Netlist Reports Full Year and Fourth Quarter 2022 Results

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IRVINE, CA / ACCESSWIRE / February 21, 2023 / Netlist, Inc. (OTCQB:NLST) today reported financial results for the full year and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2022.

2022 Highlights:

- Full year net product sales increased by 58% to \$161.6 million compared to \$102.4 million for last year.
- Full year product gross profit dollars increased by 34% to \$11.9 million compared to \$8.9 million for last year.

"For the full year Netlist delivered strong revenue and product gross profit growth, reflecting a favorable memory market in the first half of 2022," said Chief Executive Officer C.K. Hong. "As we look to 2023 the demand for memory is expected to remain significantly weak, and this will impact our near-term performance. The campaign to fairly license Netlist's intellectual property continues to advance and we look forward to the upcoming trials in Texas and in Germany."

Net product sales for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2022 were \$21.7 million, compared to net product sales of \$36.3 million for the fourth quarter ended January 1, 2022. Product gross profit for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2022 was \$1.6 million, compared to a product gross profit of \$2.0 million for the fourth quarter ended January 1, 2022.

Net product sales for the full year ended December 31, 2022 were \$161.6 million, compared to net product sales of \$102.4 million for the full year ended January 1, 2022. Product gross profit for the full year ended December 31, 2022 was \$11.9 million, compared to a product gross profit of \$8.9 million for the full year ended January 1, 2022.

Net loss for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2022 was (\$12.9) million, or (\$0.06) per share, compared to a net loss in the prior year period of (\$8.2) million, or (\$0.04) per share. These results include stock-based compensation expense of \$0.9 million and \$0.4 million for the quarters ended December 31, 2022 and January 1, 2022, respectively.

Net loss for the full year ended December 31, 2022 was (\$33.4) million, or (\$0.14) per share, compared to a net income in the prior year period of \$4.8 million, or \$0.02 per share. These results include stock-based compensation expense of \$3.2 million and \$1.6 million for the full years ended December 31, 2022 and January 1, 2022, respectively.

As of December 31, 2022, cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash was \$43.6 million, total assets were \$67.3 million, working capital was \$25.8 million, total debt was \$5.4 million, and stockholders' equity was \$27.2 million.

Conference Call Information

C.K. Hong, Chief Executive Officer, and Gail Sasaki, Chief Financial Officer, will host an investor conference call today, February 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time to review Netlist's results for

the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2022. The live webcast and archived replay of the call can be accessed for 90 days in the Investors section of Netlist's website at www.netlist.com.

About Netlist

Netlist provides high-performance memory solutions to enterprise customers in diverse industries. The Company's products are available in various capacities and form factors and its line of custom and specialty memory products bring industry-leading performance to server and storage appliance customers and cloud service providers. Netlist licenses its portfolio of intellectual property including patents, in server memory, hybrid memory and storage class memory, to companies that implement Netlist's technology. To learn more, visit www.netlist.com.

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Netlist, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands)

	(unaudited) December 31, 2022		January 1, 2022	
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,011	\$	47,679	
Restricted cash	18,600		10,800	
Accounts receivable, net	8,242		12,727	
Inventories	10,686		15,670	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	 1,308		1,126	
Total current assets	63,847		88,002	
Property and equipment, net	1,138		989	
Operating lease right-of-use assets	2,043		1,891	
Other assets	 295		294	
Total assets	\$ 67,323	\$	91,176	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 28,468	\$	25,887	
Revolving line of credit	4,935		7,000	
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	1,588		1,308	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	2,635		632	
Long-term debt due within one year	 447		562	
Total current liabilities	38,073		35,389	
Operating lease liabilities	1,744		1,593	
Other liabilities	 270		152	
Total liabilities	 40,087		37,134	
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock	-		-	
Common stock	233		231	
Additional paid-in capital	250,428		243,866	
Accumulated deficit	(223,425)	(190,055)	
Total stockholders' equity	 27,236		54,042	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 67,323	\$	91,176	

Netlist, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended			Year Ended				
	D	ecember 31, 2022	J	Vanuary 1, 2022	December 31, 2022		January 1, 2022	
Net product sales	\$	21,655	\$	36,346	\$	161,637	\$	102,355
License fee	_	_					_	40,000
Net sales		21,655		36,346		161,637		142,355
Cost of sales(1)	_	20,054		34,323		149,745		93,458
Gross profit		1,601		2,023		11,892		48,897
Operating expenses:								
Research and development(1)		2,945		2,019		10,624		7,241
Intellectual property legal fees		8,705		4,909		20,421		19,494
Selling, general and administrative(1)	_	2,918	_	3,140		14,347	_	10,779
Total operating expenses	_	14,568	_	10,068	_	45,392	_	37,514
Operating (loss) income	_	(12,967)	_	(8,045)	_	(33,500)	_	11,383
Other income (expense), net:								
Interest income (expense), net		19		(151)		57		(568)
Other income, net	_	-	_	2		74	_	643
Total other income (expense), net		19	_	(149)	_	131	_	75
(Loss) income before provision for income taxes		(12,948)		(8,194)		(33,369)		11,458
Provision for income taxes		-	_	26		1	_	6,627
Net (loss) income	\$	(12,948)	\$	(8,220)	\$	(33,370)	\$	4,831
Earnings (loss) per common share:								
Basic	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.14)	\$	0.02
Diluted	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.14)	\$	0.02
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:			_					
Basic		232,367		227,277		231,487		218,171
Diluted		232,367		233,943		231,487	_	225,589
(1) Amounts include stock-based compensation e follows:	xpe	nse as						
Cost of sales	\$	22	\$	3	\$	63	\$	12
Research and development		229		132		903		570
Selling, general and administrative		599	_	283		2,248	_	998
Total stock-based compensation	\$	850	\$	418	\$	3,214	\$	1,580
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