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Pure Storage Announces Fiscal Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2023 Financial Results

March 1, 2023

Fiscal 2023 revenue growth of 26% year-over-year Subscription services ARR of \$1.1 billion, up 30% year-over-year Introduction of FlashBlade//E: Delivering benefits of flash at better economics than disk

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., March 1, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- Today Pure Storage (NYSE: PSTG), the IT pioneer that delivers the world's most advanced data storage technology and services, announced financial results for its fiscal fourth quarter and full year 2023 ended February 5, 2023.



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Fourth Quarter and Full Year Financial Highlights

- Q4 revenue \$810.2 million, up 14% year-over-year
- Full-year revenue \$2.8 billion, up 26% year-over-year
- Q4 subscription services revenue \$265.1 million, up 23% year-over-year
- Full-year subscription services revenue \$961.3 million, up 30% year-over-year
- Q4 subscription annual recurring revenue (ARR) \$1.1 billion, up 30% year-over-year
- Remaining performance obligations (RPO) \$1.8 billion, up 24% year-over-year
- Q4 GAAP gross margin 69.3%; non-GAAP gross margin 70.8%
- Full-year GAAP gross margin 68.9%; non-GAAP gross margin 70.7%
- Q4 GAAP operating income \$64.6 million; non-GAAP operating income \$158.6 million
- Full-year GAAP operating income \$83.5 million; non-GAAP operating income \$457.2 million
- Q4 GAAP operating margin 8.0%; non-GAAP operating margin 19.6%
- Full-year GAAP operating margin 3.0%; non-GAAP operating margin 16.6%
- Q4 operating cash flow \$233.0 million; free cash flow \$172.8 million
- Full-year operating cash flow \$767.2 million; free cash flow \$609.1 million
- Total cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities \$1.6 billion
- Returned approximately \$67.5 million and \$219.0 million in Q4 and FY23, respectively, to stockholders through share repurchases of 2.4 million shares and 7.8 million shares, respectively
- Authorized incremental share repurchases of up to an additional \$250 million under its stock repurchase program

"Pure delivered strong Q4 financial results growing revenue 14% and achieving record operating profit and margin," said Kevan Krysler, CFO, Pure Storage. "We are confident that we will navigate the current macro backdrop, while focusing on our commitment to deliver long-term, profitable growth."

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Fourth Quarter and Full Year Company Highlights

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\$0.20 per GB.

- **Strong Subscription Services Momentum:** In FY23, Pure extended its as-a-Service model across the full suite of Portworx offerings and also advanced its portfolio of Evergreen offerings to include the new fleet-level Evergreen//Flex.
- **Leadership in Sustainability**: Pure released the first environmental impact analysis of its portfolio, which found that Pure's products can use as little as one-fifth the power of competitive storage offerings. Pure also introduced the first-of-it's-kind Energy Efficiency SLA guarantee for Evergreen//One.
- **Industry Recognition:** Pure was named a leader in the Gartner Magic Quadrants for both Primary Storage and Distributed File Systems & Object Storage, marking its 9th consecutive year as a leader. Pure was also named one of *Fortune*'s Best Workplaces in Technology.

FY24 Guidance

	FY24
Revenue	Mid to High Single Digit Y/Y Growth
Non-GAAP Operating Margin	15 %

Q1FY24 Guidance will be provided during the conference call beginning at 2:00 pm PT today, March 1, 2023.

These statements are forward-looking and actual results may differ materially. Refer to the Forward Looking Statements section below for information on the factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from these statements. Pure has not reconciled its guidance for non-GAAP operating margin to its most directly comparable GAAP measure because certain items that impact this measure are not within Pure's control and/or cannot be reasonably predicted. Accordingly, a reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure guidance to the corresponding GAAP measure is not available without unreasonable effort.

Share Repurchase Authorization

Pure's board of directors has authorized, and its audit committee has approved, incremental share repurchases of up to an additional \$250 million under its stock repurchase program. The authorization allows Pure to repurchase shares of its Class A common stock opportunistically and will be funded from available working capital. Repurchases may be made at management's discretion from time to time on the open market through privately negotiated transactions, transactions structured through investment banking institutions, block purchase techniques, 1005-1 trading plans, or a combination of the foregoing. The repurchase program does not have an

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the Pure Storage Investor Relations website, investor.purestorage.com. Pure will also post its earnings presentation to this website in advance of the call and post its prepared remarks to this website within 24 hours following completion of the call.

