UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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): May 02, 2024

Altair Engineering Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-38263 (Commission File Number) 38-2591828 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1820 E. Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48083 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (248) 614-2400

	(Former Nat	ne or Former Address, if Change	ed Since Last Report)				
	eck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is into lowing provisions:	ended to simultaneously sa	atisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the				
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the	Securities Act (17 CFR 2	30.425)				
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)						
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 1	4d-2(b) under the Exchang	ge Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))				
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 1	3e-4(c) under the Exchang	ge Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))				
	Securities reg	istered pursuant to Sect	ion 12(b) of the Act:				
	Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered				
	Class A Common Stock \$0.0001 par value per share	ALTR	The Nasdaq Global Select Market				
cha Em If a	upter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1930 derging growth company □	4 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chap e registrant has elected no	t to use the extended transition period for complying with any new				

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 2, 2024, Altair Engineering Inc. issued a press release disclosing its financial information and operating metrics for its first quarter ended March 31, 2024. A copy of the press release is being furnished as <u>Exhibit 99.1</u> to this Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto is intended to be furnished and 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, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing 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.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Altair Engineering Inc. dated May 2, 2024, furnished hereto.

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

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of hereunto duly authorized.	1934, the registrant has duly caused	d this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned
		ALTAIR ENGINEERING INC.
Date: May 2, 2024	Ву:	/s/ Matthew Brown
		Matthew Brown
		Chief Financial Officer

Altair Announces First Quarter 2024 Financial Results

Altair Achieves Record Software Revenue and Total Revenue for the First Quarter

TROY, Mich. – May 2, 2024 – Altair (Nasdaq: ALTR), a global leader in computational science and artificial intelligence, today released its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2024.

"Altair continued its positive momentum into the start of 2024, with record-high quarterly software revenue and total revenue," said James Scapa, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Altair. "The first quarter exceeded our expectations and demonstrates the strength of our product portfolio in bringing computational intelligence to our customers."

"The start of this year has been marked by strong execution, setting new records in software revenue and total revenue in the first quarter 2024," said Matt Brown, Chief Financial Officer of Altair. "Revenues and profit were ahead of expectations for the quarter, driven by growth across all three major geographies and multiple verticals."

First Quarter 2024 Financial Highlights

- Software revenue was \$158.4 million compared to \$149.6 million for the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 5.9% in reported currency and 6.9% in constant currency
- Total revenue was \$172.9 million compared to \$166.0 million for the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 4.1% in reported currency and 5.1% in constant currency
- Net income was \$16.5 million compared to a net loss of \$(2.0) million for the first quarter of 2023. Net income per share, diluted was \$0.20 based on 89.8 million diluted weighted average common shares outstanding, compared to net loss per share, diluted of \$(0.02) for the first quarter of 2023, based on 80.2 million diluted weighted average common shares outstanding. Net income margin was 9.6% compared to net loss margin of -1.2% for the first quarter of 2023
- Non-GAAP net income was \$36.2 million, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$31.8 million for the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 13.9%. Non-GAAP net income per share, diluted was \$0.40 based on 89.8 million non-GAAP diluted common shares outstanding, compared to non-GAAP net income per share, diluted of \$0.36 for the first quarter of 2023, based on 88.0 million non-GAAP diluted common shares outstanding
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$45.8 million compared to \$43.1 million for the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 6.4%. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 26.5% compared to 25.9% for the first quarter of 2023
- Cash provided by operating activities was \$73.5 million, compared to \$59.2 million for the first quarter of 2023
- Free cash flow was \$70.7 million, compared to \$57.5 million for the first quarter of 2023.

Business Outlook

Based on information available as of today, Altair is issuing the following guidance for the second quarter and full year 2024:

(in millions, except %)		Second Quarter 2024				Full Year 2024				
Software Revenue	\$	131	to	\$	134	\$	590	to	\$	600
Growth Rate		4.5%			6.9%		7.3%			9.1%
Growth Rate - Constant Currency		6.7%			9.2%		8.3%			10.1%
Total Revenue	\$	145		\$	148	\$	652		\$	662
Growth Rate		2.7%			4.8%		6.4%			8.0%
Growth Rate - Constant Currency		4.7%			6.8%		7.5%			9.1%
Net (Loss) Income	\$	(12.3)		\$	(9.4)	\$	23.2		\$	30.9
Non-GAAP Net Income	\$	12.7		\$	15.0	\$	109.9		\$	115.9
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	15		\$	18	\$	138		\$	146
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities						\$	135		\$	143
Free Cash Flow						\$	124		\$	132

