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

For the Fiscal Year Ended April 27, 2024

OR

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

For the Transition Period From \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.

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**Daktronics, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

South Dakota

46-0306862

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

201 Daktronics Drive

Brookings, SD

57006

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(605) 692-0200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, No Par Value	DAKT	Nasdaq Global Select Market
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights	DAKT	Nasdaq Global Select 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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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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If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those errors 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 Exchange Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates at October 28, 2023 (which is the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second quarter), computed by reference to the closing sales price of the Registrant's common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on such date, was approximately \$ 445,961,756 . For purposes of determining this number, individual shareholders holding more than 10 percent of the Registrant's outstanding common stock are considered affiliates. This number is provided only for the purpose of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and does not represent an admission by either the Registrant or any such person as to the status of such person.

**The number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding as of June 3, 2024 was 46,296,377 .**

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#### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*This Annual Report on Form 10-K (including exhibits and any information incorporated by reference herein) (the "Form 10-K" or the "Report") contains both historical and forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The statements contained in this Report that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements regarding our expectations, beliefs, intentions and strategies for the future. These statements appear in a number of places in this Report and include all statements that are not historical statements of fact regarding the intent, belief or current expectations with respect to, among other things: (i.) our competition; (ii.) our financing plans and ability to maintain adequate liquidity; (iii.) trends affecting our financial condition or results of operations; (iv.) our growth and operating strategies; (v.) the declaration and payment of dividends; (vi.) the timing and magnitude of future contracts; (vii.) raw material shortages and lead times and supply chain disruptions; (viii.) fluctuations in margins; (ix.) the seasonality of our business; (x.) the introduction of new products and technology; (xi.) the amount and frequency of warranty claims; (xii.) our ability to manage the impact that new or adjusted tariffs may have on the cost of raw materials and components and our ability to sell product internationally; (xiii.) the resolution of litigation contingencies; (xiv.) the timing and magnitude of any acquisitions or dispositions; (xv.) the impact of governmental laws, regulations, and orders, including as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the coronavirus; (xvi.) disruptions to our business caused by geopolitical events, military actions, work stoppages, natural disasters, or international health emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic; (xvii.) uncertainties related to market conditions and entry into financing transactions; (xviii.) the Company's potential need to seek additional strategic alternatives, including seeking additional debt or equity capital or other strategic transactions and/or measures; (xix.) our financing plans and ability to maintain adequate liquidity; (xx.) the Company's ability to increase cash flow to support the Company's operating activities and fund its obligations and working capital needs; (xxi.) our ability to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us, or at all; (xxii.) any future goodwill impairment charges; and (xxiii.) the valuation of investment in and advances to affiliates. The words "may," "would," "could," "should," "will," "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "intend," "plan" and similar expressions and variations thereof are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our ability to control, and that actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors discussed herein, including those discussed in the section of this Form 10-K entitled "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and those factors discussed in detail in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.*

#### **PART I.**

##### **Item 1. BUSINESS**

###### **Business Overview**

Daktronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company", "Daktronics", "we", "our", or "us") are industry leaders in designing and manufacturing electronic scoreboards, programmable display systems and large screen video displays for sporting, commercial and transportation applications. We serve our customers by providing high quality standard display products as well as custom-designed and integrated systems. We offer a complete line of products, from small scoreboards and electronic displays to large multimillion-dollar video display systems as well as related control, timing, and sound systems. We are recognized as a technical leader with the capabilities to design, market, manufacture, install and service complete integrated systems displaying real-time data, graphics, animation and video. We engage in a full range of activities: marketing and sales, engineering and product design and development, manufacturing, technical contracting, professional services, and customer service and support.

We were founded in 1968 by Drs. Aelred Kurtenbach and Duane Sander, professors of electrical engineering at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. The Company began with the design and manufacture of electronic voting systems for state legislatures. In 1971, Daktronics developed the patented Matside® wrestling scoreboard, the first product in the Company's growing and evolving line. In 1994, Daktronics became a publicly-traded company and invested in display technologies and new markets. We have continued these investments and have supported our long-term customer relationships to grow from a small company operating out of a garage to a world leader in the display industry. We currently employ 2,831 people globally. We are headquartered at 201 Daktronics Dr., Brookings, SD 57006, telephone 605-692-4200. Our Internet address is <https://www.daktronics.com>.

## Available Information

Our annual, quarterly and current reports and any amendments to those reports are freely available in the "Investor Relations" section of our website. We post each of these documents on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after it is electronically filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These reports and other reports, proxy statements, and electronic filings are also found on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Information contained on our website is not deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Report or filed with the SEC.

## Reportable Segments

We focus our sales and marketing efforts on markets, geographical regions and products. Our five business segments consist of four domestic business units and the International business unit. The four domestic business units consist of Commercial, Live Events, High School Park and Recreation, and Transportation, all of which include the geographic territories of the United States and Canada. Financial information concerning these segments is set forth in this Form 10-K in "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Note 3. Segment Reporting" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

## Industry Background

Over the years, our products have evolved significantly from scoreboards and matrix displays with related software applications to complex, integrated visual display systems which include full color video with text and graphics displays located on a local or remote network that are tied together through sophisticated control systems. In the mid-1990's, as light emitting diodes ("LEDs") became available in red, blue and green colors with outdoor brightness, we pioneered the development of full color LED video displays capable of replicating trillions of colors, thereby producing large format video systems with excellent color, brightness, energy efficiency and lifetime. Due to our foundation of developing scoring and graphics display systems, we were able to add video capabilities so we could meet all our customers' large format display needs in a complete, integrated system. This has proven to be a key factor in Daktronics becoming a leader in large electronic displays. LED technologies continue to evolve and advance, creating new high-resolution and micro-LED display options of all shapes and sizes. Today, the industry continues development in both the construct of the micro-LED and production methods of micro-LED display panels using mass-transfer technology.

Integrated visual display systems are increasingly used across a variety of vertical markets including: media/advertising, stadiums/venues, hospitality/leisure, transportation, military and government, broadcast, control room, corporate and education, and retail. Generally, these vertical markets use systems to collaboratively communicate, inform, entertain, and advertise to various sized audiences. Advances in technologies and the decrease in costs of systems have opened up and increased the market's size.

## Description of Business

We are engaged in a full range of activities: marketing and sales, engineering and product design and development, manufacturing, technical contracting, professional services, and customer service and support. Each of those activities is described below:

*Marketing and Sales.* Our sales force is comprised of direct sales staff and resellers, including AV integrators, located throughout the world supporting all customer types in both sales and service. We primarily use a direct sales force for large integrated display system sales in professional sports, colleges and universities, and commercial spectacular projects. We also use our direct sales force to sell to out-of-home advertising companies, to transportation system operators, and to certain high school park and recreation customers. The majority of our products sold by resellers are standard catalog products such as video boards and dynamic message systems and increasingly include indoor micro-LED configurable display systems. We also utilize resellers outside North America for large integrated system sales where we do not have a direct sales presence. We support our resellers through direct mail/email advertising, social media campaigns, trade journal advertising, product and installation training, trade show exhibitions, and accessibility to our regional sales or service teams and demonstration equipment.

*Engineering and Product Design and Development.* The large format electronic display industry is characterized by ongoing product innovations and developments in technology and complementary services. To remain competitive, we have a tradition of applying engineering resources throughout our business to anticipate and respond rapidly to the system needs in the marketplace. We employ and contract with engineers and technicians in the areas of mechanical and electrical

design; applications engineering; software design; quality design; and customer and product support. Product managers assigned to each product family assist our sales staff in training and implementing product improvements which ensures each product is designed for maximum reliability and serviceability. We employ and contract with process engineers to assist in quality and reliability processing in our product design testing and manufacturing areas. We also make selected investments in and contract with affiliated companies to support and advance technologies and capabilities for our product lines and solutions.

*Manufacturing.* The majority of our products are manufactured in the United States, specifically in South Dakota and Minnesota. We also have manufacturing facilities in China and Ireland. We perform component manufacturing, system manufacturing (metal fabrication, electronic assembly, sub-assembly and final assembly) and testing in-house for most of our products to control quality, improve response time and maximize cost-effectiveness. Given the cyclical nature of some parts of our business and dispersed sales geography, we balance and maintain our ability to manufacture the same products across our plants so we can efficiently utilize our capacity and reduce costs. A key strategy of ours is to increase standardization and commonality of parts and manufacturing processes across product lines through the use of product platforms to increase efficiencies. Other strategies include supplier management programs and lean manufacturing techniques. For more details on our facilities, see "Part II, Item 2. Properties".

*Technical Contracting.* We serve as a technical contractor for larger display system installations requiring custom designs and innovative product solutions. The purchase of display systems typically involves competitive proposals. As part of our response to a proposal request, we may suggest additional products or features to assist the prospective customer in analyzing the optimal type of display system. We usually include site preparation and installation services related to the display system in our proposal. In these cases, we serve as a contractor and may retain subcontractors for electrical, steel and installation labor. We have developed relationships with many subcontractors throughout the United States and the world, which is an advantage for us in bidding and delivering on these projects. We are licensed as a general contractor in many jurisdictions.

*Professional Services.* To assist our clients' ability to engage, inform and entertain their audiences, we provide professional services including event support, event production curriculum, content creation, product maintenance, marketing assistance, training on hardware and software, control room design, and continuing technical support training for operators.

*Customer Service and Support.* We offer limited warranties on our products, ranging from one to 10 years, against failure due to defective parts or workmanship. In addition, we offer service agreements of various scopes. To serve our customers, we provide help-desk access, parts repair and replacement, display monitoring and on-site support. Our technical help desk has experienced technicians who are on-call 24 hours a day to support events and sites. Our field service personnel and third-party service partners are trained to provide on-site support. We use third-party service partners to allow us to respond to the changes in volume of service requests during our seasonal peaks.

## **Products and Technologies**

The two principal components of our systems are the display and the control system, which manages the operation of the display. We produce displays varying in complexity, size and resolution. The physical dimensions of a display depend on the size of the viewing area, the distance from the viewer to the display, and the amount and type of information to be displayed. The control system is comprised of various combinations of computer hardware, video processing hardware and software products designed to compile information provided by the operator and other integrated sources to display information, graphics, video or animation on the displays. We customize our products according to the design specifications of the customer and the conditions of the environment in which our products function.

Our products are comprised of the following product families:

- Video displays/video walls
- Scoreboards and timing systems
- LED Message displays and signs
- ITS (intelligent transportation systems) dynamic message signs
- Mass Transit displays
- Sound systems
- Digital billboards
- Digital street furniture
- Digit and price displays

- Indoor dynamic messaging systems and indoor liquid crystal display ("LCD") signs
- Software and controllers including Venus® Control Suite, Show Control Studio and Show Control Live

Each of these product families is described below:

**Video Displays/Video Walls.** These displays are comprised of a large number of full-color pixels capable of showing various levels of video feeds, pre-rendered graphics and animated content with Real Time Data capabilities. These displays include red, green and blue LEDs arranged in various combinations to form pixels. The electronic circuitry, which controls the pixels, allows for variances in the relative brightness of each LED to provide a full color spectrum, thereby displaying video images in striking, vibrant colors. Variables in video displays include the spacing of the pixels (pixel pitch), the resolution of the displays (number of pixels), the brightness of the displays (nits), the number of discrete colors the display is able to produce (color depth), the viewing angles, and the LED technology.

We offer a broad range of indoor and outdoor LED video displays with these varying features. Examples of offerings include centerhung displays, landmark displays, video walls, ribbon board displays, hanging banners, roadside displays, digital billboards, corporate office entrance displays, conference room displays, control room displays, and video displays designed for arenas, stadiums, retail stores, restaurants, malls, transportation hubs and other similar indoor facilities.

Video displays provide content to serve as a revenue generation source through advertising or as an information and communication medium (such as scoring, statistics, wayfinding, advertising, and control center information), or to provide interior design elements to create luxurious space to feature digital art.

The control components for video displays in live event applications include our Show Control Software Suite, proprietary digital media players and video processors. These control components provide advanced capabilities for the display of live video and real-time content on our displays. The Show Control Software Suite can operate an entire network of displays within a venue from a single, intuitive control interface. Its features allow users to instantly deliver media clips, camera feeds, and streaming information to any display in a venue.

**Scoreboards and Timing Systems.** Our line of scoreboards and timing products include indoor and outdoor scoreboards for many different sports, digit displays, scoring and timing controllers, statistics software and other related products. Indoor and outdoor systems range in complexity from small scoreboards to larger systems incorporating scoring, timing, video, message centers, advertising panels and control software.

We offer a variety of controllers complementing our scoreboards and displays. These controllers vary in complexity from the All Sport® 100, a handheld controller for portable scoreboards, to the All Sport® Pro, designed for more sophisticated scoring systems and allowing for more user-defined options.

As a key component of an integrated system, we market sports statistics and results software under the DakStats® trademark. The software allows the entry and display of sports statistics and other information. It is one of the leading applications of its type in collegiate and high school sports.

**LED Message Displays and Signs.** The Galaxy® product line is a family of full-matrix displays, available in both indoor and outdoor models and controlled with the Venus® Control Suite. Galaxy® displays are full color or monochrome with varying pixel spacing depending on color, size and viewing distance. Galaxy® displays can display text, graphics and animation, as well as prerecorded video clips. They are used primarily to convey information and on-premises advertising to consumers.

The Venus® Control Suite software is used to control the creation of messages and graphic sequences for uploading to the Galaxy® displays. This software is designed to be user friendly and applicable to all general advertising or message applications. It can be used to control a single message display or can scale up to provide a secure, cloud-based control center for large networks of message displays.

**ITS Dynamic Message Signs ("DMS").** DMS products include a wide range of LED displays for road management applications. The Vanguard® family of dynamic message displays is typically used to direct traffic and inform motorists. These displays are used over freeways, on arterial roads, near bridges, at toll booths and in other locations. We have also developed a Vanguard® control system for these displays to help transportation agencies manage large networks of displays.

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***Mass Transit Displays.*** Our Mass Transit products include a wide range of LCD and LED display solutions for public transportation applications. Installations often involve a network of displays located on railway platforms, at bus stations, or on concourses within a transportation hub to guide travelers to their intended destination.

***Sound Systems.*** Our sound systems include both standard and custom options. Standard systems are designed to meet the needs of a variety of indoor and outdoor sports venues based on the size and configuration of the facility. Custom indoor and outdoor systems are tailored for larger venues and venues with unique seating configurations and are often integrated into an overall venue solution for scoring, timing, message display and/or video capability.

***Digital Billboards.*** Our line of digital billboards offers a unique display solution for the Out-of-Home ("OOH") advertising industry. The products are used to display images which change at regular intervals. These systems include many features unique to the outdoor advertising market, such as our patented mounting system, self-adjusting brightness, optimized energy consumption, and enhanced network security.

***Digital street furniture.*** Our LED street furniture features some of the brightest imagery in the industry and is built to withstand full-sun conditions. Our line of digital street furniture engages people with advertising content at eye level as they walk through campuses, cityscapes, and malls. This design enhances the message and complements surrounding architecture. These street furniture displays are our most flexible solution for digital OOH campaigns.

***Digit and Price Displays.*** This product line includes our DataTime® and Fuelight™ displays. The DataTime® product line consists of outdoor time and temperature displays which use a remote sensor for temperature data. Fuelight™ digit displays are specifically designed for the petroleum industry, offering high visibility and quick fuel price updates using the Fuelink™ control software.

***Indoor Dynamic Messaging Systems and LCD screens.*** Our ADFLOW DMS™ systems include indoor networked solutions for retailers, convenience stores and other businesses. These solutions, using either LED or LCD technologies, allow customers to broadcast advertising campaigns and other information through the software, media players and visual hardware.

***Software and Controllers including Venus® Control Suite.*** The Venus® Control Suite is our platform for scheduled control capability. It can be used in any application where the intended message is created in advance and scheduled to play at a predetermined time. It is available in an on-premise or hosted cloud-based configuration and is capable of supporting a single display or scaling to support many displays. For applications that require both scheduled content and live video or real time content, a control solution can combine the capabilities of Venus® Control Suite with the capabilities of the Show Control Software Suite to create a powerful solution that enables customers to easily manage content on their displays. Content includes media, scoring, statistics, timing, advertising, way-finding information, playback loops and entertainment type visualizations.

Our Show Control Suite is an easy-to-use and powerful integrated solution to achieve a dynamic, seamless and fully immersive game-day production. Show Control Studio offers products designed for display control, while Show Control Live is designed for video production.

## **Raw Materials**

Materials used in the production of our video display and control systems are sourced from around the world. Examples of the materials we use in production include LEDs, integrated circuits, printed circuit boards, power supplies, plastics, aluminum, and steel. We source some of our materials from a single-source or a limited number of suppliers due to the proprietary nature of the materials. The loss of a key supplier, part unavailability, tariff changes, price changes, war, transportation disruptions, or other geopolitical impacts to trade or transport, or defects in the supplied material or component could have an adverse impact on our business and operations. Our sourcing group is responsible to maintain and implement strategies to mitigate these evolving risks. Periodically, we enter into pricing agreements or purchasing contracts under which we agree to purchase a minimum amount of product in exchange for guaranteed price terms over the length of the contract, which generally does not exceed one year. We sometimes prepay for future supply.

## **Intellectual Property**

We own or hold licenses to use numerous patents, copyrights, and trademarks on a global basis. Our policy is to protect our competitive position by filing United States and international patent applications to protect technology and improvements

that we consider important to the development of our business. This will allow us to pursue infringement claims against competitors for protection due to patent violations. Although we own a number of patents and possess rights under others to which we attach importance, we do not believe that our business as a whole is materially dependent upon any such patents or rights. We also own a number of trademarks that we believe are important in connection with the identification of our products and associated goodwill with customers, but no part of our business materially depends on such trademarks. We also rely on nondisclosure agreements with our employees and agents to protect our intellectual property. Despite these intellectual property protections, there can be no assurance a competitor will not copy the functions or features of our products.

### **Seasonality**

Our net sales and profitability historically have fluctuated due to the impact of uniquely configured orders, such as display systems for professional sports facilities, colleges and universities, and spectacular projects in the commercial area, as well as the seasonality of the sports market. Uniquely configured orders can include several displays, controllers, and subcontracted structure builds, each of which can occur on varied schedules per the customer's needs. Our third fiscal quarter sales and profit levels are lighter than other quarters due to the seasonality of our sports business, construction cycles, and the reduced number of production days due to holidays in the quarter.

Our gross margins tend to fluctuate more on uniquely configured orders than on limited configured orders. Uniquely configured orders involving competitive bidding and substantial subcontracting work for product installation generally have lower gross margins. Although we follow the over-time method of recognizing revenues for uniquely configured orders, we nevertheless have experienced fluctuations in operating results and expect our future results of operations will be subject to similar fluctuations.

### **Working Capital**

For information regarding working capital items, see "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Liquidity and Capital Resources" in this Form 10-K.

### **Customers**

We have a large and diverse worldwide customer base, ranging from local main street business owners, out-of-home companies, governmental agencies, and schools, colleges, and universities, to the owners and operators of premier professional sports arenas. Our customers are important to us, and we strive to serve them over the long-term to earn their future business. The loss of one or more customers could have an adverse effect on us. See "Note 3. Segment Reporting" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for our primary markets and customers of each business unit.

### **Product Order Backlog**

Backlog represents the dollar value of orders for integrated electronic display systems and related products and services which are expected to be recognized in net sales in the future. Orders are contractually binding purchase commitments from customers. Orders are included in backlog when we are in receipt of an executed contract and any required deposits or security and have not yet been recognized into net sales. Certain orders for which we have received binding letters of intent or contracts will not be included in backlog until all required contractual documents and deposits are received. Orders and backlog are not metrics defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), and our methodology for determining orders and backlog may vary from the methodology used by other companies in determining their orders and backlog amounts.

Order and backlog levels provide management and investors additional details surrounding the results of our business activities in the marketplace and highlight fluctuations caused by seasonality and multi-million dollar projects. Management uses orders to evaluate market share and performance in the competitive environment. Management uses backlog information for capacity and resource planning. Order fulfillment timing is dependent on customer schedules, supply chain conditions, and our capacity availability. We believe order information is useful to investors because it provides an indication of our market share and future revenues.

Our product order backlog as of April 27, 2024 was \$316.9 million as compared to \$400.7 million as of April 29, 2023. The decrease in backlog, to more historical levels, is a result of fulfilling orders at a greater pace in fiscal 2024 as supply

chain conditions stabilized and production lead times improved, utilizing our increased capacity, and order pace returning to more normalized rates.

We expect to fulfill the backlog as of April 27, 2024 within the next 24 months. The timing of backlog fulfillment may be impacted by project delays resulting from customer site conditions, which are outside our control.

### **Government and Other Regulation**

In the United States and other countries, various laws, regulations and ordinances related to our products and controllers restrict the installation of outdoor signs and displays, particularly in the commercial and transportation markets. These laws and regulations impose greater restrictions on electronic displays versus non-electronic displays due to alleged concerns over aesthetics or driver safety. Globally, our products are also subject to various regulations and standards including electromagnetic interference, electromagnetic compatibility, electrical safety, and flammability standards. We design and have our products tested for these regulations; however, these factors may prevent or inhibit us from selling products to some prospective customers in certain geographies.

Our manufacturing facilities and products comply with industry specific requirements, including environmental rules and regulations and safety standards. These requirements include quality, manufacturing process controls, manufacturing documentation, supplier certification of raw materials, and various safety tests. Our production processes require the storage, use and disposal of a variety of hazardous chemicals under applicable laws.

Our global supply chain and sales distribution channels subject us to various trade compliance regulations. These requirements can include certification of country of origin, classification within the various tariff codes and trade agreements; compliance with other specific product or country import/export regulations; and payment of certain import or export tariffs, duties, or taxes.

Our obligations to conduct site work, including installations or repair, require us to comply with environmental rules and regulation, wage requirements, and safety standards. Often, certain contracts require us to have accident prevention programs that provide for frequent and regular inspection of the jobsites, materials, and equipment by competent persons.

Our global operations subject us to various laws and regulations, including laws and regulations relating to tax compliance, anti-corruption, data privacy, cybersecurity, governance, climate, and disclosure reporting. These requirements vary and can involve matters and processes such as using resources for related expertise and information systems, records management, policy creation and maintenance, data protection programs, compliance filings, control design and testing, and continued training of employees.

We are subject to regulations restricting the movement and interaction of people and business operations. Countries and states and/or localities in the United States can issue lock down orders impacting the availability of employees, third parties, suppliers, customers, and other services we need to operate our business.

We believe we are in material compliance with government and other regulatory requirements.

### **Competition**

We encounter a wide variety of competitors that vary by product, geographic area, and business unit. Our competitors include both domestic and foreign companies which range in size and product offerings. Our competitors may develop lower-cost or lower-featured products, may be willing to charge lower prices to increase their market share, or include different service and controller offerings. Some competitors have more capital, governmental funding, supply chain access, and other resources, which may allow them to take advantage of acquisition opportunities or adapt more quickly to changes in customer requirements. Other competitors use sponsorships as a way to win business at a particular location or market. In addition, our products compete with other forms of advertising, such as television, print media, digital and mobile, and fixed display signs.

We believe that our ability to compete depends upon customer centric product and service quality and features, technical expertise, service breadth, and cost-effective solutions.

## **Research and Development**

Our experience in engineering, process design, and product and service design and development capabilities and investments made in affiliates are very important factors in continuing to develop, produce, and offer the most up-to-date digital displays and control system solutions desired by the market.

We invest in our development and our affiliates to increase differentiated product platforms, advance our software architecture and offerings, support customer requirements, advance new competitive narrow pixel and micro-electronic technologies, and advance sustainable technologies and related products.

During fiscal 2024, our design teams focused on investing in product design and development to improve our video technology over a wide range of pixel pitches and sustainable technologies for both indoor and outdoor applications and to advance micro-LED devices and placement processes. These new or improved technologies are focused on varied pixel density for image quality and use, expanded product line offerings for our various markets and geographies, improved quality and reliability, and improved cost points.

## **Employees and Human Capital Resource Management**

Our core values of *Honest, Helpful and Humble* support our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, which leads to our vision of every person at Daktronics being able to contribute their best every day. We seek to recruit, retain, and develop our existing and future workforce for decades-long engagements to build long-term mutual prosperity. We facilitate company-wide teams to inspire a more inclusive culture and achieve company goals through teamwork. We encourage each employee to proactively and continuously build self-awareness, understanding of aspects of diversity, and openness to others' experiences and perspectives. We also foster and encourage self development and a continuous learning environment to build talent.

The safety and well-being of our team are a top priority, and we believe each and every team member plays an essential role in creating a safe and healthy workplace. We provide training for safety measures on the job site and in our facilities. We provide our employees and their families with access to a variety of health programs, including benefits that support their physical and mental health.

As of April 27, 2024, we employed approximately 2,520 full-time employees and 311 part-time and temporary employees. Of these employees, approximately 1,149 were in manufacturing, 482 were in sales and marketing, 570 were in customer service, 387 were in engineering, and 243 were in general and administrative. None of our employees are represented by a collective bargaining agreement. We believe employee relations are good.

## **Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our common stock involves risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information set forth in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and documents incorporated by reference herein, including "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, before making a decision to invest in our common stock.

The risks and uncertainties described below may not be the only ones we face. If any of the risks actually occur, our business, operating results, and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. In that event, the market price of our common stock could decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment.

### **Macroeconomic Risks**

**Our business is sensitive to global economic conditions, including recessions, inflation, and interest rate fluctuations. Weakened global economic or recessionary conditions may adversely affect our industry, business and results of operations.**

Our overall performance depends in part on worldwide economic conditions. The United States and other key international economies have experienced downturns and recessions from time to time during which economic activity was impacted by falling demand for a variety of goods and services; restricted credit; poor liquidity; reduced corporate profitability; volatility in credit, equity and foreign exchange markets; increased unemployment; bankruptcies; and overall uncertainty with respect to the economy. These conditions affect consumer and entertainment spending and could adversely affect our

customers' ability or willingness to purchase our products, delay prospective customers' purchasing decisions, reduce the value of their contracts, or affect attrition rates, all of which could adversely affect our operating results.

These demand fluctuations and various factors may reduce our ability to effectively utilize our capacity and impact our results of operations.

We rely on global supply chains, and inflationary pressures can increase our input costs faster than our ability to raise prices. These could eliminate our ability to sell our products or receive parts and components through our global supply chains.

The rate of interest we pay on our asset-based lending facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is correlated to the Standard Overnight Fund Rate (SOFR), which is determined by governmental policy decisions. Increases in SOFR will increase the rate of any extended borrowing on this facility.

**Geopolitical issues, conflicts, governmental actions and other global events could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.**

Our business is subject to global political issues and conflicts and governmental actions. Such factors can create trade restrictions, increase tariff costs, increase prices for raw materials and components used in our products, increase the cost of sales, decrease demand for our products, or have other implications on our business operations. These impacts could reduce profitability and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition if they escalate into geographies in which we do business, manufacture our products, or obtain raw materials and components for production.

For example, during calendar 2024, national elections are occurring in countries accounting for 49 percent of the people of the world, including the United States, which could cause changing governmental actions and policies; the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; the continuing conflict arising from the invasion of Ukraine by Russia; or tensions among Taiwan, China, the United States or other countries, could adversely impact macroeconomic conditions, give rise to regional instability, and result in heightened economic tariffs, sanctions and import-export restrictions from the United States and the international community in a manner that adversely affects our Company, including to the extent that any such actions cause material business interruptions or restrict our ability in these regions to conduct business with certain suppliers or vendors. Additionally, such conflict or sanctions may significantly devalue various global currencies and have a negative impact on economies in geographies in which we do business.

**We face risks related to actual or threatened health epidemics and other outbreaks, which have had and could have a material adverse effect on our operations, liquidity, financial conditions, and financial results.**

A serious global pandemic can adversely impact, shock and weaken the global economy. These impacts can amplify other risk factors and could have a material impact on our operations, liquidity, financial conditions, and financial results.

Our business, operations, and financial results were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Impacts on our business include, but are not limited to:

- Inability to meet our customers' demand due to disruptions in our manufacturing caused by delays and disruptions in obtaining certain raw material and other manufacturing components and because of restrictions affecting our ability to conduct work at sites during shutdowns;
- Rapid increases in raw material, components, and personnel related costs and expenses; and
- Rapid declines and increases in demand for our products.

**Unexpected events, including natural disasters, weather events, war, terrorist acts, and pandemics, may increase our cost of doing business or disrupt our operations.**

We operate manufacturing operations in three locations in the United States - Brookings, South Dakota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Redwood Falls, Minnesota, and we have production facilities in Ireland and China. Unexpected events could result in damage to, and a complete or partial closure of, one or more of our manufacturing facilities, which could make it difficult to supply our customers with product and provide our employees with work, thereby adversely affecting our business, operating results or financial condition.