A replay will be available following the call on the Pure Storage Investor Relations website or for two weeks at 1-866-813-9403 (or +44 204 525 0658 for international callers) with passcode 032614.

Upcoming Events

Pure is scheduled to participate at the following investor conference:

Susquehanna 12th Annual Technology Conference

Date: Friday, March 3, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m. PT / 11:00 a.m. ET

Charles Giancarlo, Chairman and CEO and Kevan Krysler, CFO

The presentation(s) will be webcast live and archived on Pure's Investor Relations website at investor.purestorage.com.

About Pure Storage

Pure Storage (NYSE: PSTG) uncomplicates data storage, forever. Pure delivers a cloud experience that empowers every organization to get the most from their data while reducing the complexity and expense of managing the infrastructure behind it. Pure's commitment to providing true storage as-a-service gives customers the agility to meet changing data needs at speed and scale, whether they are deploying traditional workloads, modern applications, containers, or more. Pure believes it can make a significant impact in reducing data center emissions worldwide through its environmental sustainability efforts, including designing products and solutions that enable customers to reduce their carbon and energy footprint. And with the highest Net Promoter Score in the industry, Pure's ever-expanding list of customers are among the happiest in the world. For more information, visit www.purestorage.com.

Analyst Recognition

<u>Leader in the 2022 Gartner Magic Quadrant for Primary Storage</u>

<u>Leader in the 2022 Gartner Magic Quadrant for Distributed File Systems & Object Storage</u>

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Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding our products, business and operations, including but not limited to our views relating to future period financial results, our technology and product strategy, specifically customer priorities around sustainability, our ability to adjust to current macro conditions and expand market share, our sustainability goals and benefits, the timing and magnitude of large orders, the impact of inflation, economic or supply chain disruptions, the pandemic and its lingering impacts, demand for our products and subscription services, including Evergreen//One, our expectations regarding our product and technology differentiation, including FlashBlade//E, new customer acquisition, the continued success of the Portworx technology, and other statements regarding our products, business, operations and results. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and are based on potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Actual results may differ materially from the results predicted, and reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. The potential risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from the results predicted include, among others, those risks and uncertainties included under the caption "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our filings and reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available on our Investor Relations website at investor.purestorage.com and on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Additional information is also set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 6, 2022. All information provided in this release and in the attachments is as of March 1, 2023, and Pure undertakes no duty to update this information unless required by law.

Key Business Metric

Subscription ARR is a key business metric that refers to total annualized contract value of all active subscription agreements on the last day of the quarter, plus on-demand revenue for the quarter multiplied by four.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP, Pure uses the following non-GAAP financial measures: non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating in come (loss), non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP net income (loss), non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, and free cash flow.

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debt, amortization of intangible assets acquired from acquisitions, acquisition-related transaction and integration expenses, and costs associated with the exit of certain operations that may not be indicative of our ongoing core business operating results. Pure believes that both management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing our performance and when analyzing historical performance and liquidity and planning, forecasting, and analyzing future periods. The presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for our financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP, and our non-GAAP measures may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies.

For a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP measures, please see the tables captioned "Reconciliations of non-GAAP results of operations to the nearest comparable GAAP measures" and "Reconciliation from net cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow," included at the end of this release.

PURE STORAGE, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, unaudited)

		At the End of Fiscal				
		2023		2022		
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	580,854	\$	466,199		
Marketable securities		1,001,352		947,073		
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$	1,057 and \$945	612,491		542,144		
Inventory		52,095		38,942		
Deferred commissions, current		68,617		81,589		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6	161,391		116,232		
Total current assets		2,476,800	1	2,192,179		
Property and equipment, net		272,445		195,282		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		158,912		111,763		
Deferred commissions, non-current		177,239	CTA	164,718 RTED NOW		
Intangible assets, net		49,222	51A 	62,646		
Goodwill		361,427		358,736		
Restricted cash	Skip to main conten	t 10,544		10,544		

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Accrued compensation and benefits	232,636	205,431
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	125,692	78,511
Operating lease liabilities, current	33,707	35,098
Deferred revenue, current	718,149	562,576
Debt, current	574,506	_
Total current liabilities	1,751,811	952,320
Long-term debt	_	786,779
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	142,473	93,479
Deferred revenue, non-current	667,501	517,296
Other liabilities, non-current	42,385	31,105
Total liabilities	2,604,170	2,380,979
Stockholders' equity:		-
Common stock and additional paid-in capita	2,493,799	2,470,972
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(15,504)	(8,365)
Accumulated deficit	(1,537,062)	(1,708,271)
Total stockholders' equity	941,233	754,336
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,545,403	\$ 3,135,315

