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# AUDACY REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

Philadelphia, PA — Audacy, Inc. (NYSE: AUD) today reported financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2022.

## Fourth Quarter Summary

- Net revenues for the quarter were \$342.0 million, down 0.8% compared to \$344.7 million in the fourth guarter of 2021. Excluding political revenue, revenues for the guarter were down 4%
- Digital revenues were \$69.1 million, up 2% compared to the fourth guarter of 2021
- Total operating expenses for the guarter were \$295.6 million, which includes a gain on • sale of \$34.5 million, compared to \$292.0 million in the fourth guarter of 2021, which included a gain on sale of \$4.6 million
- Cash operating expenses were up 9% compared to the fourth guarter of 2021
- Operating income for the quarter was \$46.4 million, compared to operating income of • \$52.7 million in the fourth guarter of 2021
- Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter was \$37.1 million, compared to \$66.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2021
- As of December 31, 2022, the Company's liquidity was \$144.8 million, up from \$115.4 at September 30, 2022

#### **Full Year Summary**

- Net revenues for the year were \$1.25 billion, up 3% compared to \$1.22 billion in 2021. • Excluding political revenue, revenues for the year were up 2%
- Digital revenues were \$259.1 million, up 9% compared to 2021 •
- Total operating expenses for the year were \$1.33 billion, which includes a non-cash impairment charge of \$180.5 million and a gain on sale of \$47.7 million, compared to \$1.12 billion in 2021, which included a gain on sale of \$8.4 million
- Cash operating expenses were up 6% compared to 2021
- Operating loss for the year was \$73.7 million, compared to operating income of \$95.4 • million in 2021

• Adjusted EBITDA for the year was \$137.9 million, compared to \$165.7 million in 2021

David J. Field, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated: "Having started 2022 on a great note with revenues up 14% in the first quarter, we ended the year with revenues down 0.8% in the fourth quarter as challenging ad market conditions persisted. For the full year, revenues were up 3%. Fourth quarter expenses grew 9% due to accelerated recognition of podcast expenses, but we anticipate that expenses will be up low single digits in the first quarter and fall below 2022 levels beginning in the second quarter.

We continue to vigorously execute our plan to navigate the storm and to position the company for recovery when business conditions improve. Our liquidity improved from \$115 million at the end of September to \$145 million at year end. With the sale earlier this month of \$17 million of towers, we have now completed \$73 million in non-strategic asset sales to bolster our liquidity and to support our continued compliance with our financial covenants.

We are making solid progress on our key growth drivers including our reinvented streaming audio platform, our national enterprise business development, our podcasting and digital marketing solutions businesses, and our promising ad tech and ad product roadmap.

Looking beyond the challenging current macro environment, Audacy has a strong and differentiated, scaled, competitive position in the dynamic and growing audio space and is deeply focused on continuing the work to capitalize on the opportunities and drive a healthy recovery."

## **Recent Company Developments**

- **Non-strategic Asset Sale.** In February, the Company completed the sale of select tower assets for \$17 million.
- Amendment to Receivables Purchase Agreement. In January, the Company entered into an amendment to its Receivables Purchase Agreement that reduces the minimum liquidity the Company is required to maintain to \$25 million and aligns the Company's obligations to deliver audited annual financial statements under the Receivables Purchase Agreement to its obligations to deliver such financial statements under its Credit Agreement.

## Earnings Conference Call and Company Information

Audacy will hold a conference call and simultaneous webcast regarding the quarterly earnings release on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 AM Eastern Time.

To participate in the conference call, please dial (877) 407-9208 or (201) 493-6784 five minutes prior to the start of the call and provide the following conference name: **Audacy, Inc. Fourth Quarter 2022 Earnings Call**. Participants may also listen to a live webcast of the call by visiting https://viavid.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1585970&tp\_key=af70e5a4ce. Questions will only be taken from participants on the conference call.

A playback of the conference call will be available for one week by dialing (844) 512-2921 or (412) 317-6671 and inputting the following ID: 13734676. A webcast replay of the conference will be available shortly after the call at the above link.

Additional information is available at www.audacyinc.com.

#### About Audacy

Audacy, Inc. (NYSE: AUD) is a leading multi-platform audio content and entertainment company with the country's best collection of local music, news and sports brands, a premium podcast creator, major event producer, and digital innovator. Audacy engages 200 million consumers each month, bringing people together around content that matters to them. Learn more at <u>www.audacyinc.com</u>, Facebook (Audacy Corp) and Twitter (@AudacyCorp).

#### **Certain Definitions**

All references to per share data, unless stated otherwise, are presented as per diluted share. All references to shares outstanding, unless stated otherwise, are presented to exclude unvested restricted stock units. All references to net debt are outstanding debt net of cash on hand.

*Core Spot Revenues* consist of local spot plus national spot advertising revenues less political spot advertising revenues.

*Station Expenses* consist of station operating expenses excluding non-cash compensation expense.

*Corporate Expenses* consist of corporate general and administrative expenses excluding non-cash compensation expense.

