Meta Reports First Quarter 2023 Results

MENLO PARK, Calif. – April 26, 2023 – Meta Platforms, Inc. (Nasdaq: META) today reported financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2023.

"We had a good quarter and our community continues to grow," said Mark Zuckerberg, Meta founder and CEO. "Our AI work is driving good results across our apps and business. We're also becoming more efficient so we can build better products faster and put ourselves in a stronger position to deliver our long term vision."

First Quarter 2023 Financial Highlights

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In millions, except percentages and per share amounts	<u> </u>	2023	2022	70 Change
Revenue	\$	28,645 \$	27,908	3%
Costs and expenses		21,418	19,384	10%
Income from operations	\$	7,227 \$	8,524	(15)%
Operating margin		25 %	31 %	
Provision for income taxes	\$	1,598 \$	1,443	11%
Effective tax rate		22 %	16 %	
Net income	\$	5,709 \$	7,465	(24)%
Diluted earnings per share (EPS)	\$	2.20 \$	2.72	(19)%

First Quarter 2023 Operational and Other Financial Highlights

- Family daily active people (DAP) DAP was 3.02 billion on average for March 2023, an increase of 5% year-over-year.
- Family monthly active people (MAP) MAP was 3.81 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of 5% year-over-year.
- Facebook daily active users (DAUs) DAUs were 2.04 billion on average for March 2023, an increase of 4% year-over-year.
- Facebook monthly active users (MAUs) MAUs were 2.99 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of 2% year-over-year.
- Ad impressions and price per ad In the first quarter of 2023, ad impressions delivered across our Family of Apps increased by 26% year-over-year and the average price per ad decreased by 17% year-over-year.
- **Revenue** Revenue was \$28.65 billion, an increase of 3% year-over-year, and an increase of 6% year-over-year on a constant currency basis.
- Costs and expenses Total costs and expenses were \$21.42 billion, an increase of 10% year-over-year. This includes charges related to our restructuring efforts of \$1.14 billion in the first quarter of 2023.
- Capital expenditures Capital expenditures, including principal payments on finance leases, were \$7.09 billion for the first quarter of 2023.
- Share repurchases We repurchased \$9.22 billion of our Class A common stock in the first quarter of 2023. As of March 31, 2023, we had \$41.73 billion available and authorized for repurchases.
- Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities were \$37.44 billion as of March 31, 2023.
- Long-term debt Long-term debt was \$9.92 billion as of March 31, 2023.
- **Headcount** Headcount was 77,114 as of March 31, 2023, a decrease of 1% year-over-year. Substantially all employees impacted by the layoff announced in November 2022 are no longer reflected in our reported headcount as of March 31, 2023. Further, the employees that would be impacted by the 2023 layoffs are included in our reported headcount as of March 31, 2023.

Restructuring

In 2022, we initiated several measures to pursue greater efficiency and to realign our business and strategic priorities. As of March 31, 2023, we have substantially completed the 2022 employee layoffs while continuing to assess facilities consolidation and data center restructuring initiatives. We incurred additional pre-tax restructuring charges of \$621 million in the first quarter of 2023.

In March 2023, we announced three rounds of planned layoffs to further reduce our company size by approximately 10,000 employees across the Family of Apps (FoA) and Reality Labs (RL) segments. In connection with these layoffs, we expect to incur total pre-tax severance and related personnel costs of approximately \$1 billion, of which \$523 million was recognized during the first quarter of 2023 and the remaining charges will be substantially recorded by the end of 2023.

A summary of our restructuring charges for the three months ended March 31, 2023 by major activity type is as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2023					
	Severance and Other Personnel Costs ⁽¹⁾	Facilities Consolidation	Data Center Assets (2)	Total		
Cost of revenue	\$ —	\$ 58	\$ (168)	\$ (110)		
Research and development	320	484		804		
Marketing and sales	3	136	_	139		
General and administrative	182	129		\$ 311		
Total	\$ 505	\$ 807	\$ (168)	\$ 1,144		

⁽¹⁾ Includes severance and personnel costs of \$523 million related to the 2023 layoffs and \$18 million reduction in severance estimates related to the 2022 layoff.

