



Arista Networks, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2021 Financial Results

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SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Arista Networks, Inc. (NYSE: ANET), an industry leader in cognitive cloud networking solutions for large datacenter and campus environments, today announced financial results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2021.

"Arista begins the 2021 year with a flying start. Clearly, the focus on our cognitive cloud networking suite is resonating with customers across diverse data sets and applications," stated Jayshree Ullal, President and CEO of Arista Networks.

First Quarter Financial Highlights

- Revenue of \$667.6 million, an increase of 2.9% compared to the fourth quarter of 2020, and an increase of 27.6% from the first quarter of 2020.
- GAAP gross margin of 63.7%, compared to GAAP gross margin of 63.9% in the fourth quarter of 2020 and 64.7% in the first quarter of 2020.
- Non-GAAP gross margin of 64.7%, compared to non-GAAP gross margin of 65.0% in the fourth quarter of 2020 and 65.6% in the first quarter of 2020.
- GAAP net income of \$180.4 million, or \$2.27 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$138.4 million, or \$1.73 per diluted share in the first quarter of 2020.
- Non-GAAP net income of \$198.8 million, or \$2.50 per diluted share, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$161.7 million, or \$2.02 per diluted share in the first quarter of 2020.

Commenting on the company's financial results, Ita Brennan, Arista's CFO said, "We experienced continued validation of our business diversification initiatives in the first quarter, with healthy demand across all our market and product sectors."

First Quarter Company Highlights

- **Arista Delivers Multi-Domain Segmentation for Zero Trust Enterprise**– Arista Networks announced a new zero trust security framework for today's digital enterprise. Arista Multi-Domain Macro-Segmentation Service is a suite of capabilities for integrating security policy with the network through an open and consistent network segmentation approach across network domains.
- **Arista Completes 400G ZR Interoperability Testing**- Arista Networks announced successful interoperability testing between multiple 400G ZR suppliers over Microsoft's 120km open line system testbed. This multi-vendor testing sets the foundation for a healthy, interoperable, coherent optics ecosystem, providing customers with a multitude of options for building high speed Data Center Interconnect (DCI) networks.
- **Arista Advances Zero Trust Security Strategy with Enhancements to AI-driven Awake Security Platform**– Awake Security, the network detection and response (NDR) security division of Arista Networks, unveiled platform enhancements that strengthen its ability to detect advanced threats, protect the unmanaged attack surface and autonomously perform threat hunting and forensic investigations.

Financial Outlook

For the second quarter of 2021, we expect:

- Revenue between \$675 million to \$695 million;
- Non-GAAP gross margin of 63% to 65%; and
- Non-GAAP operating margin of approximately 37%

Guidance for non-GAAP financial measures excludes stock-based compensation expense, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, and certain non-recurring items. A reconciliation of non-GAAP guidance measures to corresponding GAAP measures is not available on a forward-looking basis (see further explanation below under “Non-GAAP Financial Measures”).

Prepared Materials and Conference Call Information

Arista executives will discuss the first quarter financial results on a conference call at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time today. To listen to the call via telephone, dial (833) 968-2211 in the United States or +1 (778) 560-2896 from international locations. The Conference ID is 9089156.

