UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 7, 2025

Sandisk Corporation

	Sa	nuisk Corporation	
	(1	Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)	
	Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-42420 (Commission File Number)	99-1508671 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	951 Sandisk Drive	,	95035
	Milpitas		75465
	California		
	(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)
		(408) 801-1000	
	(Re	gistrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)	
		Not applicable	
	(Former !	Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)	
Check the	appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to	simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant und A.2. below):	- der any of the following provisions (see General Instruction)
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the	Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Ex	schange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 1	4d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 1	3e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))	
Securities re	egistered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
	Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Comr	non Stock, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share	SNDK	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
			(Nasdaq Global Select Market)
	check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth co ct of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).	mpany as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§	230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities
		Emerging growth company \square	
	ng growth company, indicate by check mark if the registran ovided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. □	t has elected not to use the extended transition period for comp	lying with any new or revised financial accounting

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 7, 2025, Sandisk Corporation (the "Company") announced financial results for the fiscal third quarter ended March 28, 2025. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Press release issued by Sandisk Corporation on May 7, 2025 announcing financial results for the fiscal third quarter ended March

99.1 <u>28, 2025.</u>

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

	Sandisk Corporation
	(Registrant)
By:	/s/ Bernard Shek
	Bernard Shek
	Chief Legal Officer
	and Secretary

Date: May 7, 2025



Sandisk Reports Fiscal Third Quarter 2025 Financial Results

News Summary

- Third quarter revenue was \$1.70 billion, down 10% sequentially and above the guidance range.
- Third quarter GAAP loss was \$1.93 billion (\$13.33 loss per share), including a \$1.83 billion goodwill impairment charge. Third quarter Non-GAAP loss per share was \$0.30.
- Expect fiscal fourth quarter 2025 revenue to be in the range of \$1.75 billion to \$1.85 billion.
- Expect Non-GAAP earnings (loss) per share to be in the range of (\$0.10) to \$0.15.

MILPITAS, Calif. — May 7, 2025 — Sandisk Corporation (Nasdaq: SNDK) today reported fiscal third quarter financial results.

"I'm pleased with our team's execution in the first quarter as a standalone company. Sandisk's innovation was reinforced, with a strong early ramp of BiCS 8, our latest technology engineered to deliver industry-leading performance, power efficiency, and density," said David Goeckeler, Sandisk CEO. "We have taken actions to reduce supply to match demand and commenced price increases this quarter. Our investment, supply management, and pricing strategies will remain focused on maximizing returns."

Q3 2025 Financial Highlights

		GAAP		Non-GAAP				
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	Q/Q	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	Q/Q		
Revenue	\$1,695	\$1,876	down 10%	\$1,695	\$1,876	down 10%		
Gross Margin	22.5%	32.3%	down 9.8 ppt	22.7%	32.5%	down 9.8 ppt		
Operating Expenses	\$2,263	\$411	up 451%	\$383	\$376	up 2%		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$(1,881)	\$195	*	\$2	\$233	down 99%		
Net Income (Loss)	\$(1,933)	\$104	*	\$(43)	\$178	down 124%		
Net Income (Loss) Per Share	\$(13.33)	\$0.72	*	\$(0.30)	\$1.23	down 124%		
		GAAP			Non-GAAP			
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Y/Y	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Y/Y		
Revenue	\$1,695	\$1,705	down 1%	\$1,695	\$1,705	down 1%		
Gross Margin	22.5%	27.2%	down 4.7 ppt	22.7%	27.4%	down 4.7 ppt		
Operating Expenses	\$2,263	\$398	up 469%	\$383	\$351	up 9%		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$(1,881)	\$65	*	\$2	\$117	down 98%		
Net Income (Loss)	\$(1,933)	\$27	*	\$(43)	\$82	down 152%		
Net Income (Loss) Per Share	\$(13.33)	\$0.19	*	\$(0.30)	\$0.57	down 153%		
* Not a meaningful figure								

End Market Summary

Revenue (\$M)	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Q}	Q3 2024	Y/Y
Cloud	\$197	\$250	down 21%	\$97	up 103%
Client	927	1,028	down 10%	1,035	down 10%
Consumer	571	598	down 5%	573	flat
Total Revenue	\$1,695	\$1,876	down 10%	\$1,705	down 1%

Additional details can be found within the Company's earnings presentation, which is accessible online at investor.sandisk.com.

