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☒ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 000-26408

CLIMB GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

13-3136104

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

4 Industrial Way West, Suite 300 Eatontown, NJ

(Address of principal executive offices)

07724

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(732) 389-0932**

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

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	CLMB	The NASDAQ Global Market

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

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Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☒

Non-accelerated filer ☐

Smaller reporting company ☒

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. ☐

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Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant computed by reference to the closing sale price for the Registrant's Common Stock as of June 30, 2023, which was the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, as reported on The NASDAQ Global Market, was approximately \$197.4 million. For purposes of this calculation, directors, officers and holders of more than 10% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Registrant are deemed to be affiliates of the Registrant and the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by them have been excluded. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Common Stock as of February 26, 2024 was 4,567,568 shares.

Documents Incorporated by Reference: Portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III herein. The Registrant intends to file such Proxy Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after the end of the period covered by this report on Form 10-K.

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PART I

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (“Annual Report”) includes statements of our expectations, intentions, plans and beliefs that constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and are intended to come within the safe harbor protection provided by those sections. The statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Annual Report are forward-looking statements. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “believes,” “expects,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “estimates,” “projects,” “forecasts,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “will,” “confident,” “may,” “can,” “potential,” “possible,” “proposed,” “in process,” “under construction,” “in development,” “opportunity,” “target,” “outlook,” “maintain,” “continue,” “goal,” “aim,” “commit,” or similar expressions or when we discuss our future operating results, priorities, strategy, goals, vision, mission, opportunities, projections, intentions or expectations. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. Because these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results could differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the continued acceptance of the Company’s distribution channel by vendors and customers, the timely availability and acceptance of new products, product mix, market conditions, inflation, competitive pricing pressures, the successful integration of acquisitions, contribution of key vendor relationships and support programs, including vendor rebates and discounts, interest rate risk and impact thereof, as well as factors that affect the software industry in general and other factors generally. We strongly urge current and prospective investors to carefully consider the cautionary statements and risk factors contained in this report, particularly the risks described under “Item 1A. Risk Factors” herein.

The Company operates in a rapidly changing business, and new risk factors emerge from time to time. Management cannot predict every risk factor; nor can it assess the impact, if any, of all such risk factors on the Company’s business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements.

Accordingly, forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as a prediction of actual results and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

The statements concerning future sales, future gross profit margin and future selling and administrative expenses are forward looking statements involving certain risks and uncertainties such as availability of products, product mix, pricing pressures, market conditions and other factors, which could result in a fluctuation of sales below recent experience.

Unless otherwise specified, the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our” refers to Climb Global Solutions, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Item 1. Business

General

The Company is a value added information technology (“IT”) distribution and solutions company. The Company primarily operates through its “Distribution” segment, which distributes emerging technologies to corporate resellers, value added resellers (“VARs”), consultants and systems integrators worldwide under the name “Climb Channel Solutions”. The Company also operates a smaller segment called “Solutions”, which is a cloud solutions provider and value-added reseller of software, hardware and services for customers worldwide under the name “Grey Matter”. Across both segments, we offer an extensive line of products from leading software vendors and tools for virtualization/cloud computing, security, networking, storage and infrastructure management, application lifecycle management and other technically sophisticated domains as well as computer hardware.

The Company was incorporated in Delaware in 1982. Our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”) is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “CLMB”.

Distribution Segment

In our Distribution segment, which accounted for approximately 92% of our consolidated net sales and 83% of our consolidated gross profit during the year ended December 31, 2023, we distribute technology products from software developers, software vendors or original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) to resellers, and system integrators worldwide. We purchase software, maintenance/service agreements, networking/storage/security equipment and complementary products from our vendors and sell them to our reseller customers. The large majority of products we sell are “drop shipped” directly to the customers, which reduces physical handling by the Company and required investment in inventory. Generally, a vendor authorizes a limited number of companies to act as distributors of their product and sell their product to resellers. Our reseller customers include value-added resellers, or VARs, corporate resellers, government resellers, system integrators, direct marketers, and national IT superstores. We combine our core strengths in customer service, marketing, distribution, credit and billing to allow our customers to achieve greater efficiencies in time to market in the IT channel in a cost-effective manner.

While our Distribution business is characterized by low gross profit as a percentage of adjusted gross billings, or gross margin, and price competition, we have been able to operate profitably by leveraging an efficient and scalable business model with low capital investment requirements. The large majority of the products we sell are either digital products such as license authorizations, third party maintenance contracts, or hardware that is dropped shipped to the end customer directly by the vendor. We utilize electronic digital interchange (“EDI”) and other automation to fulfill these orders on a cost-efficient basis. We also maintain relatively low inventory balances relative to our gross billings and enjoy what we believe is favorable credit from our vendor partners, allowing us to deploy a capital efficient model as reflected by our return on equity and pre-tax income as a percentage of gross profit generated.

In our Distribution segment, we are highly dependent on the end-market demand for the products we sell, and on our partners’ strategic initiatives and business models. This end-market demand is influenced by many factors including the introduction of new products, replacement and renewal cycles for existing products, competitive products, overall economic growth and general business activity. A difficult and challenging economic environment may also lead to consolidation or decline in the industry and increased price-based competition. We continually review the marketplace to identify new and emerging vendors and products to potentially add to our vendor partners.

The Company operates a distribution facility in Eatontown, New Jersey and Dublin, Ireland.

Solutions Segment

We also provide comprehensive IT solutions directly to end users through our Solutions segment, which accounted for approximately 8% of our consolidated net sales and 17% of our consolidated gross profit during the year

ended December 31, 2023. Products in this segment are acquired directly from OEMs, software developers or distributors and sold to end users. We provide customer service, billing, sales and marketing support in this segment and provide extended payment terms to facilitate sales.

Acquisitions

We view acquisitions as an important part of our strategic growth plan. In 2020, we completed two acquisitions to add scale, broaden our geographic footprint, expand partner relationships and add cloud support capabilities. In 2022, we completed an acquisition that expanded our sales presence in the United Kingdom distribution operations.

In 2023, we completed the acquisition of Data Solutions Holdings Limited (“Data Solutions”), which further expanded our geographic footprint and partner relationships in the United Kingdom and Ireland distribution operations.

We plan to continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities as part of our overall capital allocation strategy and continuing growth plan.

Products

An essential part of our ongoing operations and strategic growth plan in our Distribution segment is the continued recruitment of software vendors for which we become authorized distributors of their products. Through our Distribution segment, we sell a wide variety of technology products from a broad range of software vendors and manufacturers, such as Bluebeam Software, Flexera Software, Intel Software, Microsoft, Micro Focus, Mindjet, SmartBear Software, SolarWinds, Sophos, StorageCraft Technology, TechSmith, Trend Micro, Unitrends, Tintri and Extrahop. On a continuous basis, we screen new vendors and products for inclusion in our line card based on their features, quality, price, profit margins and current market trends. Developing a diverse vendor base is a key element of our business strategy. We focus on establishing deep relationships with our vendor and reseller partners by providing specialized product training to our sales force and the use of dedicated sales teams. We have also established an efficient ordering process with our key partners through the implementation of electronic ordering and other processes adapted to their requirements. As a result, our relationships with our key vendor partners tend to be long-term in nature despite the absence of long-term contracts, with a significant portion of sales derived from annually recurring renewals of software maintenance and subscription agreements related to our partners embedded base of customers utilizing their software products. Additionally, a key part of our strategic growth plan is to provide a high level of support to select emerging technology vendors through our Climb Elevate program to develop future relationships throughout the growth cycle of a vendor partner.

In our Solutions business, an essential part of our strategic growth plan is to pursue opportunities with higher growth prospects and gross margin characteristics through the sale of specialty products, services and cloud offerings. Through acquisitions in the prior years, we added certain technical and administrative support capabilities to enable us to resell cloud and software as a service products (“SaaS”) including Microsoft products in the United Kingdom. Our strategic growth plan is to expand our cloud offerings by leveraging these support services to other markets and products.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, we had one vendor that accounted for 14% of our consolidated purchases and our largest five vendors generated approximately 40% of our consolidated purchases. For the year ended December 31, 2022, this same vendor accounted for 17% of our consolidated purchases. The loss of a key vendor or group of vendors could disrupt our product availability and otherwise have an adverse effect on the Company.

The Company predominantly sells third party software, software subscriptions, and maintenance. Sales of hardware and peripherals represented 6% of our adjusted gross billings in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Cloud

Our vendor and reseller partners are increasingly incorporating cloud and hybrid cloud products into their portfolios. An essential part of our strategic growth plan is to provide value added services to our vendor partners and customers to enhance their ability to market these products. This includes maintaining infrastructure to facilitate licensing of cloud and SaaS products, providing technical support for cloud products, and providing integration and enablement

services. We currently have the ability to provide support for these cloud services in North America, United Kingdom and Europe, and plan to continue to leverage these capabilities to provide cloud support services throughout our worldwide operations.

Marketing and Distribution

We market products through creative marketing communications, including our web sites, local and on-line seminars, events, webinars, and social media. We also use direct e-mail and printed material to introduce new products and upgrades, to cross-sell products to current customers, and to educate and inform existing and potential customers. We believe that our blend of electronic and traditional marketing and selling programs are important marketing vehicles for software vendors and manufacturers. These programs provide a cost-effective and service-oriented means to market and sell and fulfill software products and meet the needs of users.

We sell products to large, multi-national broad line resellers, sometimes referred to as direct market resellers (“DMRs”), as well as thousands of VARs, which tend to be smaller and focus on value added services to their customers. As part of our strategic growth plan, we expect to continue diversifying our customer base by offering compelling products to the VAR community as we develop our vendor partner lineup. As a result, an increasing proportion of our sales in 2023 were from VARs, driven by a continued focus on increasing sales to larger VARs with more than \$1 million in annual sales. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company had two customers, both of whom are considered DMRs, that accounted for 20%, and 15%, respectively, of consolidated net sales and as of December 31, 2023, 15% and 6%, respectively, of total net accounts receivable. For the year ended December 31, 2022, these same two customers accounted for 21%, and 16%, respectively, of consolidated net sales and as of December 31, 2022, 16% and 18%, respectively, of total net accounts receivable. Our top five customers accounted for 51% and 52% of consolidated net sales in 2023 and 2022, respectively. The loss of a key customer or a group of customers could have an adverse effect on the Company.

Net sales in Europe and the UK represented 19% and 14% of our consolidated net sales in 2023 and 2022, respectively. Net sales to customers in Canada represented 7% and 8% of our consolidated net sales in 2023 and 2022, respectively. For geographic financial information, please refer to Note 13 in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Customer Support

We believe that providing a high level of customer service is necessary to compete effectively and is essential to continued sales and revenue growth. Our account representatives assist our customers with all aspects of purchasing decisions, order processing, returns processing, and inquiries on order status, product pricing and availability. The account representatives are trained to answer all basic questions about the features and functionality of products.

Purchasing and Fulfillment

The Company’s success is dependent, in part, upon the ability of its vendor partners to develop and market products that meet the changing requirements of the marketplace. The Company believes it maintains good relationships with its vendors. The Company and its principal vendors have cooperated frequently in product introductions and in other marketing programs. As is customary in the industry, the Company has no long-term supply contracts with any of its vendor partners, and substantially all the Company’s contracts with its vendors are terminable upon 30 days’ notice or less, however, it is notable that the tenure of our relationships with vendor partners tends to extend over a longer term. We attribute this to the deep relationships we establish with our partners involving sales support, product and customer knowledge, and tailored infrastructure to facilitate efficient order processing.

Most vendor partners or distributors will “drop ship” products directly to the customers, which reduces physical handling by the Company. Inventory management techniques, such as “drop shipping” allow the Company to offer a greater range of products without increased inventory requirements or cost of carrying inventory.

Inventory levels may vary from period to period, due in part to increases or decreases in sales levels, the Company’s practice of making advance purchases when it deems the terms of such purchases to be attractive, and the

addition of new vendor partners and products. From time to time, we may make advance payments to vendors to apply against future purchases from the vendor. Moreover, the Company's order fulfillment and inventory control systems allow the Company to order certain products in time for next day shipping. The Company promotes the use of EDI with its vendor partners and customers, which helps reduce overhead and the use of paper in the ordering process.

Competition

The Company operates in a highly competitive environment, both in the United States and internationally. There is significant competition within each market segment and geography served that creates pricing pressure and the need to continually improve services. The market for the technology products we sell is characterized by rapid changes in technology, user requirements, and competitive pricing. The way software products are distributed and sold is constantly changing, and new methods of distribution and sale may emerge or expand, including direct sales by technology providers to end users, and the introduction of cloud versions of their products. As an IT channel solutions provider, a critical element of our strategic growth plan is to maintain our ability to offer an efficient route to market for emerging technology vendors. Additionally, a key element of our strategic growth plan is to capitalize on market changes by implementing new value added services such as cloud support and integration offerings.

In our Distribution segment, we compete with other distributors to become an authorized distributor of products from software developers and vendors. The Company competes to gain distribution rights for new products primarily based on its reputation for successfully bringing new products to market and the strength of and quality of its relationships with software vendors and the reseller community. We also compete against other distributors to gain market share among authorized resellers for products we are authorized to distribute, based on price and level of service. We compete against much larger broad-line distributors with more resources than we have, including Arrow Electronics Inc. (NYSE: ARW), TD Synnex Corporation (NYSE: SNX) and Ingram Micro, as well as specialty distributors. We believe we offer a compelling solution for emerging technology vendors seeking to establish the IT channel as a route to market, by offering broad distribution capabilities with more flexibility than some of our larger competitors.

In our Solutions segment, we compete against a large variety of IT solutions providers including e-commerce sites, service organizations, value added resellers, cloud solution providers and technology providers offering direct solutions. We believe that our ability to offer software developers and IT professionals easy access to a wide selection of desired IT products at reasonable prices with prompt delivery and high customer service levels, along with our good relationships with vendor partners, allows us to compete effectively.

Information Technology

The Company operates IT systems on several platforms including Windows and cloud-based platforms that control the full order processing cycle. These IT systems allow for centralized management of key functions, including inventory, accounts receivable, purchasing, sales and distribution and payment processing. We are dependent on the accuracy and proper utilization of our technology systems, telephone systems, websites, e-mail and EDI systems.

Our IT systems allow us to monitor sales trends, real-time product availability, order status throughout the full order cycle, and automates order transactions and invoicing transactions for our customers and vendors. The main focus of our IT systems is to allow us to transact and communicate with our customers and vendors in the most efficient manner possible. We provide various options to transact electronically with our customers and vendors through EDI, XML and other electronic methods.

The Company recognizes the need to continually upgrade its IT systems to effectively manage and secure its infrastructure and customer data and to provide continued scalability and flexibility. In that regard, the Company anticipates that it will, from time to time, require software and hardware upgrades for its present IT systems.

Trademarks, Service Marks and Domain Names

The Company conducts its business under various trademarks and service marks including Climb Channel Solutions, Grey Matter, Climb Global Services and International Software Partners. The Company protects these

trademarks and service marks and believes that they have significant value to us and are important factors in our marketing programs.

We have registered and maintained Internet domain names, including “climbglobalsolutions.com”.

Government Regulation

The Company is subject to and endeavors to comply with various government regulations in the United States as well as various jurisdictions where it operates. These regulations cover several diverse areas including trade compliance, anti-bribery, anti-corruption, money laundering, securities, environmental, and data and privacy protection. Increased government scrutiny of the Company's actions or enforcement could materially and adversely affect its business or damage its reputation. In addition, the Company may conduct, or it may be required to conduct, internal investigations or face audits or investigations by one or more domestic or foreign government or regulatory agencies, which could be costly and time-consuming, and could divert management and key personnel from the Company's business operations. See Risk Factors in Part I, Item 1A.

Employees and Human Capital

We understand the importance of human capital and prioritize building our culture, talent development, compensation and benefits, and diversity and inclusion. Our human capital resources objectives include identifying, recruiting, retaining, incentivizing and integrating our existing and new employees, advisors and consultants. The attraction, retention and development of employees is critical to our success. We accomplish this, in part, by our competitive compensation practices, training initiatives, and growth opportunities within the Company.

The Company believes its capabilities and services are made possible by a broad group of professionals who understand its customer's problems from numerous perspectives and curate forward-looking, comprehensive solutions. The Company's employees' diverse backgrounds have melded into rich perspectives that sharpen the Company, drive more scale, extending the Company's value, winning in the market with the diversity of its people and the strength of its culture, to enhance value for customers and benefit all stakeholders.

The Company's business results depend in part on its ability to successfully manage human capital resources, including attracting, identifying, and retaining key talent. Factors that may affect the Company's ability to attract and retain qualified employees include employee morale, its reputation, competition from other employers, and availability of qualified individuals.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had 365 total employees, including 342 full-time employees. The Company is not a party to any collective bargaining agreements with its employees, has experienced no work stoppages and considers its relationships with its employees to be satisfactory.

The following table shows the Company's approximate headcount by region:

	Americas	EMEA
Headcount	181	184

Workforce Health and Safety

We take workplace safety very seriously and our robust safety program means that we are constantly evaluating our safety protocols in an effort to keep our facilities safe for our employees.

Compensation and Benefits

As part of our compensation philosophy, we believe that we must offer and maintain market competitive compensation and benefit programs for our employees in order to attract and retain superior talent. In addition to

competitive base wages, additional programs include the 2021 Omnibus Incentive Plan, a company matched 401(k) Plan, healthcare and insurance benefits, flexible spending accounts, paid time off and employee assistance programs.

Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to our continued efforts to increase diversity and foster an inclusive work environment that supports the workforce and the communities we serve. We recruit the best qualified employees regardless of gender, ethnicity or other protected traits and it is our policy to fully comply with all laws applicable to discrimination in the workplace.

Company Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 4 Industrial Way West, Suite 300 Eatontown, NJ 07724, and our telephone number is (732) 389-0932. We have operations throughout North America and Europe. Our website address is www.climbglobalsolutions.com, and the other web sites maintained by our business include www.climbcs.com, www.greymatter.com and www.datasolutions.co.uk. Information contained on or accessible through our websites is neither a part of this Annual Report nor incorporated by reference herein, and any references to our website and the inclusion of our website address in this Annual Report are intended to be inactive textual references only.

Available Information

Under the Exchange Act, the Company is required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The SEC maintains a web site at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, including us. The Company also makes available, free of charge, through its internet web site at <http://www.climbglobalsolutions.com>, its reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, and amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with the SEC. The information contained on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report.

