



Q1 FY 2023 Earnings Conference Call

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Today's Agenda



Bridger Aerospace at a Glance

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Bridger Aerospace at a Glance



- Provides full-spectrum aerial firefighting solutions to Federal and State government agencies
 - Largest domestic owner/operator of the purpose-built CL-415EAF “Super Scooper” (6)
 - Surveillance aircraft for infrared mapping and immediate data transfer (Air Attack and UAS)
- Demand for aerial firefighting continues to grow driven by climate change, population moving to wildfire prone areas and shift from ground to air-based suppression
- Insufficient firefighting capacity with reduced supply of aerial assets leading to unfilled requests
- Attractive unit economics and fleet growth to drive revenues, margins and adjusted EBITDA
 - Predictable and recurring revenue base resulting from contract renewal and standby revenue
 - Strong return on investment per Super Scooper with < 4-year payback
- Potential for opportunistic fleet expansion



2023 Highlights to Date



- Winter Maintenance Activities Completed in Q1 including flight training and carding
- Wildfire season typically begins in late April/May
- First Air Attack plane deployed to Arizona / Southwest Region
 - National contract with US Forest Service
 - Standard contract includes 120-day standby period
 - Upside with hourly flight rates and contract extensions
- Additional aircraft to be deployed in coming weeks and months
- Many states looking to secure aircraft for more rapid deployment
 - Montana House Bill 883 earmarking \$186M for wildfire prevention
 - Rapid suppression and aerial response task force
- Potential for opportunistic fleet expansion in new verticals and new markets



Q1 2023 Financial Review



\$365K

vs. \$69K prior year

Revenue

- Q1 revenue is typically minimal in advance of the NA wildfire season which historically occurs during Q1 and Q2
- Increase related to labor, maintenance and improvements performed opportunistically for non-Bridger aircraft

\$7.2M

vs. \$6.5m prior year

Cost of Revenue

- Cost of revenues up 10% to \$7.2m from \$6.5m
- Increased maintenance costs driven by increased fleet size

\$33.2M

vs. \$4.8m prior year

SG&A

- Operating SG&A of \$6.0m up \$1.2m from \$4.8m
- Higher insurance and operating costs associated with two new scoopers
- \$24.0m of non-cash stock-based comp for RSUs
- \$3.2m professional services fees associated with becoming a public company

(\$10.7M)

vs. (\$9.1m) prior year

Adj. EBITDA

- See definition and reconciliation of Net loss to Adj. EBITDA on slides 9-11
- Company generates negative adjusted EBITDA in Q1 each year with positive Adj. EBITDA in Q2 and Q3 coinciding with U.S. fire season

**Current assets of
\$48.9M**

vs. \$106.9m prior year

Balance Sheet

- \$45.0m of cash, restricted cash and marketable securities after final payments for scooper #6
- \$207.7m of debt
- \$336.9m mezzanine equity/preferred shares

2023 Outlook



- Revenue expected to increase over 80% to between \$84 million to \$96 million, before any potential fleet additions that were previously included in estimates prior to the business combination
- Adjusted EBITDA expected to range from \$37 million to \$45 million, before any potential fleet additions
- Adjusted EBITDA margin expected to increase to over 40% from 8% in 2022
- Q1 and Q4 are dominated by off-season maintenance, training and recertification activities with limited revenue potential leading to expected negative EBITDA
- Q2 and Q3 are the strongest quarters with typical mid-April to mid-November fire season
- Actively pursuing fleet acquisition opportunities



Appendix

Non –GAAP Financial Measures



Although Bridger believes that net income or loss, as determined in accordance with GAAP, is the most appropriate earnings measure, we use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as key profitability measures to assess the performance of our business. Bridger believes these measures help illustrate underlying trends in our business and use the measures to establish budgets and operational goals, and communicate internally and externally, for managing our business and evaluating its performance. Bridger also believes these measures help investors compare our operating performance with its results in prior periods in a way that is consistent with how management evaluates such performance.

Each of the profitability measures described below are not recognized under GAAP and do not purport to be an alternative to net income or loss determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of our performance. Such measures have limitations as analytical tools and you should not consider any of such measures in isolation or as substitutes for our results as reported under GAAP. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA exclude items that can have a significant effect on our profit or loss and should, therefore, be used only in conjunction with our GAAP profit or loss for the period. Bridger's management compensates for the limitations of using non-GAAP financial measures by using them to supplement GAAP results to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone. Because not all companies use identical calculations, these measures may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

Bridger does not provide a reconciliation of forward-looking measures where Bridger believes such a reconciliation would imply a degree of precision and certainty that could be confusing to investors and is unable to reasonably predict certain items contained in the GAAP measures without unreasonable efforts, such as acquisition costs, integration costs and loss on the disposal or obsolescence of aging aircraft. This is due to the inherent difficulty of forecasting the timing or amount of various items that have not yet occurred and are out of Bridger's control or cannot be reasonably predicted. For the same reasons, Bridger is unable to address the probable significance of the unavailable information. Forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures provided without the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures may vary materially from the corresponding GAAP financial measures.

Non –GAAP Financial Measures - Definitions



EBITDA is a non-GAAP profitability measure that represents net income or loss for the period before the impact of the interest expense, income tax expense (benefit) and depreciation and amortization of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. EBITDA eliminates potential differences in performance caused by variations in capital structures (affecting financing expenses), the cost and age of tangible assets (affecting relative depreciation expense) and the extent to which intangible assets are identifiable (affecting relative amortization expense).

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP profitability measure that represents EBITDA before certain items that are considered to hinder comparison of the performance of our businesses on a period-over-period basis or with other businesses. During the periods presented, we exclude from Adjusted EBITDA losses on disposals of assets and legal fees related to financing transactions, which include costs that are required to be expensed in accordance with GAAP. In addition, we exclude from Adjusted EBITDA certain nonrecurring items that we do not consider indicative of our ongoing performance, such as the one-time discretionary bonus payments made to certain employees and executives in connection with the issuance of the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares, issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds, the execution of the Transaction Agreements and initial filing of the proxy statement/prospectus prepared in connection with the Business Combination, loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt, and stock-based compensation. Our management believes that the inclusion of supplementary adjustments to EBITDA applied in presenting Adjusted EBITDA are appropriate to provide additional information to investors about certain material non-cash items and about unusual items that we do not expect to continue at the same level in the future.

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation to Net Loss



(All amounts in U.S. dollars)	For the three months ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Net loss	\$ (44,684,938)	\$ (14,873,009)
Depreciation and amortization	1,751,045	1,266,922
Interest expense	5,664,545	3,714,546
EBITDA	(37,269,348)	(9,891,541)
(Gain) loss on disposals ⁽ⁱ⁾	(1,459)	781,492
Legal fees ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	-	27,808
Offering costs ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	2,083,120	-
Stock-based comp ^(iv)	23,998,016	-
Business development ^(v)	518,822	-
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ (10,670,849)</u>	<u>\$ (9,082,241)</u>

i) Represents loss on the disposal or obsolescence of aging aircraft.

ii) Represents one-time costs associated with legal fees for infrequent or unusual transactions that were not capitalizable per GAAP.

iii) Represents one-time professional service fees related to the preparation for potential offerings that have been expensed during the period.

iv) Represents stock-based compensation expense recognized for RSUs granted to certain executives and senior management and the fair value adjustment for warrants issued in connection with the Business Combination.

v) Represents expenses related to potential acquisition targets and additional business lines.