

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company has presented certain non-GAAP financial measures in this press release. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either exclude or include amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, or GAAP. Reconciliation of each non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure can be found in the accompanying tables to this press release. Non-GAAP financial measures presented by the Company include non-GAAP gross profit, gross margin, operating expenses, income from operations, net income and net income per share.

These non-GAAP financial measures do not reflect a comprehensive system of accounting, differ from GAAP measures with the same captions and may differ from non-GAAP financial measures with the same or similar captions that are used by other companies. In addition, these non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with the Company's results of operations as determined in accordance with GAAP. As such, these non-GAAP measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. The Company uses these non-GAAP financial measures to analyze its operating performance and future prospects, develop internal budgets and financial goals, and to facilitate period-to-period comparisons. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures reflect an additional way of viewing aspects of its operations that, when viewed with its GAAP results, provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting its business.

As presented in the "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" tables in the accompanying press release, each of the non-GAAP financial measures excludes one or more of the following items for purposes of calculating non-GAAP financial measures to facilitate an evaluation of the Company's current operating performance and a comparison to its past operating performance:

Stock-based compensation expense. The Company excludes stock-based compensation expense from its non-GAAP measures primarily because they are non-cash in nature. Moreover, the impact of this expense is significantly affected by the Company's stock price at the time of an award over which management has limited to no control.

Tariff refunds. This item represents approved tariff refunds by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection that qualify for the tariff exclusion on Chinese imported microinverter products that fit the dimensions and weight limits within a Section 301 Tariff exclusion under U.S. note 20(ss)(40) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. Approved refunds relate to tariffs previously paid from September 24, 2018 to March 31, 2020 and are excluded from the non-GAAP measures as the refunds are non-recurring in nature for tariff costs incurred in the past and are not reflective of the Company's ongoing financial performance.

Restructuring and asset impairment charges. The Company excludes restructuring charges due to the nature of the expenses being unplanned and arising outside the ordinary course of continuing operations. These costs primarily consist of fees paid for restructuring-related management consulting services, cash-based severance costs and modification of stock-based compensation related to workforce reduction actions, asset write-downs of property and equipment and lease loss reserves, and other contract termination costs resulting from restructuring initiatives.

Acquisition related expenses and amortization. This item represents expenses incurred related to the Company's acquisition of SunPower's microinverter business, which are non-recurring in nature, and amortization of acquired intangible assets, which is a non-cash expense. Acquisition related expenses and amortization of acquired intangible assets are not reflective of the Company's ongoing financial performance.

Non-recurring debt prepayment fees and non-cash interest. This item consists primarily of amortization of debt issuance costs, accretion of debt discount and non-recurring debt settlement costs, because these expenses does not represent a cash outflow for the Company except in the period the financing was secured or when the financing was settled, and such amortization expense or settlement of debt costs is not reflective of the Company's ongoing financial performance.

Change in fair value of derivatives. This item is reflected in other income (expense), net and represents changes in fair value of the conversion option in the convertible notes due 2025, as well as the convertible note hedge and warrant transactions, which is non-cash in nature and is not reflective of the Company's ongoing financial performance.

Non-GAAP income tax adjustment. This item represents the amount adjusted to the Company's GAAP tax provision or benefit to present the non-GAAP tax amount based on cash tax expense and reserves.