

# Smartkem Reports Second Quarter 2024 Financial Results

MANCHESTER, England, Aug. 12, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Smartkem (Nasdaq: SMTK), a company that has the potential to power the next generation of displays using its disruptive organic thin-film transistors (OTFTs), today provides a business update and reports financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024.

# **Recent Business Highlights**

# During Q1 and Q2 2024, Smartkem:

- Announced that it had uplisted to The Nasdag Stock Market.
- Commenced a project with RiTdisplay, with whom it entered into a joint development agreement in 2021, to develop the world's first commercially ready active-matrix OLED (AMOLED) display using OTFT technology. This new project is funded by Innovate UK (part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)), as part of the Taiwan-UK Research & Development Collaboration.
- Entered into a technology collaboration agreement with the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) in Taiwan.
- Began collaborating with FlexiIC to develop low-cost, rapid turnaround custom circuits using OTFT technology.
- Entered into a joint development agreement with Tianma to develop OTFT biosensors.
- Joined the Hi-Accuracy Project to develop active-matrix printed Q-LED displays.
- Exhibited and gave company presentations at key trade industry conferences including Touch Taiwan 2024 and Display Week 2024 in San Jose, where CEO Ian Jenks gave a keynote speech at the DSCC / SID Business Conference.

# **Q2 2024 Financial Highlights:**

- Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2024, were \$4.4 million compared to \$8.8 million as of December 31, 2023.
- **Operating expenses** for the three months ended June 30, 2024, were \$3.0 million compared \$2.5 million for the same period of 2023.
- **Revenues** for the three months ended June 30, 2024, were \$40.0 thousand compared to \$8.0 thousand for the same period of 2023.
- In May 2024, Smartkem received approval to list its common stock on the Capital Market tier of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") under the symbol "SMTK".
   Trading on Nasdaq commenced with the open of trading on Friday, May 31, 2024.

## **CEO Outlook Commentary:**

Smartkem Chairman and CEO, Ian Jenks, comments,

"The most exciting 2024 milestone for the company so far is the recent announcement of our

uplist to Nasdaq. We are proud to now be trading on the world's premier technology stock exchange and believe that it will result in increased marketability and liquidity."

"In the first half of 2024, we delivered against our commitment to increase our marketing efforts and participation in the major global technology conferences, and, crucially, believe we have continued to demonstrate company success and viability through the delivery of our robust three-pillared commercialization strategy that has remained consistent: continuous improvement of our proprietary materials, the development of electronic design automation (EDA) tools, and access to foundry services."

"We are committed to continuous improvement of our best-in-class materials, supported by ongoing confidence from both the industry and investor communities. We intend to deploy EDA tools to the market through our partnership with FlexiIC, enabling customers to rapidly develop circuitry at low cost for new applications in sensors, internet-of-things (IOT) or other applications. We also intend to grant our customers access to foundry services and have entered into a technology transfer agreement with the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) in Taiwan to enable product prototyping on its Gen2.5 line for customers as they approach product commercialization.

"We remain confident that our continued efforts to pursue our three-pillared strategy will lead to commercialization and the sale of our materials to both foundry services and to our customers who have transferred our technology to their own fabrication lines."

#### Q2 2024 Results:

#### Revenue and Cost of revenue

Smartkem had revenue of \$40.0 thousand and cost of revenue \$32.0 thousand in the three months ended June 30, 2024. Smartkem had revenue of \$8.0 thousand and cost of revenue of \$6.0 thousand in the same period of 2023. Both revenues and related cost of revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2024, and 2023 are a result of sales of OTFT backplanes and TRUFLEX® materials for customer assessment and development purposes.

## Other operating income

Other operating income was \$0.2 million in the three months ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$0.2 million in the same period of 2023. The primary source of the income is related to a research grant and research and development tax credits.

#### Operating expenses

Operating expenses were \$3.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$2.5 million in the same period of 2023, an increase of \$0.5 million.

Research and development expenses are incurred for the development of TRUFLEX® inks to make OTFT circuits and consist primarily of payroll and technical development costs. The research and development expenses represent 38.4% and 49.5% of the total operating expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Research and development expenses decreased \$98 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2024, compared to the same period for the prior year. This decrease is primarily related to lower personnel expenses due to a reduction in force in 2023 and additional personnel

resignations in 2024, offset in part by higher technical service costs.

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of payroll and professional services such as accounting, legal services and investor relations. These expenses represent 61.0% and 52.2% of our total operating expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$0.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024, compared to the same period for the prior year. This increase was primarily a result of an increase in personnel expenses related to salary increases and bonus payouts and professional service fees related to the NASDAQ uplisting.

# Non-Operating income /Expense

We recorded a loss of \$81 thousand related to the valuation of the warrant liability for the three months ended June 30, 2024, compared to a gain of \$3 thousand for the same period in 2023. We had transaction costs of \$0.2 million related to a private placement financing for the three months ended June 30, 2023, with no similar costs in the same period of 2024. We recorded a loss on foreign currency transactions of \$0.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024, compared to gain of \$0.5 million in the same period on 2023.

