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The Shyft Group Reports Second Quarter 2023 Results

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- Second quarter results in line with management expectations
- Solid operating cash flow performance in the quarter
- Revised full-year 2023 outlook primarily driven by softness in last-mile delivery and motorhome end markets

NOVI, Mich., July 27, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Shyft Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: SHYF) ("Shyft" or the "Company"), the North American leader in specialty vehicle manufacturing, assembly and upfit for the commercial, retail and service specialty vehicle markets, today reports operating results for the second quarter ending June 30, 2023.

Second Quarter 2023 Highlights

For the second quarter of 2023 compared to the second quarter of 2022:

- Sales of \$225.1 million, a decrease of \$7.1 million, or 3.1%, from \$232.2 million
- Net income of \$4.7 million, or \$0.13 per share, compared to \$5.3 million, or \$0.15 per share
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$15.9 million, or 7.0% of sales, an increase of \$2.2 million, from \$13.7 million, or 5.9% of sales; results include \$7.4 million of EV program costs versus \$7.3 million in the prior year
- Adjusted net income of \$8.7 million, or \$0.25 per share, compared to \$7.5 million, or \$0.21 per share in the prior vear
- Consolidated backlog of \$510.2 million as of June 30, 2023, down 55.1%, compared to \$1.1 billion as of June 30, 2022
- Operating cash flow of \$29.7 million, up \$38.6 million, compared to an outflow of \$8.9 million in the prior year

"We delivered second quarter results in line with our expectations led by strong Specialty Vehicles performance while also driving robust cash generation," said Daryl Adams, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We experienced challenges in the Fleet Vehicles and Services business as market conditions deteriorated and operational inefficiencies remain. We continue to flex our operations while implementing additional cost reductions to reflect lower short-term demand."

Second Quarter 2023 Business Segment Highlights

For the second guarter of 2023 compared to the second guarter of 2022:

Fleet Vehicles and Services (FVS)

- Sales of \$139.0 million, an increase of \$2.1 million, or up 1.5%, from \$136.9 million
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$12.5 million, or 9.0% of sales, a decrease of \$2.0 million, from \$14.5 million, or 10.6% of sales
- Segment quarter-end backlog of \$437.8 million, down 56.2% compared to \$1.0 billion in the prior year

Specialty Vehicles (SV)

- Sales of \$87.6 million, a decrease of \$7.7 million, or 8.1%, from \$95.3 million
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$17.4 million, or 19.8% of sales, an increase of \$4.5 million, from \$12.9 million, or 13.5% of sales
- Segment quarter-end backlog of \$72.4 million as of June 30, 2023, down 46.4% compared to \$135.2 million as of June 30, 2022
- Achieved significant milestone with the 100,000th Isuzu N-Series gas-powered truck produced at Builtmore

Disciplined Capital Allocation

"Our balance sheet continues to be a strength and differentiator for the Company. We are confident in our long-term growth story and ability to generate cash, giving us the flexibility to efficiently deploy capital to maximize shareholder value," said Jon Douyard, Chief Financial Officer.

The Company deployed \$8.3 million of capital in the quarter with the following actions:

- Funded \$6.5 million of capital expenditures, including investment in Blue Arc
- Paid regular dividends of \$1.8 million reflecting a dividend of \$0.05 per share
- \$233 million remaining under our existing share repurchase authorization

2023 Financial Outlook

Douyard continued, "Our prior concerns surrounding a tougher demand environment materialized late in the quarter. As softness in the parcel market continued and dealer inventories remained high, last-mile customers deferred and cancelled orders leading to lower OEM chassis production. In addition, consistent with broader recreational vehicle markets, we are experiencing incremental weakness in our motorhome chassis business. These headwinds have negatively impacted our full-year outlook."

Our revised full-year 2023 outlook, notwithstanding further changes in the operating environment, is as follows:

- Sales to be in the range of \$850 million to \$950 million compared to the previous outlook of \$1.0 to \$1.2 billion
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$40 to \$60 million compared to the previous outlook of \$70 to \$100 million
- Net Income of \$1 to \$16 million compared to the previous outlook of \$28 to \$50 million
- Earnings per share of \$0.03 to \$0.46 compared to the previous outlook of \$0.77 to \$1.39
- Adjusted earnings per share of \$0.33 to \$0.76 compared to the previous outlook of \$0.98 to \$1.60
- Blue Arc EV second half production remains on track; expect approximately 50 vehicles to be delivered in the fourth quarter

Adams concluded, "We remain confident in the long-term growth profile of the Company. Despite market and economic uncertainty, we expect earnings growth in 2024 as we drive operational improvements and ramp Blue Arc production."

