

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 21, 2024

CERENCE INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

25 Mall Road,  
Suite 416  
Burlington, Massachusetts  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

001-39030  
(Commission File Number)

83-4177087  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

01803  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (857) 362-7300

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	CRNC	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On November 21, 2024, Cerence Inc. (the "Company") announced its financial results for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The press release, including the financial information contained therein, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also on November 21, 2024, the Company will use a presentation on its call with investors, discussing its financial results for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and such earnings release presentation is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2. The press release and earnings release presentation include certain non-GAAP financial measures. A description of the non-GAAP measures, the reasons for their use, and GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations are included in the press release and earnings release presentation.

The information in this Item 2.02 and the exhibits attached hereto are being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release announcing financial results dated November 21, 2024.</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Earnings Release Presentation dated November 21, 2024.</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Cerence Inc.

Date: November 21, 2024

By: /s/ Tony Rodriguez

Name: Tony Rodriguez

Title: Interim Chief Financial Officer

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## Cerence Announces Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2024 Results

### Headlines

- **Q4 Revenue exceeds high end of guidance; positive cash flow from operations of \$6.1 million**
- **Transformation plan on track to deliver net annualized cost savings of \$35-\$40 million**
- **Initial FY25 revenue guidance of \$236 to \$247 million**
- **Record high of 22 platform launches in FY24, including 6 for generative AI solutions and 4 in Q4**

**BURLINGTON, Mass., November 21, 2024** – Cerence Inc. (NASDAQ: CRNC), AI for a world in motion, today reported its fourth quarter and fiscal year 2024 results for the year ended September 30, 2024.

### Results Summary <sup>(1,2)</sup>

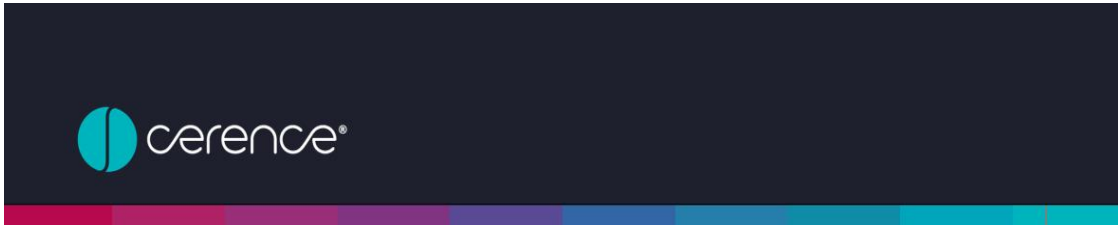
(in millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
GAAP revenue	\$ 54.8	\$ 80.8	\$ 331.5	\$ 294.5
GAAP gross margin	63.7 %	71.5 %	73.7 %	67.7 %
Non-GAAP gross margin	64.9 %	72.9 %	74.5 %	69.1 %
GAAP operating margin <sup>(3)</sup>	-35.1 %	4.8 %	-174.9 %	-9.2 %
Non-GAAP operating margin	-7.2 %	17.8 %	21.8 %	10.8 %
GAAP net loss <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ (20.4)	\$ (11.6)	\$ (588.1)	\$ (56.3)
GAAP net loss margin <sup>(3)</sup>	-37.3 %	-14.3 %	-177.4 %	-19.1 %
Non-GAAP net (loss) income	\$ (3.0)	\$ 3.8	\$ 56.1	\$ 14.6
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (1.9)	\$ 16.6	\$ 80.6	\$ 41.5
Adjusted EBITDA margin	-3.5 %	20.5 %	24.3 %	14.1 %
GAAP net loss per share - diluted <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (14.12)	\$ (1.40)
Non-GAAP net (loss) income per share - diluted	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.36

<sup>(1)</sup> As previously disclosed, Q1FY24 revenue includes the non-cash revenue associated with the Toyota "Legacy" contract and related impacts totaling \$86.6M.

<sup>(2)</sup> Please refer to the "Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and "Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures" included elsewhere in this release for more information regarding our use of non-GAAP financial measures.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes a Goodwill impairment charge of \$252M in Q2FY24 and \$357M in Q3FY24.



Brian Krzanich, Chief Executive Officer of Cerence, commented, “The automotive industry is experiencing rapid transformation, and I am excited to have joined Cerence at this pivotal moment. We finished the fiscal year strong, with revenue exceeding the high end of our guidance.

Krzanich continued, “Throughout the course of the year, we gained critical momentum for our generative AI and large language model-based solutions, with six generative AI program launches with leading automakers in fiscal 2024. As we work to advance and roll-out our next-gen roadmap, I look forward to leading the team toward our goals of increased efficiency and a high level of customer satisfaction, setting us up for anticipated sustainable, profitable growth in the years ahead.”

### Cerence Key Performance Indicators

To help investors gain further insight into the Cerence business and its performance, management provides a set of key performance indicators that includes:

Key Performance Indicator <sup>1</sup>	Q4FY24
Percent of worldwide auto production with Cerence Technology (TTM)	52 %
Change in number of Cerence connected cars shipped <sup>2</sup> (TTM over prior year TTM)	16 %
Change in Adjusted Total Billings (TTM over prior year TTM) <sup>3</sup>	1 %

- (1) Please refer to the “Key Performance Indicators” section included elsewhere in this release for more information regarding the definitions and our use of key performance indicators.
- (2) Based on IHS Markit data, global auto production increased 1% over the same time period ended on September 30, 2024.
- (3) Change in Adjusted total billings YoY (TTM): The year over year change in total billings adjusted to exclude Professional Services, prepay billings and adjusted for prepay consumption.

### First Quarter and Full Year Fiscal 2025 Outlook

For the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2024, revenue is expected to be in the range of \$47 million to \$50 million. GAAP net loss is expected to be in the range of (\$26) million to (\$23) million. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of (\$9) million to (\$6) million.

For the full fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, the company expects revenue to be in the range of \$236 million to \$247 million which includes an estimated \$20 million of fixed contracts at the mid-point of



guidance. GAAP net loss is expected to be in the range of (\$40) million to (\$29) million. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of \$15 million to \$26 million.

The adjusted EBITDA guidance excludes amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation, restructuring and other costs.

Additional details regarding guidance will be provided during the earnings call.

### **Cerence Conference Call and Webcast**

The company will host a live conference call and webcast with slides to discuss the results today at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time/5:30 a.m. Pacific Time. Interested investors and analysts are invited to dial into the conference call by [registering here](#).

Webcast access will also be available on the Investor Information section of the company's website at <https://www.cerence.com/investors/events-and-resources>.