The following table provides a reconciliation of Full Year 2024 guidance to the last guidance provided in February

		(Unaudited)						
		Full Year 2024						
(in millions)	Guid	point of lance in bruary		ecrease/	Flucti	urrency uations from r Guidance		lpoint of ance in May
Software Revenue	\$	605.0	\$		\$	(10.0)	\$	595.0
Total Revenue	\$	668.0	\$	_	\$	(11.0)	\$	657.0
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	147.0	\$	_	\$	(5.0)	\$	142.0

Conference Call Information

What: Altair's First Quarter 2024 Financial Results Conference Call

When: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Time: 5 p.m. ET

Webcast: http://investor.altair.com (live & replay)

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains the following non-GAAP financial measures: Non-GAAP Net Income, Non-GAAP Net Income Per Share, Billings, Adjusted EBITDA, Free Cash Flow, Non-GAAP Gross Profit and Non-GAAP Operating Expense.

Altair believes that these non-GAAP measures of financial results provide useful information to management and investors regarding certain financial and business trends relating to its financial condition and results of operations. The Company's management uses these non-GAAP measures to compare the Company's performance to that of prior periods for trend analysis, for purposes of determining executive and senior management incentive compensation and for budgeting and planning purposes. The Company also believes that the use of these non-GAAP financial measures provides an additional tool for investors to use in evaluating ongoing operating results and trends and in comparing the Company's financial measures with other software companies, many of which present similar non-GAAP financial measures to investors.

Non-GAAP net income excludes stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets related to acquisitions, asset impairment charges, non-cash interest expense, other special items as identified by management and described elsewhere in this press release, and the impact of non-GAAP tax rate to income tax expense, which approximates our tax rate excluding discrete items and other specific events that can fluctuate from period to period.

Non-GAAP diluted common shares includes the diluted weighted average shares outstanding per GAAP regardless of whether the Company is in a loss position.

Billings consists of total revenue plus the change in deferred revenue, excluding deferred revenue from acquisitions.

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income adjusted for income tax expense, interest expense, interest income and other, depreciation and amortization, stockbased compensation expense, asset impairment charges and other special items as identified by management and described elsewhere in this press release.

Free cash flow consists of cash flow from operations less capital expenditures.

Non-GAAP gross profit represents gross profit adjusted for stock-based compensation expense and other special items as identified by management and described elsewhere in this press release.

Non-GAAP operating expense represents operating expense excluding stock-based compensation expense, amortization, asset impairment charges and other special items as identified by management and described elsewhere in this press release.

Company management does not consider these non-GAAP measures in isolation or as an alternative to financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. The principal limitation of these non-GAAP financial measures is that they exclude significant expenses and income that are required by GAAP to be recorded in the Company's financial statements. In addition, they are subject to inherent limitations as they reflect the exercise of judgment by management about which expenses and income are excluded or included in determining these non-GAAP financial measures. Altair urges investors to review the reconciliation of its non-GAAP financial measures to the comparable GAAP financial measures, which it includes in press releases announcing quarterly financial results, including this press release, and not to rely on any single financial measure to evaluate the Company's business.

Reconciliation tables of the most comparable GAAP financial measures to the non-GAAP financial measures used in this press release are included with the financial tables at the end of this release.

About Altair

Altair is a global leader in computational intelligence that provides software and cloud solutions in simulation, high-performance computing (HPC), data analytics and AI. Altair enables organizations across all industries to compete more effectively and drive smarter decisions in an increasingly connected world – all while creating a greener, more sustainable future. To learn more, please visit https://www.altair.com.

Cautionary Language Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including but not limited to, our guidance for the second quarter and full year 2024, our statements regarding our expectations for 2024, and our reconciliations of projected non-GAAP financial measures. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this release and are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections as well as the beliefs and assumptions of management. Words such as "expect," "anticipate," "should," "believe," "hope," "target," "project," "goals," "estimate," "potential," "predict," "may," "will," "might," "could," "intend," variations of these terms or the negative of these terms and similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which involve factors or circumstances that are beyond Altair's control. Altair's actual results could differ materially from those stated or implied in our forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including but not limited to, the risks detailed in Altair's quarterly and annual reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as well as other documents that may be filed by the Company from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. The forward-looking statements included in this press release represent Altair's views as of the date of this press release. The Company anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. Altair undertakes no intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Altair's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press re

