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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2024

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-41603

BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

90 Aviation Lane
Belgrade, MT
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

88-3599336
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

59714
(Zip code)

(406) 813-0079

(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, \$0.0001 par value per share	BAER	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share	BAERW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of November 8, 2024, there were 54,047,815 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, issued and outstanding.

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(*\$s in thousands, except par value amounts*)**

	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 33,328	\$ 22,956
Restricted cash	9,262	13,981
Investments in marketable securities	—	1,009
Accounts and note receivable	27,267	4,113
Aircraft support parts	799	488
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,656	2,648
Total current assets	74,312	45,195
Property, plant and equipment, net	185,390	196,611
Intangible assets, net	6,217	1,730
Goodwill	24,813	13,163
Other noncurrent assets ¹	16,580	16,771
Total assets	\$ 307,312	\$ 273,470
LIABILITIES, MEZZANINE EQUITY AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable ²	\$ 3,723	\$ 3,978
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities ³	13,570	17,168
Operating right-of-use current liability ⁴	2,332	2,153
Current portion of long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs	2,121	2,099
Total current liabilities	21,746	25,398
Long-term accrued expenses and other noncurrent liabilities	7,318	10,777
Operating right-of-use noncurrent liability ⁵	5,852	5,779
Long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs ⁶	203,045	204,585
Total liabilities	\$ 237,961	\$ 246,539
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
MEZZANINE EQUITY		
Series A Preferred Stock, \$0.0001 par value; 315,789.473684 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023	373,701	354,840
STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value; 1,000,000,000 shares authorized; 53,992,839 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2024; 44,776,926 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2023	6	5
Additional paid-in capital	111,288	84,771
Accumulated deficit	(416,394)	(413,672)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	750	987
Total stockholders' deficit	(304,350)	(327,909)
Total liabilities, mezzanine equity, and stockholders' deficit	\$ 307,312	\$ 273,470

¹ Includes related party operating lease right-of-use assets of \$5.4 million and \$6.3 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

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- ² Includes related party accounts payable of \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.
- ³ Includes related party accrued interest expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.
- ⁴ Includes related party operating lease right-of-use current liabilities of \$1.7 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023.
- ⁵ Includes related party operating lease right-of-use noncurrent liabilities of \$3.7 million and \$4.6 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.
- ⁶ Includes related party debt of \$9.0 million and \$10.0 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)
(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues ¹	\$ 64,507	\$ 53,619	\$ 83,028	\$ 65,600
Cost of revenues:				
Flight operations	15,122	10,248	25,237	20,280
Maintenance	7,879	5,723	16,837	13,450
Total cost of revenues	23,001	15,971	42,074	33,730
Gross income	41,506	37,648	40,954	31,870
Selling, general and administrative expense ²	8,641	15,064	28,153	63,480
Operating income (loss)	32,865	22,584	12,801	(31,610)
Interest expense ³	(5,989)	(5,970)	(17,766)	(17,176)
Other income	470	560	1,773	2,253
Income (loss) before income taxes	27,346	17,174	(3,192)	(46,533)
Income tax benefit	—	314	470	314
Net income (loss)	\$ 27,346	\$ 17,488	\$ (2,722)	\$ (46,219)
Series A Preferred Stock – adjustment for deemed dividend upon Closing	—	—	—	(48,300)
Series A Preferred Stock – adjustment to eliminate 50% multiplier	—	—	—	156,362
Series A Preferred Stock – adjustment to maximum redemptions value	(6,476)	(6,048)	(18,861)	(16,128)
Earnings (loss) attributable to Common stockholders - basic	\$ 20,870	\$ 11,440	\$ (21,583)	\$ 45,715
Change in fair value of embedded derivative	—	(179)	—	45
Dilutive adjustments to Earnings (loss) attributable to Common stockholders - basic	6,476	6,048	—	(91,934)
Earnings (loss) attributable to Common stockholders - diluted	\$ 27,346	\$ 17,309	\$ (21,583)	\$ (46,174)
Earnings (loss) per share - basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.25	\$ (0.43)	\$ 1.02
Earnings (loss) per share - diluted	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.60)
Weighted average Common Stock outstanding – basic	52,934,951	45,905,962	49,633,387	44,936,629
Weighted average Common Stock outstanding – diluted	87,955,641	79,477,756	49,633,387	76,644,538

¹ Includes related party revenues of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, and \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively.

² Includes related party cost of revenues of \$0.6 million and \$2.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, respectively, and \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively.

³ Includes related party interest expense of \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, respectively, and \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(Unaudited)
(\$s in thousands)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Net income (loss)	\$ 27,346	\$ 17,488	\$ (2,722)	\$ (46,219)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	(43)	—	(43)
Unrealized (loss) gain on derivative instruments	(361)	180	(267)	112
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments in marketable securities	—	(13)	—	278
Reclassification of realized (gain) loss on investments in marketable securities to earnings	—	(101)	30	(482)
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(361)	23	(237)	(135)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 26,985	\$ 17,511	\$ (2,959)	\$ (46,354)

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BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024
(Unaudited)
(\$ in thousands)

	Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares / Series A Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Stockholders' Deficit
	Share	Value	Share	Value				
Balance at December 31, 2023	315,789	\$ 354,840	47,200,504	\$ 5	\$ 84,771	\$ (413,672)	\$ 987	\$ (327,909)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(20,087)	—	(20,087)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	—	—	—	—	—	—	116	116
Reclassification of realized loss on investments in marketable securities to earnings	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	30
Series A Preferred Stock adjustment to maximum redemptions value	—	6,189	—	—	(6,189)	—	—	(6,189)
Sales of Common Stock through the at-the-market offering	—	—	33,798	—	168	—	—	168
Costs related to the at-the-market offering	—	—	—	—	(670)	—	—	(670)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	31,863	—	5,873	—	—	5,873
Balance at March 31, 2024	315,789	\$ 361,029	47,266,165	\$ 5	\$ 83,953	\$ (433,759)	\$ 1,133	\$ (348,668)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(9,981)	—	(9,981)
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	—	—	—	—	—	—	(22)	(22)
Series A Preferred Stock adjustment to maximum redemptions value	—	6,196	—	—	(6,196)	—	—	(6,196)
Sales of Common Stock through the registered direct offering	—	—	2,183,366	—	9,169	—	—	9,169
Costs related to offerings	—	—	—	—	(336)	—	—	(336)
Common Stock issued related to Ignis Acquisition	—	—	1,079,913	—	5,000	—	—	5,000
Common Stock issued related to FMS Acquisition	—	—	3,728,945	1	19,022	—	—	19,023
Repurchased shares for tax withholding	—	—	(114,196)	—	(466)	—	—	(466)
Cancellation of vested restricted stock units	—	—	(2,032,545)	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	1,676,729	—	4,477	—	—	4,477
Balance at June 30, 2024	315,789	\$ 367,225	53,788,377	\$ 6	\$ 114,623	\$ (443,740)	\$ 1,111	\$ (328,000)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	27,346	—	27,346
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	—	—	—	—	—	—	(361)	(361)
Series A Preferred Stock adjustment to maximum redemptions value	—	6,476	—	—	(6,476)	—	—	(6,476)
Repurchased shares for tax withholding	—	—	(127,800)	—	(228)	—	—	(228)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	332,262	—	3,369	—	—	3,369
Balance at September 30, 2024	315,789	\$ 373,701	53,992,839	\$ 6	\$ 111,288	\$ (416,394)	\$ 750	\$ (304,350)

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BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023
(Unaudited)
(\$s in thousands)

	Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares / Series A Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Stockholders' Deficit
	Share	Value	Share	Value				
Balance at December 31, 2022	351,789	\$ 489,022	39,081,744	\$ 4	\$ —	\$ (415,304)	\$ 1,678	\$ (413,622)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(44,685)	—	(44,685)
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	—	—	—	—	—	—	(272)	(272)
Unrealized gain on investments on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	319	319
Reclassification of realized gain on investments in marketable securities to earnings	—	—	—	—	—	—	(173)	(173)
Effect of the Closing	—	(156,363)	4,687,546	1	52,084	78,956	—	131,041
Series A Preferred Stock adjustment to maximum redemptions value	—	4,274	—	—	(4,274)	—	—	(4,274)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	2,400,354	—	25,597	—	—	25,597
Balance at March 31, 2023	351,789	\$ 336,933	46,169,644	\$ 5	\$ 73,407	\$ (381,033)	\$ 1,552	\$ (306,069)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(19,022)	—	(19,022)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	—	—	—	—	—	—	204	204
Unrealized loss on investments on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	(28)	(28)
Reclassification of realized gain on investments in marketable securities to earnings	—	—	—	—	—	—	(208)	(208)
Series A Preferred Stock adjustment to maximum redemptions value	—	5,806	—	—	(5,806)	—	—	(5,806)
Bonuses paid in Class A Common Stock	—	—	736,554	—	4,928	—	—	4,928
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	6,449	—	—	6,449
Balance at June 30, 2023	351,789	\$ 342,739	46,906,198	\$ 5	\$ 78,978	\$ (400,055)	\$ 1,520	\$ (319,552)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	17,488	—	17,488
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	—	(43)	(43)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	—	—	—	—	—	—	180	180
Unrealized loss on investments on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	(13)	(13)
Reclassification of realized gain on investments in marketable securities to earnings	—	—	—	—	—	—	(101)	(101)
Series A Preferred Stock adjustment to maximum redemptions value	—	6,048	—	—	(6,048)	—	—	(6,048)
Bonuses paid in Class A Common Stock	—	—	426,531	—	3,242	—	—	3,242
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	6,605	—	—	6,605
Balance at September 30, 2023	351,789	\$ 348,787	47,332,729	\$ 5	\$ 82,777	\$ (382,567)	\$ 1,543	\$ (298,242)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(\$s in thousands)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net loss	\$ (2,722)	\$ (46,219)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, net of acquisition:		
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	251	423
Depreciation and amortization	14,759	10,234
Impairment of long-lived assets	—	627
Stock-based compensation expense	13,719	38,651
Deferred tax benefit	(490)	—
Change in fair value of the Warrants	(3,997)	1,865
Change in fair value of freestanding derivative	—	51
Amortization of debt issuance costs	692	726
Change in fair value of embedded derivative	(885)	(45)
Change in fair value of earnout consideration	479	—
Realized gain on investments in marketable securities	(16)	(562)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts and note receivable	(20,453)	(25,373)
Aircraft support parts	(46)	1,273
Prepaid expense and other current and noncurrent assets	1,303	(4,058)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities ¹	(2,428)	(19,084)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	166	(41,491)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities	1,055	53,089
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(3,099)	(18,054)
Expenditures for capitalized software	(973)	—
Sale of property, plant and equipment	505	817
Cash acquired through acquisition	2,592	—
Net cash provided by investing activities	80	35,852
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Repayments on debt	(2,210)	(1,482)
Payment of issuance costs for Common Stock in offerings	(1,006)	—
Proceeds from issuance of Common Stock in the at-the-market offering	168	—
Proceeds from issuance of Common Stock in the registered direct offering	9,169	—
Payment of finance lease liability	(20)	(23)
Costs incurred related to the Closing	—	(6,794)
Proceeds from the Closing	—	3,194
Restricted stock units settled in cash	(694)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	5,407	(5,105)
Effects of exchange rate changes	—	(44)
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	5,653	(10,788)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash – beginning of the period	36,937	42,460
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash – end of the period	\$ 42,590	\$ 31,672
Less: Restricted cash – end of the period	9,262	12,293
Cash and cash equivalents – end of the period	\$ 33,328	\$ 19,379

¹ Includes related party accounts payable of \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Nature of Business

Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries (“Bridger”, “the Company,” “we,” “us” or “our”) provide aerial wildfire surveillance, relief and suppression and aerial firefighting services using next-generation technology and environmentally friendly and sustainable firefighting methods primarily throughout the United States, as well as airframe modification and integration solutions for governmental and commercial customers.

As of September 30, 2024, the Company owns fourteen aircraft, including six Viking CL-415EAFs (“Super Scoopers”), three Twin Commander surveillance platforms, four Daher Kodiak 100s (“Daher Kodiaks”), and one Pilatus PC-12 (“Pilatus”).

Liquidity and Going Concern

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 205-40, *Presentation of Financial Statements—Going Concern*, the Company has evaluated whether there are certain conditions and events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern within 12 months after the date that these condensed consolidated financial statements are issued. This evaluation includes considerations related to the covenants contained in the Company’s loan agreements as well as the Company’s liquidity position overall.

As detailed in “*Note 15 – Long-Term Debt*” included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “Quarterly Report”), the Company’s municipal bond issuances by Legacy Bridger that closed in July and August 2022 (the “Series 2022 Bonds”) contain customary covenants and restrictions, including financial and non-financial covenants. The financial covenants require the Company to maintain a debt service coverage ratio (“DSCR”) that exceeds 1.25x, operate in such a manner to produce gross revenues so as to be at all relevant times in compliance with the DSCR covenant and to maintain liquidity of \$8.0 million in the form of unrestricted cash or investments (excluding margin accounts and retirement accounts) at all times. Failure to comply with these covenants could result in an event of default, subject to certain exceptions.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company had an operating income of \$32.9 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, net income of \$27.3 million and net loss of \$2.7 million, respectively, and net cash provided by operating activities of \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024. In addition, as of September 30, 2024, the Company had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of \$33.3 million.

The Company is not in compliance with the DSCR covenant as of September 30, 2024 and management anticipates the Company may not be in compliance with the DSCR covenant at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months, primarily attributable to the seasonal nature of our business and the unknown intensity of the 2025 wildfire season. The Company is in compliance with the \$8.0 million minimum liquidity requirement as of September 30, 2024. It is possible that the Company may not be in compliance with the minimum liquidity requirement at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months depending on the cash generated from its seasonal firefighting operations in 2025.

The Series 2022 Bonds agreements provide that, with regard to covenant violations, other than non-payment of principal or interest, no event of default shall be deemed to have occurred so long as a reasonable course of action to remedy a violation commences within 30 days of written notice of non-compliance from the trustee and management diligently prosecutes the remediation plan to completion.