The occurrence of one or more unexpected events in the United States or in other countries in which we operate may disrupt our operations and the operations of our customers and suppliers. Such events could create additional uncertainties, forcing customers to reduce, delay, or cancel already planned projects or cause our suppliers not to perform, resulting in parts and component shortages.

**Risks Related to Our Business and Industry**

**We depend on a single-source or a limited number of suppliers for our raw materials and components from countries around the world. The loss, an interruption, or a material change in our business relationships with our suppliers or in global supply chain conditions has had and could continue to cause a disruption in our supply chains and a substantial increase in the costs of such raw materials and components. Geopolitical tensions can impact our ability to obtain key materials and components. Such changes have and could continue to result in extended lead times or supply changes, which could disrupt or delay our scheduled product deliveries to our end user customers and may result in the loss of sales and end user customers and cause harm to our sales, financial condition, and results of operations.**

The performance and financial condition of a supplier may cause us to alter our business terms, cease doing business with a particular supplier, or change our sourcing practices. Our suppliers are subject to the fluctuations in global economic cycles and conditions and other business risk factors which may impact their ability to operate their businesses. Our supply chain includes materials that are sourced or packaged directly or indirectly through suppliers in Taiwan or China. Geopolitical tensions and shipping disruptions can impact our suppliers ability to deliver components and raw materials.

An interruption from our suppliers of raw materials or components could affect our ability to manufacture our products until a new source of supply is located and, therefore, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Our suppliers may need to allocate available supply, and we may not be able to obtain parts needed for production. Qualifying new suppliers to compensate for such shortages may be time-consuming and costly and may increase the likelihood of errors in design or production.

In order to reduce manufacturing lead times and plan for adequate component supply, from time to time we may issue purchase orders or prepay for components and products that are non-cancelable and non-returnable. In addition, we may purchase components and products that have extended lead teams to ensure adequate supply to support long-term customer demand and mitigate the impact of supply disruptions. If we are unable to use all of the components we have purchased, we may have excess inventory or obsolescence, or increased inventory or carrying costs, which could have an adverse impact on our results of operation or financial condition.

**We operate in highly competitive markets and face significant competition and pricing pressures. If we are unable to keep up with the rapidly changing product developments and new technologies or if we cannot compete effectively, we could lose market share and orders, which would negatively impact our results of operations.**

The electronic display industry is characterized by ongoing product improvement, innovations and development. We compete against products produced in foreign countries and the United States. Our competitors may develop lower-cost or lower-featured products, may be willing to charge lower prices to increase their market share, or market new and unique product, service and controller offerings. Some competitors have more capital and other resources, which may allow them to take advantage of acquisition opportunities or adapt more quickly to changes in customer requirements. Other competitors use sponsorships as a way to win business at a particular location or market. In addition, our products compete with other forms of advertising, such as television, print media, digital and mobile, and fixed display signs. To remain competitive, we must anticipate and respond quickly to provide products and services that meet our customers' needs, enhance our existing products, introduce new products and features, and continue to price our products competitively.

**We may be unable to protect our intellectual property rights effectively, or we may infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others, either of which may have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.**

We rely on a variety of intellectual property rights we use in our products and services. We may not be able to successfully preserve our intellectual property rights in the future, and these rights could be invalidated, circumvented or challenged. In particular, the laws of certain countries in which our products are sold do not protect our products and intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. If litigation is necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual

property rights, to protect our trade secrets, or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others, such litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources even if we ultimately prevail.

In addition, intellectual property rights of others also have an impact on our ability to offer some of our products and services for specific uses or at competitive prices. Competitors' patents or other intellectual property may limit our ability to offer products or services to our customers. Any infringement or claimed infringement by us of the intellectual property rights of others could result in litigation and adversely affect our ability to continue to provide, or could increase the cost of providing, products and services, even if we are successful in defending against any such claim.

**If we fail to timely and effectively obtain shipments of raw materials and components from our suppliers or to send shipments of our manufactured product to our customers, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.**

We cannot control all of the various factors that might affect our suppliers' timely and effective delivery of raw materials and components to our manufacturing facilities or the availability of freight capacity for us to deliver products to our customers. In addition to increased costs, these factors could delay delivery of products, which may result in the assessment of liquidated damages or other contractual damages that could negatively impact our profits.

Our utilization of a complex supply chain for raw material and component imports and the global distribution of our products makes us vulnerable to many risks, including, among other things, shortages or delays because of work restrictions for various reasons like pandemic restrictions; supply chain implications due to war or other geopolitical impacts on supply chains; risks of damage, destruction or confiscation of products while in transit to and from our manufacturing facilities; organized labor strikes and work stoppages, such as labor disputes or related employee worker unavailability, that could disrupt operations at ports-of-entry; transportation and other delays in shipments as a result of heightened security screening and inspection processes or other port-of-entry limitations or restrictions; unexpected or significant port congestion; lack of freight availability; and freight cost increases. In addition, we may be required to arrange for products to be delivered through airfreight, which is significantly more expensive than standard shipping by sea. We may not be able to obtain sufficient freight capacity on a timely basis and, therefore, may not be able to timely receive shipments of raw materials and components or deliver products to customers.

**Cost inflation in, and shortages of, raw materials, components, and related transportation and tariff costs can have a significant impact on our price competitiveness and/or ability to produce our products, which have caused and could continue to cause harm to our sales, financial condition and results of operations.**

Cost inflation and shortages of any raw materials and components used to manufacture our products have and may continue to occur due to various factors, such as worldwide demand, natural disasters, logistic disruptions, war and other conflicts, and trade regulations.

Electronic and other components and materials used in our products are sometimes in short supply, which may impact our ability to meet customer demand. Transportation costs and availability can fluctuate due to fluctuations in oil prices and other social, economic, and geopolitical factors.

If we experience shortages or increases in the prices we pay for raw materials and components and are unable to pass on those increases to our customers or are unable to manufacture our products at all or on a timely basis, it could negatively affect our business, financial condition or results of operations as such conditions have in the past. In addition to increased costs, these factors could delay delivery of products, which may result in the assessment of liquidated damages or other contractual damages that could negatively impact our profits.

Trade disruptions and trade policies between countries could make us subject to additional regulatory costs and challenges, affect global economic and market conditions, and contribute to volatility in foreign exchange markets, which we may be unable to effectively manage through our foreign exchange risk management program. We monitor for these types of situations and evaluate ways to minimize these impacts through vendor negotiations, alternative sources, and potential price adjustments.

**We may fail to continue to attract, develop and retain personnel throughout our business areas, which could negatively impact our operating results.**

We depend on qualified employees, including experienced and skilled technical personnel, to design, market, fulfill, and serve our customers. Qualified employees can be in high demand and limited in availability. Our future success and operating results will also depend upon our ability to attract, train, motivate and retain qualified personnel to maintain and grow capacity. Although we intend to continue to provide competitive compensation packages to attract and retain qualified personnel, market conditions for pay levels and availability may negatively impact our operations.

**We depend on third parties to complete some of our contracts.**

Depending on a contract's scope of work, we may hire third-party subcontractors to perform on-site installation and service-related activities, hire manufacturers of structures or elements of structures related to on-site installations, hire contract manufacturers for certain product lines, or purchase specialty non-display related system elements from other companies. If we are unable to hire qualified subcontractors, find qualified manufacturers for on-site elements, find qualified contract manufacturers, or purchase specialty non-display system elements, our ability to successfully complete a project could be impaired. If we are not able to locate qualified third party subcontractors or manufacturers, the amount we are required to pay may exceed what we have estimated, and we may suffer losses on these contracts. If the subcontractor or manufacturer fails to perform, we may be required to source these services to other third parties on a delayed basis or on less favorable terms, which could impact contract profitability. There is a risk that we may have disputes with our subcontractors relating to, among other things, the quality and timeliness of work performed, customer concerns about the subcontractor, or faulty workmanship, resulting in claims against us for failure to meet required project specifications and negatively impacting our financial condition and results of operations.

These third parties are subject to fluctuations in global economic cycles and conditions and other business risk factors which may adversely impact their ability to operate their businesses. The performance and financial condition of the third parties may cause us to alter our business terms or to cease doing business with a particular third party or change our sourcing practices.

**We may not be able to utilize our capacity efficiently or accurately plan our capacity requirements, which may negatively affect our business and operating results.**

We increase and decrease our production and services capacity and the overhead supporting order fulfillment based on anticipated market demand. Market demand, however, has not always developed as expected or remained at a consistent level. These underutilization and overbooking capacity risks can potentially decrease our profitability and result in the impairment of certain assets.

The following factors are among those that could complicate capacity planning for market demand:

- changes in the demand for and mix of products that our customers buy;
- our ability to scale down or to add and train our manufacturing and services staff in advance of demand changes;
- the market's pace of technological change;
- variability in our manufacturing or services productivity;
- long lead times for and availability of raw materials and components used in production;
- our ability to engage qualified third parties;
- geography of the order and related shipping methods; and
- long lead times for our plant and equipment expenditures.

**Our results of operations on a quarterly and annual basis have and are likely to continue to fluctuate and be substantially affected by the size and timing of large contract order awards.**

Customer demand and the timing and size of large contracts create volatility in supply chain planning and capacity requirements to fulfill orders. Awards of large contracts and their timing and amounts are difficult to predict, may not be repeatable, and are outside of our control. Market demand has not always developed as expected or remained at a consistent level. Adjusting supply chain material planning and production and services capacity to meet this varied demand can increase costs. Large contracts or customer awards include projects for college and professional sports facilities

markets, the OOH niche, the transportation market, and the large spectacular niche. These projects can have short delivery time frames. Some factors that may cause our operating results to vary due to timing and size of the awards include:

- the timing of orders and related deliveries, including delays or cancellations of orders;
- our ability to obtain raw materials and components timely and at reasonable prices;
- our ability to adjust and utilize production and services capacity;
- our ability to engage third parties to support production and fulfillment;
- new product introductions;
- variations in product mix; and
- customer financial wherewithal and the related economic conditions impacting their business.

Operating results in one or more quarters of a fiscal year may not be indicative of future operating results.

**We enter into fixed-price contracts, which could reduce our profits if actual costs exceed estimated costs.**

Because of the complexity of many of our client contracts, accurately estimating the cost, scope and duration of a particular contract can be a difficult task. Unanticipated costs that exceed our original estimates may not be recoverable under fixed price contracts. Unanticipated cost increases may occur as a result of several factors including, but not limited to: increases in the cost, shortages or non-availability of materials or labor; unanticipated technical problems; required project modifications not initiated by the customer; suppliers' or subcontractors' failure to perform or delay in performing their obligations; logistics disruptions or delays; and capacity constraints. In addition to increased costs, these factors could delay delivery of products, which may result in the assessment of liquidated damages or other contractual damages which would negatively impact our profits. We evaluate changes in estimates on a contract-by-contract basis and disclose significant changes, if material, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The cumulative catch-up method is used to account for revisions in estimates.

**Backlog may not be indicative of future revenue or profitability.**

Many of our products have long sales, delivery and acceptance cycles. In addition, our backlog is subject to order cancellations and delays. Orders normally contain cancellation provisions to permit our recovery of costs expended as well as a pro-rata portion of the profit. If projects are delayed, revenue recognition can occur over longer periods of time, and projects may remain in backlog for extended periods of time. If we receive relatively large orders in any given quarter, fluctuations in the levels of the quarterly backlog can result because the backlog may reach levels which may not be sustained in subsequent quarters.

**Unanticipated events resulting in credit losses to us could have a material adverse impact on our financial results.**

Significant portions of our sales are to customers who place large orders for custom products. We closely monitor the creditworthiness of our customers and have not, to date, experienced significant credit losses. We mitigate our exposure to credit risk, to some extent, by requiring deposits, payments prior to shipment, progress payments, payment bonds and letters of credit. However, because some of our exposure to credit losses is outside of our control, unanticipated events resulting in credit losses could have a material adverse impact on our operating results.

**Our actual results could differ from the estimates and assumptions we make to prepare our financial statements, which could have a material impact on our financial condition and results of operations.**

In connection with the preparation of our financial statements, including the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K, our management is required under GAAP to make estimates and assumptions based on historical experience and other factors. Our most critical accounting estimates are described in "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this Form 10-K.

These estimates and assumptions affect the timing and amount of net sales, costs, and profits or losses in applying the principles to contracts with customers under over time method of recording revenue using the cost-to-cost input method; credit losses for accounts receivables and contract assets; the valuation of inventory; estimated amounts for warranty and product maintenance agreement costs; the calculation of the fair value of our notes payable; the calculation and valuation of our investments and deferred tax assets; the valuation of our investment in affiliates or unconsolidated subsidiaries; fair value estimates used in goodwill and long-term assets testing; estimating the impact of uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws; and calculating share-based compensation expense. Although we believe these estimates and

assumptions are reasonable under the circumstances, they are subject to significant uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control. If management's estimates and assumptions change or are not correct, our financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected.

**Unanticipated warranty and other costs for defective products could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and reputation.**

We provide warranties on our products with terms varying from one to 10 years. In addition, we offer extended warranties. These warranties require us to repair or replace faulty products and meet certain performance standards, among other customary warranty provisions. Although we continually monitor our warranty claims and accrue a liability for estimated warranty costs, unanticipated claims could have a material adverse impact on our financial results. In some cases, we may be able to subrogate a claim back to a subcontractor or supplier if the subcontractor or supplier supplied the defective product or performed the service, but this may not always be possible. In addition, the need to repair or replace products with design and manufacturing defects could adversely affect our reputation. Remediation of a claim may take time and could result in lost or deferred revenue, lead to costly warranty expenses, and have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and operating results.

**The terms and conditions of our credit facilities and convertible debt impose restrictions on our operations, and if we default on our credit facilities, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition and make us vulnerable to adverse economic or industry conditions and cause liquidity issues.**

The terms and conditions of our credit facilities impose restrictions limiting our ability to incur debt, contingent liabilities, lease obligations or liens; to merge or consolidate with another company; to dispose of substantially all our assets; to acquire or purchase a business or its assets; or to sell our assets, among other restrictions. Our credit facilities also impose certain financial covenants on us which restrict the level of our cash dividends and capital expenditures. A breach of any of these covenants could result in an event of default under our credit facilities. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the lender could elect to declare any and all amounts outstanding under such facilities to be immediately due and payable and terminate all commitments to extend further credit. For additional information on financing agreements, see "Note 7. Financing Agreements" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

For the foreseeable future, it is anticipated that our cash on hand, marketable securities, cash provided by operating activities, and borrowings under our credit facilities should provide sufficient funds to finance our capital expenditures and working capital needs and otherwise meet operating expenses and debt service requirements. However, if additional capital is required or we are unable to renew our existing credit facilities at all or on a timely basis, there can be no assurance we will be able to obtain such capital when needed or on satisfactory terms.

**If we became unable to obtain adequate surety bonding or letters of credit, it could adversely affect our ability to bid on new work, which could have a material adverse effect on our future revenue and business prospects.**

In line with industry practice, we are often required to provide performance and surety bonds to customers and may be required to provide letters of credit. These bonds and letters of credit provide credit support for the client if we fail to perform our obligations under the contract. If security is required for a project and we are unable to obtain a bond or letter of credit on terms acceptable to us and our client, we may not be able to pursue that project. In addition, bonding may be more difficult to obtain in the future or may be available only at significant additional cost as a result of general conditions that affect the insurance and bonding markets.

**Acquisitions, investments, and divestitures pose financial, management and other risks and challenges.**

We routinely invest in and explore investing in or acquiring other businesses and related assets to complement or enhance our business strategies. These investments are often made to increase and enhance our customer relations and market base, expand geographically, or obtain technological advances to support our solution portfolio. Periodically, we may also consider disposing of these businesses, partial investments, assets, or other lines of business.

The financial, management and other risks and challenges associated with these activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- diversion of management attention;
- difficulty with integrating acquired businesses;

- adverse impact on overall profitability if the expanded operations or investments in affiliates do not achieve the strategic benefits forecasted;
- potential loss or adverse relationship with or a change of key employees, customers, or suppliers of the acquired business;
- inability to effectively manage our expanded operations;
- difficulty with the integration of different corporate cultures;
- personnel issues;
- increased expenses;
- assumption of unknown liabilities and indemnification obligations;
- potential disputes with the buyers or sellers;
- the time involved in evaluating or modifying the financial systems of an acquired business and the establishment of appropriate internal controls;
- incorrect estimates made in the accounting for the transaction that cause misstatements of acquisition assets and liabilities; and
- incorrect assumptions and estimates made in accounting for the value of such asset.

There can be no assurance that we will engage in any acquisitions or divestitures or that we will be able to do so on terms that will result in any expected benefits.

Our investment in and advances to affiliates totaled \$16.1 million as of April 27, 2024. Our financial results are impacted negatively or positively from our proportionate share of our affiliates' financial performance. Any reduction or impairment of the value of an investment and related acquired assets, goodwill, or investments in affiliates would result in charges against earnings, which would adversely affect our results of operations in future periods. We recorded an impairment to the value of these investments of \$6.4 million and \$4.5 million during fiscal year 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**If goodwill or other intangible assets in connection with our acquisitions become impaired, we could take significant non-cash charges against earnings.**

We have pursued and will continue to seek potential acquisitions to complement and expand our existing businesses, increase our revenues and profitability, and expand our markets. As a result of prior acquisitions, we have goodwill and intangible assets recorded in our consolidated balance sheets as described in "Note 4. Goodwill and Intangible Assets" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

Goodwill represents the purchase price paid in excess of the fair value of net tangible and intangible assets acquired in a business combination. Goodwill is not amortized and remains in our consolidated balance sheets indefinitely unless there is an impairment or a sale of a portion of the business. Under current accounting guidelines, we must assess, at least annually, whether the value of goodwill and other intangible assets has been impaired. Any reduction or impairment of the value of goodwill or other intangible assets will result in charges against earnings, which would adversely affect our results of operations in future periods.

We perform our annual impairment test on the first day of our third fiscal quarter. The annual impairment test for fiscal years 2024 and 2022 concluded no goodwill impairment existed. During fiscal year 2023, we concluded that the carrying value of the Live Events and International reporting units exceeded their respective fair values and consequently recorded a \$4.6 million impairment charge.

**We may fail to continue to attract, develop and retain key management personnel, which could negatively impact our operating results.**

We depend on the performance of our senior executives and key employees, including experienced and skilled technical personnel. The loss of any of our senior executives could negatively impact our operating results and ability to execute our business strategy. Our future success will also depend upon our ability to attract, train, motivate and retain qualified personnel.

Although we intend to continue to provide competitive compensation packages to attract and retain key personnel, some of our competitors for these employees have greater resources and more experience, making it difficult for us to compete successfully for key personnel. If we cannot attract and retain sufficiently qualified technical employees for our research and development and manufacturing operations, we may be unable to achieve the synergies expected from mergers and acquisitions or to develop and commercialize new products or new applications for existing products. Furthermore,

possible shortages of key personnel, including engineers, could require us to pay more to hire and retain key personnel, thereby increasing our costs.

**Increases in the cost of employee benefits could impact our financial results and cash flows.**

Our expenses relating to employee health benefits are significant. Unfavorable changes in the cost of and the unpredictability of claims under such benefits, including the current inflationary pressures on wages and benefits, could negatively impact our financial results and cash flows. Although we purchase stop loss insurance, its cost and healthcare costs have risen significantly in recent years. Legislative and private sector initiatives regarding healthcare reform could result in significant changes to the United States healthcare system. Due to the breadth and complexity of the healthcare reform legislation and the uncertainty surrounding further reform proposals, we are not able to fully determine the impact that healthcare reform will have in the future on company sponsored medical plans.

**The outcome of pending and future claims, investigations or litigation can have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.**

We are involved from time to time in a variety of litigation, investigations, inquires or similar matters arising in our business. Litigation, investigations and regulatory proceedings are subject to inherent uncertainties, and unfavorable rulings and outcomes can and do occur. Pending or future claims against us could result in professional liability, product liability, criminal liability, warranty obligations, indemnity claims, or other liabilities to the extent we are not insured against a loss or our insurance fails to provide adequate coverage. Also, a well-publicized actual or perceived threat of litigation could adversely affect our reputation and reduce the demand for our products. See "Note 16. Commitments and Contingencies" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for further information on litigation obligations.

**Information Systems, Legal, and Regulatory Risks**

**Our business depends on numerous complex information systems. Any failure to maintain these systems, a network disruption, or breaches in data security could cause a material adverse effect on our business.**

We rely heavily on complex information systems for the successful operation of our business, for the support of our offerings, and for the collection and retention of business data. Any information system failure or breach in security could adversely affect our operations, at least until our data can be restored and/or the breaches remediated. Despite the security measures we have in place, our facilities and systems and those of our third-party service providers may be vulnerable to cybersecurity breaches, acts of vandalism, computer viruses, misplaced or lost data, ransomware attacks, programming issues, and/or human errors or other similar events. Any misappropriation, loss or other unauthorized disclosure of confidential or personally identifiable information, whether by us or by our third-party service providers, could adversely affect our business and operations. We could face significant fines and penalties under various global laws revolving around data loss, lack of adequate data protection or lack of required reporting. Any disruption in our digital technologies could affect our business and operations, causing potentially significant expenses to recover and modify the data systems, to reimburse customers' losses, and to investigate and remediate any vulnerabilities, which could severely damage our reputation with customers, suppliers, employees and investors and expose us to risk of litigation and liability.

**Our global operations expose us to global regulatory, geopolitical, economic and social changes and add additional risks and uncertainties which can harm our business, operating results, and financial condition.**

Our domestic and foreign operations, sales, earnings, and strategies for profitable growth can be adversely affected by global conditions and compliance with global regulations and governmental orders. Global conditions include political developments; economic changes; unfavorable trading policies; difficulties in staffing and managing global operations; changes in foreign and domestic governmental regulations or requirements, treaty and trade relationships; the imposition of government orders that differ among jurisdictions, including mandatory closures, work-from-home and lock-down orders and social distancing protocols; changes in monetary and fiscal policies; changes in laws and regulations; or other activities of the United States and other foreign governments, agencies, and similar organizations. These conditions include, but are not limited to, changes in a country's or region's economic or political conditions; pricing and marketing of products; local labor conditions and regulations; reduced protection of intellectual property rights; changes in the regulatory or legal environment; lack of well-developed legal systems; restrictions and foreign exchange rate fluctuations; and burdensome taxes and tariffs and other trade regulations or barriers. Other exposures and uncertainties that exist include changing social conditions and attitudes, terrorism, or political hostilities and war. Other difficulties of global operations include staffing

and managing our various locations, including logistical and communication challenges. The likelihood of such occurrences and their overall effect on us vary greatly from country to country and are not predictable.

**Our business involves the use of hazardous materials, and we must comply with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, which can be expensive and restrict how we do business.**

Our business involves the blending, controlled storage, use and disposal of hazardous materials. We and our suppliers are subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations governing the use, manufacture, storage, handling and disposal of these hazardous materials. Although we believe the safety procedures we utilize for handling and disposing of these materials comply with the standards prescribed by these laws and regulations, we cannot eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials. In the event of an accident, local, state, federal or foreign authorities may curtail the use of these materials and interrupt our business operations. If we are subject to any liability as a result of activities involving hazardous materials, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected, and our reputation may be harmed.

**Our future results may be affected by compliance risks related to United States and other countries' anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws, trade controls, economic sanctions, and similar laws and regulations. Our failure to comply with these laws and regulations could subject us to civil, criminal and administrative proceedings or penalties and harm our reputation.**

Doing business on a worldwide basis requires us to comply with the laws and regulations of the United States government and various foreign jurisdictions. These laws and regulations place restrictions on our operations, trade practices, partners, customers, and investments.

In particular, we and our operations are subject to United States and foreign anti-corruption and trade control laws and regulations, such as the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA"); the United Kingdom Bribery Act (the "Bribery Act"); and export controls and economic sanctions programs, including those administered by the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), the State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (the "DDTC"), and the Bureau of Industry and Security of the United States Department of Commerce.

As part of our business, we deal with state-owned business enterprises, the employees of which are considered to be foreign officials for purposes of the FCPA's prohibition on United States companies from engaging in bribery, providing anything of value, or making other prohibited payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business, and other similar regulations in other areas of the world. In addition, the provisions of the Bribery Act apply to the bribery of foreign officials and to transactions with individuals that a government does not employ. The FCPA also requires us to maintain specific record-keeping standards and adequate internal accounting controls. In addition, we are subject to similar requirements in other countries. Some of the international locations in which we do business lack a developed legal system and have higher than normal levels of corruption. Our expansion outside of the United States, and our development of new partnerships and joint venture relations worldwide, could increase the risk of violation of the FCPA, OFAC, the Bribery Act or similar laws and regulations.

As an exporter, we must comply with various laws and regulations relating to the export of products and technology from the United States and other countries having jurisdiction over our operations and trade sanctions against embargoed countries and destinations administered by OFAC. Before shipping certain items, we must obtain an export license or verify that license exemptions are available. Any failures to comply with these laws and regulations could result in fines, adverse publicity, and restrictions on our ability to export our products. Repeat failures could carry more significant penalties.

Anti-bribery, corruption, and trade laws and regulations, and the enforcement thereof, are increasing in frequency, complexity and severity on a global basis. Violations of anti-corruption, anti-bribery and trade control laws and sanctions regulations are punishable by civil penalties, including fines; the denial of export privileges; injunctions; asset seizures; debarment from government contracts and revocations or restrictions of licenses; as well as criminal fines and imprisonment, and could harm our reputation, create negative shareholder sentiment and affect our share value. We have established policies and procedures with the intention of providing reasonable assurance of compliance with these laws and regulations and trained our employees to comply with these laws and regulations. However, our employees, contractors, agents and licensees involved in our international operations may take actions in violations of such policies. If our employees, agents, distributors, suppliers and other third parties with whom we do business violate anti-bribery, anti-corruption or similar laws and regulations, we may incur severe fines, penalties and reputational damage even if we were

not aware of such violation. Additionally, there can be no assurance that our policies and procedures will effectively prevent us from violating these regulations in every transaction in which we may engage or provide a defense to any alleged violation. In particular, we may be held liable for the actions that our partners take inside or outside of the United States even though we are not aware of such actions or our partners may not be subject to these laws. Such a violation, even if our policies prohibit it, could have an adverse effect on our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, various state and municipal governments, universities and other investors maintain prohibitions or restrictions on investments in companies that do business with sanctioned countries, persons and entities, which could adversely affect our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Regulation in the areas of privacy, data protection and information security could increase our costs and affect or limit our business opportunities and how we collect or use personal information.**

As privacy, data protection and information security laws, including data localization laws, are interpreted and applied, compliance costs may increase, particularly in the context of ensuring that adequate data protection and data transfer mechanisms are in place. In recent years, there have been increasing regulatory enforcement and litigation activities in the areas of privacy, data protection and information security in the United States and in various countries in which we operate.

In addition, state and federal legislators and/or regulators in the United States and other countries in which we operate are increasingly adopting or revising privacy, data protection and information security laws that potentially could have a significant impact on our current and planned privacy, data protection and information security-related practices; our collection, use, sharing, retention and safeguarding of consumer and/or employee information; and some of our current or planned business activities. New legislation or regulation could increase our costs of compliance and business operations and could reduce revenues from certain business initiatives. Moreover, the application of existing or new laws to existing technology and practices can be uncertain and may lead to additional compliance risk and cost.

Compliance with current or future privacy, data protection and information security laws relating to consumer and/or employee data, including the General Data Protection Regulation in the European Union and similar laws in other regions of the world, including the United States, could result in higher compliance and technology costs and could restrict our ability to provide certain products and services, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations. Our failure to comply with privacy, data protection and information security laws could result in potentially significant regulatory and/or governmental investigations and/or actions, litigation, fines, sanctions, ongoing regulatory monitoring, customer attrition, customer indemnity claims, decreases in the use or acceptance of our products and services, and damage to our reputation and our brand.

