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## Q1 2023 Financial Results

May 4, 2023



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Today's Conference Call Will Discuss Results Primarily on an Adjusted (Non-GAAP) and Comparable Operations Basis. The complexities of Reverse Merger Accounting treatment makes GAAP comparisons difficult.

## <u>Agenda</u>

- Q1 2023 Consolidated Highlights & Financial Results
- Segment Highlights & Financial Results
- Q&A

GAAP results reported under Reverse Merger Accounting. Combined Gexpro Services/TestEquity is the accounting acquiror of Lawson Products given common control of entities and thus, include Lawson Products results commencing on the Merger date of April 1, 2022.

See appendix for Reconciliations.

# Q1 Highlights

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- Q1 GAAP Revenue of \$348M, Operating Income of \$17M and Adjusted EBITDA of \$39M, on strong top-line and bottom-line growth
- Q1 comparable revenue growth of 28.1% and organic revenue growth of 13.7%, which includes the results of Lawson Products for the Pre-Merger period
- Generated Adjusted EBITDA margin of 11.3%, an increase of 300 bps over our initial quarter a year ago. Sequential margin expansion continues
- GAAP EPS of \$0.28 per diluted share. Adjusted EPS of \$0.52 compared to \$0.00 a year ago
- Teams continue to work closely experiencing wins on cross-selling among operating companies and cost take-outs
- Great Q1 results while recognizing up against tougher comps as 2023 progresses
- In Q1, announced the signing of a Stock Purchase Agreement with HIS Company, Inc., a Texas corporation ("Hisco")

More closely aligns TestEquity to DSG and strengthens the overall

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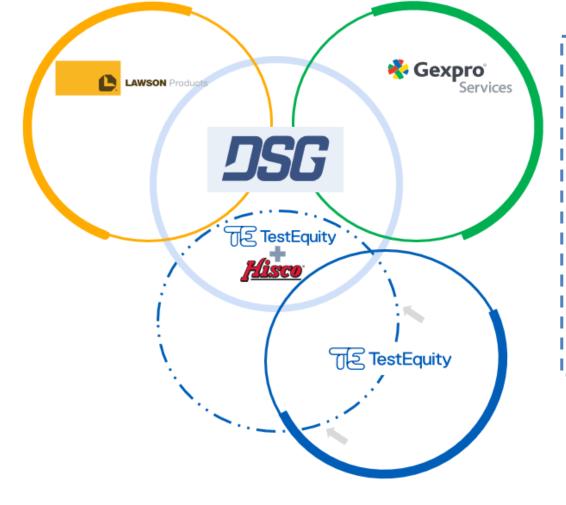
• Extended cross-sell opportunities

organization's value proposition

- Expanded value-added capabilities across platform
- Geographic pull-through deeper into Mexico and South America
- Expected to accelerate timeline to higher structural margin profile



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# **Operating Companies Update and Value Drivers**







# Q1 2023 Consolidated Financial Highlights

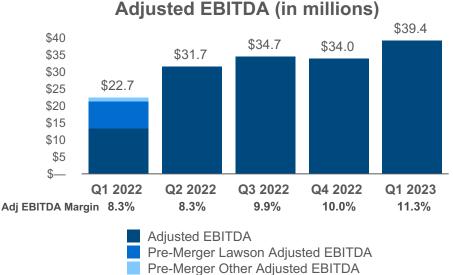
## Results Adjusted to Reflect Comparable Results Including Pre-Merger Lawson **Products**

- Adjusted Revenue of \$348.3M, an increase of \$76.3M or +28.1% over year ago guarter; organic growth of +13.7%
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$39.4M with 11.3% margin; up 73.6% from \$22.7M with 8.3% margin over year ago quarter
- Q4 reflects fewer selling days



Adjusted Revenue (in millions)

Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA results are presented on an Adjusted (Non-GAAP) and continuing operations basis. Q1 2022 information inclusive of Lawson Products pre-Merger results.





