Precision Optics Reports Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Results

Conference Call Scheduled for today, February 14, 2024, at 5:00pm ET.

GARDNER, Mass., Feb. 14, 2024 — Precision Optics Corporation, Inc. (NASDAQ: POCI), a leading designer and manufacturer of advanced optical instruments for the medical and defense industries, announced operating results on an unaudited basis for its second quarter fiscal year 2024 for the period ended December 31, 2023.



Q2 2024 Financial Highlights (3 Months Ended December 31, 2023):

- Revenue decreased 18% to \$4.8 million, compared to \$5.9 million in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, but up 12% from the most recent sequential quarter. The year ago second quarter included a one-time sale of \$600,000 of technology rights relating to a single-use medical device developed for a customer.
- Engineering revenue increased 33% to \$2.3 million compared to \$1.7 million in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, and up 19% from the most recent sequential quarter.
- Production revenue was \$2.6 million compared to \$3.6 million in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, and \$2.4 million in the most recent sequential quarter.
- Gross margins were 30.1% compared to 44.2% in the same quarter of the previous year. Removing the impact of the technology rights revenue, gross margins a year ago would have been 37.8%.
- Net loss for the quarter was (\$758,802), compared to a net income of \$508,668 in the same quarter of the previous year.
- Adjusted EBITDA was (\$269,034) for the quarter compared to \$866,450 in the same quarter of the previous year.

Recent Additional Highlights:

- In November 2023, the Company announced the receipt of initial purchase orders towards a \$1.4 million total program development project to develop a highly complex imaging sub-assembly for a next generation ophthalmoscope for one of the world's largest technology-focused medical device companies.
- In December 2023, the Company announced the signing of a production and technology license agreement with a leading surgical robotics company to supply a single-use endoscope assembly used in their cystoscopy robotic surgery system.

Precision Optics' CEO, Joseph Forkey, commented, "The Company's results for Q2 were generally in-line with our expectations and consistent with what we have communicated previously. While revenue was lower compared to last year due to timing differences between reorders for ongoing production, the exit of certain mature customer programs and the introduction of new customer programs, we have begun to see the rebound we expected with two new programs moving to production in the quarter and another restarting after a pandemic-related hold. These programs contributed to a 6% quarter-over-quarter increase in production revenue, which, combined with record engineering revenue led to a 12% increase in total revenue compared to the first quarter. Margins for the second quarter were lower than the first quarter, due to a differing sales mix, lower than normal production yields on certain programs starting or re-starting production as well as other one-time charges. We believe these margin issues are transient and will be substantially resolved in the second half of the year, with gross margins returning to historical levels.

Dr. Forkey continued, "The growth we expect in the second half of fiscal 2024 is supported by the strength of our engineering pipeline, a leading indicator of future production volumes. Engineering revenue was \$2.3 million during the second quarter – a new quarterly record, up 33% year-over-year, and up 19% sequentially. We anticipate volumes from production orders coming on-line to lift our overall revenue to new quarterly record run-rates in this fiscal year. Precision Optics' core competencies — micro-optics, digital imaging, 3D endoscopy, and single-use medical devices — uniquely position us at the center of market segments that are significantly outpacing the growth of the broader medical device and defense / aerospace industries, providing us with an ongoing opportunity to significantly grow into the future. I look forward to an exciting second half of fiscal 2024."

The following table summarizes the second quarter and fiscal year to date (unaudited) results for the periods ended December 31, 2023, and 2022:

	Three	Months	Six Months		
	Ended Dec	Ended December 31,		cember 31,	
	2023	2023 2022		2022	
Revenues	\$4,824,289	\$5,886,961	\$9,145,544	\$10,972,262	
Gross Profit	1,450,976	2,599,472	2,914,587	4,238,913	
Stock Compensation Expenses	382,431	108,746	491,177	319,776	
Other	1,772,707	1,919,661	3,532,865	3,449,874	
Total Operating Expenses	2,155,138	2,028,407	4,024,042	3,769,650	

Operating Income (Loss)	(704,162)	571,065	(1,109,455)	469,263		
Net Income (Loss)	(758,802)	(508,668)	(1,223,217)	349,944		
Income (Loss) per Share						
Basic	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.20)	\$ 0.06		
Fully Diluted	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.20)	\$ 0.06		
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding						
Basic	6,066,572	5,638,302	6,066,545	5,638,302		
Fully Diluted	6,066,572	5,935,911	6,066,545	5,937,471		
Note: The Common Shares in this table reflect shares on a post reverse split basis for all periods presented.						