A replay of the webcast can be accessed by visiting the company's website 90 minutes following the conference call at <https://www.cerence.com/investors/events-and-resources>.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

Statements in this press release regarding: Cerence's future performance, results and financial condition; expected growth and profitability; outlook; transformation plans and cost efficiency initiatives, including the estimated net annualized cost savings; strategy; opportunities; business, industry and market trends; strategy regarding fixed contracts and its impact on financial results; backlog; revenue visibility; revenue timing and mix; demand for Cerence products; innovation and new product offerings, including AI technology; expected benefits of technology partnerships; and management's future expectations, estimates, assumptions, beliefs, goals, objectives, targets, plans or prospects constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "goal," "anticipates," "projects," "forecasts," "expects," "intends," "continues," "will," "may," or "estimates" or similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward-looking statements. Although we believe forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, such statements involve known and unknown risk, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results or performance of the company to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including but not limited to: the highly competitive and rapidly changing market in which we operate; adverse conditions in the automotive industry, the related supply chain and semiconductor shortage, or the global economy more generally; automotive production delays; changes in customer forecasts; the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our and our customers' businesses; the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East; our inability to control and successfully manage our expenses and cash position; our inability to deliver improved financial results from process optimization efforts and cost reduction actions; escalating pricing pressures from our customers; the impact on our business of the transition to a lower level of fixed contracts, including the failure to achieve such a transition; our failure to win, renew or implement service contracts; the cancellation or postponement of existing contracts; the loss

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of business from any of our largest customers; effects of customer defaults; our inability to successfully introduce new products, applications and services; our strategies to increase cloud offerings and deploy generative AI and large language models (LLMs); the inability to expand into adjacent markets; the inability to recruit and retain qualified personnel; disruptions arising from transitions in management personnel, including the transition to our new Chief Executive Officer; cybersecurity and data privacy incidents; fluctuating currency rates and interest rates; inflation; restrictions on our current and future operations under the terms of our debt, the use of cash to service our debt; and our inability to generate sufficient cash from our operations; and the other factors discussed in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this document.

### **Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We believe that providing the non-GAAP information in addition to the GAAP presentation, allows investors to view the financial results in the way management views the operating results. We further believe that providing this information allows investors to not only better understand our financial performance, but more importantly, to evaluate the efficacy of the methodology and information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. The non-GAAP information should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We utilize a number of different financial measures, both GAAP and non-GAAP, in analyzing and assessing the overall performance of the business, for making operating decisions and for forecasting and planning for future periods. While our management uses these non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of our financial performance, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, the information provided by GAAP financial statements.

Consistent with this approach, we believe that disclosing non-GAAP financial measures to the readers of our financial statements provides such readers with useful supplemental data that, while not a substitute for GAAP financial statements, allows for greater transparency in the review of our financial and operational performance. In assessing the overall health of the business during the three months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, our management has either included or excluded the following items in general categories, each of which is described below.

#### *Adjusted EBITDA.*

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income attributable to Cerence Inc. before net income (loss) attributable to income tax (benefit) expense, other income (expense) items, net, depreciation and amortization expense, and excluding amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation, and restructuring and other costs, net or impairment charges related to fixed and intangible assets and gains or losses on the sale of long-lived assets, if any. From time to time we may exclude from Adjusted EBITDA the impact of events, gains, losses or other charges (such as significant legal settlements) that affect the period-to-period comparability of our operating performance. Other income (expense) items, net include interest expense, interest income, and other income (expense), net (as stated in our Condensed Consolidated Statement of

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Operations). Our management and Board of Directors use this financial measure to evaluate our operating performance. It is also a significant performance measure in our annual incentive compensation programs.

*Restructuring and other costs, net.*

Restructuring and other costs, net include restructuring expenses as well as other charges that are unusual in nature, are the result of unplanned events, and arise outside the ordinary course of our business such as employee severance costs, consulting costs relating to our transformation initiatives, costs for consolidating duplicate facilities, third-party fees relating to the modification of our convertible debt, and the release of a pre-acquisition contingency.

*Amortization of acquired intangible assets.*

We exclude the amortization of acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expense and income measures. These amounts are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are significantly impacted by the timing and size of acquisitions. Providing a supplemental measure which excludes these charges allows management and investors to evaluate results "as-if" the acquired intangible assets had been developed internally rather than acquired and, therefore, provides a supplemental measure of performance in which our acquired intellectual property is treated in a comparable manner to our internally developed intellectual property. Although we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from our non-GAAP expenses, we believe that it is important for investors to understand that such intangible assets contribute to revenue generation. Amortization of intangible assets that relate to past acquisitions will recur in future periods until such intangible assets have been fully amortized. Future acquisitions may result in the amortization of additional intangible assets.

*Non-cash expenses.*

We provide non-GAAP information relative to the following non-cash expenses: (i) stock-based compensation; and (ii) non-cash interest. These items are further discussed as follows:

- (i) Stock-based compensation. Because of varying valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions and the variety of award types, we exclude stock-based compensation from our operating results. We evaluate performance both with and without these measures because compensation expense related to stock-based compensation is typically non-cash and awards granted are influenced by the Company's stock price and other factors such as volatility that are beyond our control. The expense related to stock-based awards is generally not controllable in the short-term and can vary significantly based on the timing, size and nature of awards granted. As such, we do not include such charges in operating plans. Stock-based compensation will continue in future periods.
  - (ii) Non-cash interest. We exclude non-cash interest because we believe that excluding this expense provides management, as well as other users of the financial statements, with a valuable perspective on the cash-based performance and health of the business, including the current near-term projected liquidity. Non-cash interest expense will continue in future periods.
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#### *Other expenses.*

We exclude certain other expenses that result from unplanned events outside the ordinary course of continuing operations, in order to measure operating performance and current and future liquidity both with and without these expenses. By providing this information, we believe management and the users of the financial statements are better able to understand the financial results of what we consider to be our organic, continuing operations. Included in these expenses are items such as other charges (credits), net, losses from extinguishment of debt, and changes in indemnification assets corresponding with the release of pre-spin liabilities for uncertain tax positions.

#### *Adjustments to income tax provision.*

Adjustments to our GAAP income tax provision to arrive at non-GAAP net income is determined based on our non-GAAP pre-tax income. Additionally, as our non-GAAP profitability is higher based on the non-GAAP adjustments, we adjust the GAAP tax provision to remove valuation allowances and related effects based on the higher level of reported non-GAAP profitability. We also exclude from our non-GAAP tax provision certain discrete tax items as they occur.