Conference Call and Webcast

The Shyft Group will host a conference call and webcast at 8:30 a.m. ET today.

The U.S. toll-free dial-in for the conference call is 1-844-868-8845, and the international dial-in number is 412-317-6591. The conference passcode is 10176862.

A live webcast of the conference will also be available on the investor relations page of the company's website at www.the shyftgroup.com/webcasts.

About The Shyft Group

The Shyft Group is the North American leader in specialty vehicle manufacturing, assembly, and upfit for the commercial, retail, and service specialty vehicle markets. Our customers include first-to-last mile delivery companies across vocations, federal, state, and local government entities; the trades; and utility and infrastructure segments. The Shyft Group is organized into two core business units: Shyft Fleet Vehicles and Services™ and Shyft Specialty Vehicles™. Today, its family of brands include Utilimaster®, Blue Arc™ EV Solutions, Royal® Truck Body, DuraMag® and Magnum®, Strobes-R-Us, Spartan® RV Chassis, Red Diamond™ Aftermarket Solutions, and Builtmore Contract Manufacturing™. The Shyft Group and its go-to-market brands are well known in their respective industries for quality, durability, and first-to-market innovation. The Company employs approximately 4,200 employees and contractors across campuses, and operates facilities in Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Saltillo, Mexico. The Company reported sales of \$1.0 billion in 2022. Learn more at TheShyftGroup.com.

Forward Looking Statement

This release contains information, including our sales and earnings guidance, all other information provided with respect to our outlook for 2023 and future periods, and other statements concerning our business, strategic position, financial projections, financial strength, future plans, objectives, and the performance of our products and operations that may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We intend the forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements in those sections. Generally, we have identified such forward-looking statements by using words such as "believe," "expect," "intend," "potential," "future," "may," "will," "should," and similar expressions or by using future dates in connection with any discussion of, among other things, the construction or operation of new or existing facilities, operating performance, trends, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, statements relating to volume changes, share of sales and earnings per share changes, anticipated cost savings, potential capital and operational cash improvements, anticipated disruptions to our operations and industry due to the COVID-19 pandemic, changes in supply and demand

conditions and prices for our products, trade duties and other aspects of trade policy, statements regarding our future strategies, products and innovations, and statements expressing general views about future operating results. However, the absence of these words or similar expressions does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but instead represent only the Company's beliefs regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of the Company's control. It is possible that the Company's actual results and financial condition may differ, possibly materially, from the anticipated results and financial condition indicated in these forward-looking statements. Management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the time made. However, caution should be taken not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements because such statements speak only as of the date when made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. In addition, forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's historical experience and our present expectations or projections. In addition, forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's historical experience and our present expectations or projections. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to the risks and uncertainties described in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, and those described from time to time in our future reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which are available at www.sec.gov or our website. All forward-looking statements in this release are qualified by this paragraph. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements in this release, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2023		D:	ecember 31, 2022
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,808	\$	11,548
Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$270 and \$246		93,442		115,742
Contract assets		41,230		86,993
Inventories		101,303		100,161
Other receivables – chassis pool agreements		9,312		19,544
Other current assets		7,078		11,779
Total current assets		260,173		345,767
Property, plant and equipment, net		77,393		70,753
Right of use assets-operating leases		49,132		53,386
Goodwill		48,880		48,880
Intangible assets, net		47,173		49,078
Net deferred tax assets		10,390		10,390
Other assets		2,705		2,227
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	495,846	\$	580,481
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	85,733	\$	124,309
Accrued warranty		6,018		7,161
Accrued compensation and related taxes		14,770		14,434

Contract liabilities		4,198	5,255
Operating lease liability		11,378	10,888
Other current liabilities and accrued expenses		8,549	19,452
Short-term debt – chassis pool agreements		9,312	19,544
Current portion of long-term debt		179	189
Total current liabilities		140,137	201,232
Other non-current liabilities		9,826	10,033
Long-term operating lease liability		39,501	44,256
Long-term debt, less current portion		45,184	56,266
Total liabilities		234,648	311,787
Commitments and contingent liabilities			
Shareholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, no par value: 2,000 shares authorized (none issued)		-	-
Common stock, no par value: 80,000 shares authorized; 34,956 and			
35,066 outstanding		90,606	92,982
Retained earnings		170,523	 175,611
Total Shyft Group, Inc. shareholders'equity	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	261,129	268,593
Non-controlling interest		69	101
Total shareholders' equity		261,198	268,694
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	495,846	\$ 580,481