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## **Results Inclusive of Lawson Products and Other Acquisitions Pre-Merger Results**

- Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA below include the reported GAAP results and (1) pre-Merger results of the Lawson and Other segment and (2) the pre-acquisition results of other businesses that were acquired at any time during the Q1 2022-Q1 2023 period.
- Positive quarterly trends in Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA as acquisitions become integrated
- Q4 reflects fewer selling days

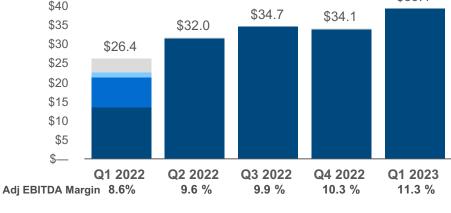


Other Acquisitions Pre-Acquisition Revenue

Pre-Merger Lawson Revenue

Pre-Merger Other Revenue

## Adjusted Revenue (in millions)



**Adjusted EBITDA (in millions)** 

Adjusted EBITDA

Pre-Merger Lawson Adjusted EBITDA

Pre-Merger Other Adjusted EBITDA

Other Acquisitions Pre-Acquisition Adjusted EBITDA

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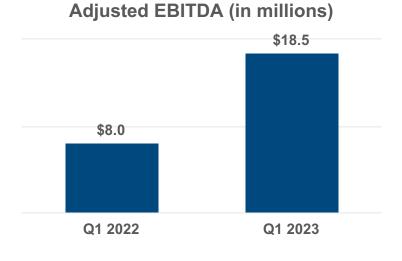
## Lawson Products – MRO Focus

## Q1 2023 Highlights:

- Prior year Q1 2022 results are pre 4/1/2022 Merger
- Adjusted Revenue +19.4%; all organic growthdriven by expanding and new customer relationships
- Price increases throughout 2022 and 2023 being realized
- Ended March 31, 2023 with ~996 field sales reps. Sales per rep per day productivity improved 23.2% vs. Q1 2022
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$18.5M or 14.7% of Adjusted Revenue
- Strong growth across all business units

Adjusted Revenue (in millions)







#### Results are presented on an Adjusted (Non-GAAP) and continuing operations basis. See appendix of this presentation and press release for reconciliations.

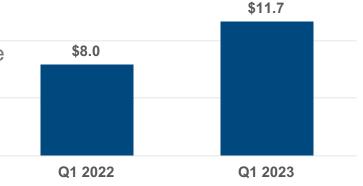
## Q1 2023 Highlights:

- Revenue of \$101.0M; up \$19.3M or 23.7%; organicgrowth of 18.7%
- Q1 2023 revenue includes \$4.0M of revenue from the 2022 acquisition of Frontier. Integrations continuing strong
- Value creation initiatives including DSG cross sell, acquisition synergies and expanded kitting offerings and E-commerce
- Strong demand continues across most end markets partially offset by technology headwinds; wallet share and new business development remains strong
- Continued expansion in gross margin through price increases, strategic sourcing initiatives and supply chain improvements
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$11.7M or 11.6% of revenue up from 9.8% a year ago

Revenue (in millions)









# TestEquity – Industrial Technologies Focus



## Q1 2023 Highlights:

- Revenue of \$107.4M; up \$35.0M or 48.3%; driven primarily from acquisitions
- Q1 2023 revenue includes \$34.9M of revenue from 2022 acquisitions (TEquipment, National Test Equipment and Instrumex). Integrations well underway
- Key operating initiatives focused on acquisition integration, pricing disciplines, sales force optimization and digital channel expansion
- In planning stages of integration of Hisco into the business
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$7.7M or 7.1% of revenue, up from \$5.5M a year ago; incremental EBITDA of \$2.4M from acquisitions



Revenue (in millions)



### Strong Balance Sheet and Capital Allocation Framework

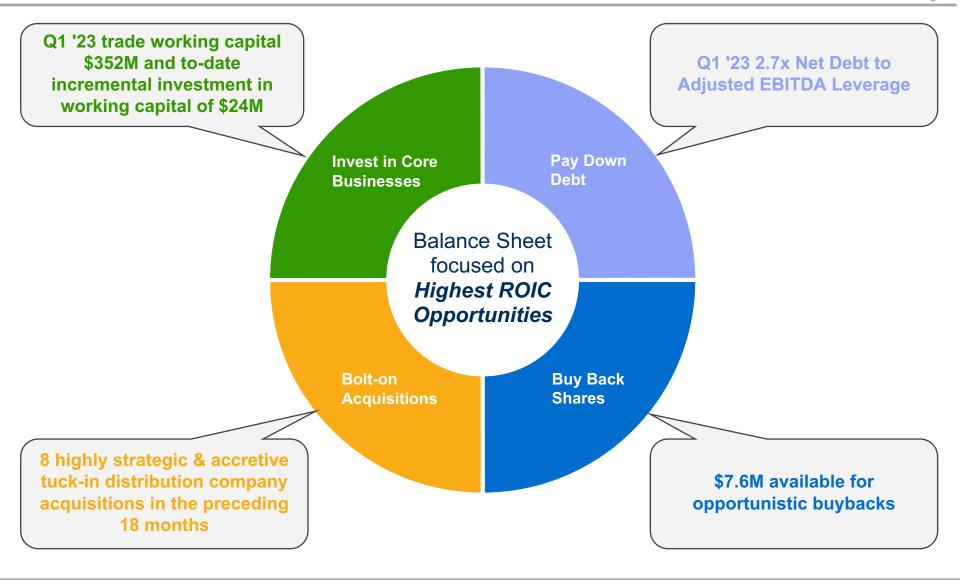
- Prudent leverage target of 3 4x Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA
- Trailing net debt to 2023 adjusted EBITDA leverage ratio of 2.7x. - decrease from 3.6x a year ago
- Cash of \$31.1M and \$69.8M of availability under existing credit facility, ability to access \$200M accordion for M&A
- Disciplined approach to capital allocation, focused on balance sheet strength and investment in highest ROIC opportunities
- Total debt of \$415.9M; maturities of debt over the next 12 months nominal (\$15M)