Management consulted with bond counsel on the impact of covenant violations and proactively developed a cost reduction plan, and began implementing the plan in November 2023, to help remedy the anticipated covenant breaches in 2024. While management has made significant progress, this plan is still in process and there is no assurance that management will be able to diligently prosecute the remediation plan to completion. Additionally, as described in further detail in “*Note 18 – Stockholders’ Deficit*,” the Company raised additional cash through a registered direct equity offering in April 2024 resulting in net cash proceeds of approximately \$9.2 million. Depending on the cash generated from its seasonal firefighting operations in 2025, there may be periods in the next 12 months where the Company may not be in compliance with the \$8.0 million minimum liquidity requirement. The Company may seek to raise additional cash through sales of Bridger’s common stock, par value \$0.0001 (“Common Stock”), through our at-the-market offering, described in further detail in “*Note 18 – Stockholders’ Deficit*” included in this Quarterly Report, and other offerings. Our ability to raise additional funds will depend on, among other factors, financial, economic and market conditions, many of which are outside of our control and there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain additional funding on satisfactory terms or at all.

Current and possible future noncompliance with financial covenants and uncertainty regarding the Company's ability to diligently prosecute the cost reduction plan and maintain minimum liquidity requirements raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within 12 months following the issuance date of the condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024. These condensed consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The condensed consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company, all entities that are wholly-owned by the Company and all entities in which the Company has a controlling financial interest.

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by the Company, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations; however, the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to prevent the information presented from being misleading.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary to fairly present the financial position of the Company at September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the results of the Company's operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 and the Company's cash flows for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 have been included and are of a normal, recurring nature except as otherwise disclosed. Management also has evaluated the impact of events occurring after September 30, 2024 up to the date of issuance of these condensed financial statements, and these statements contain all necessary adjustments and disclosures resulting from that evaluation.

Due to seasonal fluctuations and other factors, the Company's operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2024 or for any future period. The condensed financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Reverse Recapitalization

On January 24, 2023 (the "Closing Date"), Jack Creek Investment Corp ("JCIC") completed the reverse recapitalization (the "Closing" and the "Reverse Recapitalization") with the Company's predecessor, Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Legacy Bridger"), which operated the majority of the historical business and was identified as the acquirer and predecessor upon the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the agreement and plan of merger (the "Transaction Agreements") entered into on August 3, 2022. On the Closing Date, pursuant to the Transaction Agreements, JCIC and Legacy Bridger each became wholly-owned subsidiaries of a new public company that was renamed Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc, and JCIC shareholders and Legacy Bridger equity holders converted their equity ownership in JCIC and Legacy Bridger, respectively, into equity ownership in Bridger.

Upon the consummation of the Reverse Recapitalization, Bridger issued Common Stock to the Legacy Bridger equity holders and Series A Preferred Stock (as defined below) as summarized below:

- the surrender and exchange of all 606,061 Legacy Bridger incentive units ("Incentive Units") into 583,308 shares of Common Stock, at a deemed value of \$10.00 per share as adjusted by the per share Common Stock consideration of approximately 0.96246 (the "Exchange Ratio"), rounded down to the nearest share for each holder;
- the direct or indirect surrender and exchange of the remaining 40,000,000 issued and outstanding shares of Legacy Bridger common shares (excluding Incentive Units) into 38,498,436 shares of Common Stock at a deemed value of \$10.00 per share as adjusted by the Exchange Ratio, rounded down to the nearest share for each holder; and

- the surrender and exchange of all 315,789.473684 issued and outstanding Series C preferred shares of Legacy Bridger (the “Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares”), which were surrendered and exchanged on a one-to-one basis in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization into 315,789.473684 shares of preferred stock of Bridger that have the rights, powers, designations, preferences and qualifications, limitations and restrictions set forth in Section 4.5 of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “Series A Preferred Stock”). The Series A Preferred Stock are convertible at the election of the holders into shares of Common Stock, without the payment of additional consideration by the holders into such number of shares of Common Stock as determined by dividing the original issue price, plus accrued interest by a conversion price equal to \$11.00 at the time of conversion.

Other related events occurred in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization, are summarized below:

- the filing and effectiveness of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Bridger and the effectiveness of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Bridger, each of which occurred immediately prior to the Closing;
- the adoption and assumption of the Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. 2023 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Omnibus Plan”) and any grants or awards issued thereunder and adoption of the 2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan upon the Closing to grant equity awards to Bridger employees; and
- during the period from the Closing until five years following the Closing, JCIC subjected 20% of JCIC’s issued and outstanding common stock (“Sponsor Earnout Shares”), comprised of two separate tranches of 50% of the Sponsor Earnout Shares per tranche, to potential forfeiture to Bridger for no consideration until the occurrence (or deemed occurrence) of certain triggering events.

Immediately after giving effect to the Transaction Agreements, the following were outstanding:

- 43,769,290 shares of Common Stock;
- 315,789.473684 shares of Bridger Series A Preferred Stock;
- 9,400,000 private placement warrants (“Private Placement Warrants”) to purchase shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share;
- 17,250,000 public warrants (“Public Warrants”) to purchase shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share; and
- 6,581,497 restricted stock units issued to the executives and senior management of the Company.

In connection with the Reverse Recapitalization, the Company paid transaction costs of \$10.3 million as of the Closing.

The transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreements were accounted for as a reverse recapitalization in accordance with GAAP. Under this method of accounting, JCIC was treated as the “acquired” company for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, for accounting purposes, the financial statements of Bridger represent a continuation of the financial statements of Legacy Bridger with the Reverse Recapitalization treated as the equivalent of Legacy Bridger issuing stock for the net assets of JCIC, accompanied by a recapitalization. The net assets of JCIC will be stated at historical cost, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded. Operations prior to the Reverse Recapitalization will be those of Legacy Bridger in future reports of Bridger.

Legacy Bridger was determined to be the accounting acquirer as of the Closing Date based on evaluation of the following facts and circumstances:

- Legacy Bridger equity holders had a relative majority of the voting power of Bridger;
- Bridger’s board of directors (the “Board”) had nine members, and representatives or designees of the Legacy Bridger equity holders comprised the majority of the members of the Board;
- Legacy Bridger’s senior management comprised the senior management roles and were responsible for the day-to-day operations of Bridger;
- Bridger assumed Legacy Bridger’s name of business;
- The strategy and operations of Bridger continued Legacy Bridger’s former strategy and operations; and
- The Reverse Recapitalization created an operating public company, with management continuing to use Legacy Bridger operations to grow the business.

The Sponsor Earnout Shares are determined to be equity classified instruments of Bridger and the Public Warrants and Private Placement Warrants are determined to remain liability classified instruments upon the Closing.

In accordance with guidance applicable to these circumstances, the equity structure has been recast in all comparative periods up to the Closing to reflect the number of shares of Common Stock issued to Legacy Bridger's stockholders in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization. As such, the shares and corresponding capital amounts and earnings per share related to Legacy Bridger's common stock prior to the Reverse Recapitalization have been retroactively recast as shares of Common Stock using the Exchange Ratio.

On January 25, 2023, shares of the Company's Common Stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market under the ticker symbol "BAER."

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation

The Company consolidates those entities in which it, through the existing owners, has control over significant operating, financial or investing decisions of the entity. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Variable Interest Entities

The Company follows ASC 810-10-15, *Consolidation*, guidance with respect to accounting for variable interest entities ("VIE"). These entities do not have sufficient equity at risk to finance their activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties or whose equity investors lack any of the characteristics of a controlling financial interest. A variable interest is an investment or other interest that will absorb portions of a VIE's expected losses or receive portions of its expected returns and are contractual, ownership or pecuniary in nature and that change with changes in the fair value of the entity's net assets. A reporting entity is the primary beneficiary of a VIE and must consolidate it when that party has a variable interest, or combination of variable interests, that provide it with a controlling financial interest. A party is deemed to have a controlling financial interest if it meets both of the power and loss/benefits criteria. The power criterion is the ability to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance. The losses/benefits criterion is the obligation to absorb losses from, or right to receive benefits from, the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The VIE model requires an ongoing reconsideration of whether a reporting entity is the primary beneficiary of a VIE due to changes in the facts and circumstances.

Northern Fire Management Services, LLC ("NFMS, LLC"): The Company assisted in designing and organizing NFMS, LLC with a business purpose of employing Canadian aviation professionals to provide services to the Company. A master services agreement exists between NFMS, LLC, the Company, and Bridger Air Tanker, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, to transfer all annual expenses incurred to the Company in exchange for the Canadian employees to support the Company's water scooper aircraft. NFMS, LLC is 50% owned by a Canadian citizen, and 50% owned by Bridger Aerospace Group, LLC. NFMS, LLC was determined to be a VIE primarily due to the entity's lack of sufficient equity investment at risk and the Company was determined to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE primarily attributable to the Company's responsibility for all decisions related to NFMS, LLC's expenditures. Accordingly, NFMS, LLC has been consolidated by the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2023, and all intercompany expenses associated with NFMS, LLC and its service agreement have been eliminated in consolidation. As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, NFMS, LLC's assets and liabilities were immaterial to the Company's financial statements.

Bridger Aerospace Europe, S.L.U. ("BAE") and MAB Funding, LLC ("MAB"): On November 17, 2023, we entered into a series of agreements designed to facilitate the purchase and return to service of four Canadair CL-215T Amphibious Aircraft (the "Spanish Scoopers") originally awarded to our wholly-owned subsidiary, BAE, in September 2023 via a public tender process from the Government of Spain for €40.3 million. Under the terms of the agreements, we agreed to sell the entire outstanding equity interest in BAE to MAB and purchase \$4.0 million of non-voting Class B units of MAB. We also entered into a services agreement with MAB whereby we will manage the return to service upgrades of the Spanish Scoopers through our wholly-owned Spanish subsidiary, Albacete Aero, S.L., while they are owned and funded by MAB. The service agreement also provides that we have the right, but not the obligation, to acquire each Spanish Scooper as it is ready to be contracted and returned to service. The Company assessed both MAB and BAE for variable interest entity accounting under ASC 810-10-15 and determined that MAB is a voting interest entity and BAE is a variable interest entity. However, neither entity is consolidated in the consolidated financial statements as the Company does not have a controlling financial interest in MAB and the Company is not the primary beneficiary of BAE. Accordingly, neither of these entities have been consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023. Refer to "Note 16 – Commitments and Contingencies" included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Seasonality

The Company's business is generally seasonal, with a significant portion of total revenue occurring during the second and third quarters of the fiscal year due to the North American fire season. However, the weather dependency and seasonal fluctuation in the need to fight wildfires based upon location and the varying intensity of the fire season may lead our operating results to fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter and year to year.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP, requires management to make assumptions and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of gain or loss contingencies as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from their estimates and such differences could be material to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include: (a) excess and aging aircraft support parts reserves, (b) allowance for doubtful accounts, (c) useful lives of property, plant and equipment, net, (d) allocation of the purchase price to the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, (e) impairment of long-lived assets, goodwill and other intangible assets, (f) disclosure of fair value of financial instruments, (g) variable interest entities, (h) accounting for Series A Preferred Stock, (i) revenue recognition, (j) estimates and assumptions made in determining the carrying values of goodwill, other intangible assets, and contingent consideration, and (k) Public Warrants and Private Placement Warrants.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts from prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. The Company previously separately presented certain stock-based compensation expenses as Selling, general and administrative expense, which are now presented as Flight operations and Maintenance expense, each a component of Total cost of revenues on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The reclassification had no impact on previously reported Net loss or Accumulated deficit.

Accounts and Note Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due from our customers. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated losses expected to be incurred based upon a review of the outstanding accounts receivable, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Company did not record any bad debt expense as accounts receivable have historically been collected in accordance with the policy and there is no history of write-offs.

Note receivable consists of a promissory note to pay a specific sum, with interest, within a defined period. Each reporting period, the Company evaluates the collectability of the outstanding note receivable balance. If the promissory note is deemed uncollectible, the Company will record the value of the note and the accrued interest as bad debt expense.

Deferred Offering Costs

Deferred offering costs primarily consist of capitalized legal, accounting and other third-party costs incurred that are directly related to the Reverse Recapitalization. These costs were charged to Stockholders' deficit as a reduction of Additional paid-in capital generated upon the completion of the Reverse Recapitalization. As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the Company recorded \$19.6 million and \$18.0 million to Stockholders' deficit in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded zero and \$0.5 million, respectively, to Selling, general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized when control of the promised services is transferred to our customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those services.

The Company charges daily and hourly rates depending upon the type of firefighting services rendered and under which contract the services are performed. These services are primarily split into flight revenue and standby revenue. Flight revenue is primarily earned at an hourly rate when the engines of the aircraft are started and stopped upon request of the customer, tracked via flight logs for Super Scoopers or a Hobbs meter for other aircraft. Standby revenue is earned primarily as a daily rate when aircraft are available for use at a fire base, awaiting request from the customer for flight deployment.

The Company enters into short, medium and long-term contracts with customers, primarily with government agencies during the firefighting season, to deploy aerial fire management assets. Revenue is recognized when performance obligations under the terms of a contract with our customers are satisfied and payment is typically due within 30 days of invoicing. Invoicing occurs as the services are rendered and includes the use of the aircraft, pilot and field maintenance personnel to support the contract.

Contracts are based on either a Call-When-Needed (“CWN”) or Exclusive Use (“EU”) basis. Rates established are generally more competitive based on the security of the revenue from the contract (i.e., an EU versus only on an as-needed basis in CWN). These rates are delineated by the type of service, generally flight time or time available for deployment. Once an aircraft is deployed on a contract the fees are earned at these rates, the aircraft cannot be obligated to another customer. Contracts have no financing components and consideration is at pre-determined rates. No variable considerations are constrained within the contracts.

