

Alto Ingredients, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Year-end 2024 Results

- Implemented Cost Savings Expected to Yield Approximately \$8 Million Annually Integrated Accretive Acquisition of a Beverage-grade Liquid CO₂ Processor -
 - Considering Asset Sales, a Merger or Other Strategic Transactions -

PEKIN, III., March 05, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Alto Ingredients, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALTO), a leading producer and distributor of specialty alcohols, renewable fuels and essential ingredients, reported its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2024.

Bryon McGregor, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alto Ingredients said, "During the fourth quarter of 2024 and the first quarter of 2025, we implemented cost saving initiatives, including cold idling our Magic Valley plant, and lowering total company headcount by 16%. We expect these staffing reductions to save approximately \$8 million annually beginning in the second quarter of 2025. While ensuring high customer service, we rightsized the company to our smaller organizational footprint to position for long-term sustainable growth.

"On January 1st, we acquired a beverage-grade liquid carbon dioxide processor adjacent to our Columbia site. Bolstering economics and increasing asset valuation, this immediately accretive transaction has a compelling payback of less than two years as well as opportunities for cost synergies and expanded production. At our Pekin Campus, we continue to diligently pursue opportunities to optimize carbon, which has been historically underutilized and undervalued. Lastly, with the assistance of our financial and legal advisors, we are considering a broad range of options, including asset sales, a merger or other strategic transactions to better align the long-term value potential of the company."

Chief Financial Officer Rob Olander added, "Our restructuring has improved Alto's financial position going forward. In doing so, during the fourth quarter of 2024, we recognized over \$30 million in asset impairments and prior acquisition-related expenses, which reset our base. Combining our reduced expense run rate with our improved performance at the Pekin wet mill, our synergistic acquisition of premium liquid CO₂ processing and our entry into the European market, we are optimistic about 2025."

Financial Results for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2024 Compared to 2023

- Net sales were \$236.3 million, compared to \$273.6 million.
- Cost of goods sold was \$237.7 million, compared to \$276.2 million.
- Gross loss was \$1.4 million, including \$3.5 million in realized losses on derivatives,

compared to a gross loss of \$2.5 million, including \$2.3 million in realized losses on derivatives.

- Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$7.4 million, compared to \$7.8 million.
- Expenses related to the Eagle Alcohol acquisition were \$5.7 million, compared to \$0.7 million.
- Asset impairments were \$24.8 million comprised of \$21.4 million related to Magic Valley and \$3.4 million related to Eagle Alcohol, compared to \$6.0 million related to Eagle Alcohol.
- Net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$42.0 million, or \$0.57 per share, compared to \$19.3 million, or \$0.26 per share.
- Adjusted EBITDA was negative \$7.7 million, including \$3.5 million in realized losses on derivatives, compared to positive \$3.5 million, including \$2.3 million in realized losses on derivatives.

Cash and cash equivalents were \$35.5 million at December 31, 2024, compared to \$30.0 million at December 31, 2023. At December 31, 2024, the company's borrowing availability was \$88.1 million including \$23.1 million under the company's operating line of credit and \$65.0 million under its term loan facility, subject to certain conditions.

Financial Results for the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2024 Compared to 2023

- Net sales were \$965.3 million, compared to \$1,222.9 million.
- Net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$60.3 million, including \$32.5 million in expenses related to asset impairments and the company's Eagle Alcohol acquisition, or \$0.82 per share. This compares to \$29.3 million, including \$6.5 million in net expenses related to asset impairments, the company's Eagle Alcohol acquisition and a USDA cash grant, or \$0.40 per share.
- Adjusted EBITDA was negative \$8.5 million, including \$2.5 million in realized losses on derivatives and \$5.4 million in costs related to the biennial outage in the second quarter, compared to positive \$20.8 million, including \$1.6 million in realized gains on derivatives.

Fourth Quarter 2024 Results Conference Call

Management will host a conference call at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time / 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and will deliver prepared remarks via webcast followed by a question-and-answer session.

