

# Sonic Foundry Announces Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2022 Results

**MADISON, Wis. (Dec. 8, 2022)** – <u>Sonic Foundry, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: SOFO), the trusted leader in video capture, management and streaming solutions, and virtual and hybrid events, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

#### Highlights for the Fourth Quarter Ended September 30, 2022:

- Total revenue was \$6.5 million compared to \$8.6 million in the prior-year quarter primarily due to lower hardware sales, softness in the virtual and hybrid events industry, delays in renewals of support contracts due to macro concerns, global foreign currency impact and new pandemic related restrictions in Japan.
- Gross margin was 61% of sales versus 69% of sales in the comparable quarter primarily due to increased depreciation costs on cloud service assets. The depreciation increase is a result of one-time adjustment associated with the AWS transition to improve the hosting environment, limit long-term capital investment, and better position the company for growth.
- Net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$0.25 per share compared to net loss of \$0.06 per diluted share in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2021, reflecting investments made to enter new markets per previously disclosed strategy.
- Adjusted EBITDA was a negative \$2.1 million compared to a negative \$270 thousand in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2021, mostly attributable to investments in our new growth areas.

#### **Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Highlights**

- Total fiscal year revenues of \$27.5 million compared to \$35.2 million in fiscal year 2021, a \$7.7 million or 22% decrease.
- Full fiscal year 2022 gross margin was \$18.8 million, or 68% of sales, compared to \$24.9 million, or 71% of sales, in fiscal year 2021.
- Full fiscal year net loss attributable to common stockholders of \$7.1 million, or \$0.72 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$3.1 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share, in fiscal year 2021.
- Full fiscal year 2022 Adjusted EBITDA was a loss of \$5.2 million compared to \$2.7 million gain reported in fiscal year 2021.

### **Management Commentary**

"2022 was both challenging and exhilarating. Regarding our current financial results, our core Mediasite business continued to face headwinds throughout the fiscal year. While we were seeing a gradual improvement in our in-person Events business, it remained off pace from pre-pandemic levels. The widespread conversion to hybrid and virtual meeting formats, which filled the gap during the height of COVID, declined in 2022. Overall, there is uncertainty in the events market as organizations try to strike the right balance with their target audiences. In

Japan, where we have a sizeable operation, unfavorable currency exchange rates and a rise in COVID infections which caused the government to mandate restrictions, greatly impacted our events business there. While we have proven that these two business lines can be profitable under more positive circumstances, the current environment is challenging. We expect to see improvements in our Mediasite business in 2023 as we capitalize on some favorable emerging trends in the space, while we continue to invest in new growth initiatives." said **Sonic Foundry CEO Joe Mozden, Jr.** 

"Our team recognized two years ago that the video market segment that Mediasite traditionally served has growth limitations. While we could confidently grow the Mediasite business inside a limited market, it did not have the dynamic growth opportunity we wanted. After carefully studying the video landscape, we developed a strategic plan that would leverage our video expertise, data analytics, customer base and reputation to launch new initiatives with tremendous and relevant market opportunity. I'm thrilled to report that in the timeframe of just one year, we added three business lines to our family of brands—Vidable™, Video Solutions, and Global Learning Exchange™ (GLX). Each one of these businesses achieved significant proof points in recent months including customer adoption, new strategic partnerships and, in the case of GLX, student enrollments. We are moving quickly for a rapid scaleup phase of all three brands, and our goal is to make these new business units profitable before we exit 2024. We now have the management, infrastructure, and most important the capital to continue transforming Sonic Foundry into a high-velocity, high-growth company."

"As reported earlier, in April, we raised \$4.3 million through a public offering of 1.7 million shares at \$2.55 per share. In November, we secured \$8.5 million in debt financing and raised an additional \$1.2 million in an equity agreement. We also re-aligned our corporate structure and resources to accelerate the launch of our multi-brand strategy. Now all four brands—Mediasite, Vidable, Video Solutions and Global Learning Exchange—operate independently under the direction of a single GM while maintaining an efficient balance of shared services and dedicated resources."