The financial results conference call will also be available via live webcast on Arista's investor relations website at <https://investors.arista.com/>. Shortly after the conclusion of the conference call, a replay of the audio webcast will be available on Arista's investor relations website.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains “forward-looking statements” regarding our future performance, including quotations from management, statements in the section entitled “Financial Outlook,” such as estimates regarding revenue, non-GAAP gross margin and non-GAAP operating margin for the second quarter of 2021 and statements regarding the benefits of new products and product enhancements, and our leadership in cloud networking. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those anticipated in or implied by the forward-looking statements including risks associated with: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business; insufficient component supply and inventory; manufacturing capacity impacted by COVID-19 and increased lead times; interruptions or delays in shipments; the rapid evolution of the networking market; any failure to successfully pursue new products and service offerings and expand into adjacent markets; a decline in our revenue growth rate; unpredictability of our results of operations; adverse economic conditions or reduced information technology and network infrastructure spending; intense competition; expansion of our international sales and operations; investment or acquisition in other businesses; seasonality; our ability to attract new large end customers or sell products and services to existing end customers; our ability to increase market awareness of our company and new products and services; product quality problems; our ability to anticipate technological shifts and develop products to meet those technological shifts; our ability to protect, defend and maintain our intellectual property rights; vulnerabilities in our products and failure of our products to detect security breaches our intellectual property rights; and tax, tariff, import/export restrictions; and other future events. Additional risks and uncertainties that could affect us can be found in our most recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including, but not limited to, our annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. You can locate these reports through our website at <https://investors.arista.com/> and on the SEC’s website at <https://www.sec.gov/>. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based on information available to the company as of the date hereof and we disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release and accompanying table contain certain non-GAAP financial measures including non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP operating margins, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted net income per share. These non-GAAP financial measures exclude stock-based compensation expense, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, certain non-recurring charges or benefits, and the income tax effect of these non-GAAP exclusions. In addition, non-GAAP financial measures exclude net tax benefits associated with stock-based awards, which include excess tax benefits, and other discrete indirect effects of such awards. The company uses these non-GAAP financial measures internally in analyzing its financial results and believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors as an additional tool to evaluate ongoing operating results and trends. In addition, these measures are the primary indicators

management uses as a basis for its planning and forecasting for future periods.

Non-GAAP financial measures are not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the comparable GAAP financial measures. Non-GAAP financial measures are subject to limitations, and should be read only in conjunction with the company's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures do not have any standardized meaning and are therefore unlikely to be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. A description of these non-GAAP financial measures and a reconciliation of the company's non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures have been provided in the financial statement tables included in this press release, and investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation.

The company's guidance for non-GAAP financial measures excludes stock-based compensation expense, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, and other non-recurring items. The company does not provide guidance on GAAP gross margin or GAAP operating margin or the various reconciling items between GAAP gross margin and GAAP operating margin and non-GAAP gross margin and non-GAAP operating margin. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures guidance to the corresponding GAAP measures on a forward-looking basis is not available because stock-based compensation expense is impacted by the company's future hiring and retention needs and the future fair market value of the company's common stock, all of which are difficult to predict and subject to constant change. The actual amount of stock-based compensation expense will have a significant impact on the company's GAAP gross margin and GAAP operating margin.

About Arista Networks

Arista Networks is an industry leader in cognitive cloud networking solutions for large data center and campus environments. Arista's award-winning platforms deliver availability, agility, automation analytics, and security through CloudVision® and Arista EOS®, an advanced network operating system. For more information visit www.arista.com.

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Revenue:		
Product	\$ 539,145	\$ 410,906
Service	128,417	112,123
Total revenue	667,562	523,029
Cost of revenue:		
Product	218,433	163,629
Service	23,857	21,149
Total cost of revenue	242,290	184,778
Gross profit	425,272	338,251
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	132,487	113,154
Sales and marketing	71,020	57,086
General and administrative	15,473	18,349
Total operating expenses	218,980	188,589
Income from operations	206,292	149,662
Other income, net	1,575	12,157
Income before income taxes	207,867	161,819
Provision for income taxes	27,501	23,388
Net income	\$ 180,366	\$ 138,431
Net income per share:		
Basic	\$ 2.36	\$ 1.82
Diluted	\$ 2.27	\$ 1.73
Weighted-average shares used in computing net income per share:		
Basic	76,306	76,264
Diluted	79,623	79,939