PURE STORAGE, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except per share data, unaudited)

	Fourth Qua	rter of Fiscal	Fiscal Year End		
	2023	2022	2023	20	
Revenue:					
Product	\$ 545,108	\$ 492,602	\$ 1,792,153	\$ 1,44	
Subscription services	265,099	215,968	961,281	73	
Total revenue	810,207	708,570	2,753,434	2,18	
Cost of revenue:					
Product ⁽¹⁾	174,471	167,964	569,793	47	
Subscription services (1)	74,419	64,772	285,995	23	
Total cost of revenue	248,890	232,736	855,788	70	
Gross profit	561,317	47 9,83 45	TARTEPONOV	N 1,47	
Operating expenses:					
Research and development ⁽¹⁾	Skip to main 185157	162,639	692,528	58	

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Income tax provision		6,818		4,816		18,737		•
Net income (loss)	\$	74,471	\$	14,943	\$	73,071	\$	(14:
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common								
stockholders, basic	\$	0.25	\$	0.05	\$	0.24	\$	
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common								
stockholders, diluted	\$	0.22	\$	0.05	\$	0.23	\$	
Weighted-average shares used in computing net								
income (loss) per share attributable to common								
stockholders, basic		303,614		291,351		299,478		28
Weighted-average shares used in computing net								
income (loss) per share attributable to common								
stockholders, diluted		339,699		317,268		339,184		28
⁽¹⁾ Includes stock-based compensation expense as f	ollow	'S:						
Cost of revenue product	\$	2,791	\$	1,787	\$	10,245	\$	
Cost of revenue subscription services		5,652		6,142		22,630		2
Research and development		41,212		39,921		161,694		14
Sales and marketing		17,767		17,122		72,507		-
General and administrative		15,081		14,228		60,541		4
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	82,503	\$	79,200	\$	327,617	\$	28

PURE STORAGE, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands, unaudited)

	Fourth Quarter of Fiscal	
	2023 2022	
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ 74,471 \$ 14,943	\$
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash pr	ovided by	
operating activities:		7
Depreciation and amortization	GET STARTED NOW 28,1546	
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs	804 8,566	
Stock-based compensation expense Skip to main	content 82.503 79.200	

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Deferred commis	ssions			(10,724)		(37,988)	
Prepaid expense	s and other assets			24,584		(13,505)	
Operating lease	right-of-use assets			7,740		7,891	
Accounts payable	е			(29,611)		20,967	
Accrued comper	nsation and other liabilitie	es		91,766		94,212	
Operating lease	liabilities			(5,020)		(10,257)	
Deferred revenue	е			137,432		130,122	
Net cash provided	by operating activities			233,026		138,241	
Cash flows from	investing activities						
Purchases of pro	perty and equipment ⁽¹⁾			(60,229)		(21,070)	
Acquisition, net c	of cash acquired			_		_	
Purchases of mai	rketable securities		(4	409,306)		(114,605)	
Sales of marketa	ble securities			6,155		53,548	
Maturities of mark	ketable securities			81,700		63,007	
Other						_	
Net cash used in i	nvesting activities		((381,680)		(19,120)	
Cash flows from	financing activities						
Net proceeds fro	m exercise of stock opti	ons		5,647		14,966	
Proceeds from is	suance of common stoc	k under employee stock					
purchase plan				_		_	
Principal paymen	its on borrowings and fir	ance lease obligations		(1,095)		(853)	
Tax withholding o	on vesting of equity awar	rds		(3,471)		(2,165)	
Repurchases of c	common stock			(67,504)		(69,562)	
Net cash used in f	inancing activities			(66,423)		(57,614)	
Net increase (decr	rease) in cash and cash (equivalents and					
restricted cash				(215,077)		61,507	
Cash, cash equiva	lents and restricted cash	n, beginning of period		806,475		415,236	
Cash, cash equiva	llents and restricted cash	n, end of period	\$	591,398	\$	476,743	\$

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Includes capitalized internal-use software costs of \$3.2 million and \$2.5 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023 and 2022 and \$13.7 million and \$8.8 million for fiscal 2023 and 2022.