Mozden continued, "Now I'll recap the significant progress we made this year in transforming Sonic Foundry. The first Vidable captioning services were deployed this summer on a limited availability trial to Mediasite customers, and later for general availability. The feedback we received from customers was outstanding and **within a few weeks 100% had elected to move forward with Vidable** as their primary captioning solution and we are now moving quickly to deploy several other new Vidable capabilities. We believe that the Vidable platform offers a compelling value proposition to current and future customers. Users will have access to the best AI toolsets in the market, and they can now monetize vast libraries of video content in ways that were formerly too costly or time consuming to transform and distribute without the AI power of Vidable."

"For me personally, the high point of 2022 was seeing our innovative concept Global Learning Exchange become a reality. In July, we celebrated the opening of our first GLX Hub in the Bahamas where students can now choose from a wide range of available program options from our participating learning providers. We are also making substantial progress in moving the GLX model into the continent of Africa. In November, I had the honor of traveling to Abuja, Nigeria to officially announce GLX's partnership with UNESCO and met with the office of President Buhari to discuss a fast rollout of our program within his country. In South Africa, we have recently secured a local partner who will provide a channel for government funding and access to its underserved student population. These partnerships have put us on the world stage of democratizing on-line higher education through a unique model, which

brings accessibility and local support to on-line students who otherwise would not have the life-changing benefits of participating in higher education."

"And finally, we transformed our Mediasite Events offering into Video Solutions that launched in November. Video Solutions incorporates many of the services previously offered under the umbrella of our Mediasite Events business, but it is targeted at the much broader enterprise market. Video Solutions addresses the challenges that organizations are facing when it comes to their video strategy and infrastructure. Our technical capabilities and knowledgeable project managers can design a customized distribution and engagement strategy that helps customers derive maximum value from the content they produce."

"I am proud of what our team has accomplished this year, and highly optimistic about the road ahead. Given the strengths of our current team and the rich landscape of opportunities for our new ventures, I am confident that Sonic Foundry has a bright future in pioneering advances for video, AI technology, and global education."

## **Fiscal Fourth Quarter 2022 Operating Results**

Service revenue, which included support, cloud services, events, and professional services, was \$4.8 million for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2022, compared to prior-year-quarter service revenue of \$5.6 million. Product revenue was \$1.7 million compared to \$3.1 million during the same period last year. Cloud services revenue, which also includes event-related cloud services, decreased 8% to \$1.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to \$1.9 million in the same quarter last year. Event revenue in the fourth quarter of 2022 was \$940 thousand, compared with \$1.4 million reported in the comparable year-ago quarter. Gross margin was \$3.9 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022, compared with \$5.9 million in the same period of the prior fiscal year.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses (SG&A) were \$6.4 million, compared with \$6.6 million in the fourth quarter last year.

Net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$2.7 million, or a loss of \$0.25 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022, compared with net income attributable to common stockholders of \$458 thousand, or \$0.06 per diluted share, for the same period of the prior fiscal year.

#### **Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Results**

Service revenue, which included support, cloud services, events, and professional services, was \$19.3 million for fiscal year 2022, compared to \$24.7 million in the prior fiscal year. Product revenue was \$8.1 million, compared to \$10.5 million during the same period last year. Cloud services revenue decreased 15% to \$7.0 million, compared to \$8.3 million last fiscal year. Event revenue decreased 30% to \$4.5 million versus \$6.4 million last fiscal year.

Gross margin was 68% for fiscal year 2022, compared with 71% in last fiscal year. The decrease in gross margin was primarily due to a decrease in service revenue without a decrease in cost of goods sold expense in cost centers that support services revenue.

Selling, general, administrative, and other expenses (SG&A) was \$25.7 million for fiscal year 2022 compared with \$24.1 million in the prior fiscal year.

Net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$7.1 million or a loss of \$0.72 per diluted share, for fiscal year 2022, compared with a net income attributable to common stockholders

of \$3.1 million (including forgiveness of a PPP loan of \$2.3 million), or \$0.36 per diluted share, for the same period of the prior fiscal year.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Information**

To supplement and enhance the reader's understanding of our operating performance, we disclose adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (adjusted EBITDA), a non-GAAP measure of operating performance. Our adjusted EBITDA measure additionally adds back stock compensation expense, and severance and subtracts gain from debt forgiveness from the SEC definition of EBITDA. As such, our adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies and should not be viewed as an alternative to net income as a measurement of our operating performance. A reconciliation of net income to adjusted EBITDA for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2022, and 2021 are included in the release.