Adjusted EBITDA consists of net income (loss) available to common shareholders, adjusted to exclude: income taxes (benefit); income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes or benefit; total other income or expense; net interest expense; depreciation and amortization; time brokerage agreement fees (income); non-cash compensation expense (which is otherwise included in station operating expenses and corporate G&A expenses); refinancing expenses; impairment loss, merger and acquisition costs, restructuring and integration costs, preferred stock dividends; COVID-19 related expenses/(recoveries); non-recurring expenses/recoveries otherwise included in corporate or station expenses; change in fair value of contingent consideration; (gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt; and (gain) loss on sale or disposal.

Adjusted Free Cash Flow consists of net income (loss): (i) plus depreciation and amortization; (gain) loss on sale or disposal; non-cash compensation expense (which is otherwise included in station operating expenses and corporate general and administrative expenses); impairment loss; merger and acquisition costs; restructuring and integration costs, (gain) loss on early extinguishment of debt; COVID-19 related expenses/(recoveries); other expenses/(income); non-recurring expenses/recoveries otherwise included in corporate or station expenses; change in fair value of contingent consideration; income from discontinued operations (excluding income taxes or tax benefit); amortization of deferred financing costs and debt premium included in interest expense; refinancing expenses; income taxes (benefit); Adjusted Income Taxes Paid; and Net Capital Expenditures.

*Net Capital Expenditures* consists of capital expenditures, including amortizable intangibles, adjusted to subtract reimbursed tenant improvement allowances.

Adjusted Income Taxes Paid consist of income tax paid, adjusted to exclude taxes paid related to the gain/loss on sale or exchange of radio station assets; and taxes paid related to the gain/loss on the sale of redundant property.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

It is important to note that *Adjusted EBITDA*, Adjusted *Free Cash Flow, Net Capital Expenditures* and *Adjusted Income Taxes Paid* are not measures of performance or liquidity calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Management believes that these measures are useful as a way to evaluate the Company and the means for Management to evaluate our performance and operations. Management believes that these measures are

useful to an investor in evaluating our performance because they are widely used in the broadcast industry.

Certain adjusted non-GAAP financial measures are presented in this release. The adjustments include, among other items as defined above, gain/loss on sale of assets, derivative instruments, and investments; non-cash compensation expense, other income, impairment loss, merger and acquisition costs, other expenses related to refinancing, and gain/loss on early extinguishment of debt and non-recurring expenses recognized for restructuring charges or similar costs, including transition and integration costs. Management believes these adjusted non-GAAP measures provide useful information to Management and investors by excluding certain income, expenses and gains and losses that may not be indicative of the Company's core operating and financial results. Similarly, Management believes these adjusted measures are a useful performance measure because certain items included in the calculation of net income (loss) may either mask or exaggerate trends in the Company's ongoing operating performance. Further, the reconciliations corresponding to these adjusted measures, by identifying the individual adjustments, provide a useful mechanism for investors to consider these adjusted measures with some or all of the identified adjustments.

Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures on an ongoing basis to help track and assess the Company's financial performance. You, however, should not consider non-GAAP measures in isolation or as substitutes for net income (loss), operating income, or any other measure for determining our operating performance that is calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These non-GAAP measures are not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies. The accompanying financial tables provide reconciliations to the nearest GAAP measure of all non-GAAP measures provided in this release.

#### **Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This news announcement contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based upon current expectations and involve certain risks and uncertainties, including the Company's ability to regain compliance with the NYSE's minimum price condition within the applicable cure periods. Additional information and key risks applicable to these statements are described in the Company's reports on Forms 8-K, 10-Q and 10-K and other filings the Company makes with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All of the forward-looking statements in this press release are qualified by these cautionary statements, and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in these forward-looking statements. The Company assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

