10%, surpassing the Company's outlook range. This was driven by new distribution and price increases in the Retail channel, along with strong double-digit consumption growth in our Digital channel. Digital channel revenue increased 20% and our Retail channel revenue increased 2%.

Revenue by Product Category

	For the year ended December 31,								
		2023		2022	% change				
(In thousands, except percentages)									
Diapers and Wipes	\$	218,263	\$	200,429	9%				
Skin and Personal Care		88,104		89,316	(1)				
Household and Wellness		37,998		23,906	59				
Total Revenue	\$	344,365	\$	313,651	10 %				

Revenue by Channel

	For the year ended December 31,								
	2023	2022	% change						
(In thousands, except percentages)									
Digital	\$ 169,0	5 \$	141,403	20 %					
Retail	175,33	0	172,248	2					
Total Revenue	\$ 344,30	5 \$	313,651	10%					
	For the y								
	2023		2022						
(As a percentage of revenue)		·							
Digital		49 %		45 %					
Retail		51 %		55 %					
Total Revenue		100 %	1	00 %					

Gross margin decreased approximately 20 basis points to 29.2%. Notably, gross margin saw sequential improvement across each quarter of the year as the Company's Transformation Initiative improved gross margin by 930 basis points from the first quarter to the fourth quarter of 2023.

Operating expenses decreased \$3 million or 2% compared to full year of 2022.

Net loss was \$39 million compared to net loss of \$49 million during the full year of 2022.

Adjusted EBITDA was negative \$11 million and included \$9 million in costs related to the Transformation Initiative, compared to negative \$23 million for the full year 2022. See the reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, to net income (loss) in the table at the end of this press release.

See "Transformation Initiative" in the table at the end of this press release for more details on the Transformation Initiative costs.

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

The Company ended the fourth quarter of 2023 with \$33 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, an increase of \$18 million versus the prior year 2022, reflecting disciplined management of working capital. Inventory was reduced by 36%, or \$42 million versus the prior year 2022, which was significantly ahead of the Company's initial target of a \$20 million reduction in inventory in 2023. This inventory reduction has been achieved while supporting a 10% increase in revenue compared to the year ended December 31, 2022. The Company had no debt on the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$19 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, a \$96 million improvement compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$76 million for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Long-Term Financial Algorithm

In fiscal year 2024, the Company expects to steadily improve its operating results by expanding distribution, improving velocities and penetration, and managing costs. The Company's updated strategic plan is grounded in its Transformation Initiative Pillars, which set the building blocks for long-term value creation. Beyond 2024, the Company expects to realize revenue growth of 4% to 6% annually and continued Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion.

Additional information on the Company's updated strategic plans and long-term financial algorithm can be found in its Investor Presentation on its Investor Relations website at http://investors.honest.com.

2024 Outlook

In fiscal year 2024, the Company expects to continue driving benefits from its three Transformation Initiative Pillars of Brand Maximization, Margin Enhancement, and Operating Discipline. Brand Maximization is focused on generating revenue growth from continued focus on distribution, innovation, and marketing effectiveness. The Company expects its initiatives to drive Margin Enhancement through ongoing cost savings activities which will contribute to a continued strengthening of the Company's financial

foundation and improved profitability. The Company's Operating Discipline is focused on managing working capital and operating expenses, while building a culture that emphasizes executional excellence and discipline. Therefore, the Company expects the following financial outlook for the full fiscal year 2024:

- Net revenue growth of low-to-mid single digit percentage. Included in the revenue outlook is a softer first half of 2024 compared to the second half of 2024.
- Positive Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ in the low-single digit to mid-single digit millions range.

(1) We do not provide guidance for the most directly comparable GAAP measure, net loss, and similarly cannot provide a reconciliation between our adjusted EBITDA outlook and net loss without unreasonable effort due to the unavailability of reliable estimates for certain components of net loss, including interest and other (income) expense, net, and the respective reconciliations. These items are not within our control and may vary greatly between periods and could significantly impact our financial results calculated in accordance with GAAP.