## **About Sonic Foundry**

Founded in 1991 and headquartered in Madison, Wis., Sonic Foundry (NASDAQ: SOFO) is dedicated to transforming how the world works and learns through innovative and scalable technology solutions. We help customers maximize the value of their video initiatives and infrastructure while leveraging our expertise and global footprint to help unlock a smarter, more connected world for learners, workers, and entrepreneurs everywhere. Sonic Foundry's family of brands includes Mediasite<sup>®</sup>, Video Solutions, Vidable<sup>™</sup> and Global Learning Exchange<sup>™</sup> which are trusted by thousands of educational institutions, corporations, and health care organizations in dozens of countries around the world. For more information on how Sonic Foundry's solutions can empower you and your organization to seize today's opportunities as well as those of the future, visit <a href="https://www.sonicfoundry.com">www.sonicfoundry.com</a>.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This news release contains forward-looking statements about the products and services of Sonic Foundry within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements include statements about our products and services, our customer base, strategic investments, new partnerships, our future operating results, and any statements we make about the company's future. These types of statements address matters that are subject to many risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking guidance we provide. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in context of the risk factors disclosed in our periodic forms 10Q, 10K and other filings with the SEC. These filings can be accessed on-line at www.sec.gov and other websites or can be obtained from the company's investor relations department. All of the information and disclosures we make in this news release regarding our business, including any forward-looking guidance, are as of the date given and we assume no obligation to update or change this information, regardless of subsequent events.

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# Sonic Foundry, Inc.

# Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except for share data) (Unaudited)

	September 30,			
		2022		2021
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,299	\$	9,989
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$53 and \$236		4,923		5,167
Inventories, net		1,462		442
Investment in sales-type lease, current		281		294
Capitalized commissions, current		224		360
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		945		1,153
Total current assets	·	11,134		17,405
Property and equipment:				
Leasehold improvements		1,460		1,111
Computer equipment		9,274		8,527
Furniture and fixtures		1,405		1,528
Total property and equipment		12,139		11,166
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		8,705		8,368
Property and equipment, net		3,434	-	2,798
Other assets:		,		,
Investment in sales-type lease, long-term		221		490
Capitalized commissions, long-term		42		76
Right-of-use assets under operating leases		2,053		2,441
Deferred tax asset		275		48
Software development		2,445		_
Other long-term assets		296		757
Total assets	\$	19,900	\$	24,015
Liabilities and stockholders' equity	-			
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable		1,904		1,072
Accrued liabilities		1,521		2,522
Current portion of unearned revenue		8,599		9,413
Current portion of finance lease obligations		10		79
Current portion of operating lease obligations		1,147		930
Current portion of warrant debt		565		_
Total current liabilities	-	13,746		14,016
Long-term portion of unearned revenue		1,140		1,614
Long-term portion of finance lease obligations		15		26
Long-term portion of operating lease obligations		975		1,583
Long-term portion of notes payable and warrant debt		356		556
Derivative liability, at fair value		_		53
Other liabilities		90		27
Total liabilities	-	16,322		17,875
Commitments and contingencies		10,522		11,010
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 500,000 shares; none issued		_		_

9% Preferred stock, Series A, voting, cumulative, convertible, \$.01 par value (liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share), authorized 4,500 shares; zero shares issued and outstanding, at amounts paid in 5% Preferred stock, Series B, voting, cumulative, convertible, \$.01 par value (liquidation preference at par), authorized 1,000,000 shares, none issued	_		_
Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 25,000,000 shares; 10,905,649			
and 9,064,821 shares issued, respectively and 10,892,933 and 9,052,105			
shares outstanding, respectively	109		91
Additional paid-in capital	218,145		213,278
Accumulated deficit	(213,525)		(206,442)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(982)		(618)
Treasury stock, at cost, 12,716 shares	(169)		(169)
Total stockholders' equity	 3,578	<u> </u>	6,140
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 19,900	\$	24,015