**Environmental, society, and governance ("ESG") regulations and disclosures may impact our reputation, expose us to additional costs, or have other impacts which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, or results of operations.**

There has been an increased focus from regulators, investors, employees, consumers, and other stakeholders relating to ESG practices. We periodically communicate our ESG initiatives, which include prioritizing people, community, environmental, and product stewardship. Certain market participants, including major institutional investors, proxy advisory firms and capital providers, use benchmarks and scores to assess companies' ESG profiles in making investment or revoting decisions or recommending voting positions. We have limited and in some instances no visibility or control over these scores or their underlying methodologies. Unfavorable ESG ratings could lead to increased negative investor sentiment towards us or our industry, which could negatively impact our share price as well as our access to and cost of capital. To the extent ESG matters negatively impact our reputation, it may also impede our ability to compete as effectively to attract and retain employees or customers, which may adversely impact our operations. Simultaneously, there are efforts by some stakeholders to reduce companies' efforts on certain ESG-related matters. Both advocates and opponents to certain ESG matters are increasingly resorting to a range of activism forms, including media campaigns and litigation, to advance their perspectives. In addition, this emphasis on ESG matters has resulted and may result in the adoption of new laws and regulations, including new reporting requirements. Our failure to respond to regulatory requirements or to advance our initiatives could adversely impact our reputation, as well as the demand for our products. In addition, achieving these initiatives may result in increased costs, which could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

**Global tax law changes may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.**

We are subject to the income tax laws of the United States and its various state and local governments as well as several foreign tax jurisdictions. Our future income taxes could be materially adversely affected by changes in the amount or mix

of earnings amongst countries with differing statutory tax rates, changes in the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities, changes in tax rates or the interpretation of tax rules and regulations in jurisdictions in which we do business, changes in tax laws, or the outcome of income tax audits and any related litigation. The United States Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 is one such example of legislation that has impacted our effective tax rate.

Further changes in the tax laws of the United States and foreign jurisdictions could arise, including additional tax reform in the United States and the base erosion and profit shifting project undertaken by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD"). Both the United States tax reform and the OECD proposed recommendations which, in some cases, would make substantial changes to numerous long-standing tax positions and principles. These contemplated changes could increase tax uncertainty and may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Ineffective internal control over financial reporting could result in errors in our financial statements, reduce investor confidence, and adversely impact our stock price.**

Under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are required to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting. Ineffective internal control over financial reporting could result in errors in our financial statements, reduce investor confidence, and adversely affect our stock price. As discussed in Part II, Item 9A "Controls and Procedures" in this Form 10-K, during the year-end closing processes for fiscal 2023, we identified a material weakness in our internal control related to the ineffective operation of certain transactional level controls over revenue recognition, specifically related to revenue contracts recognized over time, which resulted from insufficient precision of processes and insufficient training of the relevant control operators. These internal controls are important to accurately reflect our financial position and results of operations in our financial reports. We performed additional procedures over contracts for which revenue is recognized over time, including leveraging the expertise of a third-party specialist, and we did not identify any material errors in our reported revenue balance. However, due to the material weakness described above, there was a reasonable possibility that our existing controls would not have detected a material misstatement in a timely manner if it were to be material. Management has determined, through its current year testing, that the Company's enhanced policy and control activities were designed and operated effectively for a sufficient period of time during fiscal year 2024 to conclude that the previously identified material weakness has been remediated as of April 27, 2024.

In the future, if we identify additional control deficiencies that individually or together constitute significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, our ability to accurately record, process, and report financial information and, consequently, our ability to prepare financial statements within required time periods, could be adversely affected. Our failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in violations of applicable securities laws and stock exchange listing requirements; subject us to litigation and investigations; negatively affect investor confidence in our financial statements; and adversely impact our stock price and ability to access capital markets.

**Insurance coverage can be difficult or expensive to obtain, and our failure to obtain adequate insurance coverage could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.**

We maintain insurance both as a corporate risk management strategy and to satisfy the requirements of many of our contracts with customers. As the costs and availability of insurance change, we may decide not to be covered against certain losses where, in the judgment of management, the insurance is not warranted due to the cost or availability of coverage or the remoteness of the perceived risk. We cannot provide assurance that all necessary or appropriate insurances will be available, cover every type of loss incurred, or be able to be economically obtained. For example, some insurers limit or refuse coverages, increase premium costs or increase deductibles when global catastrophic events occur. As part of our corporate risk management strategy, we monitor and place our coverages with financially strong insurers, layer our risk with multiple insurers, and seek advice on the amount, breadth and type of insurance coverages to protect our interests. We also contractually require subcontractors and others working on our behalf to carry common insurance coverages for the types of work they perform to mitigate any risk of our loss. Our failure to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable costs could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.

**We have been required to conduct a good faith reasonable country of origin analysis on our use of “conflict minerals”, which has imposed and may impose additional costs on us and could raise reputational challenges and other risks.**

The SEC has promulgated rules in connection with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act regarding disclosure of the use of certain minerals, known as conflict minerals, mined from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries. As required, we have filed annual Forms SD with the SEC since 2014 reporting our work performed to gain information on the source of conflict minerals we use. We incur costs associated with complying with these disclosure requirements. As we continue our due diligence, we may face reputational challenges if we continue to be unable to verify the origins of all conflict minerals used in our products. We may also encounter challenges in our efforts to satisfy customers that may require all of the components of products purchased to be certified as conflict free. If we are not able to meet customer requirements, customers may choose to disqualify us as a supplier.

**Risks Related to an Investment in Our Common Stock**

**The protections we have adopted and to which we are subject may discourage takeover offers favored by our shareholders.**

Our articles of incorporation, by-laws and other corporate governance documents and the South Dakota Business Corporation Act (which is codified as Chapter 47-1A to the South Dakota statutes) ("SD Act") contain provisions that could have an anti-takeover effect and discourage, delay or prevent a change in control or an acquisition that many shareholders may find attractive. These provisions make it more difficult for our shareholders to take some corporate actions and include provisions relating to:

- the ability of our Board of Directors, without shareholder approval, to authorize and issue shares of stock with voting, liquidation, dividend and other rights and preferences that are superior to our common stock;
- the classification of our Board of Directors, which effectively prevents shareholders from electing a majority of the directors at any one meeting of shareholders;
- the adoption of a shareholder rights agreement providing for the exercise of junior participating preferred stock purchase rights when a person becomes the beneficial owner of 20 percent or more of our outstanding common stock and upon the occurrence of certain similar events (subject to certain exceptions);
- under the SD Act, limitations on the voting rights of shares acquired in specified types of acquisitions and restrictions on specified types of business combinations; and
- under the SD Act, prohibitions against engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested shareholder" for a period of four years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested shareholder unless the business combination is duly approved.

These provisions may deny shareholders the receipt of a premium on their common stock, which in turn may have a depressive effect on the market price of our common stock.

**Our common stock has at times been thinly traded, which may result in low liquidity and price volatility.**

The daily trading volume of our common stock has at times been relatively low. If this were to occur in the future, the liquidity and appreciation of our common stock may not meet our shareholders' expectations, and the price at which our stock trades may be volatile. The market price of our common stock could be adversely impacted as a result of sales by existing shareholders of a large number of shares of common stock in the market or by the perception such sales could cause.

**Significant changes in the market price of our common stock could result in securities litigation claims against us.**

The market price of our common stock has fluctuated and will likely continue to fluctuate. In the past, companies that have experienced significant changes in the market price of their stock have been subject to securities litigation claims. We may be the target of this type of litigation in the future. Securities litigation against us could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention from other business concerns even if we prevail in the litigation, which could harm our business.

Additionally, if we fail to meet or exceed the expectations of securities analysts and investors, or if one or more of the securities analysts who cover us adversely change their recommendation regarding our stock, the market price of our

common stock could decline. Moreover, our stock price may be based on expectations, estimates and forecasts of our future performance that may be unrealistic or that may not be met. Further, our stock price may fluctuate based on reporting by the financial media, including television, radio, press reports and blogs.

**Our business could be negatively affected as a result of actions of activist shareholders, and such activism could impact the trading value of our securities.**

Responding to actions by activist shareholders can be costly and time-consuming, and impact our brand, disrupt our operations and divert the attention of management and our employees. Such activities could interfere with our ability to execute our strategic plan. In addition, a proxy contest for the election of directors would require us to incur significant legal fees and proxy solicitation expenses and require significant time and attention by management and our board of directors. The perceived uncertainties as to our future direction also could affect the market price and volatility of our securities.

**Our executive officers, directors and principal shareholders have the ability to significantly influence all matters submitted to our shareholders for approval.**

Co-founder Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach served as our Chairman of the Board until September 3, 2014. Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach's family members currently serve as executive officers of the Company. His son, Mr. Reece Kurtenbach, serves as our Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and two other children serve as our Vice President of Human Resources and as our Vice President of Manufacturing. Together, these individuals, in the aggregate, beneficially owned 10.0 percent of our outstanding common stock as of June 3, 2024, assuming the exercise by them of all of their options that were currently exercisable or that vest within 60 days of June 3, 2024. Our other executive officers and directors, in the aggregate, beneficially owned an additional 4.1 percent of our outstanding common stock as of June 3, 2024, assuming the exercise by them of all of their options currently exercisable or that vest within 60 days of June 3, 2024. Although this does not represent a majority of our outstanding common stock, if these shareholders were to choose to act together, they would be able to significantly influence all matters submitted to our shareholders for approval, as well as our management and affairs. For example, these persons, if they choose to act together, could significantly influence the election of directors and the approval of any merger, consolidation, sale of all or substantially all of our assets or other business combination or reorganization requiring shareholder approval. This concentration of voting power could delay or prevent an acquisition of us on terms that other shareholders may desire. The interests of this group of shareholders may not always coincide with the interests of other shareholders, and they may act in a manner that advances their best interests and not necessarily those of other shareholders, including seeking a premium value for their common stock, that might affect the prevailing market price for our common stock.

**Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**Item 1C. CYBERSECURITY**

**Cybersecurity Risk Management and Strategy**

The operation of our business is dependent on the secure functioning of our digital information systems and infrastructure. Our cybersecurity risk management program intends to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our critical systems and information.

We design and assess our cybersecurity risk management program based on published frameworks, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology and routinely evaluate our program for ongoing adherence to those frameworks.

Our cybersecurity program is aligned with our company strategy and governance processes. Our program is designed to deploy and monitor the prevention, detection, mitigation, and remediation of cyber risks and incidents through various means, including:

- A security team responsible for monitoring our infrastructure and managing our cybersecurity risk assessment processes, our security controls, and response to cybersecurity incidents.

- Periodic use of outside independent advisors to evaluate the maturity of our cybersecurity program, review processes and policies, conduct penetration and vulnerability tests, and to monitor and help identify potential cybersecurity incidents.
- An incident response plan that includes procedures for identifying, evaluating and responding to cybersecurity incidents.
- A training and awareness communication series addressed to our employees to help them identify potential cybersecurity threats and attacks.
- A risk management process using independent third-party service providers that process and store data. We assess the risks from cybersecurity threats posed by such services.

We have not encountered cybersecurity incidents or identified risks from cybersecurity threats that have materially impaired our operations or financial standing. For a discussion of whether and how any risks from cybersecurity threats are reasonably likely to materially affect us, including our business strategy, results of operations or financial condition, refer to Item 1A. Risk Factors – titled "Our business depends on numerous complex information systems. Any failure to maintain these systems, a network disruption, or breaches in data security could cause a material adverse effect on our business", which is incorporated by reference into this Item 1C.

#### **Cybersecurity Governance**

The Strategy and Risk Committee of the Board of Directors oversees the Company's cybersecurity risks and strategy. A member of the committee has a bachelor and doctoral degrees relevant to and experience in cybersecurity and information technology trends. Management provides the Strategy and Risk Committee periodic reports on cybersecurity risks, risk mitigation in place and planned, and any material cybersecurity incidents. These reports are provided to our Board of Directors. If a material cybersecurity incident were to occur, the Audit Committee would oversee the financial reporting and disclosure and law compliance aspects.

Our program and team of cybersecurity professionals and resources is led and supervised by our Vice President of Information Technology, who has over 25 years of experience in information technology. To execute the program, we utilize internal and external technical experts in cybersecurity risk management, data and network security structures, incident response and security operations, and laws, regulation, and reporting requirements. Our cybersecurity team monitors the prevention, detection, mitigation, management, and remediation of cybersecurity risks and incidents through various means, which may include briefings with internal security personnel threat intelligence and other information obtained from governmental, public or private sources, including external consultants engaged by us; and alerts and reports produced by security tools deployed in our information technology environment. As part of the program, our executive management team is regularly informed about the monitoring, prevention, detection, mitigation, management, and remediation efforts.

#### **Item 2. PROPERTIES**

Our principal properties include space for manufacturing products, designing and testing new developments or processes, and employee collaboration space. Our properties are generally aligned with our business segments; however, we manufacture the same products across our manufacturing facilities to efficiently utilize capacity and reduce costs. We consider all our properties to be both suitable and adequate to meet our requirements for the foreseeable future.

Our principal properties consist of the following:

Facilities	Owned or Leased	Square Footage	Facility Activities
Brookings, SD, USA	Owned	771,000	Corporate Headquarters, Manufacturing, Sales, Service
Redwood Falls, MN, USA	Owned	151,000	Manufacturing, Sales, Service, Office
Ennistymon, Ireland	Owned	62,000	Manufacturing, Sales, Service, Office
Sioux Falls, SD, USA	Leased	296,000	Manufacturing, Sales, Service, Office
Shanghai, China	Leased	157,000	Manufacturing, Sales, Service, Office

We have a \$75.0 million senior credit facility (the "Credit Facility") consisting of a \$60.0 million asset-based revolving credit facility (the "ABL") maturing on May 11, 2026 and a \$15.0 million delayed draw loan (the "Delayed Draw Loan").

Under the Credit Facility, we have encumbered substantially all of our owned real property for the benefit of the lenders thereunder. For additional information, see "Note 7. Financing Agreements" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

**Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are involved in a variety of legal actions relating to various matters during the normal course of business. Although we are unable to predict the ultimate outcome of these legal actions, it is the opinion of management that the disposition of these matters, taken as a whole, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. See "Note 16. Commitments and Contingencies" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for further information on any legal proceedings and claims.

**Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

**PART II**

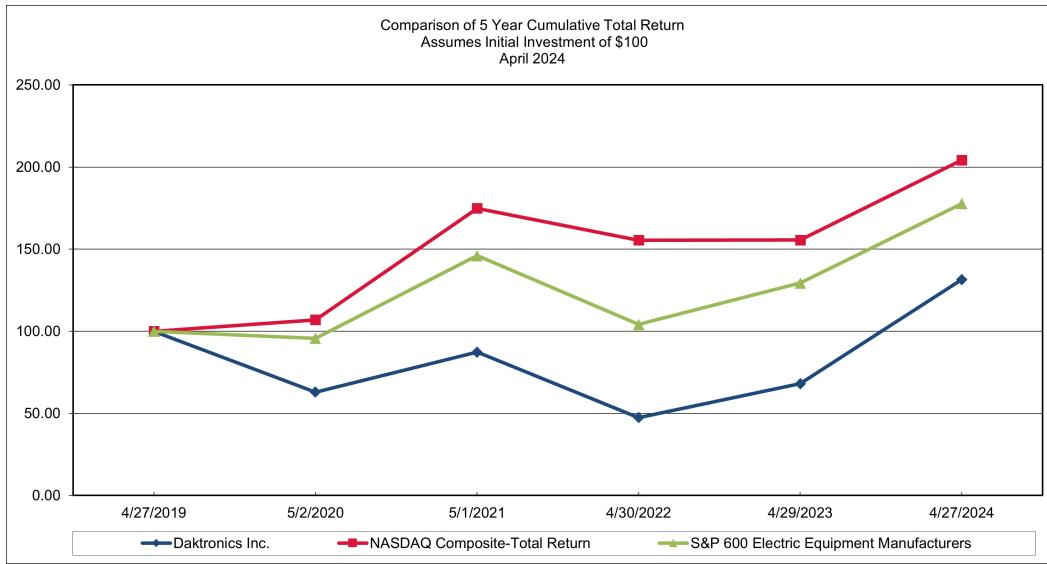
**Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

**Stock Performance**

Our common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol DAKT. Daily market activity, along with quoted prices and other trading information, are readily available for our common stock on numerous websites including [www.nasdaq.com](http://www.nasdaq.com). As of June 3, 2024, we had 852 shareholders of record.

The following graph shows changes during the period from April 29, 2017 to April 30, 2022 in the value of \$100 invested in: (1) our common stock; (2) The Nasdaq Composite; and (3) the Standard and Poor's 600 Index for Electronic Equipment

Manufacturers. The values of each investment as of the dates indicated are based on share prices plus any cash dividends, with the dividends reinvested on the date they were paid. The calculations exclude trading commissions and taxes.



#### Share Repurchases

On June 16, 2016, our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program under which Daktronics may purchase up to \$40.0 million of its outstanding shares of common stock. Under this program, we may repurchase shares from time to time in open market transactions and in privately negotiated transactions based on business, market, applicable legal requirements and other considerations. The repurchase program does not require the repurchase of a specific number of shares and may be terminated at any time. In April 2020, the Board suspended the program. On December 2, 2021, the Board of Directors of Daktronics voted to reauthorize the stock repurchase program. During fiscal 2024 and 2023, we had no repurchases of shares of our outstanding common stock. During fiscal 2022, we repurchased 0.6 million shares of common stock at a total cost of \$3.2 million. As of April 27, 2024, we had \$29.4 million of remaining capacity under our current share repurchase program.

Repurchases of shares are treated as dividends under the SD Act, so our repurchases of shares could be affected by the limitations imposed on dividends in our Credit Facility, as further described in "Note 7. Financing Agreements" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

#### Item 6. *[Reserved]*

#### Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") provides a narrative from the perspective of management relating to the financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, and other factors that may impact our financial performance.

The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

Daktronics, Inc. operates on a 52- or 53-week fiscal year, with our fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to April 30 of each year. The fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022 contained operating results for 52 weeks.

The year-over-year comparisons in this MD&A are as of and for the fiscal years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, unless stated otherwise. The comparison of fiscal 2023 with fiscal 2022, including the results of operations and liquidity, can be found in Item 7 section of our Annual Report on [Form 10-K](#) for fiscal 2023 filed with the SEC on July 12, 2023, which comparison is incorporated by reference herein.

#### **Non-GAAP Measures**

*Contribution margin* is a non-GAAP measure and consists of gross profit less selling expenses. Selling expenses consist primarily of personnel related costs, travel and entertainment expenses, marketing related expenses (show rooms, product demonstration, depreciation and maintenance, conventions and trade show expenses), the cost of customer relationship management/marketing systems, bad debt expenses, third-party commissions, and other expenses. In addition to gross profit, management uses contribution margin as another measure of assessing segment profitability and allocating selling resources to each segment. Management believes that contribution margin is useful to investors because it permits investors to view and evaluate our segment financial performance through the same lens as management.

#### **Overview**

Daktronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries are industry leaders in designing and manufacturing electronic scoreboards, programmable display systems and large screen video displays for sporting, commercial and transportation applications. We serve our customers by providing high quality standard display products as well as custom-designed and integrated systems. We offer a complete line of products, from small scoreboards and electronic displays to large multimillion-dollar video display systems as well as related control, timing, and sound systems. We are recognized as a technical leader with the capabilities to design, market, manufacture, install and service complete integrated systems displaying real-time data, graphics, animation and video. We engage in a full range of activities: marketing and sales, engineering and product design and development, manufacturing, technical contracting, professional services and customer service and support.

#### **Known Trends and Uncertainties:**

The supply chain and operating environment continued to stabilize over the past eighteen months post-pandemic and allowed for a more efficient production and fulfillment of orders.

The expansion of use of digital display systems in the global market continues post-pandemic despite a number of factors that can impact customers committing to a system. In addition to often being discretionary purchases, a customer's decision to purchase a system can be dependent on factors such as macroeconomic environment, interest rates levels, regulatory environments, geopolitical events, and competitive factors.

Display and control technologies and related professional services continue to advance. A majority of digital displays are constructed using standard surface mount display technology. Micro-LED technologies (also referred to as narrow pixel pitch) are being used and advanced, especially for displays installed for short viewing distances. Global investments have been made to advance these technologies and to increase manufacturing capacity. The use of artificial intelligence and other software advances continues to improve content creation and digital display monitoring systems.

Inflation in parts supply, labor, and other resources continued to stabilize during fiscal 2024. Over the past decade, the cost to produce digital solutions has declined, which has caused a decline of digital solution pricing. We must sell more products to generate the same or a greater level of net sales as in previous fiscal years.

Competitors' offerings, actions and reactions can vary and change over time or in certain customer situations. Projects with multimillion-dollar revenue potential attract competition, and competitors can use marketing or other tactics to win business.

We believe the audiovisual industry fundamentals of increased use of LED display systems across industries and our development of new technologies, services, and sales channels will drive long-term growth for our Company.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Consolidated Performance Summary

The following is an analysis of changes in key items included in the statements of operations for fiscal year 2024 as compared to fiscal year 2023.

	2024	% of Net sales (1)	2023	% of Net sales (1)	Dollar Change (1)	Percent Change (1)
Net sales	\$ 818,083	100.0 %	\$ 754,196	100.0 %	\$ 63,887	8.5 %
Cost of sales	595,640	72.8	602,841	79.9	(7,201)	(1.2)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>222,443</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>151,355</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>71,088</b>	<b>47.0</b>
Operating expenses:						
Selling	56,954	7.0	56,655	7.5	299	0.5
General and administrative	42,632	5.2	38,747	5.1	3,885	10.0
Product design and development	35,742	4.4	29,989	4.0	5,753	19.2
Goodwill impairment	—	—	4,576	0.6	(4,576)	(100.0)
Total operating expenses	135,328	16.5	129,967	17.2	5,361	4.1
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>87,115</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>21,388</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>65,727</b>	<b>307.3</b>
Nonoperating (expense) income:						
Interest (expense) income, net	(3,418)	(0.4)	(920)	(0.1)	(2,498)	271.5
Change in fair value of convertible note	(16,550)	(2.0)	—	—	(16,550)	—
Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net	(13,096)	(1.6)	(7,211)	(1.0)	(5,885)	81.6
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>54,051</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>13,257</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>40,794</b>	<b>307.7</b>
Income tax expense	19,430	2.4	6,455	0.9	12,975	201.0
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 34,621</b>	<b>4.2 %</b>	<b>\$ 6,802</b>	<b>0.9 %</b>	<b>\$ 27,819</b>	<b>409.0 %</b>
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.74		\$ 0.15		\$ 0.59	397.8 %
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	46,543		45,521		1,022	2.2 %
Orders	\$ 740,171		\$ 680,954		\$ 59,217	8.7 %

(1) Amounts are calculated based on unrounded numbers and therefore may not recalculate using the rounded numbers provided. In addition, percentages may not add in total due to rounding.

**Net Sales:** The stable operating environment and supply chain combined with our past investments in capacity resulted in a more efficient fulfillment process and a return to market expected lead times. These conditions and strong order levels resulted in the growth of net sales. These conditions are in contrast to the fiscal year 2023 operating environment where we

faced manufacturing material supply and labor shortages which extended lead times and delayed the conversion of orders into sales.

For the years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, our operating income was positively impacted by a net amount of 1.0% and 0.3% of overtime revenue or \$4.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, as a result of changes in contract estimates related to projects in progress at the beginning of the respective period. These changes in estimates resulted primarily from favorable project execution of 1.5% of overtime revenue or \$6.5 million, reduced cost estimates and contingencies that were relieved when conditions were resolved. Gross unfavorable changes in contract estimates were 0.6% of overtime revenue or \$2.4 million and immaterial for the years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively. See "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" for more information regarding revenue recognition.

*Order volume growth* is attributable to a stable macroeconomic environment in North America, to the continued use and market adoption of digital display technology, and to our success in capturing existing and new customers orders for larger project-based sports and transportation business. As we are a project-based business, large sized project orders can impact levels of orders. During fiscal 2024, fewer large sized projects were booked to orders in Commercial and International because there were fewer large projects available in the market place.

*Gross profit* percentage increase is attributable to past strategic pricing actions, the record sales volume over our fixed manufacturing cost structure, stabilization of input costs, and fewer supply chain and operational disruptions during fiscal 2024 as compared to fiscal 2023. Factors impacting gross profit in fiscal 2023 included ongoing supply chain disruptions and inflationary challenges in materials, freight and personnel related costs. Total warranty expense as a percent of sales increased to 2.3 percent for fiscal 2024 as compared to 2.1 percent during fiscal 2023.

All expense lines increased for variable compensation and profit sharing linked to operating margins achieved in fiscal year 2024 as compared to amounts achieved in fiscal year 2023. For fiscal 2024, these expenses totaled \$6.5 million, including \$3.1 million in cost of sales, \$1.2 million in selling, \$1.4 million in general and administrative, and \$0.8 million in product design and development. In fiscal 2023, the amounts achieved were immaterial.

*Selling expenses* were relatively flat. Personnel related wages and benefits expense increases were offset by less bad debt charges and third party commission related costs.

*General and administrative* increased for additional personnel wage and benefits and increased staffing levels for our digital transformation strategies, offset by lower professional fees.

*Product design and development* increased primarily due to personnel-related expenses and increased staffing levels. Our focus has been to advance product features aligned with customer needs and to reduce product costs. We focused these efforts on both standard product and control offerings and in new emerging areas, including microLED products and new control capabilities.

*Interest (expense), net* increase was the result of the May 2023 closing on the Convertible Note and asset-based and mortgage financings at higher borrowed values and interest rates than the utilization of our previous line of credit during fiscal 2023.

*Change in fair value of Convertible Note* results from accounting for the Convertible Note we issued during fiscal 2024, under the fair value option. The fair value change was primarily caused by the increase in value of the embedded features of the note as the stock price has increased since inception of the note.

*Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net* is primarily comprised of \$10.1 million of losses and impairments recorded for equity method affiliates, and expensing of \$3.4 million of debt issuance costs related to the Convertible Note.

*Income tax expense* increased due to the year-over-year increase in Income before income taxes. Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2024 was 35.9 percent. The effective income tax rate for fiscal 2024 was primarily impacted due to the convertible note fair value adjustment to expense that is not deductible for tax purposes. Additional other items impacting the rate were valuation allowances on equity investments, state taxes, as well as prior year provision to return adjustments reduced in part by tax benefits from permanent tax credits. Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2023 was 48.7 percent. The effective income tax rate for fiscal 2023 was impacted due to valuation allowances on equity investments and on foreign net operating losses in Ireland, goodwill impairment, state taxes, a mix of taxes in foreign countries where the tax rate is higher

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than in the United States, as well as a prior year provision to return adjustments reduced in part by tax benefits from permanent tax credits. See "Note 12. Income Taxes" for further information.