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

We believe that providing key performance indicators ("KPIs") allows investors to gain insight into the way management views the performance of the business. We further believe that providing KPIs allows investors to better understand information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. KPIs should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, operating results prepared in accordance with GAAP. In assessing the performance of the business during the three months ended September 30, 2024, our management has reviewed the following KPIs, each of which is described below:

- *Percent of worldwide auto production with Cerence Technology:* The number of Cerence enabled cars shipped as compared to IHS Markit car production data.
- *Change in number of Cerence connected cars shipped:* The year-over-year change in the number of cars shipped with Cerence connected solutions. Amounts calculated on a TTM basis.
- *Change in Adjusted total billings YoY (TTM):* The year over year change in total billings excluding Professional Services, prepay billings and adjusted for prepay consumption.

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See the tables at the end of this press release for non-GAAP reconciliations to the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

To learn more about Cerence, visit [www.cerence.com](http://www.cerence.com), and follow the company on LinkedIn and Twitter.

#### **About Cerence Inc.**

Cerence (NASDAQ: CRNC) is the global industry leader in creating unique, moving experiences for the mobility world. As an innovation partner to the world's leading automakers and mobility OEMs, it is helping advance the



future of connected mobility through intuitive, AI-powered interaction between humans and their vehicles, connecting consumers' digital lives to their daily journeys no matter where they are. Cerence's track record is built on more than 20 years of knowledge and 500 million cars shipped with Cerence technology. Whether it's connected cars, autonomous driving, e-vehicles, or two-wheelers, Cerence is mapping the road ahead. For more information, visit [www.cerence.com](http://www.cerence.com).

### **Contact Information**

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**CERENCE INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>				
License	\$ 25,341	\$ 43,105	\$ 124,746	\$ 145,159
Connected service	12,088	19,168	133,444	75,071
Professional service	17,376	18,491	73,314	74,245
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>54,805</b>	<b>80,764</b>	<b>331,504</b>	<b>294,475</b>
<b>Cost of revenues:</b>				
License	1,257	2,356	6,060	8,522
Connected service	6,407	4,777	24,787	22,995
Professional service	12,246	15,791	56,282	63,232
Amortization of intangible assets	-	104	103	414
<b>Total cost of revenues</b>	<b>19,910</b>	<b>23,028</b>	<b>87,232</b>	<b>95,163</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>34,895</b>	<b>57,736</b>	<b>244,272</b>	<b>199,312</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Research and development	25,227	35,143	121,563	123,333
Sales and marketing	4,827	5,848	21,725	27,504
General and administrative	13,185	11,450	52,468	57,903
Amortization of intangible assets	553	557	2,203	5,854
Restructuring and other costs, net	10,331	842	17,077	11,917
Goodwill impairment	-	-	609,172	-
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>54,123</b>	<b>53,840</b>	<b>824,208</b>	<b>226,511</b>
(Loss) income from operations	(19,228)	3,896	(579,936)	(27,199)
Interest income	1,444	1,231	5,353	4,471
Interest expense	(3,102)	(3,132)	(12,553)	(14,769)
Other income (expense), net	503	(1,649)	2,526	1,108
(Loss) income before income taxes	(20,383)	346	(584,610)	(36,389)
Provision for income taxes	33	11,898	3,468	19,865
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ (20,416)</b>	<b>\$ (11,552)</b>	<b>\$ (588,078)</b>	<b>\$ (56,254)</b>
<b>Net loss per share:</b>				
Basic	(0.49)	(0.29)	(14.12)	(1.40)
Diluted	(0.49)	(0.29)	(14.12)	(1.40)
<b>Weighted-average common share outstanding:</b>				
Basic	41,866	40,357	41,642	40,215
Diluted	41,866	40,357	41,642	40,215



**CERENCE INC.**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 121,485	\$ 101,154
Marketable securities	5,502	9,211
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$1,613 and \$4,044 at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, respectively	62,755	61,270
Deferred costs	5,286	6,935
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	70,481	47,157
Total current assets	<u>265,509</u>	<u>225,727</u>
Long-term marketable securities	3,453	10,607
Property and equipment, net	30,139	34,013
Deferred costs	18,051	20,299
Operating lease right of use assets	12,879	11,961
Goodwill	296,858	900,342
Intangible assets, net	1,706	3,875
Deferred tax assets	51,398	46,601
Other assets	22,365	44,165
Total assets	<u>\$ 702,358</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,590</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,959	\$ 16,873
Deferred revenue	52,822	77,068
Short-term operating lease liabilities	4,528	5,434
Short-term debt	87,094	-
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	68,405	48,718
Total current liabilities	<u>216,808</u>	<u>148,093</u>
Long-term debt, net of discounts and issuance costs	194,812	275,951
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	114,354	145,531
Long-term operating lease liabilities	8,803	7,947
Other liabilities	26,484	25,193
Total liabilities	<u>561,261</u>	<u>602,715</u>
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 560,000 shares authorized as of September 30, 2024; 41,924 and 40,423 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, respectively	419	404
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25,912)	(27,966)
Additional paid-in capital	1,088,330	1,056,099
Accumulated deficit	(921,740)	(333,662)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>141,097</u>	<u>694,875</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 702,358</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,590</u>



**CERENCE INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(in thousands)

	Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (588,078)	\$ (56,254)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	10,630	16,038
Provision for credit loss reserve	3,545	3,626
Stock-based compensation	23,673	40,766
Non-cash interest expense	6,060	2,914
Loss on debt extinguishment	-	1,333
Deferred tax (benefit) provision	(4,658)	7,597
Goodwill impairment	609,172	-
Unrealized foreign currency transaction gains	(1,454)	(3,393)
Other	(68)	(3,388)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	11,760	(16,964)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(12,466)	28,192
Deferred costs	4,801	3,194
Accounts payable	(12,555)	5,774
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	27,874	(408)
Deferred revenue	(61,040)	(21,529)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>17,196</u>	<u>7,498</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(4,996)	(5,124)
Purchases of marketable securities	-	(18,025)
Sale and maturities of marketable securities	11,112	30,324
Other investing activities	(1,737)	(1,355)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>4,379</u>	<u>5,820</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from revolving credit facility	-	24,700
Payments of revolver credit facility	-	(24,700)
Proceeds from long-term debt, net of discount	-	210,000
Payments for long-term debt issuance costs	(419)	(17,176)
Principal payments of long-term debt	-	(198,438)
Common stock repurchases for tax withholdings for net settlement of equity awards	(9,865)	(4,894)
Principal payment of lease liabilities arising from a finance lease	(392)	(451)
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	10,901	5,625
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>225</u>	<u>(5,334)</u>
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,469)	(1,677)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	20,331	6,307
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	101,154	94,847
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 121,485</u>	<u>\$ 101,154</u>