Business Outlook for Fiscal Fourth Quarter of 2025

Three Months Ended June 27, 2025

	GAAP ⁽¹⁾	Non-GAAP ⁽¹⁾
Revenue (\$B)	\$1.75 - \$1.85	\$1.75 - \$1.85
Gross margin	25.3% - 26.7%	25.5% - 27.0%
Operating expenses (\$M)	\$440 - \$460	\$395 - \$405
Interest and other expense, net (\$M)	\$43 - \$48	\$45 - \$50
Tax expense (\$M) ⁽²⁾	N/A	\$22 - \$25
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	N/A	(\$0.10) - \$0.15
Diluted shares outstanding (in millions)	~ 146	~ 146

(1) Non-GAAP gross margin guidance excludes stock-based compensation expense and expense for short term incentives granted in connection with the separation, totaling approximately \$4 million to \$6 million. The Company's Non-GAAP operating expenses guidance excludes stock-based compensation expense and expense for short term incentives granted in connection with the separation, totaling approximately \$45 million to \$60 million. The Company's Non-GAAP interest and other expenses, net guidance excludes the accretion of the present value discount on consideration receivable from the sale of an interest in a subsidiary, totaling approximately \$2 million. In the aggregate, Non-GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share guidance excludes these items totaling \$47 million to \$64 million. The timing and amount of these charges excluded from Non-GAAP gross margin, Non-GAAP operating expenses, Non-GAAP interest and other expenses, net, and Non-GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share cannot be further allocated or quantified with certainty. Additionally, the timing and amount of additional charges the Company excludes from its Non-GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share are dependent on the timing and determination of certain actions and cannot be reasonably predicted. Accordingly, full reconciliations of Non-GAAP gross margin, Non-GAAP operating expenses, Non-GAAP interest and other expenses, net, and Non-GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per share to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures (gross margin, operating expenses, and diluted earnings (loss) per share, respectively) are not available without unreasonable effort.

(2) Non-GAAP tax expense is determined based on a Non-GAAP pre-tax income or loss. Our estimated Non-GAAP tax expense may differ from our GAAP tax expense (i) due to differences in the tax treatment of items excluded from our Non-GAAP net income or loss; (ii) due to the fact that our GAAP income tax expense or benefit recorded in any interim period is based on an estimated forecasted GAAP tax expense for the full year, excluding loss jurisdictions; and (iii) because our GAAP taxes recorded in any interim period are dependent on the timing and determination of certain GAAP operating expenses.

Basis of Presentation

On February 21, 2025, Sandisk Corporation (the "Company") completed its separation from Western Digital Corporation ("WDC") and became a standalone publicly traded company.

The Company's financial and operating results after the separation are presented on a consolidated basis. For periods prior to the separation, the Company's historical combined financial statements were prepared on a carve-out basis and were derived from WDC's consolidated financial statements and accounting records and prepared as if the Company existed on a standalone basis. The financial statements for all periods presented, including the historical results of the Company prior to February 21, 2025, are now referred to as "Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements" and have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

Investor Communications

The investment community conference call to discuss these results and the Company's business outlook for the fiscal fourth quarter of 2025 will be broadcast live online today at 1:30 p.m. Pacific/4:30 p.m. Eastern. The live and archived conference call/webcast and the earnings presentation can be accessed online at investor sandisk.com.