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**Reportable Segment Performance Summary**

The following table shows information regarding our reportable segment financial performance of contribution margin reconciled to GAAP operating income for the fiscal years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023:

	Fiscal Year 2024											
	High School											
	Percent of net		Percent of net		Park and	Percent of net		Percent of net		Percent of net		Percent of net
	Commercial	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Live Events	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Recreation	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Transportation	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	International	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	sales <sup>(1)</sup>
Net sales	\$ 161,626		\$ 338,508		\$ 170,349		\$ 85,390		\$ 62,210		\$ 818,083	
Cost of sales	127,393	78.8 %	242,524	71.6 %	112,985	66.3 %	59,369	69.5 %	53,369	85.8 %	595,640	72.8 %
Gross profit	34,233	21.2	95,984	28.4	57,364	33.7	26,021	30.5	8,841	14.2	222,443	27.2
Selling	17,425	10.8	10,991	3.2	14,276	8.4	4,127	4.8	10,136	16.3	56,954	7.0
Contribution margin	16,808	10.4	84,993	25.1	43,088	25.3	21,894	25.6	(1,295)	(2.1)	165,489	20.2
General and administrative	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,632	5.2
Goodwill impairment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Product design and development	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35,742	4.4
Operating income (loss)	\$ 16,808	10.4 %	\$ 84,993	25.1 %	\$ 43,088	25.3 %	\$ 21,894	25.6 %	\$ (1,295)	(2.1)%	\$ 87,115	10.6 %
Orders	\$ 135,251		\$ 321,191		\$ 148,505		\$ 80,107		\$ 55,117		\$ 740,171	
	Fiscal Year 2023											
	High School Park											
	Percent of net		Percent of net		and	Percent of net		Percent of net		Percent of net		Percent of net
	Commercial	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Live Events	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Recreation	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Transportation	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	International	sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	sales <sup>(1)</sup>
Net sales	\$ 170,590		\$ 284,900		\$ 141,748		\$ 72,306		\$ 84,652		754,196	
Cost of sales	139,435	81.7 %	235,645	82.7 %	100,603	71.0 %	52,481	72.6 %	74,677	88.2 %	602,841	79.9 %
Gross profit	31,155	18.3	49,255	17.3	41,145	29.0	19,825	27.4	9,975	11.8	151,355	20.1
Selling	17,130	10.0	10,240	3.6	13,524	9.5	3,924	5.4	11,837	14.0	56,655	7.5
Contribution margin	14,025	8.2	39,015	13.7	27,621	19.5	15,901	22.0	(1,862)	(2.2)	94,700	12.6
General and administrative	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38,747	5.1
Goodwill impairment	—	—	2,281	0.8	—	—	—	—	2,295	2.7	4,576	0.6
Product design and development	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29,989	4.0
Operating income (loss)	\$ 14,025	8.2 %	\$ 36,734	12.9 %	\$ 27,621	19.5 %	\$ 15,901	22.0 %	\$ (4,157)	(4.9)%	\$ 21,388	2.8 %
Orders	\$ 158,028		\$ 259,653		\$ 144,919		\$ 66,751		\$ 51,603		\$ 680,954	
	Net Dollar and % Change <sup>(1)</sup>											
	High School											
	Percent		Percent Change		Park and	Percent		Percent		Percent Change		Percent Change
	Commercial	Change <sup>(1)</sup>	Live Events	( <sup>(1)</sup> )	Recreation	Change <sup>(1)</sup>	Transportation	Change <sup>(1)</sup>	International	( <sup>(1)</sup> )	Total	( <sup>(1)</sup> )
Net sales	\$ (8,964)	(5.3)	\$ 53,608	18.8	\$ 28,601	20.2	\$ 13,084	18.1	\$ (22,442)	(26.5)	\$ 63,887	8.5
Cost of sales	(12,042)	(8.6)	6,879	2.9	12,382	12.3	6,888	13.1	(21,308)	(28.5)	(7,201)	(1.2)
Gross profit	3,078	9.9	46,729	94.9	16,219	39.4	6,196	31.3	(1,134)	(11.4)	71,088	47.0
Selling	295	1.7	751	7.3	752	5.6	203	5.2	(1,701)	(14.4)	299	0.5
Contribution	2,783	19.8	45,978	117.8	15,467	56.0	5,993	37.7	567	(30.5)	70,789	74.8
General and administrative	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,885	10.0
Goodwill impairment	—	—	(2,281)	(100.0)	—	—	—	—	(2,295)	(100.0)	(4,576)	(100.0)
Product design and development	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,752	19.2
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,783	19.8 %	\$ 48,259	131.4 %	\$ 15,467	56.0 %	\$ 5,993	37.7 %	\$ 2,862	(68.8)%	\$ 65,727	307.3 %
Orders	\$ (22,776)	(14.4)%	\$ 61,538	23.7 %	\$ 3,585	2.5 %	\$ 13,356	20.0 %	\$ 3,514	6.8 %	\$ 59,217	8.7 %

(1) Amounts are calculated based on unrounded numbers and therefore may not recalculate using the rounded numbers provided. In addition, percentages may not add in total due to rounding



All segments' improved contribution margin is mostly attributable to improved gross profit as a percentage of sales. Gross profit improved due to past strategic pricing actions, stabilization of input costs, and the record sales volume over our fixed manufacturing cost structure aided by fewer supply chain and operational disruptions during fiscal 2024 as compared to fiscal 2023. Fewer supply chain and operational disruptions paired with our investments to increase capacity allowed for improved operational efficiency and fulfillment of beginning year backlog and new orders to result in increased sales. During fiscal year 2024, we returned to market expected lead times. We regularly adjust our sales and marketing activities and staffing levels to achieve current and expected future sales levels.

For the years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, our operating income was positively impacted by a net amount of 1.0% and 0.3% of overtime revenue or \$4.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, as a result of changes in contract estimates related to projects in progress at the beginning of the respective period. These changes in estimates resulted primarily from favorable project execution of 1.5% of overtime revenue or \$6.5 million, reduced cost estimates and contingencies that were relieved when conditions were resolved. Gross unfavorable changes in contract estimates were 0.6% of overtime revenue or \$2.4 million and immaterial for the years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively. Live Events business unit had the largest dollar impact of \$4.5 million and \$0.9 million gross negative impacts, there were 1.7% and 0.3% of overtime revenue sales in Live Events. The remaining business units had immaterial gross positive and gross negative changes. See "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" for more information regarding revenue recognition.

*Commercial:* The decrease in net sales and orders was driven by volatility in order bookings of larger sized Spectacular LED video displays projects, there were fewer projects in the market as compared to prior years, and a contraction in digital billboards deployed by our OOH customers. Gross profit as a percentage of sales improved 2.9 points for the factors noted above. Selling expenses remained relatively flat in dollars and increased as a percentage of sales because of the change in sales volume.

*Live Events:* The increase in net sales was driven by fulfilling pent-up order backlog and returning to market acceptable lead times for new order bookings. Order bookings increased because of an active market of upgrades in sports-related facilities, primarily in colleges and universities. Gross profit as a percentage of sales improved a total of 11.1 points primarily due to the pricing strategies and volume increases attributable to the stabilization factors cited above and the net favorable estimate changes for overtime revenue recognition of 1.1 points, offset by a 1.0 points or \$3.3 million warranty charge to resolve a discrete product issue. Selling expenses increased primarily for personnel related costs yet declined as a percent of sales. In fiscal 2023, we recorded a goodwill impairment of \$2.3 million impacting operating income, with no such impact in fiscal 2024.

*High School Park and Recreation :* The increase in net sales was driven by fulfilling pent-up orders in backlog and similar market demand for video related products in High Schools. Video projects are a larger dollar-sized transaction than traditional scoreboard products. Segment contribution margin profitability was primarily driven by the gross profit factors described above, offset by selling expense increases for personnel-related expenses.

*Transportation:* The increase in net sales was driven by fulfilling orders in backlog and continued buildable order bookings, especially in large intelligent transportation system projects. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased 3.1 points primarily for strategic pricing actions. Selling expense increases were for personnel-related expenses. Segment contribution margin improvements were primarily driven by gross profit factors described above, offset by \$1.7 million warranty charges to resolve a discrete product issue.

*International:* The decrease in net sales was driven by lower backlog and lower orders. Global geopolitical events have driven down the amount of market activity for digital display systems and large-sized projects causing the decrease in orders. Gross margin increased 2.4 points primarily due to strategic pricing actions. Even with efforts to lower selling and other operational costs, International operated at a negative \$1.3 million contribution margin. In fiscal 2023, we recorded a goodwill impairment of \$2.3 million impacting operating income, with no such impact in fiscal 2024.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	Dollar Change
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by:</b>			
Operating activities	\$ 63,241	\$ 15,024	\$ 48,217
Investing activities	(21,306)	(25,388)	4,082
Financing activities	15,122	17,568	(2,446)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(69)	(522)	453
<b>Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash</b>	<b>\$ 56,988</b>	<b>\$ 6,682</b>	<b>\$ 50,306</b>

*Net cash provided by operating activities:* The \$63.2 million in cash provided by operating activities was the result of improved profitability offset by the net growth in operating assets and liabilities. Increases in contract assets, accounts receivable and decreases in customer deposits and contract liabilities use of cash were offset by reductions in inventory.

*Net cash used in investing activities:* During fiscal 2024, purchases of property and equipment totaled \$17.0 million and investments in and advances to affiliates were \$5.1 million. This compared to \$25.4 million and \$4.3 million in fiscal 2023, respectively. Fiscal 2023 purchases were higher because of initiatives to upgrade existing or purchase new manufacturing equipment for capacity and automation.

*Net cash provided by financing activities:* During fiscal 2024 resulted from closing on a \$25.0 million Convertible Note financing and the \$15.0 million mortgage financing to add liquidity to the Company. These inflows were offset by the payoff of our previous credit line of \$17.8 million, expending \$7.2 million of debt issuance costs, and principal payments made on the mortgage.

### Debt and Cash

We maintain the \$60.0 million ABL maturing on May 11, 2027 subject to customary covenants and conditions. As of April 27, 2024, our total borrowing capacity was \$39.5 million, there were no borrowings outstanding, and there was \$5.3 million used to secure letters of credit outstanding, leaving \$34.2 million available to borrow. The Credit Facility is secured by first priority lien on the Company's assets and is subject to certain factors that can impact our borrowing capacity. We have a mortgage of \$13.9 million secured by a first priority lien on our Brookings, South Dakota real estate and matures on May 11, 2026. We also have a convertible note in the original principal amount of \$25.0 million due May 11, 2027 (the "Convertible Note") is secured by a second priority lien on assets securing the ABL facility and a first priority lien on substantially all the other assets of the Company, excluding all real property. On May 11, 2023, the Company paid all amounts outstanding on the prior credit agreement, and this prior credit agreement was terminated as of that date. No gain or loss was recognized upon termination, and the Company incurred no early termination penalties in connection with such termination.

As of April 27, 2024, we had \$81.3 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$34.2 million in borrowing capacity under our ABL. We believe cash flow from operations, existing lines of credit, and access to debt and capital markets will be sufficient to meet our current liquidity needs, and we have committed liquidity and cash reserves in excess of our anticipated funding requirements. The Credit Agreement, Mortgage, and the Convertible Note require a fixed charge coverage ratio of greater than 1.1 and include other customary non-financial covenants. As of April 27, 2024, we were in compliance with our financial covenants under the Credit Agreement and the Convertible Note.

Our cash equivalent balances consist of high-quality, short-term money market instruments.

For additional information on financing agreements, see "Note 7. Financing Agreements" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

### Working Capital

Working capital was \$209.7 million and \$132.5 million as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively. The changes in working capital, particularly changes in inventory, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and contract assets and

liabilities, are impacted by the sports market and construction seasonality. These changes can have a significant impact on the amount of net cash provided by or used in operating activities largely due to the timing of payments for inventory and subcontractors and receipts from our customers. On multimillion-dollar orders, the time between order acceptance and project completion may extend up to or exceed 12 months depending on the amount of custom work and a customer's delivery needs. We use cash to purchase inventory and services at the beginning of these orders and often receive down payments or progress payments on these orders to balance cash flows.

We had \$14.5 million of retainage on long-term contracts included in receivables and contract assets as of April 27, 2024, which we expect to collect within one year.

#### **Other Liquidity and Capital Uses**

Our long-term capital allocation strategy is to first fund operations and investments in growth, maintain a reasonable liquidity and leverage ratio that reflects a prudent and compliant capital structure in light of the cyclicality of business, reduce debt, and then return excess cash over time to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases. During fiscal year 2024, we did not repurchase shares of common stock, and we did not pay a dividend.

Our business growth and profitability improvement strategies depend on investments in capital expenditures and strategic investments. We are projecting total capital expenditures to be approximately \$27 million for fiscal 2025. Projected capital expenditures include purchasing manufacturing equipment for new or enhanced product production and expanded capacity and increased automation of processes; investments in quality and reliability equipment and demonstration and showroom assets; and continued information infrastructure investments. In addition to capital expenditures, we plan to make additional investments in our general and administration expenses to execute our broad digital transformation strategies to modernize our service systems for field service automation, to advance our enterprise performance planning capabilities, and to improve and automate quoting and sales processes. We also evaluate and may make strategic investments in new technologies or in our affiliates or acquire companies aligned with our business strategy. We are committed to invest an additional \$0.5 million in fiscal 2025 in our current affiliates. We may make additional investments beyond our commitments.

We are sometimes required to obtain performance bonds for display installations, and we have an aggregate of \$190.0 million bonding line available through surety companies. If we were unable to complete the installation work, and our customer would call upon the bond for payment, the surety company would subrogate its loss to Daktronics. As of April 27, 2024, we had \$44.5 million of bonded work outstanding.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments affecting the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Although our significant accounting policies are described in "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K, the following discussion is intended to highlight and describe those accounting policies that are especially critical to the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

A critical accounting policy is defined as a policy that is both very important to the portrayal of a company's financial condition and results and requires management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments. We regularly review our critical accounting policies and evaluate them based on these factors. We believe the estimation process for uniquely configured contracts and warranties are most material and critical. These areas contain estimates with a reasonable likelihood to change, and those changes could have a material impact on our financial condition and reported results of operations. The estimation processes for these areas are also difficult and subjective and use complex judgments. Our critical accounting estimates are based on historical experience; on our interpretation of GAAP, current laws and regulations; and on various other assumptions 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 not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

*Revenue recognition on uniquely configured contracts.* Revenue for uniquely configured (custom) or integrated systems is recognized over time using the cost-to-cost input method by comparing cumulative costs incurred to the total estimated

costs and applying that percentage of completion to the transaction price to recognize revenue. Over time revenue recognition is appropriate because we have no alternative use for the uniquely configured system and have an enforceable right to payment for work performed, including a reasonable profit margin. The cost-to-cost input method measures costs incurred to date compared to estimated total costs for each contract. This method is the most faithful depiction of our performance because it measures the value of the contract transferred to the customer. Costs to perform the contract include direct and indirect costs for contract design, production, integration, installation, and assurance-type warranty reserve. Direct costs include materials and components; manufacturing, project management and engineering labor; and subcontracting expenses. Indirect costs include allocated charges for such items as facilities and equipment depreciation and general overhead. Provisions of estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are made in the period when such losses are capable of being estimated.

We may have multiple performance obligations in these types of contracts; however, a majority are treated as a combined single performance obligation. In our judgment, this accounting treatment is most appropriate because the substantial part of our promise to our customer is to provide significant integration services and incorporate individual goods and services into a combined output or system. Often times the system is customized or significantly modified to the customer's desired configurations and location, and the interrelated goods and services provide utility to the customer as a package. See "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for further information on our revenue recognition policies.

**Warranties.** We have recognized an accrued liability for warranty obligations equal to our estimate of the actual costs to be incurred in connection with our performance under contractual warranties. Warranty estimates include the cost of direct material and labor estimates to repair products over their warranty coverage period. Generally, estimates are based on historical experience considering known or expected changes. If we would become aware of an increase in our estimated warranty costs, additional accruals may become necessary, resulting in an increase in cost of sales. Although prior estimates have been materially correct, estimates for warranty liabilities can change based on actual versus estimated defect rates over the lifetime of the warranty coverage, a difference in actual to estimated costs to conduct repairs for the components and related labor needed, and other site related actual to estimated cost changes.

As of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, we had approximately \$37.9 million and \$32.5 million accrued for these warranty obligations, respectively. Due to the difficulty in estimating probable costs related to certain warranty obligations, there is a reasonable likelihood that the ultimate remaining costs to remediate the warranty claims could differ materially from the recorded accrued liabilities. See "Note 16. Commitments and Contingencies" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for further information on warranties.

## **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

For a summary of recently issued accounting pronouncements and the effects those pronouncements have on our financial results, refer to "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

## **Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

### **Foreign Currency Exchange Rates**

Our results of operations could be affected by factors such as changes in foreign currency rates or weak economic conditions in foreign markets. We derive net sales in United States dollars and other currencies including Canadian dollars, Euros, British pounds, Australian dollars, or other currencies. For fiscal 2024, 9.0 percent of net sales were derived in currencies other than United States dollars. We incur expenses in currencies other than United States dollars relating to specific contracts with customers and for our operations outside the United States

If we believe currency risk in any foreign location or with respect to specific sales or purchase transaction is significant, we utilize foreign exchange hedging contracts to manage our exposure to the currency fluctuations. There were no foreign currency agreements outstanding as of April 27, 2024. These contracts are marked to market each balance sheet date and are not designated as hedges. See "Note 15. Derivative Financial Instruments" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for further details. We estimate that a 10 percent change in all foreign exchange rates would impact our reported income before taxes by approximately \$0.5 million. This sensitivity analysis disregards the possibilities that rates can move in opposite directions and that losses from one geographic area may be offset by gains from another geographic area.

Over the long term, net sales to international markets are expected to increase as a percentage of total net sales and, consequently, a greater portion of our business could be denominated in foreign currencies. As a result, operating results may become more subject to fluctuations based upon changes in the exchange rates of certain currencies in relation to the United States dollar. To the extent we engage in international sales denominated in United States dollars, an increase in the value of the United States dollar relative to foreign currencies could make our products less competitive in international markets. This effect is also impacted by sources of raw materials from international sources and costs of our sales, service, and manufacturing locations outside the United States

We will continue to monitor and minimize our exposure to currency fluctuations and, when appropriate, use financial hedging techniques to minimize the effect of these fluctuations. However, exchange rate fluctuations as well as differing economic conditions, changes in political climates, and other rules and regulations could adversely affect our ability to effectively hedge exchange rate fluctuations in the future.

We have foreign currency cash accounts to operate our global business. These accounts are impacted by changes in foreign currency rates. Of our \$81.3 million in cash balances as of April 27, 2024, \$67.8 million were denominated in United States dollars, of which \$0.3 million were held by our foreign subsidiaries. As of April 27, 2024, we had an additional \$13.5 million in cash balances denominated in foreign currencies, of which \$8.0 million was maintained in accounts of our foreign subsidiaries.

#### **Interest Rate Risks**

Our exposure to market risks relate primarily to changes in interest rates on our financing agreements, cash, and marketable securities. We do not expect our income or cash flows to be significantly impacted by interest rates.

#### **Commodity Risk**

We are dependent on basic raw materials, sub-assemblies, components, and other supplies used in our production operations. Our financial results have been and could continue to be affected by changes in the availability, prices, and global tariff regulation of these materials. Some of these materials are sourced from one or a limited number of suppliers in countries around the world. Some of these materials are also key source materials for our competitors and for other technology companies. Some of these materials are sourced outside of the countries in which we manufacture our products and are subject to transportation delays. Any of these factors may cause a sudden increase in costs and/or limited or unavailable supplies. As a result, we may not be able to acquire key production materials on a timely basis, which could adversely impact our ability to produce products and satisfy incoming sales orders on a timely basis. Our sourcing and material groups work to implement strategies to monitor and mitigate these risks. Periodically, we enter into pricing agreements or purchasing contracts under which we agree to purchase a minimum amount of product in exchange for guaranteed price terms over the length of the contract, which generally does not exceed one year.

**Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the shareholders and the Board of Directors of Daktronics, Inc.

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Daktronics, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), shareholders' equity, and cash flows, for each of the three years in the period ended April 27, 2024, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended April 27, 2024, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also 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 April 27, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated June 26, 2024, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's 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 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 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 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 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 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 financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the 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.

***Revenue Recognition – Uniquely Configured Contracts — Refer to Notes 1 and 2 to the financial statements***

*Critical Audit Matter Description*

The Company recognizes revenue as its contractual performance obligations are satisfied, which may be at a point in time or over time. Certain of the Company's contracts are for the delivery, installation, and integration of uniquely configured audio-visual communication systems. Revenue for these uniquely configured systems is recognized over time using the cost-to-cost input method. This input method requires management to make estimates of the costs that will ultimately be incurred at the completion of each contract. Revenue is recognized based on the transaction price and the percentage of cost incurred as of the balance sheet date in relation to the total estimated inputs at completion.

We identified revenue associated with uniquely configured contracts as a critical audit matter because of the significant judgments necessary for management to estimate total costs to be incurred to recognize revenue under these contracts. Changes in estimated costs could have a significant impact on the timing and amount of revenue recognized. This required an increased level of auditor judgment due to the complexity of uniquely configured contracts and extent of effort when performing audit procedures to audit management's estimate of total costs and evaluating the reasonableness of the underlying estimates.

*How the Critical Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit*

Our audit procedures related to estimates of total cost used to recognize revenue for uniquely configured contracts included the following, among others:

- We tested the design and operating effectiveness of controls over uniquely configured contracts, including management's controls over the estimates of total costs.
- We selected a sample of uniquely configured contracts and performed the following:
  - Compared costs incurred to date to the costs management estimated to be incurred to date.
  - Evaluated management's ability to achieve the estimates of total cost by performing corroborating inquiries with the Company's project managers and engineers, and compared the estimates to management's work plans, engineering specifications, and supplier contracts.
  - Confirmed contractual terms with third parties.
  - Tested the mathematical accuracy of management's estimate of total costs.
- We evaluated management's ability to accurately estimate total costs by comparing actual costs to management's historical estimates for uniquely configured contracts that have been fulfilled.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 26, 2024

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

**DAKTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

	<u>April 27, 2024</u>	<u>April 29, 2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,299	\$ 23,982
Restricted cash	379	708
Marketable securities	—	534
Accounts receivable, net	117,186	109,979
Inventories	138,008	149,448
Contract assets	55,800	46,789
Current maturities of long-term receivables	298	1,215
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	8,531	9,676
Income tax receivables	448	326
Total current assets	<u>401,949</u>	<u>342,657</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:		
Property and equipment, net	71,752	72,147
Long-term receivables, less current maturities	562	264
Goodwill	3,226	3,239
Intangibles, net	840	1,136
Debt issuance costs, net	2,530	3,866
Investment in affiliates and other assets	21,163	27,928
Deferred income taxes	25,862	16,867
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 527,884</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 468,104</u></b>

**DAKTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (continued)**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

	<u>April 27, 2024</u>	<u>April 29, 2023</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,500	\$ —
Accounts payable	60,757	67,522
Contract liabilities	65,524	91,549
Accrued expenses	43,028	36,005
Warranty obligations	16,540	12,228
Income taxes payable	4,947	2,859
Total current liabilities	<u>192,296</u>	<u>210,163</u>
Long-term warranty obligations	21,388	20,313
Long-term contract liabilities	16,342	13,096
Other long-term obligations	5,759	5,709
Long-term debt, net	53,164	17,750
Deferred income taxes	143	195
Total long-term liabilities	<u>96,796</u>	<u>57,063</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Preferred Shares, no par value, authorized 50 shares; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, no par value, authorized 115,000 shares; 48,121 and 47,396 shares issued as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively	65,525	63,023
Additional paid-in capital	52,046	50,259
Retained earnings	138,031	103,410
Treasury stock, at cost, 1,907 shares as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively	( 10,285 )	( 10,285 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	( 6,525 )	( 5,529 )
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>238,792</u>	<u>200,878</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 527,884</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 468,104</u></u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**DAKTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

	<b>Year Ended</b>		
	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>
Net sales	\$ 818,083	\$ 754,196	\$ 610,970
Cost of sales	595,640	602,841	494,273
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>222,443</b>	<b>151,355</b>	<b>116,697</b>
Operating expenses:			
Selling	56,954	56,655	51,075
General and administrative	42,632	38,747	32,563
Product design and development	35,742	29,989	29,013
Goodwill impairment	—	4,576	—
	<b>135,328</b>	<b>129,967</b>	<b>112,651</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>87,115</b>	<b>21,388</b>	<b>4,046</b>
Nonoperating (expense) income:			
Interest (expense) income, net	( 3,418 )	( 920 )	171
Change in fair value of convertible note	( 16,550 )	—	—
Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net	( 13,096 )	( 7,211 )	( 3,109 )
	<b>54,051</b>	<b>13,257</b>	<b>1,108</b>
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>19,430</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>516</b>
Income tax expense	\$ 34,621	\$ 6,802	\$ 592
<b>Net income</b>	<b>45,901</b>	<b>45,404</b>	<b>45,188</b>
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic	46,543	45,521	45,326
Diluted	45,901	45,404	45,188
Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.01
Diluted	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.01

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**DAKTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
(in thousands)

	Year Ended		
	<u>April 27, 2024</u>	<u>April 29, 2023</u>	<u>April 30, 2022</u>
Net income	\$ 34,621	\$ 6,802	\$ 592
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Cumulative translation adjustments	( 1,020 )	( 616 )	( 2,556 )
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	24	12	( 34 )
Total other comprehensive (loss), net of tax	<u>( 996 )</u>	<u>( 604 )</u>	<u>( 2,590 )</u>
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u><u>\$ 33,625</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,198</u></u>	<u><u>\$ ( 1,998 )</u></u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**DAKTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
(in thousands)

	Common Stock				Additional Paid-In Capital		Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	
	Number	Amount			Number	Amount					Total
<b>Balance as of May 1, 2021:</b>	46,264	\$ 60,575	\$ 46,595	\$ 96,016	( 1,297 )	\$ ( 7,297 )	\$ ( 2,335 )	\$ 193,554			
Net income	—	—	—	592	—	—	—	—	—	592	
Cumulative translation adjustments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	( 2,556 )	( 2,556 )	
Unrealized (loss) on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	( 34 )	( 34 )	
Share-based compensation	—	—	1,973	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,973	
Exercise of stock options	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
Shares withheld for taxes on Restricted Stock											
Unit issuances	( 33 )	—	( 200 )	—	—	—	—	—	—	( 200 )	
Common stock issued upon vesting of Restricted Stock Units	190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Employee savings plan activity	310	1,211	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,211	
Treasury stock reissued	—	—	4	—	31	196	—	—	—	200	
Treasury stock purchase	—	—	—	—	( 641 )	( 3,184 )	—	—	—	( 3,184 )	
<b>Balance as of April 30, 2022:</b>	46,733	61,794	48,372	96,608	( 1,907 )	( 10,285 )	( 4,925 )			191,564	
Net income	—	—	—	6,802	—	—	—	—	—	6,802	
Cumulative translation adjustments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	( 616 )	( 616 )	
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12	
Share-based compensation	—	—	2,027	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,027	
Exercise of stock options	5	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	
Shares withheld for taxes on Restricted Stock											
Unit issuances	( 33 )	—	( 140 )	—	—	—	—	—	—	( 140 )	
Common stock issued upon vesting of Restricted Stock Units	267	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Employee savings plan activity	424	1,208	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,208	
<b>Balance as of April 29, 2023:</b>	47,396	63,023	50,259	103,410	( 1,907 )	( 10,285 )	( 5,529 )			200,878	
Net income	—	—	—	34,621	—	—	—	—	—	34,621	
Cumulative translation adjustments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	( 1,020 )	( 1,020 )	
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	24	
Share-based compensation	—	—	2,090	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,090	
Exercise of stock options	219	1,302	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,302	
Shares withheld for taxes on Restricted Stock											
Unit issuances	( 37 )	—	( 303 )	—	—	—	—	—	—	( 303 )	
Common stock issued upon vesting of Restricted Stock Units	188	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Employee savings plan activity	355	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,200	
<b>Balance as of April 27, 2024:</b>	48,121	\$ 65,525	\$ 52,046	\$ 138,031	( 1,907 )	\$ ( 10,285 )	\$ ( 6,525 )			\$ 238,792	

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**DAKTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(in thousands)

	<b>Year Ended</b>		
	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income	\$ 34,621	\$ 6,802	\$ 592
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	19,291	16,993	15,394
Loss (gain) on sale of property, equipment and other assets	44	( 691 )	( 743 )
Share-based compensation	2,090	2,027	1,973
Equity in loss of affiliates	3,764	3,332	2,970
Provision (recovery) for doubtful accounts, net	373	1,009	( 286 )
Deferred income taxes, net	( 9,069 )	( 3,633 )	( 1,555 )
Non-cash impairment charges	6,359	9,049	—
Change in fair value of convertible note	16,550	—	—
Debt issuance costs write-off	3,353	—	—
Change in operating assets and liabilities	( 14,135 )	( 19,864 )	( 45,380 )
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>63,241</b>	<b>15,024</b>	<b>( 27,035 )</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchases of property and equipment	( 16,980 )	( 25,385 )	( 20,376 )
Proceeds from sales of property, equipment and other assets	174	822	885
Purchases of marketable securities	—	—	( 4,045 )
Proceeds from sales or maturities of marketable securities	550	3,490	—
Purchases of equity and loans to equity investees	( 5,050 )	( 4,315 )	( 7,848 )
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>( 21,306 )</b>	<b>( 25,388 )</b>	<b>( 31,384 )</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Borrowings on notes payable	41,172	378,694	46,801
Payments on notes payable	( 19,434 )	( 360,944 )	( 46,801 )
Debt issuance costs	( 7,205 )	( 991 )	—
Borrowings on long-term obligations	—	1,233	—
Principal payments on long-term obligations	( 410 )	( 305 )	( 200 )
Payments for common shares repurchased	—	—	( 3,184 )
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,302	21	8
Tax payments related to RSU issuances	( 303 )	( 140 )	( 200 )
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>15,122</b>	<b>17,568</b>	<b>( 3,576 )</b>
<b>EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH</b>	<b>( 69 )</b>	<b>( 522 )</b>	<b>( 399 )</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH</b>	<b>56,988</b>	<b>6,682</b>	<b>( 62,394 )</b>
<b>CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH:</b>			
Beginning of period	24,690	18,008	80,402
End of period	<u>\$ 81,678</u>	<u>\$ 24,690</u>	<u>\$ 18,008</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

**Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of business:** Daktronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries are engaged principally in the design, market, and manufacture of a wide range of integrated electronic display systems and related products which are sold in a variety of markets throughout the world and the rendering of related maintenance and professional services. Our products are designed primarily to inform and entertain people through the communication of content.

**Fiscal year:** We operate on a 52- or 53-week fiscal year, with our fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to April 30 of each year. When April 30 falls on a Wednesday, the fiscal year ends on the preceding Saturday. Within each fiscal year, each quarter is comprised of a 13-week periods following the beginning of each fiscal year. In each 53-week year, an additional week is added to the first quarter, and each of the last three quarters is comprised of a 13-week period. The fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022 contained operating results for 52 weeks.