The transaction prices are allocated on the service performed and tracked real-time by each operator in a duty log. On at least a monthly basis, the services performed and rates are validated by each customer. Acceptance by the customer is evidenced by their funded task order or accepted invoice.

The Company has not incurred incremental costs for obtaining contracts with customers. In addition, the Company evaluates whether or not it should capitalize the costs of fulfilling a contract. Such costs would be capitalized when they are not within the scope of other standards and: (1) are directly related to a contract; (2) generate or enhance resources that will be used to satisfy performance obligations; and (3) are expected to be recovered. The Company has elected to use the practical expedient detailed in ASC 340-40, *Other Assets and Deferred Costs—Contracts with Customers*, to expense any costs to fulfill a contract as they are incurred when the amortization period would be one year or less.

Our contract assets include costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings as well as amounts due under contractual provisions. Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings represent amounts earned and reimbursable under contracts and have a conditional right for billing and payment such as achievement of milestones or completion of the project. Contract assets are recorded as unbilled receivable within Accounts and note receivable in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. When the right to consideration is unconditional, which is when payment is due only upon the passage of time and the Company has invoiced customers for performance obligations that have been satisfied, contract assets are considered to be accounts receivable. Contract liabilities are recorded when cash payments are received or due in advance of performance and are recorded as deferred revenue within Accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Payment terms vary by customer and type of revenue contract. The Company generally expects that the period of time between payment and transfer of promised goods or services will be less than one year. In such instances, the Company has elected the practical expedient to not evaluate whether a significant financing component exists. As the Company has a right to consideration from customers in an amount that corresponds directly with the value to the customer of the Company’s performance completed to date, the Company has applied the practical expedient to recognize revenue in the amount to which we have the right to invoice. As permitted under the practical expedient available under ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (“ASC 606”), the Company does not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for (i) contracts with an original expected length of one year or less, and (ii) contracts for which the Company recognizes revenue at the amount which it has the right to invoice for services performed. As of September 30, 2024, the Company has remaining unsatisfied performance obligations of \$12.0 million, of which approximately \$10.6 million is expected to be recognized as revenue within the next twelve months.

Other revenue consists of leasing revenues for facilities as well as external repair and return-to-service work performed on customer aircraft. The Company commonly contracts with third-parties to perform certain repair and return-to-service work that we have promised in our customer agreements. The Company considers itself the principal in these arrangements as we control the timing and nature of the services ultimately provided by the third-party to the customer.

Maintenance repair and Other revenue presented in the tables below for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 includes \$3.8 million and \$5.6 million, respectively, of fixed price revenue contracts. This revenue is recognized over time using a cost-to-cost measure because it best depicts the transfer of value to the customer and also correlates with the amount of consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised services to the customer. Under the cost-to-cost measure of progress, progress towards completion is measured based on the ratio of costs incurred to date to the total estimated costs at completion of the performance obligation. Revenues are recorded proportionally as costs are incurred.

Revenue Disaggregation

The following table presents the disaggregation of revenue by service:

Ss in thousands	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Fire suppression	\$ 50,591	\$ 46,154	\$ 61,570	\$ 56,603
Maintenance repair	3,774	—	5,591	—
Aerial surveillance	7,623	7,355	11,959	8,479
Other services	2,519	110	3,908	518
Total revenues	\$ 64,507	\$ 53,619	\$ 83,028	\$ 65,600

The following table presents the disaggregation of revenue by type:

Ss in thousands	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Flight revenue	\$ 33,958	\$ 28,323	\$ 39,354	\$ 34,117
Standby revenue	25,746	25,006	35,725	30,142
Other revenue	4,803	290	7,949	1,341
Total revenues	\$ 64,507	\$ 53,619	\$ 83,028	\$ 65,600

Concentration Risk

For the three months ended September 30, 2024, the Company had two customers who individually accounted for 63% and 18% of total revenues, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company had two customers who individually accounted for 63% and 14% of total revenues, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company had two customers who individually accounted for 75% and 13% of total revenues, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company had three customers who individually accounted for 67%, 12%, and 11%, of total revenues, respectively. As of September 30, 2024, four customers accounted for 36%, 22%, 12%, and 11% of accounts receivable, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, three customers accounted for 39%, 34%, and 19% of accounts receivable, respectively.

Business Combinations

The Company records tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. Under the acquisition method of accounting, amounts paid for the acquisition are allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition inclusive of identifiable intangible assets. Acquisition consideration includes contingent consideration with payment terms based on the achievement of certain targets of the acquired business. The estimated fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities, including intangibles, are based on valuations that use information and assumptions available to management. The Company allocates any excess purchase price over the fair value of the tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed to goodwill. Significant management judgments and assumptions are required in determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, particularly acquired intangible assets, including estimated useful lives. The valuation of purchased intangible assets is based upon estimates of the future performance and discounted cash flows of the acquired business. Each asset acquired or liability assumed is measured at estimated fair value from the perspective of a market participant.

Contingent consideration, representing an obligation of the acquirer to transfer additional assets or equity interests to the seller if future events occur or conditions are met, is recognized when probable and reasonably estimable. Contingent consideration recognized is included in the initial cost of the assets acquired and recorded in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Long-term accrued expenses and other noncurrent liabilities within the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Subsequent changes in the estimated fair value of contingent consideration are recognized as Selling, general and administrative expenses within the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Hedging Transactions and Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company is directly and indirectly affected by changes in certain market conditions. These changes in market conditions may adversely impact the Company's financial performance and are referred to as "market risks." The Company, when deemed appropriate, uses derivatives as a risk management tool to mitigate the potential impact of certain market risks. The Company manages interest rate risk through the use of derivative instruments, such as swap agreements. A swap agreement is a contract between two parties to exchange cash flows based on specified underlying notional amounts, assets and/or indices. The Company does not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

The accounting for gains and losses that result from changes in the fair values of derivative instruments depends on whether the derivatives have been designated and qualify as hedging instruments and the type of hedging relationships. The changes in fair values of derivatives that have been designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income and are reclassified into the line item on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in which the hedged items are recorded in the same period the hedged items affect earnings.

The Company formally assesses whether the financial instruments used in hedging transactions are effective at offsetting changes in either the fair values or cash flows of the related underlying exposures. Any ineffective portion of a financial instrument's change in fair value is immediately recognized into earnings. The fair value is based on prevailing market data and using standard valuation models based on reasonable estimates about future relevant market conditions. Refer to "Note 15 – Long-Term Debt" included in this Quarterly Report for additional details. The notional amounts of the derivative financial instruments do not necessarily represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, therefore, are not a direct measure of the Company's exposure to the financial risks described above.

Warrant Liabilities

The Company accounts for the Public Warrants and Private Placement Warrants (collectively, the "Warrants") issued in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization in accordance with ASC 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity's Own Equity*, under which the Warrants do not meet the criteria for equity treatment and must be recorded as liabilities. Accordingly, the Company classifies the Warrants as liabilities at their fair value and adjusts the Warrants to fair value at each reporting period. The warrant liabilities are subject to remeasurement at each balance sheet date until exercised. Refer to "Note 12 – Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities" included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Income Taxes

For periods prior to the Reverse Recapitalization, Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, LLC was a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Consequently, federal income taxes were not payable or provided for by Legacy Bridger. Members were taxed individually on their pro rata ownership share of the Legacy Bridger's earnings. Legacy Bridger's net income or loss was allocated among the members in accordance with the Company's operating agreement.

Subsequent to the Reverse Recapitalization, Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. became the successor of Legacy Bridger as discussed in "Note 1 – Organization and Basis of Presentation" included in this Quarterly Report. Bridger is subject to U.S. federal income taxes, in addition to state and local income taxes, with respect to net taxable income or loss and any related tax credits of the Company. Bridger is also subject to taxes in foreign jurisdictions in which it operates.

The Company provides for income taxes and the related accounts under the asset and liability method. Income tax benefit, deferred tax assets and liabilities and reserves for unrecognized tax benefits reflect management's best assessment of estimated current and future taxes to be paid. The Company is subject to income taxes predominantly in the U.S. These tax laws are often complex and may be subject to different interpretations.

Deferred income taxes arise from temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amount and the tax basis of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates expected to be in effect during the year in which the basis difference reverses. In evaluating the ability to recover its deferred tax assets within the jurisdiction from which they arise, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence. If based upon all available positive and negative evidence, it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is established. The valuation allowance may be reversed in a subsequent reporting period if Bridger determines that it is more likely than not that all or part of the deferred tax asset will become realizable.

Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share is based on the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is based on the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock used for the basic earnings (loss) per share calculation, adjusted for the dilutive effect of restricted stock units (“RSUs”), Warrants and Incentive Units, if any, using the “treasury stock” method, the Series A Preferred Stock that is convertible into shares of Common Stock, and the Sponsor Earnout Shares that will fully vest upon certain stock price metrics being achieved. In addition, earnings (loss) for diluted earnings (loss) per share is adjusted for the after-tax impact of changes to the fair value of the Warrants, to the extent they are dilutive.

As noted above, the Company accounted for the Closing as a reverse recapitalization. Earnings (loss) per share calculations for all periods prior to the Closing have been retrospectively adjusted by the Exchange Ratio for the equivalent number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after the Closing to effect the reverse recapitalization. Subsequent to the Closing, earnings (loss) per share is calculated based on the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding.

Collaboration Agreements

The Company analyzes its collaboration arrangement to assess if it is within the scope of ASC 808, *Collaborative Agreements*, by determining whether such an arrangement involves joint operating activities performed by parties that are both active participants in the activities and exposed to significant risks and rewards dependent on the commercial success of such activities. This assessment is performed throughout the life of the arrangement based on changes in the responsibilities of all parties in the arrangement. If the Company concluded that it has a customer relationship with its collaborator, the collaboration arrangement would be accounted for under ASC 606.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation in accordance with provisions of ASC 718, *Compensation-Stock Compensation*, at the grant date fair value.

Legacy Bridger granted Incentive Units which contain service and performance vesting conditions to select board members and an executive officer. Compensation cost for Incentive Units is measured at their grant-date fair value and is equal to the value of the Legacy Bridger’s Class D Common shares, which was estimated using an option pricing model. Compensation cost for service-based units is recognized over the requisite service period on a straight-line basis. For performance related units, expense is recognized when the performance related condition is considered probable.

In connection with the Closing, the Company along with the Board established and approved and assumed the Omnibus Plan which allowed the Company to grant RSUs to Bridger employees (the “Participants”). Upon satisfying the vesting conditions, each RSU provides the Participants the right to receive one share of Common Stock. The fair value of RSUs is determined based on the number of shares granted and the quoted market price of the Common Stock on the date of grant. Compensation cost for the RSUs is recognized as the performance condition of the Closing of the transaction was met and over the requisite service period based on the graded-vesting method. The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur. Stock-based compensation is included in both Cost of revenues and Selling, general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*. This update enhances the transparency and decision usefulness of income tax disclosures to provide investors information to better assess how an entity’s operations and related tax risks and tax planning and operational opportunities affect its tax rate and prospects for future cash flows. This new guidance is effective for the Company for its fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting the new accounting guidance on the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-07, *Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures*. This update expands annual and interim reportable segment disclosure requirements, primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. This new guidance is effective for the Company for its fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements.

In October 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-06, *Disclosure Improvements: Codification Amendments in Response to the SEC's Disclosure Update and Simplification Initiative*. This update modifies the disclosure or presentation requirements of a variety of topics in the codification. The effective date for each amendment will be the date on which the SEC's removal of that related disclosure from Regulation S-X or Regulation S-K becomes effective. Early adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting the new accounting guidance on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3 – SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

\$s in thousands	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
Interest paid	\$ 22,020	\$ 21,995
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Fixed assets in accounts payable	—	17
Conversion of promissory note to Common Stock	—	897
Series A Preferred Stock - adjustment for deemed dividend upon Closing	—	48,300
Series A Preferred Stock - adjustment to eliminate 50% multiplier	—	156,362
Series A Preferred Stock - adjustment to maximum redemption value	18,861	16,128
Purchase consideration of FMS acquisition paid in Common Stock	19,023	—
Purchase consideration of Ignis acquisition paid in Common Stock (Note 12)	5,000	3,242
Recognition of new right-of-use asset and corresponding operating lease liability	409	7,940
Assumption of JCIC liabilities	—	7,464
Recognition of Warrant liabilities	—	5,863
Bonuses paid in Common Stock	—	4,928
Cancellation of deferred underwriting fee	—	1,500

NOTE 4 – CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS IN MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The investments in marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale debt securities with short-term maturities of less than one year. The fair values, gross unrealized gains and losses of the available-for-sale securities by type are as follows:

(\$s in thousands)	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
	Carrying Value	
Cash equivalents:		
Commercial paper	\$ —	\$ 1,974
Money market fund	29,273	11,208
Total cash equivalents	\$ 29,273	\$ 13,182
Restricted cash:		
Money market fund	\$ 9,262	\$ 13,981

\$s in thousands	As of December 31, 2023			
	Purchase Price	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Investment in marketable securities:				
Government securities	\$ 999	\$ 10	\$ —	\$ 1,009
Total marketable securities	\$ 999	\$ 10	\$ —	\$ 1,009

The net unrealized (loss) gain included in Accumulated other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 is zero. The net unrealized (loss) gain included in Accumulated other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 is \$(13,000) and \$0.3 million, respectively.

The proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities and gross realized gains included in earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 are \$1.1 million and \$16,000, respectively, and \$53.1 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. The Company determines gains and losses using the first-in first-out method. The loss reclassified out of Accumulated other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 is zero and \$30,000, respectively. The gain reclassified out of Accumulated other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

NOTE 5 – ACCOUNTS AND NOTE RECEIVABLE

Accounts and note receivable consist of the following:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 23,889	\$ 681
Unbilled receivable	2,794	—
Note receivable	—	3,000
Other	584	432
Total accounts and note receivable	\$ 27,267	\$ 4,113

Unbilled receivable consists of earned revenue that has not yet been billed. In September 2023, the Company entered into a secured promissory note in the amount of \$3.0 million. This note accrued interest at a rate of 8.5% per annum and was paid in January 2024. Other receivable consists primarily of value-added taxes paid in 2023 and expected to be refunded in 2024.