# Cash Flow from Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities was \$4.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$3.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, an increase of \$1.5 million. The increase is primarily related to the timing of payments made to vendors and the payout of bonuses.

Smartkem's Nasdaq information can be found on the Nasdaq website: https://www.nasdaq.com/market-activity/stocks/smtk

# SMARTKEM, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except number of shares and per share data)

	June 30, 2024		December 31, 2023		
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,351	\$	8,836	
Accounts receivable		_		268	
Research and development tax credit receivable		967		610	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,186		811	
Total current assets		6,504		10,525	

Property, plant and equipment, net		327	455
Right-of-use assets, net		226	285
Other assets, non-current		6	7
Total assets	\$	7,063	\$ 11,272
Liabilities and stockholders' equity			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	1,903	\$ 1,178
Lease liabilities, current		209	230
Other current liabilities		347	360
Total current liabilities		2,459	1,768
Lease liabilities, non-current		16	19
Warrant liability		_	1,372
Total liabilities		2,475	3,159
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		_	_
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, 10,000,000 shares authorized,			
1,106 and 13,765 shares issued and outstanding, at June 30, 2024 and			
December 31, 2023, respectively		_	_
Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, 300,000,000 shares authorized,			
1,721,900 and 889,668 shares issued and outstanding, at June 30, 2024 and			
December 31, 2023, respectively*		_	_
Additional paid-in capital	112,965		104,757
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,422)		(1,578)
Accumulated deficit		(106,955)	 (95,066)
Total stockholders' equity		4,588	 8,113
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	7,063	\$ 11,272

<sup>\*</sup> reflects a one-for-thirty-five (1:35) reverse stock split effected on September 21, 2023

## SMARTKEM, INC.

# Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except number of shares and per share data)

Three Months	Ended June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
2024	2023	2024	2023				

Revenue	\$	40	\$	8	\$	40	\$	24
Cost of revenue		32		6		32		22
Gross profit		8		2		8		2
Other operating income		236		169		438		438
Operating expenses								
Research and development		1,158		1,257		2,434		2,536
Selling, general and administrative		1,844		1,324	3,206		2,757	
Loss on foreign currency transactions		19		(43)	32		68	
Total operating expenses		3,021		2,538		5,672		5,361
Loss from operations		(2,777)		(2,367)		(5,226)		(4,921)
Non-operating income/(expense)								
Gain/(loss) on foreign currency transactions		(243)		533		(249)		1,035
Transaction costs allocable to warrants		_		(198)		_		(198)
Change in fair value of the warrant liability		(81)	(81) 3		672			3
Interest income	3			2	9			6
Total non-operating income/(expense)		(321)		340		432		846
Loss before income taxes		(3,098)		(2,027)		(4,794)		(4,075)
Income tax expense	(1)		_		(1)			
Net loss	\$	(3,099)	\$	(2,027)	\$	(4,795)	\$	(4,075)
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Other comprehensive loss:								
Foreign currency translation		174		(517)		156		(973)
Total comprehensive loss	\$	(2,925)	\$	(2,544)	\$	(4,639)	\$	(5,048)
Common share data:								
Basic net loss per common share*	\$	(0.98)	\$	(1.82)	\$	(1.63)	\$	(4.18)
Diluted net loss per common share*	\$	(0.98)	\$	(1.82)	\$	(4.04)	\$	(4.18)
Dividend per common share	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(2.41)	\$	_
Weighted average number of basic shares outstanding*		3,157,334		1,111,954		2,946,354		974,599
Weighted average number of diluted shares outstanding*		3,157,334		1,111,954		2,946,354		974,599

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# **About Smartkem**

Smartkem is seeking to reshape the world of electronics with its disruptive organic thin-film transistors (OTFTs) that have the potential to drive the next generation of displays. Smartkem's patented TRUFLEX® semiconductor and dielectric inks, or liquid electronic polymers, can be used to make a new type of transistor that has the potential to revolutionize the display industry. Smartkem's inks enable low temperature printing processes that are compatible with existing manufacturing infrastructure to deliver low-cost displays that outperform existing models. The company's electronic polymer platform can be used in a number of display technologies including microLED, miniLED and AMOLED displays for next generation televisions, laptops, augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) headsets, smartwatches and smartphones.

Smartkem develops its materials at its research and development facility in Manchester, UK and its semiconductor manufacturing processes at the Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) at Sedgefield, UK, It has a field application office in Taiwan. The company has an extensive IP portfolio including 125 granted patents across 19 patent families and 40 codified trade secrets. For more information, visit: <a href="www.smartkem.com">www.smartkem.com</a> and follow us on LinkedIn <a href="www.linkedin.com/company/smartkem-limited">www.linkedin.com/company/smartkem-limited</a> and Twitter <a href="@SmartkemOTFT">@SmartkemOTFT</a>.

# **Forward-Looking Statements**

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