#### <u>AUDACY, INC.</u> <u>FINANCIAL DATA</u> (amounts in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

<u>STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS</u>	 Detell	Three Months Ended December 31,					Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
<u>STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS</u>	 2022		2021		2022	<u></u>	2021			
Net Revenues	\$ 341,961	\$	344,732	\$	1,253,664	\$	1,219,40			
Station Expenses	283,250		256,922		1,027,197		972,79			
Station Expenses - Non-Cash Compensation	301		1,127		3,290		4,18			
Corporate Expenses	22,527		19,914		91,345		84,65			
Corporate Expenses - Non-Cash Compensation	1,083		2,027		5,039		8,7			
Depreciation And Amortization	18,331		13,548		65,786		52,23			
Other expenses	214		426		688		9			
Impairment Loss	468		843		180,543		2,2			
Restructuring Charges	3,890		1,452		10,008		5,6			
Net Gain On Sale Or Disposal	(34,509)		(4,632)		(47,737)		(8,36			
Change In Fair Value of Contingent Consideration	-		(1,00-)		(8,802)		(0,00			
Refinancing Expenses	-		372		-		84			
Total Operating Expenses	 295,555		291,999		1,327,357		1,123,9			
Operating Income (Loss)	 46,406		52,733		(73,693)		95,4			
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Net Interest Expense	31,378		25,027		107,491		91,5			
Net (Gain) Loss on Early Extinguishment of Debt	-		-		-		8,1			
Other (Income) Expense	-		-		(238)		(44			
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	15,028		27,706		(180,946)		(3,81			
Income Taxes (Benefit)	2,878		6,296		(40,275)		(23			
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 12,150	\$	21,410	\$	(140,671)	\$	(3,57			
Net Income (Loss) Per Share - Basic	\$ 0.09	\$	0.16	\$	(1.01)	\$	(0.0			
Net Income (Loss) Per Share - Diluted	\$ 0.09	\$	0.16	\$	(1.01)	\$	(0.0			
Dividends Declared And Paid Per Common Share	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.			
Weighted Common Shares Outstanding - Basic	138,888		136,110		138,654		135,9			
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Weighted Common Shares Outstanding - Diluted	 138,901		138,006		138,654		135,9			
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL BREAKDOWN OF REVENUE</u> BY TYPE										
Spot (local and national)	213,643		222,127		798,006		799,6			
Digital (including podcasting)	69,111		68,079		259,135		237,8			
Network	23,305		22,463		89,897		84,0			
Sponsorships and Events	24,350		20,297		60,074		52,3			
Other	11,552		11,766		46,552		45,4			
	\$ 341,961	\$	344,732	\$	1,253,664	\$	1,219,4			
Political	\$ 13,148	\$	3,700	\$	25,336	\$	9,6			

	Three Mor Decem		Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	2022	2022 2021		2021		
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL BREAKDOWN OF REVENUE</u> <u>BY FORMAT</u>						
Music	170,623	179,239	626,461	634,941		
Sports	73,813	71,158	264,306	251,021		
News/Talk	51,126	52,814	199,743	195,169		
Non-format specific	46,399	41,521	163,155	138,273		
	\$ 341,961	\$ 344,732	\$ 1,253,664	\$ 1,219,404		

#### <u>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW</u> INFORMATION

INTORMATION				
Net Capital Expenditures	\$ 8,280	\$ 37,340	\$ 80,821	\$ 76,607
Adjusted Income Taxes Paid (Refunded)	\$ 225	\$ 4	\$ (14,554)	\$ (300)

<u>SELECTED BALANCE SHEET DATA</u>	Dec	ember 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
Cash and Cash Equivalents Senior Debt - Term B-2 Loan (Includes Current	\$	103,344	\$	59,439	
Portion)	\$	632,415	\$	632,415	
Senior Debt - Revolver (Includes Current Portion)	\$	180,000	\$	97,727	
Senior Secured Notes - 2027	\$	460,000	\$	470,000	
Senior Secured Notes - 2029	\$	540,000	\$	540,000	
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$	520,619	\$	652,205	

## OTHER FINANCIAL DATA

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	2022		2021		2022			2021
<u>Reconciliation Of GAAP Net Income (Loss) To</u> <u>Adjusted EBITDA and To Adjusted Free Cash Flow</u>								
Net Income (Loss)	\$	12,150	\$	21,410	\$	(140,671)	\$	(3,572)
Income Taxes (Benefit)		2,878		6,296		(40,275)		(238)
Net Interest Expense		31,378		25,027		107,491		91,511
Corporate Expenses - Non-Cash Compensation		1,083		2,027		5,039		8,753
Station Expenses - Non-Cash Compensation		301		1,127		3,290		4,181
Depreciation And Amortization		18,331		13,548		65,786		52,238
Other Expenses		214		426		836		992
Restructuring Charges		3,890		1,452		10,008		5,671
COVID-19 Related Expenses (Income)		104		(2,164)		584		(2,796)
Non-Recurring Expenses Otherwise Included in Corporate Expenses		40		64		1,257		5,392
Liability Management Expenses		774		-		774		-
Impairment Loss		468		843		180,543		2,214
Contingent Consideration Accretion and Remeasurements		-		433		(8,802)		1,117
Refinancing Expenses		-		372		-		845
Net (Gain) Loss On Early Extinguishment Of Debt		-		-		-		8,168

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>				<b>Twelve Months Ended</b>				
		Dece	mber 31	,	December 31,				
		2022	2021		2022		. <u> </u>	2021	
Other (Income) Expense		-		-		(238)		(446)	
Net (Gain) Loss On Sale Or Disposal of Assets		(34,509)		(4,632)		(47,737)		(8,363)	
Adjusted EBITDA		37,102		66,229		137,885		165,667	
Net Interest Expense		(31,378)		(25,027)		(107,491)		(91,511)	
Deferred Financing Costs Included In Interest Expense Amortization Debt Premium Included In Interest		1,284		2,033		5,116		5,613	
Expense		(256)		(251)		(1,024)		(1,582)	
Net Capital Expenditures		(8,280)		(37,340)		(80,821)		(76,607)	
Adjusted Income Taxes (Paid) Refunded		(225)		(4)		14,554		300	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$	(1,753)	\$	5,640	\$	(31,781)	\$	1,880	