NOTE 6 – AIRCRAFT SUPPORT PARTS

Aircraft support parts consist of the following:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Repairables and expendables	\$ 530	\$ 488
Other	269	—
Total aircraft support parts	\$ 799	\$ 488

NOTE 7 – PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Prepaid insurance	\$ 1,585	\$ 1,324
Prepaid subscriptions	1,245	1,115
Deposits	573	120
Other	253	89
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 3,656	\$ 2,648

NOTE 8 – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property, plant and equipment, net consist of the following:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Aircraft	\$ 186,742	\$ 186,167
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(37,114)	(25,656)
Aircraft, net	149,628	160,511
Leasehold improvements	36,584	35,941
Vehicles and equipment	4,483	2,993
Construction-in-progress - Leasehold improvements	5	5
Finance lease right-of-use asset	121	121
Licenses	235	235
Capitalized software and development costs	30	—
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,696)	(3,195)
Leasehold improvements and equipment, net	35,762	36,100
Total property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 185,390</u>	<u>\$ 196,611</u>

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recorded \$10.0 million and \$12.5 million of depreciation expense in Cost of revenues, respectively, and \$1.2 million and \$1.9 million of depreciation expense in Selling, general and administrative expense, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded \$5.1 million and \$9.1 million of depreciation expense in Cost of revenues, respectively, and \$0.2 million and \$1.1 million of depreciation expense in Selling, general and administrative expense, respectively.

Aircraft are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset or asset group may not be recoverable. In 2023, the Company noted that increasing maintenance costs associated with one of our Twin Commander aircraft indicated that these aircraft were not viable contract operating planes, resulting in anticipated cash flow losses as a result of being unable to generate revenues from these aircraft. The Company believed the lack of cash flow and continued maintenance expenditures render the carrying amount of the aircraft unrecoverable. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded associated impairment charges of \$0.6 million in Selling, general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recorded no impairment charges.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recorded losses on disposal of assets of zero and \$0.2 million, respectively, in Selling, general and administrative expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded losses on disposal of assets of \$34,000 and \$0.4 million, respectively, in Selling, general and administrative expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, capitalized interest to property, plant and equipment from debt financing was \$0.4 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

NOTE 9 – ACQUISITION ACTIVITY

2024 Acquisition Activity

On June 28, 2024, the Company completed the acquisition of all the outstanding equity interests of Flight Test & Mechanical Solutions, Inc. (“FMS” and the “FMS Acquisition”), a turn-key provider of integration solutions for government and commercial customers including instrumentation, flight testing and airworthiness certification, for total fair value consideration of \$21.2 million, payable in unregistered shares of Bridger’s Common Stock, with \$19.0 million fair value of Common Stock consideration paid at closing to the former stockholders of FMS (consisting of 3,728,945 restricted shares of Common Stock determined based upon a volume-weighted average per-share price (“VWAP”) of the Common Stock for the 90 consecutive trading days ended June 27, 2024). The remaining \$2.2 million of fair value Common Stock consideration that is contingent upon the achievement of certain earnout conditions and, assuming achievement of such conditions, will be issued to the former stockholders of FMS in 2025 and 2026 with the price per share determined based upon a trailing 90-day VWAP of the Common Stock at the time of each issuance. The maximum number shares of Common Stock issuable to the former FMS stockholders as contingent earnout consideration will not exceed 5,892,509 shares in the aggregate. All of the shares of Common Stock to be issued in the FMS Acquisition will be subject to transfer restrictions for an 18-month period after each issuance, with the transfer restrictions expiring with respect to 1/18th of the total shares of Common Stock each month over the 18-month period following such issuance. The total consideration per the terms of the FMS Acquisition merger agreement is \$20.6 million, payable solely in unregistered shares of Bridger’s Common Stock, with \$17.5 million payable at closing and up to \$3.1 million of contingent equity earnout consideration.

None of the shares of Common Stock issued or issuable in connection with the FMS Acquisition were registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), on the FMS Acquisition date in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. Recipients of shares of Common Stock in connection with the FMS Acquisition will have customary resale registration rights with respect to such shares of Common Stock pursuant to the terms and conditions of the FMS Acquisition.

The Company accounted for the FMS Acquisition under the acquisition method of accounting and has reported the results of operations of the FMS Acquisition as of the respective date of the FMS Acquisition. The Company based the estimated fair values of intangible assets on an income approach utilizing the relief from royalties and excess earnings methods. The income approach utilizes management’s estimates of future operating results and cash flows using a weighted average cost of capital that reflects market participant assumptions. For all other assets acquired and liabilities assumed, the fair value reflects the carrying value of the asset or liability due to their short maturity. The Company recorded the excess of the fair value of the consideration transferred in the FMS Acquisition over the fair value of net assets acquired as goodwill. The goodwill reflects our expectations of favorable future growth opportunities.

The Company has not presented pro forma combined results for the FMS Acquisition because the impact on previously reported statements of operations was not material.

The Company has performed a preliminary valuation analysis of the fair market value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the FMS Acquisition. The preliminary purchase price allocation will be subject to further refinement as management continues to implement the Company’s accounting policies and refine its estimates and assumptions based on the information available at the acquisition date. The allocations of acquired intangible assets, goodwill, deferred taxes, and the analysis around revenue and accounting policy alignment are being finalized. These refinements may result in material changes to the estimated fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The estimated useful lives of acquired intangible assets are also preliminary. The final purchase price allocation will be determined when the Company has completed and fully reviewed the detailed valuations. The purchase price allocation adjustments can be made throughout the end of the Company’s measurement period, which is not to exceed one year from the acquisition date.

The following table summarizes the FMS Acquisition consideration and the preliminary fair value estimates of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, recognized at the date of the FMS Acquisition, with preliminary purchase price allocation adjustments since the preliminary purchase price allocation as previously disclosed as of June 30, 2024:

\$s in thousands	As of June 30, 2024	Adjustments	As of September 30, 2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,592	\$ —	\$ 2,592
Accounts receivable ¹	2,684	17	2,701
Aircraft support parts	265	—	265
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	124	—	124
Intangible assets	3,900	—	3,900
Property, plant and equipment	1,014	—	1,014
Other noncurrent assets	838	1,016	1,854
Accounts payable	(259)	—	(259)
Dividends payable	(800)	—	(800)
Deferred revenue	(90)	(90)	(180)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(170)	—	(170)
Operating right-of-use current liability	—	(56)	(56)
Operating right-of-use noncurrent liability	—	(960)	(960)
Deferred tax liability	(490)	—	(490)
Total identifiable net assets	9,608	(73)	9,535
Goodwill	11,578	73	11,651
Total purchase price	\$ 21,186	\$ —	\$ 21,186

¹ Balance includes \$1.0 million in unbilled receivable.

Purchase price allocation adjustments related primarily to the receipt of additional information regarding an operating lease and residual goodwill.

Goodwill of \$11.7 million arising from the FMS Acquisition is primarily attributable to the assembled workforce of FMS and expected synergies from combining operations. None of the acquired goodwill is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. Acquired intangible assets consist of the following:

- **Trade name:** expected to be amortized over its useful life of 9.5 years as of the date of the FMS Acquisition. The fair value of the trade name was determined using the relief from royalty method.
- **Customer relationships:** expected to be amortized over its useful life of 3.5 years as of the date of the FMS Acquisition. The fair value of the customer relationships were determined using the multi-period excess earnings method.
- **Contracts:** expected to be amortized over its useful life of 5.5 years when placed into service. The fair value of the contracts were determined using the multi-period excess earnings method.

2023 Acquisition Activity

On September 12, 2023, the Company completed the acquisition of all the outstanding equity interests of Ignis Technologies, Inc. (“Ignis” and the “Ignis Acquisition”), a fire technology company developing mission-critical intelligence and technology solutions for firefighting organizations, for total consideration of \$11.6 million, payable in unregistered shares of Bridger’s Common Stock, consisting of \$3.3 million payable at closing. At closing, 426,531 restricted shares of Common Stock were issued to the Ignis shareholders (determined based upon a VWAP) of the Common Stock for the 30 consecutive trading days ended September 11, 2023). The remaining \$3.3 million of Common Stock consideration is contingent upon the achievement of certain operational milestones and, assuming achievement of such milestones, will be issued to the Ignis shareholders in 2025 and 2026, with the price per share determined based upon a trailing 120-day VWAP of the Common Stock at the time of each issuance. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock issuable to the Ignis shareholders as contingent earnout consideration will not exceed 8,399,198 shares in the aggregate. All of the shares of Common Stock to be issued in the Ignis Acquisition will be subject to transfer restrictions for a 12-month period after each issuance, with 1/12th of the total shares of Common Stock vesting each month over the one-year period after each issuance.

None of the shares of Common Stock issued or issuable in connection with the Ignis Acquisition were registered under the Securities Act on the Ignis Acquisition date in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. Recipients of shares of Common Stock in connection with the Ignis Acquisition will have customary resale registration rights with respect to such shares of Common Stock pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Ignis Acquisition.

The Company accounted for the Ignis Acquisition under the acquisition method of accounting and has reported the results of operations of the Ignis Acquisition as of the respective date of the Ignis Acquisition. The Company based the estimated fair values of intangible assets on an income approach utilizing the relief from royalties model. The income approach utilizes management's estimates of future operating results and cash flows using a weighted average cost of capital that reflects market participant assumptions. For all other assets acquired and liabilities assumed, the fair value reflects the carrying value of the asset or liability due to their short maturity. The Company recorded the excess of the fair value of the consideration transferred in the Ignis Acquisition over the fair value of net assets acquired as goodwill. The goodwill reflects our expectations of favorable future growth opportunities. The Company expects that substantially all of the goodwill will not be deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Company has not presented pro forma combined results for the Ignis Acquisition because the impact on previously reported statements of operations was not material.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company finalized the purchase accounting for the Ignis Acquisition. The following table summarizes the final purchase price allocation:

\$s in thousands	Purchase Price Allocation
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3
Intangible assets	1,300
Accounts payable	(37)
Long-term accrued expenses and other noncurrent liabilities	(67)
Deferred tax liability	(314)
Total identifiable net assets	885
Goodwill	10,676
Total purchase price	\$ 11,561

Goodwill of \$10.7 million arising from the Ignis Acquisition is primarily attributable to the assembled workforce of Ignis and expected synergies from combining operations. None of the acquired goodwill is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. Acquired intangible assets consist entirely of in-process research and development ("IPR&D") and is expected to be amortized over its useful life of five years when placed into service. The Company concluded that the IPR&D is an identifiable intangible asset that would be accounted for as a single asset in a business combination. The fair value of the IPR&D was determined using an income approach based on significant unobservable inputs.

NOTE 10 – GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, goodwill was \$24.8 million and \$13.2 million, respectively. There were no impairment charges recorded for goodwill for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Intangible assets consisted of the following:

\$s in thousands	Estimated Life (Years)	As of September 30, 2024		
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Contracts	5.5	\$ 3,400	\$ (155)	\$ 3,245
IPR&D	5	2,600	(130)	2,470
Trade name	9.5	300	(8)	292
Internal-use software	3	297	(282)	15
Customer relationships	3.5	200	(14)	186
Licenses	10	68	(59)	9
Total intangible assets		\$ 6,865	\$ (648)	\$ 6,217

\$s in thousands	Estimated Life (Years)	As of December 31, 2023		
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
IPR&D	5	\$ 1,628	\$ —	\$ 1,628
Internal-use software	3	297	(208)	89
Licenses	10	67	(54)	13
Total intangible assets		\$ 1,992	\$ (262)	\$ 1,730

IPR&D is the historical know-how, software, formula protocols, designs and procedures expected to be needed to complete the development of the technology asset and receive regulatory approval. The Company expects to amortize the IPR&D over its useful life of five years when placed into service. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company capitalized costs of \$0.2 million and \$1.0 million related to IPR&D, respectively.

Amortization expense for intangible assets and other noncurrent assets was \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, respectively, and \$26,000 and \$0.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively. Amortization expense is included in Selling, general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

NOTE 11 – OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS

Other noncurrent assets consisted of the following:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Operating lease right-of-use asset	\$ 8,013	\$ 7,777
Investment in MAB	4,000	4,000
Prepaid subscriptions	1,879	2,877
Investment in Overwatch Imaging, Inc.	1,000	1,000
Interest rate swap	851	1,117
Other	837	—
Total other noncurrent assets	\$ 16,580	\$ 16,771

NOTE 12 – ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other liabilities consisted of the following:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Contingent consideration	\$ 6,129	\$ 8,486
Deferred revenue	6,110	—
Accrued salaries, wages and bonuses	2,116	1,099
Accrued interest expense	1,818	6,448
Warrant liabilities	1,599	5,596
Deferred underwriting fee payable	1,500	1,500
Accrued foreign tax	925	2,707
Accrued professional fees	128	851
Finance right-of-use liability	29	46
Embedded derivative of Series A Preferred Stock	—	885
Other	534	327
Total accrued expenses and other liabilities	20,888	27,945
Less: Current accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(13,570)	(17,168)
Total long-term accrued expenses and other noncurrent liabilities	\$ 7,318	\$ 10,777

Warrant liabilities

The warrant liabilities consist of the following Warrants issued by the Company in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization:

Public Warrants

The Company issued Public Warrants to purchase 17,250,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share in exchange for the 17,250,000 JCIC warrants originally issued by JCIC in its initial public offering. The Warrants may only be exercised for a whole number of shares of Common Stock. The exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants may also be adjusted in certain circumstances including in the event of a share dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation. In no event will the Company be required to net cash settle any Warrant.

The Warrants became exercisable 30 days following the Reverse Recapitalization and will expire January 24, 2028.