# Sonic Foundry, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except for share and per share data) (Unaudited)

	Years Ended September 30,			Quarters Ended September 30,				
		2022		2021		2022		2021
Revenue:								
Product and other	\$	8,135	\$	10,473	\$	1,728	\$	3,067
Services		19,331		24,694		4,777		5,563
Total revenue		27,466		35,167		6,505		8,630
Cost of revenue:								
Product and other		3,054		4,042		878		1,204
Services		5,599		6,252		1,682		1,482
Total cost of revenue		8,653		10,294		2,560		2,686
Gross margin		18,813		24,873		3,945		5,944
Operating expenses:								
Selling and marketing		12,264		11,970		3,076		3,205
General and administrative		5,933		4,870		1,428		1,514
Product development		7,539		7,226		1,922		1,871
Total operating expenses		25,736		24,066		6,426		6,590
Income (Loss) from operations		(6,923)		807		(2,481)		(646)
Non-operating expenses:								
Interest expense, net		(31)		(44)		(9)		(2)
Gain on debt forgiveness			_	2,325				
Other income (expense), net		(364)		4		(174)		12
Total non-operating income (expense)		(395)	_	2,285		(183)		10
Income (loss) before income taxes		(7,318)		3,092		(2,664)		(636)
Income tax benefit (expense)		235	_	(15)		(48)		178
Net income (loss)	\$	(7,083)	\$	3,077	\$	(2,712)	\$	(458)
Dividends on preferred stock								
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$	(7,083)	\$	3,077	\$	(2,712)	\$	(458)
Income (loss) per common share:								
Basic net income (loss) per common share	\$	(0.72)	\$	0.37	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.06)
Diluted net income (loss) per common share	\$	(0.72)	\$	0.36	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.06)
Weighted average common shares - Basic	9	,899,724		8,230,100	10	0,868,723	-	8,086,331
– Diluted	9	,899,724	_	8,650,384	10	),868,723	- 8	8,086,331

# Sonic Foundry, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Years Ended September 30,				
		2022	2021		
Operating activities					
Net Income (Loss)	\$	(7,083) \$	3,077		
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:		( ) , , .	,		
Amortization of other intangibles		31	49		
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment		1,305	1,263		
Deferred income taxes		(235)	_		
Loss on sale of fixed assets		36	37		
Loss on impairment of fixed assets		328	_		
Provision for doubtful accounts		(50)	25		
(Recovery of ) Provision for inventory reserve		_	(16)		
Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options		747	487		
Stock issued for board of director's fees		49	70		
Remeasurement gain on derivative liability		(53)	(13)		
Gain on debt forgiveness			(2,325)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(37)	821		
Inventories		(1,034)	734		
Investment in sales-type lease		143	(452)		
Capitalized commissions		170	104		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		12	(121)		
Right-of-use assets under operating leases		222	(387)		
Operating lease obligations		(213)	445		
Other long-term assets		365	(438)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		530	(989)		
Other long-term liabilities		90	(110)		
Unearned revenue		(881)	(1,015)		
Net cash used in operating activities		(5,558)	1,246		
Investing activities					
Purchases of property and equipment		(2,596)	(1,482)		
Capitalization of software development costs		(2,445)			
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,041)	(1,482)		
Financing activities					
Proceeds from notes payable		441	_		
Payments on notes payable			(935)		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs		3,967	3,447		
Proceeds from exercise of common stock options		122	263		
Payments on finance lease obligations		(75)	(120)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		4,455	2,655		
Changes in cash and cash equivalents due to changes in foreign currency		(546)	(49)		
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-	(6,690)	2,370		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		9,989	7,619		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	3,299 \$	9,989		

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# Sonic Foundry, Inc. Consolidated Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation (in thousands)

	Years Ended September 30,				Quarters Ended September 30,			
		2022		2021		2022		2021
Net income (loss)	\$	(7,083)	\$	3,077	\$	(2,712)	\$	(458)
Add:								
Depreciation and amortization		1,305		1,263		444		255
Income tax expense (benefit)		(235)		15		49		(178)
Interest expense (income)		31		44		9		2
Stock-based compensation expense		747		487		138		109
Severance		85		157		12		<u>-</u>
Subtract:								
Gain from debt forgiveness		-		2,325		-		-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	(5,150)	\$	2,718	\$	(2,060)	\$	(270)