The Company has a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct that applies to all employees, officers and directors of the Company, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. We review the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct annually and consider updates as necessary. The full text of the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, is available at our web site, <http://www.climbglobalsolutions.com>. The Company intends to disclose any amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the Code of Ethical Conduct that applies to its Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer on our web site.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investors should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below as well as the other information contained in this Annual Report. Any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations and could cause our results to differ from the “forward-looking statements” contained in this Annual Report. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or those currently viewed by us to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Risks Related to our Business and Industry

We serve customers and have locations throughout the world and are subject to terrorist attacks, acts of war, natural disasters, global pandemic and other similar risks, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Terrorist attacks, acts of war, natural disasters, global pandemics or other disasters or public health concerns in regions of the world where we have operations could result in the disruption of our business. Such acts, including Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine and the Israel-Hamas war, have created, and continue to create, economic and political uncertainties and have contributed to global economic instability. Specifically, these acts, pandemics, disasters and health concerns can result in increased travel restrictions and extended shutdowns of certain businesses in the region, as well as social, economic, or labor instability. Disruptions in affected regions over a prolonged period could have a material adverse impact on our business and our financial results.

Changes in the information technology industry and/or economic environment may reduce demand for the products and services we sell. Our results of operations are influenced by a variety of factors, including the condition of the IT industry, general economic conditions, shifts in demand for, or availability of, computer products and software and IT services and industry introductions of new products, upgrades or methods of distribution. The information technology products industry is characterized by abrupt changes in technology, rapid changes in customer preferences, short product life cycles and evolving industry standards. Net sales can be dependent on demand for specific product categories, and any change in demand for or supply of such products could have a material adverse effect on our net sales, and/or cause us to record write-downs of obsolete inventory, if we fail to react in a timely manner to such changes.

We rely on our vendor partners for product availability, marketing funds, purchasing incentives and competitive products to sell. We acquire products for resale both directly from manufacturers and indirectly from distributors. The loss of a vendor partner could cause a disruption in the availability of products. Additionally, there is no assurance that as manufacturers continue to or increasingly sell directly to end users and through the distribution channel, that they will not limit or curtail the availability of their products to distributors/resellers like us. For example, resellers and software vendors may attempt to increase the volume of software products distributed electronically through Electronic Software Distribution (“ESD”) technology, through subscription services, and through on-line shopping services, and correspondingly, decrease the volume of products sold through us. Our inability to obtain a sufficient quantity of products, or an allocation of products from a manufacturer in a way that favors one of our competitors, or competing distribution channels, relative to us, could cause us to be unable to fill clients’ orders in a timely manner, or at all, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. We also rely on our vendor partners to provide funds for us to market their products, including through our on-line marketing efforts, and to provide purchasing incentives to us. If any of the vendor partners that have historically provided these benefits to us decides to reduce such benefits, our expenses would increase, adversely affecting our results of operations.

The IT products and services industry is intensely competitive and actions of competitors, including manufacturers of products we sell, can negatively affect our business. Competition has been based primarily on price, product availability, speed of delivery, credit availability and quality and breadth of product lines and, increasingly, also is based on the ability to tailor specific solutions to client needs. We compete with manufacturers, including manufacturers of products we sell, as well as a large number and wide variety of marketers and resellers of IT products and services. In addition, manufacturers are increasing the volume of software products they distribute electronically directly to end-users and in the future, will likely pay lower referral fees for sales of certain software licensing agreements sold by us. Generally, pricing is very aggressive in the industry, and we expect pricing pressures to continue. There can be no assurance that we will be able to negotiate prices as favorable as those negotiated by our competitors or that we will be able to offset the effects of price reductions with an increase in the number of clients, higher net sales, cost reductions, or greater sales of

services, which service sales typically are delivered at higher gross margins, or otherwise. Price reductions by our competitors that we either cannot or choose not to match, could result in an erosion of our market share and/or reduced sales or, to the extent we match, such reductions, could result in reduced operating margins, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The way software products are distributed and sold is changing, and new methods of distribution and sale may emerge or expand. Software vendors have sold, and may intensify their efforts to sell, their products directly to end-users. There can be no assurances that software developers and vendors will continue using distributors and resellers to the same extent they currently do. Future efforts by software developers and vendors to bypass third-party sales channels could materially and adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, resellers and software vendors may attempt to increase the volume of software products distributed electronically through ESD technology, through subscription services, and through on-line shopping services. Any of these competitive programs, if successful, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition. The Company's business and results of operations may be adversely affected if the terms and conditions of the Company's authorizations with its vendors were to be significantly modified or if certain products become unavailable to the Company.

We offer credit to our customers and, therefore, are subject to significant credit risk. We sell our products to a large and diverse customer base. We finance a significant portion of such sales through trade credit, typically by providing 30 to 60-day payment terms. In addition, we offer extended payment terms to certain customers for terms of up to two years. As a result, our business could be adversely affected in the event of a deterioration of the financial condition of our customers, resulting in the customers' inability to repay us. This risk may increase if there is a general economic downturn affecting a large number of our customers and in the event our customers do not adequately manage their business or properly disclose their financial condition. Also, certain of our larger customers require greater than 30-day payment terms which could increase our credit risk and decrease our operating cash flow.

We face substantial competition from other companies. We compete in all areas of our business against local, regional, national, and international firms. Some of our current competitors have substantially greater capital resources and sales and distribution capabilities than we do. In response to competitive pressures from any of our current or future competitors, we may be required to lower selling prices in order to maintain or increase market share, and such measures could adversely affect our operating results. In addition, we face competition from vendors, which may choose to market their products directly to end-users, rather than through channel partners such as the Company, and this could adversely affect our future sales. Many competitors compete based principally on price and may have lower costs or accept lower selling prices than we do and, therefore, our gross margins may not be maintainable. Our gross margins have declined historically and may continue to decline in the future. Our competitors may offer better or different products and services than we offer. In addition, we do not have guaranteed purchasing volume commitments from our customers and, therefore, our sales volume may be volatile.

Our business is substantially dependent on a limited number of customers and vendors, and the loss or any change in the business habits of such key customers or vendors may have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations. Because our standing arrangements and agreements with our customers and vendors typically contain no purchase or sale obligations and are terminable by either party upon several months or otherwise relatively short notice, we are subject to significant risks associated with the loss or change at any time in the business habits and financial condition of key customers or vendors. We have experienced the loss and changes in the business habits of key customer and vendor relationships in the past and expect to do so again in the future.

Sales of products purchased from our largest two vendors accounted for 23% of our 2023 purchases and sales from our largest five vendors generated approximately 40% of 2023 purchases. As is the case with many of our vendor and customer relationships, our contractual arrangements with these large vendors are terminable by either party upon several months' notice. If these contracts or our relationships with these vendors terminate for any reason, or if any of our other significant vendor relationships terminate for any reason, and we are not able to sell or procure a sufficient supply of those products from alternative sources, or at all, our financial position and results of operations would be adversely affected. Our vendors are subject to many if not all of the same (or similar) risks and uncertainties to which we are subject,

as well as other risks and uncertainties, and we compete with others for their business. Accordingly, we are at a continual risk of loss of their business on account of a number of factors and forces, many of which are largely beyond our control.

In 2023, our two largest customers accounted for 35% of our net sales and our largest five customers accounted for 51% of our net sales. If any of our significant customer relationships terminate for any reason, and we are not able to replace those customers and associated revenues, our financial position and results of operations would be adversely affected.

Disruptions in our information technology and voice and data networks could affect our ability to service our clients and cause us to incur additional expenses. We believe that our success to date has been, and future results of operations likely will be, dependent in large part upon our ability to provide prompt and efficient service to clients. Our ability to provide such services is dependent largely on the accuracy, quality and utilization of the information generated by our IT systems, which affect our ability to manage our sales, client service, distribution, inventories and accounting systems and the reliability of our voice and data networks.

Failure to adequately maintain the security of our electronic and other confidential information could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. We are dependent upon automated information technology processes. Privacy, security, and compliance concerns have continued to increase as technology has evolved to facilitate commerce and as cross-border commerce increases. As part of our normal business activities, we collect and store certain confidential information, including personal information of employees and information about partners and clients which may be entitled to protection under several regulatory regimes. In the course of normal and customary business practice, we may share some of this information with vendors who assist us with certain aspects of our business. Moreover, the success of our operations depends upon the secure transmission of confidential and personal data over public networks, including the use of cashless payments. Although we did not have any material cybersecurity breaches in 2023, any failure on the part of us or our vendors to maintain the security of data we are required to protect, including via the penetration of our network security and the misappropriation of confidential and personal information, could result in business disruption, damage to our reputation, financial obligations to third parties, fines, penalties, regulatory proceedings and private litigation with potentially large costs, and also result in deterioration in our employees', partners' and clients' confidence in us and other competitive disadvantages, and thus could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We depend on certain key personnel. Our future success will be largely dependent on the efforts of key management personnel for strategic and operational guidance as well as relationships with our key vendors and customers. We also believe that our future success will be largely dependent on our continued ability to attract and retain highly qualified management, sales, service, finance and technical personnel. We cannot assure you that we will be able to attract and retain such personnel. Further, we make a significant investment in the training of our sales account executives. Our inability to retain such personnel or to train them either rapidly enough to meet our expanding needs or in an effective manner for quickly changing market conditions could cause a decrease in the overall quality and efficiency of our sales staff, which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may explore additional growth through acquisitions. During the year ended December 31, 2023, we completed one acquisition to expand our sales presence in Ireland and the United Kingdom distribution operations and bring key vendor partner relationships to our portfolio. As part of our strategic growth plan, we may pursue the acquisition of companies that either complement or expand our existing business. As a result, we regularly evaluate potential acquisition opportunities, which may be material in size and scope. In addition to those risks to which our business and the acquired businesses are generally subject, the acquisition of these businesses gives rise to transactional and transitional risks, and the risk that the anticipated benefits will not be realized.

When the Company makes acquisitions, it may take on additional liabilities or not be able to successfully integrate such acquisitions. As part of the Company's history and strategic growth plan, it has acquired other businesses. Acquisitions involve numerous risks, including the following:

- effectively combining the acquired operations, technologies, or products;
- unanticipated costs or assumed liabilities, including those associated with regulatory actions or investigations;

- not realizing the anticipated financial benefit from the acquired companies;
- diversion of management's attention;
- negative effects on existing customer and vendor partner relationships; and
- potential loss of key employees of the acquired companies.

Further, the Company has made, and may continue to make acquisitions of, or investments in new services, businesses or technologies to expand its current service offerings and product lines. Some of these may involve risks that may differ from those traditionally associated with the Company's core distribution business, including undertaking product or service warranty responsibilities that in its traditional core business would generally reside primarily with its vendor partners. If the Company is not successful in mitigating or insuring against such risks, it could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.

Our results of operations are subject to fluctuations in foreign currency. We have several foreign subsidiaries and conduct business in various countries and currencies. As result of these foreign operations, we have exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency rates resulting primarily from the translation exposure associated with the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. While our consolidated financial statements are reported in US dollars, the financial statements of our subsidiaries outside the US are prepared using the local currency as the functional currency and translated into US dollars. As a result, fluctuations in the exchange rate of the US dollar relative to the functional currencies of our subsidiaries could cause fluctuations in our results of operations. We also have foreign currency exposure to the extent net sales and purchases are not denominated in a subsidiary's functional currency, which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, or cash flows.

The Company's non-U.S. sales represent an increasing portion of its revenues, and consequently, the company is exposed to risks associated with operating internationally. In 2023 and 2022, approximately 26% and 22% of the Company's net sales came from its operations outside the United States, respectively. As a result of the Company's international sales and locations, its operations are subject to a variety of risks that are specific to international operations, including the following:

- import and export regulations that could erode profit margins or restrict exports;
- the burden and cost of compliance with international laws, treaties, and technical standards and changes in those regulations;
- potential restrictions on transfers of funds;
- import and export tariffs, duties and value-added taxes;
- transportation delays and interruptions;
- the burden and cost of compliance with complex multi-national tax laws and regulations;
- uncertainties arising from local business practices and cultural considerations;
- foreign laws that potentially discriminate against companies which are headquartered outside that jurisdiction;
- stringent antitrust regulations in local jurisdictions;
- volatility associated with sovereign debt of certain international economies;
- potential military conflicts and political risks; and
- currency fluctuations, which the company attempts to minimize through traditional hedging instruments.

The terms of our debt arrangement impose restrictions on our ability to operate which in turn could negatively affect our ability to respond to business and market conditions and therefore could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results. As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$1.3 million outstanding under our term loan with First American Commercial Bancorp and there were no amounts outstanding under our revolving credit agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. The terms of one or more of the agreements under which this indebtedness was incurred may limit or restrict, among other things, our (or our subsidiaries', as applicable) ability to incur additional indebtedness or liens, or enter into certain transactions.

We are also required to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy certain financial condition tests under certain of our debt facilities. Our inability to meet these ratios and tests could result in the acceleration of the repayment

of the related debt, termination of the applicable facility, an increase in our effective cost of funds or the cross-default of other debt facilities and securitization arrangements. As a result, our ability to operate may be restricted and our ability to respond to business and market conditions may be limited, which could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.

Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our indebtedness service obligations to increase significantly. Interest rates have increased and may continue to increase in the future. As a result, interest rates on the obligations under certain of our credit facilities, or other variable rate debt incurrences or offerings could increase. If interest rates increase and we borrow amounts under certain of our credit facilities, debt service obligations and our interest expense will increase. Our net income and cash flows, including cash available for servicing indebtedness, will correspondingly decrease.

An increase in interest rates may increase our future borrowing costs and restrict our access to capital. Additionally, current market conditions, the global economy, and overall credit conditions could limit our availability of capital, which could cause increases in interest margin spreads over underlying indices, effectively increasing the cost of our borrowing.

Legal and Regulatory Risks

We may be liable for misuse of our customers' or employees' information. Third-parties, such as hackers, could circumvent or sabotage the security practices and products used in our product and service offerings, and/or the security practices or products used in our internal IT systems, which could result in disclosure of sensitive or personal information, unauthorized procurement, or other business interruptions that could damage our reputation and disrupt our business. Attacks may range from random attempts to coordinated and targeted attacks, including sophisticated computer crime and advanced persistent threats.

Our employees work in a hybrid environment, which includes splitting time between working from the office and working from home, we are highly reliant on the availability and functionality of our information systems to enable our operations. Working from home may increase risk of data loss, including privacy-related events. If our information systems are not operational for reasons which may include cyber security attacks, data center failures, failures by telecom providers to provide services to our business and to our employees' homes, power failures, or failures of off-premise software such as SaaS based software, our business and financial results may be adversely impacted.

If third-parties or our employees are able to maliciously penetrate our network security or otherwise misappropriate our customers' information or employees' personal information, or other information for which our customers may be responsible and for which we agree to be responsible in connection with service contracts into which we may enter, or if we give third-parties or our employees improper access to certain information, we could be subject to liability. This liability could include claims for unauthorized access to devices on our network; unauthorized access to our customers' networks, hardware, applications, data, devices, or software; unauthorized purchases with credit card information; and identity theft or other similar fraud-related claims. This liability could also include claims for other misuses of or inappropriate access to personal information. Other liability could include claims alleging misrepresentation of our privacy and data security practices. Any such liability for misappropriation of this information could decrease our profitability. In addition, federal and state agencies have been investigating various companies regarding whether they misused or inadequately secured information. We could incur additional expenses when new laws or regulations regarding the use, safeguarding, or privacy of information are enacted, or if governmental agencies require us to substantially modify our privacy or security practices. We could fail to comply with international and domestic data privacy laws, the violation of which may result in audits, fines, penalties, litigation, or administrative enforcement actions with associated costs.

Our operations are subject to numerous complex federal, state, provincial, local and foreign laws and regulations in a number of areas, including labor and employment, advertising, e-commerce, tax, trade, import and export requirements, economic and trade sanctions, anti-corruption, data privacy requirements (including those under the European Union General Data Protection Regulation and the California Consumer Privacy Act), anti-competition, environmental and health and safety. The evaluation of, and compliance with these laws, regulations and similar requirements may be onerous and expensive, and these laws and regulations may have other adverse impacts on our

business, results of operations or cash flows. Furthermore, these laws and regulations are evolving and may be inconsistent from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, further increasing the cost of compliance and doing business, and the risk of noncompliance.

We have implemented policies and procedures designed to help ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, but there can be no guarantee against coworkers, contractors or agents violating such laws and regulations or our policies and procedures. As a public company, we also are subject to increasingly complex public disclosure, corporate governance and accounting requirements that increase compliance costs and require significant management focus.

The Company may be subject to intellectual property rights claims, which are costly to defend, could require payment of damages or licensing fees and could limit the Company's ability to use certain technologies in the future. Certain of the Company's products and services include intellectual property owned primarily by the Company's third-party vendor partners. Substantial litigation and threats of litigation regarding intellectual property rights exist in the software and some service industries. From time to time, third parties (including certain companies in the business of acquiring patents not for the purpose of developing technology but with the intention of aggressively seeking licensing revenue from purported infringers) may assert patent, copyright and/or other intellectual property rights to technologies that are important to the Company's business. In some cases, depending on the nature of the claim, the Company may be able to seek indemnification from its vendor partners for itself and its customers against such claims, but there is no assurance that it will be successful in obtaining such indemnification or that the Company is fully protected against such claims. Any infringement claim brought against the Company, regardless of the duration, outcome, or size of damage award, could result in substantial cost to the Company, divert management's attention and resources, be time consuming to defend, result in substantial damage awards, or cause product shipment delays.

Additionally, if an infringement claim is successful the Company may be required to pay damages or seek royalty or license arrangements, which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms. The payment of any such damages or royalties may significantly increase the Company's operating expenses and impact the Company's operating results and financial condition. Also, royalty or license arrangements may not be available at all. The Company may have to stop selling certain products or using technologies, which could affect the Company's ability to compete effectively.

Our business could be negatively affected as a result of the actions of activist shareholders. Publicly traded companies have increasingly become subject to campaigns by activist investors advocating corporate actions such as financial restructurings, increased borrowings, special dividends, stock repurchases or even sales of assets or entire companies to third parties or the activists themselves. Responding to proxy contests and other actions by activist shareholders can be costly and time-consuming, disrupt our operations and divert the attention of our Board of Directors and senior management from the pursuit of business strategies, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Additionally, perceived uncertainties as to our future direction as a result of shareholder activism or changes to the composition of the Board of Directors may lead to the perception of a change in the direction of the business, instability or lack of continuity. These uncertainties may be more acute or heightened when an activist seeks to change a majority of the Board of Directors or ultimately desires to acquire the Company. Additionally, actions by activist shareholders may be exploited by our competitors, cause concern to our current or potential customers, make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified personnel and may create adverse uncertainty for our employees.