About Sandisk

Sandisk is a leading developer, manufacturer and provider of data storage devices and solutions based on NAND flash technology. With a differentiated innovation engine driving advancements in storage and semiconductor technologies, our broad and ever-expanding portfolio delivers powerful flash storage solutions for everyone from students, gamers and home offices, to the largest enterprises and public clouds to capture, preserve, access and transform an ever-increasing diversity of data. Our solutions include a broad range of solid state drives, embedded products, removable cards, universal serial bus drives, and wafers and components. Learn more about Sandisk at www.Sandisk.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws, including statements regarding expectations for: the Company's business outlook and operational and financial performance for the fiscal fourth quarter of 2025 and beyond; product developments and innovations; the performance and characteristics of the Company's products; industry and supply conditions and dynamics; demand and market conditions for our products; and the Company's capital investment and pricing strategies. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward looking statements. The financial results for the Company's fiscal third quarter ended March 28, 2025 included in this press release represent the most current information available to management. Actual results when disclosed in the Company's Form 10-Q may differ from these results as a result of the completion of the Company's financial closing procedures; final adjustments; completion of the review by the Company's independent registered accounting firm; and other developments that may arise between now and the filing of the Company's Form 10-Q. Other key risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements include: adverse changes in global or regional economic conditions, including the impact of evolving trade policies, tariff regimes and trade wars; volatility in demand for the Company's products; pricing trends and fluctuations in average selling prices inflation; changes in interest rates and a potential economic recession; future responses to and effects of global health crises; the impact of business and market conditions; the impact of competitive products and pricing; the Company's development and introduction of products based on new technologies and management of technology transitions; risks associated with strategic initiatives, including restructurings, acquisitions, divestitures, cost saving measures and joint ventures; risks related to product defects; difficulties or delays in manufacturing or other supply chain disruptions; our reliance on strategic relationships with key partners, including Kioxia Corporation; hiring and retention of key employees; the Company's level of debt and other financial obligations; changes to the Company's relationships with key customers or consolidation among our customer base; compromise, damage or interruption from cybersecurity incidents or other data system security risks; our reliance on intellectual property; fluctuations in currency exchange rates; actions by competitors; risks associated with compliance with changing legal and regulatory requirements; future material impairments in the value of our goodwill and other long-lived assets; our ability to achieve some or all of the expected benefits of the separation from WDC; and other risks and uncertainties listed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including the Registration Statement on Form 10, initially filed with the SEC on November 25, 2024, as further amended thereafter and declared effective on January 31, 2025, and the company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 27, 2024, as initially filed with the SEC on March 7, 2025 and amended on March 17, 2025, to which your attention is directed. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise these forwardlooking statements to reflect new information or events, except as required by law.

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SANDISK CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in millions; except par value, unaudited)

		March 28, 2025	June 28, 2024
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,507	\$ 328
Accounts receivable, net		979	935
Inventories		2,160	1,955
Income tax receivable		53	7
Other current assets		391	221
Notes due from Western Digital Corporation		_	102
Total current assets	'	5,090	3,548
Property, plant and equipment, net		603	791
Notes receivable and investments in Flash Ventures		662	1,001
Goodwill		4,997	7,207
Deferred tax assets		51	96
Income tax receivable, non-current		79	11
Other non-current assets		1,478	852
Total assets	\$	12,960	\$ 13,506
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EG	QUITY		
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	363	\$ 357
Accounts payable to related parties		395	313
Accrued expenses		446	424
Accrued compensation		114	195
Income tax payables		37	20
Notes due to Western Digital Corporation		_	814
Current portion of long-term debt		20	_
Total current liabilities		1,375	2,123
Deferred tax liabilities		17	15
Long-term debt		1,927	_
Other liabilities		480	286
Total liabilities	'	3,799	 2,424
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized — 450 shares; issued and outstanding — 145 shares	\$	1	\$ _
Additional paid-in capital		11,227	_
Accumulated deficit		(1,761)	_
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(306)	(452)
Net investment from Western Digital Corporation			11,534
Total shareholders' equity		9,161	11,082
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	12,960	\$ 13,506

SANDISK CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in millions, except per share amounts; unaudited)

		Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			
		March 28, 2025	Marc 202	,	N	March 28, 2025		March 29, 2024
Revenue, net	\$	1,695	\$	1,705	\$	5,454	\$	4,903
Cost of revenue		1,313		1,242		3,740		4,467
Gross profit		382		463		1,714		436
Operating expenses:								
Research and development		285		277		847		763
Selling, general and administrative		139		107		411		338
Goodwill impairment		1,830		_		1,830		_
Business separation costs		9		12		50		46
Employee termination and other		_		2		5		(44)
Gain on business divestiture		_		_		(34)		_
Total operating expenses		2,263		398		3,109		1,103
Operating income (loss)		(1,881)		65		(1,395)		(667)
Interest and other expense:								
Interest income		6		3		11		9
Interest expense		(16)		(9)		(22)		(31)
Other expense, net		(10)		(5)		(55)		(11)
Total interest and other expense, net	_	(20)		(11)		(66)		(33)
Income (loss) before taxes		(1,901)		54		(1,461)		(700)
Income tax expense		32		27		157		92
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,933)	\$	27	\$	(1,618)	\$	(792)
Net income (loss) per common share:								
Basic and diluted	\$	(13.33)	\$	0.19	\$	(11.16)	\$	(5.46)
Weighted average shares outstanding:								
Basic and diluted		145		145		145		145