Reconciliations of non-GAAP results of operations to the nearest comparable GAAP measures

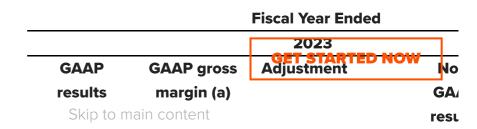
The following table presents non-GAAP gross margins by revenue source before certain items (in thousands except percentages, unaudited):

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					\$	2,791	(c)				
						37	(d)				
						292	(e)				
Gross profit						3,306	- (f)				
product	\$	370,637	68.0	%	\$	6,426		\$	377,063	69.2 %	\$ 32
					\$	5,652	(c)				
						159	(d)				
						306	(e)				
C				-		16	(g)				
Gross profit subscription											
services	\$	190,680	71.9	%	\$	6,133		\$	196,813	74.2 %	\$ 1
					\$	8,443	(c)				
						196	(d)				
						598	(e)				
						3,306	(f)				
<u>-</u>						16	(g)				
Total gross profit	\$	561,317	69.3	% .	\$	12,559		\$	573,876	70.8 %	\$ 47

- (a) GAAP gross margin is defined as GAAP gross profit divided by revenue.
- (b) Non-GAAP gross margin is defined as non-GAAP gross profit divided by revenue.
- (c) To eliminate stock-based compensation expense.
- (d) To eliminate payroll tax expense related to stock-based activities.
- (e) To eliminate duplicate lease costs during the transition of our corporate headquarters.
- (f) To eliminate amortization expense of acquired intangible assets.
- (g) To eliminate payments to former shareholders of acquired company.

The following table presents non-GAAP gross margins by revenue source before certain items (in thousands except percentages, unaudited):



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Gross profit pro	oduct	\$ 1,222,360	68.2 %	\$	24,186		\$	1,24(
				\$	22,630 1,210 575 135	(c) (d) (e) (g)		
Gross profit sul	bscription services \$	675,286	70.2 %	\$	24,638	(h)	\$	69!
				\$	32,875 1,545 1,118 13,063 135	(c) (d) (e) (f) (g)		
Total gross profit		\$ 1,897,646	- 68.9 %	\$	48,824	(h)	\$	1,94

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The following table presents certain non-GAAP consolidated results before certain items (in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages, unaudited):

	Fou	ırth Quarter o	of Fisca	al		
		2023			_	
					Non-	
	GAAP			Non-	GAAP	
GAAP	operating			GAAP	operating	GAAP
results	margin (a)	Adjustment	<u> </u>	results	margin (b)	results
		\$ 82,503	(c)		GET STARTED	NOW
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		გგგ (a)		
		1,799 (e)		
		3,839 (f)		
		5,004 (g)		
		804 (h)		
		357 (i)		
Net income	\$ 74,471	\$ 95,194 \$ 169,665	\$ 14,943	
Net income				
per share				
diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.05	
Weighted-				
average				
shares used in				
per share				
calculation				
diluted	339,699	(21,884) (j) 317,815	317,268	

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- (f) To eliminate amortization expense of acquired intangible assets.
- (g) To eliminate duplicate lease costs during the transition of our corporate headquarters.
- (h) To eliminate amortization expense of debt discount and debt issuance costs related to our long-term debt.
- (i) To eliminate net loss from legal settlement in connection with a facility abandoned in the second quarter of fiscal 2021.
- (j) To exclude the dilutive effect from convertible note due to the related capped call hedge.

The following table presents certain non-GAAP consolidated results before certain items (in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages, unaudited):

	Fiscal Year Ended				
_	2023				
	GAAP			GET STA	RNPD-ROW
	GAAP	operating		N on-GAAP	operating
	results	margin (a)	Adjustment	results	margin (b)

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- (e) To eliminate payroll tax expense related to stock-based activities.
- (f) To eliminate costs primarily associated with the exit of certain operations.
- (g) To eliminate duplicate lease costs during the transition of our corporate headquarters.
- (h) To eliminate amortization expense of acquired intangible assets.

Reconciliation from net cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow (in thousands except percentages, unaudited):

	Fourth Quarter of Fiscal		Fiscal Ye		
		2023	2022		2023
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	233,026	\$ 138,241	\$	767,234
Less: purchases of property and equipment ⁽¹⁾		(60,229)	(21,070)		(158,139)
Free cash flow (non-GAAP)	\$	172,797	\$ 117,171	\$	609,095

⁽¹⁾ Includes capitalized internal-use software costs of \$3.2 million and \$2.5 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023 and 2022 and \$13.7 million and \$8.8 million for fiscal 2023 and 2022.

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