Changes in accounting rules, or the misapplication of current accounting rules, may adversely affect our future financial results. We prepare our financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. These accounting principles are subject to interpretation by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the SEC, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") and various other bodies formed to interpret and create appropriate accounting policies. Future periodic assessments required by current or new accounting standards may result in noncash charges and/or changes in presentation or disclosure. In addition, any change in accounting standards may influence our customers' decision to purchase from us or finance transactions with us, which could have a significant adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

We are required to determine if we are the principal or agent in all transactions with our customers. The voluminous number of products and services we sell, and the manner in which they are bundled, are technologically

complex. Mischaracterization of these products and services could result in misapplication of revenue recognition policies. We use estimates where necessary, such as allowance for doubtful accounts and product returns, which require judgment and are based on best available information. If we are unable to accurately estimate the cost of these services or the timeline for completion of contracts, the profitability of our contracts may be materially and adversely affected.

Financial Risks and Market Risks

Our quarterly financial results may fluctuate, which could lead to volatility in our stock price. Our revenue and operating results have fluctuated from quarter to quarter in the past and may continue to do so in the future. As a result, you should not rely on quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our operating results as an indication of our future performance. Fluctuations in our revenue and operating results could negatively affect the trading price of our stock. In addition, our revenue and results of operations may, in the future, be below the expectations of analysts and investors, which could cause our stock price to decline. Factors that are likely to cause our revenue and operating results to fluctuate include the risk factors discussed throughout this section.

Our goodwill and identifiable intangible assets could become impaired, which could reduce the value of our assets and reduce net income in the year in which the write-off occurs. Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the assets acquired. The Company also ascribes value to certain identifiable intangible assets, which consist primarily of vendor relationships, customer relationships and trade names, among others, as a result of acquisitions. The Company may incur impairment charges on goodwill or identifiable intangible assets if it determines that the fair values of the goodwill or identifiable intangible assets are less than their current carrying values. The Company evaluates, on a regular basis, whether events or circumstances have occurred that indicate all, or a portion, of the carrying amount of goodwill or identifiable intangible assets may no longer be recoverable, in which case an impairment charge to earnings would become necessary.

A decline in general economic conditions, a substantial increase in market interest rates, and increase in income tax rates, or the company's inability to meet long-term working capital or operating income projections could impact future valuations of the Company's reporting units, and the company could be required to record an impairment charge in the future, which could impact the company's consolidated balance sheets, as well as the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

The inability to obtain financing on favorable terms may adversely impact our business, financial position and results of operations. Our business requires working capital to operate and to finance accounts receivable and product inventory that are not financed by trade creditors. We have historically relied upon cash generated from operations, revolving credit facilities and trade credit from our vendors to satisfy our capital needs and finance growth. As the financial markets change, the cost of acquiring financing and the methods of financing may change. Changes in our credit rating or other market factors may increase our interest expense or other costs of capital, or capital may not be available to us on competitive terms to fund our working capital needs.

We may not be able to continue to pay dividends on our Common Stock in the future, which could impair the value of our Common Stock. We have paid a quarterly dividend on our Common Stock since the first quarter of 2003. Any future declaration of dividends remains subject to further determination from time to time by our Board of Directors. Our ability to pay dividends in the future will depend on our financial results, liquidity and financial condition. There is no assurance that we will be able to pay dividends in the future, or if we are able to, that our Board of Directors will continue to declare dividends in the future, at current rates or at all. If we discontinue or reduce the amount or frequency of dividends, the value of our Common Stock may be impaired.

Risks related to our Common Stock. The issuance of shares by us may dilute your ownership of our Common Stock. Trading volume in our Common Stock varies significantly based on a number of factors, which may be exacerbated by our repurchases of our Common Stock. As a result of the potentially low volume trading market for our stock, its market price may fluctuate significantly more than the stock market as a whole or of the stock prices of similar companies. Without a larger float, our Common Stock will be less liquid than the stock of companies with broader public ownership, and, as a result, the trading prices for our Common Stock may be more volatile. Among other things, trading of a relatively small

volume of our Common Stock may have a greater impact on the trading price of our stock than would be the case if our public float were larger.

Our Common Stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market tier of the Nasdaq Stock Market, and we therefore are subject to continued listing requirements, including requirements with respect to the market value and number of publicly-held shares, number of stockholders, minimum bid price, number of market makers and either (i) stockholders' equity or (ii) total market value of stock, total assets and total revenues. If we fail to satisfy one or more of the requirements, we may be delisted from The NASDAQ Global Market. If we do not qualify for listing on The NASDAQ Capital Market, and if we are not able to list our Common Stock on another exchange, our Common Stock could be quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board or on the "pink sheets". As a result, we could face significant adverse consequences including, among others, a limited availability of market quotations for our securities and a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

General Risk Factors

Global and regional economic and political conditions may have an adverse impact on our business. Weak economic conditions generally, sustained uncertainty about global economic and political conditions, government spending cuts and the impact of new government policies, or a tightening of credit markets, could cause our customers and potential customers to postpone or reduce spending on technology products or services or put downward pressure on prices, which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows. For example, there continues to be substantial uncertainty regarding the economic impact of the UK's exit from the European Union ("EU"), referred to as "Brexit". The potentially divergent laws and regulations as a result of Brexit may continue to lead to economic and legal uncertainty, causing increased economic volatility or disrupting the markets and clients we serve.

General economic weakness may reduce our revenues and profits. Generally, economic downturns, may cause some of our current and potential customers to delay or reduce technology purchases, resulting in longer sales cycles, slower adoption of new technologies and increased price competition. We may, therefore, experience a greater decline in demand for the products we sell, resulting in increased competition and pressure to reduce the cost of operations. Any benefits from cost reductions may take longer to realize and may not fully mitigate the impact of the reduced demand. In addition, weak financial and credit markets heighten the risk of customer bankruptcies and create a corresponding delay in collecting receivables from those customers and may also affect our vendors' ability to supply products, which could disrupt our operations. The realization of any or all these risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If the Company fails to maintain an effective system of internal controls or discovers material weaknesses in its internal controls over financial reporting, it may not be able to report its financial results accurately or timely or detect fraud, which could have a material adverse effect on its business. An effective internal control environment is necessary for the Company to produce reliable financial reports and is an important part of its effort to prevent financial fraud. The Company is required to annually evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of its internal controls over financial reporting. Based on these evaluations, the Company may conclude that enhancements, modifications, or changes to internal controls are necessary or desirable. While management evaluates the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls on a regular basis, these controls may not always be effective. There are inherent limitations on the effectiveness of internal controls, including collusion, management override, and failure in human judgment. In addition, control procedures are designed to reduce rather than eliminate financial statement risk. If the Company fails to maintain an effective system of internal controls, or if management or the Company's independent registered public accounting firm discovers material weaknesses in the Company's internal controls, it may be unable to produce reliable financial reports or prevent fraud, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. In addition, the Company may be subject to sanctions or investigation by regulatory authorities, such as the SEC or the NASDAQ. Any such actions could result in an adverse reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in the reliability of the Company's financial statements, which could cause the market price of its Common Stock to decline or limit the Company's access to capital.

Changes in income tax and other regulatory legislation. We operate in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and make plans for our structure and operations based upon existing laws and anticipated future changes in the

law. When new legislation is enacted with minimal advance notice, or when new interpretations or applications of existing laws are made, we may need to implement changes in our policies or structure. We are susceptible to unanticipated changes in legislation, especially relating to income and other taxes, import/export laws, hazardous materials and other laws related to trade, accounting and business activities. Such changes in legislation may have an adverse effect on our business.

We may be subject to litigation. We may be subject to legal claims or regulatory matters involving stockholder, consumer, antitrust, intellectual property and other issues. Litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and unfavorable rulings could occur. An unfavorable ruling could include monetary damages or other adverse effects. Were an unfavorable ruling to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on our business, financial position and results of operations for the period in which the ruling occurred or future periods.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 1C. Cybersecurity

Our Company maintains a cyber risk management program designed to identify, assess, manage, mitigate, and respond to cybersecurity threats. The Board, Risk and Security Committee of the Board and senior management devote significant resources to cybersecurity and risk management processes to adapt to the changing cybersecurity landscape and respond to emerging threats in a timely and effective manner.

We regularly assess the threat landscape with a layered cybersecurity strategy based on prevention, detection, and mitigation. Our IT team reviews enterprise risk management-level cybersecurity risks annually. In addition, we have a set of Company-wide policies and procedures concerning cybersecurity matters, such as encryption standards, antivirus protection, remote access, multifactor authentication, confidential information and the use of internet, social media, email, and personal devices. The policies include standards from including, but not limited to, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (“NIST”) framework, Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (“PCI-DSS”) and the Center for Internet Security Standards (“CIS”) and are reviewed and approved by appropriate members of management. Employees must be aware of the Company’s security policies and acknowledge their understanding and compliance to each of the policies annually.

The Risk and Security Committee of the Board oversees the Company’s cybersecurity risk exposures and the procedures taken by management to monitor and mitigate the cyber risks. The Chief Information Officer oversees the IT team and is responsible for developing and implementing our information security program and reporting on cybersecurity matters to the Board and Risk and Security Committee of the Board. We view cybersecurity as a shared responsibility, and we periodically perform simulations and tabletop exercises at a management level and incorporate external resources and advisors as needed. All employees are required to complete cybersecurity trainings through online training modules. Our IT team regularly monitors alerts and meets to discuss threat levels, trends and remediation plans as needed. Additionally, we conduct periodic penetration tests to assess our processes and procedures to ensure we have a robust cybersecurity program.

The Company faces risks from cybersecurity threats that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or overall reputation. Although we will continue to face such risks during our normal course of business, they have not materially affected our business, financial position and results of operations. See “Failure to adequately maintain the security of our electronic and other confidential information could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations” in Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Item 2. Properties

The Company leases approximately 20,000 square feet of space in Eatontown, New Jersey for its corporate headquarters under a lease expiring in April 2027. Total annual rent expense for this premise is approximately \$470,000.

The Company subleases approximately 7,165 square feet of this space under a sublease expiring in April 2027. Total annual sublease income for this space is approximately \$160,000.

The Company also leases 7,800 square feet of warehouse space in Eatontown, New Jersey under a lease expiring in December 2024. Total annual rent expense for such warehouse space is approximately \$64,000. The Company also leases satellite offices in Colorado and Maryland. Total annual rent expense for the satellite offices is approximately \$72,000. The Company also leases office space in the United Kingdom under a lease expiring in April 2026. Total annual rent expense for this premise is approximately \$65,000.

The Company owns approximately 5,800 square feet of office and warehouse space in Dublin, Ireland, which was acquired through the acquisition of Data Solutions.

We believe that each of the properties is in good operating condition and that such properties are adequate for the operation of the Company's business as currently conducted. We also rent smaller satellite offices on a short-term basis.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are involved from time to time in routine legal matters and other claims incidental to our business. We review outstanding claims and proceedings internally and with external counsel as necessary to assess probability and amount of potential loss. There are no material legal proceedings to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their property is the subject.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information

Shares of our Common Stock, par value \$0.01, trade on The Nasdaq Global Market tier of The Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "CLMB".

Dividends

In each of 2023 and 2022, we declared dividends totaling \$0.68 per share on our Common Stock. The payment of future dividends is at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon future earnings, results of operations, capital requirements, our financial condition, contractual restrictions, including the terms of the agreements governing our debt and any future indebtedness we may incur and other relevant factors and other factors the Board of Directors may find relevant. There can be no assurance that we will continue to pay comparable cash dividends in the future.

Shareholder Information

As of February 5, 2024, there were approximately 18 record holders of our Common Stock. This figure does not include an estimate of the number of beneficial holders whose shares are held of record by banks, broker or other nominees.

Purchases of Equity Securities

During the fourth quarter of 2023, we repurchased shares of our Common Stock as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Average Price Paid Per Share	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2)
October 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	545,786
November 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	545,786
December 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	545,786
Total	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	545,786

- (1) For the year ended December 31, 2023, we did not repurchase any shares of our Common Stock under our share repurchase plans referred to in footnote (2) below.
- (2) On December 3, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an increase of 500,000 shares of Common Stock to the number of shares of Common Stock available for repurchase under its repurchase plans. On February 2, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an increase of 500,000 shares of Common Stock to the number of shares of Common Stock available for repurchase under its repurchase plans. The Company expects to purchase shares of its Common Stock from time to time in the market or otherwise subject to market conditions. The Common Stock repurchase program does not have an expiration date.

Item 6. [Reserved]

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following management's discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes thereto. This discussion and analysis contains, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain risks and uncertainties, including those set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Overview

Our Company is a value added IT distribution and solutions company, primarily selling software and other third-party IT products and services through two reportable operating segments. Through our "Distribution" segment we sell products and services to corporate resellers, VAR, consultants and systems integrators worldwide, who in turn sell these products to end users. Through our "Solutions" segment we act as a cloud solutions provider and value-added reseller, selling computer software and hardware developed by others and provide technical services directly to end user customers worldwide. We offer an extensive line of products from leading software vendors and tools for virtualization/cloud computing, security, networking, storage and infrastructure management, application lifecycle management and other

technically sophisticated domains as well as computer hardware. We market these products through creative marketing communications, including our web sites, local and on-line seminars, webinars, social media, direct e-mail, and printed materials.

We have subsidiaries in the United States, Canada, Netherlands, United Kingdom and Ireland, through which sales are made.

Factors Influencing Our Financial Results

We derive most of our net sales through the sale of third-party software licenses, maintenance and service agreements. In our Distribution segment, sales are impacted by the number of product lines we distribute, and sales penetration of those products into the reseller channel, product lifecycle competition, and demand characteristics of the products which we are authorized to distribute. In our Solutions segment sales are generally driven by sales force effectiveness and success in providing superior customer service and cloud solutions support, competitive pricing, and flexible payment solutions to our customers. Our sales are also impacted by external factors such as levels of IT spending and customer demand for products we distribute.

We sell in a competitive environment where gross product margins have historically declined due to competition and changes in product mix towards products where no delivery of a physical product is required. In addition, we grant discounts, allowances, and rebates to certain customers, which may vary from period to period, based on volume, payment terms and other criteria. To date, we have been able to implement cost efficiencies such as the use of drop shipments, electronic ordering (“EDI”) and other capabilities to be able to operate our business profitably as gross margins have declined. We evaluate the profitability of our business based on return on equity and effective margin (see discussion below).

Gross profit is calculated as net sales less cost of sales. We record customer rebates, discounts and returns as a component of net sales and record vendor rebates, discounts and returns as a component of cost of sales.

Selling, general and administrative expenses are comprised mainly of employee salaries, commissions and other employee related expenses, facility costs, costs to maintain our IT infrastructure, public company compliance costs and professional fees. We monitor our level of accounts payable, inventory turnover and accounts receivable turnover which are measures of how efficiently we utilize capital in our business.

The Company’s sales, gross profit and results of operations have fluctuated and are expected to continue to fluctuate on a quarterly basis as a result of a number of factors, including but not limited to: the condition of the software industry in general, shifts in demand for software products, pricing, industry shipments of new software products or upgrades, fluctuations in merchandise returns, adverse weather conditions that affect response, distribution or shipping, shifts in the timing of holidays and changes in the Company’s product offerings. The Company’s operating expenditures are based on sales forecasts. If sales do not meet expectations in any given quarter, operating results may be materially adversely affected.

Dividend Policy and Share Repurchase Program. Historically we have sought to return value to investors through the payment of quarterly dividends and share repurchases. Total dividends paid and the dollar value of shares repurchased were \$3.0 million and \$1.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, respectively, and \$3.0 million and \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, respectively. The payment of future dividends and any share repurchases are at the discretion of our Board of Directors and dependent on results of operations, projected capital requirements and other factors the Board of Directors may find relevant.

Stock Volatility. The technology, distribution and services sectors of the United States stock markets is subject to substantial volatility. Numerous conditions which impact these sectors or the stock market in general or the Company in particular, whether or not such events relate to or reflect upon the Company’s operating performance, could adversely affect the market price of the Company’s Common Stock. Furthermore, fluctuations in the Company’s operating results, announcements regarding litigation, the loss of a significant vendor partner or customer, increased competition, reduced

vendor incentives and trade credit, higher operating expenses, and other developments, could have a significant impact on the market price of our Common Stock.

Inflation. We have historically not been adversely affected by inflation, as abrupt changes in technology, rapid changes in customer preferences, short product life cycles and evolving industry standards within the IT industry have generally caused the prices of the products we sell to decline. This requires us to sell new products and have growth in unit sales of existing products in order to increase our net sales. We believe that most price increases could be passed on to our customers, as prices charged by us are not set by long-term contracts; however, as a result of competitive pressure, there can be no assurance that the full effect of any such price increases could be passed on to our customers or cause a reduction in our customers spending.

Financial Overview

Net sales increased 16%, or \$47.7 million, to \$352.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$304.3 million for the same period in 2022. Gross profit increased 19%, or \$10.1 million, to \$64.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$54.1 million for the same period in 2022. Selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expenses increased 30%, or \$10.2 million, to \$44.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$34.1 million for the same period in 2022. Acquisition related costs for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$0.6 million, respectively. Amortization and depreciation expense increased \$0.7 million to \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$2.1 million for the same period in the prior year. Net income decreased 2%, or \$0.2 million, to \$12.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$12.5 million for the same period in 2022. Income per diluted share decreased 3%, or \$0.09, to \$2.72 for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$2.81 for the same period in 2022.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management’s discussion and analysis of the Company’s financial condition and results of operations are based upon the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements that have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“US GAAP”). The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities.

On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to product returns, bad debts, inventories, investments, intangible assets, income taxes, stock-based compensation, contingencies and litigation.

The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The Company believes the following critical accounting policies and estimates used in the preparation of its Consolidated Financial Statements affect its more significant judgments and estimates.

Revenue

The Company utilizes judgment regarding performance obligations inherent in the products for services it sells including, whether ongoing maintenance obligations performed by third party vendors are distinct from the related software licenses, and allocation of sales prices among distinct performance obligations. These estimates require judgment to determine whether the software’s functionality is dependent on ongoing maintenance or if substantially all functionality is available in the original software download. We also use judgment in the allocation of sales proceeds among performance obligations, utilizing observable data such as stand-alone selling prices, or market pricing for similar products and services.