The webcast for the conference call can be accessed from Alto Ingredients' website at www.altoingredients.com. Alternatively, to receive a number and unique PIN by email,

register here. To dial directly up to twenty minutes prior to the scheduled call time, please dial (833) 630-0017 domestically and (412) 317-1806 internationally. The webcast will be archived for replay on the Alto Ingredients website for one year. In addition, a telephonic replay will be available at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, through 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. To access the replay, please dial (877) 344-7529. International callers should dial 00-1 412-317-0088. The pass code will be 5306551.

Use of Non-GAAP Measures

Management believes that certain financial measures not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") are useful measures of operations. The company defines Adjusted EBITDA as unaudited consolidated net income (loss) before interest expense, interest income, provision for income taxes, asset impairments, unrealized derivative gains and losses, acquisition-related expense and depreciation and amortization expense. A table is provided at the end of this release that provides a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to its most directly comparable GAAP measure, net income (loss). Management provides this non-GAAP measure so that investors will have the same financial information that management uses, which may assist investors in properly assessing the company's performance on a period-over-period basis. Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss) or any other measure of performance under GAAP, or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities as an indicator of cash flows or as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider this measure in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the company's results as reported under GAAP.

About Alto Ingredients, Inc.

Alto Ingredients, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALTO) is a leading producer and distributor of specialty alcohols, renewable fuels and essential ingredients. Leveraging the unique qualities of its facilities, the company serves customers in a wide range of consumer and commercial products in the Health, Home & Beauty; Food & Beverage; Industry & Agriculture; Essential Ingredients; and Renewable Fuels markets. For more information, please visit www.altoingredients.com.

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results may differ materially from Alto Ingredients' current expectations depending upon a number of factors affecting Alto Ingredients' business and plans. These factors include, among others adverse economic and market conditions, including for renewable fuels, specialty alcohols and essential ingredients; export conditions and international demand for the company's products; fluctuations in the price of and demand for oil and gasoline; raw material costs, including production input costs, such as corn and natural gas; adverse impacts of inflation and supply chain constraints; and the cost, ability to fund, timing and effects of, including the financial and other results deriving from, Alto Ingredients' repair and maintenance programs, plant improvements and other capital projects, including CCS, and other business initiatives and strategies. These factors also include, among others, the inherent uncertainty associated with financial and other projections and large-scale capital projects, including CCS; the anticipated size of the markets and continued demand for Alto Ingredients' products; the impact of competitive products and pricing; the risks and uncertainties normally incident to the alcohol production, marketing and distribution industries; changes in generally accepted accounting principles; successful compliance with governmental regulations applicable to Alto Ingredients' facilities, products and/or businesses; changes in laws, regulations and governmental policies, including with respect to the Inflation Reduction Act's tax and other benefits Alto Ingredients expects to derive from CCS; the loss of key senior management or staff; and other events, factors and risks previously and from time to time disclosed in Alto Ingredients' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including, specifically, those factors set forth in the "Risk Factors" section contained in Alto Ingredients' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 8, 2024.

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ALTO INGREDIENTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Years Ended December 31,			
	2024			2023		2024		2023
Net sales Cost of goods sold	\$	236,347 237,738	\$	273,625 276,150	\$	965,258 955,536	\$	1,222,940 1,207,287
Gross profit (loss) Selling, general and administrative expenses		(1,391) (7,358)		(2,525) (7,823)		9,722 (29,736)		15,653 (29,864)
Acquisition-related expenses Gain (loss) on sale of assets		(5,676)		(700) (153)		(7,701) 830		(2,800) (293)
Asset impairments Loss from operations		(24,790) (39,215)		(5,970) (17,171)		(24,790) (51,675)		(6,544) (23,848)
Interest expense, net Income from cash grant		(2,474)		(2,126)		(7,644)		(7,425) 2,812
Other income, net Loss before provision for income taxes Provision for income taxes	-	150 (41,539) 173		449 (18,848) 97		508 (58,811) 173		553 (27,908) 97
Net loss	\$	(41,712)	\$	(18,945)	\$	(58,984)	\$	(28,005)
Preferred stock dividends Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ \$	(319) (42,031)	\$ \$	(319) (19,264)	\$ \$	(1,269) (60,253)	\$ \$	(1,265) (29,270)
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$	(0.57)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.82)	\$	(0.40)
Weighted-average shares outstanding, basic and diluted	_	73,835	_	72,969		73,482		73,339