Total restructuring charges recorded under our FoA segment were \$934 million and RL segment were \$210 million during the first quarter of 2023. Excluding these charges, our operating margin would have been four percentage points higher and our diluted EPS would have been \$0.44 higher for the first quarter of 2023.

⁽²⁾ Relates to a change in estimates in our data center restructuring charges recorded during the three months ended December 31, 2022.

CFO Outlook Commentary

We expect second quarter 2023 total revenue to be in the range of \$29.5-32 billion. Our guidance assumes foreign currency headwinds will be less than 1% to year-over-year total revenue growth in the second quarter, based on current exchange rates.

We anticipate our full-year 2023 total expenses will be in the range of \$86-90 billion, updated from our prior outlook provided in March. This outlook includes \$3-5 billion of restructuring costs related to facilities consolidation charges and severance and other personnel costs. We continue to expect Reality Labs operating losses to increase year-over-year in 2023.

We expect capital expenditures to be in the range of \$30-33 billion, unchanged from our prior estimate. This outlook reflects our ongoing build out of AI capacity to support ads, Feed and Reels, along with an increased investment in capacity for our generative AI initiatives.

Absent any changes to U.S. tax law, we expect our full year 2023 tax rate percentage to be around 20%.

In addition, we continue to monitor ongoing regulatory developments. We expect the Irish Data Protection Commission (IDPC) to issue a decision in May in its previously disclosed inquiry relating to transatlantic data transfers of Facebook EU/EEA user data, including a suspension order for such transfers and a fine. Our ongoing consultations with policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic continue to indicate that the proposed new EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework will be fully implemented before the deadline for suspension of such transfers, but we cannot exclude the possibility that it will not be completed in time. We will also evaluate whether and to what extent the IDPC decision could otherwise impact our data processing operations even after a new data privacy framework is in force.

Webcast and Conference Call Information

Meta will host a conference call to discuss the results at 2 p.m. PT / 5 p.m. ET today. The live webcast of Meta's earnings conference call can be accessed at investor.fb.com, along with the earnings press release, financial tables, and slide presentation. Meta uses the investor.fb.com and about.fb.com/news/ websites as well as Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook Page (facebook.com/zuck) and Instagram account (instagram.com/zuck) as means of disclosing material non-public information and for complying with its disclosure obligations under Regulation FD.

Following the call, a replay will be available at the same website. A telephonic replay will be available for one week following the conference call at +1 (800) 633-8284 or +1 (402) 977-9140, conference ID 22026502.

Transcripts of conference calls with publishing equity research analysts held today will also be posted to the investor.fb.com website.

About Meta

Meta builds technologies that help people connect, find communities, and grow businesses. When Facebook launched in 2004, it changed the way people connect. Apps like Messenger, Instagram, and WhatsApp further empowered billions around the world. Now, Meta is moving beyond 2D screens toward immersive experiences like augmented and virtual reality to help build the next evolution in social technology.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding our future business plans and expectations. These forwardlooking statements are only predictions and may differ materially from actual results due to a variety of factors including: the impact of macroeconomic conditions on our business and financial results, including as a result of geopolitical events; our ability to retain or increase users and engagement levels; our reliance on advertising revenue; our dependency on data signals and mobile operating systems, networks, and standards that we do not control; changes to the content or application of thirdparty policies that impact our advertising practices; risks associated with new products and changes to existing products as well as other new business initiatives, including our metaverse efforts; our emphasis on community growth and engagement and the user experience over short-term financial results; maintaining and enhancing our brand and reputation; our ongoing privacy, safety, security, and content review efforts; competition; risks associated with government actions that could restrict access to our products or impair our ability to sell advertising in certain countries; litigation and government inquiries; privacy, legislative, and regulatory concerns or developments (including the impact of the pending decision by the IDPC and the pending EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework); risks associated with acquisitions; security breaches; and our ability to manage our scale and geographically-dispersed operations. These and other potential risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from the results predicted are more fully detailed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 2, 2023, which is available on our Investor Relations website at investor.fb.com and on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Additional information will also be set forth in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023. In addition, please note that the date of this press release is April 26, 2023, and any forward-looking statements contained herein are based on assumptions that we believe to be reasonable as of this date. We undertake no obligation to update these statements as a result of new information or future events.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP), we use the following non-GAAP financial measures: revenue excluding foreign exchange effect, advertising revenue excluding foreign exchange effect, and free cash flow. The presentation of these financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. Investors are cautioned that there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures as an analytical tool. In addition, these measures may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies, limiting their usefulness for comparison purposes. We compensate for these limitations by providing specific information regarding the GAAP amounts excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures.