Allowances for Expected Credit Losses

The Company maintains allowances for expected credit losses for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. Management determines the estimate of the allowance for expected credit losses by considering a number of factors, including historical experience, aging of the accounts receivable, as well as current market conditions and future forecasts of our customers' ability to make payments for goods and services. At the time of sale, we record an estimate for sales returns based on historical experience, which is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. If actual sales returns are greater than estimated by management, additional expense may be incurred.

Business Combinations

We apply the provisions of ASC 805, Business Combinations ("ASC 805"), in accounting for our acquisitions. ASC 805 requires that we evaluate whether a transaction pertains to an acquisition of assets, or to an acquisition of a business. A business is defined as an integrated set of assets and activities that is capable of being conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return to investors. Asset acquisitions are accounted for by allocating the cost of the acquisition to the individual assets and liabilities assumed on a relative fair value basis; whereas the acquisition of a business requires us to recognize separately from goodwill the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the acquisition date fair values. Goodwill as of the acquisition date is measured as the excess of consideration transferred over the net of the acquisition date fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

Our valuation of acquired assets and assumed liabilities requires estimates, especially with respect to intangible assets that was derived using valuation techniques and models such as the income approach. Such models require use of estimates including discount rates, and future expected revenue. The approach to estimating an initial contingent consideration associated with the purchase price also uses similar unobservable factors such as projected cash flows over the term of the contingent earn-out period, discounted for the period over which the initial contingent consideration is measured and expected volatility. Based upon these assumptions, the initial contingent consideration is then valued using a Monte Carlo simulation.

We have used third-party qualified specialists to assist management in determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. This includes assistance with the determination of economic useful lives and valuation of identifiable intangibles.

We estimate the fair value based upon assumptions we believe to be reasonable, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable and, as a result, actual results may differ from our estimates. Estimates associated with the accounting for acquisitions may change as additional information becomes available regarding the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. As a result, during the measurement period, which may be up to one year from the business acquisition date, we record certain adjustments to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with the corresponding offset to goodwill.

All acquisition-related costs are accounted for as expenses in the period in which they are incurred. Contingent consideration is remeasured each reporting period using Level 3 inputs, and the change in fair value, including accretion for the passage of time, is recognized in acquisition related costs in the consolidated statement of earnings.

Goodwill

We test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis and between annual tests if an event occurs, or circumstances change, that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. The Company performs an evaluation of goodwill, utilizing either a qualitative or quantitative impairment test. The annual test for impairment is conducted as of October 1. The Company's reporting units included in the assessment of potential goodwill impairment are the same as its operating segments. Goodwill is not amortized but is subject to periodic testing for impairment at the reporting unit level.

In a qualitative assessment, we assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (that is, a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, including

goodwill. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, we determine that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then the quantitative goodwill impairment test is unnecessary.

If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, we determine that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then we perform the quantitative goodwill impairment test. We may also elect the unconditional option to bypass the qualitative assessment for any reporting unit in any period and proceed directly to performing the quantitative goodwill impairment test.

In the quantitative impairment test, we compare the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired. Conversely, if the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss shall be recognized in an amount equal to that excess, limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

Determining the fair value of a reporting unit is judgmental in nature and requires the use of significant estimates and assumptions, including net sales growth rates, gross profit margins, operating margins, discount rates and future market conditions, among others. Any changes in the judgments, estimates or assumptions used could produce significantly different results.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets with determinable lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective estimated useful lives, which is determined based on their expected period of benefit. Intangible assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. Determination of recoverability is based on an estimate of undiscounted future cash flows resulting from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recorded for the excess of the asset's carrying amount over its fair value. In addition, each quarter, the Company evaluates whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining estimated useful life of each of these intangible assets. If the Company were to determine that a change to the remaining estimated useful life of an intangible asset was necessary, then the remaining carrying amount of the intangible asset would be amortized prospectively over that revised remaining useful life.

Income Taxes

The Company has considered future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for the valuation allowance related to deferred tax assets. In the event the Company were to determine that it would not be able to realize all or part of its net deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the deferred tax assets would be charged to income in the period such determination was made.

Share-Based Payments

Under the fair value recognition provision, stock-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. We make certain assumptions in order to value and expense our various share-based payment awards. In connection with our restricted stock programs we record the forfeitures when they occur. We review our valuation assumptions periodically and, as a result, we may change our valuation assumptions used to value stock-based awards granted in future periods. Such changes may lead to a significant change in the expense we recognize in connection with share-based payments.

Foreign Exchange

The Company's foreign currency exposure relates primarily to international transactions where the currency collected from customers can be different from the currency used to purchase the product. In cases where the Company is not able to create a natural hedge by maintaining offsetting asset and liability amounts in the same currency, it may enter into foreign exchange contracts, typically in the form of forward purchase agreements, to facilitate the hedging of foreign currency exposures to mitigate the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These contracts generally have terms of no more than two months. The Company does not apply hedge accounting to these contracts and therefore the changes in fair value are recorded in earnings. The Company does not enter into foreign exchange contracts for trading purposes and the risk of loss on a foreign exchange contract is the risk of nonperformance by the counterparties, which the Company minimizes by limiting its counterparties to major financial institutions.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-13, "*Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326)*" ("ASU 2016-13"). ASU 2016-13 revises the methodology for measuring credit losses on financial instruments and the timing of when such losses are recorded. Originally, ASU 2016-13 was effective for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. In November 2019, FASB issued ASU 2019-10, "*Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326), Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815), and Leases (Topic 842)*." This ASU defers the effective date of ASU 2016-13 for public companies that are considered smaller reporting companies as defined by the SEC to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Effective January 1, 2023, the Company adopted the new credit loss standard and it did not have an impact on the Company's financial statements.

In July 2023, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2023-03, "*Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205), Income Statement — Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220), Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480), Equity (Topic 505), Compensation — Stock Compensation (Topic 718)*." This ASU amends various paragraphs in the accounting codification pursuant to the issuance of Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") number 120. The ASU provides clarifying guidance related to employee and non-employee share-based payment accounting, including guidance related to spring-loaded awards. ASU 2023-03 was effective upon issuance. The adoption of this ASU did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2023-07 "*Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures*". The amendments in this ASU are intended to improve reportable segment disclosure requirements primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. The Company will adopt the update in the first quarter of 2024 but does not expect there to be a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth for the years indicated the percentage of net sales represented by selected items reflected in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Earnings. The year-to-year comparison of financial results is not necessarily indicative of future results:

	Year ended	
	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Net sales	100.0 %	100.0 %
Cost of sales	81.7	82.2
Gross profit	18.3	17.8
Selling, general and administrative expenses	12.6	11.2
Acquisition related costs	0.2	0.2
Depreciation and amortization expense	0.8	0.7
Income from operations	4.7	5.7
Other income (expense)	0.1	(0.3)
Income before income taxes	4.8	5.4
Income tax provision	1.3	1.3
Net income	3.5 %	4.1 %

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Our management monitors several financial and non-financial measures and ratios on a regular basis in order to track the progress of our business. We believe that the most important of these measures and ratios include net sales, adjusted gross billings, gross profit, net income, net income excluding separation expenses, net of taxes, adjusted EBITDA, gross profit as a percentage of adjusted gross billings and adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of gross profit. We use a variety of operating and other information to evaluate the operating performance of our business, develop financial forecasts, make strategic decisions, and prepare and approve annual budgets. These key indicators include financial information that is prepared in accordance with US GAAP and presented in our Consolidated Financial Statements as well as non-US GAAP performance measurement tools.

	Year ended	
	December 31,	December 31,
	2023	2022
Reconciliation of net sales to adjusted gross billings (Non-GAAP):		
Net sales	\$ 352,013	\$ 304,348
Costs of sales related to sales where the Company is an agent	908,369	760,310
Adjusted gross billings	\$ 1,260,382	\$ 1,064,658

We define adjusted gross billings as net sales in accordance with US GAAP, adjusted for the cost of sales related to sales where the Company is an agent. We provided a reconciliation of adjusted gross billings to net sales, which is the most directly comparable US GAAP measure. We use adjusted gross billings of product and services as a supplemental measure of our performance to gain insight into the volume of business generated by our business, and to analyze the changes to our accounts receivable and accounts payable. Our use of adjusted gross billings of product and services as analytical tools has limitations, and you should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our financial results as reported under US GAAP. In addition, other companies, including companies in our industry, might calculate adjusted gross billings of product and services or similarly titled measures differently, which may reduce their usefulness as comparative measures.

	Year ended	
	December 31,	December 31,
	2023	2022
Net income reconciled to adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP):		
Net income	\$ 12,323	\$ 12,497
Provision for income taxes	4,458	4,035
Depreciation and amortization	2,798	2,054
Interest expense	264	71
EBITDA	19,843	18,657
Share-based compensation	4,148	1,897
Acquisition related costs	629	582
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 24,620</u>	<u>\$ 21,136</u>

We define adjusted EBITDA, as net income, plus provision for income taxes, depreciation, amortization, share-based compensation, interest, and acquisition related costs. We define effective margin as adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of gross profit. We provided a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to net income, which is the most directly comparable US GAAP measure. We use adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental measure of our performance to gain insight into our businesses profitability when compared to the prior year and our competitors. Adjusted EBITDA is also a component to our financial covenants in our credit facility. Our use of adjusted EBITDA has limitations, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our financial results as reported under US GAAP. In addition, other companies, including companies in our industry, might calculate adjusted EBITDA, or similarly titled measures differently, which may reduce their usefulness as comparative measures.

Key Financial Metrics

	Year ended	
	December 31,	December 31,
	2023	2022
Net sales	\$ 352,013	\$ 304,348
Adjusted gross billings (Non-GAAP)	\$ 1,260,382	\$ 1,064,658
Gross profit	\$ 64,247	\$ 54,094
Gross profit - Distribution	\$ 53,363	\$ 44,970
Gross profit - Solutions	\$ 10,884	\$ 9,124
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)	\$ 24,620	\$ 21,136
Gross margin % - Adjusted gross billings (Non-GAAP)	5.1%	5.1%
Effective margin % - Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)	38.3%	39.1%

We consider gross profit growth and effective margin to be key metrics in evaluating our business. During the year ended December 31, 2023, gross profit increased 19%, or \$10.1 million, to \$64.2 million compared to \$54.1 million for the same period in 2022 while effective margin decreased 80 basis points to 38.3% compared to 39.1% for the same period in 2022.

Year Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2022

Acquisitions

On October 6, 2023, we completed the acquisition of Data Solutions for an aggregate purchase of approximately €15.0 million (equivalent to \$15.9 million USD), subject to certain working capital and other adjustments, paid at closing plus a potential post-closing earn-out. The operating results of Data Solutions are included in our operating results from the date of acquisition.

The Company recorded net revenue for Data Solutions of approximately \$14.3 million and net income of approximately \$0.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2023.

On August 18, 2022, we completed the acquisition of Spinnakar Limited (“Spinnakar”) for an aggregate purchase price of approximately £9.8 million (equivalent to \$11.8 million USD), subject to certain working capital and other adjustments, paid at closing plus a potential post-closing earn-out. The operating results of Spinnakar are included in our operating results from the date of acquisition.

Operating results of Data Solutions and Spinnakar are included in our Distribution segment.

Net Sales

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 16%, or \$47.7 million, to \$352.0 million compared to \$304.3 million for the same period in 2022.

Adjusted gross billings, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 18%, or \$195.7 million, to \$1,260.4 million compared to \$1,064.7 million for the same period in 2022.

Net sales in our Distribution segment for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 15%, or \$42.8 million, to \$325.3 million compared to \$282.5 million for the same period in the prior year. Adjusted gross billings for the Distribution segment for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 18%, or \$178.1 million, to \$1,176.9 million compared to \$998.8 million for the same period in 2022. Net sales and adjusted gross billings increased due to organic growth at our existing vendor lines as well as the impact of the Data Solutions acquisition in the current year. Adjusted gross billings increased at a greater rate than net sales due to differences in the product mix between the two periods.

Net sales in our Solutions segment for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 22%, or \$4.9 million, to \$26.8 million compared to \$21.8 million for the prior year. Adjusted gross billings for the Solutions segment for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 27%, or \$17.6 million, to \$83.5 million compared to \$65.9 million for the same period in 2022. Adjusted gross billings increased at a greater rate than net sales due to differences in the product mix between the two periods.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we relied on two key customers for a total of 35% of our total net sales. One major customer accounted for 20% and the other for 15%, of our total net sales during the year ended December 31, 2023. These same customers accounted for 15% and 6%, of total net accounts receivable as of December 31, 2023.

Gross Profit

Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 19%, or \$10.1 million, to \$64.2 million compared to \$54.1 million for the same period in 2022.

Distribution segment gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased 19%, or \$8.4 million, to \$53.4 million compared to \$45.0 million for the same period in 2022. The increase in Distribution segment gross profit resulted primarily from the organic growth at our existing vendor lines, impact of Data Solutions since the date of acquisition, and increased rebates and discounts from our vendor partners partially offset by higher early pay discounts and other rebates and discounts offered to our customers as a percentage of adjusted gross billings.

Solutions segment gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2023, increased 19%, or \$1.8 million, to \$10.9 million compared to \$9.1 million for the same period in 2022. This increase was the result of the aforementioned increase in adjusted gross billings.

Customer rebates and discounts for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$12.8 million compared to \$8.8 million for the same period in the prior year. Customer rebates and discounts vary based on terms of rebate and early pay discount programs offered to customers and timing of payments ultimately received from our customers.

Vendor rebates and discounts for the year ended December 31, 2023, were \$7.9 million compared to \$6.1 million for the same period in the prior year. Vendor rebates are dependent on programs offered by our vendors and in some cases reaching certain volume targets set by our vendors or meeting certain early payment programs offered by our vendors. The Company monitors vendor rebate levels, competitive pricing, and gross profit margins carefully. We anticipate that price competition in our market will continue in both of our business segments.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023, increased 30%, or \$10.2 million, to \$44.3 million, compared to \$34.1 million for the same period in the prior year. The increase was primarily driven by higher payroll and related costs consistent with higher gross profit, as well as the impact of the Data Solutions acquisition. SG&A expenses were 3.7% of adjusted gross billings, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to 3.5% for the same period in the prior year.

The Company expects that its SG&A expenses, as a percentage of adjusted gross billings, a non-GAAP financial measure, may vary depending on changes in sales volume, as well as the levels of continuing investments in key growth initiatives. We plan to continue to expand our investment in information technology to support the growth of our business.

Acquisition Related Costs

Acquisition related costs for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$0.6 million, respectively. These expenses in the current year relate to costs incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of Data Solutions, while these expenses in the same period the prior year related to the acquisition of Spinnaker.

Foreign Currency Transaction Loss

Foreign currency transaction loss for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$0.6 million compared to a foreign currency transaction loss of \$0.9 million for the same period in the prior year. These expenses primarily relate to the change in the value of accounts payable and other monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than their functional currency between the date of origination and settlement.

Income Taxes

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$4.5 million, or 26.6% of income before taxes, compared to \$4.0 million, or 24.4% of income before taxes for the same period in the prior year. The change in the effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in the prior year is a result of limitations on the deductibility of certain executive compensation amounts during the current period, as well as the Company's effective tax rate for both periods were impacted by limitations on the deductibility of certain facilitative acquisition related costs.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our cash and cash equivalents increased by \$16.1 million to \$36.3 million at December 31, 2023 compared to \$20.2 million at December 31, 2022. The increase in cash and cash equivalents was primarily the result of \$42.1 million of cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities, offset by \$12.7 million payment for the Data Solutions acquisition, \$5.0 million of cash used in other investing activities, \$8.9 million of cash used in financing activities and \$0.5 million positive impact of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$42.1 million, comprised of net income adjusted for non-cash items of \$19.2 million offset by changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$22.9 million.

Net cash and cash equivalents used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$17.7 million, comprised of \$5.0 million of purchases of fixed assets supporting our ongoing ERP project and \$12.7 million payment for the Data Solutions acquisition, net of cash acquired. On October 6, 2023, we completed the acquisition of Data Solutions for an aggregate purchase price of approximately €15.0 million (equivalent to \$15.9 million USD), subject to certain working capital and other adjustments, paid at closing plus a potential post-closing earn-out. The operating results of Data Solutions are included in our operating results from the date of acquisition.

Net cash and cash equivalents used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$8.9 million, comprised of net repayments of borrowings under credit facilities of \$3.1 million, dividend payments on our Common Stock of \$3.0 million, purchases of treasury stock of \$1.7 million, payments of deferred financing costs of \$0.6 million and repayments of borrowing under term loan of \$0.5 million.

On December 3, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an increase of 500,000 shares of Common Stock to the number of shares of Common Stock available for repurchase under its repurchase plans. On February 2, 2017, the Board of Directors approved an increase of 500,000 shares of Common Stock to the number of shares of Common Stock available for repurchase under its repurchase plans. The Company is authorized to purchase 545,786 shares of Common Stock as of December 31, 2023. The Common Stock repurchase program does not have an expiration date.

As of December 31, 2023, we held 711,052 shares of our Common Stock in treasury at an average cost of \$17.75 per share. As of December 31, 2022, we held 806,068 shares of our Common Stock in treasury at an average cost of \$16.41 per share. We intend to hold the repurchased shares in treasury for general corporate purposes, including issuances under various stock plans.

On May 18, 2023, the Company entered into a revolving credit agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (“JPM”), providing for a revolving credit facility of up to \$50.0 million subject to a borrowing base, including the issuance of letters of credit and swingline loans not to exceed \$2.5 million and \$5.0 million, respectively, at any time outstanding. In addition, subject to certain conditions enumerated in the Credit Agreement, the Company has the right to increase the revolving credit facility by a total amount not to exceed \$20.0 million. The proceeds of the revolving loans, letters of credit and swingline loans under the Credit Agreement may be used for working capital needs, general corporate purposes and for acquisitions permitted by the terms of the Credit Agreement. All outstanding loans issued pursuant to the Credit Agreement become due and payable, on May 18, 2028. There were no amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement as of December 31, 2023. In connection with entering into the Credit Agreement, the Company voluntarily terminated that certain existing revolving credit agreement, dated November 15, 2017, by and among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company and Citibank, N.A.