ALTO INGREDIENTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited, in thousands, except par value)

ASSETS	Dec	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	35,469	\$	30,014	
Restricted cash		742		15,466	
Accounts receivable, net		58,217		58,729	
Inventories		49,914		52,611	
Derivative instruments		3,313		2,412	
Other current assets		5,463		9,538	
Total current assets		153,118		168,770	
Property and equipment, net		214,742		248,748	
Other Assets:					
Right of use operating lease assets, net		20,553		22,597	
Intangible assets, net		4,509		8,498	
Other assets		8,516		5,628	
Total other assets		33,578		36,723	
Total Assets	\$	401,438	\$	454,241	

ALTO INGREDIENTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED) (unaudited, in thousands, except par value)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	December 31, 2024			December 31, 2023	
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	20,369	\$	20,752	
Accrued liabilities		24,214		20,205	
Current portion – operating leases		4,851		4,333	
Derivative instruments		1,177		13,849	
Other current liabilities		7,193		6,149	
Total current liabilities		57,804		65,288	
Long-term debt, net		92,904		82,097	
Operating leases, net of current portion		16,913		19,029	
Other liabilities		8,754		8,270	
Total Liabilities		176,375		174,684	
Stockholders' Equity: Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 10,000 shares authorized;					
Series A: no shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023					
Series B: 927 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023		1		1	
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 300,000 shares authorized; 76,565 and 75,703 shares issued and outstanding as of					
December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively		77		76	
Non-voting common stock, \$0.001 par value; 3,553 shares authorized; 1 share issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023		_		_	
Additional paid-in capital		1,044,176		1,040,912	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		4,975		2,481	
Accumulated deficit		(824,166)		(763,913)	
Total Stockholders' Equity		225,063		279,557	
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	401,438	\$	454,241	

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net Loss

	Three Mor Decem	 	Years Ended December 31,			
(in thousands) (unaudited)	 2024	2023	2024		2023	
Net loss	\$ (41,712)	\$ (18,945)	\$	(58,984)	\$	(28,005)
Adjustments:						
Interest expense	2,474	2,126		7,644		7,425
Interest income	(112)	(265)		(689)		(854)
Unrealized derivative (gains) losses	(5,495)	8,162		(13,574)		9,679
Acquisition-related expense	5,676	700		7,701		2,800
Provision for income taxes	173	97		173		97
Asset impairments	24,790	5,970		24,790		6,544
Depreciation and amortization expense	6,548	5,698		24,408		23,080
Total adjustments	 34,054	22,488		50,453		48,771
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (7,658)	\$ 3,543	\$	(8,531)	\$	20,766

Segment Financials (unaudited, in thousands)

	Three Mo		Years Ended December 31,				
	 2024		2023		2024		2023
Net Sales							
Pekin Campus, recorded as gross:							
Alcohol sales	\$ 100,216	\$	113,588	\$	415,710	\$	502,217
Essential ingredient sales	42,011		48,483		169,308		217,702
Intersegment sales	 316		307		1,243		1,427
Total Pekin Campus sales	142,543		162,378		586,261		721,346
Marketing and distribution:							
Alcohol sales, gross	\$ 37,230	\$	46,844	\$	216,295	\$	262,587
Alcohol sales, net	60		73		229		365
Intersegment sales	 2,831		2,920		10,833		11,654
Total marketing and distribution sales	40,121		49,837		227,357		274,606
Western production, recorded as gross:							
Alcohol sales	\$ 41,306	\$	44,496	\$	115,389	\$	166,971
Essential ingredient sales	12,769		16,650		36,953		57,264
Intersegment sales	 <u> </u>		35		(122)		134
Total Western production sales	54,075		61,181		152,220		224,369
Corporate and other	2,755		3,491		11,374		15,834
Intersegment eliminations	 (3,147)		(3,262)		(11,954)		(13,215)
Net sales as reported	\$ 236,347	\$	273,625	\$	965,258	\$	1,222,940
Cost of goods sold:							
Pekin Campus (1) (2)	\$ 139,899	\$	163,497	\$	563,033	\$	710,089
Marketing and distribution	36,348		46,311		213,023		259,234
Western production (1)	59,449		65,042		172,209		230,444
Corporate and other	3,592		2,802		12,285		12,122
Intersegment eliminations	(1,550)		(1,502)		(5,014)		(4,602)
Cost of goods sold as reported	\$ 237,738	\$	276,150	\$	955,536	\$	1,207,287
Gross profit (loss):							
Pekin Campus	\$ 2,644	\$	(1,119)	\$	23,228	\$	11,257
Marketing and distribution	3,773		3,526		14,334		15,372
Western production	(5,374)		(3,861)		(19,989)		(6,075)
Corporate and other	(837)		689		(911)		3,712
Intersegment eliminations	 (1,597)	_	(1,760)		(6,940)		(8,613)
Gross profit (loss) as reported	\$ (1,391)	\$	(2,525)	\$	9,722	\$	15,653