Webcast and Conference Call Information

A webcast and conference call to discuss fourth quarter and full year 2023 results is scheduled for today, March 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Pacific time/4:30 p.m. Eastern time. Those interested in participating in the conference call by phone, please go to this link https://register.vevent.com/register/BI77ecc70fde724e5487adfb3a71311230, and you will be provided with dial in details. A live webcast of the conference call will be available online at: https://investors.honest.com. A replay of the webcast will be available on the Company's website for one year.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release and earnings call referencing this press release contain forward-looking statements about us and our industry that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this press release, including statements regarding our future results of operations or financial condition, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. Such statements may address the Company's expectations regarding revenue, profit margin or other future financial performance and liquidity, other performance measures and cost savings, strategic initiatives and future operations or operating results. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as "anticipate," "contemplate," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "should," "target," "will" or "would" or the negative of these words or other similar terms or expressions. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the following:

- our expectations regarding our revenue, cost of revenue, operating expenses, gross margin, adjusted EBITDA and other operating results, including as a result of the Transformation Initiative, in particular with respect to our full year 2024 outlook and long-term financial algorithm, including our underlying assumptions;
- our expectations regarding the benefits of the Transformation Initiative, including the annualized benefits;
- our expectation that Transformation Initiative will continue to drive benefits from its three Transformation Initiative Pillars of Brand Maximization, Margin Enhancement, and Operating Discipline and will set the building blocks for long-term value creation;
- our ability to achieve or sustain our profitability;
- our ability to focus on keeping the Honest community of consumers at the center of what we do;
- our ability to deliver sustainably-designed products that meet our Honest community's expectations and lead category growth;
- our ability to aggressively manage our working capital;
- that strong momentum in our business, continued strong results in tracked channels, consumer acceptance of prior and future price increases, value of the Honest brand and retail expansion are expected to offset rising consumer economic pressure and uncertainty;
- our ability to offset the high inflationary environment, including commodity prices, labor costs, input cost and transportation cost inflation;
- our ability to drive innovation, maintain cost discipline, expand our distribution footprint, enter new categories, and execute our pricing and costreduction strategies to position Honest for long-term growth, including as part of the Transformation Initiative;
- our ability to execute our strategy to deliver sustained long-term growth and profitability, including as part of the Transformation Initiative;
- our brand building and expansion with retail and digital customers;
- the effect of macroeconomic factors, such as public health crises, supply chain disruptions and inflation on our business and the global economy, including our costs and expenses;
- our continued revenue growth and margin improvement;
- our ability to capture outsized growth that is increasingly profitable and addresses the needs of modern consumers; and
- our ability to capture distribution opportunities with our best-selling "hero" items.

You should not rely on forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. We have based the forward-looking statements contained in this press release primarily on our current expectations and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors described in the section titled "Risk Factors" in the Annual Report, on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 16, 2023, and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2023, June 30, 2023 and September 30, 2023, respectively, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2023, August 8, 2024, and November 8, 2023, respectively, and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. New risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on the forward-looking statements contained in this press release or the earnings call referencing this press release. The results, events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur, and actual results, events or circumstances could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

In addition, statements that contain "we believe" and similar statements reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. These statements are based on information available to us as of the date of this press release. While we believe that information provides a reasonable basis for these statements, that information may be limited or incomplete. Our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain, and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on these statements.

The forward-looking statements made in this press release and the earnings call referencing this press release relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this press release to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release or to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments.

About The Honest Company

The Honest Company (NASDAQ: HNST) is a personal care company dedicated to creating clean- and sustainably-designed products. Honest products are available via Honest.com, third-party ecommerce customers and approximately 51,000 retail locations across the United States and Canada. Based in Los Angeles, CA, the Company's mission, to inspire everyone to love living consciously, is driven by its values of transparency, trust, sustainability and a deep sense of purpose around what matters most to its consumers: their health, their families and their homes. For more information about the Honest Standard and the Company, please visit www.honest.com.

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The Honest Company, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	For the three months ended December 31, (Unaudited)					For the year ended December 31,					
		2023		2022		2023	2022				
Revenue	\$	90,264	\$	81,859	\$	344,365	\$	313,651			
Cost of revenue		60,035		59,352		243,833		221,336			
Gross profit		30,229		22,507		100,532		92,315			
Operating expenses											
Selling, general and administrative		19,587		24,249		94,582		87,317			
Marketing		7,835		9,661		36,440		47,782			
Restructuring		101		—		2,205					
Research and development		1,577		1,352		6,214		6,996			
Total operating expenses		29,100		35,262		139,441		142,095			
Operating income (loss)		1,129		(12,755)		(38,909)		(49,780)			
Interest and other income (expense), net		15		214		(254)		871			
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes		1,144		(12,541)		(39,163)		(48,909)			
Income tax provision				50		75		110			
Net income (loss)	\$	1,144	\$	(12,591)	\$	(39,238)	\$	(49,019)			
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:											
Basic	\$	0.01	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.42)	\$	(0.53)			
Diluted	\$	0.01	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.42)	\$	(0.53)			
Weighted-average shares used in computing net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:											
Basic		95,642,655		92,740,041		94,516,690		92,201,806			
Diluted		98,369,753		92,740,041		94,516,690		92,201,806			
Other comprehensive loss											
Unrealized gain on short-term investments, net of taxes				51		32		9			
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	1,144	\$	(12,540)	\$	(39,206)	\$	(49,010)			