On April 8, 2022, the Company entered into a \$2.1 million term loan (the “Term Loan”) with First American Commercial Bancorp, Inc. pursuant to a Master Loan and Security Agreement. The proceeds from the Term Loan will be used to fund certain capital expenditures. The borrowing under the Term Loan bears interest at a rate of 3.73% per annum and is being repaid over forty-eight monthly installments of principal and interest through April 2026. The Company had \$1.3 million and \$1.8 million outstanding under the Term Loan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

We anticipate that our working capital needs will increase as we invest in the growth of our business. We believe that the funds held in cash and cash equivalents and our unused borrowings under our Credit Agreement will be sufficient to fund our working capital and cash requirements for at least the next 12 months. We continuously evaluate our liquidity and capital resources, including access to external capital, to ensure we can finance our future capital requirements.

Foreign Exchange

The Company's foreign business is subject to changes in demand or pricing resulting from fluctuations in currency exchange rates or other factors. We are subject to fluctuations primarily in the Canadian Dollar, Euro Dollar and British Pound-to-U.S. Dollar exchange rate.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2023, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Smaller reporting companies are not required to provide the information required by this item.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements at Item 15(a).

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. As required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act, our management carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures", as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report. This evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of various members of our management, including our Company's Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer), Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer) and Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer). Based upon that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report, to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, and effected by the Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with US GAAP. Internal control over financial reporting includes maintaining records in reasonable detail that accurately and fairly reflect our transactions and disposition of assets; providing reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary for preparation of our financial statements in accordance with US GAAP; providing reasonable assurance that receipts and expenditures of the Company, are made in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and providing reasonable assurance that unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of Company assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements would be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control

over financial reporting is not intended to provide absolute assurance that a misstatement of our financial statements would be prevented or detected. In addition, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that, owing to changes in conditions, controls may become inadequate, or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate.

As previously disclosed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, on October 6, 2023 we completed the acquisition of Data Solutions. SEC guidance permits management to omit an assessment of an acquired business' internal control over financial reporting from management's assessment of internal control over financial reporting for a period not to exceed one year from date of acquisition. Management has excluded from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting the operations and related assets of Data Solutions, which the Company began consolidating in October 2023. The operations and related assets of Data Solutions were included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company and constituted 17% and 2% of total assets and net assets, respectively as of December 31, 2023, and 4% and 6% of consolidated net sales and net income for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework). Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2023.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm, BDO USA, P.C., has audited the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, as stated in their report, which is included herein.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting. As required by Rule 13a-15(d) under the Exchange Act, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, has evaluated our internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes to our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the fourth quarter of the year ended December 31, 2023 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, no such changes to our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the fourth quarter of the year ended December 31, 2023.

Item 9B. Other Information

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, none of our directors or officers (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act) informed us of the adoption or termination of a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K.

Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections.

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required hereunder, with the exception of the information relating to the Company's Code of Ethical Conduct that is presented in Part I under the heading "Available Information," is incorporated by reference herein from our Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A

within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year to which this Annual Report relates (the “Definitive Proxy Statement”) under the sections captioned “Election of Directors” and “Corporate Governance.”

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required hereunder is incorporated by reference herein from the Definitive Proxy Statement under the sections captioned “Executives and Executive Compensation” and “Corporate Governance.”

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required hereunder is incorporated by reference herein from the Definitive Proxy Statement under the sections captioned “Equity Compensation Plan Information — Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans” and “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.”

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required hereunder is incorporated by reference herein from the Definitive Proxy Statement under the sections captioned “Executives and Executive Compensation,” “Corporate Governance” and “Transactions with Related Persons.”

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required hereunder is incorporated by reference herein from the Definitive Proxy Statement under the section captioned “Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.”

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report:

1. **Consolidated Financial Statements** (See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page F-1 of this Annual Report);
2. **Financial Statement Schedule:**
Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other schedules are omitted since the required information is not present or is not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedule, or because the information required is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or notes thereto.

3. Exhibits Required by Regulation S-K, Item 601:

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit	Form	Incorporated by Reference		
			Exhibit or Annex	Filing Date	File Number
2.1+	Share Purchase Agreement, dated August 18, 2022, by and among the seller listed therein, and Wayside Technology UK Holding Limited.	8-K	2.1	August 18, 2022	000-26408
2.2+	Share Purchase Agreement, dated October 6, 2023, by and among the sellers listed therein, Climb Global Solutions Holdings UK Limited, and the Company, as guarantor.	8-K	2.1	October 10, 2023	000-26408
3.1	Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.	S-1	3.1	May 30, 1995 July 7, 1995 July 18, 1995	333-92810
3.1(a)	Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.	10-Q	3.1(a)	November 3, 2006	000-26408
3.1(b)	Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.	8-K	3.1	October 27, 2022	000-26408
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company.	8-K	3.1	December 8, 2022	000-26408
4.1	Specimen of Common Stock Certificate.	S-1	4.1	May 30, 1995 July 7, 1995 July 18, 1995	333-92810
4.3*	Description of Securities.				
10.1	Credit Agreement, dated May 18, 2023, by and among the Company, Programmer's Paradise, Inc., Climb Channel Solutions, Inc., Techxtend, Inc., ISP International Software Partners, Inc., Interwork Technologies Inc., Climb Global Solutions Holdings UK LTD, Climb Global Solutions LTD, the other Loan Parties party thereto, the Lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.	8-K	10.1	May 23, 2023	000-26408
10.2	Pledge and Security Agreement, dated May 18, 2023, by and among Climb Global Solutions, Inc., Programmer's Paradise, Inc., Climb Channel Solutions, Inc., Techxtend, Inc., ISP International Software Partners, Inc., Interwork Technologies Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.	8-K	10.2	May 23, 2023	000-26408

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Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit	Form	Exhibit or Annex	Incorporated by Reference		
				Filing Date	File Number	
10.3#	Form of Officer and Director Indemnification Agreement.	10-Q	10.1	May 5, 2017	000-26408	
10.4#	2012 Stock-Based Compensation Plan.	DEF14A	A	April 24, 2012	000-26408	
10.5#	2021 Omnibus Incentive Plan.	DEF14A	A	April 16, 2021	000-26408	
10.6#	Climb Global Solutions, Inc., Executive Severance and Change in Control Plan.		8-K	10.1	April 20, 2023	000-26408
10.7#	Form of Performance-Based Restricted Award Unit Agreement.		8-K	10.2	April 20, 2023	000-26408
10.8#	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.		8-K	10.3	April 20, 2023	000-26408
10.9#	Form of Cash-Based Award Agreement.		8-K	10.4	April 20, 2023	000-26408
21.1*	Subsidiaries of the Registrant.					
23.1*	Consent of BDO USA, P.C., an Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.					
31.1*	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, of Dale Foster, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.					
31.2*	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, of Andrew Clark, the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company.					
32.1**	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, of Dale Foster, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.					
32.2**	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, of Andrew Clark, the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company.					
97.1*	Clawback Policy For Incentive-Based Compensation.					

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Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit	Incorporated by Reference	
		Form	Exhibit or Annex
		Filing Date	File Number
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document (the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document).		
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.		
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.		
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document.		
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.		
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)		

* Filed herewith.

** Furnished herewith.

Indicates management or compensatory plan or arrangement

+ Certain exhibits or schedules to this Exhibit have been omitted in accordance with Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The Registrant agrees to furnish a copy of all omitted exhibits and schedules to the SEC upon its request.

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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, in Eatontown, New Jersey, on March 5, 2024.

CLIMB GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Dale Foster

Dale Foster, Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Dale Foster</u> Dale Foster	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ Andrew Clark</u> Andrew Clark	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ Matthew Sullivan</u> Matthew Sullivan	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ Jeffrey Geygan</u> Jeffrey Geygan	Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ John McCarthy</u> John McCarthy	Director	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ Andrew Bryant</u> Andrew Bryant	Director	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ Gerri Gold</u> Gerri Gold	Director	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ Greg Scorziello</u> Greg Scorziello	Director	March 5, 2024
<u>/s/ Kimberly Boren</u> Kimberly Boren	Director	March 5, 2024

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders
Climb Global Solutions, Inc.
Eatontown, New Jersey

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited Climb Global Solutions, Inc.'s (the "Company's") internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the "COSO criteria"). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years then ended, and the related notes and schedule and our report dated March 5, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Item 9A, Controls and Procedures. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As indicated in the accompanying Item 9A, Controls and Procedures, management's assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include the internal controls of Data Solutions Holdings Limited, which was acquired on October 6, 2023 and was included in the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. Data Solutions Holdings Limited constituted 17% and 2% of consolidated total assets and net assets, respectively, as of December 31, 2023, and 4% and 6% of consolidated net sales and net income, respectively, for the year then ended. Management did not assess the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Data Solutions Holdings Limited because of the timing of the acquisition. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of the Company did not include an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Data Solutions Holdings Limited.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ BDO USA, P.C.

Woodbridge, New Jersey

March 5, 2024

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders
Climb Global Solutions, Inc.
Eatontown, New Jersey

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Climb Global Solutions, Inc. (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the years then ended, and the related notes and schedule (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) and our report dated March 5, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Acquisition – Valuation of Acquired Intangible Assets

As described in Note 3 to the Company's consolidated financial statements, on October 6, 2023, the Company entered into a Share Purchase Agreement and purchased the entire share capital of Data Solutions Holdings Limited ("Data Solutions") for an aggregate purchase price of approximately €15.0 million (equivalent to \$15.9 million USD), subject to certain working capital and other adjustments, paid at closing plus a potential post-closing earn-out. As a result of the acquisition, management determined the estimated fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date and recorded an \$8.3 million intangible asset related to vendor relationships.

We identified the discount rate used in the determination of the fair value of acquired vendor relationships as a critical audit matter. The principal considerations for our determination included the subjectivity and judgment required to determine the discount rate. Auditing this element involved especially challenging auditor judgment due to the nature and extent of audit effort required to address this matter, including the extent of specialized skills and knowledge needed.

The primary procedures we performed to address this critical audit matter included:

- Utilizing personnel with specialized skills and knowledge to assist in developing an independent discount rate and comparing it to the rate used by the Company to evaluate the reasonableness of the discount rate used in the determination of the fair value of the acquired vendor relationships.

/s/ BDO USA, P.C.

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2018.

Woodbridge, New Jersey
March 5, 2024

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,295	\$ 20,245
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$709 and \$842, respectively	222,269	154,596
Inventory, net	3,741	4,766
Vendor prepayments and advances	—	890
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,755	4,141
Total current assets	269,060	184,638
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net	8,850	3,515
Goodwill	27,182	18,963
Other intangibles, net	26,930	19,693
Right-of-use assets, net	878	1,235
Accounts receivable, net of current portion	797	3,114
Other assets	1,077	350
Deferred income tax assets	324	348
Total assets	<u>\$ 335,098</u>	<u>\$ 231,856</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 249,648	\$ 160,650
Lease liability, current portion	450	521
Term loan, current portion	540	520
Total current liabilities	250,638	161,691
Lease liability, net of current portion	879	1,296
Deferred income tax liabilities	5,554	4,137
Term loan, net of current portion	752	1,292
Non-current liabilities	2,505	2,866
Total liabilities	260,328	171,282
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; 5,284,500 shares issued:		
4,573,448 and 4,478,432 shares outstanding, respectively	53	53
Additional paid-in capital	34,647	32,715
Treasury stock, at cost, 711,052 and 806,068 shares, respectively	(12,623)	(13,230)
Retained earnings	53,215	43,904
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(522)	(2,868)
Total stockholders' equity	74,770	60,574
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 335,098</u>	<u>\$ 231,856</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Earnings
(Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net sales	\$ 352,013	\$ 304,348
Cost of sales	<u>287,766</u>	<u>250,254</u>
Gross profit	64,247	54,094
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	44,330	34,144
Acquisition related costs	629	582
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>2,798</u>	<u>2,054</u>
Income from operations	16,490	17,314
Other income:		
Interest, net	927	159
Foreign currency transaction loss	(636)	(941)
Income before provision for income taxes	<u>16,781</u>	<u>16,532</u>
Provision for income taxes	<u>4,458</u>	<u>4,035</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 12,323</u>	<u>\$ 12,497</u>
Income per common share-Basic	<u>\$ 2.72</u>	<u>\$ 2.81</u>
Income per common share-Diluted	<u>\$ 2.72</u>	<u>\$ 2.81</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding — Basic	<u>4,401</u>	<u>4,331</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding — Diluted	<u>4,401</u>	<u>4,331</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Amounts in thousands)

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 12,323	\$ 12,497
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	2,346	(2,618)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	2,346	(2,618)
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 14,669</u>	<u>\$ 9,879</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
(Amounts in thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional	Treasury		Retained	Accumulated	
	Shares	Amount	Paid-In	Shares	Amount	Earnings	Other	Total
			Capital				Comprehensive	
							(Loss) Income	
Balance at January 1, 2022	5,284,500	53	32,087	859,828	(13,870)	34,396	(250)	52,416
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	12,497	—	12,497
Translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,618)	(2,618)
Dividends paid (per common share \$0.68)	—	—	—	—	—	(2,989)	—	(2,989)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	1,923	—	—	—	—	1,923
Restricted stock grants (net of forfeitures)	—	—	(1,295)	(74,449)	1,295	—	—	—
Treasury shares repurchased	—	—	—	20,689	(655)	—	—	(655)
Balance at December 31, 2022	5,284,500	53	32,715	806,068	(13,230)	43,904	(2,868)	60,574
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	12,323	—	12,323
Translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,346	2,346
Dividends paid (per common share \$0.68)	—	—	—	—	—	(3,012)	—	(3,012)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	4,246	—	—	—	—	4,246
Restricted stock grants (net of forfeitures)	—	—	(2,314)	(132,526)	2,314	—	—	—
Treasury shares repurchased	—	—	—	37,510	(1,707)	—	—	(1,707)
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u>5,284,500</u>	<u>\$ 53</u>	<u>\$ 34,647</u>	<u>711,052</u>	<u>\$ (12,623)</u>	<u>\$ 53,215</u>	<u>\$ (522)</u>	<u>\$ 74,770</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Amounts in thousands)

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 12,323	\$ 12,497
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,798	2,066
Provision for doubtful accounts	54	19
Deferred income tax benefit	(383)	(535)
Share-based compensation expense	4,148	1,897
Amortization of discount on accounts receivable	(50)	(109)
Amortization of right-of-use assets	366	426
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(29,621)	(35,826)
Inventory	3,601	(2,751)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,446)	1,025
Vendor prepayments	890	(230)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	49,674	25,411
Lease liability, net	(495)	(503)
Other assets and liabilities	1,264	1,174
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities	<u>42,123</u>	<u>4,561</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of equipment and leasehold improvements	(4,989)	(2,502)
Payment for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(12,678)	(8,511)
Net cash and cash equivalents used in investing activities	<u>(17,667)</u>	<u>(11,013)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Purchase of treasury stock	(1,707)	(655)
Borrowings under credit facilities	10,000	—
Repayments of borrowings under credit facilities	(13,074)	—
Borrowings under term loan	—	2,148
Repayments of borrowings under term loan	(520)	(336)
Dividends paid	(3,012)	(2,989)
Payments of deferred financing costs	(637)	—
Net cash and cash equivalents used in financing activities	<u>(8,950)</u>	<u>(1,832)</u>
Effect of foreign exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	<u>544</u>	<u>(743)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	16,050	(9,027)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	20,245	29,272
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 36,295</u>	<u>\$ 20,245</u>
Supplementary disclosure of cash flow information:		
Income taxes paid	\$ 5,434	\$ 4,278
Interest paid	\$ 180	\$ 50
Supplementary disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Contingent earn-out	\$ 2,227	\$ 1,771

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Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
(Amounts in tables in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

Note 1. Description of Business

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the “Company”), was incorporated in Delaware in 1982. The Company distributes technology products developed by others to resellers who in turn sell to end customers worldwide. The Company also is a cloud solutions provider and value-added reseller of software, hardware and services to customers worldwide. The Company also operates in Canada, the United Kingdom and Europe. The Company offers an extensive line of products from leading software vendors and tools for virtualization/cloud computing, security, networking, storage and infrastructure management, application lifecycle management and other technically sophisticated domains as well as computer hardware.

The Company is organized into two reportable operating segments. The “Distribution” segment distributes technical software to corporate resellers, value added resellers (VARs), consultants and systems integrators worldwide under the name “Climb Channel Solutions”. The “Solutions” segment is a cloud solutions provider and value-added reseller of software, hardware and services to customers worldwide under the names “Grey Matter”.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation and Operations

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Business Combinations

We apply the provisions of ASC 805, Business Combinations (“ASC 805”), in accounting for our acquisitions. ASC 805 requires that we evaluate whether a transaction pertains to an acquisition of assets, or to an acquisition of a business. A business is defined as an integrated set of assets and activities that is capable of being conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return to investors. Asset acquisitions are accounted for by allocating the cost of the acquisition to the individual assets and liabilities assumed on a relative fair value basis; whereas the acquisition of a business requires us to recognize separately from goodwill the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the acquisition date fair values. Goodwill as of the acquisition date is measured as the excess of consideration transferred over the net of the acquisition date fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

Our valuation of acquired assets and assumed liabilities requires estimates, especially with respect to intangible assets that was derived using valuation techniques and models such as the income approach. Such models require use of estimates including discount rates, and future expected revenue. The approach to estimating an initial contingent consideration associated with the purchase price also uses similar unobservable factors such as projected cash flows over the term of the contingent earn-out period, discounted for the period over which the initial contingent consideration is measured and expected volatility. Based upon these assumptions, the initial contingent consideration is then valued using a Monte Carlo simulation.

We have used third-party qualified specialists to assist management in determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. This includes assistance with the determination of economic useful lives and valuation of identifiable intangibles.

We estimate the fair value based upon assumptions we believe to be reasonable, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable and, as a result, actual results may differ from our estimates. Estimates associated with the accounting for acquisitions may change as additional information becomes available regarding the assets acquired and liabilities

assumed. As a result, during the measurement period, which may be up to one year from the business acquisition date, we record certain adjustments to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with the corresponding offset to goodwill.

All acquisition-related costs are accounted for as expenses in the period in which they are incurred. Contingent consideration is remeasured each reporting period using Level 3 inputs, and the change in fair value, including accretion for the passage of time, is recognized in acquisition related costs in the consolidated statement of earnings.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") requires management to make extensive use of certain estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. The significant areas of estimation include but are not limited to accounting for allowance for expected credit losses, sales returns, allocation of revenue in multiple deliverable arrangements, principal vs. agent considerations, income taxes, depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, contingencies and stock-based compensation. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Income Per Common Share

Our basic and diluted earnings per share are computed using the two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation method that determines net income per share for each class of common stock and participating securities according to their participation rights in dividends and undistributed earnings or losses. Non-vested restricted stock awards that include non-forfeitable rights to dividends are considered participating securities. Per share amounts are computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding during each period. Diluted and basic earnings per share are the same because the restricted shares are the only potentially dilutive security.