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ALTAIR ENGINEERING INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		March 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
(In thousands)	J)	Jnaudited)			
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS:	•		•	4.5= 4.50	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	557,605	\$	467,459	
Accounts receivable, net		127,870		190,461	
Income tax receivable		18,898		16,650	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		26,026		26,053	
Total current assets		730,399		700,623	
Property and equipment, net		38,837		39,803	
Operating lease right of use assets		30,175		30,759	
Goodwill		454,953		458,125	
Other intangible assets, net		75,357		83,550	
Deferred tax assets		9,699		9,955	
Other long-term assets		40,491		40,678	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,379,911	\$	1,363,493	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	\$	6,522	\$	8,995	
Accrued compensation and benefits		35,911		45,081	
Current portion of operating lease liabilities		8,330		8,825	
Other accrued expenses and current liabilities		43,820		48,398	
Deferred revenue		120,554		131,356	
Current portion of convertible senior notes, net		81,617		81,455	
Total current liabilities		296,754	-	324,110	
Convertible senior notes, net		226,223		225,929	
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion		22,508		22,625	
Deferred revenue, non-current		24,385		32,347	
Other long-term liabilities		47,113		47,151	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		616,983		652,162	
Commitments and contingencies		010,763		032,102	
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STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: Professed steel (\$0,0001 per value) authorized 45,000 shares more igned and outstanding					
Preferred stock (\$0.0001 par value), authorized 45,000 shares, none issued and outstanding		_		_	
Common stock (\$0.0001 par value)					
Class A common stock, authorized 513,797 shares, issued and outstanding 56,912 and 55,240 shares as of March 31, 2024, and December 31, 2023, respectively		5		5	
Class B common stock, authorized 41,203 shares, issued and outstanding 26,084					
and 26,814 shares as of March 31, 2024, and December 31, 2023, respectively		3		3	
Additional paid-in capital		904,180		864,135	
Accumulated deficit		(113,956)		(130,503)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(27,304)		(22,309)	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		762,928		711,331	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	1,379,911	\$	1,363,493	

ALTAIR ENGINEERING INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 2023 (in thousands, except per share data) Revenue License \$ 117,707 \$ 112,409 Maintenance and other services 40,722 37,234 149,643 Total software 158,429 Engineering services and other 14,483 16,391 172,912 166,034 Total revenue Cost of revenue 4,490 4,824 License Maintenance and other services 14,166 14,426 19,250 Total software * 18,656 Engineering services and other 12,237 13,485 Total cost of revenue 30,893 32,735 Gross profit 142,019 133,299 Operating expenses: Research and development * 52,333 53,251 Sales and marketing * 44,434 43,492 General and administrative * 17,761 17,951 Amortization of intangible assets 7,438 7,814 Other operating (income) expense, net (882)5,605 121,084 128,113 Total operating expenses 20,935 5,186 Operating income 1,526 Interest expense 1,576 Other income, net (3,957)(3,613)Income before income taxes 23,316 7,273 Income tax expense 6,769 9,232 Net income (loss) \$ 16,547 (1,959)Income (loss) per share: Net income (loss) per share attributable to common \$ \$ stockholders, basic 0.20 (0.02)Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders, diluted 0.20 (0.02)Weighted average shares outstanding: Weighted average number of shares used in computing 80,191 net income (loss) per share, basic 82,587 Weighted average number of shares used in computing 89.806 80,191 net income (loss) per share, diluted

^{*} Amounts include stock-based compensation expense as follows (in thousands):

	 (Unau Three Mon Marc	ths Ende	ed
(in thousands)	 2024		2023
Cost of revenue – software	\$ 2,002	\$	2,752
Research and development	6,360		8,743
Sales and marketing	4,520		7,591
General and administrative	3,117		3,075
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 15,999	\$	22,161