**Principles of consolidation:** The consolidated financial statements include Daktronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. We have a variable interest in a business where we have elected to follow the proportionate consolidation method because certain criteria were met under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 810, *Consolidations*.

We have arrangements we concluded were a variable interest entity and accounted for them under the proportionate consolidation method. These arrangements had an aggregate amount of contract assets, contract liabilities and gross profit of \$ 1,955 , \$ 38 and \$ 2,761 , respectively, as of and for the year ended April 27, 2024. As of April 29, 2023, the aggregate amount of contract assets and gross profit was \$ 5,223 and \$ 2,748 , respectively.

**Investments in affiliates:** We consolidate entities in which we have a controlling financial interest by first considering if an entity meets the definition of a variable interest entity ("VIE") for which we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary, or if we have the power to control an entity through a majority of voting interest or through other arrangements.

**Variable Interest Entities:** A VIE is an entity (i) that lacks sufficient equity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties; (ii) whose equity holders lack the characteristics of a controlling financial interest; and/or (iii) that is established with non-substantive voting rights. A VIE is consolidated by its primary beneficiary, which is defined as the party who has a controlling financial interest in the VIE through (a) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly affect the VIE's economic performance, and (b) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits of the VIE that could be significant to the VIE. This assessment may involve subjectivity in the determination of which activities most significantly affect the VIE's performance and making estimates about the current and future fair value of the assets held by the VIE and the financial performance of the VIE. In assessing the Company's interests in a VIE, we also consider interests held by its related parties, including de facto agents. Additionally, we assess whether it is a member of a related party group that collectively meets the power and benefits criteria and, if so, whether we are most closely associated with the VIE. In performing the related party analysis, we consider both qualitative and quantitative factors including, but not limited to: the characteristics and size of its investment relative to the related party; our and the related party's ability to control or significantly influence key decisions of the VIE, including consideration of involvement by de facto agents; the obligation or likelihood for us or the related party to fund operating losses of the VIE; and the similarity and significance of the VIE's business activities to those of us and the related party. The determination of whether an entity is a VIE and whether we are the primary beneficiary may involve significant judgment and depends upon facts and circumstances specific to an entity at the time of the assessment.

Upon occurrence of certain events such as changes to the entity's legal formation or equity at risk, we reassess whether changes in facts and circumstances cause a change in the status of an entity as a VIE or voting interest entity, and/or a change in our consolidation assessment. Changes in consolidation status are applied prospectively. An entity may be consolidated as a result of this reassessment, in which case the assets, liabilities and noncontrolling interest in the entity are recorded at fair value upon initial consolidation. Any existing equity interest held by us in the entity prior to us obtaining control will be remeasured at fair value, which may result in a gain or loss recognized upon initial consolidation. However, if the consolidation represents an asset acquisition of a voting interest entity, our existing interest in the acquired assets, if any, is not remeasured to fair value but continues to be carried at historical cost. We may also deconsolidate a subsidiary as a result of this reassessment, which may result in a gain or loss recognized upon deconsolidation depending on the carrying values of the deconsolidated assets and liabilities compared to the fair value of any interests retained.

We use the equity method to account for investments in companies if our investment provides us with the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies of the investee. Our consolidated net income includes our Company's proportionate share of the net income or loss of these companies. Our judgment regarding the level of influence over each equity method investee includes considering key factors such as our ownership interest, representation on the board of directors, participation in policy-making decisions, other commercial arrangements and material intercompany transactions. We evaluated the nature of our investment in affiliates of Xdisplay™ ("XDC"), which is developing micro-LED mass transfer expertise and technologies, and Miortech (dba Etulipa), which is developing low power outdoor electrowetting technology. Our ownership in Miortech was 55.9 percent and in XDC was 16.4 percent as of April 27, 2024. The aggregate amount of our investments accounted for under the equity method was \$ 1,813 and \$ 11,934 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively.

We determined both entities are a VIE, and based on management's analysis, we determined that Daktronics is not the primary beneficiary because the power criterion was not met; therefore, the investments in Miortech and XDC are accounted for under the equity method. Our consolidated net income includes our Company's proportionate share of the net income or loss of each affiliates. Our proportional share of the respective affiliates' earnings or losses is included in the "Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net" line item in our consolidated statements of operations. For the fiscal years 2024, 2023 and 2022, our share of the losses of our affiliates was \$ 3,764 , \$ 3,332 and \$ 2,970 , respectively.

We review our investments in affiliates for impairment indicators. In fiscal years 2024 and 2023, we concluded there was an other-than-temporary impairment of our investment in Miortech and recorded an impairment loss of \$ 1,392 and \$ 4,473 , respectively, to reflect the investment at fair market value (level 3). In fiscal year 2024, we concluded there was other-than-temporary impairment of our investment in XDC and recorded an impairment loss of \$ 4,967 , to reflect the investment at fair market value (level 3).

We purchased services for research and development activities from our equity method investees. The total of these related party transactions for fiscal years 2024, 2023 and 2022 was \$ 577 , \$ 672 , and \$ 1,520 , respectively, which is included in the "Product design and development" line item in our consolidated statements of operations, and as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, \$ 146 and \$ 52 , respectively, remains unpaid and is included in the "Accounts payable " line item in our consolidated balance sheet.

Summarized financial information for equity method investments consist of the following:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
<b>Balance sheet data:</b>			
Current assets	\$ 4,035	\$ 5,504	\$ 6,672
Non-current assets	5,077	3,312	4,491
Current liabilities	33,672	25,298	13,938
Non-current liabilities	2,151	721	1,738
<b>Income statement data:</b>			
Net loss	\$ ( 13,609 )	\$ ( 16,932 )	\$ ( 11,928 )

**Loans to affiliates.** We also have advanced our affiliates convertible and promissory notes (collectively, the "Affiliate Notes"). We advanced \$ 5,050 and \$ 4,315 in fiscal 2024 and in fiscal 2023, respectively. The total amount of Affiliate Notes was \$ 14,241 and \$ 8,789 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively. The balances of Affiliate Notes are included in the "Investments in affiliates and other assets" line item in our consolidated balance sheets. We evaluate the Affiliate Notes for impairment and credit losses. As of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, no provision for losses were recorded as management's analysis concluded the Affiliate Notes were collectable or realizable based on the rights of these instruments and related valuation of each affiliate.

The Affiliate Notes balance combined with the investment in affiliates balance totaled \$ 16,054 and \$ 20,723 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023. We are committed to invest an additional \$ 500 in fiscal 2025 in our current affiliates.

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions affecting the reported

amounts of assets and liabilities; the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements; the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period; and our ability to continue as a going concern. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making estimates, actual results in future periods may differ from those estimates.

Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near-term relate to the determination of the estimated total costs on uniquely configured contracts and estimated costs to be incurred for product warranties, income taxes, and valuation of investment in and advances to affiliates. Estimation processes are also used in inventory valuation and for determining the allowance for credit losses, share-based compensation, goodwill impairment, value of long-term assets, and extended warranty and product maintenance agreements.

Changes in estimates are reflected in the periods in which they become known.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** All highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase are considered to be cash equivalents and consist primarily of government repurchase agreements, savings accounts and money market accounts that are carried at cost, which approximates fair value. We maintain our cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which at times may exceed federally insured limits. We have not experienced any losses in such accounts.

**Restricted cash:** Restricted cash consists of cash and cash equivalents held in bank deposit accounts to secure certain issuances of foreign bank guarantees.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash reported within the consolidated balance sheets that sum to the totals of the same amounts shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,299	\$ 23,982	\$ 17,143
Restricted cash	379	708	865
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows	<u>\$ 81,678</u>	<u>\$ 24,690</u>	<u>\$ 18,008</u>

We have foreign currency cash accounts to operate our global business. These accounts are impacted by changes in foreign currency rates. Of our \$ 81,299 in cash and cash equivalents balances as of April 27, 2024, \$ 67,830 was denominated in United States dollars, of which \$ 275 was held by our foreign subsidiaries. As of April 27, 2024, we had an additional \$ 13,469 in cash balances denominated in foreign currencies, of which \$ 8,029 was maintained in accounts of our foreign subsidiaries.

**Inventories:** In accordance with ASC 330, *Inventory*, our inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal, and transportation. Cost is measured as the price of the components and allocated expenses for production or betterment of the inventory item are applied to the purchase cost of the raw materials. When we estimate net realizable value to be lower than cost, any necessary adjustments are charged to cost of sales in that period. In determining net realizable value, we review various factors such as current inventory levels, forecasted demand, costs of completion, and technological obsolescence.

**Allowance for credit losses:** We make estimates regarding the collectability of our accounts receivable, long-term receivables, contract assets and other receivables. In evaluating the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses, we analyze specific balances, customer creditworthiness, changes in customer payment cycles, and current economic trends. If the financial condition of any customer were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of its ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. In addition, in accordance with ASC 326, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses*, an allowance is maintained for estimated forward-looking losses resulting from the possible inability of customers to make required payments (current expected losses). The amount of the allowance is determined principally on the basis of past collection experience and known financial factors regarding specific customers. We charge off receivables at such time it is determined collection will not occur against the allowance for credit losses.

**Revenue recognition:** Our accounting policies and estimates are in accordance with ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, and are as follows:

Contracts are identified and follow the revenue recognition policies when all of the following occur: we have evidence that all parties to the contract have approved the contract and are committed to perform their respective obligations, we can identify each party's rights regarding the goods or services to be transferred, we can identify the payment terms for the goods or services to be transferred, the contract has commercial substance, and it is probable we will collect substantially all of the consideration to which we would be entitled in exchange for the goods or services.

Pre-contract costs are generally expensed as incurred, unless they are directly associated with an anticipated contract and recoverability from that contract is probable. Pre-contract costs directly associated with anticipated contracts expected to be recoverable include \$ 384 and \$ 860 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively. These are included in the "Inventories" line item in our consolidated balance sheets.

At contract inception, we identify performance obligations by reviewing the agreement for material distinct goods and services. Goods and services are distinct when the customer can benefit from them on its own and our promises to transfer these items are identifiable from other promises within the contract. When we are contracted to provide a single promise (an integrated system), we often treat it as a single performance obligation if we are providing goods and services with the same pattern of transfer that are highly integrated or interdependent, that are modified or customized by other goods or services promised, or that provide a combined outcome for which the customer has contracted. When less interdependency or integration is necessary, or when the customer can benefit from distinct items, we separate the contract into multiple performance obligations. We account for extended warranties and other services ("service-type warranties") that represent a distinct service as a separate performance obligation.

Our contracts can contain multiple components of transaction price. We evaluate each contract for these components and include fixed consideration, variable consideration, financing components, and non-cash consideration and exclude consideration payable to a customer and sales taxes in the transaction price. When we are responsible for site installations which include subcontracted work, we maintain the contractual responsibilities and risks and include the consideration for these services in the transaction price. When our contract contains variable consideration, including return rights, discounts, claims, unpriced change orders, and liquidated damages, we estimate the transaction price using the expected value (i.e., the sum of the probability-weighted amount) or the most likely amount method, whichever is expected to better predict revenue for that contract situation. We also constrain the revenue to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal of the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. We consider the following factors in determining revenue associated with variable consideration: (a) the contract or other evidence providing the legal basis, (b) additional costs caused by unforeseen circumstances, (c) evidence supporting the claim, and (d) historical evidence and patterns of customers. We adjust the contract price for the effects of a significant financing component if we expect, at contract inception, that the period between when we transfer goods and services to a customer will exceed one year from the time the customer pays and represents financing. If the payment structures exceed a year but are structured to account for risks with a contract or correspond to payments on milestones or are scheduled for performance, we do not adjust the contract price for a financing component. See "Note 6. Accounts Receivable, net" for amounts recorded in long-term receivables.

When separate performance obligations are identified, we allocate the transaction price to the individual performance obligations based on the best method we judge to be a faithful depiction of the value of each performance obligation. Many of our contracts are bundled, and we do not have separate selling prices for each performance obligation; therefore, for these contracts, we primarily use the cost plus a margin approach to allocate the relative transaction price to identified performance obligations, as it is the best representative of our pricing methods.

Estimated contract revenues and costs include management's latest estimate using significant judgments with respect to the complexity of the scope and duration of a particular contract, project to-date performance and conditions, knowledge of any stated or expected project dispute or other claim, and market conditions for input costs. Unanticipated costs that exceed our original estimates may not be recoverable under fixed price contracts. Changes in costs may occur as a result of several factors including, but not limited to, the cost, shortages or non-availability of materials or labor; unanticipated technical problems; required project modifications not initiated by the customer; suppliers' or subcontractors' failure to perform or delay in performing their obligations; logistics disruptions or delays; and capacity constraints. Contingencies for unknown or uncertain cost estimates may be utilized based on the complexity of scope and duration of a project and are relieved when conditions resolve. We evaluate changes in estimates on a contract-by-contract basis, and estimates are made when the revisions are probable and reasonably estimable. Provisions of estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are made in

the period when such losses are capable of being estimated. The cumulative catch-up method is used to account for revisions in estimates.

Revenue is recognized when we satisfy a performance obligation. We receive payments from customers based on a billing schedule as established in our contracts. Billing schedules include down payments and progress billings over time; set milestone payments that are specific to the project are scheduled for performance-based payments or are set time-based payment(s). Variability in contract assets and contract liabilities relates to the timing of billings and revenue recognition, which can vary significantly depending on contractual payment terms, build and installation schedules, and the related timing differences in transfer of control. Balances are also impacted by the seasonality in our business.

Significant judgments and estimates are used in applying our revenue policies. In order to assure appropriate and consistent revenue recognition, we regularly evaluate available project related information and update estimates accordingly. We maintain internal policies and procedures to provide guidance for those involved in recording revenue. We monitor for changes in our business sales practices and customer interactions to capture the appropriate types of performance obligations and adjust for any change in control terms and conditions.

Our material performance obligation types include:

*Unique configuration contracts:* audio-visual communication systems uniquely configured (custom) or integrated for a customer's particular location and system configuration may include all or a combination of the following: engineering services, project management services, video display(s), control solution(s), installation and integration services, scoring and messaging equipment, training, other on-site services, spare parts, software licenses, and assurance-type warranties.

We may have multiple performance obligations in these types of contracts; however, a majority are treated as a combined single performance obligation. In our judgment, this accounting treatment is most appropriate because the substantial part of our promise to customers is to provide significant integration services and incorporate individual goods and services into a combined output or system. Often times, the system is customized or significantly modified to the customer's desired configurations and location, and the interrelated goods and services provide utility to the customer as a package.

Revenue for uniquely configured (custom) or integrated systems is recognized over time using the cost-to-cost input method by comparing cumulative costs incurred to the total estimated costs and applying that percentage of completion to the transaction price to recognize revenue. Over time revenue recognition is appropriate because we have no alternative use for the uniquely configured system and have an enforceable right to payment for work performed, including a reasonable profit margin. The cost-to-cost input method measures costs incurred to date compared to estimated total costs for each contract. This method is the most faithful depiction of our performance because it measures the value of the contract transferred to the customer. Costs to perform the contract include direct and indirect costs for contract design, production, integration, installation, and assurance-type warranty reserve. Direct costs include materials and components; manufacturing, project management and engineering labor; and subcontracting expenses. Indirect costs include allocated charges for such items as facilities and equipment depreciation and general overhead. Provisions of estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are made in the period when such losses are capable of being estimated.

Contract modifications to existing contracts with customers are evaluated in accordance with the five-step revenue model. We treat contract modifications as a separate contract and new performance obligations when the additional goods or services are distinct and do not add to the unique configuration or are outside the integrated system and when the consideration reflects standalone selling prices. If the additional goods or services offered under the modification enhance the uniquely configured or integrated systems, revenue is allocated to the existing contracts' performance obligation. Modifications may cause changes in the timing of revenue recognition depending on the allocation to various performance obligations.

The time between contract order and project completion is typically less than 12 months but may extend longer depending on the amount of custom work and customers' delivery needs.

*Limited configuration (standard systems) and after-sale parts contracts :* Limited configuration (standard systems) or after-sale parts contracts with limited or no configuration or limited integration are recognized as distinct individual performance obligations when material. When not distinct, we combine into one performance

obligation the goods and/or services until the bundle of goods or services is distinct. For standard display purchases made in large quantities, we account for each piece of equipment separately as a distinct performance obligation from which a customer derives benefit. Immaterial goods or services in the context of the contract are included with the display system performance obligation. Standard systems and equipment with limited configurations or integrations may include all or a combination (when immaterial) of the following performance obligations: engineering services, project management services, video display(s), control solution(s), installation and integration services, scoring, messaging and audio equipment, training, spare parts, software licenses, assurance-type warranties, and after-sale parts.

Revenue is recognized at a point in time when control passes, or over time as services are performed or control passes. When fulfilling limited configuration performance obligations, we are typically able to redirect the video displays or scoring, messaging, or audio equipment to another customer without incurring significant economic losses. Therefore, we have an alternative use for the performance obligation and recognize revenue upon our substantial completion and at the point in time we estimate control has transferred to the customer. When limited configured single performance obligations are more service-type (i.e., installation and integration services), we recognize revenue over time using the cost-to-cost input method, by comparing cumulative costs incurred to the total estimated costs, and applying that percentage of completion to the transaction price to recognize revenue. We believe the cost-to-cost input method is the most faithful depiction of the customer obtaining control and benefits from the work performed.

*Services and other:* Services sold on a stand-alone basis or after the initial system sale include performance obligations such as event support, control room design, on-site training, equipment service, service-type warranties, technical support, software sold as a service, and other immaterial revenue streams. These are contracted with a customer generally per service event or service type on a stand-alone basis. Services, service type warranties, and other are recognized as net sales when the services are performed, and control is transferred to the customer at a point in time when title or control passes or over time as services are performed and for time-based "stand ready to perform" type obligations. We use professional judgment to determine control transfer. If we have the right to consideration from a customer that directly corresponds with the value of our performance (where we bill a fixed amount for each hour of service provided), we recognize revenue related to the work completed.

*Software:* Revenues from software license fees on sales, other than uniquely configured type contracts, are recognized when delivery of the product has occurred. Subscription-based licenses include the right for a customer to use our licenses and receive related support for a specified term, and revenue is recognized pro-rata over the term of the agreement.

*Shipping and handling costs:* Shipping and handling costs collected from our customers in connection with our sales are recorded as a component of net sales. We record shipping and handling costs as a component of cost of sales at the time the product is shipped.

*Warranty:* We offer a standard parts coverage warranty for periods varying from one to five years for most of our products. We also offer additional types of warranties to include on-site labor, routine maintenance and event support. The terms of warranties on some installations can vary from one to 10 years. The specific terms and conditions of these warranties vary primarily depending on the type of product sold. We estimate the costs which may be incurred under the contractual warranty obligations (assurance type warranty) and record a liability in the amount of such estimated costs at the time the revenue is recognized. Factors affecting our estimate of the cost of our warranty obligations include historical experience and expectations of future conditions. We continually assess the adequacy of our recorded warranty accruals and, to the extent we experience any changes in warranty claim activity or costs associated with servicing those claims, our accrued warranty obligation is adjusted accordingly. For service-type warranty contracts, we allocate revenue to this performance obligation, recognize the revenue over time, and recognize costs as incurred.

**Property and equipment:** In accordance with ASC 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*, property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated principally on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<b>Years</b>
Buildings and improvements	5 - 40
Machinery and equipment	5 - 7
Office furniture and equipment	3 - 5
Computer software and hardware	3 - 5
Equipment held for rental	2 - 7
Demonstration equipment	3 - 5
Transportation equipment	5 - 7

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the term of the lease.

**Impairment of Long-Lived Assets:** In accordance with ASC 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*, we assess long-lived tangible assets and definite-lived intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

When evaluating long-lived assets for potential impairment, we first compare the carrying value of the asset to the asset's estimated future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges). If the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying value of the asset, we calculate an impairment loss. The impairment loss calculation compares the carrying value of the asset to the asset's estimated fair value. We recognize an impairment loss if the amount of the asset's carrying value exceeds the asset's estimated fair value. If we recognize an impairment loss, the adjusted carrying amount of the asset becomes its new cost basis. For a depreciable long-lived asset, the new cost basis will be depreciated (amortized) over the remaining useful life of that asset.

Our impairment loss calculations contain uncertainties because they require management to make assumptions and to apply judgment to estimate future cash flows and asset fair values, including forecasting useful lives of the assets and selecting the discount rate that reflects the risk inherent in future cash flows.

**Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets:** We account for goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives in accordance with ASC 350 , *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*. Under these provisions, goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment on at least an annual basis. Impairment testing is required more often than annually if an event or circumstance indicates an impairment or a decline in value may have occurred.

A qualitative assessment may be used to first determine whether it is "more likely than not" that the fair value of a reporting unit is less its carrying value. Based on this assessment, if it is determined that is more likely than not that impairment has occurred, a quantitative analysis will be performed. The quantitative assessment uses an income approach to estimate the fair value of each reporting unit. The income approach is based on the projected cash flows, which are discounted to their present value using discount rates which consider the timing and risk of the forecasted cash flows. Fair value is estimated using internally developed forecasts and assumptions and takes into account management plans, business trends, and market and economic conditions. If the quantitative assessment of goodwill impairment fails, an impairment loss equal to the amount that a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value will be recognized.

**Foreign currency translation:** We follow the provisions of ASC 830, *Foreign Currency Matters*. Our foreign subsidiaries use the local currency of their respective countries as their functional currency. The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. The operating results of foreign operations are translated at weighted average exchange rates. The related translation gains or losses are reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

**Income taxes:** We account for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740 , *Income Taxes*. We record a tax provision for anticipated tax consequences of the reported results of operations. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using currently enacted tax rates and statutory tax rates applicable to the years in which we expect these temporary differences will affect taxable income. These assets and liabilities are analyzed regularly, and we assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recoverable from future taxable income. When necessary, a valuation allowance is established if it is more

likely than not the deferred tax asset will not be realized. We report the net deferred tax asset and liability as a long-term asset or liability. Net deferred assets or liabilities are calculated by combining them based on their jurisdiction.

In addition, because we operate in multiple income tax jurisdictions both within the United States and internationally, the calculation of tax liabilities involves judgment in estimating the impact of uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws. Resolution of these uncertainties in a manner inconsistent with our expectations could have a material impact on our financial condition and operating results. See "Note 12. Income Taxes" for further information.

**Self-Insurance:** Generally, we self-insure a portion of health insurance, product liability claims, and workers' compensation. Under these plans, liabilities are recognized for claims incurred, including those incurred but not reported. We use historical expense trend information and claim information or third-party administrators and actuaries who use historical claims experience and various state statutes to assist in the determination of the accrued liability balance. We self-insure our health insurance benefit and maintain an excess liability insurance policy with outside insurance carriers to minimize the risks related to catastrophic claims in excess \$ 250 per occurrence for health insurance and personal injury matters. Any material change in the aforementioned factors could have an adverse impact on operating results. Balances are included within accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheets.

**Comprehensive income (loss):** We follow the provisions of ASC 220, *Reporting Comprehensive Income*, which establishes standards for reporting and displaying comprehensive income (loss) and its components, and disclose these components in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. Comprehensive income (loss) reflects the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. For us, comprehensive income (loss) represents net income adjusted for cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments and unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities. The foreign currency translation adjustment included in the comprehensive income (loss) calculation has not been tax affected, as the investments in foreign affiliates are deemed to be permanent.

**Product design and development:** We follow the provisions of ASC 730, *Research and Development*, which states all expenses related to product design and development are charged to operations as incurred. Our product design and development activities include the enhancement of existing products and technologies and the development of new products and technologies.

**Earnings per share ("EPS"):** We follow the provisions of ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share*, where basic EPS is computed by dividing income attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution which may occur if securities or other obligations to issue common stock were exercised or converted into shares of common stock or resulted in the issuance of shares of common stock which share in our earnings.

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The following is a reconciliation of the net income and common share amounts used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS for the fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
<b>Earnings per share - basic</b>			
Net income	\$ 34,621	\$ 6,802	\$ 592
Weighted average shares outstanding	45,901	45,404	45,188
Basic earnings per share	<u><u>\$ 0.75</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0.15</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0.01</u></u>
<b>Earnings per share - diluted</b>			
Net income	\$ 34,621	\$ 6,802	\$ 592
Diluted net income	<u><u>\$ 34,621</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,802</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 592</u></u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding	45,901	45,404	45,188
Dilution associated with stock compensation plans	642	117	138
Dilution associated with convertible note	—	—	—
Weighted average common shares outstanding, assuming dilution	46,543	45,521	45,326
Diluted earnings per share	<u><u>\$ 0.74</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0.15</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0.01</u></u>

Options outstanding to purchase 675 , 2,084 and 1,846 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$ 10.29 , \$ 7.47 and \$ 9.15 for the fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the effects would be anti-dilutive.

During the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024, shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the secured convertible note in the original principal amount of \$ 25,000 due on May 11, 2027 (the "Convertible Note") were not included in the computation of diluted EPS, as the effect would be anti-dilutive. For the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024, 3,915 potential common shares related to the Convertible Note were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS.

**Share-based compensation:** We account for share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718 , *Compensation-Stock Compensation*. Under the fair value recognition provisions of ASC 718, we measure share-based compensation cost at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and recognize the compensation expense over the requisite service period, which is the vesting period. See "Note 10. Shareholders' Equity and Share-Based Compensation" for additional information and the assumptions we use to calculate the fair value of share-based employee compensation.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

##### Accounting Standards Adopted

In August 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-06, *Debt - Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470- 20) and Derivatives and Hedging - Contracts in Entity's Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40): Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity* ("ASU 2020-06"). ASU 2020-06 simplified the accounting for certain financial instruments with characteristics of liabilities and equity. ASU 2020-06 (1) simplified the accounting for convertible debt instruments and convertible preferred stock by removing the existing guidance in ASC 470-20, *Debt: Debt with Conversion and Other Options* , that required entities to account for beneficial conversion features and cash conversion features in equity separately from the host convertible debt or preferred stock; (2) revised the scope exception from derivative accounting in ASC 815-40 for freestanding financial instruments and embedded features that are both indexed to the issuer's own stock and classified in stockholders' equity by removing certain criteria required for equity classification; and (3) revised the guidance in ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share*, to require entities to calculate diluted EPS for convertible instruments by using the if-converted method. In addition, entities must presume share settlement for purposes of calculating diluted EPS when an instrument may be settled in cash or shares. For SEC filers, excluding smaller reporting companies, ASU 2020-06 was effective for

fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption was permitted, but no earlier than fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. For all other entities, ASU 2020-06 was effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, including interim periods within those fiscal years. In the first quarter of fiscal 2024, we adopted ASU 2020-06 with no material impact to the consolidated financial statements. On May 11, 2023, we borrowed \$ 25,000 in aggregate principal amount evidenced by the secured Convertible Note due May 11, 2027. See "Note 7. Financing Agreements" for further information on the Convertible Note.

#### *Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted*

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, *Segment Reporting (Topic 280), Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures* ("ASU 2023-07"). ASU 2023-07 requires enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. The Company is required to adopt ASU 2023-07 for its annual reporting in fiscal year 2025 and for interim period reporting beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2026 on a retrospective basis. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2023-07 on our segment disclosures.

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740) Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures* ("ASU 2023-09"). ASU 2023-09 requires the disclosure of specified additional information in its income tax rate reconciliation and to provide additional information for reconciling items that meet a quantitative threshold. ASU 2023-09 will also require disaggregation of income taxes paid disclosure by federal, state and foreign taxes, with further disaggregation required for significant individual jurisdictions. The Company is required to adopt this guidance for its annual reporting in fiscal year 2026 on a prospective basis. Early adoption and retroactive application are permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2023-09 on our income tax disclosures.

#### **Note 2. Revenue Recognition**

##### Disaggregation of revenue

In accordance with ASC 606-10-50, we disaggregate revenue from contracts with customers by the type of performance obligation and the timing of revenue recognition. We determine that disaggregating revenue in these categories achieves the disclosure objective to depict how the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors and to enable users of financial statements to understand the relationship to each reportable segment.