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted per share computations follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Numerator:		
Net income	\$ 12,323	\$ 12,497
Less distributed and undistributed income allocated to participating securities	323	317
Net income attributable to common shareholders	12,000	12,180
Denominator:		
Weighted average common shares (Basic)	4,401	4,331
Weighted average common shares including assumed conversions (Diluted)	4,401	4,331
Basic net income per share	\$ 2.72	\$ 2.81
Diluted net income per share	\$ 2.72	\$ 2.81

Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all liquid short-term investments with maturities of 90 days or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable principally represents amounts collectible from our customers. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers but generally does not require collateral to support any outstanding obligation. From time to time, we sell accounts receivable to a financial institution on a non-recourse basis for cash, less a discount. The Company has no significant retained interests or servicing liabilities related to the accounts receivable sold. Proceeds from the sale of receivables approximated their discounted book value and were included in operating cash flows on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Allowances for Expected Credit Losses

The Company maintains allowances for expected credit losses for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. Management determines the estimate of the allowance for expected credit losses by considering a number of factors, including historical experience, aging of the accounts receivable, as well as current market conditions and future forecasts of our customers' ability to make payments for goods and services. At the time of sale, we record an estimate for sales returns based on historical experience, which is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. If actual sales returns are greater than estimated by management, an additional returns allowance may be required as an offset to net sales.

Deferred Financing Costs

Deferred financing costs, such as financial advisory and other professional fees are capitalized and recognized in interest, net over the life of the related debt instrument using the straight-line method. Deferred financing costs associated with the Company's revolving credit facility are presented as an asset, within other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Foreign Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign subsidiaries have been translated using the end of the reporting period exchange rates, and related revenues and expenses have been translated at average rates of exchange in effect during the period. Cumulative translation adjustments have been classified within accumulated other comprehensive loss, which is a separate component of stockholders' equity in accordance FASB ASC Topic No. 220, "Comprehensive Income". Foreign currency transaction gains and losses are recorded as income or expenses as amounts are settled.

For foreign currency remeasurement from each local currency into the appropriate functional currency, monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured to functional currencies using current exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Gains or losses from these remeasurements have been included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are recorded at historical exchange rates.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations in credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are deposited primarily in banking institutions with global operations. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximated fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, because of the relative short maturity of

these instruments. The Company's accounts receivable-long-term is discounted to its present value at prevailing market rates at the time of sale which, approximates fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Inventory

Inventory, consisting primarily of finished products held for resale, is valued based on the first-in-first-out method of accounting and is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost or fair value, if purchased as part of a business combination. Equipment depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over three to five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or the related lease terms, whichever is shorter.

Software Development Costs

The Company capitalizes certain internal and external costs incurred to acquire or create internal-use software. Capitalized software costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the software. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company had unamortized software development costs of \$6.9 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, which are included in "Equipment and leasehold improvements" in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of December 31, 2023, this includes \$6.9 million for an internal-use software project that amortization expense has not yet been recognized for as the internal-use software is not ready for its intended use. As of December 31, 2022, there were \$2.3 million in capitalized costs for this project.

Goodwill

We test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis and between annual tests if an event occurs, or circumstances change, that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. The Company performs an evaluation of goodwill, utilizing either a qualitative or quantitative impairment test. The annual test for impairment is conducted as of October 1. The Company's reporting units included in the assessment of potential goodwill impairment are the same as its operating segments. Goodwill is not amortized but is subject to periodic testing for impairment at the reporting unit level.

In a qualitative assessment, we assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (that is, a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, including goodwill. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, we determine that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then the quantitative goodwill impairment test is unnecessary.

If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, we determine that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then we perform the quantitative goodwill impairment test. We may also elect the unconditional option to bypass the qualitative assessment for any reporting unit in any period and proceed directly to performing the quantitative goodwill impairment test.

In the quantitative impairment test, we compare the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired. Conversely, if the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss shall be recognized in an amount equal to that excess, limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

Determining the fair value of a reporting unit is judgmental in nature and requires the use of estimates and assumptions, including net sales growth rates, gross profit margins, operating margins, discount rates and future market conditions, among others. Any changes in the judgments, estimates or assumptions used could produce different results.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets with determinable lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective estimated useful lives, which is determined based on their expected period of benefit. Intangible assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. Determination of recoverability is based on an estimate of undiscounted future cash flows resulting from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recorded for the excess of the asset's carrying amount over its fair value. In addition, each quarter, the Company evaluates whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining estimated useful life of each of these intangible assets. If the Company were to determine that a change to the remaining estimated useful life of an intangible asset was necessary, then the remaining carrying amount of the intangible asset would be amortized prospectively over that revised remaining useful life.

Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income consists of net income for the year and the impact of unrealized foreign currency translation adjustments. The foreign currency translation adjustments are not currently adjusted for income taxes as they relate to permanent investments in international subsidiaries.

Revenue Recognition

The Company's revenues primarily result from the sale of various technology products and services, including third-party products, third-party software and third-party maintenance, software support and services. The Company recognizes revenue as control of the third-party products and third-party software is transferred to customers, which generally happens at the point of shipment or fulfillment and at the point that our customers and vendors accept the terms and conditions of the arrangement for third-party maintenance, software support and services.

The Company has contracts with certain customers where the Company's performance obligation is to arrange for the products or services to be provided by another party. In these arrangements, as the Company assumes an agency relationship in the transaction, revenue is recognized in the amount of the net fee associated with serving as an agent. These arrangements primarily relate to third party maintenance, cloud services and certain security software whose intended functionality is dependent on third party maintenance.

The Company allows its customers to return product for exchange or credit subject to certain limitations. A liability is recorded at the time of sale for estimated product returns based upon historical experience and an asset is recognized for the amount expected to be recorded upon product return. The Company also provides rebates and other discounts to certain customers which are considered variable consideration. A provision for customer rebates and other discounts is recorded as a reduction of revenue at the time of sale based on an evaluation of the contract terms and historical experience.

The Company considers shipping and handling activities as costs to fulfill the sales of products. Shipping revenue is included in net sales when control of the product is transferred to the customer, and the related shipping and handling costs are included in cost of sales. Taxes imposed by governmental authorities on the Company's revenue producing activities with customers, such as sales taxes and value added taxes, are excluded from net sales.

The Company disaggregates its operating revenue by segment, geography and timing of revenue recognition, which the Company believes provides a meaningful depiction of the nature of its revenue. For additional information, see Note 13 (Industry, Segment and Geographic Information).

Hardware and software products sold by the Company are generally delivered via shipment from the Company's facilities, drop shipment directly from the vendor, or by electronic delivery of keys for software products. The majority of the Company's business involves shipments directly from its vendors to its customers, in these transactions, the Company is generally responsible for negotiating price both with the vendor and customer, payment to the vendor, establishing payment terms with the customer, product returns, and has risk of loss if the customer does not make payment. As the principal with the customer, the Company recognizes revenue upon receiving notification from the vendor that the product

was shipped. Control of software products is deemed to have passed to the customer when they acquire the right to use or copy the software under license as substantially all product functionality is available to the customer at the time of sale.

The Company performs an analysis of the number of days of sales in-transit to customers at the end of each reporting period based on an analysis of commercial delivery terms that include drop-shipment arrangements. This analysis is the basis upon which the Company estimates the amount of net sales in-transit at the end of the period and adjusts revenue and the related costs to reflect only what has been delivered to the customer. Changes in delivery patterns may result in a different number of business days estimated to make this adjustment. The Company also performs a weighted average analysis of the estimated number of days between order fulfillment and beginning of the renewal term for term licenses recorded on a gross basis, and a deferral estimate is recorded for term license renewals fulfilled prior to commencement date.

Generally, software products are sold with accompanying third-party delivered software assurance, which is a product that allows customers to upgrade, at no additional cost, to the latest technology if new capabilities are introduced during the period that the software assurance is in effect. The Company evaluates whether the software assurance is a separate performance obligation by assessing if the third-party delivered software assurance is critical or essential to the core functionality of the software itself. This involves considering if the software provides its original intended functionality to the customer without the updates, if the customer would ascribe a higher value to the upgrades versus the up-front deliverable, if the customer would expect frequent intelligence updates to the software (such as updates that maintain the original functionality), and if the customer chooses to not delay or always install upgrades. If the Company determines that the accompanying third-party delivered software assurance is critical or essential to the core functionality of the software license, the software license and the accompanying third-party delivered software assurance are recognized as a single performance obligation. The value of the product is primarily the accompanying support delivered by a third party and therefore the Company is acting as an agent in these transactions and recognizes them on a net basis at the point the associated software license is delivered to the customer. The Company sells cloud computing solutions that utilize third-party vendors to enable customers to access data center functionality in a cloud-based solution, including storage, computing and networking and access to software in the cloud that enhances office productivity, provides security or assists in collaboration. The Company recognizes revenue for cloud computing solutions for arrangements with one-time invoicing to the customer at the time of invoice on a net basis as the Company is acting as an agent in the transaction. For monthly subscription-based arrangements, the Company is acting as an agent in the transaction and recognizes revenue as it invoices the customer for its monthly usage on a net basis. For software licenses where the accompanying third-party delivered software assurance is not critical or essential to the core functionality, the software assurance is recognized as a separate performance obligation, with the associated revenue recognized on a net basis at the point the related software license is delivered to the customer.

The Company also sells some of its products and services as part of bundled contract arrangements containing multiple deliverables, which may include a combination of products and services. For each deliverable that represents a distinct performance obligation, total arrangement consideration is allocated based upon the standalone selling prices ("SSP") of each performance obligation. SSP is determined based on the price at which the performance obligation is sold separately. If the standalone selling price is not observable through established standard prices, we use judgement and estimate the standalone selling price considering available information such as market pricing and pricing related to similar products.

Freight

The Company records freight billed to its customers as net sales and the related freight costs as cost of sales when the underlying product revenue is recognized. For freight not billed to its customers, the Company records the freight costs as cost of sales. The Company's typical shipping terms result in shipping being performed before the customer obtains control of the product. The Company considers shipping to be a fulfillment activity and not a separate performance obligation.

Commissions

The Company pays commissions and related payroll taxes to sales personnel when customers are invoiced. These costs are recorded as selling general and administrative expenses in the period earned as all our performance obligations are complete within a short window of processing the order.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has stockholder-approved stock incentive plans for employees and directors. Stock-based compensation is recognized based on the grant date fair value and is recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

Operating Segments

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company's operations are classified into two reportable business segments: Distribution and Solutions. For additional information, see Note 13 (Industry, Segment and Geographic Information).

Treasury Stock

Treasury stock is accounted for at cost. Shares repurchased by the Company are held in treasury for general corporate purposes, including issuances under equity incentive plans. The reissuance of shares from treasury stock is based on the weighted average purchase price of the shares.

Interest, net

Interest, net consists primarily of interest income earned on our cash and cash equivalents and income from the amortization of the discount on accounts receivable long term, net of interest expense on the Company's credit facility.

Income Taxes

The Company utilizes the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities and are measured using enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. This method also requires a valuation allowance against the net deferred tax asset if, based on the weighted available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense when assessed. The Company accounts for uncertainties in accordance with FASB ASC 740 "Income Taxes". This standard clarified the accounting for uncertainties in income taxes. The standard prescribes criteria for recognition and measurement of tax positions. It also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, and disclosures related to income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions. The Company classifies all deferred tax asset or liabilities as non-current on the balance sheet.

Foreign Exchange

The Company's foreign currency exposure relates primarily to international transactions where the currency collected from customers can be different from the currency used to purchase the product. In cases where the Company is not able to create a natural hedge by maintaining offsetting asset and liability amounts in the same currency, it may enter into foreign exchange contracts, typically in the form of forward purchase agreements, to facilitate the hedging of foreign currency exposures to mitigate the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These contracts generally have terms of no more than two months. The Company does not apply hedge accounting to these contracts and therefore the changes in fair value are recorded in earnings. The Company does not enter into foreign exchange contracts for trading purposes and the risk of loss on a foreign exchange contract is the risk of nonperformance by the counterparties, which the Company minimizes by limiting its counterparties to major financial institutions.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-13, "*Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326)*" ("ASU 2016-13"). ASU 2016-13 revises the methodology for measuring credit losses on financial instruments and the timing of when such losses are recorded. Originally, ASU 2016-13 was effective for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. In November 2019, FASB issued ASU 2019-10, "*Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326), Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815), and Leases (Topic 842)*." This ASU defers the effective date of ASU 2016-13 for public companies that are considered smaller reporting companies as defined by the SEC to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Effective January 1, 2023, the Company adopted the new credit loss standard and it did not have an impact on the Company's financial statements.

In July 2023, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2023-03, "*Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205), Income Statement — Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220), Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480), Equity (Topic 505), Compensation — Stock Compensation (Topic 718)*." This ASU amends various paragraphs in the accounting codification pursuant to the issuance of Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") number 120. The ASU provides clarifying guidance related to employee and non-employee share-based payment accounting, including guidance related to spring-loaded awards. ASU 2023-03 was effective upon issuance. The adoption of this ASU did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2023-07 "*Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures*". The amendments in this ASU are intended to improve reportable segment disclosure requirements primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. The Company will adopt the update in the first quarter of 2024 but does not expect there to be a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

3. Acquisition

Acquisition of Data Solutions Holdings Limited

On October 6, 2023, the Company entered into a Share Purchase Agreement and purchased the entire share capital of Data Solutions Holdings Limited ("Data Solutions") for an aggregate purchase price of approximately €15.0 million (equivalent to \$15.9 million USD), subject to certain working capital and other adjustments, paid at closing plus a potential post-closing earn-out. The allocation of the purchase price was based on the estimated fair value of Data Solutions' net tangible and identifiable intangible assets as of the date of the acquisition. The transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting.

The financial position and operating results of Data Solutions is included in the Company's consolidated financial statements from the date of the acquisition. The Company recorded net revenue for Data Solutions of approximately \$14.3 million and net income of approximately \$0.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2023.

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The impact of the acquisition's preliminary purchase price allocations on the Company's consolidated balance sheet and the acquisition date fair value of the total consideration transferred is depicted in the table below. Due to the timing of the closing of the transaction in the fourth quarter of 2023, the Company has not yet completed its evaluation and determination of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed, primarily the final valuation of goodwill and intangible assets and the final evaluation and assessment of income tax accounts; therefore, the final fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, which will be completed within the measurement period of up to one year from the acquisition date, may vary from the Company's preliminary estimates:

(in thousands)

Cash	\$	3,190
Accounts receivable		32,503
Inventory		2,460
Other current assets		99
Equipment and leasehold improvements		800
Vendor relationships (10-year weighted average useful life)		8,269
Goodwill		7,143
Accounts payable and other current liabilities		(34,793)
Deferred tax liability		(1,576)
Net assets	\$	18,095

(in thousands)

Supplementary information:

Cash paid to sellers	\$	15,868
Contingent earn-out		2,227
Total purchase consideration	\$	18,095
Cash paid to sellers		15,868
Cash acquired in acquisition		(3,190)
Net cash paid for acquisition	\$	12,678

Intangible assets are comprised of approximately \$8.3 million of vendor relationships with a weighted average amortization period of 10 years, representing the expected period of benefits. Goodwill, which was allocated to the Distribution segment, is the excess of the consideration transferred over the net assets recognized and represents the expected revenue and cost synergies of the combined company and assembled workforce. Goodwill recognized as a result of the acquisition is not deductible for income tax purposes.

The Company used the income approach to value the intangible assets, representing acquired vendor relationships. The fair value measurements were primarily based on significant inputs that are not observable, which are categorized as a Level 3 measurement in the fair value hierarchy (See Note 14 – Fair Value Measurements). Inputs used to value these intangible assets include the discount rate, projection of all future cash flows, long-term growth rates, vendor attrition rates and applicable income tax rates. The excess purchase price recorded to goodwill primarily represents the future economic benefits the Company expects to achieve as a result of combining operations and expanding vendor relationships.

The purchase consideration includes approximately \$2.2 million fair value for potential earn-out consideration if certain targets are achieved, payable in cash. The earn-out liability is included in current liabilities as of December 31, 2023. There were no material changes in fair value since the acquisition date. The fair value earn-out measurement was primarily based on inputs that are not observable, which are categorized as a Level 3 measurement in the fair value hierarchy (See Note 14 – Fair Value Measurements), reflecting its assessment of the assumptions market participants

would use to value these liabilities. The undiscounted payment of the earn-out can range from zero up to approximately \$3.9 million and achievement is based on the post-acquisition results of Data Solutions.

In connection with the acquisition of Data Solutions on October 6, 2023, the Company acquired an invoice discounting facility (“IDF”) that is with recourse to the Company (See Note 8 – Credit Facilities). The balance outstanding under the IDF at December 31, 2023 was \$4.3 million, which is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Acquisition related costs remained consistent at approximately \$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which is reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of earnings. The costs incurred during the year ended December 31, 2023 related to the aforementioned Data Solutions acquisition, while the costs incurred during the prior period ended December 31, 2022 related to the Spinnakar Limited acquisition.

4. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the premium paid over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets that are individually identified and separately recognized in business combinations. The following table summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	Distribution	Solutions	Consolidated
Balance January 1, 2022	\$ 8,141	\$ 9,047	\$ 17,188
Goodwill acquired	3,244	—	3,244
Translation adjustments	(703)	(766)	(1,469)
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 10,682	\$ 8,281	\$ 18,963
Goodwill acquired	7,143	—	7,143
Translation adjustments	833	243	1,076
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 18,658	\$ 8,524	\$ 27,182

Information related to the Company's other intangibles, net is as follows:

	As of December 31, 2023		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Customer and vendor relationships	\$ 30,968	4,424	\$ 26,544
Trade name	489	103	386
Total	\$ 31,457	\$ 4,527	\$ 26,930

	As of December 31, 2022		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Customer and vendor relationships	\$ 21,457	\$ 2,165	\$ 19,292
Trade name	468	67	401
Total	\$ 21,925	\$ 2,232	\$ 19,693

Customer relationships are amortized over thirteen years. Vendor relationships are amortized between eight and fifteen years. Trade name is amortized over fifteen years.