**CERENCE INC.**

**Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>GAAP revenue</b>	\$ 54,805	\$ 80,764	\$ 331,504	\$ 294,475
<b>GAAP gross profit</b>	\$ 34,895	\$ 57,736	\$ 244,272	\$ 199,312
Stock-based compensation	685	1,004	2,633	3,703
Amortization of intangible assets	-	104	103	414
<b>Non-GAAP gross profit</b>	\$ 35,580	\$ 58,844	\$ 247,008	\$ 203,429
<b>GAAP gross margin</b>	63.7 %	71.5 %	73.7 %	67.7 %
<b>Non-GAAP gross margin</b>	64.9 %	72.9 %	74.5 %	69.1 %
<b>GAAP operating (loss) income</b>	\$ (19,228)	\$ 3,896	\$ (579,936)	\$ (27,199)
Stock-based compensation	4,382	8,965	23,673	40,766
Amortization of intangible assets	553	661	2,306	6,268
Restructuring and other costs, net	10,331	842	17,077	11,917
Goodwill impairment	-	-	609,172	-
<b>Non-GAAP operating (loss) income</b>	\$ (3,962)	\$ 14,364	\$ 72,292	\$ 31,752
<b>GAAP operating margin</b>	-35.1 %	4.8 %	-174.9 %	-9.2 %
<b>Non-GAAP operating margin</b>	-7.2 %	17.8 %	21.8 %	10.8 %
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (20,416)	\$ (11,552)	\$ (588,078)	\$ (56,254)
Stock-based compensation	4,382	8,965	23,673	40,766
Amortization of intangible assets	553	661	2,306	6,268
Restructuring and other costs, net	10,331	842	17,077	11,917
Goodwill impairment	-	-	609,172	-
Depreciation	2,028	2,226	8,324	9,770
Total other expense, net	(1,155)	(3,550)	(4,674)	(9,190)
Provision for income taxes	33	11,898	3,468	19,865
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	\$ (1,934)	\$ 16,590	\$ 80,616	\$ 41,522
<b>GAAP net loss margin</b>	-37.3 %	-14.3 %	-177.4 %	-19.1 %
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin</b>	-3.5 %	20.5 %	24.3 %	14.1 %



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**Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (cont.)**

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (20,416)	\$ (11,552)	\$ (588,078)	\$ (56,254)
Stock-based compensation	4,382	8,965	23,673	40,766
Amortization of intangible assets	553	661	2,306	6,268
Restructuring and other costs, net	10,331	842	17,077	11,917
Loss on debt extinguishment	-	-	-	1,333
Goodwill impairment	-	-	609,172	-
Non-cash interest expense	1,579	1,464	6,060	2,914
Other	(31)	500	(117)	(344)
Adjustments to income tax expense	574	2,870	(14,030)	7,976
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (3,028)</b>	<b>\$ 3,750</b>	<b>\$ 56,063</b>	<b>\$ 14,576</b>
<b>Adjusted EPS:</b>				
<b>GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net loss attributed to common shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ (20,416)	\$ (11,552)	\$ (588,078)	\$ (56,254)
<b>Non-GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net (loss) income attributed to common shareholders - basic	\$ (3,028)	\$ 3,750	\$ 56,063	\$ 14,576
Interest on the Notes, net of tax	-	-	4,473	-
Net (loss) income attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$ (3,028)	\$ 3,750	\$ 60,536	\$ 14,576
<b>GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	41,866	40,357	41,642	40,215
<b>Non-GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding- basic	41,866	40,357	41,642	40,215
Adjustment for diluted shares	-	1,101	7,727	423
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted	41,866	41,458	49,369	40,638
<b>GAAP net loss per share - diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.49)</b>	<b>\$ (0.29)</b>	<b>\$ (14.12)</b>	<b>\$ (1.40)</b>
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income per share - diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.07)</b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 1.23</b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>
<b>GAAP net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$ 6,115</b>	<b>\$ 11,258</b>	<b>\$ 17,196</b>	<b>\$ 7,498</b>
Capital expenditures	(1,446)	(1,527)	(4,996)	(5,124)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ 4,669</b>	<b>\$ 9,731</b>	<b>\$ 12,200</b>	<b>\$ 2,374</b>



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**Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (cont.)**

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Q1 2025		FY2025	
	Low	High	Low	High
<b>GAAP revenue</b>	\$ 47,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 236,000	\$ 247,000
<b>GAAP gross profit</b>	\$ 27,200	\$ 30,200	\$ 158,400	\$ 169,400
Stock-based compensation	700	700	2,500	2,500
Amortization of intangible assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-GAAP gross profit</b>	<u>\$ 27,900</u>	<u>\$ 30,900</u>	<u>\$ 160,900</u>	<u>\$ 171,900</u>
<b>GAAP gross margin</b>	58%	60%	67%	69%
<b>Non-GAAP gross margin</b>	59%	62%	68%	70%
<b>GAAP operating loss</b>	\$ (22,900)	\$ (19,900)	\$ (27,100)	\$ (16,100)
Stock-based compensation	6,100	6,100	22,500	22,500
Amortization of intangible assets	500	500	1,600	1,600
Restructuring and other costs, net	5,600	5,600	8,100	8,100
<b>Non-GAAP operating (loss) income</b>	<u>\$ (10,700)</u>	<u>\$ (7,700)</u>	<u>\$ 5,100</u>	<u>\$ 16,100</u>
<b>GAAP operating margin</b>	-49%	-40%	-11%	-7%
<b>Non-GAAP operating margin</b>	-23%	-15%	2%	7%
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (26,400)	\$ (23,400)	\$ (39,600)	\$ (28,600)
Stock-based compensation	6,100	6,100	22,500	22,500
Amortization of intangible assets	500	500	1,600	1,600
Restructuring and other costs, net	5,600	5,600	8,100	8,100
Depreciation	2,200	2,200	10,200	10,200
Total other expense, net	(1,700)	(1,700)	(5,100)	(5,100)
Provision for income taxes	1,800	1,800	7,400	7,400
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<u>\$ (8,500)</u>	<u>\$ (5,500)</u>	<u>\$ 15,300</u>	<u>\$ 26,300</u>
<b>GAAP net loss margin</b>	-56%	-47%	-17%	-12%
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin</b>	-18%	-11%	6%	11%





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**Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (cont.)**