- (1) includes depreciation and amortization expense(2) includes unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives

Sales and Operating Metrics (unaudited)

	December 31,			December 31		
		2024	2023		2024	2023
Alcohol Sales (gallons in millions)	-					
Pekin Campus renewable fuel gallons sold		32.1	31.8		125.7	136.2
Western production renewable fuel gallons sold		22.3	20.4		60.5	67.0
Third party renewable fuel gallons sold		19.0	20.2		108.3	102.6
Total renewable fuel gallons sold		73.4	72.4		294.5	305.8
Specialty alcohol gallons sold		21.7	20.1		91.5	76.7
Total gallons sold		95.1	92.5		386.0	382.5
Sales Price per Gallon						
Pekin Campus	\$	1.89 \$	2.23	\$	1.95 \$	2.40
Western production	\$	1.86 \$	2.18	\$	1.91 \$	2.49
Marketing and distribution Total	\$ \$	1.96 \$ 1.88 \$	2.32 2.24	\$ \$	2.00 \$ 1.95 \$	2.56 2.47
Alcohol Production (gallons in millions)						
Pekin Campus		55.4	51.6		212.4	209.7
Western production		21.2	20.8		58.7	68.1
Total		76.6	72.4		271.1	277.8
Corn Cost per Bushel						
Pekin Campus	\$	4.17 \$	5.10	\$	4.45 \$	6.32
Western production	\$	5.79 \$	6.44	\$	5.73 \$	7.45
Total	\$	4.63 \$	5.46	\$	4.72 \$	6.58
Average Market Matrice						
Average Market Metrics PLATTS Ethanol price per gallon	\$	1.60 \$	1.96	\$	1.69 \$	2.22
CME Corn cost per bushel	\$	4.26 \$	4.76	\$	4.24 \$	5.64
Board corn crush per gallons (1)	\$	0.08 \$	0.26	\$	0.18 \$	0.21
Essential Ingredients Sold (thousand tons)						
Pekin Campus:						
Distillers grains		85.3	80.2		336.4	332.7
CO2		52.7	43.4		188.6	182.4
Corn wet feed		41.4	25.0		121.8	95.0
Corn dry feed		22.0	23.3		87.2	90.6
Corn oil and germ		21.0	18.2		75.1	73.8
Syrup and other		10.0	12.7		38.6	41.2
Corn meal		9.3	9.0		35.4	36.8
Yeast		5.4	6.2		23.2	25.9
Total Pekin Campus essential ingredients sold		247.1	218.0		906.3	878.4
Western production:						
Distillers grains		144.3	152.0		394.5	459.7
CO2		14.6	13.8		57.7	55.5
Syrup and other		17.2	47.5		54.8	119.1
Corn oil		3.1	2.8		7.6	8.0
Total Western production essential ingredients sold		179.2	216.1		514.6	642.3
Total Essential Ingredients Sold		426.3	434.1		1,420.9	1,520.7
Essential ingredients return % (2)		40 E9/	E4 00/		40.70/	AE 70/
Pekin Campus return		49.5%	51.9%		49.7%	45.7%
Western production return		30.3%	36.3%		32.0% 45.2%	33.4%
Consolidated total return		43.1%	46.8%		45.2%	42.4%

Three Months Ended

Years Ended

- (1) Assumes corn conversion of 2.80 gallons of alcohol per bushel of corn.
- (2) Essential ingredients revenues as a percentage of total corn costs consumed.



Source: Alto Ingredients, Inc.