### Capitalization Table as of March 31, 2023

\$000s	 Q1 2023
Cash	\$ 31,144
Current Assets	468,583
Long-term Assets	 728,628
Total Assets	\$ 1,228,355
Current Liabilities	\$ 173,135
Long-term Debt	395,215
Other Long-term Liabilities	 87,596
Total Liabilities	655,946
Total Stockholders' Equity	572,409

Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,228,355

## **Disciplined Capital Allocation Framework**



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- Four quarters of sequential margin improvement; expected continuing strong path on a combined basis
- Q1 results driven by both organic growth and acquired revenue aligns with growth strategy; **combined 28.1% adjusted revenue growth**
- Improvement in Adjusted EBITDA margin to **11.3%** over 10.3% in Q4 2022
- Companies collaborating well together to identify growth and cost saving opportunities
- **Conservative financial management** and prudent capital allocation to continue
- Disciplined M&A strategy to capture accretive, bolt-on acquisitions; pipeline for add-on acquisitions remains robust including the proposed acquisition of Hisco



# Appendix

## Q1 Adjusted Revenue and EBITDA Reconciliation (\$000s)

**Results Inclusive of Lawson Products Pre-Merger Results** 

		Lawson P	Prod	lucts		Gexpro	Serv	/ices		TestE	quit	у		All C	Othe	er		Consolida	ted	DSG
Quarter Ended		Q1 2023	G	21 2022		Q1 2023	0	Q1 2022		Q1 2023	G	21 2022		Q1 2023	(	Q1 2022		Q1 2023	Q	1 2022
GAAP Revenue	\$	125,280	\$		\$	101,016	\$	81,683	\$	107,359	\$	72,402	\$	14,615	\$		\$	348,270	\$	154,085
Pre-Merger Revenue(1)		—		104,902		_		_		_		_		_		12,975		—		117,877
Adjusted Revenue	\$	125,280	\$	104,902	\$	101,016	\$	81,683	\$	107,359	\$	72,402	\$	14,615	\$	12,975	\$	348,270	\$	271,962
GAAP Operating Income	\$	8,245	\$	_	\$	7,374	\$	3,592	\$	26	\$	(604)	\$	1,076	\$	_	\$	16,721	\$	2,988
Pre-Merger Operating Income(1)	•		•	11,096	•		•		•	_	•		•		•	980	•		•	12,076
Adjusted Operating Income		8,245		11,096		7,374		3,592		26		(604)		1,076		980		16,721		15,064
Depreciation and amortization		6,558		1,946		3,865		2,821		4,805		4,768		494		143		15,722		9,678
Adjustments:		-,		.,		-,		_,:		.,		.,						,		-,
Merger/integration costs(2)		1,009		2,974		214		842		_		600		_		_		1,223		4,416
Stock-based compensation(3)		2,204		(8,595)		_		_		_		_		_		_		2,204		(8,595)
Severance costs(4)		238		621		_		_		113		456		_		5		351		1,082
Acquisition related costs(5)		_		_		161		569		2,715		271		_		_		2,876		840
Inventory net realizable value adjustment(6)		_		_		_		_		_		_		_		_		—		—
Inventory step-up(6)		_		_		_		163		_		_		_		_		_		163
Other non-recurring(7)		196		_		60		24		_		_		_		_		256		24
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	18,450	\$	8,042	\$	11,674	\$	8,011	\$	7,659	\$	5,491	\$	1,570	\$	1,128	\$	39,353	\$	22,672
GAAP Operating income as a percent of GAAP Revenue		6.6%		%		7.3%		4.4%		—%		(0.8)%		7.4%		%		4.8%		1.9%
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of Adjusted Revenue		14.7%		7.7%		11.6%		9.8%		7.1%		7.6%		10.7%		8.7%		11.3%		8.3%