The Honest Company, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Dec	ember 31, 2023	December 31, 2022		
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	32,827	\$	9,517	
Short-term investments	Φ	52,627	ψ	5,650	
Accounts receivable, net		43.084		42,334	
Inventories		73,490		42,534 115,664	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		8,371		15,982	
Total current assets	·	157,772		13,982	
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Operating lease right-of-use asset		23,683		29,947	
Property and equipment, net Goodwill		13,486		14,327	
		2,230		2,230	
Intangible assets, net		309		370	
Other assets	<u></u>	4,141	<u>_</u>	4,578	
Total assets	\$	201,621	\$	240,599	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	22,289	\$	24,755	
Accrued expenses		32,209		38,010	
Deferred revenue		2,212		815	
Total current liabilities		56,710		63,580	
Long term liabilities					
Lease financing obligation, net of current portion		—		_	
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion		21,738		29,842	
Other long-term liabilities		34		817	
Total liabilities		78,482		94,239	
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders' equity					
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2023 and 2022, none issued or outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2022		_		_	
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 1,000,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2023 and 2022; 95,868,421 and 92,907,351 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively	5	9		9	
Additional paid-in capital		602,198		586,213	
Accumulated deficit		(479,068)		(439,830)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(4/9,008)		,	
*		123,139		(32)	
Total stockholders' equity	¢	,	¢	146,360	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	201,621	\$	240,599	

The Honest Company, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

		Fo	,			
		2023	·	2022	,	2021
Cash flows from operating activities						
Net loss	\$	(39,238)	\$	(49,019)	\$	(38,679)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		2,740		2,753		4,146
Stock-based compensation		15,804		15,078		16,847
Other		6,257		6,345		311
Changes in assets and liabilities:		· · · · · ·		,		
Accounts receivable, net		(750)		(10,550)		(8,989)
Inventories		42,174		(39,996)		1,001
Prepaid expenses and other assets		8,005		(4,358)		(6,114)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities		(9,347)		10,396		(6,691)
Deferred revenue		1,396		83		14
Operating lease liabilities		(7,688)		(7,007)		_
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		19,353		(76,275)		(38,154)
Cash flows from investing activities		17,555		(70,273)		(56,154)
Purchases of short-term investments				(12,782)		(65,267)
Proceeds from sales of short-term investments				(12,782)		27,394
		5,683		40.262		· · · · ·
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments Purchases of property and equipment		,		49,362		29,470
		(1,838)		(1,617)		(220)
Purchases of intangible assets	<u> </u>	(10)				-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		3,835		34,963		(8,623)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Proceeds from initial public offering, net of underwriting commissions and						0(517
discounts Dividende meid		_		_		96,517
Dividends paid		_				(35,000)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		4		122		5,730
Payment of initial public offering costs		—				(5,477)
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards		-		(37)		(567)
Proceeds from ESPP		176		256		291
Payments on finance lease liabilities		(58)		(303)		(1,126)
Net cash provided by financing activities		122		38		60,368
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		23,310		(41,274)		13,591
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash						
Beginning of the period		9,517		50,791		37,200
End of the period	\$	32,827	\$	9,517	\$	50,791
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash to the consolidated balance sheets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	32,827	\$	9,517	\$	50,791
Restricted cash, current	Ψ	52,027	Ψ		Ψ	
Restricted cash, con-current				_		_
	\$	32,827	\$	9,517	\$	50,791
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	ð	32,827	φ	9,317	\$	50,791
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information						
Cash paid during the period for:	<u>_</u>		^			
Interest	\$	1	\$		\$	1,797
Income Taxes		116	\$	101	\$	76
Supplemental disclosures of noncash activities						
Equipment acquired under capital lease obligations	\$	—	\$	—	\$	123
Capital expenditures included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	25	\$	54	\$	33

The Honest Company, Inc. Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We prepare and present our condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP. However, management believes that adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, provides investors with additional useful information in evaluating our performance.