We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide investors with useful supplemental information about the financial performance of our business, enable comparison of financial results between periods where certain items may vary independent of business performance, and allow for greater transparency with respect to key metrics used by management in operating our business.

We exclude the following items from our non-GAAP financial measures:

Foreign exchange effect on revenue. We translated revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2023 using the prior year's monthly exchange rates for our settlement or billing currencies other than the U.S. dollar, which we believe is a useful metric that facilitates comparison to our historical performance.

Purchases of property and equipment; Principal payments on finance leases. We subtract both purchases of property and equipment, net of proceeds and principal payments on finance leases in our calculation of free cash flow because we believe that these two items collectively represent the amount of property and equipment we need to procure to support our business, regardless of whether we procure such property or equipment with a finance lease. We believe that this methodology can provide useful supplemental information to help investors better understand underlying trends in our business. Free cash flow is not intended to represent our residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditures.

For more information on our non-GAAP financial measures and a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP measures, please see the "Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Results" table in this press release.

META PLATFORMS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March			March 31,
	2023		2022	
Revenue	\$	28,645	\$	27,908
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of revenue		6,108		6,005
Research and development		9,381		7,707
Marketing and sales		3,044		3,312
General and administrative		2,885		2,360
Total costs and expenses		21,418		19,384
Income from operations		7,227		8,524
Interest and other income, net		80		384
Income before provision for income taxes		7,307		8,908
Provision for income taxes		1,598		1,443
Net income	\$	5,709	\$	7,465
Earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders:				
Basic	\$	2.21	\$	2.74
Diluted	\$	2.20	\$	2.72
Weighted-average shares used to compute earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders:				
Basic		2,587		2,725
Diluted		2,596		2,742

META PLATFORMS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	N	March 31, 2023		December 31, 2022		
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,551	\$	14,681		
Marketable securities		25,888		26,057		
Accounts receivable, net		11,044		13,466		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		4,000		5,345		
Total current assets		52,483		59,549		
Non-marketable equity securities		6,167		6,201		
Property and equipment, net		84,156		79,518		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		12,899		12,673		
Intangible assets, net		949		897		
Goodwill		20,649		20,306		
Other assets		7,188		6,583		
Total assets	\$	184,491	\$	185,727		
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Liabilities and stockholders' equity						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	3,672	\$	4,990		
Partners payable		885		1,117		
Operating lease liabilities, current		1,479		1,367		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		19,345		19,552		
Total current liabilities		25,381		27,026		
Operating lease liabilities, non-current		16,171		15,301		
Long-term debt		9,925		9,923		
Other liabilities		8,219		7,764		
Total liabilities		59,696		60,014		
Commitments and contingencies						
Stockholders' equity:						
Common stock and additional paid-in capital		66,535		64,444		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(2,981)		(3,530)		
Retained earnings		61,241		64,799		
Total stockholders' equity		124,795		125,713		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	184,491	\$	185,727		