Under certain circumstances, the Company may elect to redeem the Public Warrants at a redemption price of \$0.01 per Public Warrant at any time during the term of the warrant in which the Common Stock trading price has been at least \$18.00 per share for 20 trading days within the 30 trading-day period ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the Company sends the notice of redemption to the Warrant holders. If the Company elects to redeem the Public Warrants, it must notify the Public Warrant holders in advance, who would then have at least 30 days from the date of notification to exercise their respective warrants. If the warrant is not exercised within that 30-day period, it will be redeemed pursuant to this provision. The Company may also elect to redeem the outstanding Warrants at a redemption price of \$0.10 per Warrant at any time during the term of the Warrant in which the Common Stock trading price is between \$10.00 per share and \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for share splits, share dividends, rights issuances, subdivisions, reorganization, recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within the 30 trading-day period ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the Company sends the notice of redemption to the Warrant holders. In such case, the Warrant holders will be able to exercise their Warrants on a cashless basis prior to the redemption for a number of shares of our Common Stock determined based on the redemption date and the fair market value of the Common Stock.

As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, 17,249,874 Public Warrants remain outstanding, respectively. The Public Warrants are liability-classified with a balance of \$1.0 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, and a fair value of \$0.06 and \$0.21 per warrant as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

Private Placement Warrants

The Company issued Private Placement Warrants to purchase 9,400,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share in exchange for the 9,400,000 JCIC warrants originally purchased in a private placement by JCIC Sponsor, LLC (“JCIC Sponsor”) contemporaneously with JCIC’s initial public offering. JCIC Sponsor, or its permitted transferees, has the option to exercise the Private Placement Warrants on a cashless basis. If the Private Placement Warrants are held by holders other than JCIC Sponsor or its permitted transferees, the Private Placement Warrants will be redeemable by the Company in all redemption scenarios and exercisable by the holders on the same basis as the Public Warrants.

As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the Company had 9,400,000 outstanding Private Placement Warrants to purchase 9,400,000 shares of Common Stock, respectively. The Private Placement Warrants are liability-classified with a balance of \$0.6 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, and a fair value of \$0.06 and \$0.21 per warrant as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

Contingent consideration

The Company assumed contingent consideration as part of the FMS Acquisition and the Ignis Acquisition (collectively, the “Acquisitions”) discussed in “Note 9 – Acquisition Activity” included in this Quarterly Report. The Company is required to make contingent payments to the sellers based on the achievement of certain operational milestones, in the case of the Ignis Acquisition, and based on the achievement of certain earnout conditions, in the case of the FMS Acquisition. The fair value of the liability for the contingent payments was recognized upon the Acquisitions as part of the purchase accounting opening balance sheet. The initial cost was recognized at fair value on the closing date with subsequent changes in estimated fair value recognized as Selling, general and administrative expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, \$1.9 million and \$4.8 million of accrued contingent consideration is included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities, respectively, and \$4.2 million and \$3.7 million of accrued contingent consideration is included in Long-term accrued expenses and other noncurrent liabilities, respectively, in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The change in contingent consideration for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

\$s in thousands	Contingent Consideration
As of December 31, 2023	\$ 8,486
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	479
Addition of contingent consideration from FMS Acquisition	2,164
Settlement of contingent consideration	(5,000)
As of September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 6,129</u>

On June 30, 2024, the Company issued 1,079,913 registered shares of Common Stock to the Ignis shareholders (determined based upon a VWAP of the Common Stock for the 120 consecutive trading days ended June 29, 2024).

NOTE 13 – INTEREST RATE SWAP

The Company assesses interest rate cash flow risk by continually identifying and monitoring changes in interest rate exposures that may adversely affect expected future cash flows and by evaluating hedging opportunities.

The Company entered an interest rate swap with Rocky Mountain Bank, now known as Citywide Banks (“CWB”) on March 12, 2020 to reduce risk related to variable-rate debt from the term loan, which was subject to changes in market rates of interest as discussed in “Note 15 – Long-Term Debt” included in this Quarterly Report. The interest rate swap is designated as a cash flow hedge. The Company records its corresponding derivative asset on a gross basis in Other noncurrent assets at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Each month, the Company made interest payments to CWB under its loan agreement based on the current applicable one-month LIBOR rate plus the contractual LIBOR margin then in effect with respect to the term loan, without reflecting the interest rate swap until June 30, 2023. Effective July 1, 2023, LIBOR was replaced by 1-month CME Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) plus 0.11448% tenor spread adjustment plus the 2.5% contractual SOFR margin then in effect with respect to the term loan. At the end of each calendar month, the Company receives or makes payments on the interest rate swap difference, if any, based on the received interest rate set forth in the table below. Interest payments on the Company’s term loan and payments received or made on the interest rate swap are reported net on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as interest expense.

The Company had the following interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge (\$s in thousands):

As of September 30, 2024					
Effective Date	Maturity Date	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Pay Fixed	Receive Rate
4/15/2020	3/15/2030	\$9,983	\$851	3.887%	1 Month SOFR + 2.61448%

As of December 31, 2023					
Effective Date	Maturity Date	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Pay Fixed	Receive Rate
4/15/2020	3/15/2030	\$10,466	\$1,117	3.887%	1 Month SOFR + 2.61448%

The Company accounts for the interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge for accounting purposes under GAAP. The Company reflects the effect of this hedging transaction in the condensed consolidated financial statements. The unrealized (loss) gain is reported in Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) included in this Quarterly Report. If the Company terminates the interest rate swap agreement, the cumulative change in fair value at the date of termination would be reclassified from Accumulated other comprehensive income, which is classified in Stockholders' deficit, into earnings in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations included in this Quarterly Report.

NOTE 14 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Long-term debt

As of September 30, 2024, the Company has \$160.2 million of fixed rate debt and \$49.0 million of variable rate debt outstanding. The majority of the fixed rate debt is based on current market rates. The Company estimated the fair value of the fixed rate debt using quoted market prices (Level 2 inputs) within the fair value hierarchy. When valuing fixed rate debt, the fair value is capped at par value. The variable rate debt approximates fair value based on the closing or estimated market prices of similar securities comparable to the Company's debts as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023. Debt financing activities and loan agreements are further described in "Note 15 – Long-Term Debt" included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Recurring Fair Value Measurement

Our cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current assets and liabilities (excluding derivative instruments) are carried at amounts which reasonably approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The following tables summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, by level, within the fair value hierarchy:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets			
Cash	\$ 33,328	\$ —	\$ —
Restricted cash:			
Money market fund	9,262	—	—
Total restricted cash	9,262	—	—
Interest rate swap	—	851	—
Total assets	\$ 42,590	\$ 851	\$ —
Liabilities			
Warrant liabilities – Public Warrants	\$ 1,035	\$ —	\$ —
Warrant liabilities – Private Placement Warrants	—	564	—
Contingent consideration	—	—	6,129
Total liabilities	\$ 1,035	\$ 564	\$ 6,129

\$s in thousands	As of December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets			
Cash	\$ 22,956	\$ —	\$ —
Restricted cash:			
Money market fund	13,981	—	—
Total restricted cash	13,981	—	—
Investments in marketable securities	—	1,009	—
Interest rate swap	—	1,117	—
Total assets	\$ 36,937	\$ 2,126	\$ —
Liabilities			
Warrant liabilities – Public Warrants	\$ 3,622	\$ —	\$ —
Warrant liabilities – Private Placement Warrants	—	1,974	—
Contingent consideration	—	—	8,486
Embedded derivative of Series A Preferred Stock	—	—	885
Total liabilities	\$ 3,622	\$ 1,974	\$ 9,371

Interest Rate Swap

The Company's derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis based on quoted market prices or using standard valuation models as described in "Note 13 – Interest Rate Swap" included in this Quarterly Report.

The notional amounts of the derivative financial instruments do not necessarily represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, therefore, are not a direct measure of our exposure to the financial risks described in "Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" included in this Quarterly Report.

The fair value of the Company's interest rate swap agreement was determined based on the present value of expected future cash flows using discount rates appropriate with the terms of the swap agreement. The fair value indicates an estimated amount the Company would be required to receive if the contracts were canceled or transferred to other parties. The Company calculates the fair value of interest rate swap agreement quarterly based on the quoted market price for the same or similar financial instruments.

Embedded derivative of Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares and Series A Preferred Stock

The Company identified a redemption feature of the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares that required bifurcation from the host instrument as an embedded derivative liability. The embedded derivative was initially valued and remeasured using a "with-and-without" method. The "with-and-without" methodology involved valuing the entire instrument both with and without the embedded derivative using a discounted cash flow approach. Under this methodology, the difference in the estimated fair value between the instrument with the embedded derivative and the instrument without the embedded derivative represents the estimated fair value of the embedded derivative. This valuation methodology is based on unobservable estimates and judgements, and therefore is classified as a Level 3 fair value measurement. The significant unobservable input used in the estimated fair value measurement of the embedded derivative is the timing for which the Company may be in default of certain financing facilities that would require an increase of 2% interest per annum to be accrued by the holders of the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares.

Commercial paper and Investments in marketable securities

The fair values of the commercial paper and available-for-sale marketable securities are based on observable market prices, and therefore classified as a Level 2 fair value measurement. Refer to "Note 4 – Cash Equivalents and Investment in Marketable Securities" included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Warrant Liabilities

The Company issued Warrants in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization. The Company classifies the Warrants as liabilities at their fair value and adjust the Warrants to fair value at each reporting period. The warrant liabilities are subject to remeasurement at each balance sheet date until exercised, and any change in fair value are recorded in earnings through Selling, general and administrative expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations included in this Quarterly Report.

The Public Warrants are publicly traded under the symbol “BAERW,” and the fair value of the Public Warrants at a specific date is determined by the closing price of the Public Warrants as of that date. Therefore, the Public Warrants are classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The Public Warrants are redeemable at any time during the term of the warrant in which the Common Stock share trading price has been at least \$18.00 per share for 20 trading days within the 30 trading-day period. JCIC Sponsor can redeem both the Private Placement Warrants and the Public Warrants when the stock price is between \$10.00 to \$18.00. As such, it is economically beneficial for the Company to redeem the Private Placement Warrants any time before the stock price crosses the \$18.00 threshold. Therefore, the Warrants have similar economic value, hence Private Placement Warrants are deemed to have the same value as the Public Warrants and are classified Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Refer to “*Note 12 – Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities*” included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Contingent consideration

In connection with the Acquisitions, the Company is required to make contingent payments to the sellers based on the achievement of certain operational milestones, in the case of the Ignis Acquisition, and based on the achievement of certain earnout conditions, in the case of the FMS Acquisition. The fair value of the liability for the contingent payments recognized upon the Acquisitions as part of the purchase accounting opening balance sheet totaled \$6.1 million. The fair value of the contingent consideration was determined using the Monte-Carlo simulation-based model discounted to present value. Assumptions used in this calculation are equity volatility, estimated future stock prices and various probability factors, including management’s estimate of the likelihood of achieving certain operational milestones and earnout conditions in the case of the Ignis Acquisition and the FMS Acquisition, respectively. The ultimate settlement of the contingent consideration could deviate from current estimates based on the actual results of these financial measures. This liability is considered to be a Level 3 financial liability that is remeasured each reporting period. Changes in estimated fair value of contingent consideration are recognized as Selling, general and administrative expenses within the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations included in this Quarterly Report. Refer to “*Note 12 – Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities*” included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Non-Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The Company measures certain assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis, including long-lived assets and goodwill and cost and equity method investments, which are evaluated for impairment. Long-lived assets include property, plant and equipment, net, and certain intangible assets. The inputs used to determine the fair value of long-lived assets are considered Level 3 measurements due to their subjective nature.

As of September 30, 2024, the Company did not have any significant assets or liabilities that were remeasured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in periods subsequent to initial recognition.

NOTE 15 – LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

\$s in thousands	As of September 30, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Taxable industrial revenue bonds, dated July 21, 2022, 11.5% interest rate, maturing September 1, 2027 ¹	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Permanent loan agreement, dated August 21, 2020, greater of Prime + 1.5% or 4.75% interest rate, maturing August 21, 2035 ²	17,762	18,391
Permanent loan agreement, dated October 1, 2020, greater of Prime + 1.5% or 4.75% interest rate, maturing October 1, 2035 ²	17,832	18,457
Term loan agreement dated September 30, 2019, SOFR + 2.61448% interest rate, maturing March 15, 2030 ³	9,983	10,466
Term loan agreement dated February 3, 2020, SOFR + 2.61448% interest rate, maturing February 3, 2027 ⁴	3,394	3,813
Various term loan agreements, earliest start at September 9, 2021, 3.89-5.5% interest rates, latest maturation on November 17, 2027 ⁵	192	247
Loans payable	209,163	211,374
Less: noncurrent debt issuance costs	(2,995)	(3,695)
Less: current debt issuance costs	(1,002)	(995)
Less: current portion of long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs	(2,121)	(2,099)
Total long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs	\$ 203,045	\$ 204,585

- On July 21, 2022, the Company closed on the 2022 Bonds, upon which the Company received aggregate proceeds of \$135.0 million on July 21, 2022 and \$25.0 million on August 10, 2022. The proceeds were designated to redeem in full the 2021 Bonds and the Series A Preferred Stock, to finance the construction and equipping of the Company's third and fourth aircraft hangars in Belgrade, Montana and to fund the purchase of four additional Super Scoopers. The Series 2022 Bonds mature on September 1, 2027, with an annual interest rate of 11.5% payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing on September 1, 2022. Debt issuance costs for the Series 2022 Bonds were \$4.2 million. The Series 2022 Bonds are subject to redemption or prepayment prior to maturity, as follows: (a) optional redemption in whole or in part, on any day thereafter at par plus accrued interest, and on certain dates, a premium; (b) mandatory redemption at par plus any premium applicable to optional redemptions and a 3% premium if such redemptions are made prior to September 1, 2025, in whole or in part, in the event of the occurrence of certain events; and (c) extraordinary redemption at par plus accrued interest due to the occurrence of certain casualty, condemnation, or other unexpected events. Optional redemptions are subject to 3%, 2%, and 0% premiums if redemptions are made on or after September 1, 2025, September 2026, and September 2027, respectively. At the Company's direction, the Series 2022 Bonds may be redeemed by Gallatin County at any time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest upon the occurrence of certain events.
- In 2020, the Company entered into two separate credit facilities brokered through Live Oak Bank ("LOB") and backed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the completed purchase of the Company's first two Super Scoopers. The Company issued two \$19.0 million promissory notes to LOB, established as 15-year maturity, first two years interest only payments monthly, then 13-year term principal plus interest due monthly at the rate of the greater of prime plus 1.5% or 4.75% per annum. The first of these notes was issued on August 21, 2020 and the second was issued October 1, 2020 to BAT1, LLC and BAT2, LLC, respectively. Debt issuance costs for BAT1 and BAT2 were \$1.0 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.
- On September 20, 2019, the Company entered into a credit facility with CWB for \$12.9 million, established as a 10-year maturity, 6-month draw period, first 6 months interest only payments monthly, then 10-year term principal plus interest due monthly on a 20-year amortization at the rate of 1 month SOFR plus 2.61448%. Debt issuance costs for this loan were \$0.1 million.
- On February 3, 2020, the Company entered into a credit facility with CWB to finance in part the purchase of four Daher Kodiaks. A promissory note was issued for \$5.6 million, established as a 7-year maturity, first 8 months interest only payments monthly, 60 day draw period, then 76-month term plus principal interest due monthly on a 10-year amortization at the rate of 1 month SOFR plus 2.61448%. Debt issuance costs for this loan was \$0.1 million.