SANDISK CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in millions; unaudited)

		Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			
	N	March 28, 2025	March 29, 2024		March 28, 2025		March 29, 2024	
Cash flows from operating activities								
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,933)	\$ 27	\$	(1,618)	\$	(792	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operations:								
Depreciation and amortization		37	56		127		170	
Stock-based compensation		44	38		133		11:	
Goodwill impairment		1,830	_		1,830		_	
Deferred income taxes		(16)	2		7		3	
Gain on disposal of assets		_	_		(1)		(60	
Non-cash portion of impairment of cost method investments		_	_		1		_	
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss		(1)	(14))	(6)		12	
Gain on business divestiture		_	_		(34)		_	
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts		1	_		1		_	
Equity loss in investees, net of dividends received		9	7		68		1	
Gain on sale of investments		_	(1))	_		(1	
Other non-cash operating activities, net		7	55		17		90	
Settlement of accrued interest on Notes due to Western Digital Corporation		(3)	_		(99)		_	
Changes in:								
Accounts receivable, net		(42)	(130))	(11)		(275	
Inventories		11	(118))	(241)		539	
Accounts payable		42	(20))	99		80	
Accounts payable to related parties		26	60		(28)		18	
Accrued expenses		(10)	(6))	3		(90	
Accrued compensation		(44)	36		(38)		43	
Other assets and liabilities, net		68	(4))	(220)		(42	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		26	(12))	(10)		(179	
Cash flows from investing activities								
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(44)	(29))	(159)		(128	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		_	_		_		134	
Proceeds from dispositions of business		210	_		401		_	
Notes receivable issuances to Flash Ventures		(8)	_		(274)		(184	
Notes receivable proceeds from Flash Ventures		246	128		428		39	
Distributions from Flash Ventures		_	_		176		_	
Strategic investments and other, net		_	1		1		_	
Net cash provided by investing activities		404	100		573		213	
Cash flows from financing activities								
Taxes paid on vested stock awards under employee stock plans		(6)	_		(6)		_	
Proceeds from debt		1,970	_		1,970		_	
Debt issuance costs		(32)	_		(32)		_	
Proceeds from borrowings on Notes due to Western Digital Corporation		_	_		550		_	
Proceeds from principal repayments on Notes due from Western Digital Corporation		_	_		101		_	

Repayments of principal on Notes due to Western Digital Corporation	_	(88)	(76)	(102)
Transfers from (to) Western Digital Corporation	(1,656)	66	(1,887)	340
Origination of Notes due from Western Digital Corporation	 	(113)		(187)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	276	(135)	620	51
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(3)	(1)	(4)	_
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	703	(48)	1,179	85
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	804	425	328	292
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 1,507	\$ 377	\$ 1,507	\$ 377
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Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 102	\$ 10
Cash received for interest	_	1	2	8
Cash paid for income taxes	10	_	10	_
Non-cash transfers of:				
Notes due to (from) Western Digital Corporation	550	_	1,223	(113)
Other assets and liabilities, net, from Western Digital Corporation	61	_	105	_
Contribution of equity interest in Unis Venture from Western Digital				
Corporation	61	_	61	_
Property, plant and equipment from Western Digital Corporation	2	3	27	5
Tax balances to (from) Western Digital Corporation	22	(6)	8	2
Tax indemnification liability to Western Digital Corporation	(112)	_	(112)	_

SANDISK CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(in millions; unaudited)