The following table presents our disaggregation of revenue by segments:

Type of performance obligation	Fiscal Year 2024						
	Commercial		Live Events		High School Park and Recreation		Transportation
	Commercial	Live Events	High School Park and Recreation	Transportation	International	Total	
Unique configuration	\$ 32,914	\$ 269,184	\$ 38,819	\$ 52,142	\$ 29,562	\$ 422,621	
Limited configuration	109,458	41,805	124,113	27,913	24,164	327,453	
Service and other	19,254	27,519	7,417	5,335	8,484	68,009	
	<u>\$ 161,626</u>	<u>\$ 338,508</u>	<u>\$ 170,349</u>	<u>\$ 85,390</u>	<u>\$ 62,210</u>	<u>\$ 818,083</u>	
<b>Timing of revenue recognition</b>							
Goods/services transferred at a point in time	\$ 115,836	\$ 48,899	\$ 121,175	\$ 30,866	\$ 27,049	\$ 343,825	
Goods/services transferred over time	45,790	289,609	49,174	54,524	35,161	474,258	
	<u>\$ 161,626</u>	<u>\$ 338,508</u>	<u>\$ 170,349</u>	<u>\$ 85,390</u>	<u>\$ 62,210</u>	<u>\$ 818,083</u>	

Fiscal Year 2023											
Type of performance obligation	High School										
	Commercial	Live Events	Park and Recreation	Transportation	International	Total	Commercial	Live Events	Park and Recreation	Transportation	International
Unique configuration	\$ 25,821	\$ 223,560	\$ 22,730	\$ 45,286	\$ 33,623	\$ 351,020					
Limited configuration	128,346	36,259	114,951	23,946	43,007	346,509					
Service and other	16,423	25,081	4,067	3,074	8,022	56,667					
	<u>\$ 170,590</u>	<u>\$ 284,900</u>	<u>\$ 141,748</u>	<u>\$ 72,306</u>	<u>\$ 84,652</u>	<u>\$ 754,196</u>					
<b>Timing of revenue recognition</b>											
Goods/services transferred at a point in time	\$ 132,728	\$ 43,761	\$ 109,323	\$ 24,950	\$ 45,687	\$ 356,449					
Goods/services transferred over time	37,862	241,139	32,425	47,356	38,965	397,747					
	<u>\$ 170,590</u>	<u>\$ 284,900</u>	<u>\$ 141,748</u>	<u>\$ 72,306</u>	<u>\$ 84,652</u>	<u>\$ 754,196</u>					
Fiscal Year 2022											
Type of performance obligation	High School										
	Commercial	Live Events	Park and Recreation	Transportation	International	Total	Commercial	Live Events	Park and Recreation	Transportation	International
Unique configuration	\$ 20,849	\$ 144,095	\$ 20,175	\$ 38,843	\$ 32,658	\$ 256,620					
Limited configuration	118,308	30,181	88,162	21,370	43,029	301,050					
Service and other	15,054	24,830	3,479	2,494	7,443	53,300					
	<u>\$ 154,211</u>	<u>\$ 199,106</u>	<u>\$ 111,816</u>	<u>\$ 62,707</u>	<u>\$ 83,130</u>	<u>\$ 610,970</u>					
<b>Timing of revenue recognition</b>											
Goods/services transferred at a point in time	\$ 120,776	\$ 37,229	\$ 82,678	\$ 22,088	\$ 45,036	\$ 307,807					
Goods/services transferred over time	33,435	161,877	29,138	40,619	38,094	303,163					
	<u>\$ 154,211</u>	<u>\$ 199,106</u>	<u>\$ 111,816</u>	<u>\$ 62,707</u>	<u>\$ 83,130</u>	<u>\$ 610,970</u>					

See "Note 3. Segment Reporting" for a disaggregation of revenue by geography.

#### Contract balances

Contract assets represent revenue recognized in excess of amounts billed and include unbilled receivables. Unbilled receivables, which represent an unconditional right to payment subject only to the passage of time, are reclassified to accounts receivable when they are billed according to the contract terms. Contract liabilities represent amounts billed to the clients in excess of revenue recognized to date.

The following table reflects the changes in our contract assets and liabilities:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Contract assets	\$ 55,800	\$ 46,789	\$ 9,011	19.3 %
Contract liabilities - current	65,524	91,549	( 26,025 )	( 28.4 )
Contract liabilities - non-current	16,342	13,096	3,246	24.8

The changes in our contract assets and contract liabilities from April 29, 2023 to April 27, 2024 were due to the timing of billing schedules and revenue recognition, which can vary significantly depending on the contractual payment terms and the seasonality of the sports markets. We had no significant impairments of contract assets for fiscal 2024, and we had no impairments of contract assets for fiscal 2023 and 2022.

For service-type warranty contracts, we allocate revenue to this performance obligation, recognize the revenue over time, and recognize costs as incurred. Earned and unearned revenues for these contracts are included in the "Contract assets" and "Contract liabilities" line items of our consolidated balance sheets. Changes in unearned service-type warranty contracts, net were as follows:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 28,338	\$ 26,346
New contracts sold	49,099	44,216
Less: reductions for revenue recognized	( 43,520 )	( 42,132 )
Foreign currency translation and other	( 1,758 )	( 92 )
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 32,159</u>	<u>\$ 28,338</u>

Contracts in process identified as loss contracts as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023 were immaterial. Loss provisions are recorded in "Accrued expenses" line item in our consolidated balance sheets.

During fiscal 2024, we recognized revenue of \$ 84,140 related to our contract liabilities as of April 29, 2023.

#### Remaining performance obligations and revenue recognized from past performance obligations

As of April 27, 2024, the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations was \$ 382,939 . Remaining performance obligations related to product and service agreements as of April 27, 2024 were \$ 316,905 and \$ 66,034 , respectively. We expect approximately \$ 323,421 of our remaining performance obligations to be recognized over the next 12 months, with the remainder recognized thereafter. Although remaining performance obligations reflect business that is considered to be legally binding, cancellations, deferrals or scope adjustments may occur. Any known project cancellations, revisions to project scope and cost, foreign currency exchange fluctuations and project deferrals are reflected or excluded in the remaining performance obligation balance, as appropriate. The amount of revenue recognized associated with performance obligations satisfied in prior years during the years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023 was immaterial.

#### **Note 3. Segment Reporting**

We organize and manage our business by the following five segments which meet the definition of reportable segments under ASC 280-10, *Segment Reporting*: Commercial, Live Events, High School Park and Recreation, Transportation, and International. These segments are based on the customer type or geography and are the same as our operating segments/business units.

Our chief operating decision-maker (CODM), who is our president and chief executive officer, regularly reviews the consolidated financial results in their entirety and the operating segment financials results to the GAAP measure of gross profit. The CODM has ultimate responsibility for enterprise decisions and making resource allocation decisions for our company and our segments. Management of each operating segment has the responsibility for operating decisions, allocating resources, and assessing performance within their segment.

- Our Commercial business unit primarily consists of sales of our integrated video display systems, digital billboards, Galaxy® and Fuelight™ product lines, and dynamic messaging systems to resellers (primarily sign companies), out-of-home ("OOH") companies, national retailers, quick-serve restaurants, casinos, shopping centers, cruise ships, commercial building owners, and petroleum retailers.
- Our Live Events business unit primarily consists of sales of integrated scoring and video display systems to college and professional sports facilities and convention centers and sales of our mobile display technology to video rental organizations and other live events type venues.
- Our High School Park and Recreation business unit primarily consists of sales of scoring systems, Galaxy® displays and video display systems to primary and secondary education facilities and resellers (primarily sign companies).
- Our Transportation business unit primarily consists of sales of intelligent transportation systems dynamic messaging signs for road management, mass transit, and aviation applications and other electronic signage for advertising and way-finding needs, which includes our Vanguard® and Galaxy® product lines and other intelligent transportation systems dynamic message signs, to governmental transportation departments, transportation industry contractors, airlines and other transportation related customers.
- Our International business unit consists of sales of all product lines outside the United States and Canada. In our International business unit, we focus on product lines related to integrated scoring and video display systems for sports and commercial applications, OOH advertising products, architectural lighting, and transportation related products for sale outside of the United States and Canada to the related type of company, including sports and commercial business facilities, OOH companies, and governmental transportation agencies.

Our segments follow the same accounting policies as those described in "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies." Some expenses or services are not directly allocable to a sale or segment or the resources and related expenses are shared across business segment areas. These expenses are allocated using estimates and allocation methodologies based on financial measures and professional judgment. Shared or unabsorbed manufacturing costs are allocated to the business unit benefiting most from that manufacturing location's production capabilities. Shared or unabsorbed costs of domestic field sales and services infrastructure, including most field administrative staff, are allocated to the Commercial, Live Events, High School Park and Recreation, and Transportation business units based on cost of sales. Shared manufacturing, buildings and utilities, and procurement costs are allocated based on payroll dollars, square footage and various other financial measures in the segment analysis. Assets are not allocated to the segments. Depreciation and amortization are allocated to each segment based on various financial measures; however, some depreciation and amortization are corporate in nature and remain unallocated

We do not maintain information on sales by products; therefore, disclosure of such information is not practical.

The following table sets forth certain financial information for each of our five reporting segments for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
<b>Net sales:</b>			
Commercial	\$ 161,626	\$ 170,590	\$ 154,211
Live Events	338,508	284,900	199,106
High School Park and Recreation	170,349	141,748	111,816
Transportation	85,390	72,306	62,707
International	62,210	84,652	83,130
	<u>818,083</u>	<u>754,196</u>	<u>610,970</u>
<b>Gross profit:</b>			
Commercial	34,233	31,155	31,851
Live Events	95,984	49,255	21,787
High School Park and Recreation	57,364	41,145	35,477
Transportation	26,021	19,825	18,172
International	8,841	9,975	9,410
	<u>222,443</u>	<u>151,355</u>	<u>116,697</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Selling	56,954	56,655	51,075
General and administrative	42,632	38,747	32,563
Product design and development	35,742	29,989	29,013
Goodwill impairment	—	4,576	—
	<u>135,328</u>	<u>129,967</u>	<u>112,651</u>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>87,115</b>	<b>21,388</b>	<b>4,046</b>
<b>Nonoperating income (expense):</b>			
Interest income (expense), net	( 3,418 )	( 920 )	171
Change in fair value of convertible note	( 16,550 )	—	—
Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net	( 13,096 )	( 7,211 )	( 3,109 )
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 54,051</b>	<b>\$ 13,257</b>	<b>\$ 1,108</b>
Depreciation and amortization:			
Commercial	\$ 4,497	\$ 3,468	\$ 2,677
Live Events	6,256	6,430	5,238
High School Park and Recreation	1,968	1,632	1,420
Transportation	715	584	551
International	2,255	2,307	2,796
Unallocated corporate depreciation	3,600	2,572	2,712
	<u>\$ 19,291</u>	<u>\$ 16,993</u>	<u>\$ 15,394</u>

No single geographic area comprises a material amount of our net sales or property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, other than the United States. The following table presents information about net sales and property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, in the United States and elsewhere:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
<b>Net sales:</b>			
United States	\$ 744,419	\$ 661,312	\$ 513,740
Outside United States	73,664	92,884	97,230
	<u><u>\$ 818,083</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 754,196</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 610,970</u></u>
<b>Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation:</b>			
United States	\$ 64,332	\$ 63,786	\$ 58,643
Outside United States	7,420	8,361	8,122
	<u><u>\$ 71,752</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 72,147</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 66,765</u></u>

We have numerous customers worldwide for sales of our products and services, and no customer accounted for 10 percent or more of net sales; therefore, we are not economically dependent on a limited number of customers for the sale of our products and services.

We have numerous raw material and component suppliers, and no supplier accounts for 10% or more of our cost of sales; however, we have a complex global supply chain subject to geopolitical and transportation risks and a number of single-source suppliers that could limit our supply or cause delays in obtaining raw materials and components needed in manufacturing.

#### **Note 4. Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

##### **Goodwill**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill related to each reportable segment for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024 were as follows:

	Commercial	Transportation	Total
<b>Balance as of April 29, 2023:</b>	\$ 3,198	\$ 41	\$ 3,239
Foreign currency translation	( 10 )	( 3 )	( 13 )
Goodwill impairment	—	—	—
<b>Balance as of April 27, 2024:</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,188</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,226</u></u>

We perform an analysis of goodwill on an annual basis, and it is tested for impairment more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that an asset might be impaired. Our annual analysis is performed during our third quarter of each fiscal year based on the goodwill amount as of the first business day of our third fiscal quarter.

We performed our annual impairment test on October 29, 2023 and concluded no goodwill impairment existed for fiscal year 2024.

The annual impairment test for fiscal year 2023 concluded that the carrying value of the Live Events and International reporting units exceeded their respective fair values and consequently recorded an a \$ 4,576 impairment charge. We determined the fair value of the reporting units based on an income approach, using the present value of future discounted cash flows. Significant estimates used to determine fair value include the weighted average cost of capital and financial forecasts. The recognized impairment was primarily a result of our weighted average cost of capital being notably higher, which was driven by strains on our liquidity caused by disrupted supply chains and geopolitical conditions during fiscal 2024. As a result, the present value of our future cash flows was lower, which caused the impairment charge. Based on our annual impairment test, we concluded that the fair value of the Commercial and Transportation reporting units exceeded

their respective carrying values and concluded no goodwill impairment existed for those reporting units. The annual impairment test for fiscal year 2022 concluded no goodwill impairment existed.

Accumulated impairments to goodwill as of April 27, 2024 was \$ 4,576 .

#### Intangible Assets

The following table summarizes intangible assets, net, as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023:

	April 27, 2024			
	Weighted Average Life (in years)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Registered trademarks	20.0	\$ 636	\$ 296	\$ 340
Customer relationships	10.3	2,549	2,049	500
Total	12.2	\$ 3,185	\$ 2,345	\$ 840

	April 29, 2023			
	Weighted Average Life (in years)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Registered trademarks	20.0	\$ 650	\$ 270	\$ 380
Customer relationships	10.3	2,563	1,807	756
Total	12.2	\$ 3,213	\$ 2,077	\$ 1,136

In the fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022, amortization expense was \$ 287 , \$ 290 , and \$ 504 , respectively. Amortization expenses are included primarily in product design and development and selling expense in the consolidated statements of operations. Intangible assets are written off when fully amortized.

As of April 27, 2024, amortization expenses for future periods were estimated to be as follows:

Fiscal years ending	Amount
2025	\$ 283
2026	252
2027	36
2028	36
2029	36
Thereafter	197
Total expected amortization expense	\$ 840

#### Note 5. Selected Financial Statement Data

Inventories consisted of the following:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023
Raw materials	\$ 66,900	\$ 81,627
Work-in-process	13,848	14,155
Finished goods	57,260	53,666
	\$ 138,008	\$ 149,448

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Property and equipment, net consisted of the following:

	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>
Land	\$ 2,895	\$ 1,996
Buildings	71,670	71,222
Machinery and equipment	131,983	126,164
Office furniture and equipment	3,765	4,112
Computer software and hardware	46,135	44,700
Construction in Process	5,064	2,805
Demonstration equipment	7,094	7,432
Transportation equipment	7,667	7,057
	<u>276,273</u>	<u>265,488</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	204,521	193,341
	<u><u>\$ 71,752</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 72,147</u></u>

Our depreciation expense was \$ 17,453 , \$ 16,703 , and \$ 14,890 for the fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

Accrued expenses consisted of the following:

	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>
Compensation	\$ 27,365	\$ 17,466
Taxes, other than income taxes	3,410	3,390
Accrued employee benefits	3,871	3,953
Operating lease liabilities	1,984	2,253
Short-term accrued expenses	6,398	8,943
	<u>\$ 43,028</u>	<u>\$ 36,005</u>

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Interest (expense) income, net consisted of the following:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
<b>Interest expense:</b>			
Interest expense	\$ ( 3,397 )	\$ ( 1,127 )	\$ ( 49 )
Debt issuance amortization expense	( 1,551 )	—	—
Total interest expense	( 4,948 )	( 1,127 )	( 49 )
<b>Interest income:</b>			
Interest income	1,530	207	220
Interest (expense) income, net	<u><u>\$ ( 3,418 )</u></u>	<u><u>\$ ( 920 )</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 171</u></u>

Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net consisted of the following:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
<b>Foreign currency transaction gains (losses)</b>			
Foreign currency transaction gains (losses)	\$ 284	\$ 479	\$ ( 227 )
Equity in losses of affiliates	( 3,764 )	( 3,332 )	( 2,970 )
Impairment of equity method investees	( 6,359 )	( 4,473 )	—
Debt issuance costs write off	( 3,353 )	—	—
Other	96	115	88
	<u><u>\$ ( 13,096 )</u></u>	<u><u>\$ ( 7,211 )</u></u>	<u><u>\$ ( 3,109 )</u></u>

**Note 6. Accounts Receivables, Net**

We invoice customers based on a billing schedule as established in our contracts. We sometimes have the ability to file a contractor's lien against the product installed as collateral and to file claims against surety bonds to protect our interest in receivables. Foreign sales are at times secured by irrevocable letters of credit or bank guarantees. Accounts receivable are reported net of an allowance for credit losses of \$ 4,568 and \$ 4,182 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively. Included in accounts receivable as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023 was \$ 1,350 and \$ 1,416, respectively, of retainage on construction-type contracts, all of which is expected to be collected within one year.

In some contracts with customers, we agree to installment payments exceeding 12 months. The present value of these contracts is recorded as a receivable as the revenue is recognized in accordance with GAAP, and profit is recognized to the extent the present value is in excess of cost. We generally retain a security interest in the equipment or in the cash flow generated by the equipment until the contract is paid. The present value of long-term contracts, including accrued interest and current maturities, was \$ 859 and \$ 1,473 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively. Contract receivables bearing annual interest rates of 8.0 to 9.0 percent are due in varying annual installments through February 2026. The face value of long-term receivables was \$ 863 and \$ 1,512 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively.

**Note 7. Financing Agreements**

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023
ABL credit facility/prior line of credit	\$ —	\$ 17,750
Mortgage	13,875	—
Convertible note	25,000	—
Long-term debt, gross	<u>38,875</u>	<u>17,750</u>
Debt issuance costs, net	( 761 )	—
Change in fair value of convertible note	16,550	—
Current portion	( 1,500 )	—
Long-term debt, net	<u><u>\$ 53,164</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,750</u></u>

#### **Credit Agreements**

On May 11, 2023, we closed on a \$ 75,000 senior credit facility (the "Credit Facility"). The Credit Facility consists of a \$ 60,000 asset-based revolving credit facility (the "ABL") maturing on May 11, 2026, which is secured by first priority lien on the Company's assets and is subject to certain factors that can impact our borrowing capacity, and a \$ 15,000 delayed draw loan (the "Delayed Draw Loan") secured by a first priority mortgage on our Brookings, South Dakota real estate (the "Mortgage"). The ABL and Delayed Draw Loan are evidenced by a Credit Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 (the "Credit Agreement") between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the lender. On May 11, 2023, the Company paid all amounts outstanding on the prior credit agreement, and this prior credit agreement was terminated as of that date. No gain or loss was recognized upon termination, and the Company incurred no early termination penalties in connection with such termination.

Under the ABL, certain factors can impact our borrowing capacity. As of April 27, 2024, our total borrowing capacity was \$ 39,507 there were no borrowings outstanding, and there was \$ 5,342 used to secure letters of credit outstanding leaving \$ 34,165 available to borrow. We made no borrowings on this ABL during fiscal 2024.

The interest rate on the ABL is set on a sliding scale based on the trailing 12-month fixed charge coverage and ranges from 2.5 to 3.5 percent over the standard overnight financing rate (SOFR). The ABL is secured by a first priority lien on the Company's assets described in the Credit Agreement and the Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and among the Company, Daktronics Installation, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

The \$ 15,000 Delayed Draw Loan was funded on July 7, 2023 and is secured by the Mortgage on the Company's Brookings, South Dakota real estate. It amortizes over 10 years and has monthly payments of \$ 125 . The Delayed Draw Loan is subject to the terms of the Credit Agreement and matures on May 11, 2026. The interest rate on the Delayed Draw Loan is set on a sliding scale based on the trailing 12-month fixed charge coverage ratio and ranges between 1.0 and 2.0 percent over the Commercial Bank Floating Rate (CBFR). The interest rate as of April 27, 2024 for Delayed Draw Loan was 9.5 percent.

#### **Convertible Note**

On May 11, 2023, we borrowed \$ 25,000 in aggregate principal amount evidenced by the secured Convertible Note due May 11, 2027. The Convertible Note holder (the "Holder") has a second priority lien on assets securing the ABL facility and a first priority lien on substantially all of the other assets of the Company, excluding all real property, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., and the Holder of the Convertible Note.

#### *Conversion Features*

- The Convertible Note allows the Holder and any of the Holder's permitted transferees, donees, pledgees, assignees or successors-in-interest (collectively, the "Selling Shareholders") to convert all or any portion of the principal amount of the Convertible Note, together with any accrued and unpaid interest and any other unpaid amounts, including late charges, if any (together, the "Conversion Amount"), into shares of the Company's common stock at an initial conversion price of \$ 6.31 per share, subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of the Convertible Note (the "Conversion Price").

- The Company also has a forced conversion right, which is exercisable on the occurrence of certain conditions set forth in the Convertible Note, pursuant to which it can cause all or any portion of the outstanding and unpaid Conversion Amount to be converted into shares of common stock at the Conversion Price.

Additionally, if the Company fails other than by reason of a failure by the Holder to comply with its obligations, the Holder is permitted to cash payments from the Company until such conversion failure is cured.

#### *Redemption Features*

- If the Company were to have an "Event of Default", as defined by the Convertible Note, then the Holder may require the Company to redeem all or any portion of the Convertible Note.
- If the Company has a "Change of Control", as defined by the Convertible Note, then the Holder is entitled to payment of the outstanding amount of the Convertible Note at the "Change in Control Redemption Price," as defined in the Convertible Note.

#### *Interest*

Interest accruing under the Convertible Note is payable, at the option of the Company, in either (i) cash or (ii) a combination of cash interest and capitalized interest; provided, however, that at least fifty percent (50%) of the interest paid on each interest date must be paid as cash interest. The Convertible Note accrues interest (or is payable) quarterly at an annual rate of 9.0 percent when interest is paid in cash or an annual rate of 10.0 percent if interest is paid in kind. Upon an event of default under the Convertible Note, the annual interest rate will increase to 12.0 percent. The annual rate of 9.0 percent was used to calculate the interest accrued as of April 27, 2024, as interest will be paid in cash.

We elected the fair value option to account for the Convertible Note as described in "Note 14. Fair Value Measurement". The financial liability was initially measured at its issue-date fair value and is subsequently remeasured at fair value on a recurring basis at each reporting period date. We have elected to present the fair value and the accrued interest component separately in the consolidated statements of operations. Therefore, interest will be recognized and accrued separately in interest expense, with changes in fair value of the Convertible Note presented in the "Change in fair value of convertible note" line item in our consolidated statements of operations.

The changes in fair value of the Convertible Note during fiscal 2024 was as follows:

	Liability Component (in thousands)	
Balance as of May 11, 2023	\$	25,000
Redemption of convertible promissory note		—
Fair value change recognized		16,550
Balance as of April 27, 2024	\$	41,550

The estimated fair value of the Convertible Note upon its issuance date of May 11, 2023 was its face value because it was negotiated at arms length and as of April 27, 2024 was computed using a binomial lattice model which incorporates significant inputs that are not observable in the market and thus represents a Level 3 measurement.

We determined the fair value by using the following key assumptions in the binomial lattice model:

Risk-Free Rate (Annual)	4.78 %
Implied Yield	16.28 %
Volatility (Annual)	40.00 %
Dividend Yield (Annual)	— %

The Credit Agreement and the Convertible Note require a fixed charge coverage ratio of greater than 1.1 and include other customary non-financial covenants. As of April 27, 2024, we were in compliance with our financial covenants under the Credit Agreement and the Convertible Note.

## Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs incurred and capitalized are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the associated debt agreement. If early principal payments or conversions occur, a proportional amount of unamortized debt issuance costs is expensed. As part of these financings, we capitalized \$ 8,195 in debt issuance costs. During the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024, due to the Convertible Note being accounted for at fair value, we expensed \$ 3,353 of the related debt issuance costs which is included in the "Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net" line item in our consolidated statements of operations. During the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024, we amortized \$ 1,551 of debt issuance costs. The remaining debt issuance costs of \$ 3,291 are being amortized over the three-year term of the Credit Facility.

## Future Maturities

Aggregate contractual maturities of debt in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal years ending	Amount
2025	1,500
2026	1,500
2027	10,875
2028	25,000
2029 and beyond	—
Total debt	\$ 38,875

## Note 8. Share Repurchase Program

On June 16, 2016, our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program under which we may purchase up to \$ 40,000 of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. Under this program, we may repurchase shares from time to time in open market transactions and in privately negotiated transactions based on business, market, applicable legal requirements and other considerations. The repurchase program does not require the repurchase of a specific number of shares and may be terminated at any time.

In April 2020, the Board had suspended the program. On December 2, 2021, the Board of Directors of Daktronics voted to reauthorize the stock repurchase program.

During fiscal 2024 and 2023, we had no repurchases of shares of our outstanding common stock. During fiscal 2022, we repurchased 641 shares of common stock at a total cost of \$ 3,184 . As of April 27, 2024, we had \$ 29,355 of remaining capacity under our current share repurchase program.

## Note 9. Leases

We lease facilities and various equipment to manufacture products and provide employee collaboration space and tools. These are all classified as operating leases and have initial lease terms ranging from 1 year to 5 years. These operating leases do not contain material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants. Our lease for our facility in Sioux Falls, South Dakota has a purchase option. We have no material financing leases.

We determine if an arrangement is a lease at the inception of the lease. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet. Right-of-use assets represent our right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent our obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities are recognized at the commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As we are generally not able to determine the rate implicit in our leases, we use the incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the commencement date in determining the present value of future lease payments. The operating lease right-of-use asset includes any prepaid lease payments and initial direct costs and excludes any lease incentives and impairments. Some of our leases include options to extend the term, which is only included in the right-of-use assets and lease liability calculation when it is reasonably certain that we will exercise that option. We have lease agreements with lease and non-lease components, and we have elected to account for all asset classes as a single lease

component. Our operating leases also typically require payment of real estate taxes, insurance, and common area maintenance. These components comprise the majority of our variable lease cost and are excluded from the present value of our lease obligations. In instances where they are fixed, they are included due to our election to combine lease and non-lease components. Our total variable lease costs are immaterial.

Operating lease cost is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term, and short-term lease cost is recognized when paid. During fiscal 2024, the amount of the operating lease cost included in cost of sales and operating expenses in the consolidated statements of operations was \$ 2,344 and \$ 980 , respectively; as compared to \$ 2,560 and \$ 906 , respectively, in fiscal year 2023; and \$ 2,425 and \$ 870 , respectively, in fiscal year 2022. Operating lease cost includes short-term leases, which are immaterial.

As of April 27, 2024, the weighted average remaining lease term and discount rate related to operating leases was 2.4 years and 5.0 percent as compared to 2.9 years and 2.7 percent as of April 29, 2023.

Supplemental unaudited cash flow information related to operating leases were as follows:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
<b>Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:</b>			
Operating cash flows for operating leases	\$ 2,581	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,680

Future minimum operating lease payments as of, and subsequent to, April 27, 2024 under ASC 842 are as follows:

	<b>Operating Leases</b>
<b>Fiscal years ending</b>	
2025	\$ 2,091
2026	1,203
2027	918
2028	49
2029	5
Thereafter	—
<b>Total lease payments</b>	<b>4,266</b>
<b>Less imputed interest</b>	<b>( 224 )</b>
<b>Total lease liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 4,042</b>

The current and long-term portions of the lease liabilities are included in the "Accrued expenses" and "Other long-term obligations" line items in our consolidated balance sheets, respectively.

#### **Note 10. Shareholders' Equity and Share-Based Compensation**

Authorized share types and shareholder rights plan: Our 120,000 authorized shares consist of 115,000 shares of common stock, 50 shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, and 4,950 shares of "undesignated stock." Our Board of Directors has the power to authorize and issue any or all of the shares of undesignated stock without shareholder approval, including the authority to establish the rights and preferences of the undesignated stock.

Each outstanding share of our common stock includes one preferred share purchase right. Each right entitles the registered holder of our common stock to purchase from us one one-thousandth of one share of our Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock at an initial exercise price of \$ 20 per right, subject to adjustment under the terms of the shareholder rights agreement under which the dividend was declared and paid. The rights become exercisable immediately after the earlier of (i) 10 business days following a public announcement that a person or group has acquired beneficial ownership of 20 percent or more of our outstanding common shares (subject to certain exceptions) or (ii) 10 business days following the commencement or announcement of an intention to make a tender offer or exchange offer for our common shares, the

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consummation of which would result in the beneficial ownership by a person or group of 20 percent or more of our outstanding common shares. The rights expire on November 19, 2024, which date may be extended by our Board of Directors subject to certain additional conditions.