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

	Q1 2025		FY2025	
	Low	High	Low	High
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (26,400)	\$ (23,400)	\$ (39,600)	\$ (28,600)
Stock-based compensation	6,100	6,100	22,500	22,500
Amortization of intangible assets	500	500	1,600	1,600
Restructuring and other costs, net	5,600	5,600	8,100	8,100
Non-cash interest expense	1,600	1,600	5,500	5,500
Other	-	-	(100)	(100)
Income tax impact of Non-GAAP adjustments	(1,100)	(1,100)	(4,600)	(4,600)
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (13,700)</b>	<b>\$ (10,700)</b>	<b>\$ (6,600)</b>	<b>\$ 4,400</b>
<b>Adjusted EPS:</b>				
<b>GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net loss attributed to common shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ (26,400)	\$ (23,400)	\$ (39,600)	\$ (28,600)
<b>Non-GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net (loss) income attributed to common shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ (13,700)	\$ (10,700)	\$ (6,600)	\$ 4,400
<b>GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	42,900	42,900	43,000	43,000
<b>Non-GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding- basic	42,900	42,900	43,000	43,000
Adjustment for diluted shares	-	-	-	100
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted	42,900	42,900	43,000	43,100
<b>GAAP net loss per share - diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.62)</b>	<b>\$ (0.55)</b>	<b>\$ (0.92)</b>	<b>\$ (0.67)</b>
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income per share - diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.32)</b>	<b>\$ (0.25)</b>	<b>\$ (0.15)</b>	<b>\$ 0.10</b>



# Cerence Q4 FY24 Earnings Presentation

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Statements in this presentation regarding: Cerence's future performance, results and financial condition; expected growth and profitability; outlook; fiscal year 2025 framework; transformation plans and cost efficiency initiatives, including estimated net cost savings; strategy; opportunities; business, industry and market trends; strategy regarding fixed contracts and its impact on financial results; backlog; revenue visibility, revenue timing and mix, demand for Cerence products; innovation and new product offerings, including AI technology; expected benefits of technology partnerships; cost efficiency initiatives; and management's future expectations, estimates, assumptions, beliefs, goals, objectives, targets, plans or prospects constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "projects," "forecasts," "expects," "intends," "continues," "will," "may," or "estimates" or similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward-looking statements. Although we believe forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, such statements involve known and unknown risk, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results or performance of the company to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to: the highly competitive and rapidly changing market in which we operate; adverse conditions in the automotive industry, the related supply chain and semiconductor shortage, or the global economy more generally; automotive production delays; changes in customer forecasts; the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our and our customers' businesses; the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East; our inability to control and successfully manage our expenses and cash position; our ability to deliver improved financial results from process optimization efforts and cost reduction actions; escalating pricing pressures from our customers; the impact on our business of the transition to a lower level of fixed contracts, including the failure to achieve such a transition; our failure to win, renew or implement service contracts; the cancellation or postponement of existing contracts; the loss of business from any of our largest customers; effects of customer defaults; our inability to successfully introduce new products, applications and services; our strategies to increase cloud offerings and deploy generative AI and large language models (LLMs); the inability to expand into adjacent markets; the inability to recruit and retain qualified personnel; disruptions arising from transitions in management personnel, including the transition to our new Chief Executive Officer; cybersecurity and data privacy incidents; failure to protect our intellectual property; defects or interruptions in service with respect to our products; fluctuating currency rates and interest rates; inflation; financial and credit market volatility; restrictions on our current and future operations under the terms of our debt, the use of cash to service our debt; and our inability to generate sufficient cash from our operations; and the other factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We caution you not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.



# High-Level Q4 and FY24 Results



# Q4 FY2024 Results and FY2025 Outlook

- Q4 revenue and GAAP profitability metrics exceeded the high end of guidance
- Initial FY2025 revenue guidance of \$236 to \$247 million, with net cash provided by operating activities in the range of \$34 to \$40 million
- Transformation plan delivers \$35-40 million in net annualized cost savings
- Record high of 22 platform launches in FY24, including 6 for generative AI solutions and 4 in Q4



# Q4 & FY24 Financial Details

# Cerence Q4FY24 Results

	Q4FY23	Q4FY24	Q4FY24 Guidance
Total Revenue	\$80.8M <sup>(a)</sup>	\$54.8M	\$44M - \$50M
Gross Margin	71.5%	63.7%	55% - 60%
Net Loss	(\$11.6M)	(\$20.4M)	(\$32M) – (\$28M)
EPS – diluted	(\$0.29)	(\$0.49)	(\$0.77) – (\$0.67)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(b,c)</sup>	\$16.6M	(\$1.9M)	(\$19M) – (\$13M)
Cash Flow From Operations	\$11.3M	\$6.1M	
Cash Balance & Marketable Securities	\$121M	\$130M	

a) Includes a \$12.8 million fixed license and \$8.4 million of Legacy contract related to a connected services contract with Toyota acquired by Nuance through a 2013 acquisition. Toyota decommissioned the solution in Q1FY24 resulting in the acceleration of deferred revenue in Q1FY24 for Toyota and a directly related contract.

b) Adjusted EBITDA excludes goodwill impairment, amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation, restructuring and other costs.

c) Refer to the Appendix for more information on GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations and related definitions.

# Cerence FY24 Results

	FY23	FY24	FY24 Guidance
Total Revenue	\$294.5M	\$331.5M	\$321M - \$327M
Gross Margin	67.7%	73.7%	73%
Net Loss	(\$56.3M)	(\$588.1M) <sup>(a)</sup>	(\$600M) – (\$596M)
EPS – diluted	(\$1.40)	(\$14.12)	(\$14.42) – (\$14.32)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(b,c)</sup>	\$41.5M	\$80.6M	\$64M – \$70M
Cash Flow From Operations	\$7.5M	\$17.2M	
Cash Balance & Marketable Securities	\$121M	\$130M	

a) Includes a \$609 million Goodwill impairment charge in FY24.

b) Adjusted EBITDA excludes goodwill impairment, amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation, restructuring and other costs.

c) Refer to the Appendix for more information on GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations and related definitions.