The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Month June		
		2023		2022		2023	 2022	
Sales	\$	225,101	\$	232,195	\$	468,540	\$ 439,078	
Cost of products sold		182,347		190,077		382,862	371,029	
Gross profit		42,754		42,118		85,678	68,049	
Operating expenses:								
Research and development		5,890		7,563		12,839	12,490	
Selling, general and administrative		30,270		26,860		62,559	53,412	
Total operating expenses		36,160		34,423		75,398	65,902	
Operating income		6,594		7,695		10,280	 2,147	
Other income (expense)								
Interest expense		(1,477)		(463)		(3,125)	(617)	
Other income (expense)		124		(488)		194	(523)	
Total other expense		(1,353)		(951)		(2,931)	(1,140)	
Income before income taxes		5,241		6,744		7,349	1,007	
Income tax expense (benefit)		556		1,461		986	(424)	
Net income		4,685		5,283		6,363	1,431	
Less: net loss attributable to non-controlling interest						32	 	
Net income attributable to The Shyft Group Inc.	\$	4,685	\$	5,283	\$	6,395	\$ 1,431	

Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share	\$ \$	0.13 0.13	\$ \$	0.15 0.15	\$ \$	0.18 0.18	\$ \$	0.04 0.04
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding Diluted weighted average common shares		34,935		35,049		34,995		35,078
outstanding		34,991		35,243		35,161		35,437

The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands, except par value) (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
		2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$	6,363 \$	1,431
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization		8,050	6,696
Non-cash stock based compensation expense		3,090	3,708
Deferred income taxes		-	(432)
Loss on disposal of assets		128	481
Changes in accounts receivable and contract assets		68,064	(12,863)
Changes in inventories		(1,142)	(34,826)
Changes in accounts payable		(38,567)	7,333
Changes in accrued compensation and related taxes		303	(6,146)
Changes in accrued warranty		(1,143)	(379)
Changes in other assets and liabilities		(9,525)	(1,672)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		35,621	(36,669)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(10,963)	(10,010)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		82	148
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	-	(500)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(11,381)	(9,862)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from long-term debt		70,000	85,000
Payments on long-term debt		(81,000)	(30,000)
Payments of dividends		(3,653)	(3,640)
Purchase and retirement of common stock		(8,786)	(26,789)
Exercise and vesting of stock incentive awards		(4,541)	(8,591)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(27,980)	15,980
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(3,740)	(30,551)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		11,548	37,158
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	7,808 \$	6,607

The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sales and Other Financial Information by Business Segment (Unaudited)

Quarter Ended June 30, 2023 (in thousands of dollars)

		Fleet		E	Eliminations	
		Vehicles	Special	ty	&	
	8	& Services	Vehicle	s	Other	Consolidated
Fleet vehicle sales	\$	125,291	\$	- \$	- \$	125,291
Motorhome chassis sales		-	30,0	99	-	30,099
Other specialty vehicles sales		-	51,6	52	(1,443)	50,209
Aftermarket parts and accessories sales		13,692	5,8	10	-	19,502
Total Sales	\$	138,983	\$ 87,5	<u> </u>	(1,443)\$	225,101
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	12,468	\$ 17,3	67 \$	(13,968)\$	15,867

The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sales and Other Financial Information by Business Segment (Unaudited)

Quarter Ended June 30, 2022 (in thousands of dollars)

		Vehicles		Specialty &		&		
	8	& Services		Vehicles		Other	Co	onsolidated
Fleet vehicle sales	\$	126,181	\$		\$	_	\$	126,181
Motorhome chassis sales		-		42,710		-		42,710
Other specialty vehicles sales		-		47,044		-		47,044
Aftermarket parts and accessories sales		10,716		5,544				16,260
Total Sales	\$	136,897	\$	95,298	\$		\$	232,195
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	14,525	\$	12,859	\$	(13,695)	\$	13,689

The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sales and Other Financial Information by Business Segment (Unaudited)

Period End Backlog (amounts in thousands of dollars)

	Jun. 30, 2023		Mar. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022			Sept. 30, 2022	Jun. 30, 2022
Fleet Vehicles and Services	\$	437,802 \$	584,933	\$	736,690	\$	915,135	\$ 1,000,021
Total Specialty Vehicles		72,402	82,478		96,023		128,769	135,162