We calculate adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss), adjusted to exclude: (1) interest and other (income) expense, net; (2) income tax provision; (3) depreciation and amortization; (4) stock-based compensation expense, including payroll tax; (5) litigation and settlement fees associated with certain non-ordinary course securities litigation claims; (6) CEO and CFO transition expenses and (7) restructuring expenses in connection with the Transformation Initiative.

Adjusted EBITDA is a financial measure that is not required by, or presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that adjusted EBITDA, when taken together with our financial results presented in accordance with GAAP, provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our operating performance and facilitates internal comparisons of our historical operating performance on a more consistent basis by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of our business, results of operations or outlook. In particular, we believe that the use of adjusted EBITDA is helpful to our investors as it is a measure used by management in assessing the health of our business, determining incentive compensation and evaluating our operating performance, as well as for internal planning and forecasting purposes.

Adjusted EBITDA is presented for supplemental informational purposes only, has limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP. Some of the limitations of adjusted EBITDA include that (1) it does not reflect capital commitments to be paid in the future; (2) although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the underlying assets may need to be replaced and adjusted EBITDA does not reflect these capital expenditures; (3) it does not consider the impact of stock-based compensation expense; (4) it does not reflect other non-operating expenses, including interest expense; (5) it does not reflect tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us; and (6) does not include certain non-ordinary cash expenses that we do not believe are representative of our business on a steady-state basis, such as CEO and CFO transition expenses and restructuring expenses in connection with the Transformation Initiative. In addition, our use of adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies because they may not calculate adjusted EBITDA in the same manner, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure. Because of these limitations, when evaluating our performance, you should consider adjusted EBITDA alongside other financial measures, including our net income (loss), revenue and other results stated in accordance with GAAP.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss), the most directly comparable financial measure stated in accordance with GAAP, to adjusted EBITDA, for each of the periods presented:

	F	or the three Decen	 	For the year ended December 31,				
(In thousands)		2023	2022		2023		2022	
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA								
Net income (loss)	\$	1,144	\$ (12,591)	\$	(39,238)	\$	(49,019)	
Interest and other (income) expense, net		(15)	(214)		254		(871)	
Income tax provision			50		75		110	
Depreciation and amortization		709	728		2,740		2,753	
Stock-based compensation ⁽¹⁾		1,911	3,722		15,804		15,078	
Securities litigation expense		379	977		4,703		3,583	
CEO and CFO transition expense ⁽²⁾		2	5,766		2,075		5,766	
Restructuring costs ⁽³⁾		101			2,205		_	
Payroll tax expense related to stock-based compensation		19	9		140		89	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	4,250	\$ (1,553)	\$	(11,242)	\$	(22,511)	

(1) Includes accelerated equity awards related to prior separation agreements of an aggregate of \$3.1 million with our former CEO and CFO, respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, includes extension of post-termination stock option exercise periods for certain former executives, resulting in stock-based compensation expense of \$0.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2023.
(2) Includes sign-on bonus, relocation, legal, recruiting and separation costs.
(3) Refer to Transformation Initiative table below for items included in restructuring expense.

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(In millions)	Q1	2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Total
Restructuring costs ⁽¹⁾	\$	1.4	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.1	\$ 2.3
Other related costs ⁽²⁾						
Revenue	\$	0.5	\$ _	\$ (0.1)	\$ _	\$ 0.4
Cost of revenue		2.7	0.6	0.6	_	3.9
Selling, general and administrative expense		2.4	0.4	1.4	0.2	4.4
Subtotal	\$	5.6	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.9	\$ 0.2	\$ 8.7
Total Transformation Initiative-related costs:	\$	7.0	\$ 1.4	\$ 2.3	\$ 0.3	\$ 11.0
Non-cash costs						\$ 7.2
Cash-related costs ⁽³⁾						\$ 3.8

The Company may incur other charges or cash expenditures not currently contemplated that may occur as a result of or in connection with the Transformation Initiative.

(1) Restructuring costs (reflected in Operating Expenses) include employee-related costs, asset-related costs and contract terminations related to exiting unprofitable geographical locations.
(2) Other Transformation Initiative-related costs include product returns, chargebacks and markdowns recorded as a reduction to revenue. Inventory reserves, write-downs or destruction costs as a direct result of a restructuring in connection with Transformation Initiative to exit certain products or locations are recorded as cost of revenue. Selling, general and administrative expenses include donation expense.
(3) Of the total cash-related costs, \$3.5 million has been paid as of December 31, 2023.