**Stock incentive plans:** During fiscal 2021, we established the Daktronics, Inc. 2020 Stock Incentive Plan ("2020 Plan") and ceased granting options under the 2015 Stock Incentive Plan ("2015 Plan"). The 2020 Plan provides for the issuance of stock-based awards, including stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and deferred stock to employees, directors and consultants. Stock options issued to employees under the 2015 Plan and 2020 Plan generally have a 10-year life, an exercise price equal to the closing market value on the grant date and a five-year annual vesting period. The restricted stock granted to independent directors vests in one year, provided that the directors remain on the Board. Restricted stock units are granted to employees and have a five-year annual vesting period. As with stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock unit ownership cannot be transferred during the vesting period.

As of April 27, 2024, the aggregate number of shares available for future grants under the 2020 Plan for stock options and restricted stock awards was 1,631 shares. Shares of common stock subject to all stock awards granted under the 2020 Plan are counted as one share of stock for each share of stock subject to the award. Although the 2015 Plan remains in effect for options outstanding that were granted under the 2015 Plan until the earlier of the exercise of the options or their expiration or termination without being exercised, no new options can be granted under the 2015 Plan.

**Restricted stock and restricted stock units:** We issue restricted stock to our non-employee directors and restricted stock units to employees. Restricted stock issued to non-employee directors are participating securities and receive dividends prior to vesting. Unvested restricted stock will terminate and be forfeited upon termination of employment or service. The fair value of restricted stock and our restricted stock unit awards are measured on the grant date based on the market value of our common stock. The related compensation expense as calculated under ASC 718, net of estimated forfeitures, is recognized over the applicable vesting period. Unrecognized compensation expense related to the restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards was approximately \$1,977 as of April 27, 2024, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.76 years. The total fair value of restricted stock vested was \$1,536, \$1,160, and \$1,203 in fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

A summary of non-vested restricted stock and restricted stock units for fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022 is as follows:

	Year Ended					
	April 27, 2024		April 29, 2023		April 30, 2022	
	Number of Nonvested Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Number of Nonvested Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Number of Nonvested Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Outstanding at beginning of year	617	\$ 4.11	469	\$ 5.65	480	\$ 5.62
Granted	159	9.85	360	3.15	214	5.66
Vested	( 280 )	3.92	( 192 )	5.98	( 213 )	5.58
Forfeited	( 10 )	4.77	( 20 )	4.98	( 12 )	5.64
Outstanding at end of year	<u>486</u>	<u>\$ 5.95</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>\$ 4.11</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>\$ 5.65</u>

**Stock Options:** We issue incentive stock options to our employees and non-qualified stock options to our independent directors. A summary of stock option activity under our 2015 Plan and 2020 Plan during the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024 is as follows:

	<b>Stock Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value</b>
Outstanding as of April 29, 2023	2,045	\$ 7.11	5.52	\$ 858
Granted	37	9.85	—	—
Cancelled or forfeited	( 228 )	10.26	—	—
Exercised	( 219 )	5.94	—	708
Outstanding as of April 27, 2024	<u>1,635</u>	<u>\$ 6.89</u>	<u>5.06</u>	<u>\$ 4,607</u>
Shares vested and expected to vest	1,614	\$ 6.93	5.03	\$ 4,503
Exercisable as of April 27, 2024	1,034	\$ 8.30	3.63	\$ 1,695

The aggregate intrinsic value of stock options represents the difference between the exercise price of stock options and the fair market value of the underlying common stock for all in-the-money options. We define in-the-money options as of April 27, 2024 as options having exercise prices lower than the \$ 9.29 per share market price of our common stock on that date. There were 593 shares exercisable that were in-the-money options as of April 27, 2024. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022 was \$ 708 , \$ 7 , and \$ 2 , respectively. The total fair value of stock options vested was \$ 453 , \$ 467 , and \$ 465 for fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

We estimate the fair value of stock options granted using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. We recognize the fair value of the stock options on a straight-line basis as compensation expense. All options are recognized over the requisite service periods of the awards, which are generally the vesting periods.

The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. ASC 718 requires us to estimate forfeitures at the time of grant and revise those estimates in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. We use historical data to estimate pre-vesting option forfeitures and record share-based compensation expense only for those awards expected to vest. The following factors are the significant assumptions used in the computation of the fair value of options:

**Expected life.** The expected life of options granted represents the period of time they are expected to be outstanding. We estimate the expected life of options granted based on historical exercise patterns, which we believe are representative of future behavior. We have examined our historical pattern of option exercises in an effort to determine if there were any discernible patterns of activity based on certain demographic characteristics. Demographic characteristics tested included age, salary level, job level and geographic location. We have determined there were no meaningful differences in option exercise activity based on the demographic characteristics tested.

**Expected volatility.** We estimate the volatility of our common stock at the date of grant based on historical volatility consistent with ASC 718 and SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, *Share-Based Payments*.

**Risk-free interest rate.** The rate is based on the United States Treasury zero-coupon yield curve on the grant date for a term similar to the expected life of the options.

**Dividend yield.** We use an expected dividend yield consistent with our historical dividend yield pattern.

The following table provides the weighted-average fair value of options granted and the related assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
Fair value of options granted	\$ 4.92	\$ 1.34	\$ 2.43
Risk-free interest rate	4.37 %	3.37 %	1.07 %
Expected volatility	46.28 %	41.10 %	40.60 %
Expected life of option (in years)	6.90	6.93	6.94

**Employee stock purchase plan:** We have an employee stock purchase plan ("ESPP"), which enables employees after six months of continuous employment to elect, in advance and semi-annually, to contribute up to 15 percent of their compensation, subject to certain limitations, toward the purchase of our common stock at a purchase price equal to 85 percent of the lower of the fair market value of the common stock on the first or last day of the participation period. The ESPP requires participants to hold any shares purchased under the ESPP for a minimum period of one year after the date of purchase. Compensation expense recognized on shares issued under our ESPP is based on the value of a traded option to purchase shares of our stock at a 15 percent discount to the stock price. The total number of shares reserved under the ESPP is 5,500. The number of shares of common stock issued under the ESPP totaled 355, 424, and 310 shares in fiscal 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. The number of shares of common stock reserved for future employee purchases under the ESPP totaled 1,220 shares as of April 27, 2024. The ESPP is intended to qualify under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code").

**Total share-based compensation expense:** As of April 27, 2024, there was \$ 2,827 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements granted under all equity compensation plans. Total unrecognized compensation cost will be adjusted for future changes in estimated forfeitures. We expect to recognize the cost over a weighted-average period of 2.6 years.

The following table presents a summary of the share-based compensation expense by equity type as follows:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
Stock options	\$ 420	\$ 453	\$ 458
Restricted stock and stock units	1,177	1,153	1,159
Employee stock purchase plans	493	421	356
	<u>\$ 2,090</u>	<u>\$ 2,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,973</u>

A summary of the share-based compensation expense for stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and shares issued under the ESPP for fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022 is as follows:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
Cost of sales	\$ 452	\$ 441	\$ 434
Selling	437	424	472
General and administrative	745	735	656
Product design and development	456	427	411
	<u>\$ 2,090</u>	<u>\$ 2,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,973</u>

We received \$ 1,302 in cash from option exercises under all share-based payment arrangements for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024. The tax expense related to non-qualified options and restricted stock units under all share-based payment arrangements totaled \$ 22, \$ 23, and \$ 47 for fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

**Note 11. Retirement Benefits**

We sponsor a 401(k) savings plan providing benefits for substantially all United States-based employees of Daktronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries, subject to certain Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limits. We made matching cash contributions equal to 50 percent of the employee's qualifying contribution up to six percent of such employee's compensation. Employees are eligible to participate in the 401(k) savings plan the first day of the calendar month following completion of 30 days of continuous service if they have attained the age of 21. We contributed \$ 3,201, \$ 2,969 and \$ 2,573 for matches to the plan for fiscal years 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

**Note 12. Income Taxes**

The following tables reflect the significant components of our income tax provision. The pretax income (loss) attributable to domestic and foreign operations was as follows:

	<b>Year Ended</b>		
	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>
Domestic	\$ 46,763	\$ 10,125	\$ ( 2,696 )
Foreign	7,288	3,132	3,804
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 54,051</b>	<b>\$ 13,257</b>	<b>\$ 1,108</b>

Income tax expense (benefit) consisted of the following:

	<b>Year Ended</b>		
	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>
<b>Current:</b>			
Federal	\$ 21,174	\$ 6,321	\$ 644
State	5,512	1,381	452
Foreign	1,813	2,273	975
<b>Deferred:</b>			
Federal	( 8,101 )	( 3,025 )	( 1,020 )
State	( 1,045 )	( 456 )	( 476 )
Foreign	77	( 39 )	( 59 )
	<b>\$ 19,430</b>	<b>\$ 6,455</b>	<b>\$ 516</b>

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The reconciliation of the provision for income taxes and the amount computed by applying the federal statutory rate to income before income taxes is as follows:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
Computed income tax expense at federal statutory rates	\$ 11,351	\$ 2,784	\$ 233
State taxes, net of federal benefit	3,771	731	139
Change in fair value on convertible debt	3,476	—	—
Change in valuation allowances	2,076	2,078	609
Research and development tax credit	( 1,203 )	( 684 )	( 382 )
Foreign-Derived Intangible Income (FDII)	( 322 )	( 128 )	( 5 )
Meals and entertainment	282	149	67
Stock compensation	( 178 )	262	150
Other, net	114	288	( 179 )
Effect of foreign tax rates different than statutory	79	417	( 43 )
Change in uncertain tax positions	( 35 )	( 86 )	( 71 )
GILTI	19	6	( 14 )
Base Erosion Anti-Abuse Tax (BEAT)	—	87	12
Goodwill Impairment	—	551	—
	<hr/> \$ 19,430	<hr/> \$ 6,455	<hr/> \$ 516

Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2024 was 35.9 percent. The effective income tax rate for fiscal 2024 was primarily impacted due to the fair value adjustment to the Convertible Note that is not deductible for tax purposes. Additional other items impacting the rate were valuation allowances on equity investments, state taxes, as well as prior year provision to return adjustments reduced in part by tax benefits from permanent tax credits.

Our effective tax for fiscal 2023 was 48.7 percent. During fiscal 2023, our effective income tax rate was impacted due to valuation allowances on equity investments and on foreign net operating losses in Ireland, goodwill impairment, state taxes, a mix of taxes in foreign countries where the tax rate is higher than the United States, as well as prior year provision to return adjustments reduced in part by tax benefits from permanent tax credits.

Our effective tax for fiscal 2022 was 46.6 percent. During fiscal 2022, our effective income tax rate was impacted by tax benefits from permanent tax credits offset by valuation allowances as well as other various permanent tax adjustments and state taxes with additional expense for prior year provision to return adjustments.

The components of the net deferred tax assets were as follows:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Accrued warranty obligations	\$ 9,361	\$ 8,088
Vacation accrual	2,170	1,732
Deferred maintenance revenue	777	484
Allowance for excess and obsolete inventory	3,362	2,779
Equity compensation	234	255
Allowance for credit losses accounts	1,015	928
Inventory capitalization	3,956	1,339
Accrued compensation and benefits	424	395
Unrealized loss on foreign currency exchange	—	206
Net operating loss carry forwards	885	1,024
Outside basis difference in equity method investments	6,295	3,819
Section 174 Capitalization	9,878	5,225
Research and development tax credit carry forwards	72	210
Lease accounting - lease liability	1,038	1,426
Other	630	929
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>40,097</b>	<b>28,839</b>
Valuation allowance	( 7,197 )	( 4,900 )
<b>Net deferred tax assets</b>	<b>32,900</b>	<b>23,939</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Property and equipment	( 5,506 )	( 5,292 )
Lease accounting - right of use asset	( 1,020 )	( 1,411 )
Prepaid expenses	( 477 )	( 471 )
Unrealized gain on foreign currency exchange	( 64 )	—
Other	( 114 )	( 93 )
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>( 7,181 )</b>	<b>( 7,267 )</b>
<b>Net deferred tax asset</b>	<b>\$ 25,719</b>	<b>\$ 16,672</b>

The classification of the net deferred tax assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets is:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023
Non-current assets	\$ 25,862	\$ 16,867
Non-current liabilities	( 143 )	( 195 )
	<b>\$ 25,719</b>	<b>\$ 16,672</b>

The summary of changes in the amounts related to unrecognized uncertain tax benefits are:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023
<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>	\$ 392	\$ 477
Gross increases related to prior period tax positions	15	12
Gross decreases related to prior period tax positions	( 3 )	( 56 )
Gross increases related to current period tax positions	123	124
Lapse of statute of limitations	( 171 )	( 165 )
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 356</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 392</u></u>

All of our unrecognized tax benefits would have an impact on the effective tax rate if recognized. It is reasonably possible that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits could change due to one or more of the following events occurring in the next 12 months: expiring statutes, audit activity, tax payments, or competent authority proceedings. A statute of limitations relating to \$ 34 of the unrecognized tax benefits (including interest) expires in the next 12 months. The benefit will be recognized if the statute lapses with no further action taken by regulators. Additionally, we recognized the release of \$ 171 in unrecognized tax benefits related to the lapse of a statute of limitations in fiscal 2024.

Interest and penalties incurred associated with uncertain tax positions are included in the "Income tax expense" line item in our consolidated statements of operations. Accrued interest and penalties are included in the related tax liability line item in our consolidated balance sheets of \$ 21 and \$ 28 as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, respectively.

As of April 27, 2024, we had total valuation allowances against deferred tax assets of \$ 7,197 , as compared to \$ 4,900 as of April 29, 2023, representing an increase of \$ 2,297 during fiscal 2024. The increase in valuation allowance as well as the majority of the total balance is related to the outside basis difference and impairments in equity method investments. A small portion of the total valuation allowances are related to foreign net operating loss carryforwards as detailed below. We consider all positive and negative evidence available in determining the potential of realizing deferred tax assets including its past operating results and the forecast of future earnings, category of income, future taxable income, and prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. If sufficient evidence of our ability to generate applicable taxable income in the jurisdictions in which we currently maintain a valuation allowance causes us to determine that our deferred tax assets are more likely than not realizable, we would release our valuation allowance, which would result in an income tax benefit being recorded in our consolidated statements of operations.

As of April 27, 2024, we had foreign net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards of approximately \$ 5,136 primarily related to our operations in Belgium and Ireland, which have indefinite lives. A deferred tax asset has been recorded for all NOL carryforwards totaling approximately \$ 883 . However, due to uncertainty in future taxable income, a valuation allowance has been recorded for the full amount of the asset.

*Additional tax information:*

We are subject to United States federal income tax as well as income taxes of multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. Fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023 remain open to federal tax examinations, and fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 remain open for state income tax examinations. Certain subsidiaries are also subject to income tax in several foreign jurisdictions which have open tax years varying by jurisdiction beginning in fiscal 2013. In the event of any future tax assessments, we have elected to record the income taxes and any related interest and penalties as income tax expense in our consolidated statements of operations.

As of April 27, 2024, we had no deferred tax liability recognized relating to our investment in foreign subsidiaries where the earnings have been indefinitely reinvested. The Tax Act of 2017 generally eliminates United States federal income taxes on dividends from foreign subsidiaries, and, as a result, the accumulated undistributed earnings would be subject only to other taxes, such as withholding taxes and state income taxes, on the distribution of such earnings. No additional withholding or income taxes have been provided for any remaining undistributed foreign earnings not subject to the one-time deemed repatriation tax, as it is our intention for these amounts to continue to be indefinitely reinvested in foreign operations in all of our non-United States jurisdictions.

**Note 13. Cash Flow Information**

The changes in operating assets and liabilities consisted of the following:

	<b>Year Ended</b>		
	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>
<b>(Increase) decrease:</b>			
Account receivable	\$ ( 7,733 )	\$ ( 10,422 )	\$ ( 33,876 )
Long-term receivables	620	1,950	( 440 )
Inventories	10,859	( 15,064 )	( 61,159 )
Contract assets	( 9,262 )	( 4,879 )	( 9,545 )
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,086	5,267	( 7,661 )
Income taxes receivables	( 124 )	268	121
Investment in affiliates and other assets	214	( 261 )	( 357 )
<b>Increase (decrease):</b>			
Accounts payable	( 7,123 )	( 5,344 )	33,002
Contract liabilities	( 22,695 )	3,468	27,398
Accrued expenses	10,891	( 967 )	6,354
Warranty obligations	4,312	607	1,160
Long-term warranty obligations	1,075	3,055	1,764
Income taxes payable	2,067	2,354	( 379 )
Long-term marketing obligations and other payables	1,678	104	( 1,762 )
	<hr/> <u>\$ ( 14,135 )</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ ( 19,864 )</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ ( 45,380 )</u>

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information consisted of the following:

	<b>Year Ended</b>		
	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>
<b>Cash payments for:</b>			
Interest	\$ 2,858	\$ 1,075	\$ 16
Income taxes, net of refunds	26,452	7,489	1,951

Non-cash impairment charges consisted of the following:

	<b>Year Ended</b>		
	<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>April 29, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2022</b>
<b>Non-cash impairment charges:</b>			
Equity investees impairment	\$ 6,359	\$ 4,473	\$ —
Goodwill impairment	—	4,576	—
Total non-cash impairment charges	<hr/> <u>\$ 6,359</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ 9,049</u>	<hr/> <u>\$ —</u>

Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities consisted of the following:

	Year Ended		
	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023	April 30, 2022
Demonstration equipment transferred to inventory	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 53
Purchases of property and equipment included in accounts payable	1,628	1,057	4,177
Contributions of common stock under the ESPP	1,200	1,207	1,211
Debt issuance costs	—	2,875	—

**Note 14. Fair Value Measurement**

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The fair value hierarchy within ASC 820 distinguishes between the following three levels of inputs which may be utilized when measuring fair value:

*Level 1* - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

*Level 2* - Observable inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 for the assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly (for example, quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets not considered to be active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or market-corroborated input).

*Level 3* - Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity based on our own assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities.

The fair values for fixed-rate long-term receivables are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis based on interest rates currently being offered for contracts with similar terms to customers with similar credit quality. The carrying amounts reported in our consolidated balance sheets for long-term receivables approximate fair value and have been categorized as a level 2 fair value measurement.

Fair values for fixed-rate long-term marketing obligations are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation applying interest rates currently being offered for debt with similar terms and underlying collateral. The total carrying value of long-term marketing obligations as reported in our consolidated balance sheets within other long-term obligations approximates fair value and has been categorized as a level 2 fair value measurement.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023 according to the valuation techniques we used to determine their fair values. There have been no transfers of assets or liabilities among the fair value hierarchies presented.

	Fair Value Measurements				Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
<b>Balance as of April 27, 2024:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,299	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 81,299	
Restricted cash	379	—	—	—	379
Convertible note	—	—	( 41,550 )	( 41,550 )	
	<u>\$ 81,678</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ ( 41,550 )</u>	<u>\$ 40,128</u>	
<b>Balance as of April 29, 2023:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,982	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 23,982	
Restricted cash	708	—	—	—	708
Available-for-sale securities:					
US Government Sponsored entities	—	534	—	—	534
Derivatives - liability position	—	( 579 )	—	—	( 579 )
	<u>\$ 24,690</u>	<u>\$ ( 45 )</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 24,645</u>	

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument. During fiscal 2024, we added the fair value of the Convertible Note. There have been no other changes in the valuation techniques used by us to value our financial instruments since the end of fiscal 2023.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** Consists of cash on hand in bank deposits and highly liquid investments, primarily money market accounts. The fair value was measured using quoted market prices in active markets. The carrying amount approximates fair value.

**Restricted cash:** Consists of cash and cash equivalents held in bank deposit accounts to secure issuances of foreign bank guarantees. The fair value of restricted cash was measured using quoted market prices in active markets. The carrying amount approximates fair value.

**Convertible Note:** We elected to value the Convertible Note at fair value in accordance with ASC 825-10-15-4(a) because of the embedded derivatives contained in the Convertible Note. The fair value of the Convertible Note was estimated using a binomial lattice model. Binomial lattice allows for the examination of the value to a holder and understanding the investment decision that would occur at each node.

The fair value of the Convertible Note entered into during the first quarter of fiscal 2024 was classified as Level 3 because certain inputs for the valuation were not readily determinable or observable.

**Derivatives – currency forward contracts:** Consists of currency forward contracts trading with sufficient frequency and volume to enable us to obtain pricing information on an ongoing basis. The fair value of these securities was measured based on a valuation from a third-party bank. See "Note 15. Derivative Financial Instruments" for more information regarding our derivatives.

**Non-recurring measurements:** The fair value measurement standard also applies to certain non-financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Certain long-lived assets such as goodwill, intangible assets and property and equipment are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis and are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances, such as when there is evidence of impairment.

See "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" for further details of impairment loss of \$ 6,359 for our investments in Miortech and XDC.

**Other measurements using fair value :** Some of our financial instruments, such as accounts receivable, long-term receivables, prepaid expense and other assets, contract assets and liabilities, accounts payable, warranty obligations, and other long-term obligations are reflected in the consolidated balance sheets at carrying value, which approximates fair value due to their short-term nature .

**Note 15. Derivative Financial Instruments**

We utilize derivative financial instruments to manage the economic impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates on those transactions denominated in currencies other than our functional currency, which is the United States dollar. We enter into currency forward contracts to manage these economic risks. We account for all derivatives in the consolidated balance sheets within accounts receivable or accounts payable measured at fair value, and changes in fair values are recognized in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met for cash flow or net investment hedges. As of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023, we had not designated any of our derivative instruments as accounting hedges, and thus we recorded the changes in fair value in the "Other expense and debt issuance costs write-off, net" line item in the consolidated statements of operations.

There were no foreign currency agreements outstanding as of April 27, 2024. The foreign currency exchange contracts in aggregated notional amounts in place to exchange United States dollars as of April 29, 2023 were as follows:

	April 27, 2024		April 29, 2023	
	United States Dollars	Foreign Currency	United States Dollars	Foreign Currency
<b>Foreign Currency Exchange Forward Contracts:</b>				
United States Dollars/Euros	—	—	7,758	7,513

As of April 27, 2024, there was an no asset or liability, and, as of April 29, 2023, there was an asset and liability of \$ 0 and \$ 579 , respectively, representing the fair value of foreign currency exchange forward contracts, which were determined using level 2 inputs from a third-party bank.

**Note 16. Commitments and Contingencies**

*Litigation:* We are a party to legal proceedings and claims which arise during the ordinary course of business. We review our legal proceedings and claims, regulatory reviews and inspections, and other legal matters on an ongoing basis and follow appropriate accounting guidance when making accrual and disclosure decisions. We establish accruals for those contingencies when the incurrence of a loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated, and we disclose the amount accrued and the amount of a reasonably possible loss in excess of the amount accrued if such disclosure is necessary for our financial statements to not be misleading. We do not record an accrual when the likelihood of loss being incurred is probable, but the amount cannot be reasonably estimated, or when the loss is believed to be only reasonably possible or remote, although disclosures will be made for material matters as required by ASC 450-20, *Contingencies - Loss Contingencies*. Our assessment of whether a loss is reasonably possible or probable is based on our assessment and consultation with legal counsel regarding the ultimate outcome of the matter following all appeals.

For other unresolved legal proceedings or claims, we do not believe there is a reasonable probability that any material loss would be incurred. Accordingly, no material accrual or disclosure of a potential range of loss has been made related to these matters. We do not expect the ultimate liability of these unresolved legal proceedings or claims to have a material effect on our financial position, liquidity or capital resources.

*Warranties:* See "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" for more information regarding warranties.

Changes in our warranty obligation for the fiscal years ended April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023 consisted of the following:

	April 27, 2024	April 29, 2023
Beginning accrued warranty obligations	\$ 32,541	\$ 28,878
Warranties issued during the period	14,422	13,429
Settlements made during the period	( 12,600 )	( 11,044 )
Changes in accrued warranty obligations for pre-existing warranties during the period, including expirations	3,565	1,278
Ending accrued warranty obligations	<u>\$ 37,928</u>	<u>\$ 32,541</u>

**Performance guarantees:** We have entered into standby letters of credit, bank guarantees and surety bonds with financial institutions relating to the guarantee of our future performance on contracts, primarily construction-type contracts. As of April 27, 2024, we had outstanding letters of credit, bank guarantees and surety bonds in the amount of \$ 5,342 , \$ 163 and \$ 44,478 , respectively. Performance guarantees are issued to certain customers to guarantee the operation and installation of the equipment and our ability to complete a contract. These performance guarantees have various terms but are generally one year. We enter into written agreements with our customers, and those agreements often contain indemnification provisions that require us to make the customer whole if certain acts or omissions by us cause the customer financial loss. We make efforts to negotiate reasonable caps and limitations on the recovery of such damages. As of April 27, 2024, we were not aware of any indemnification claim from a customer.

**Purchase commitments:** From time to time, we commit to purchase inventory, advertising, cloud-based information systems, information technology maintenance and support services, and various other products and services over periods that extend beyond one year. As of April 27, 2024, we were obligated under the following unconditional purchase commitments:

<b>Fiscal years ending</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2025	\$ 6,067
2026	3,807
2027	100
2028	88
2029	50
Thereafter	\$ 100
	<u>\$ 10,212</u>

#### **Note 17. Related Party**

The Company's Board of Directors has adopted a written policy and procedures with respect to related party transactions, which the Audit Committee oversees. Under the policy, a "related party transaction" is generally defined as a transaction, arrangement, or relationship in which the Company was, is or will be a participant; the amount involved exceeds \$ 120 ; and in which any "related person" had, has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. The policy generally defines a "related person" as a Director, executive officer or beneficial owner of more than five percent of any class of our voting securities and any immediate family member of any of the foregoing persons.

The Audit Committee reviews and, if appropriate, approves related party transactions, including certain transactions which are deemed to be pre-approved under the policy. On an annual basis, the Audit Committee reviews any previously approved related party transaction that is ongoing.

As reported in Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the section entitled "Liquidity and Capital Resources" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2023, effective on May 11, 2023, the Company entered into the Securities Purchase Agreement with Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP, as the holder (the "Holder") of the Convertible Note. Under the Securities Purchase Agreement, the Company sold and issued to the Holder the Convertible Note in exchange for the payment by the Holder to the Company of \$ 25,000 . As of May 11, 2023, and based on Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed by the Holder and its affiliates named therein on May 15, 2023 with the SEC, the Holder and its affiliates beneficially owned 4,768 shares of common stock of the Company, representing 9.99 percent of the Company's common stock, causing the Holder to be a "related party" of the Company under the Company's written policy and procedures and the applicable definitions under the Securities Act of 1933. The Securities Purchase Agreement, the Convertible Note, the Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and between the Holder and the Company, and the Registration Rights Agreement were approved in advance of their execution by the Company's Strategy and Financing Review Committee, the members of which include all members of the Company's Audit Committee.

Since May 11, 2023, the largest aggregate amount outstanding under the Convertible Note was \$ 25,563 , consisting of \$ 25,000 of principal and \$ 563 of interest. During fiscal 2024, we have made interest payments of \$ 1,688 under the Convertible Note.

The description of the Securities Purchase Agreement, the Convertible Note, the Pledge and Security Agreement, and the Registration Rights Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and between the Holder and the Company and their respective terms set forth in Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the section entitled "Liquidity and Capital Resources" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2023 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Report. In addition, the Company is a party to the Standstill and Voting Agreement dated as of March 19, 2023 with Alta Fox Management, LLC and Connor Haley (the "Standstill Agreement"), who are affiliates of the Holder. The Standstill Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.13 to this Form 10-K.

As described in Amendment No. 3 ("Amendment No. 3") to the Schedule 13D filed with the SEC by the Holder and its affiliates named therein on June 9, 2023, and based on other information provided by the Holder, the following persons may be deemed to be beneficial owners of the shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned by the Holder: Alta Fox GenPar, LP, as the general partner of Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP; Alta Fox Equity, LLC, as the general partner of Alta Fox GenPar, LP; Alta Fox Capital Management, LLC, as the investment manager of Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP; and P. Connor Haley, as the sole owner, member and manager of each of Alta Fox Capital Management, LLC and Alta Fox Equity LLC.

On June 7, 2023, the Company received from the Holder a written notice of a decrease in the "Percentage Cap" (as such term is defined in the Convertible Note) from 9.99 percent to 4.99 percent, which decrease became effective immediately upon the Company's receipt of such written notice. The Percentage Cap generally represents the maximum percentage of shares of the Company's common stock the Holder may own. In Amendment No. 3, the Holder and its affiliates identified in Amendment No. 3 owned 2,293 shares of common stock on June 9, 2023, representing 4.99 percent of the common stock of the Company, meaning the Holder and its affiliates are no longer "related parties" of the Company under the Company's written policy and procedures and the applicable definitions under the Securities Act of 1933.

During fiscal 2024, the Company and the South Dakota Board of Regents entered into contracts for video display systems for Dakota State University. The amount of the contracts was \$ 1,178 A member of the Company's Board of Directors is the President of Dakota State University.