Motorhome Chassis Other Specialty Vehicles	25,123 47,279	28,180 54,298	35,471 60,552	49,769 79,000	62,811 72,351
Total Backlog	\$ 510,204 \$	667,411 \$	832,713 \$	1,043,904	\$ 1,135,183

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This release presents Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), adjusted net income, and adjusted earnings per share, each of which is a non-GAAP financial measure. These non-GAAP measures are calculated by excluding items that we believe to be infrequent or not indicative of our underlying operating performance, as well as certain non-cash expenses. We define Adjusted EBITDA as income from continuing operations before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted to eliminate the impact of restructuring charges, acquisition related expenses and adjustments, non-cash stock-based compensation expenses, and other gains and losses not reflective of our ongoing operations.

We present the non-GAAP measure Adjusted EBITDA because we consider it to be an important supplemental measure of our performance. The presentation of Adjusted EBITDA enables investors to better understand our operations by removing items that we believe are not representative of our continuing operations and may distort our longer-term operating trends. We believe this measure to be useful to improve the comparability of our results from period to period and with our competitors, as well as to show ongoing results from operations distinct from items that are infrequent or not indicative of our continuing operating performance. We believe that presenting this non-GAAP measure is useful to investors because it permits investors to view performance using the same tools that management uses to budget, make operating and strategic decisions, and evaluate our historical performance. We believe that the presentation of this non-GAAP measure, when considered together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures and the reconciliations to that measure, provides investors with additional understanding of the factors and trends affecting our business than could be obtained in the absence of this disclosure.

Our management uses Adjusted EBITDA to evaluate the performance of and allocate resources to our segments. Adjusted EBITDA is also used, along with other financial and non-financial measures, for purposes of determining annual incentive compensation for our management team and long-term incentive compensation for certain members of our management team.

The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Financial Summary (Non-GAAP) (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,										
			% of			% of					
The Shyft Group, Inc.		2023	sales		2022	sales					
Net income	\$	4,685	2.1%	\$	5,283	2.3%					
Add (subtract):											
Restructuring and other related charges		1,253			354						
Acquisition related expenses and adjustments		-			341						
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense		1,263			2,060						
CEO transition		2,287			-						
Non-recurring professional fees		160			-						
Tax effect of adjustments		(981)			(496)						
Adjusted net income	\$	8,667	3.9%	\$	7,542	3.2%					
Net income	\$	4,685	2.1%	\$	5,283	2.3%					
Add (subtract):											
Depreciation and amortization		4,186			3,727						
Income tax expense		556			1,461						
Interest expense		1,477			463						
EBITDA	\$	10,904	4.8%	\$	10,934	4.7%					

Add:				
Restructuring and other related charges	1,253		354	
Acquisition related expenses and adjustments	-		341	
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense	1,263		2,060	
CEO transition	2,287		-	
Non-recurring professional fees	160		-	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 15,867	7.0%	\$ 13,689	5.9%
Diluted net earnings per share	\$ 0.13		\$ 0.15	
Add (subtract):				
Restructuring and other related charges	0.04		0.01	
Acquisition related expenses and adjustments	-		0.01	
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense	0.04		0.05	
CEO transition	0.07		-	
Non-recurring professional fees	-		-	
Tax effect of adjustments	(0.03)		(0.01)	
Adjusted diluted net earnings per share	\$ 0.25		\$ 0.21	

The Shyft Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Financial Summary (Non-GAAP) (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Outlook Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2023

The Shyft Group, Inc.		Low		Mid		High
Net income	\$	998	\$	8,622	\$	16,246
Add:						
Depreciation and amortization		19,500		20,000		20,500
Interest expense		6,000		6,000		6,000
Taxes		250		2,155		4,061
EBITDA	\$	26,748	\$	36,777	\$	46,807
Add:						
Non-cash stock-based compensation and other charges		13,500		13,500		13,500
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	40,248	\$	50,277	\$	60,307
Earnings per share Add:	\$	0.03	\$	0.24	\$	0.46
Non-cash stock-based compensation and other charges		0.38		0.38		0.38
Less tax effect of adjustments		(80.0)		(80.0)		(0.08)
Adjusted earnings per share	\$	0.33	\$	0.55	\$	0.76

^{*}Table amounts may not add due to rounding



Source: The Shyft Group, Inc.