ALTAIR ENGINEERING INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31,

		March 3	51,
thousands)		2024	2023
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income (loss)	\$	16,547	\$ (1,959)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		9,619	9,750
Stock-based compensation expense		15,999	22,161
Loss on mark-to-market adjustment of contingent consideration		145	7,006
Other, net		580	640
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net		60,245	39,872
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(2,679)	1,981
Other long-term assets		9	(1,944)
Accounts payable		(1,667)	(5,362)
Accrued compensation and benefits		(8,503)	(12,283)
Other accrued expenses and current liabilities		(199)	2,015
Deferred revenue		(16,646)	(2,678)
Net cash provided by operating activities		73,450	59,199
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Capital expenditures		(2,766)	(1,727)
Other investing activities, net		2	(1,405)
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,764)	(3,132)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from the exercise of common stock options		19,844	9,872
Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan contributions		2,182	1,868
Payments for repurchase and retirement of common stock		_	(6,255)
Other financing activities		_	(29)
Net cash provided by financing activities		22,026	5,456
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(2,592)	379
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		90,120	61,902
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year		467,576	316,958
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$	557,696	\$ 378,860
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Change in Presentation of Revenue and Cost of Revenue

Effective in the first quarter of 2024, the Company changed the presentation of revenue and cost of revenue in its Consolidated Statements of Operations to combine the financial statement line items ("FSLIs") labeled "Software related services", "Client engineering services" and "Other" into one FSLI labeled "Engineering services and other". The change in presentation has been applied retrospectively and does not affect the software revenue, total revenue, software cost of revenue or total cost of revenue amounts previously reported or have any effect on segment reporting.

Financial Results

The following table provides a reconciliation of Non-GAAP net income and Non-GAAP net income per share – diluted, to net income (loss) and net income (loss) per share – diluted, the most comparable GAAP financial measures:

	(Unaudited)						
		Three Months Ended March 31,					
(in thousands, except per share amounts)		2024		2023			
Net income (loss)	\$	16,547	\$	(1,959)			
Stock-based compensation expense		15,999		22,161			
Amortization of intangible assets		7,438		7,814			
Non-cash interest expense		472		465			
Impact of non-GAAP tax rate (1)		(5,295)		(1,933)			
Special adjustments and other (2)		1,030		5,231			
Non-GAAP net income	\$	36,191	\$	31,779			
Net income (loss) per share, diluted	\$	0.20	\$	(0.02)			
Non-GAAP net income per share, diluted	\$	0.40	\$	0.36			
GAAP diluted shares outstanding		89,806		80,191			
Non-GAAP diluted shares outstanding		89,806		88,041			

(1) For the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company used a non-GAAP effective tax rate of 25% and 26%, respectively.

The following table provides a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), the most comparable GAAP financial measure:

	(Unaudited)				
Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2024		2023		
\$	16,547	\$	(1,959)		
	6,769		9,232		
	15,999		22,161		
	1,576		1,526		
	9,619		9,750		
	(4,692)		2,345		
\$	45,818	\$	43,055		
	\$ \$	Three Mon Marc 2024 \$ 16,547 6,769 15,999 1,576 9,619 (4,692)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 \$ 16,547 \$ 6,769 15,999 1,576 9,619 (4,692)		

⁽¹⁾ The three months ended March 31, 2024, primarily includes \$5.7 million of interest income and \$0.9 million of currency losses on acquisition-related intercompany loans. The three months ended March 31, 2023, includes a \$7.0 million loss from the mark-to-market adjustment of contingent consideration associated with the World Programming acquisition, \$2.9 million of interest income, and \$1.8 million of currency gains on acquisition-related intercompany loans.

⁽²⁾ The three months ended March 31, 2024, includes a \$0.1 million loss from the mark-to-market adjustment of contingent consideration associated with the World Programming acquisition, and \$0.9 million of currency losses on acquisition-related intercompany loans. The three months ended March 31, 2023, includes a \$7.0 million loss from the mark-to-market adjustment of contingent consideration associated with the World Programming acquisition, and \$1.8 million of currency gains on acquisition-related intercompany loans.

The following table provides a reconciliation of Free Cash Flow to net cash provided by operating activities, the most comparable GAAP financial measure:

		(Unaudited) Three Months Ended			
				I	
(in thousands)	<u> </u>	2024		2023	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	73,450	\$	59,199	
Capital expenditures		(2,766)		(1,727)	
Free cash flow	\$	70,684	\$	57,472	

The following table provides a reconciliation of Non-GAAP gross profit to gross profit, the most comparable GAAP financial measure, and a comparison of Non-GAAP gross margin (Non-GAAP gross profit as a percentage of total revenue) to gross margin (gross profit as a percentage of total revenue), the most comparable GAAP financial measure:

	(Unaudited)				
Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2024		2023		
\$	142,019	\$	133,299		
	2,002		2,752		
\$	144,021	\$	136,051		
	82.1%		80.3%		
			81.9%		
	\$	Three Mon Marc 2024 \$ 142,019 2,002 \$ 144,021	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 \$ 142,019 \$ 2,002		

The following table provides a reconciliation of Non-GAAP operating expense to Total operating expense, the most comparable GAAP financial measure:

	 (Unaudited) Three Months Ended March 31,							
(in thousands)	 2024	2023						
Total operating expense	\$ 121,084	\$	128,113					
Stock-based compensation expense	(13,997)		(19,409)					
Amortization	(7,438)		(7,814)					
Loss on mark-to-market adjustment of contingent consideration	(145)		(7,006)					
Non-GAAP operating expense	\$ 99,504	\$	93,884					

The following table provides a reconciliation of Billings to revenue, the most comparable GAAP financial measure:

	 (Unaudited)				
	 Three Mon Marc		I		
(in thousands)	 2024				
Revenue	\$ 172,912	\$	166,034		
Ending deferred revenue	144,939		141,943		
Beginning deferred revenue	(163,703)		(144,460)		
Billings	\$ 154,148	\$	163,517		

The following table provides Software revenue, Total revenue, Billings and Adjusted EBITDA on a constant currency basis:

						(1	Unaudit	ted)				
		Three Months Ended March 31, 2024						Three Months Ended March 31, 2023	Increase/ (Decrease) %			
(in thousands)	Ası	reported	Curren	cy changes		ljusted for int currency		As reported	As reported	As adjusted for constant currency		
Software revenue	\$	158.4	\$	1.5	\$	159.9	\$	149.6	5.9%	6.9 %		
Total revenue	\$	172.9	\$	1.6	\$	174.5	\$	166.0	4.1 %	5.1 %		
Billings	\$	154.1	\$	0.8	\$	154.9	\$	163.5	-5.7%	-5.3 %		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	45.8	\$	1.3	\$	47.1	\$	43.1	6.4%	9.5%		

Business Outlook

The following table provides a reconciliation of projected Non-GAAP net income to projected net (loss) income, the most comparable GAAP financial

	(Unaudited)								
	Three Months Ending June 30, 2024				Year End December 3				
(in thousands)	Low			High	Low		High		
Net (loss) income	\$	(12,300)	\$	(9,400)	\$	23,200	\$	30,900	
Stock-based compensation expense		17,800		17,800		72,500		72,500	
Amortization of intangible assets		7,300		7,300		28,900		28,900	
Non-cash interest expense		400		400		1,500		1,500	
Impact of non-GAAP tax rate ⁽¹⁾		(500)		(1,100)		(17,200)		(18,900)	
Special adjustments and other ⁽²⁾		_		_		1,000		1,000	
Non-GAAP net income	\$	12,700	\$	15,000	\$	109,900	\$	115,900	

The following table provides a reconciliation of projected Adjusted EBITDA to projected net (loss) income, the most comparable GAAP financial measure:

		(Unaudited) Three Months Ending June 30, 2024 Compared to the second of the second o						
(in thousands)		Low High			Low		High	
Net (loss) income	\$	(12,300)	\$	(9,400)	\$	23,200	\$	30,900
Income tax expense		3,800		3,900		19,500		19,800
Stock-based compensation expense		17,800		17,800		72,500		72,500
Interest (income) expense		(3,800)		(3,800)		(15,800)		(15,800)
Depreciation and amortization		9,500		9,500		37,600		37,600
Special adjustments and other ⁽¹⁾		_		_		1,000		1,000
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	15,000	\$	18,000	\$	138,000	\$	146,000

The year ending December 31, 2024, includes a \$0.1 million loss from the mark-to-market adjustment of contingent consideration associated with the World Programming acquisition, and \$0.9 million of currency losses on acquisition-related intercompany loans.

The following table provides a reconciliation of projected Free Cash Flow to projected net cash provided by operating activities, the most comparable GAAP financial measure:

_	(Ullaudited)			
		Year E December		24
(in thousands)	L	ow		High
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	135,300	\$	143,300
Capital expenditures		(11,300)		(11,300)
Free cash flow	\$	124,000	\$	132,000

(Unaudited)

The Company uses a non-GAAP effective tax rate of 25%. The year ending December 31, 2024, includes a \$0.1 million loss from the mark-to-market adjustment of contingent consideration associated with the World Programming acquisition, and \$0.9 million of currency losses on acquisition-related intercompany loans.