# Detailed Revenue Breakdown

In millions	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	FY24
<b>Total License:</b>	\$45.4	\$30.8	\$25.9	\$43.1	\$145.2	\$20.8	\$35.5	\$43.1	\$25.3	\$124.8
Variable <sup>(a)</sup>	\$26.3	\$26.2	\$25.8	\$30.3	\$108.6	\$20.8	\$25.1	\$23.1	\$25.3	\$94.4
Total Fixed <sup>(b)</sup>	\$19.1	\$4.6	\$0	\$12.8	\$36.5	\$0	\$10.4	\$20.0	\$0	\$30.4
<b>Connected Services:</b>	\$18.4	\$18.9	\$18.6	\$19.2	\$75.1	\$96.8	\$13.6	\$10.9	\$12.1	\$133.4
Connected Services	\$9.9	\$10.5	\$10.2	\$10.8	\$41.4	\$10.2	\$13.6 <sup>(c)</sup>	\$10.9	\$12.1	\$46.8
Legacy <sup>(d)</sup>	\$8.5	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$33.7	\$86.6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$86.6
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$19.9	\$18.7	\$17.2	\$18.5	\$74.3	\$20.7	\$18.7	\$16.5	\$17.4	\$73.3
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$83.7	\$68.4	\$61.7	\$80.8	\$294.6	\$138.3	\$67.8	\$70.5	\$54.8	\$331.5

a) Based on volume shipments of licenses net of the consumption of fixed contracts.

b) Fixed license revenue includes prepaid and minimum commitment deals.

c) Connected services in Q2FY24 includes a \$2.6 million true up adjustment due to underreporting from an OEM.

d) Legacy contract is a connected services contract with Toyota acquired by Nuance through a 2013 acquisition. Toyota decommissioned the solution in Q1FY24 resulting in the acceleration of deferred revenue in Q1FY24 for Toyota and a directly related contract.

# Operational Metrics and Variable License Revenue

In millions	FY23					FY24				
Operational Metrics:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY23	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY24
<b>Pro Forma Royalties<sup>(a)</sup></b>	\$41.7	\$43.1	\$44.5	\$42.6	\$171.9	\$35.3	\$39.6	\$39.6	\$41.9	\$156.4
<b>Consumption of Fixed Contracts<sup>(b)</sup></b>	\$15.4	\$16.9	\$18.7	\$15.5	\$66.5	\$14.5	\$14.5	\$16.5	\$16.6	\$62.1
<b>Variable License Revenue</b>	\$26.3	\$26.2	\$25.8	\$30.3	\$108.6	\$20.8	\$25.1	\$23.1	\$25.3	\$94.3
<b>IHS Production (units)</b>	21.9	21.4	22.3	22.6	88.2	24.2	21.4	22.1	21.6	89.4

- a) Pro forma Royalties is an operating measure representing total value of licenses shipped in a quarter. It includes the consumption of fixed contracts.  
 b) Licenses shipped in the quarter associated with fixed contracts.

# Q4FY24 KPI<sup>(d)</sup> Performance

- Percent of worldwide auto production with Cerence Technology declined slightly to 52% (TTM)<sup>(a)</sup>
- Approximately 10.6 million units shipped with Cerence technology in Q4
  - Down 14% YoY (IHS down 5% YoY)
  - Down 11% QoQ (IHS down 3% QoQ)
- Change in number of Cerence connected cars shipped up 16% (TTM)<sup>(a)</sup>
- Adjusted Total Billings TTM<sup>(b)</sup> of \$220.7M, Increased 1%
- 5 Year Backlog<sup>(c)</sup> Update: \$969 Million

- a) Based on IHS Markit data, global auto production increased 1% over the same time period ended on September 30, 2024. Calculated on a trailing twelve months basis (TTM). Comparisons are TTM over prior year TTM.
- b) Change in Adjusted Total billings excludes professional services, prepay contracts, and adjusted for prepay consumption. TTM over prior year TTM.
- c) 5-Year backlog represents the total revenue expected from signed contracts with customers to be reported over the following 5-year period. 5-year backlog, however, may not be indicative of Cerence's actual future revenue.
- d) Please refer to the appendix for KPI definitions.

# Fiscal Q1 and FY25 Guidance

	Q1FY25 Guidance		FY25 Guidance	
	Low	High	Low	High
In millions except per share amounts				
Revenue	\$47	\$50	\$236	\$247
Gross Margin	58%	60%	67%	69%
Net Loss	(\$26)	(\$23)	(\$40)	(\$29)
EPS – diluted	(\$0.62)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.92)	(\$0.67)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(a,b)</sup>	(\$9)	(\$6)	\$15	\$26
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			\$34	\$40
Free Cash Flow <sup>(c)</sup>			\$20	\$30

- No fixed contracts expected during the first quarter and \$20 million projected for FY2025 at the mid-point of Guidance.
- Q1 and Full Year 2025 GAAP operating results guidance includes approximately \$6 million and \$8 million, respectively, of expenses related with our transformation initiatives as well as stock-based compensation of approximately \$6 million and \$23 million, respectively.

a) Non-GAAP excludes goodwill impairment, amortization of acquired intangible assets, restructuring expense, and stock-based compensation.

b) Refer to the Appendix for more information on GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations and related definitions.

c) Free Cash Flow is net cash provided by operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP less capital expenditures. Free cash flow is not a measure of cash available for discretionary expenditures.

# Appendix

# License Business Revenue Recognition

Type of Contract	Description	GAAP Revenue Recognition	Cash Receipt
Variable	License applied at production	Quarter car is produced. Based on volume	Quarter following GAAP revenue recognition
Fixed (Pre-Pay)	Bulk inventory purchase (\$ based)	Full value of contract at signing. Volume independent	Standard payment terms for full value (upfront payment)
Fixed (Minimum Commitment)	Commitment to purchase (\$ based) in a specified time period. (1 – 5 years)	Full value of contract at signing. Volume independent	Based on shipment volumes over multiple years

*The fixed contracts only apply to the license business. If a car is also using our connected services, it will follow the normal billing and revenue recognition process regardless of whether a variable or fixed license was applied.*

*The fixed contracts typically provide the customer with a price discount and can include the conversion of a variable contract that is already in our variable backlog.*

# Connected and Professional Services Revenue Recognition

Connected Services	Typical Period	GAAP Revenue Recognition	Cash Receipt
Subscription Term	1 – 5 years	Amortized evenly over subscription period	Billed/collected full amount at start of subscription period (value added to deferred revenue)
Usage Contract <sup>(a)</sup>	1 – 5 years	Recognized at same time of billing based on actual usage	Billed every quarter based on actual usage
Customer Hosted <sup>(b)</sup>	License	Quarter in which license is delivered to customer	Upon delivery

*(a) Usage can be defined by number of active users or number of monthly transactions*

*(b) Customer Hosted is a software license that allows the customer to take possession of the software and enable hosting by the customer or a third-party*

Professional Services	Period	GAAP Revenue Recognition	Cash Receipt
Custom Design Services	Ongoing	Revenue is recognized over time based upon the progress towards completion of the project	Billed/collected on milestone completion

# KPI Measures – Definitions

We believe that providing key performance indicators (“KPIs”), allows investors to gain insight into the way management views the performance of the business. We further believe that providing KPIs allows investors to better understand information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. KPIs should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, operating results prepared in accordance with GAAP. In assessing the performance of the business during the three months ended September 30, 2024, our management has reviewed the following KPIs, each of which is described below:

- **Percent of worldwide auto production with Cerence technology:** The number of Cerence enabled cars shipped as compared to IHS Markit car production data.
- **Change in number of Cerence connected cars shipped:** The year over year change in the number of cars shipped with Cerence connected solutions. Amounts are calculated on a TTM compared to prior TTM basis.
- **Change in Adjusted total billings YoY (TTM):** The year over year change in total billings excluding Professional Services, prepay billings and adjusted for prepay consumption.



# Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Definitions

## Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We believe that providing the non-GAAP information in addition to the GAAP presentation, allows investors to view the financial results in the way management views the operating results. We further believe that providing this information allows investors to not only better understand our financial performance, but more importantly, to evaluate the efficacy of the methodology and information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. The non-GAAP information should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We utilize a number of different financial measures, both GAAP and non-GAAP, in analyzing and assessing the overall performance of the business, for making operating decisions and for forecasting and planning for future periods. While our management uses these non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of our financial performance, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, the information provided by GAAP financial statements.

Consistent with this approach, we believe that disclosing non-GAAP financial measures to the readers of our financial statements provides such readers with useful supplemental data that, while not a substitute for GAAP financial statements, allows for greater transparency in the review of our financial and operational performance. In assessing the overall health of the business during the three ending September 30, 2024 and 2023, our management has either included or excluded the following items in general categories, each of which is described below.

Cerence is not providing a reconciliation of certain forward-looking, non-GAAP financial targets to the GAAP equivalent because Cerence is unable to provide this reconciliation without unreasonable effort due to information regarding the relevant adjustments not being ascertainable or accessible. Such information could be material to future results.

# Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Definitions

## *Adjusted EBITDA*

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income attributable to Cerence Inc. before net income (loss) attributable to income tax (benefit) expense, other income (expense) items, net, depreciation and amortization expense, and excluding amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation, and restructuring and other costs, net or impairment charges related to fixed and intangible assets and gains or losses on the sale of long-lived assets, if any. From time to time we may exclude from Adjusted EBITDA the impact of events, gains, losses or other charges (such as significant legal settlements) that affect the period-to-period comparability of our operating performance. Other income (expense) items, net include interest expense, interest income, and other income (expense), net (as stated in our Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations). Our management and Board of Directors use this financial measure to evaluate our operating performance. It is also a significant performance measure in our annual incentive compensation programs.

## *Restructuring and other costs, net.*

Restructuring and other charges, net include restructuring expenses as well as other charges that are unusual in nature, are the result of unplanned events, and arise outside the ordinary course of our business such as employee severance costs, consulting costs relating to our transformation initiatives, costs for consolidating duplicate facilities, third-party fees relating to the modification of our convertible debt, and the release of a pre-acquisition contingency.

## *Amortization of acquired intangible assets.*

We exclude the amortization of acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expense and income measures. These amounts are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are significantly impacted by the timing and size of acquisitions. Providing a supplemental measure which excludes these charges allows management and investors to evaluate results “as-if” the acquired intangible assets had been developed internally rather than acquired and, therefore, provides a supplemental measure of performance in which our acquired intellectual property is treated in a comparable manner to our internally developed intellectual property. Although we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from our non-GAAP expenses, we believe that it is important for investors to understand that such intangible assets contribute to revenue generation. Amortization of intangible assets that relate to past acquisitions will recur in future periods until such intangible assets have been fully amortized. Future acquisitions may result in the amortization of additional intangible assets.

# Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Definitions

## *Non-cash expenses.*

We provide non-GAAP information relative to the following non-cash expenses: (i) stock-based compensation; and (ii) non-cash interest. These items are further discussed as follow:

- (i) Stock-based compensation. Because of varying valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions and the variety of award types, we exclude stock-based compensation from our operating results. We evaluate performance both with and without these measures because compensation expense related to stock-based compensation is typically non-cash and awards granted are influenced by the Company's stock price and other factors such as volatility that are beyond our control. The expense related to stock-based awards is generally not controllable in the short-term and can vary significantly based on the timing, size and nature of awards granted. As such, we do not include such charges in operating plans. Stock-based compensation will continue in future periods.
- (ii) Non-cash interest. We exclude non-cash interest because we believe that excluding this expense provides management, as well as other users of the financial statements, with a valuable perspective on the cash-based performance and health of the business, including the current near-term projected liquidity. Non-cash interest expense will continue in future periods.

## *Other expenses.*

We exclude certain other expenses that result from unplanned events outside the ordinary course of continuing operations, in order to measure operating performance and current and future liquidity both with and without these expenses. By providing this information, we believe management and the users of the financial statements are better able to understand the financial results of what we consider to be our organic, continuing operations. Included in these expenses are items such as other charges (credits), net, losses from extinguishment of debt, and changes in indemnification assets corresponding with the release of pre-spin liabilities for uncertain tax positions.

## *Adjustments to income tax provision.*

Adjustments to our GAAP income tax provision to arrive at non-GAAP net income is determined based on our non-GAAP pre-tax income. Additionally, as our non-GAAP profitability is higher based on the non-GAAP adjustments, we adjust the GAAP tax provision to remove valuation allowances and related effects based on the higher level of reported non-GAAP profitability. We also exclude from our non-GAAP tax provision certain discrete tax items as they occur.

# Q4 FY24 Reconciliations of GAAP to Non-GAAP Results

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>GAAP revenue</b>	\$ 54,805	\$ 80,764	\$ 331,504	\$ 294,475
<b>GAAP gross profit</b>	\$ 34,895	\$ 57,736	\$ 244,272	\$ 199,312
Stock-based compensation	685	1,004	2,633	3,703
Amortization of intangible assets	-	304	103	414
<b>Non-GAAP gross profit</b>	\$ 35,580	\$ 58,844	\$ 247,008	\$ 203,429
<b>GAAP gross margin</b>	63.7%	71.5%	73.7%	67.7%
<b>Non-GAAP gross margin</b>	64.9%	72.9%	74.5%	69.1%
<b>GAAP operating (loss) income</b>	\$ (19,228)	\$ 3,896	\$ (579,936)	\$ (27,199)
Stock-based compensation	4,382	8,965	23,673	40,766
Amortization of intangible assets	553	661	2,306	6,268
Restructuring and other costs, net	10,331	842	17,077	11,917
Goodwill impairment	-	-	609,172	-
<b>Non-GAAP operating (loss) income</b>	\$ (3,962)	\$ 14,364	\$ 72,292	\$ 31,752
<b>GAAP operating margin</b>	-35.1%	4.8%	-174.9%	-9.2%
<b>Non-GAAP operating margin</b>	-7.2%	17.8%	21.8%	10.8%
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (20,416)	\$ (11,552)	\$ (588,078)	\$ (56,254)
Stock-based compensation	4,382	8,965	23,673	40,766
Amortization of intangible assets	553	661	2,306	6,268
Restructuring and other costs, net	10,331	842	17,077	11,917
Goodwill impairment	-	-	609,172	-
Depreciation	2,028	2,226	8,324	9,770
Total other expense, net	(1,155)	(3,550)	(4,674)	(9,190)
Provision for income taxes	33	11,698	3,468	19,805
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	\$ (1,934)	\$ 16,590	\$ 80,616	\$ 41,522
<b>GAAP net loss margin</b>	-37.3%	-14.3%	-177.4%	-19.1%
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin</b>	-3.5%	20.5%	24.3%	14.1%