(1) Represents Lawson Products pre-merger revenue and operating income

(2) Merger transaction costs related to the negotiation, review and execution of the merger agreements relating to the business combination of Lawson Products, TestEquity and Gexpro Services and subsequent integration costs

(3) Expense (benefit) primarily for stock-based compensation, of which a portion varies with the Company's stock price

(4) Includes severance expense for actions taken in 2023 and 2022, not related to a formal restructuring plan

(5) Expense for acquisition related costs, unrelated to the business combination of Lawson Products, TestEquity and Gexpro Services

(6) Inventory fair value step-up adjustments resulting from the acquisition accounting for additional acquisitions completed by Gexpro Services

(7) Other non-recurring costs consist of sales force optimization and other non-recurring items

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Results Inclusive of Lawson Products Pre-Merger Results and Other Acquisitions – Pre-Acquisition Date

	Consolidated DSG											
		Q1 2022		Q2 2022		Q3 2022		Q4 2022		Q1 2023		
GAAP Revenue	\$	154,085	\$	321,336	\$	347,151	\$	328,850	\$	348,270		
Pre-Merger Lawson Revenue(1)		104,902		_		—		—				
Pre-Merger Other Revenue(1)		12,975		_		_		_				
Pre-Acquisition Revenue(1)		36,828		12,931		1,730		1,192				
Adjusted Revenue	\$	308,790	\$	334,267	\$	348,881	\$	330,042	\$	348,270		
GAAP Operating Income	\$	2,988	\$	4,113	\$	22,027	\$	12,658	\$	16,721		
Pre-Merger Lawson Operating Income(1)		11,096		—		—		—		_		
Pre-Merger Other Operating Income(1)		980		_		—		—		_		
Pre-Acquisition Operating Income(1)		3,673		294		8		134		_		
Adjusted Operating Income		18,737		4,407		22,035		12,792		16,721		
Depreciation and amortization		9,678		14,746		8,979		13,872		15,722		
Adjustments:												
Merger/integration costs(2)		4,416		5,790		2,364		3,063		1,223		
Stock-based compensation(3)		(8,595)		4,013		(3,568)		2,003		2,204		
Severance costs(4)		1,082		953		944		443		351		
Acquisition related costs(5)		840		334		38		1,570		2,876		
Inventory net realizable value adjustment(6)		—		—		1,737		—		_		
Inventory step-up(7)		163		1,622		1,082		—		_		
Other non-recurring(8)		24		82		1,097		394		256		
Pre-Acquisition add-backs(9)		64		61		3		2		_		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	26,409	\$	32,008	\$	34,711	\$	34,139	\$	39,353		
GAAP Operating income as a percent of GAAP Revenue		1.9%		1.3%		6.3%		3.8%		4.8%		
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of Adjusted Revenue		8.6%		9.6%		9.9%		10.3%		11.3%		

References to table footnotes on slide 17

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### Adjusted Revenue and EBITDA Reconciliation – Table Footnotes

- (1) Represents additional revenue and operating income of Lawson pre-Merger and Other Acquisitions prior to their acquisition dates not in reported GAAP results
- (2) Merger transaction costs related to the negotiation, review and execution of the merger agreements relating to the business combination of Lawson Products, TestEquity and Gexpro Services and subsequent integration costs
- (3) Expense (benefit) primarily for stock-based compensation, of which a portion varies with the Company's stock price
- (4) Includes severance expense for actions taken in 2023 and 2022, not related to a formal restructuring plan
- (5) Expense for acquisition related costs, unrelated to the business combination of Lawson Products, TestEquity and Gexpro Services
- (6) Inventory net realizable value adjustment recorded to reduce inventory related to discontinued products where the anticipated net realizable value was lower than the cost reflected in the Company's records
- (7) Inventory fair value step-up adjustments resulting from the reverse merger acquisition accounting for Lawson Products and acquisition accounting for additional acquisitions completed by Gexpro Services
- (8) Other non-recurring costs consist of sales force optimization and other non-recurring items
- (9) Represents additional EBITDA adjustments of Other Acquisitions prior to the respective acquisition dates