See "Note 1. Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for further details of related party transactions with our investments in the Affiliate Notes issued by our affiliates.

#### **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*

Management of our Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As of April 27, 2024, an evaluation was performed, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of April 27, 2024, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level to ensure information required to be disclosed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period required by the SEC's rules and forms and accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer believe the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K fairly represent, in all material respects, our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows as of and for the periods presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

*Prior Year Material Weakness in Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

As previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2023, a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting was reported relating to the ineffective operation of certain transactional level controls related to revenue contracts recognized over time. These controls operated ineffectively due to insufficient training of the control operators as to the level of precision expected when executing the revenue controls in accordance with the Company's policy. The Company has made the following enhancements to internal controls to address the material weakness:

1. Enhanced the policy and process over the extent of review procedures to be performed, the related documentation, and the level of precision used by the control operator.
2. Provided training to the control operators relating to the level of precision, evidence, and documentation expected when executing the revenue controls in accordance with the Company's policy.

Management has determined, through its testing, that the Company's internal controls related to revenue contracts recognized over time were designed and operated effectively for a sufficient period of time during fiscal 2024 to conclude that the previously identified material weakness has been remediated as of April 27, 2024.

*Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our system of internal control was designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework). Based on our evaluation under the criteria in the 2013 Framework, our management concluded our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of April 27, 2024.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of April 27, 2024 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche, LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

Except for the remediation of the material weakness noted above, during the quarter ended April 27, 2024, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

By /s/ Reece A. Kurtenbach

Reece A. Kurtenbach  
Chief Executive Officer  
June 26, 2024

By /s/ Sheila M. Anderson

Sheila M. Anderson  
Chief Financial Officer  
June 26, 2024

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the shareholders and the Board of Directors of Daktronics, Inc.

**Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Daktronics, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of April 27, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee

of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of April 27, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by COSO.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended April 27, 2024 of the Company and our report dated June 26, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

#### **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 Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. 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 the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit 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, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **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/ Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
June 26, 2024

#### **Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

##### **Daktronics, Inc. Stock Trading Policy for All Employees and Directors**

We have adopted the "Daktronics, Inc. Stock Trading Policy for All Employees and Directors" (the "Stock Trading Policy"), which governs the purchase, sale and other dispositions of the Company's securities by all of our directors, officers and employees and their family members sharing their same residence. The Stock Trading Policy is designed to promote compliance with insider trading laws, rules and regulations, as well as the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq Global Select Market. It prohibits those who are subject to the Stock Trading Policy from trading securities of any company, including Daktronics, while in possession of material non-public information, and from buying, selling or gifting Daktronics securities even if not in possession of such information during certain trading blackout periods, subject to limited exceptions. It also prohibits those who are subject to the Stock Trading Policy from effecting short sales of Daktronics securities and from engaging in hedging transactions and purchasing or selling derivative securities, such as puts and calls, relating to Daktronics securities. The foregoing summary of the Stock Trading Policy does not purport to be

complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Stock Trading Policy furnished with this Form 10-K as Exhibit 19.

**Item 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS**

None.

## **PART III.**

### **Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The information required by this Item 10 will be included under the captions "Proposal One - Election of Directors" and "Corporate Governance" in our Proxy Statement for our 2024 annual meeting of shareholders ("Proxy Statement") to be filed within 120 days after our most recent fiscal year-end. Any information concerning the compliance of our officers, directors, and 10 percent shareholders with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is incorporated by reference to the information to be contained in the Proxy Statement under the caption "Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports." The information regarding Audit Committee members and "Audit Committee Financial Experts" is incorporated by reference to the information to be contained in the Proxy Statement under the caption "Corporate Governance – Committees of the Board of Directors." The information regarding our Code of Conduct is incorporated by reference to the information to be contained in the Proxy Statement under the heading "Corporate Governance – Code of Conduct."

### **Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Information regarding the compensation of our directors and officers for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024 will be in the Proxy Statement under the heading "Proposal One - Election of Directors" and "Executive Compensation" and is incorporated herein by reference.

We maintain a Code of Conduct which applies to all employees, officers and directors. Included in the Code of Conduct are ethics provisions that apply to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and all other financial and accounting management employees. A copy of our Code of Conduct can be obtained from our website at [www.daktronics.com](http://www.daktronics.com) on the Investor Relations page and will be made available free of charge to any shareholder upon request. Information on or available through our website is not part of this Form 10-K. We intend to disclose any waivers from, or amendments to, the Code of Conduct by posting a description of such waiver or amendment on our Internet website. However, to date, we have not granted a waiver from the Code of Conduct.

In September 2023, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") adopted a Clawback Policy (the "Policy") providing for the recoupment of certain executive compensation in the event of an accounting restatement resulting from the Company's material noncompliance with financial reporting requirements under the federal securities laws. The Policy is filed as Exhibit 97 to this Form 10-K. It is designed to comply with Section 10D of and Rule 10D-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Nasdaq Listing Rule 5608. This Policy applies to the Company's current and former executive officers, as determined by the Board in accordance with Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market and such other senior executives who may from time to time be deemed subject to the Policy by the Board (the "Covered Executives"). If the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement of its financial statements due to the Company's material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, the Board will require reimbursement or forfeiture of any excess "Incentive Compensation" (defined below) received by any Covered Executive during the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date on which the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement. For purposes of this Policy, the term "Incentive Compensation" means Incentive-Based Compensation as defined in accordance with Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market for Covered Executives if such compensation is granted, earned, or vested based wholly or in part on the attainment of a financial reporting measure, including "variable compensation" or "Margin Based Compensation" as referred to within the Company, and the term "financial reporting measures" has the same meaning as defined in accordance with Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market. The amount to be recovered will be the excess of the Incentive Compensation paid to the Covered Executive based on the erroneous data over the Incentive Compensation that would have been paid to the Covered Executive had it been based on the restated results, as determined by the Board.

### **Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management will be contained in the Proxy Statement under the heading "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" and "Executive Compensation - Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans" and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the sections entitled "Proposal One – Election of Directors – Independent Directors" and "Corporate Governance - Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" that will be contained in our Proxy Statement. See "Note 17. Related Party" of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K for further details of related party transactions.

**Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

Information regarding our principal accountant will be contained in the Proxy Statement under the heading "Proposal Three - Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and is incorporated herein by reference.

**PART IV.**

**Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a)(1) Financial Statements

Our financial statements, a description of which follows, are contained in Part II, Item 8:

[Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Deloitte & Touche LLP](#)

[Consolidated Balance Sheets as of April 27, 2024 and April 29, 2023](#)

[Consolidated Statements of Operations for each of the three fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022](#)

[Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income \(Loss\) for each of the three fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022](#)

[Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for each of the three fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022](#)

[Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the three fiscal years ended April 27, 2024, April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2022](#)

[Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements](#)

(2) Schedules

Other schedules are omitted because they are not required or are not applicable or because the required information is included in the financial statements listed above.

(3) Exhibits

Certain of the following exhibits are incorporated by reference from prior filings. The form with which each exhibit was filed and the date of filed and the date of filing are as indicated below; the reports described below are filed as Commission File No. 001-38747 unless otherwise indicated.

3.1 [Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A \(Amendment No. 1\) of Daktronics, Inc. filed on December 21, 2018\).](#)

3.2 [Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 30, 2023\).](#)

4.1 Form of Stock Certificate Evidencing Common Stock, without par value, of the Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 filed with our Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 on January 12, 1994 as Commission File No. 33-72466).\*\*

4.2 [Rights Agreement dated as November 16, 2018 between Daktronics, Inc. and Equiniti Trust Company, as Rights Agent \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on November 16, 2018, Commission File No. 000-23246\).](#)

4.3 [First Amendment to Rights Agreement dated as of November 19, 2021 between Daktronics, Inc. and Equiniti Trust Company, as Rights Agent \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on November 19, 2021\).](#)

4.4 [Daktronics, Inc. 2007 Incentive Stock Plan \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 20, 2007, Commission File No. 000-23246\).\\*](#)

4.5 [Daktronics, Inc. 2015 Incentive Stock Plan \("2015 Plan"\) \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on July 14, 2015, Commission File No. 000-23246\).\\*](#)

4.6 [Daktronics, Inc. 2020 Incentive Stock Plan \("2020 Plan"\) \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on July 16, 2020\).\\*](#)

4.7 [Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the 2020 Plan \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 3, 2020\).\\*](#)

4.8 [Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement Terms and Conditions under the 2020 Plan \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 3, 2020\).\\*](#)

4.9 [Form of Incentive Stock Option Terms and Conditions under the 2020 Plan \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 3, 2020\).\\*](#)

4.10 [Form of Restricted Stock Unit Terms and Conditions under the 2020 Plan \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 3, 2020\).\\*](#)

4.11 [Description of the Registrant's Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.11 files with our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on July 12, 2023\).\)](#)

10.1 [Credit Agreement dated November 15, 2016 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 16, 2016, Commission File No. 000-23246\).](#)

10.2 [Revolving Note dated November 15, 2016 issued by the Company to U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 16, 2016, Commission File No. 000-23246\).](#)

10.3 [Second Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of November 15, 2019 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 15, 2019\).](#)

10.4 [Third Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of August 28, 2020 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 filed with our Current Report on Form 10-Q of Daktronics, Inc. filed on August 28, 2020\).](#)

10.5 [Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of March 11, 2021 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on June 11, 2021\).](#)

10.6 [Fifth Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of April 29, 2022 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 29, 2022\).](#)

10.7 [Amendment to Credit Agreement and Revolving Note dated as of August 16, 2022 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 files with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 18, 2022\).](#)

10.8 [Amendment to Credit Agreement and Revolving Note dated as of October 31, 2022 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 1, 2022\).](#)

10.9 [Sixth Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of December 9, 2022 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 13, 2022\).](#)

10.10 [Seventh Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of January 23, 2023 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 25, 2023\).](#)

10.11 [Security Agreement dated as of August 28, 2020 by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with our Current Report on Form 10-Q of Daktronics, Inc. filed on August 28, 2020\).](#)

10.12 [Cooperation Agreement dated July 23, 2022 by and between the Company and Prairieland Holdco, LLC \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K on July 27, 2022\).](#)

10.13 [Standstill and Voting Agreement dated as of March 19, 2023 by and among Daktronics, Inc., Alta Fox Management, LLC and Connor Haley \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on March 20, 2023\).](#)

10.14 [Credit Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and among Daktronics, Inc. and the other Borrowers; the other Loan Parties to the Credit Agreement; the Lenders party to the Credit Agreement; and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on May 12, 2023\).](#)

10.15 [Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and among Daktronics, Inc., Daktronics Installation, Inc., and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on May 12, 2023\).](#)

10.16 [Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and between Daktronics, Inc. and Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on May 12, 2023\).](#)

10.17 Senior Secured Convertible Note dated as of May 11, 2023 issued by Daktronics, Inc. to Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on May 12, 2023).

10.18 Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and among Daktronics, Inc., Daktronics Installation, Inc., and Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on May 12, 2023).

10.19 Registration Rights Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and between Daktronics, Inc. and Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on May 12, 2023).

10.20 Intercreditor Agreement dated as of May 11, 2023 by and among Daktronics, Inc., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and Alta Fox Opportunities Fund, LP (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K of Daktronics, Inc. filed on May 12, 2023).

19 Daktronics, Inc. Stock Trading Policy for All Employees and Directors .<sup>(1)</sup>

21.1 Subsidiaries of the Company.<sup>(1)</sup>

23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.<sup>(1)</sup>

24 Power of Attorney.<sup>(1)</sup>

31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.<sup>(1)</sup>

31.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.<sup>(1)</sup>

32.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350).<sup>(1)</sup>

32.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350).<sup>(1)</sup>

97 Daktronics, Inc. Clawback Policy.<sup>(1)</sup>

101 The following financial information from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2024, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (iXBRL): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.<sup>(1)</sup>

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as iXBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

(1) Filed herewith electronically.

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\* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

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**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 Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on June 26, 2024.

**DAKTRONICS, INC.**

By: /s/ Reece A. Kurtenbach

Chief Executive Officer and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Sheila M. Anderson

Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting 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 and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>By /s/ Shereta D. Williams</u> Shereta D. Williams	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Lance D. Bultena</u> Lance D. Bultena	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Dr. José-Marie Griffiths</u> Dr. José-Marie Griffiths	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Reece A. Kurtenbach</u> Reece A. Kurtenbach	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Andrew D. Siegel</u> Andrew D. Siegel	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ John P. Friel</u> John P. Friel	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Kevin P. McDermott</u> Kevin P. McDermott	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Howard I. Atkins</u> Howard I. Atkins	Director	June 26, 2024

**Daktronics, Inc.**  
**Stock Trading Policy for All Employees and Directors**

The underlying represents general guidelines for all employees. For more specific information, please refer to "Insider Trading and the Buying and Selling of Daktronics, Inc. Stock and Derivatives".

Insider trading refers to the buying or selling of a stock while having knowledge about material, nonpublic information about the company. Inside information includes, but is not limited to, upcoming financial results, significant projects, possible orders, or product development. Daktronics has determined that information published in news releases and through the Security and Exchange commission is no longer inside information on the third day after it has been made available to investors by the Company (but details not listed in the release may still be inside information).

Insider trading is illegal. People who trade stocks based on inside information, or who provide this information to others who buy or sell stock, may be prosecuted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Employees, other than those subject to the trading windows described below, can trade stock, provided that they do not possess material nonpublic information.

Daktronics Board of Directors has established trading windows for Officers, Directors, Senior Managers, Market Managers and those listed in Appendix A to trade in the stock of the company when not in possession of material nonpublic information. These trading windows are periods of time after the scheduled quarterly and year-end earnings news releases, during which these employees and Directors can trade stock, provided that they do not possess material nonpublic information. The trading window for Daktronics starts on the third trading day after the earnings announcement and runs for 25 trading days excluding weekend days and federal holidays. (For example, if the earnings release is on a Wednesday and assuming the markets are open each business day following the release, the first trading day would be allowed on Monday.) It is important to note that during this trading window, Officers, Directors, Senior Managers, Market Managers and those listed in Appendix A may not trade if they are in possession of material, non-public information, except under a trading plan approved by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors.

Reallocation of 401(k) assets which would include buying or selling Daktronics shares is subject to these policies. Regular buying of Daktronics stock through payroll deduction into the 401(k) or the Employee Stock Purchase Plan is not restricted to the trading window.

Gifting or other transfers of stock (other than buying and selling) in the company, for employees who are restricted, should generally be limited to the trading window; however, advance permission may be sought for these types of transactions outside of the trading window from a company officer.

Employee Incentive Stock Options can be exercised outside the trading window; however, in these cases advance permission should be obtained from a company officer.

The following are **estimated** financial result news release dates and subsequent trading window dates; however, these are subject to change, and it is **your responsibility** to ensure you are not trading with insider information. Information is no longer 'inside' information the third day it has been made available to investors.

We expect the financial news release to be the sixth Wednesday after the fiscal year-end and the fifth Wednesday after the first three quarter. Remember it is your responsibility to ensure you are not trading with insider information or within the trading window.

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Daktronics, Inc.  
Insider Trading - Buying and Selling of Daktronics, Inc. Stock and Derivatives

**Purpose/Summary:**

This policy and procedure explain the prohibitions, based on federal securities law, against “insider trading.”

**1. Definitions**

“Material Information” is information that a reasonable investor would likely consider important in deciding to purchase or sell a security and that could affect the price of the security. This includes information, that if disclosed, could be viewed by a reasonable investor as having significantly altered the total mix of information available. Information that could be considered material about Daktronics, includes, but is not limited to:

- Information concerning the company's earnings, sales, dividends, and other material financial information.
- A significant contract, including sales contracts as well as other types of contracts.
- A pending or prospective merger, acquisition, or tender offer.
- The sale of significant assets or a significant subsidiary.
- The gain or loss of a substantial customer or supplier.
- Upcoming announcement of earnings or losses.
- Pending changes in the company's capital structure.
- Dividends, whether in the form of stock, cash or other consideration.
- Significant litigation.

(General comment - If consideration is being given to purchasing or selling stock because of inside information possessed, it should be assumed that such information is material. It is important to note that in the event a trade becomes subject to investigation, the trade is viewed after-the-fact with the benefit of hindsight. Consequently, if there are any doubts, the conservative approach should be followed and trading restricted.)

“Nonpublic” information is information that is not available to the general public. Available to the general public is generally satisfied after announcement through a press release by the company or other official and widely disseminated distribution, and after a certain period of time. Daktronics has determined that beginning on the third day after the announcement the information is no longer nonpublic information.

“Trading,” means the purchase or sale of stocks, bonds, options or other marketable securities.

**2. General Requirements**

No employee may trade in the stock or any other securities of the company or any other company at any time when the employee, as a result of Daktronics employment, has “material nonpublic information.” (This restriction is not limited to trading in Daktronics stock and includes trading stock of other companies based on material nonpublic information.)

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In addition, employees may not communicate material nonpublic information learned or developed through their employment to other persons ("tipping") who may misuse the information and may not recommend that anyone purchase or sell any securities on the basis of such information. So long as material information is nonpublic, members of the employee's immediate family and others who have received the information from the employee are not permitted to trade in the securities.

After material nonpublic information learned or developed through Daktronics employment has been publicly disclosed through a press release or other official announcement, employees should not trade in securities of the company until the third trading day following the announcement to allow the market to absorb the information. The company has determined that information may be presumed to have been made available to the market after this time.

### **3. Additional Restrictions and Requirements**

Trading in "puts" and "calls" (publicly traded options to sell or buy stock) and engaging in short sales are often perceived as involving insider trading. Therefore, Daktronics strongly discourages employees from such trading with respect to Daktronics securities.

In addition, to avoid the appearance of impropriety in transactions in Daktronics stock, company directors, officers, senior managers, market managers and other designated employees must comply with the following restrictions:

- a. Refrain entirely from trading in puts and calls in and engaging in short sales of Daktronics stock.
- b. Except as allowed under an approved trading plan, limit trading in Daktronics stock to only during the period beginning on the third trading day following the date of release of a quarterly or annual statement of sales and earnings and continuing for 25 trading days.
- c. Executive officers, senior managers and directors, are not permitted to trade in Daktronics stock unless they have the approval for a specific trade from the Chairman, CEO, CFO or Secretary of the Company.

If, upon requesting approval, an officer, director or senior manager is advised that Daktronics stock may be traded, the stock may be bought or sold within 2 trading days thereafter or longer as specifically approved provided that the Company and the individual have instituted a procedure whereby the trade status is reviewed and reapproved on a daily basis until executed. If for any reason the trade is not completed within 2 trading days and alternative procedures have not been instituted, clearance must be obtained again before the stock may be traded.

If, upon requesting approval or otherwise, an officer, director or senior manager is advised that Daktronics stock may not be traded, he/she may not buy or sell any Daktronics stock under any circumstance, nor may he/she inform anyone of the restriction. The trading restriction will apply until such restriction is lifted.

- d. All trading plans by any person in Appendix A or member of the Board of Directors that are intended to be governed under SEC Rule 10b5-1 must be submitted to the CEO, CFO or Corporate Secretary for review and approval by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee prior to entering the Plan. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the proposed plan is consistent with any applicable rules and regulations and shall approve the steps that Company shall take with regard to disclosure issues that may arise. The Committee shall also consult with the Audit committee as necessary and inform the Board of Directors of all Plans which have been approved in a timely matter.

- e. Employees should recognize that certain additional restrictions may be required with respect to those employees whose responsibilities or functions require or involve routine access to confidential and material, nonpublic information, or who are asked to work with sensitive projects or transactions. As such, the company may implement any additional measures or procedures that may be required at any time to fully implement the requirements and intent of these policies.

#### 4. Policies for Reporting Persons under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange of 1934 (the "Act")

##### a. Liability for Short-Swing Profits

SEC rules require a "reporting person", as defined below, to pay the issuer (the company) the "short-swing profits" realized in either a purchase and sale, or a sale and purchase (or any number of these transactions), which take place within a period of less than six months. The possession of inside information is not a precondition to recovery of profits and good faith is not a defense. In addition, the recoverable profit is not based on economic realities and cases have been upheld where the reporting person actually lost money but was held liable for "profits". Any recovery for short-swing profits belong to the company. Certain exceptions are made with respect to certain types of transactions. These exceptions include, but are not limited to:

- i. certain discretionary transactions in the company's 401(k) and profit-sharing plan, provided that the election related to such transactions was made at least six months following the date of the most recent prior such election.
- ii. the exercise of options granted by the company under an authorized plan.

##### b. Reports to be Filed

Reporting persons are required to file three kinds of SEC stock ownership forms:

- i. Form 3: Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities. Form 3 is filed within 10 days after the event by which the person becomes a reporting person, *i.e.*, officer, director, ten percent holder.
- ii. Form 4: Statement of Changes of Beneficial Ownership of Securities. **Form 4** is filed before the end of the second business day following the day on which a transaction resulting in a change in beneficial ownership has been executed, *i.e.* gift, option grant, buy, sell
- iii. Form 5: Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities. Form 5 is filed annually on or before the 45th day after the end of the issuer's fiscal year. It includes transactions that were not previously reported because they were exempt from Form 4, *i.e.* 401(k) purchases, employee stock purchase plan purchases.

##### c. Reporting Person defined

Reporting Persons are defined under the Act as corporate officers, directors and principal shareholders. The definition extends to members of the insider's immediate family sharing the same residence as the officer, director or principal shareholder.

**Subsidiaries of Company**

Name of Subsidiary	Jurisdiction of Incorporation
Daktronics Canada Inc.	Canada
Daktronics GmbH	Germany
Daktronics UK Limited	Great Britain
Daktronics (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	Peoples Republic of China
Daktronics France	France
Daktronics Australia Pty Ltd.	Australia
Daktronics Installation, Inc.	South Dakota
Daktronics Japan, Inc.	Japan
Daktronics HK Limited	Hong Kong
Daktronics (International) Limited	Macau
Daktronics Singapore Pte. Ltd.	Singapore
Daktronics Spain S.L.	Spain
Daktronics Belgium	Belgium
Daktronics Ireland Holdings Limited	Ireland

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 333-54006 and 333-221901 on Form S-3 and Registration Statement Nos. 333-100842, 333-109962, 333-146768, 333-169568, 333-206750, 333-221862, 333-227580, 333-248591 and 333-268779 on Form S-8 of our reports dated July 12, 2023, relating to the financial statements of Daktronics, Inc. and subsidiaries and the effectiveness of Daktronics, Inc. and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 29, 2023.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Minneapolis, MN

July 12, 2023

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints each of Reece A. Kurtenbach and Sheila M. Anderson, with full power to each act without the other, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") for the Company's fiscal year ended April 27, 2024, and any or all amendments to said Annual Report, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and to file the same with such other authorities as necessary, granting unto each such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each such attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been signed by the following persons on the dates indicated below their names.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>By /s/ Shereta Williams</u> Shereta Williams	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Lance D. Bultena</u> Lance D. Bultena	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Dr. José-Marie Griffiths</u> Dr. José-Marie Griffiths	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Reece A. Kurtenbach</u> Reece A. Kurtenbach	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Andrew D. Siegel</u> Andrew D. Siegel	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ John P. Friel</u> John P. Friel	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Kevin P. McDermott</u> Kevin P. McDermott	Director	June 26, 2024
<u>By /s/ Howard I. Atkins</u> Howard I. Atkins	Director	July 12, 2023

DAKTRONICS, INC.  
CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUIRED BY RULE 13a-14(e)  
OR RULE 15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Reece A. Kurtenbach, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 27, 2024 of Daktronics, 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 officer(s) 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 officer(s) 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.

/s/ Reece A. Kurtenbach  
Reece A. Kurtenbach  
Chief Executive Officer  
June 26, 2024

DAKTRONICS, INC.  
CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUIRED BY RULE 13a-14(e)  
OR RULE 15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Sheila M. Anderson , certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 27, 2024 of Daktronics, 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 officer(s) 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 officer(s) 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.

/s/ Sheila M. Anderson  
Sheila M. Anderson  
Chief Financial Officer  
June 26, 2024

**DAKTRONICS, INC.**  
**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 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 on Form 10-K of Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") for the annual period ended April 27, 2024 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Reece A. Kurtenbach, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (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.

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.

/s/ Reece A. Kurtenbach

Reece A. Kurtenbach

Chief Executive Officer

June 26, 2024

**DAKTRONICS, INC.**  
**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 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 on Form 10-K of Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") for the annual period ended April 27, 2024 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Sheila M. Anderson, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (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.

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.

/s/ Sheila M. Anderson

Sheila M. Anderson

Chief Financial Officer

June 26, 2024

## DAKTRONICS, INC.

## EXECUTIVE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION CLAWBACK POLICY

**Introduction**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") adopted this Clawback Policy (the "Policy") providing for the recoupment of certain executive compensation in the event of an accounting restatement resulting from the Company's material noncompliance with financial reporting requirements under the federal securities laws. This Policy is designed to comply with Section 10D of and Rule 10D-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Nasdaq Listing Rule 5608.

**Administration**

This Policy shall be administered by the Board or, if so designated by the Board, the Compensation Committee, in which case references herein to the Board shall be deemed to be references to the Compensation Committee. Any determinations made by the Board shall be final and binding on all affected individuals.

**Covered Executives**

This Policy applies to the Company's current and former executive officers, as determined by the Board in accordance with Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market and such other senior executives who may from time to time be deemed subject to the Policy by the Board (the "Covered Executives").

**Recoupment; Accounting Restatement**

If the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement of its financial statements due to the Company's material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, the Board will require reimbursement or forfeiture of any excess "Incentive Compensation" (defined below) received by any Covered Executive during the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date on which the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement.

**Incentive Compensation**

For purposes of this Policy, the term "Incentive Compensation" means "Incentive-Based Compensation" as defined in accordance with section 10D of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market for Covered Executives if such compensation is granted, earned, or vested based wholly or in part on the attainment of a financial reporting measure, including "variable compensation" or "Margin Based Compensation" as referred to within the Company, and the term "financial reporting measures" has the same meaning as defined in accordance with Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

**Excess Incentive Compensation: Amount Subject to Recovery**

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The amount to be recovered will be the excess of the Incentive Compensation paid to the Covered Executive based on the erroneous data over the Incentive Compensation that would have been paid to the Covered Executive had it been based on the restated results, as determined by the Board.

If the Board cannot determine the amount of excess Incentive Compensation received by the Covered Executive directly from the information in the accounting restatement, then it will make its determination based on a reasonable estimate of the effect of the accounting restatement.

#### **Method of Recoupment**

The Board will determine, in its sole discretion, the method for recouping excess Incentive Compensation hereunder which may include, without limitation:

- (a) requiring reimbursement of cash Incentive Compensation previously paid;
- (b) seeking recovery of any gain realized on the vesting, exercise, settlement, sale, transfer, or other disposition of any equity-based awards;
- (c) offsetting the recouped amount from any compensation otherwise owed by the Company to the Covered Executive;
- (d) cancelling outstanding vested or unvested equity awards; and/or
- (e) taking any other remedial and recovery action permitted by law, as determined by the Board.

#### **No Indemnification**

The Company shall not indemnify any Covered Executives against the loss of any incorrectly awarded Incentive Compensation.

#### **Interpretation**

The Board is authorized to interpret and construe this Policy and to make all determinations necessary, appropriate, or advisable for the administration of this Policy. It is intended that this Policy be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of Section 10D of the Exchange Act, Rule 10D-1 under the Exchange Act, and any applicable rules or standards adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any national securities exchange on which the Company's securities are listed.

#### **Effective Date**

This Policy shall be effective as of the date it is adopted by the Board (the "Effective Date") and shall apply to Incentive Compensation that is approved, awarded, or granted to Covered Executives on or after that date.

#### **Amendment; Termination**

The Board may amend this Policy from time to time in its discretion and shall amend this Policy as it deems necessary to reflect final regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 10D of the Exchange Act or Rule 10D-1 under the Exchange Act and to comply with any rules or

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standards adopted by a national securities exchange on which the Company's securities are listed. The Board may terminate this Policy at any time.

#### **Other Recoupment Rights**

The Board intends that this Policy will be applied to the fullest extent of the law. The Board may require that any employment agreement, equity award agreement, or similar agreement entered into on or after the Effective Date shall, as a condition to the grant of any benefit thereunder, require a Covered Executive to agree to abide by the terms of this Policy. 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 pursuant to the terms of any similar policy in any employment agreement, equity award agreement, or similar agreement and any other legal remedies available to the Company.

#### **Impracticability**

The Board shall recover any excess Incentive Compensation in accordance with this Policy unless such recovery would be impracticable, as determined by the Board in accordance with Rule 10D-1 under the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the national securities exchange on which the Company's securities are listed.

#### **Successors**

This Policy shall be binding and enforceable against all Covered Executives and their beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives.

Revision History:

Adopted by the Board of Directors on 11 September 2023.