The Company recognized total amortization expense for other intangibles, net of \$2.2 million and \$1.2 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense of the Company's other intangibles, net as of December 31, 2023 is as follows:

2024	\$	3,037
2025		3,037
2026		3,037
2027		3,037
2028		3,037
Thereafter		11,745
Total	\$	26,930

5. Right-of-use Asset and Lease Liability

The Company has entered into operating leases for office and warehouse facilities, which have terms at lease commencement that range from 1 years to 11 years. The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and lease expense for these leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Right-of-use assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date of the lease based on the present value of the lease payments over the lease term. As our leases do not provide a readily determinable implicit rate, we use an incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date, including lease term, in determining the present value of future payments. The operating lease asset also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term and included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Information related to the Company's right-of-use assets and related lease liabilities were as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash paid for operating lease liabilities	\$ 627	\$ 647
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease obligations	\$ —	\$ 63
Weighted-average remaining lease term	3.2 years	3.9 years
Weighted-average discount rate	3.6%	3.5%

Maturities of lease liabilities as of December 31, 2023 were as follows:

2024	\$ 575
2025	553
2026	548
2027	115
	<u>1,791</u>
Less: imputed interest	(462)
Total lease liabilities	<u>\$ 1,329</u>
Lease liabilities, current portion	450
Lease liabilities, net of current portion	<u>879</u>
Total lease liabilities	<u>\$ 1,329</u>

6. Balance Sheet Detail

Equipment and leasehold improvements, net consist of the following:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Equipment	\$ 3,195	\$ 2,720
Capitalized software	6,890	2,997
Buildings	709	—
Leasehold improvements	2,385	1,848
	<u>13,179</u>	<u>7,565</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,329)	(4,050)
	<u>\$ 8,850</u>	<u>\$ 3,515</u>

Depreciation expense relating to equipment, leasehold improvements and buildings, net was \$0.6 million and \$0.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Amortization expense relating to capitalized software was \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Accounts receivable – long term, net consist of the following:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Total amount due from customer	\$ 1,637	\$ 5,213
Less: unamortized discount	(12)	(188)
Less: current portion included in accounts receivable	(828)	(1,911)
	<u>\$ 797</u>	<u>\$ 3,114</u>

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Trade accounts payable	\$ 218,717	\$ 151,180
Accrued expenses	22,903	8,459
Other accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,028	1,011
	<u>\$ 249,648</u>	<u>\$ 160,650</u>

Accumulated other comprehensive loss consists of the following:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$ 2,346	\$ (2,618)
	<u>\$ 2,346</u>	<u>\$ (2,618)</u>

7. Income Taxes

Deferred tax attributes resulting from differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts in the Consolidated Balance Sheets are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Deferred tax assets:		
Accruals and reserves	\$ 574	\$ 631
Deferred rent credit	115	146
Depreciation and amortization	55	38
Total deferred tax assets	744	815
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Depreciation and amortization	(5,974)	(4,604)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(5,974)	(4,604)
Net deferred tax (liabilities) asset	\$ (5,230)	\$ (3,789)

The provision for income taxes is as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	2022
Current:		
Federal	\$ 2,793	\$ 2,694
State	676	622
Foreign	1,372	1,254
	4,841	4,570
Deferred:		
Federal	32	(124)
State	10	(30)
Foreign	(425)	(381)
	(383)	(535)
	\$ 4,458	\$ 4,035
Effective Tax Rate	26.6 %	24.4 %

The reasons for the difference between total tax expense and the amount computed by applying the U.S. statutory federal income tax rate to income before income taxes are as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	2022
Statutory rate applied to pretax income	\$ 3,524	\$ 3,472
Other permanent items	569	156
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	542	468
Acquisition related costs	132	—
Other items	—	11
Dividends	(3)	(9)
GILTI, net of foreign tax credits	(11)	(50)
Foreign income taxes (under) over U.S. statutory rate	(46)	137
Stock compensation	(249)	(150)
Income tax expense	\$ 4,458	\$ 4,035

The Company has analyzed filing positions in all the federal, state and foreign jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, as well as all open tax years in these jurisdictions. The Company has identified its federal

consolidated tax return, its state tax returns, its Canadian tax return and its tax return in the United Kingdom as major tax jurisdictions. As of December 31, 2023, the Company's 2020 through 2022 Federal tax returns remain open for examination. The Company's various states and Canadian tax returns are open for examination for the years 2019 through 2022. The Company's tax return in the United Kingdom is open for examination for the years 2021 and 2022. The Company's policy is to recognize interest related to unrecognized tax benefits as interest expense and penalties as operating expenses. The Company believes that it has appropriate support for the income tax positions it takes and expects to take on its tax returns, and that its accruals for tax liabilities are adequate for all open years based on an assessment of many factors including experience and interpretations of tax law applied to the facts of each matter.

For financial reporting purposes, income before income taxes includes the following components:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
United States	\$ 11,990	\$ 12,968
Foreign	4,791	3,564
	<u>\$ 16,781</u>	<u>\$ 16,532</u>

The Company has approximately \$9.2 million of undistributed earnings in Canada and \$5.3 million of undistributed earnings in the United Kingdom and \$0.9 million of undistributed earnings in Ireland, which it continues to reinvest indefinitely, and therefore no withholding taxes related to its repatriation has been recorded.

There was no activity related to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits during the year ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred interest and penalties of zero, respectively, related to these uncertain tax benefits.

8. Credit Facilities

On May 18, 2023, the Company entered into a revolving credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPM"), providing for a revolving credit facility of up to \$50.0 million subject to a borrowing base, including the issuance of letters of credit and swingline loans not to exceed \$2.5 million and \$5.0 million, respectively, at any time outstanding. In addition, subject to certain conditions enumerated in the Credit Agreement, the Company has the right to increase the revolving credit facility by a total amount not to exceed \$20.0 million. The proceeds of the revolving loans, letters of credit and swingline loans under the Credit Agreement may be used for working capital needs, general corporate purposes and for acquisitions permitted by the terms of the Credit Agreement.

All outstanding loans issued pursuant to the Credit Agreement become due and payable on May 18, 2028. There were no amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement as of December 31, 2023.

Outstanding Loans comprising (i) ABR Borrowings bear interest at the ABR plus the Applicable Rate, (ii) Term Benchmark Borrowings bear interest at the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or the Adjusted EURIBOR Rate, as applicable, plus the Applicable Rate and (iii) RFR Loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the applicable Adjusted Daily Simple RFR plus the Applicable Rate. The Applicable Rate for borrowings varies (i) in the case of ABR Borrowings, from 0.50% to 0.75% and (ii) in the case of Term Benchmark Borrowings and RFR Loans, from 1.50% to 1.75%.

The Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative covenants, such as financial statement and collateral reporting requirements. The Credit Agreement also contains customary negative covenants that limit the ability of the Company to, among other things, incur indebtedness, create liens or permit encumbrances, or undergo certain fundamental changes. Additionally, under certain circumstances, the Company is required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio.

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In connection with entering into the Credit Agreement, the Company voluntarily terminated its existing revolving credit agreement, dated November 15, 2017 with Citibank N.A. (“Previous Credit Facility”). As of December 31, 2023, the Company had no borrowings outstanding under the Previous Credit Facility.

On April 8, 2022, the Company entered into a \$2.1 million term loan (the “Term Loan”) with First American Commercial Bancorp, Inc. pursuant to a Master Loan and Security Agreement. The proceeds from the Term Loan will be used to fund certain capital expenditures. The borrowing under the Term Loan bears interest at a rate of 3.73% per annum and is being repaid over forty-eight monthly installments of principal and interest through April 2026.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company had \$1.3 million and \$1.8 million outstanding under the Term Loan, respectively.

As of December 31, 2023, future principal payments under the Term Loan are as follows:

2024	540
2025	560
2026	192
Total	<u>\$ 1,292</u>

In connection with the acquisition of Data Solutions (See Note 3 – Acquisition), the Company acquired an IDF that is with recourse to the Company. Data Solutions had previously entered into the IDF with AIB Commercial Finance Limited (“AIB”) pursuant to a Debt Purchase Agreement. The proceeds from the IDF will be used for working capital needs of Data Solutions. Borrowings under the IDF are based on accounts receivable up to 80% of the outstanding accounts receivable balance. The discount rate under the IDF is equal to 2.5% above AIB’s applicable lending rates that vary based on the currency of the accounts receivable. The outstanding balance under the IDF at December 31, 2023 was \$4.3 million, which is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

9. Stockholders’ Equity and Stock-Based Compensation

The 2021 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “2021 Plan”) authorizes the grant of Stock Options, Stock Units, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Deferred Stock, Stock Bonuses and other equity-based awards. The 2021 Plan was approved by the Company’s stockholders at the 2021 Annual Meeting in June 2021. The total number of shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”) initially available for award under the 2021 Plan was 500,000 shares. As of December 31, 2023, the number of shares of Common Stock available for future award grants to employees, officers and directors under the 2021 Plan is 241,068.

The 2012 Stock-Based Compensation Plan (the “2012 Plan”) authorizes the grant of Stock Options, Stock Units, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Deferred Stock, Stock Bonuses and other equity-based awards. The total number of shares of the Company’s Common Stock initially available for award under the 2012 Plan was 600,000, which was increased to 1,000,000 shares by stockholder approval at the Company’s 2018 Annual Meeting in June 2018. Immediately prior to the replacement of the 2012 Plan by the 2021 Plan, there were 352,158 shares of Common Stock available under the 2012 Plan. The 2012 Plan has been replaced by the 2021 Plan and none of the remaining shares of Common Stock authorized under the 2012 Plan will be transferred to or used under the 2021 Plan nor will any awards under the 2012 Plan that are forfeited increase the shares available for awards under the 2021 Plan. As of December 31, 2023, the number of shares of Common Stock available under the 2012 Plan is zero.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company granted a total of 132,526 shares of Restricted Stock to officers, directors and employees. These shares of Restricted Stock vest immediately, over time in three equal installments or over time in up to sixteen equal quarterly installments.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company granted a total of 78,505 shares of Restricted Stock to officers, directors and employees. These shares of Restricted Stock vest immediately or over time in up to sixteen equal

quarterly installments. During the year ended December 31, 2022, 4,056 shares of Restricted Stock were forfeited as a result of officers and employees terminating employment with the Company.

There was no options activity during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and there were no options outstanding or exercisable at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, under both the Company's 2012 Plan and 2021 Plan.

Under the various plans, options that are cancelled can be reissued. At December 31, 2023, no cancelled options were reserved for future reissuance.

A summary of nonvested shares of Restricted Stock awards outstanding under the Company's 2012 Plan as of December 31, 2023, and 2022 and changes during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested shares at January 1, 2022	122,102	\$ 18.35
Granted in 2022	78,505	31.83
Vested in 2022	(75,492)	21.93
Forfeited in 2022	(4,056)	19.20
Nonvested shares at December 31, 2022	121,059	\$ 24.83
Granted in 2023	132,526	44.99
Vested in 2023	(110,291)	33.92
Forfeited in 2023	—	—
Nonvested shares at December 31, 2023	143,294	\$ 36.48

As of December 31, 2023, there was approximately \$4.5 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation arrangements. The unrecognized compensation cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.5 years.

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized share-based compensation cost of approximately \$4.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

10. Defined Contribution Plan

The Company maintains a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees. Participating employees may make contributions to the plan, through payroll deductions. Matching contributions are made by the Company equal to 50% of the employee's contribution to the extent such employee contribution did not exceed 8% of their compensation. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company expensed approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, related to this plan.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

Severance Plan

The Board of Directors of the Company previously approved the Climb Global Solutions, Inc. Executive Severance and Change in Control Plan (the “Severance Plan”), which supersedes and replaces all other severance arrangements between the Company and its executive officers, which previously had been governed by separate legacy employment agreements and offer letters. The Severance Plan provides severance benefits upon a qualifying termination of employment (“Covered Termination”) of an executive officer. The Severance Plan provides for three tiers of severance benefits in the event of a Covered Termination based on the executive’s seniority and position, including payment of 6-18 months of base salary, a pro rata payment of such executive’s bonus for the year in which the Covered Termination occurred, and a COBRA subsidy during the severance period. In the event the Covered Termination in connection with a change of control, the Severance Plan provides for increased severance benefits, including payment of 18-24 months of base salary, payment of such executive’s target bonus for the year in which the Covered Termination occurred, double trigger vesting acceleration of equity awards, and a COBRA subsidy during the severance period.

Other

As of December 31, 2023, the Company has no standby letters of credit, has no standby repurchase obligations or other commercial commitments. The Company has a line of credit see Note 8 (Credit Facility). Other than employment agreements, other management compensation arrangements and related party transactions as disclosed in Note 12, the Company is not engaged in any other transactions with related parties.

12. Related Party Transactions

The Company made sales to a customer where a family member of one of our executive’s has a minority ownership position. During the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, net sales to this customer totaled \$1.4 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, and amounts due from this customer as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled less than \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

13. Industry, Segment and Geographic Financial Information

The Company distributes software developed by others through resellers indirectly to customers worldwide. We also resell computer software and hardware developed by others and provide technical services directly to customers worldwide.

FASB ASC Topic 280, “Segment Reporting,” requires that public companies report profits and losses and certain other information on their “reportable operating segments” in their annual and interim financial statements. The internal organization used by the public company’s Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) to assess performance and allocate resources determines the basis for reportable operating segments. The Company’s CODM is the Chief Executive Officer.

The Company is organized into two reportable operating segments. The “Distribution” segment distributes technical software to corporate resellers, value added resellers (VARs), consultants and systems integrators worldwide. The “Solutions” segment is a cloud solutions provider and value-added reseller of software, hardware and services to customers worldwide.

As permitted by FASB ASC Topic 280, the Company has utilized the aggregation criteria in combining its operations in Canada, Europe and the United Kingdom with the domestic segments as the international operations provide the same products and services to similar clients and are considered together when the Company’s CODM decides how to allocate resources.

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Segment income is based on segment net sales less the respective segment's cost of sales as well as segment direct costs (including such items as payroll costs and payroll related costs, such as profit sharing, incentive awards and insurance) and excluding general and administrative expenses not attributed to an individual segment business unit. The Company only identifies accounts receivable, vendor prepayments and inventory by segment as shown below as "Selected Assets" by segment; it does not allocate its other assets, including capital expenditures by segment. The following segment reporting information of the Company is provided:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Net Sales:		
Distribution	\$ 325,262	\$ 282,509
Solutions	26,751	21,839
	<u>352,013</u>	<u>304,348</u>
Gross Profit:		
Distribution	\$ 53,363	\$ 44,970
Solutions	10,884	9,124
	<u>64,247</u>	<u>54,094</u>
Direct Costs:		
Distribution	\$ 22,467	\$ 15,804
Solutions	5,238	4,296
	<u>27,705</u>	<u>20,100</u>
Segment Income Before Taxes: (1)		
Distribution	\$ 30,896	\$ 29,166
Solutions	5,646	4,828
Segment Income Before Taxes	<u>36,542</u>	<u>33,994</u>
General and administrative	\$ 16,625	\$ 14,044
Acquisition related costs	629	582
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,798	2,054
Interest, net	927	159
Foreign currency transaction loss	(636)	(941)
Income before taxes	<u>\$ 16,781</u>	<u>\$ 16,532</u>

(1) Excludes general corporate expenses including acquisition related costs, amortization and depreciation expense, interest, and foreign currency transaction (loss) gain.

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2022
Selected Assets by Segment:		
Distribution	\$ 242,927	\$ 180,602
Solutions	37,992	21,420
Segment Select Assets	<u>280,919</u>	<u>202,022</u>
Corporate Assets	54,179	29,834
Total Assets	<u>\$ 335,098</u>	<u>\$ 231,856</u>

Geographic areas and net sales mix related to operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows. Net sales is allocated to a geographic area based on the location of the sale, which is generally the customer's country of domicile.

	Year ended		
	December 31, 2023		
	Distribution	Solutions	Total
Geography			
USA	\$ 244,261	\$ 15,425	\$ 259,686
Europe and United Kingdom	57,253	10,167	67,420
Canada	23,748	1,159	24,907
Total net sales	<u>\$ 325,262</u>	<u>\$ 26,751</u>	<u>\$ 352,013</u>

Timing of Revenue Recognition

Transferred at a point in time where the Company is principal (1)	\$ 286,051	\$ 19,853	\$ 305,904
Transferred at a point in time where the Company is agent (2)	39,211	6,898	46,109
Total net sales	<u>\$ 325,262</u>	<u>\$ 26,751</u>	<u>\$ 352,013</u>

	Year ended		
	December 31, 2022		
	Distribution	Solutions	Total
Geography			
USA	\$ 225,380	\$ 11,137	\$ 236,517
Europe and United Kingdom	34,423	9,171	43,594
Canada	22,706	1,531	24,237
Total net sales	<u>\$ 282,509</u>	<u>\$ 21,839</u>	<u>\$ 304,348</u>

Timing of Revenue Recognition

Transferred at a point in time where the Company is principal (1)	\$ 251,334	\$ 15,044	\$ 266,378
Transferred at a point in time where the Company is agent (2)	31,175	6,795	37,970
Total net sales	<u>\$ 282,509</u>	<u>\$ 21,839</u>	<u>\$ 304,348</u>

(1) Includes net sales from third-party hardware and software products.

(2) Includes net sales from third-party maintenance, software support and services.

Geographic identifiable assets related to operations as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows.

Identifiable Assets by Geographic Areas	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
USA	\$ 171,080	\$ 137,877
Canada	23,994	27,597
Europe and United Kingdom	140,024	66,382
Total	<u>\$ 335,098</u>	<u>\$ 231,856</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company had two customers that accounted for 20%, and 15%, respectively, of consolidated net sales and as of December 31, 2023, 15% and 6%, respectively, of total net accounts receivable. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company had one vendor that accounted for 14% of our consolidated purchases.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company had two customers that accounted for 21%, and 16%, respectively, of consolidated net sales and as of December 31, 2022, 16% and 18%, respectively, of total net accounts receivable. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company had one vendor that accounted for 17% of our consolidated purchases.

Our top five customers accounted for 51% of consolidated net sales for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

14. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined under US GAAP as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value hierarchy has been established for valuation inputs to prioritize the inputs into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market. Each fair value measurement is reported in one of the three levels which is determined by the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. These levels are:

Level 1 – observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

Level 2 – inputs are based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 – inputs are generally unobservable and typically reflect management’s estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The fair values are therefore determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

The Company’s assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, by level, within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, are as follows:

As of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Treasury bills	\$ 5,096	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5,096
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,096</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 5,096</u>
Liabilities:				
Contingent earn-out	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,189	\$ 4,189
Total liabilities	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4,189</u>	<u>\$ 4,189</u>
As of December 31, 2022				
Assets:				
Treasury bills	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total assets	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Liabilities:				
Contingent earn-out	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,777
Total liabilities	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,777</u>

In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. Observable or market inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions based on the best information available. The approach to estimating the contingent earn-out associated with the Company's business combinations uses unobservable factors such as projected cash flows over the term of the contingent earn-out periods.