5. On November 18, 2021, the Company re-entered into a new short-term loan to finance aviation insurance premiums with Insurance Premium Financing Leader. This was financed for \$0.6 million with a maturity of one year and at a rate of 3.89%. No debt issuance costs were incurred. The Company also entered into various term loan agreements for the purchase of vehicles through First Interstate Bank with the earliest date of September 9, 2021. These loans ranged from \$29,000 to \$72,000 and were at rates from 4.8% to 5.5% and at durations from 5 to 6 years, with the latest maturation on November 17, 2027.

The Series 2022 Bonds are subject to financial covenants requiring the Company to maintain a DSCR that exceeds 1.25x commencing with the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2023, operate in such a manner to produce gross revenues so as to be at all relevant times in compliance with the DSCR covenant and to maintain liquidity of \$8.0 million in the form of unrestricted cash or investments (excluding margin accounts and retirement accounts) at all times and to be reported.

The Company is not in compliance with the DSCR covenant as of September 30, 2024 and management anticipates the Company may not be in compliance with the DSCR covenant at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months, primarily attributable to the seasonal nature of our business and the unknown intensity of the 2025 wildfire season. The Company is in compliance with the \$8.0 million minimum liquidity requirement as of September 30, 2024. It is possible that the Company may not be in compliance with the minimum liquidity requirement at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months depending on the cash generated from its seasonal firefighting operations in 2025.

The Series 2022 Bonds agreements provide that, with regard to covenant violations, other than non-payment of principal or interest, no event of default shall be deemed to have occurred so long as a reasonable course of action to remedy a violation commences within 30 days of written notification of non-compliance from the trustee and management diligently prosecutes the remediation plan to completion.

Management consulted with bond counsel on the impact of covenant violations and proactively developed a cost reduction plan, and began implementing the plan in November 2023, to help remedy the anticipated covenant breaches in 2024. While management has made significant progress, this plan is still in process and there is no assurance that management will be able to diligently prosecute the remediation plan to completion. Additionally, as described in further detail in "Note 18 – Stockholders' Deficit," the Company raised additional cash through a registered direct equity offering in April 2024 resulting in net cash proceeds of approximately \$9.2 million. Depending on the cash generated from its seasonal firefighting operations in 2025, there may be periods in the next 12 months where the Company may not be in compliance with the \$8.0 million minimum liquidity requirement. The uncertainty regarding the company's ability to diligently prosecute the remediation plan to completion and the potential impact on the bonds maturity as a result of possible future debt covenant violations at subsequent compliance dates or failure to make required interest payments, could result in the Series 2022 Bonds becoming immediately due and payable, which raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern as further disclosed in "Note 1 – Organization and Basis of Presentation" included in this Quarterly Report.

The LOB loans are subject to financial covenants requiring the Company to maintain a DSCR, generally calculated as the ratio of the net cash flow (as defined in the applicable note agreements) to the amount of interest and servicing fees required to be paid over the succeeding 12 months on the principal amount of the note, as applicable, that will be outstanding on the payment date following such date of determination, that exceeds 1.25x at the aircraft or entity level and for the Company's debt to worth ratio to not exceed 5.00x at the aircraft or entity level. The Company is in compliance with such financial covenants as of September 30, 2024.

Both of the loans with CWB are subject to financial covenants requiring the Company to maintain a DSCR, calculated as the ratio of adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the applicable note agreements) to the amount of interest and principal payments for the fiscal year ending on the compliance date, that exceeds 1.25x for the Company. These notes are also subject to financial covenants requiring the Company to maintain a Senior Leverage Ratio on a quarterly basis not to exceed 7.00 to 1.00 through Quarter 3, 2024, 6.00 to 1.00 through Quarter 3, 2025 and 5.00 to 1.00 thereafter. This is calculated as Total Funded Senior Debt (as defined in the applicable note agreements) less municipal debt, divided by adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the applicable note agreements). The Company is in compliance with such financial covenants as of September 30, 2024.

Amortization of debt issuance costs was \$0.3 million and \$0.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, respectively, and \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively.

NOTE 16 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Matters

From time to time, the Company is subject to various litigation and other claims in the normal course of business. No amounts have been accrued in the condensed consolidated financial statements with respect to any matters.

Due to the nature of our business, we may become, from time to time, involved in routine litigation or subject to disputes or claims related to our business activities. In the opinion of our management, there are no pending litigation, disputes or claims against us which, if decided adversely, will have a material adverse effect on our financial conditions, cash flows or results of operations. In the ordinary course of its operations, the Company will continue to vigorously enforce its legal and contractual rights to ensure that its business and operations continue on an unimpaired basis.

Contingencies

On November 17, 2023, the Company entered into a series of agreements with MAB and its subsidiary designed to facilitate the purchase and return to service of four Spanish Scoopers originally awarded to the Company in September 2023 via a public tender process from the Government of Spain. The terms of the agreements provide that the Company will manage the return to service upgrades of the Spanish Scoopers while they are owned and funded by MAB. The Company has the right, but not the obligation, to acquire each plane as it is ready to be contracted and returned to service. In the event that Bridger does not purchase the aircraft within the time periods set forth in the agreements, then either party may initiate a sales process for the sale of all aircraft that have not been purchased by the Company, which sales process the Company will oversee and manage. If the aircraft are sold to a third party through such process, then the Company must pay MAB's subsidiary a cash fee equal to the amount, if any, by which the aggregate price of the Company's purchase options for such aircraft exceeds the consideration paid by the third-party purchaser for the same aircraft, not to exceed \$15.0 million in aggregate. If the aircraft are not sold to a third party and MAB's subsidiary has not otherwise entered into an operating lease with a third party for the aircraft, then the Company must pay MAB's subsidiary \$15.0 million.

NOTE 17 – MEZZANINE EQUITY

Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares

On April 25, 2022, Legacy Bridger authorized and issued 315,789.473684 Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares for aggregate proceeds of \$288.5 million, net of issuance costs of \$11.5 million. The Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares ranked senior to Legacy Bridger's common shares and ranked subordinate to Legacy Bridger Series A Preferred Shares, which were later redeemed in 2022, with respect to the distribution of assets upon liquidation or certain triggering events. The Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares did not participate in earnings of Legacy Bridger and were non-voting shares.

Prior to the consummation of the qualified public offering, the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares accrued interest daily at 7% per annum for the first year, 9% per annum for the second year and 11% per annum thereafter and were compounded semi-annually at June 30th and December 31st of each year. Following the consummation of a qualified public offering, the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares were to accrue interest daily at 7% per annum for the first 6 years, 9% per annum for the seventh year and 11% per annum thereafter, compounded semi-annually.

Upon the Closing, Legacy Bridger surrendered and exchanged all 315,789.473684 issued and outstanding Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares into 315,789.473684 shares of Series A Preferred Stock. The Company's Certificate of Incorporation included provisions of the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares that were already in effect prior to the consummation of the Reverse Recapitalization. As a result of the Reverse Recapitalization, the maximum redemption value of the Company's Series A Preferred Stock changed to approximately \$332.7 million and excluded the 50% multiplier which had historically been included in the maximum redemption value of Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares.

The Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares were convertible at the election of the holder into shares of Legacy Bridger's Class B common shares after the occurrence of certain specified events, including after a qualified public offering, without the payment of additional consideration by the holder into such number of Legacy Bridger Class B common stock as determined by dividing the original issue price, plus accrued interest by a conversion price in effect at the time of conversion. The conversion price of Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares was initially equal to \$12.929104. The applicable conversion price was subject to future adjustments upon the occurrence of a qualified public offering.

The Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares were mandatorily redeemable by Legacy Bridger on April 25, 2032 at an amount dependent on whether the redemption occurs prior or following a qualified public offering. If the mandatory redemption occurs prior to the consummation of a qualified public offering, the redemption amount was equal to the stated value, plus the initial issue price multiplied by 50%, plus accrued but unpaid interest. If the mandatory redemption occurs following the consummation of a qualified public offering, the redemption amount was equal to the stated value, plus accrued but unpaid interest. The Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares were also redeemable upon certain triggering events outside of the control of Legacy Bridger. The redemption events include redemption by the holder after March 29, 2027 and prior to a qualified public offering, or a fundamental change in Legacy Bridger's voting and governance structure such as the sale of Legacy Bridger or its subsidiaries representing more than 50% of Legacy Bridger's voting stock or a similar liquidity event.

Given the conversion feature is considered substantive, the mandatory redemption date is not certain and the optional redemption is upon the occurrence of certain events that is considered not solely within Legacy Bridger's control, the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares are classified as mezzanine equity.

As of December 31, 2022, it was probable that the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares may become redeemable at either the holder's option on or after March 29, 2027 and prior to the consummation of a qualified public offering or in the event of a qualified public offering. The Company elected to recognize changes in redemption value immediately, adjusting the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares to the maximum redemption value at each reporting date. As of December 31, 2022, the Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares were carried at their redemption value of \$489.0 million.

Series A Preferred Stock

The Series A Preferred Stock are convertible at the election of the holders into shares of Common Stock, without the payment of additional consideration by the holders into such number of shares of Common Stock as determined by dividing the original issue price, plus accrued interest by a conversion price equal to \$11.00 per share at the time of conversion.

Shares of Series A Preferred Stock are mandatorily redeemable by the Company on April 25, 2032 at a redemption amount that is equal to the stated value, plus accrued but unpaid interest. Accrued interest for the Series A Preferred Stock was \$6.5 million as of September 30, 2024. Shares of Series A Preferred Stock are also redeemable upon certain triggering events outside of the control of the Company. The triggering events include redemption by the holder on or after April 25, 2027, or a fundamental change in the Company's voting and governance structure such as the sale of the Company or its subsidiaries representing more than 50% of the Company's voting stock or a similar liquidity event.

Given the conversion feature is considered substantive, the mandatory redemption on April 25, 2032 is not certain and accordingly, the Series A Preferred Stock are classified as mezzanine equity.

As of the Closing Date and September 30, 2024, it is probable that the Series A Preferred Stock may become redeemable on April 25, 2032. The Company has elected to recognize changes in redemption value immediately, adjusting the preferred stock to the maximum redemption value at each reporting date. Upon Closing, the Series A Preferred Stock had both a carrying value and redemption value of \$332.7 million, the 50% multiplier, valued at \$156.4 million, was removed. As of September 30, 2024, the Series A Preferred Stock had both a carrying value and redemption value of \$373.7 million. Refer to table below.

As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the fair value of the embedded derivative related to the event of default is zero and \$0.9 million, respectively, recorded in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and remeasured to fair value at each balance sheet date with changes in fair value recorded within Interest expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company determined the fair value of the other features requiring bifurcation, both individually and in the aggregate were immaterial at September 30, 2024. The fair value of these features will be assessed at each reporting date and will be recognized and remeasured at fair value, if material.

Additionally, the reduction of the conversion price from \$12.90 per share to \$11.00 per share triggered a down round conversion feature embedded in the Series A Preferred Stock upon Closing. The Company recognized the value of the effect of a down round feature as a deemed dividend, decreasing Earnings (loss) attributable to Common Stockholders in the computation of Earnings (loss) per share by approximately zero during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, respectively, and zero and \$48.3 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively. As of September 30, 2024, there are 33,972,808 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion.

\$s in thousands	Redeemable Series A Preferred Stock	
	Shares	Amounts
Balance as of December 31, 2023	315,789.473684	\$ 354,840
Adjustment to maximum redemptions value	—	18,861
Balance as of September 30, 2024	315,789.473684	\$ 373,701

NOTE 18 – STOCKHOLDERS’ DEFICIT

Common Stock

In connection with the Reverse Recapitalization, the Company issued 43,769,290 shares of Common Stock, of which 39,081,744 shares were issued to Legacy Bridger Common shareholders, 2,084,357 shares were issued to the public shareholders of JCIC and 2,603,189 shares were issued to JCIC Sponsor and independent directors of JCIC upon Closing. Of the shares issued to Legacy Bridger Common shareholders and JCIC Sponsor, 233,323 and 855,000 shares are subject to continuing vesting conditions, respectively.

Restricted Stock Units

In January 2023, in connection with the Closing, the Company and its Board established and approved and assumed the Omnibus Plan, which allowed the Company to grant RSUs to Bridger employees (the “Participants”). RSUs are settled in shares of Common Stock as the RSUs vest. The RSUs accrue dividend equivalents associated with the underlying shares of Common Stock as the Company declares dividends. Dividends are paid to holders of RSUs in cash upon the vesting date of the associated RSU and are forfeited if the RSU does not vest. For the purposes of calculating compensation expense, the fair value of RSUs is the closing stock price on the date of grant. Generally, RSUs vest over a period of six years, subject to the Participant’s continued employment. Upon vesting of each RSU, the Company will issue one share of Common Stock to the RSU holder.