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (20,416)	\$ (11,552)	\$ (588,078)	\$ (56,254)
Stock-based compensation	4,382	8,965	23,673	40,766
Amortization of intangible assets	553	661	2,306	6,268
Restructuring and other costs, net	10,331	842	17,077	11,917
Loss on debt extinguishment	-	-	-	1,333
Goodwill impairment	-	-	609,172	-
Non-cash interest expense	1,579	1,464	6,060	2,914
Other	(31)	500	(117)	(344)
Adjustments to income tax expense	574	2,670	(14,030)	7,976
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income</b>	\$ (3,028)	\$ 3,750	\$ 56,063	\$ 14,576
<b>Adjusted EPS:</b>				
<b>GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net loss attributed to common shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ (20,416)	\$ (11,552)	\$ (588,078)	\$ (56,254)
<b>Non-GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net (loss) income attributed to common shareholders	\$ (3,028)	\$ 3,750	\$ 56,063	\$ 14,576
Interest on the Notes, net of tax	-	-	4,473	-
<b>Net (loss) income attributed to common shareholders - diluted</b>	\$ (3,028)	\$ 3,750	\$ 60,536	\$ 14,576
<b>GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	41,866	40,357	41,642	40,215
<b>Non-GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic	41,866	40,357	41,642	40,215
Adjustment for diluted shares	-	1,101	7,727	423
<b>Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted</b>	41,866	41,458	49,369	40,638
<b>GAAP net loss per share - diluted</b>	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (14.12)	\$ (1.40)
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income per share - diluted</b>	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.36
<b>GAAP net cash provided by operating activities</b>	\$ 6,115	\$ 11,258	\$ 17,196	\$ 7,499
Capital expenditures	(1,446)	(1,527)	(4,996)	(5,124)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	\$ 4,669	\$ 9,731	\$ 12,200	\$ 2,374

Free cash flow is net cash provided by operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP less capital expenditures.  
Free cash flow is not a measure of cash available for discretionary expenditures.



# Q1 FY25 and Full Year FY25 Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP Guidance

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Q1 2025		FY2025	
	Low	High	Low	High
<b>GAAP revenue</b>	\$ 47,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 236,000	\$ 247,000
<b>GAAP gross profit</b>	\$ 27,200	\$ 30,200	\$ 158,400	\$ 169,400
Stock-based compensation	700	700	2,500	2,500
Amortization of intangible assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-GAAP gross profit</b>	\$ 27,900	\$ 30,900	\$ 160,900	\$ 171,900
<b>GAAP gross margin</b>	58%	60%	67%	69%
<b>Non-GAAP gross margin</b>	59%	62%	68%	70%
<b>GAAP operating loss</b>	\$ (22,900)	\$ (19,900)	\$ (27,100)	\$ (16,100)
Stock-based compensation	6,100	6,100	22,500	22,500
Amortization of intangible assets	500	500	1,600	1,600
Restructuring and other costs, net	5,600	5,600	8,100	8,100
<b>Non-GAAP operating (loss) income</b>	\$ (10,700)	\$ (7,700)	\$ 5,100	\$ 16,100
<b>GAAP operating margin</b>	-49%	-40%	-11%	-7%
<b>Non-GAAP operating margin</b>	-23%	-15%	2%	7%
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (26,400)	\$ (23,400)	\$ (39,600)	\$ (28,600)
Stock-based compensation	6,100	6,100	22,500	22,500
Amortization of intangible assets	500	500	1,600	1,600
Restructuring and other costs, net	5,600	5,600	8,100	8,100
Depreciation	2,200	2,200	10,200	10,200
Total other expense, net	(1,700)	(1,700)	(5,100)	(5,100)
Provision for income taxes	1,800	1,800	7,400	7,400
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	\$ (8,500)	\$ (5,500)	\$ 15,300	\$ 26,300
<b>GAAP net loss margin</b>	-56%	-47%	-17%	-12%
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin</b>	-18%	-11%	6%	11%

# Q1 FY25 and FY25 Reconciliations of GAAP to Non-GAAP Guidance

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Q1 2025		FY2025	
	Low	High	Low	High
<b>GAAP net loss</b>	\$ (26,400)	\$ (23,400)	\$ (39,600)	\$ (28,600)
Stock-based compensation	6,100	6,100	22,500	22,500
Amortization of intangible assets	500	500	1,600	1,600
Restructuring and other costs, net	5,600	5,600	8,100	8,100
Non-cash interest expense	1,600	1,600	5,500	5,500
Other	-	-	(100)	(100)
Income tax impact of Non-GAAP adjustments	(1,100)	(1,100)	(4,600)	(4,600)
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income</b>	\$ (13,700)	\$ (10,700)	\$ (6,600)	\$ 4,400
<b>Adjusted EPS:</b>				
<b>GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net loss attributed to common shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ (26,400)	\$ (23,400)	\$ (39,600)	\$ (28,600)
<b>Non-GAAP Numerator:</b>				
Net (loss) income attributed to common shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ (13,700)	\$ (10,700)	\$ (6,600)	\$ 4,400
<b>GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	42,900	42,900	43,000	43,000
<b>Non-GAAP Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding- basic	42,900	42,900	43,000	43,000
Adjustment for diluted shares	-	-	-	100
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted	42,900	42,900	43,000	43,100
<b>GAAP net loss per share - diluted</b>	\$ (0.62)	\$ (0.55)	\$ (0.92)	\$ (0.67)
<b>Non-GAAP net (loss) income per share - diluted</b>	\$ (0.32)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.10
<b>GAAP net cash provided by operating activities</b>			\$ 34,000	\$ 40,000
Capital expenditures			(14,000)	(10,000)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>			\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000