Conference Call Details

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 5:00pm ET

Call-in Information: Interested parties can access the conference call by dialing (844) 735-3662 or (412) 317-5705.

Live Webcast Information: Interested parties can access the conference call via a live webcast, which is available at https://app.webinar.net/5l19x2DzRKG.

Replay: A teleconference replay of the call will be available until February 21, 2024, at (877) 344-7529 or (412) 317-0088, replay access code 9304851. A webcast replay will be available at https://app.webinar.net/5l19x2DzRKG.

About Precision Optics Corporation

Founded in 1982, Precision Optics is a vertically integrated optics company primarily focused on leveraging its proprietary micro-optics and imaging technologies to the healthcare and defense/aerospace industries by providing services ranging from new product concept through mass manufacture. Utilizing its leading-edge in-house design, prototype, regulatory and fabrication capabilities as well as its Lighthouse Imaging division's electronic imaging expertise and its Ross Optical division's high volume world-wide sourcing, inspecting and production resources, the Company designs and manufactures next-generation product solutions to meet the most challenging customer requirements. Within healthcare, Precision Optics enables next generation medical device companies around the world to meet the increasing demands of the surgical community who require more enhanced and smaller imaging systems for minimally invasive surgery, including single-use medical devices, as well as 3D endoscopy systems to support the rapid proliferation of surgical robotic systems. In addition to these next generation applications, Precision Optics has supplied top tier medical device companies with a wide variety of optical products for decades, including complex endocouplers and specialized endoscopes. The Company is also leveraging its technical proficiency in micro-optics to enable leading edge defense/aerospace applications which require the highest guality standards and the optimization of size, weight and power. For more information, please visit www.poci.com.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Precision Optics has provided in this press release financial information that has not been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Unites States of America ("non-GAAP"). The non-GAAP financial measure is Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization). Adjusted EBITDA also excludes from Net Income (Loss) the effect of stock-based compensation, restructuring and other acquisition-related items.

This non-GAAP financial measure assists Precision Optics management in comparing its operating performance over time because certain items may obscure the underlying business trends and make comparisons of long-term performance difficult, as they are of a nature and/or size that occur with inconsistent frequency or relate to discrete acquisition or restructuring plans that are fundamentally different from the ongoing productivity of the Company. Precision Optics management also believes that presenting this measure allows investors to view its performance using the same measures that the Company uses in evaluating its financial and business performance and trends.

Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information calculated in accordance with GAAP. Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure presented above to GAAP results has been provided in the financial tables included with this press release.

About Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that express the Company's intentions, beliefs, expectations, strategies, predictions or any other statements related to the Company's future activities or future events or conditions. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the Company's business based, in part, on assumptions made by the Company's management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements due to numerous risk factors. Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, except as required by law.