META PLATFORMS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended March 31,			March 31,	
		2023		2022	
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net income	\$	5,709	\$	7,465	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		2,524		2,156	
Share-based compensation		3,051		2,498	
Deferred income taxes		(620)		(563	
Impairment charges for facilities consolidation		770		_	
Other		(7)		(221	
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		2,546		2,557	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		821		573	
Other assets		30		(108	
Accounts payable		(1,104)		(882	
Partners payable		(240)		(105	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		334		763	
Other liabilities		184		(57	
Net cash provided by operating activities		13,998		14,076	
Cash flows from investing activities					
Purchases of property and equipment		(6,842)		(5,441	
Proceeds relating to property and equipment		19		126	
Purchases of marketable debt securities		(85)		(4,068	
Maturities and sales of marketable debt securities		534		5,467	
Acquisitions of businesses and intangible assets		(444)		(853	
Other investing activities		75		(10	
Net cash used in investing activities		(6,743)		(4,779	
Cash flows from financing activities					
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards		(1,009)		(925	
Repurchases of Class A common stock		(9,365)		(9,506	
Principal payments on finance leases		(264)		(233	
Other financing activities		122		4	
Net cash used in financing activities		(10,516)		(10,660	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		85		(149	
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		(3,176)		(1,512	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of the period		15,596		16,865	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of the period	\$	12,420	\$	15,353	
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash to the condensed consolidated balance sheets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,551	\$	14,886	
Restricted cash, included in prepaid expenses and other current assets		224		294	
Restricted cash, included in other assets		645		173	
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	\$	12,420	\$	15,353	

META PLATFORMS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2023			2022
Supplemental cash flow data				
Cash paid for income taxes, net	\$	405	\$	502
Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$	182	\$	
Non-cash investing and financing activities:				
Property and equipment in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$	4,466	\$	3,709
Acquisition of businesses in accrued expenses and other current liabilities and other liabilities	\$	263	\$	73
Settlement of convertible notes in exchange of equity securities in other current assets	\$	_	\$	131
Other current assets through financing arrangement in accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$	11	\$	659
Repurchases of Class A common stock in accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$	86	\$	221

Segment Results

We report our financial results for our two reportable segments: Family of Apps (FoA) and Reality Labs (RL). FoA includes Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, WhatsApp, and other services. RL includes augmented and virtual reality related consumer hardware, software, and content.

The following table presents our segment information of revenue and income (loss) from operations:

Segment Information

	Three Months Ended March 31,			March 31,
		2023		2022
Revenue:				
Advertising	\$	28,101	\$	26,998
Other revenue		205		215
Family of Apps		28,306		27,213
Reality Labs		339		695
Total revenue	\$	28,645	\$	27,908
Income (loss) from operations:				
Family of Apps	\$	11,219	\$	11,484
Reality Labs		(3,992)		(2,960)
Total income from operations	\$	7,227	\$	8,524

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Results

(In millions, except percentages)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31			March 31,	
	2023			2022	
GAAP revenue	\$	28,645	\$	27,908	
Foreign exchange effect on 2023 revenue using 2022 rates		816			
Revenue excluding foreign exchange effect	\$	29,461			
GAAP revenue year-over-year change %		3%			
Revenue excluding foreign exchange effect year-over-year change %		6%			
GAAP advertising revenue	\$	28,101	\$	26,998	
Foreign exchange effect on 2023 advertising revenue using 2022 rates		806			
Advertising revenue excluding foreign exchange effect	\$	28,907			
GAAP advertising revenue year-over-year change %		4%			
Advertising revenue excluding foreign exchange effect year-over-year change %		7%			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	13,998	\$	14,076	
Purchases of property and equipment, net		(6,823)		(5,315)	
Principal payments on finance leases		(264)		(233)	
Free cash flow	\$	6,911	\$	8,528	