The Company's investment in treasury bills are measured at fair value on a recurring basis based on quoted market prices in active markets and are classified as level 1 within the fair value hierarchy. The Company's contingent earn-out liability is measured at fair value on a recurring basis and is classified as level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. During the fourth quarter of each year, the Company evaluates goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level. The Company uses qualitative factors to determine whether it is "more likely than not" that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform a goodwill impairment test. This measurement is classified based on level 3 input.

The following table presents the changes in the Company's level 3 financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Balance January 1, 2022	\$	—
Spinnakar acquisition - contingent earn-out		1,771
Translation adjustments		6
Balance December 31, 2022	\$	1,777
Data Solutions acquisition - contingent earn-out		2,227
Translation adjustments		185
Balance December 31, 2023	\$	4,189

There were no material changes in fair value since the respective acquisition dates associated with the contingent earn-outs.

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Schedule II--Valuation and Qualifying Accounts
(Amounts in thousands)

Description	Beginning Balance	Charged to Cost and Expense	Deductions	Ending Balance
Year ended December 31, 2022				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 881	\$ 19	\$ 58	\$ 842
Year ended December 31, 2023				
Allowance for expected credit losses (1)	\$ 842	\$ 54	\$ 187	\$ 709

(1) Previously referred to as Allowance for doubtful accounts.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE REGISTRANT'S
SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934**

Climb Global Solutions, Inc. (the “Company,” “we” or “our”) has one class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), which is our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”). The following summary of the material terms of our Common Stock is qualified by reference to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the “Certificate of Incorporation”) and our Amended and Restated Bylaws (the “Bylaws”), each of which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law (“DGCL”).

Capitalization

Our authorized capital stock consists of 10,000,000 shares of Common Stock and 10,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Preferred Stock”).

Common Stock

Holders of our Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends and other distributions when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of assets legally available for the payment thereof. Holders of our Common Stock are also entitled, in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, to receive a pro rata distribution of any remaining assets after payment or provision for payment of our debts or liabilities. These rights are subject to the preferential rights of any Preferred Stock outstanding at any time.

Each share of Common Stock shall be entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted on by the stockholders of the Company, including the election of Directors. Except as provided by the terms of any outstanding Preferred Stock, our common stockholders will possess exclusive voting power. Cumulative voting in the election of Directors is not permitted. Directors will be elected by a plurality of voting power of the shares of capital stock of the Company which are present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote in the election of Directors at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of the shares of capital stock of the Company which are present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to approve any other matter which may properly come before the meeting, unless more than a majority of the votes present is required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation.

Holders of our Common Stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption, sinking fund or conversion rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our Common Stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of Preferred Stock which we may designate and issue in the future.

Our Common Stock is listed on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “CLMB.”

Preferred Stock

Our Certificate of Incorporation authorizes our Board of Directors, without further action by our

stockholders, to establish one or more series of Preferred Stock and to determine, with respect to any series of Preferred Stock, the voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and with such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other rights, and qualifications or restrictions thereof. As a result, our Board of Directors could authorize the issuance of shares of Preferred Stock that have priority over shares of our Common Stock with respect to dividends or other distributions or rights upon liquidation, voting rights or with other terms and conditions that could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change of control of our Company. As of the date hereof, we have no outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

Certain Provisions of Delaware Law and Our Charter and Bylaws

Our Board of Directors

Our Certificate of Incorporation provides that the number of Directors of our Company may not be fewer than three and may be fixed only by the resolution of Directors then in office. Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding Preferred Stock, any vacancy in the Board of Directors (including a vacancy caused by an increase in the number of Directors) may be filled solely by resolution adopted by a majority of Directors then in office, whether or not such majority constitutes less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining Director; provided however that any vacancy created by a removal of a Director by the stockholders may be filled by action of the stockholders taken at the same meeting at which the vacancy was created; such action to be upon the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the voting power of the outstanding capital stock entitled to vote in the election of Directors, voting as a single class. Subject to the rights of holders of any outstanding Preferred Stock to elect Directors or to remove Directors so elected, a Director may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the outstanding capital stock entitled to vote in the election of Directors, voting as a single class.

Special Meetings of Stockholders

Special meetings of stockholders of the Company may be called only by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, our Chief Executive Officer, our President or the record holders of at least 35% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company.

Amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

Any amendment of our Certificate of Incorporation must first be declared advisable by our Board of Directors and, if required by the DGCL or our Certificate of Incorporation, thereafter be approved by a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the amendment, and a majority of the outstanding shares of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the affirmative vote of stockholders holding 66-2/3% of the outstanding shares of capital stock then entitled to vote thereon shall be required in order to amend any provision of, or to adopt any provision which is inconsistent with, Article V (Board of Directors; Stockholders' Meetings), Article VI (Director Liability) or Article VII (Amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation) of our Certificate of Incorporation. Our Bylaws may be amended by a majority of our Board of Directors in office and may also be amended by the affirmative vote of stockholders holding not less than 66-2/3% of the voting power of the Company then entitled to vote thereon.

Requirements for Advance Notice of Stockholder Proposals and Nominations

Except as provided in Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act, a stockholder who intends to propose business at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders of the Company must comply with the notice,

informational requirements and procedures set forth in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. Pursuant to our Certificate of Incorporation a stockholder's notice must be delivered to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company not later than the earlier to occur of (i) the date which is 60 days prior to the meeting and (ii) the date determined by the Company in compliance with the Exchange Act as the last date on which stockholder proposals may be submitted to the Company for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials; provided that, if the Company provides less than 60 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting, to be timely, any such stockholder proposal must be received no later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice or prior disclosure was made, whichever first occurs.

Delaware Anti-Takeover Law

We are subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. Section 203 generally prohibits a public Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years following the date on which the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to the date of the business combination, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder)
 - (a) shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers and (b) shares owned by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- on or subsequent to the date of the business combination, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66²/₃% of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder.

The term "interested stockholder" is defined generally as any person who is the owner of 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock or any person who is an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the owner of 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock at any time within the three-year period immediately prior to the date on which it is sought to be determined whether such person is an interested stockholder, and the affiliates and associates of such person.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Various Provisions

Certain provisions of the DGCL, our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws summarized above may have an anti-takeover effect and could make the following transactions more difficult: acquisition of the Company by means of a tender offer; acquisition of the Company by means of a proxy contest or otherwise; or removal of the Company's incumbent officers and directors. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish or could deter transactions that stockholders may otherwise consider to be in their best interest or in the best interests of the Company, including transactions that might result in a premium over the market price for shares of our Common Stock.

Subsidiaries (Active)

Name	Jurisdiction of Organization
Climb Channel Solutions, Inc.	Delaware
TechXtend, Inc.	Delaware
ISP International Software Partners, Inc.	Delaware
Interwork Technologies Inc.	Delaware
Climb Global Solutions Europe B.V.	Netherlands
Climb Channel Solutions EMEA B.V.	Netherlands
Climb Global Solutions (Canada), Inc.	Canada
Climb Global Solutions Holdings UK Limited	England and Wales
Climb Global Solutions Limited	England and Wales
Climb Global Solutions EMEA Limited	Ireland
Data Solutions Holdings Limited	Ireland
Data Solutions Limited	Ireland
Data Solutions Distributions Limited	England and Wales
Climb Global Solutions (Pty) Limited	South Africa

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Climb Global Solutions, Inc.
Eatontown, New Jersey

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-257231, 333-237670, and 333-184573) of Climb Global Solutions, Inc. of our reports dated March 5, 2024, relating to the consolidated financial statements and schedule, and the effectiveness of Climb Global Solutions, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting, which appear in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

/s/ BDO USA, P.C.
Woodbridge, New Jersey

March 5, 2024

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

I, Dale Foster, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Climb Global Solutions, Inc;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 5, 2024

/s/ Dale Foster

Dale Foster

Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER)

I, Andrew Clark, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Climb Global Solutions, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)), and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 5, 2024

/s/ Andrew Clark

Andrew Clark

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Climb Global Solutions, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2023 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Dale Foster, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Dale Foster

Dale Foster

Chief Executive Officer and Director

March 5, 2024

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Andrew Clark
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
March 5, 2024

CLIMB GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

CLAWBACK POLICY FOR INCENTIVE-BASED COMPENSATION

1. Introduction. The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Climb Global Solutions, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”) has adopted this clawback policy for the recoupment of Erroneously Awarded Compensation (the “**Policy**”), effective October 2, 2023 (the “**Effective Date**”). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in [Section 5](#).

2. Applicability. This Policy shall apply to all current and former Executive Officers. This Policy covers all Incentive-Based Compensation Received by a current or former Executive Officer (“**Clawback Eligible Incentive-Based Compensation**”): (a) on or after the Effective Date; (b) after beginning service as an Executive Officer, (c) who served as an Executive Officer at any time during the performance period for such Incentive-Based Compensation, (d) while the Company has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange, and (e) during the applicable Clawback Period.

3. Administration. This Policy shall be administered by the Committee. The Committee is authorized to interpret and construe the Policy and to make all determinations necessary, appropriate, or advisable for the administration of the Policy, and any such determinations made by the Committee shall be in the Committee’s sole discretion and shall be final and binding on all affected individuals. In addition, if determined in the discretion of the Board in accordance with the Clawback Rules, this Policy may be administered by the independent members of the Board or another committee of the Board made up of independent members of the Board, in which case all references to the Committee (other than in [Section 4\(b\)](#)) will be deemed to refer to the independent members of the Board or the other Board committee.

4. Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation.

(a) Subject to [Section 2](#) and this [Section 4](#), if the Company is required to prepare an Accounting Restatement, the Company shall recover reasonably promptly the amount of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation that has been Received during the Clawback Period.

(b) The Company shall not be required to recover any Erroneously Awarded Compensation from a current or former Executive Officer if such recovery would be Impracticable, as determined by the Committee, or in the absence of such a committee, a majority of the independent directors serving on the Board.

(c) Recovery shall be required in accordance with this [Section 4](#) regardless of whether the applicable Executive Officer engaged in misconduct or otherwise caused or contributed to the requirement for the Accounting Restatement and regardless of whether or when restated financial statements are filed by the Company.

(d) The Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, the method for recouping Erroneously Awarded Compensation hereunder which may include, without limitation:

- (i) requiring reimbursement or repayment of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation;
- (ii) withholding, cancellation or reduction of any Incentive-Based Compensation;
- (iii) offsetting amounts from any compensation otherwise payable by the Company or an affiliate to the Executive Officer; and
- (iv) taking any other remedial and recovery action permitted by law.

(e) Unless prohibited by the Clawback Rules, to the extent this Policy provides for recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation already recovered by the Company pursuant to any other right to recovery under law, policy or agreement, the amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation already recovered by the Company or

an affiliate from the recipient of such Erroneously Awarded Compensation may be credited to the amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation required to be recovered pursuant to this Policy from such person.

(f) Except as provided in [subsections \(b\)](#) and [\(e\)](#) of this Section 4, in no event may the Company accept an amount that is less than the amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation in satisfaction of an Executive Officer's obligations hereunder.

5. Definitions. For purposes of this Policy, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

"Accounting Restatement" shall mean an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the applicable U.S. federal securities laws, including any required accounting restatement to correct an error in previously issued financial statements that is material to the previously issued financial statements (a "Big R" restatement), or that would result in a material misstatement if the error were corrected in the current period or left uncorrected in the current period (a "little r" restatement).

"Clawback Period" shall mean, with respect to any Accounting Restatement, the three completed fiscal years of the Company immediately preceding the Restatement Date and any transition period (that results from a change in the Company's fiscal year) of less than nine months within or immediately following those three completed fiscal years. A transition period that comprises a period of at least nine months shall count as a completed fiscal year.

"Clawback Rules" means Section 10D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"), Rule 10D-1 promulgated thereunder, Nasdaq Rule 5608, and any applicable rules, standards, or other guidance adopted by the SEC or Nasdaq.

"Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board.

"Erroneously Awarded Compensation" shall mean, with respect to each current or former Executive Officer in connection with an Accounting Restatement, the amount of Clawback Eligible Incentive-Based Compensation Received by such current or former Executive Officer that exceeds the amount of Incentive-Based Compensation that otherwise would have been Received had such Clawback Eligible Incentive-Based Compensation been determined based on the restated amounts, computed without regard to any taxes paid. For Incentive-Based Compensation based on stock price or total shareholder return, where the amount of erroneously awarded compensation is not subject to mathematical recalculation directly from the information in an accounting restatement: (i) The amount must be based on a reasonable estimate of the effect of the accounting restatement on the stock price or total shareholder return upon which the Incentive-Based Compensation was Received; and (ii) The Company must maintain documentation of the determination of that reasonable estimate and provide such documentation to Nasdaq.

"Executive Officer" shall mean each individual who the Company determines is an "officer" of the Company in accordance with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

"Financial Reporting Measures" shall mean measures that are determined and presented in accordance with the accounting principles used in preparing the Company's financial statements, and all other measures that are derived wholly or in part from such measures. Stock price and total shareholder return (and any measures that are derived wholly or in part from stock price or total shareholder return) shall for purposes of this Policy be considered Financial Reporting Measures. For the avoidance of doubt, a Financial Reporting Measure need not be presented in the Company's financial statements or included in a filing with the SEC.

"Impracticable" shall mean that either of the following two conditions is met:

(i) The direct expense paid to a third party to assist in enforcing the Policy would exceed the amount to be recovered. Before concluding that it would be Impracticable to recover any amount of erroneously awarded compensation based on expense of enforcement, the Company must make a reasonable attempt to recover such erroneously awarded compensation, document such reasonable attempt(s) to recover, and provide that documentation to the Nasdaq; or

(ii) Recovery would likely cause an otherwise tax-qualified retirement plan, under which benefits are broadly available to employees of the Company, to fail to meet the requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(13) or 26 U.S.C. 411(a) and regulations thereunder.

“Incentive-Based Compensation” shall mean any compensation that is granted, earned or vested based wholly or in part upon the attainment of a Financial Reporting Measure.

“Nasdaq” shall mean the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, or if the Company’s class of securities is not listed on Nasdaq, the term “Nasdaq” shall instead refer to the national securities exchange or association upon which the Company’s class of securities is listed.

“Received” shall mean that Incentive-Based Compensation is deemed **“Received”** in the Company’s fiscal period during which the financial reporting measure specified in the Incentive-Based Compensation award is attained, even if the payment or grant of the Incentive-Based Compensation occurs after the end of that period.

“Restatement Date” shall mean the earlier to occur of (i) the date the Board, a committee of the Board or the officers of the Company authorized to take such action if Board action is not required, concludes, or reasonably should have concluded, that the Company is required to prepare an Accounting Restatement, or (ii) the date of court, regulator or other legally authorized body directs the Company to prepare an Accounting Restatement.

“SEC” shall mean the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

6. Indemnification Prohibition. Notwithstanding the terms of any indemnification agreement or insurance policy or any other contractual arrangement or organizational document (now or hereinafter in effect) that may be interpreted to the contrary, the Company or its affiliates shall not indemnify any current or former Executive Officer against the loss of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation, including any payment or reimbursement for the cost of third-party insurance purchased by any current or former Executive Officer to fund potential clawback obligations under this Policy.

7. No Committee or Board Liability. Any members of the Committee, and any other members of the Board who assist in the administration of this Policy, shall not be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made with respect to this Policy.

8. Effective Date. This Policy shall be effective as of the Effective Date and shall apply to any Incentive-Based Compensation Received on or after the Effective Date even if such Incentive-Based Compensation was approved, awarded, granted or paid prior to the Effective Date.

9. Amendment; Termination. The Board or the Committee may amend, modify, supplement, rescind or replace all or any portion of this Policy at any time and from time to time, provided that such action is in accordance with Clawback Rules. This Policy will terminate automatically when the Company does not have a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange or association.

10. Acknowledgment by Executives Officers. This Policy will be applied to current and former Executive Officers to the fullest extent of the law. The Company will provide notice and seek acknowledgment of this Policy from each Executive Officer, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A; provided, however, that the failure to provide such notice or obtain such acknowledgment will have no impact on the applicability or enforceability of this Policy.

11. Other Recoupment Rights. Any right of recoupment under this Policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies or rights of recoupment that may be available to the Company and any of its affiliates under applicable law or pursuant to the terms of any recoupment provisions in any employment agreement, incentive or equity compensation plan or award or other agreement or policy and any other legal remedies available to the Company.

12. Interpretation and Severability. This Policy shall be interpreted and applied in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the Clawback Rules, and to the extent this Policy is inconsistent with such Clawback Rules,

it shall be deemed amended to the minimum extent necessary to ensure compliance with the Clawback Rules. If any provision of this Policy or the application of such provision to any Executive Officer shall be found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any law, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Policy, and the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions shall be deemed amended to the minimum extent necessary to render any such provision (or the application of such provision) valid, legal or enforceable.

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EXHIBIT A

CLIMB GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLAWBACK POLICY
FOR INCENTIVE-BASED COMPENSATION

I have received a copy of the Clawback Policy for Incentive-Based Compensation (the “**Policy**”) adopted by the Board of Directors of Climb Global Solutions, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), and have read and understood the Policy. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Policy.

As a condition to the receipt of any Incentive-Based Compensation that is Received on and after the Effective Date, I acknowledge and agree to be fully bound by and, subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Policy both during and after my employment with the Company terminates, and to return or reimburse any Erroneously Awarded Compensation to the extent required by, and in a manner required by, the Policy. I further understand and acknowledge that the Policy applies to me, and all of my beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives, and that the Company’s right to recovery in order to comply with applicable law will apply, regardless of the terms of any release of claims, separation agreement, employment agreement, grant agreement or incentive plan document that I have signed or will sign in the future, or in which I participate or will participate in the future.

To the extent the Policy conflicts with any other indemnification, contractual or other rights (now or hereafter in effect) I may have with the Company, I understand and agree that the terms of the Policy shall supersede any such rights with respect to any Incentive-Based Compensation Received on and after the Effective Date. The recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation under this Policy will not give rise to any right to voluntarily terminate employment by me for “good reason” or due to a “constructive termination” (or any similar term of like effect) under any plan, program or policy of or agreement with the Company or any of its affiliates.

Signature

Name

Date
