

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 (loss) and net income (loss) 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.

Restructuring 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.

Reserve for non-recurring legal matter. This item represents a charge taken for the potential settlement cost related to a dispute with a vendor. This item is excluded as it relates to a specific matter and is not reflective of the Company's ongoing financial performance.

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.

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.