		Thre	ee Months Ended	d		Nine Months Ended			
	March 28, 2025	Γ	December 27, 2024		March 29, 2024		March 28, 2025		March 29, 2024
GAAP gross profit	\$ 382	\$	606	\$	463	\$	1,714	\$	436
Stock-based compensation expense	3		3		5		12		15
Recoveries of contamination related charges	 		_		_		_		(36)
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$ 385	\$	609	\$	468	\$	1,726	\$	415
GAAP operating expenses	\$ 2,263	\$	411	\$	398	\$	3,109	\$	1,103
Goodwill impairment	(1,830)		_		_		(1,830)		_
Stock-based compensation expense	(41)		(45)		(33)		(121)		(100)
Business separation costs	(9)		(21)		(12)		(50)		(46)
Employee termination and other	_		(3)		(2)		(5)		44
Strategic review	_		_		_		_		(20)
Gain on business divestiture	_		34		_		34		_
Other	 								(2)
Non-GAAP operating expenses	\$ 383	\$	376	\$	351	\$	1,137	\$	979
GAAP operating income (loss)	\$ (1,881)	\$	195	\$	65	\$	(1,395)	\$	(667)
Gross profit adjustments	3		3		5		12		(21)
Operating expense adjustments	 1,880		35		47		1,972		124
Non-GAAP operating income (loss)	\$ 2	\$	233	\$	117	\$	589	\$	(564)
GAAP interest and other expense, net	\$ (20)	\$	(22)	\$	(11)	\$	(66)	\$	(33)
Interest and other expense, net adjustments	(2)		(4)		(1)		(6)		(1)
Non-GAAP interest and other expense, net	\$ (22)	\$	(26)	\$	(12)	\$	(72)	\$	(34)
GAAP income tax expense	\$ 32	\$	69	\$	27	\$	157	\$	92
Income tax adjustments	(9)		(40)		(4)		(38)		(8)
Non-GAAP income tax expense	\$ 23	\$	29	\$	23	\$	119	\$	84

SANDISK CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(in millions, except per share amounts; unaudited)

	Three Months Ended						Nine Months Ended			
	 March 28, 2025		December 27, 2024		March 29, 2024		March 28, 2025		March 29, 2024	
GAAP net income (loss)	\$ (1,933)	\$	104	\$	27	\$	(1,618)	\$	(792)	
Goodwill impairment	1,830		_		_		1,830		_	
Stock-based compensation expense	44		48		38		133		115	
Business separation costs	9		21		12		50		46	
Employee termination and other	_		3		2		5		(44)	
Recoveries of contamination related charges	_		_		_		_		(36)	
Strategic review	_		_		_		_		20	
Gain on business divestiture	_		(34)		_		(34)		_	
Other	(2)		(4)		(1)		(6)		1	
Income tax adjustments	 9		40		4		38		8	
Non-GAAP net income (loss)	\$ (43)	\$	178	\$	82	\$	398	\$	(682)	
Diluted income (loss) per common share										
GAAP	\$ (13.33)	\$	0.72	\$	0.19	\$	(11.16)	\$	(5.46)	
Non-GAAP	\$ (0.30)	\$	1.23	\$	0.57	\$	2.71	\$	(4.70)	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding:										
GAAP	145		145		145		145		145	
Non-GAAP	145		145		145		147		145	
Cash flows										
Cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 26	\$	95	\$	(12)	\$	(10)	\$	(179)	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment, net	(44)		(48)		(29)		(159)		6	
Free cash flow	 (18)		47		(41)		(169)		(173)	
Activity related to Flash Ventures, net	238		44		128		330		207	
Adjusted free cash flow	\$ 220	\$	91	\$	87	\$	161	\$	34	

To supplement the condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, the table above sets forth Non-GAAP gross profit; Non-GAAP operating expenses; Non-GAAP operating income (loss); Non-GAAP interest and other expense, net; Non-GAAP income tax expense; Non-GAAP net income (loss); Non-GAAP diluted income (loss) per common share; Non-GAAP diluted weighted average shares outstanding; Free cash flow; and Adjusted free cash flow (collectively, the "Non-GAAP measures"). These Non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with, or alternatives for measures prepared in accordance with GAAP and may be different from similarly titled Non-GAAP measures used by other companies. The Company believes the presentation of these Non-GAAP measures, when shown in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures, provides useful information to investors for measuring the Company's earnings performance and comparing it against prior periods. Specifically, the Company believes these Non-GAAP measures provide useful information to both management and investors as they exclude certain expenses, gains, and losses that the Company believes are not indicative of its core operating results or because they are consistent with the financial models and estimates published by many analysts who follow the Company and its peers. As discussed further below, these Non-GAAP measures exclude, as applicable, goodwill impairment, stock-based compensation expense, business separation costs, employee termination and other, recoveries on contamination related charges, expenses related to our strategic review, gain on business divestiture, other adjustments, and income tax adjustments. The Company believes these measures, along with the related reconciliations to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, provide additional detail and comparability for assessing the Company's results. These Non-GAAP measures are some of the primary indicators management uses for assessing the Company's performance and planning and forecasting future periods. These measures should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results.