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PRECISION OPTICS CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	(ONAODITED)							
			De	cember 31,		June 30,		
ASSETS				2023		2023		
Current Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents			\$	987,044	\$	2,925,852		
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for do	ubtful accounts of \$731,256							
at December 31, 2023 and \$606,715 at June	30, 2023			3,511,544		3,907,407		
Inventories				3,099,986		2,776,216		
Prepaid expenses				234,121		249,681		
Total current assets				7,832,695		9,859,156		
Fixed Assets:								
Machinery and equipment				3,253,746		3,227,481		
Leasehold improvements				832,305		825,752		
Furniture and fixtures				362,287		242,865		
Total fixed assets	2			4,448,338		4,296,098		
Less-Accumulated depreciation and amortizatio Net fixed assets	ri			3,966,839 481,499		3,862,578 433,520		
Operating lease right-to-use asset Patents, net				275,329 283,643		358,437 265,111		
Goodwill				8,824,210		8,824,210		
TOTAL ASSETS			\$	17,697,376	\$	19,740,434		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			φ	17,097,570	Ą	19,740,454		
Current Liabilities:								
Current portion of capital lease obligation			\$	44,519	\$	43,209		
Current maturities of long-term debt			Ψ	513,259	Ψ	513,259		
Accounts payable				1,675,742		2,432,264		
Customer advances				1,158,242		1,174,690		
Accrued compensation and other				747,793		927,521		
Operating lease liability				173,503		168,677		
Total current liabilities				4,313,058		5,259,620		
Capital lease obligation, net of current portion				45,890		68,482		
Long-term debt, net of current maturities and d	ebt issuance costs			1,919,350		2,175,980		
Operating lease liability, net of current portion				101,826		189,760		
Stockholders' Equity:								
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 50,000,000								
outstanding - 6,067,518 shares at Decembe	r 31, 2023 and 6,066,518 at J	une 30, 2023		60,675		60,665		
Additional paid-in capital				60,718,801		60,224,934		
Accumulated deficit				(49,462,224)		(48,239,007)		
Total stockholders' equity			-	11,317,252	+	12,046,592		
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FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED								
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022								
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	Three Months	5		Six Mor	hth	s		
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Cost of Goods Sold		3,373,313		3,287,489		6,230,957		6,733,349
Gross Profit		1,450,976		2,599,472		2,914,587		4,238,913
Research and Development Expenses		221,728		155,264		434,486		365,891
Selling, General and Administrative		221,720		100,201		13 1, 100		505,051
Expenses		1,933,410		1,873,143		3,589,556		3,403,759
		1,555,110		1,070,110		3,303,330		
Total Operating Expenses		2,155,138		2,028,407		4,024,042		3,769,650
Operating Income (Loss)		(704,162)		571,065		(1,109,455)		469,263
Interest Expense		(54,640)		(62,397)		(113,762)		(119,319)
Net Income (Loss)	\$	(758,802)	\$	508,668	\$	(1,223,217)	\$	349,944
Loss Per Share:								
Basic		(0.13)	\$	0.09		(0.20)	\$	0.06
Fully Diluted	\$	(0.13)	\$	0.09	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.06
Weighted Average Common Shares								
Outstanding:								
Basic		6,066,572		5,638,302		6,066,545		5,638,302
Fully Diluted		6,066,572		5,935,911		6,066,545		5,937,471
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

(UNAUDITED)

	-	onths ember 31, 2022
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1,223,217)	\$ 349,944
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in by operating activities -		
Depreciation and amortization	104,261	104,750
Stock-based compensation expense	491,177	319,776
Non-cash interest expense	8,752	16,966
Changes in operating assets and liabilities –		
Accounts receivable, net	395,863	(1,368,650)
Inventories, net	(323,770)	232,963
Prepaid expenses	15,560	271
Accounts payable	(756,522)	216,060
Customer advances	(16,448)	(110,132)
Accrued compensation and other	(188,480)	255,162
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(1,492,824)	17,110
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Purchases of fixed assets	(152,240)	(13,583)
Additional patent costs	(18,532)	(24,054)
Net cash used in investing activities	(170,772)	(37,637)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Payments of capital lease obligations	(21,282)	(20,049)
Payments of long-term debt	(256,630)	(183,855)
Gross proceeds from the exercise of stock options	2,700	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(275,212)	(203,904)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,938,808)	- (224,431)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	2,925,852	605,749
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 987,044	\$ 381,318
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RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES ADJUSTED EBITDA

	Three Months		Six Months					
	Ended December 31,			Ended December 31,				
	2023	2022		2023	2022			
Net Income (loss) (GAAP)	\$ (758,802)	\$ 508,668	\$ (1	1,223,217.00)	\$ 349,944			
Stock based compensation	382,431	244,786		491,177.00	319,776			
Depreciation and Amortization	52,697	52,667		104,261.00	105,078			
Interest expense	54,640	60,329		113,762.00	117,251			
Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP)	\$ (269,034)	\$ 866,450	\$	(514,017)	\$ 892,049			

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