ARISTA NETWORKS, INC.
Reconciliation of Selected GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures
(Unaudited, in thousands, except percentages and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
GAAP gross profit	\$ 425,272	\$ 338,251
GAAP gross margin	63.7%	64.7%
Stock-based compensation expense	1,400	1,327
Intangible asset amortization	5,464	3,660
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$ 432,136	\$ 343,238
Non-GAAP gross margin	64.7%	65.6%
GAAP income from operations	\$ 206,292	\$ 149,662
Stock-based compensation expense	37,553	27,556
Intangible asset amortization	7,430	4,902
Acquisition-related costs (1)	—	11,860
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$ 251,275	\$ 193,980
Non-GAAP operating margin	37.6%	37.1%
GAAP net income	\$ 180,366	\$ 138,431
Stock-based compensation expense	37,553	27,556
Intangible asset amortization	7,430	4,902
Acquisition-related costs	—	11,860
Tax benefit on stock-based awards	(20,906)	(14,502)
Income tax effect on non-GAAP exclusions	(5,606)	(6,555)
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 198,837	\$ 161,692
GAAP diluted net income per share	\$ 2.27	\$ 1.73
Non-GAAP adjustments to net income	0.23	0.29
Non-GAAP diluted net income per share	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.02
Weighted-average shares used in computing diluted net income per share	79,623	79,939

Summary of Stock-Based Compensation Expense:

Cost of revenue	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,327
Research and development	21,982	15,928
Sales and marketing	10,085	6,396
General and administrative	4,086	3,905
Total	\$ 37,553	\$ 27,556

(1) Represents non-recurring costs associated with our acquisition of Big Switch, and primarily includes severance, retention bonuses, professional and consulting fees, and facilities restructuring costs.

ARISTA NETWORKS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 843,336	\$ 893,219
Marketable securities	2,184,330	1,979,649
Accounts receivable, net	380,466	389,540
Inventories	483,168	479,668
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	111,595	94,922
Total current assets	4,002,895	3,836,998
Property and equipment, net	32,462	32,231
Acquisition-related intangible assets, net	115,359	122,790
Goodwill	188,277	189,696
Investments	10,314	8,314
Operating lease right-of-use assets	72,956	77,288
Deferred tax assets	438,277	441,531
Other assets	33,190	30,071
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,893,730	\$ 4,738,919
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 136,885	\$ 134,235
Accrued liabilities	122,466	143,357
Deferred revenue	457,799	396,259
Other current liabilities	69,382	94,392
Total current liabilities	786,532	768,243
Income taxes payable	55,314	53,053
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	67,770	72,397
Deferred revenue, non-current	262,232	254,568
Deferred tax liabilities, non-current	225,924	227,936
Other long-term liabilities	44,620	42,431
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,442,392	1,418,628
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common stock	8	8
Additional paid-in capital	1,345,569	1,292,431
Retained earnings	2,106,625	2,027,614
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(864)	238
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	3,451,338	3,320,291
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 4,893,730	\$ 4,738,919

ARISTA NETWORKS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 180,366	\$ 138,431
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, amortization and other	12,658	10,208
Stock-based compensation	37,553	27,556
Noncash lease expense	4,243	4,073
Deferred income taxes	1,425	457
Amortization of investment premiums	5,446	1,042
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	9,074	46,329
Inventories	(3,500)	(17,691)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(15,272)	25,751
Other assets	(3,499)	3,946
Accounts payable	2,833	(6,386)
Accrued liabilities	(20,759)	(39,450)
Deferred revenue	69,204	21
Income taxes payable	(10,436)	3,982
Other liabilities	(14,661)	(3,422)
Net cash provided by operating activities	254,675	194,847
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		

Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	379,605	414,503
Purchases of marketable securities	(590,476)	(674,649)
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	(66,225)
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,096)	(3,107)
Escrow receipts from past business acquisitions	18	—
Purchases of investments in privately-held companies	(2,000)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(217,949)	(329,478)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under equity plans	18,081	17,082
Tax withholding paid on behalf of employees for net share settlement	(2,496)	(1,740)
Repurchase of common stock	(101,355)	(227,895)
Net cash used in financing activities	(85,770)	(212,553)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(838)	(2,691)
NET DECREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH	(49,882)	(349,875)
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH —Beginning of period	897,454	1,115,515
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH —End of period	\$ 847,572	\$ 765,640

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