RSU activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Number of Awards	Weighted average grant date fair value
Outstanding as of December 31, 2023	6,624,459	\$ 8.30
Granted	1,682,538	4.47
Vested	(2,040,854)	7.48
Forfeited/Cancelled	(1,706,214)	9.22
Outstanding as of September 30, 2024	4,559,929	\$ 6.90

The total fair value of RSUs vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$10.1 million and \$24.6 million, respectively, based on the closing stock price on the date of vesting.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recorded stock-based compensation expense related to RSUs of \$0.6 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, within Total cost of revenues and \$2.8 million and \$12.3 million, respectively, within Selling, general and administrative expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As of September 30, 2024, there was \$17.9 million of unrecognized total compensation expense related to unvested RSUs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

Incentive Units

Prior to the adoption of the Omnibus Plan, during the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company granted Incentive Units to selected board members and executives. Within each grant, 80% of the Incentive Units vested annually over a four year period subject to continued service by the grantee (the “Time-Vesting Incentive Units”), and the remaining 20% of the Incentive Units vest upon a qualifying change of control event (the “Exit-Vesting Incentive Units”). For the Time-Vesting Incentive Units, compensation cost was recognized over the requisite service period on a straight-line basis. For the Exit-Vesting Incentive Units, expense will be recognized when a qualifying change of control event is considered probable, which has not occurred as of September 30, 2024. As of September 30, 2024, 40,404 Exit-Vesting Incentive Units with a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$0.01 remain outstanding. Upon vesting of each Incentive Unit, the Company will issue 0.96246 shares of Common Stock to the Incentive Unit holder.

At-the-Market (“ATM”) Offering

On January 26, 2024, the Company entered into a sales agreement (“2024 ATM Agreement”) with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (“Stifel”) and Virtu Americas LLC (together with Stifel, the “Agents”) under which we could offer and sell, from time to time, shares of our Common Stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million through the Agents in negotiated transactions that are deemed to be an “at the market offering.”

The offering was registered under the Securities Act, pursuant to our shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-276721), as previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and declared effective on February 6, 2024. We filed a prospectus supplement, dated February 6, 2024, with the SEC that provides for the sale of shares of Common Stock having an aggregate offering price of up to approximately \$22.2 million. We filed a prospectus supplement, dated April 16, 2024, with the SEC that reduces the amount of potential shares of Common Stock that may be sold under our shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-276721) to shares having an aggregate offering price of up to approximately \$5.9 million (“2024 ATM Shares”).

Under the 2024 ATM Agreement, the Agents may sell the 2024 ATM Shares by any method permitted by law and deemed to be an “at the market offering” as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, including sales made directly on or through the Nasdaq Global Market, or any other existing trading market for the 2024 ATM Shares or in negotiated transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at prices related to such prevailing market prices. Actual sales will depend on a variety of factors to be determined by the Company from time to time, including, among other things, market conditions, the trading price of the Common Stock, capital needs and determinations by the Company of the appropriate sources of funding for the Company.

The Company is not obligated to make any sales of the 2024 ATM Shares under the 2024 ATM Agreement. The offering of the 2024 ATM Shares pursuant to the 2024 ATM Agreement will terminate upon the termination of the 2024 ATM Agreement by the Agents or us, as permitted therein.

The 2024 ATM Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by the Company, and customary indemnification and contribution rights and obligations of the parties. The Company agreed to pay the Agents an aggregate commission of up to 3.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds from each sale of the 2024 ATM Shares. The Company also agreed to reimburse the Agents for certain specified expenses in connection with entering into the 2024 ATM Agreement.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company sold an aggregate of 33,798 shares of Common Stock at a weighted-average price of \$5.13 per share for net proceeds of \$0.2 million, net of fees of \$5,000 under the 2024 ATM Agreement.

Registered Direct Offering

On April 15, 2024, the Company entered into securities purchase agreements (each a “Purchase Agreement” and, collectively, the “Purchase Agreements”) with certain accredited investors (the “Purchasers”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell and issue to the Purchasers, severally, an aggregate of 2,183,366 shares of Common Stock registered under the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-276721), in a registered direct equity offering (the “Registered Direct Offering”). 808,080 of the shares in the Registered Direct Offering were sold to certain directors and executive officers of the Company at an offering price of \$4.95 per share, which was the closing bid price for shares of the Common Stock on the Nasdaq Global Market on April 15, 2024. The remaining 1,375,286 shares were sold in the Registered Direct Offering at an offering price of \$4.25 per share.

The aggregate net proceeds to the Company from the Registered Direct Offering were approximately \$9.2 million, after deducting fees payable to the placement agent and other offering expenses payable by the Company. The Company agreed to pay the placement agent fees in an amount of 6.0% of the gross proceeds raised in the Registered Direct Offering. The Company also agreed to reimburse the placement agent for its out-of-pocket legal expenses in connection with the Registered Direct Offering in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

NOTE 19 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Company incurred \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, and zero and \$0.4 million, respectively, in training expenses provided by an entity in which Mr. Timothy Sheehy, the Company's founder and former Chief Executive Officer, President and director, has a partial ownership, with \$0.1 million in related outstanding accounts payable as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

On November 17, 2023, the Company entered into a series of agreements designed to facilitate the purchase and return to service of the Spanish Scoopers originally awarded to our wholly-owned subsidiary, BAE, in September 2023 via a public tender process from the Government of Spain for €40.3 million. Under the terms of the agreements, we agreed to sell the entire outstanding equity interest in BAE to MAB and purchase \$4.0 million of non-voting Class B units of MAB. ASSF Holdings LP ("Avenue Investor") made capital contributions totaling \$13.0 million in exchange for 13,031 voting Class A Units of MAB. Avenue Investor holds approximately 10% of Bridger's outstanding convertible Series A Preferred Stock.

On July 10, 2023, the Company entered into two operating lease agreements, each for a Pilatus under the ownership of Mr. Timothy Sheehy. The Company recorded approximately \$5.4 million of right-of-use assets, \$1.7 million of right-of-use current liabilities, and \$3.7 million of right-of-use noncurrent liabilities as of September 30, 2024, respectively, and incurred approximately \$0.4 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, and \$0.1 million, respectively in lease expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023. The Company recorded approximately \$6.3 million of right-of-use assets, \$1.7 million of right-of-use current liabilities, and \$4.6 million of right-of-use noncurrent liabilities as of December 31, 2023, respectively. The Company had \$0.1 million and zero in related outstanding accounts payable as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company earned \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, in revenues related to charter rentals of the Company's aircraft by the U.S. Senate campaign of Mr. Timothy Sheehy.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company earned zero and \$0.4 million, respectively, in revenues from services performed on an aircraft under the ownership of Mr. Timothy Sheehy.

On July 21, 2022, the Company closed on the Series 2022 Bonds, upon which the Company received aggregate proceeds of \$135.0 million on July 21, 2022 and \$25.0 million on August 10, 2022. In connection with the original issuance, three senior executives of the Company purchased approximately \$10.0 million of the Series 2022 Bonds, which purchases were entered into on an arm's length basis during the public offering for the Series 2022 Bonds, and on the same terms and conditions that were offered to all Bond purchasers. One of the related parties of the Company left the Company during the three months ended June 30, 2024 and was no longer deemed a related party following his departure. The two other related parties of the Company held approximately \$9.0 million of the Series 2022 Bonds as of September 30, 2024. The Company accrued approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million in interest for the bond holders as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. The Company paid approximately \$0.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, and \$0.6 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, in interest to these bond holders during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, and incurred approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, and \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, in interest for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023. Refer to "Note 15 – Long-Term Debt" included in this Quarterly Report for additional information on the Series 2022 Bonds.

NOTE 20 – INCOME TAXES

As a result of the Business Combination, the Company became the successor of Legacy Bridger, as discussed in "Note 1 – Organization and Basis of Presentation" included in this Quarterly Report, which is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a partnership, Legacy Bridger's net income or loss is allocated among the members in accordance with the Company's operating agreement, and federal income taxes are not payable or provided for by Legacy Bridger. Members are taxed individually on their pro rata ownership share of the Legacy Bridger's earnings. Bridger is subject to U.S. federal income taxes, in addition to state and local income taxes, with respect to net taxable income or loss and any related tax credits of the Company. Bridger is also subject to taxes in foreign jurisdictions in which it operates.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recorded income tax benefit of zero and \$0.5 million, respectively. The effective tax rate was 0.0% and 14.7% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, respectively. The change in effective tax rate is primarily a result of the discrete benefit generated from the FMS Acquisition reported for the nine months ended September 30, 2024.

The Company has assessed the realizability of the net deferred tax assets and in that analysis has considered the relevant positive and negative evidence available to determine whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized.

The Company's income tax filings will be subject to audit by various taxing jurisdictions. The Company will monitor the status of U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns that may be subject to audit in future periods. No U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns are currently under examination by the respective taxing authorities.

NOTE 21 – EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

Earnings (loss) per share of Common Stock is calculated in accordance with ASC 260, *Earnings per share*. Earnings (loss) per share – basic is calculated by dividing Earnings (loss) attributable to Common Stockholders - basic and diluted by the Weighted average Common Stock outstanding - basic.

Earnings (loss) per share – diluted is based on the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock used for the Earnings (loss) per share - basic calculation, adjusted for the weighted-average number of common share equivalents outstanding for the period determined using the treasury stock method and if-converted method, as applicable. Earnings (loss) attributable to Common Stockholders – basic and diluted is adjusted for the impact of changes in the fair value of the Public Warrants and Private Placement Warrants, to the extent they are dilutive.

Earnings (loss) per share calculations for all periods prior to the Closing have been retrospectively adjusted by the Exchange Ratio for the equivalent number of shares outstanding immediately after the Closing to effect the reverse recapitalization. Subsequent to the Closing, Earnings (loss) per share is calculated based on the Weighted average Common Stock outstanding.

The following table sets forth the computation of the Company's Earnings (loss) per share:

\$s in thousands, except per share amounts	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Net income (loss)	\$ 27,346	\$ 17,488	\$ (2,722)	\$ (46,219)
Adjustments to Net income (loss):				
Series A Preferred Stock—adjustment for deemed dividend upon Closing	—	—	—	(48,300)
Series A Preferred Stock—adjustment to eliminate 50% multiplier	—	—	—	156,362
Series A Preferred Stock—adjustment to maximum redemptions value	(6,476)	(6,048)	(18,861)	(16,128)
Earnings (loss) attributable to Common stockholders – basic	\$ 20,870	\$ 11,440	\$ (21,583)	\$ 45,715
Change in fair value of embedded derivative	—	(179)	—	45
Dilutive adjustments to Earnings (loss) attributable to Common stockholders – basic	6,476	6,048	—	(91,934)
Earnings (loss) attributable to Common stockholders - diluted	\$ 27,346	\$ 17,309	\$ (21,583)	\$ (46,174)
Weighted average Common Stock outstanding - basic	52,934,951	45,905,962	49,633,387	44,936,629
Weighted average effect of dilutive securities:				
Series A Preferred Stock	33,972,808	31,707,909	—	31,707,909
Unvested Restricted Stock Units	153,995	928,973	—	—
Unvested Legacy Bridger Incentive Units	38,887	79,912	—	—
Sponsor Earnout Shares	855,000	855,000	—	—
Weighted average Common Stock outstanding - diluted	87,955,641	79,477,756	49,633,387	76,644,538
Earnings (loss) per share - basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.25	\$ (0.43)	\$ 1.02
Earnings (loss) per share - diluted	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.60)

The following table summarizes the potentially dilutive common shares that were excluded from diluted Earnings (loss) per share - diluted computations because the effect would have been anti-dilutive:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Series A Preferred Stock	—	—	33,972,808	—
Unvested Restricted Stock Units	3,139,226	4,176,083	4,559,929	6,930,182
Public Warrants	17,249,874	17,250,000	17,249,874	17,250,000
Private Placement Warrants	9,400,000	9,400,000	9,400,000	9,400,000
Unvested Legacy Bridger Incentive Units	—	—	40,404	80,808
Sponsor Earnout Shares	—	—	855,000	855,000

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The following discussion and analysis is intended to help you understand our business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources. The discussion and analysis should be read together with the condensed consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes thereto, that are included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “Quarterly Report”). This discussion and analysis should also be read together with the historical audited annual consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A (the “Annual Report”). This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements based upon our current expectations, estimates and projections that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements due to, among other considerations, the matters discussed in the sections entitled “Risk Factors” and “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

Bridger provides aerial wildfire surveillance, relief and suppression and aerial firefighting services using next-generation technology and environmentally friendly and sustainable firefighting methods primarily throughout the United States, as well as airframe modification and integration solutions for governmental and commercial customers. Our mission is to save lives, property and habitats threatened by wildfires, leveraging our high-quality team, specialized aircraft and innovative use of technology and data. We are meeting an underserved and growing need for next-generation full-service aerial firefighting platforms.

Our portfolio is organized across three core offerings:

- **Fire Suppression:** Consists of deploying specialized Viking CL-415EAF (“Super Scooper”) aircraft to drop large amounts of water quickly and directly on wildfires.
- **Aerial Surveillance:** Consists of providing aerial surveillance via manned (“Air Attack”) aircraft for fire suppression aircraft over an incident and providing tactical coordination with the incident commander.
- **Maintenance Repair:** Consists of maintenance and repair services for return-to-service upgrades of the Spanish Scoopers as well as airframe modifications and integration solutions for government and commercial customers.

We manage our operations as a single segment for purposes of assessing performance, making operating decisions and allocating resources.