As described above, the Company excludes the following items from its Non-GAAP measures:

Goodwill impairment. After the completion of the separation, in the third quarter of fiscal 2025, the Company identified potential impairment indicators related to the trading price of the Company's common stock and resulting market capitalization that warranted a quantitative impairment analysis of long-lived assets and goodwill. Management performed a quantitative impairment analysis and determined that the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeded its fair value, resulting in the recognition of a \$1.8 billion impairment charge for the three and nine months ended March 28, 2025. The Company believes this charge does not reflect the Company's operating results and is not indicative of the underlying performance of the business.

Stock-based compensation expense. Because of the variety of equity awards used by companies, the varying methodologies for determining stock-based compensation expense, the subjective assumptions involved in those determinations and the volatility in valuations that can be driven by market conditions outside the Company's control, the Company believes excluding stock-based compensation expense enhances the ability of management and investors to understand and assess the underlying performance of the business over time and compare it against the Company's peers, a majority of whom also exclude stock-based compensation expense from their Non-GAAP results.

Business separation costs. On October 30, 2023, Western Digital Corporation ("WDC") announced that its board of directors (the "WDC Board of Directors") authorized management to pursue a plan to separate the Company into an independent public company. The separation received final approval by the WDC Board of Directors and was completed on February 21, 2025. Prior to February 21, 2025, the Company was wholly-owned by WDC. As a result of the plan, the Company incurred separation and transition costs through the completion of the separation of the companies. The separation and transition costs are recorded within Business separation costs in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company believes these charges do not reflect the Company's operating results and that they are not indicative of the underlying results of its business.

Employee termination and other. From time to time, in order to realign the Company's operations with anticipated market demand, the Company may terminate employees and/or restructure its operations. From time to time, the Company may also incur charges from the impairment of long-lived assets. In addition, the Company may record credits related to gains upon sale of property due to restructuring or reversals of charges recorded in prior periods as well as from taking actions to reduce the amount of capital invested in facilities, including the sale-leaseback of facilities. These charges or credits are inconsistent in amount and frequency, and the Company believes they are not indicative of the underlying performance of its business.

Recoveries of contamination related charges. In February 2022, a contamination of certain materials used in the Company's manufacturing process occurred and affected production at Flash Ventures manufacturing facilities. The contamination resulted in scrapped inventory, rework costs, decontamination and other expenses needed to restore the facilities to normal capacity. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Company received insurance recoveries for losses from contamination-related charges. The charges and recoveries are inconsistent in amount and frequency, and the Company believes they are not part of the ongoing production operation of its business.

<u>Strategic review</u>. The Company incurred expenses associated with its review of potential strategic alternatives aimed at further optimizing the long-term value for stockholders. The Company believes these charges do not reflect the Company's operating results and that they are not indicative of the underlying performance of its business.

<u>Gain on business divestiture</u>. In connection with the Company's strategic decision to outsource the manufacturing of certain components and assemblies, on September 28, 2024, the Company completed the sale of 80% of its equity interest in one of its manufacturing subsidiaries. The transaction resulted in a discrete gain, which the Company believes it is not indicative of the underlying performance of its ongoing business operations.

Other adjustments. From time to time, the Company incurs charges or gains that the Company believes are not a part of the ongoing operation of its business. The resulting expense or benefit is inconsistent in amount and frequency.

<u>Income tax adjustments</u>. Income tax adjustments include the difference between income taxes based on a forecasted annual Non-GAAP tax rate and a forecasted annual GAAP tax rate as a result of the timing of certain Non-GAAP pre-tax adjustments. The income tax adjustments also include the remeasurement of certain unrecognized tax benefits primarily related to tax positions taken in prior quarters, including interest. These adjustments are excluded because the Company believes that they are not indicative of the underlying performance of its ongoing business.

Additionally, free cash flow is defined as cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities less purchases of property, plant and equipment, net, and adjusted free cash flow is defined as free cash flow plus the activity related to Flash Ventures, net. The Company considers free cash flow and adjusted free cash flow generated in any period to be useful indicators of cash that is available for strategic opportunities, including, among others, investing in the Company's business, making strategic acquisitions, repaying debt and strengthening the balance sheet.

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