We have made and will continue to make significant investments in capital expenditures to build and expand our integrated response solutions. We expect that our existing cash and cash equivalents as well as cash generated from our operations and potential additional sales of our common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Common Stock”), through our at-the-market offering and other offerings will be sufficient to meet our current working capital and capital expenditure requirements for a period of at least 12 months from the date of this Quarterly Report, depending on the cash generated from our seasonal firefighting operations in 2025. Refer to the “*Liquidity and Capital Resources*” section below and “*Note 1 – Organization and Basis of Presentation*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional details on management’s assessment of the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern.

The Reverse Recapitalization

On January 24, 2023 (the “Closing Date”), Jack Creek Investment Corp (“JCIC”) completed the reverse recapitalization (the “Closing” and the “Reverse Recapitalization”) with the Company’s predecessor, Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Legacy Bridger”). As a result of the Reverse Recapitalization, JCIC and Legacy Bridger each became wholly-owned subsidiaries of a new public company that was renamed Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc, and JCIC shareholders and Legacy Bridger equity holders converted their equity ownership in JCIC and Legacy Bridger, respectively, into equity ownership in Bridger. Legacy Bridger was determined to be the accounting acquirer as of the Closing Date with respect to the Reverse Recapitalization, which has been accounted for as a reverse recapitalization, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded, in accordance with GAAP.

Upon consummation of the Reverse Recapitalization, the most significant change in Legacy Bridger's future reported financial position and results of operations was a gross decrease in cash and cash equivalents (as compared to Legacy Bridger's balance sheet at December 31, 2022), of approximately \$17.0 million. Total direct and incremental transaction costs of Bridger, JCIC and Legacy Bridger paid at the closing of the Reverse Recapitalization on January 24, 2023 (the "Closing") were approximately \$16.6 million and have been treated as a reduction of the cash proceeds and deducted from our additional paid-in capital.

Public Company Costs

We have become the successor to an SEC-registered and Nasdaq Global Market-listed company, which has required, and in the future may require, us to hire additional staff and implement procedures and processes to address public company regulatory requirements and customary practices. We have incurred and expect to incur additional annual expenses for, among other things, directors' and officers' liability insurance, director fees and additional internal and external accounting, legal and administrative resources and fees.

KEY FACTORS AFFECTING OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We are exposed to certain risks inherent to an aerial firefighting business. These risks are further described in the section entitled "*Risk Factors*" in the Annual Report.

Seasonality Due to the North American Fire Season

Our operating results are impacted by seasonality. Climate conditions and other factors that may influence the revenues of our services may vary each season and year. Historically, the demand for our services has been higher in the second and third quarters of each fiscal year due to the timing and duration of the North American fire season. Consequently, revenues, expenses and operating cash flows from our services are generated mostly in the second and third quarters of our fiscal year. However, the seasonal fluctuations in the need to fight wildfires based upon location and the varying intensity of the fire season have and may continue to lead our operating results to fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter and year to year.

Weather Conditions and Climate Trends

Our business is highly dependent on the needs of government agencies to surveil and suppress fires. As such, our financial condition and results of operations are significantly affected by the weather, as well as environmental and other factors affecting climate change, which impact the number and severity of fires in any given period. The intensity and duration of the North American fire season is affected by multiple factors, some of which, according to a 2016 article by Climate Central, a nonprofit climate science news organization, are weather patterns including warmer springs and longer summers, lower levels of mountaintop snowpack which lead to drier soils and vegetation and frequency of lightning strikes. Based on the climate change indicators published by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), these factors have shown year over year increases linked to the effects of climate change and the overall trend in increased temperatures. We believe that rising global temperatures have been, and in the future are expected to be, one factor contributing to increasing rates and severity of wildfires. Historically, our revenue has been higher in the summer season of each fiscal year due to weather patterns which are generally correlated to a higher prevalence of wildfires in North America. Larger wildfires and longer seasons are expected to continue as droughts increase in frequency and duration, according to a 2022 article by the EPA.

Limited Supply of Specialized Aircraft and Replacement and Maintenance Parts

Our results of operations are dependent on sufficient availability of aircraft, raw materials and supplied components provided by a limited number of suppliers. Our reliance on limited suppliers exposes us to volatility in the prices and availability of these materials which may lead to increased costs and delays in operations.

Economic and Market Factors

Our operations, supply chain, partners and suppliers have been subject to various global macroeconomic factors. We expect to continue to remain vulnerable to a number of industry-specific and global macroeconomic factors that may cause our actual results of operations to differ from our historical results of operations or current expectations. The factors and trends that we currently believe are or will be most impactful to our results of operations and financial condition include, but are not limited to, the impact on us of significant operational challenges by third parties on which we rely, inflationary pressures, short-term and long-term weather patterns, potential labor and supply chain shortages affecting us and our partners, volatile fuel prices, aircraft delivery delays and changes in general economic conditions in the markets in which we operate.

Historically, our results of operations have not been materially impacted by other factors. We continue to monitor the potential favorable or unfavorable impacts of these and other factors on our business, operations, financial condition and future results of operations, which are dependent on future developments. Our future results of operations may be subject to volatility and our growth plans may be delayed, particularly in the short-term, due to the impact of the above factors and trends. However, we believe that our long-term outlook remains positive due to the increasing demand for our services and our ability to meet those demands consistently, despite adverse market factors. We believe that this expected long-term increase in demand will offset increased costs and that the operational challenges we may experience in the near term can be managed in a manner that will allow us to support increased demand, though we cannot provide any assurances.

KEY COMPONENTS OF OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Revenue

Our primary source of revenues is from providing services, which are disaggregated into fire suppression, aerial surveillance, maintenance repair and other services. Revenues and growth for our fire suppression and aerial surveillance services are driven by climate trends, specifically the intensity and timing of the North American fire season. Maintenance repair includes revenue from return-to-service and maintenance repair services performed externally for third parties. Other services primarily consist of extraneous fulfillment of contractual services such as extended availability and mobilizations.

We charge daily and hourly rates depending upon the type of firefighting service rendered and under which contract the services are performed. The recognition of revenues for our services are primarily split into flight, standby and other revenues. Flight revenue is primarily earned at an hourly rate when the engines of the aircraft are cycled, upon request of the customer. Standby revenue is primarily earned as a daily rate when aircraft are available for use at a fire base, awaiting request from the customer for flight deployment. Maintenance repair consists of maintenance, repair and return-to-service work performed on customer aircraft. Other revenue consists of additional contractual items that can be charged to the customer, such as leasing revenues for facilities.

Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues includes costs incurred directly related to flight operations including expenses associated with operating the aircraft on revenue generating contracts. These include labor, depreciation, subscriptions and fees, travel and fuel. Cost of revenues also includes routine aircraft maintenance expenses and repairs, including maintenance and modification repair work for third-party aircraft, consisting primarily of labor, parts, consumables, travel and subscriptions unique to each airframe.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expenses include all costs that are not directly related to satisfaction of customer contracts. Selling, general and administrative expenses include costs for our administrative functions, such as finance, legal, human resources, and IT support, and business development costs that include contract procurement, public relations and business opportunity advancement. These functions include costs for items such as salaries, benefits, stock-based compensation and other personnel-related costs, maintenance and supplies, professional fees for external legal, accounting, and other consulting services, insurance, intangible asset amortization and depreciation expense. Selling, general and administrative expenses also include gains or losses on the disposal of fixed assets.

Interest Expense

Interest expense consists of interest costs related to our Gallatin municipal bond issuances by Legacy Bridger that closed in July and August 2022 (the "Series 2022 Bonds"), our permanent and term loan agreements, and the net effect of our interest rate swap. Interest expense also includes amortization of debt issuance costs associated with our loan agreements. Refer to "*Liquidity and Capital Resources—Indebtedness*" included in this Quarterly Report for a discussion of our loan commitments.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Comparison of the Three Months Ended September 30, 2024 to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023

The following table sets forth our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations information for the three months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 and should be reviewed in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

\$s in thousands	Three Months Ended September 30, 2024	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Revenues	\$ 64,507	\$ 53,619	\$ 10,888	20%
Cost of revenues:				
Flight operations	15,122	10,248	4,874	48%
Maintenance	7,879	5,723	2,156	38%
Total cost of revenues	23,001	15,971	7,030	44%
Gross income	41,506	37,648	3,858	10%
Selling, general and administrative expense	8,641	15,064	(6,423)	(43%)
Operating income	32,865	22,584	10,281	46%
Interest expense	(5,989)	(5,970)	(19)	—%
Other income	470	560	(90)	(16%)
Loss before income taxes	27,346	17,174	10,172	59%
Income tax benefit	—	314	(314)	(100%)
Net income	\$ 27,346	\$ 17,488	\$ 9,858	56%

Revenues

Revenues increased by \$10.9 million, or 20%, to \$64.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$53.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023.

Revenues by service offering for the three months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

\$s in thousands	Three Months Ended September 30, 2024	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Fire suppression	\$ 50,591	\$ 46,154	\$ 4,437	10%
Aerial surveillance	7,623	7,355	268	4%
Maintenance repair	3,774	—	3,774	n/a
Other services	2,519	110	2,409	2,190%
Total revenues	\$ 64,507	\$ 53,619	\$ 10,888	20%

Fire suppression revenue increased by \$4.4 million, or 10%, to \$50.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$46.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily driven by increased flight hours for our Super Scoopers for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2023. In 2023, the Company actively expanded our aerial firefighting operations in Canada. The Company has had no aerial firefighting operations in Canada in 2024.

Aerial surveillance increased by \$0.3 million, or 4%, to \$7.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$7.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the higher rate of the Pilatus aircraft operating for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the Twin Commander aircraft operating for three months ended September 30, 2023.

Maintenance repair was \$3.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, compared to none for the three months ended September 30, 2023. This amount is primarily due to the new revenues from maintenance and repair work performed by FMS and the return-to-service work performed on the Spanish Scoopers in connection with the MAB services agreement. Refer to “*Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Other services revenue increased by \$2.4 million, or 2,190%, to \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$0.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to third-party training and flight operations services utilizing our aircraft for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 that did not occur in the prior year period.

Revenues by type for the three months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

\$s in thousands	Three Months Ended September 30, 2024	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Flight revenue	\$ 33,958	\$ 28,323	\$ 5,635	20%
Standby revenue	25,746	25,006	740	3%
Other revenue	4,803	290	4,513	1,556%
Total revenues	\$ 64,507	\$ 53,619	\$ 10,888	20%

Flight revenue increased by \$5.6 million, or 20%, to \$34.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$28.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase in flight revenue was primarily driven by increased flight hours for our Super Scoopers for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2023. In 2023, the Company actively expanded our aerial firefighting operations in Canada. The Company has had no aerial firefighting operations in Canada in 2024.

Standby revenue increased by \$0.7 million, or 3% to \$25.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$25.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the higher rate of the Pilatus aircraft operating for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the Twin Commander aircraft operating for three months ended September 30, 2023.

Other revenue increased by \$4.5 million, or 1,556%, to \$4.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the maintenance and repair work performed by FMS and the return-to-service work performed on the Spanish Scoopers in connection with the MAB services agreement. Refer to "Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Cost of Revenues

Total cost of revenues increased by \$7.0 million, or 44%, to \$23.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$16.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023.

Flight Operations

Flight operations expenses increased by \$4.9 million, or 48%, to \$15.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$10.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in depreciation expense of \$4.3 million, an increase in training costs of \$0.3 million, and an increase of employee labor expenses of \$0.3 million, in each case for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2023.

Maintenance

Maintenance expenses increased by \$2.2 million, or 38%, to \$7.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$5.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily driven by an increase in aircraft maintenance and modification expense of \$1.4 million, an increase in depreciation expense of \$0.5 million, an increase in subscriptions, licenses, and fees of \$0.1 million, and an increase in training expenses of \$0.1 million, in each case for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2023.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased by \$6.4 million, or 43%, to \$8.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$15.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in the market value of the Warrants of \$4.3 million. The decrease was partially attributable to the decrease in stock-based compensation of \$3.0 million associated with RSUs issued to senior management and employees of Bridger.

Other Income

Other income decreased by \$0.1 million, or 16%, to \$0.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease was primarily driven by realized gains on available-for-sale securities of \$0.1 million. Refer to “*Note 4 – Cash Equivalents and Investment in Marketable Securities*” of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Income Tax Benefit

Income tax benefit decreased by \$0.3 million to zero for the three months ended September 30, 2024, from \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease was driven by a discrete benefit generated from the Ignis Acquisition for the three months ended September 30, 2023.

Comparison of the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024 to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023

The following table sets forth our unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations information for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 and should be reviewed in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

\$s in thousands	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Revenues	\$ 83,028	\$ 65,600	\$ 17,428	27%
Cost of revenues:				
Flight operations	25,237	20,280	4,957	24%
Maintenance	16,837	13,450	3,387	25%
Total cost of revenues	42,074	33,730	8,344	25%
Gross income	40,954	31,870	9,084	29%
Selling, general and administrative expense	28,153	63,480	(35,327)	(56%)
Operating income (loss)	12,801	(31,610)	44,411	(140%)
Interest expense	(17,766)	(17,176)	(590)	3%
Other income	1,773	2,253	(480)	(21%)
Loss before income taxes	(3,192)	(46,533)	43,341	(93)%
Income tax benefit	470	314	156	50%
Net loss	\$ (2,722)	\$ (46,219)	\$ 43,497	(94%)

Revenues

Revenues increased by \$17.4 million, or 27%, to \$83.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$65.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Revenues by service offering for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

\$s in thousands	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Fire suppression	\$ 61,570	\$ 56,603	\$ 4,967	9%
Aerial surveillance	11,959	8,479	3,480	41%
Maintenance repair	5,591	—	5,591	n/a
Other services	3,908	518	3,390	654%
Total revenues	\$ 83,028	\$ 65,600	\$ 17,428	27%

Fire suppression revenue increased by \$5.0 million, or 9%, to \$61.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$56.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to an earlier start to the 2024 wildfire season in March and April of 2024 and increased flight hours for our Super Scoopers, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Aerial surveillance revenue increased by \$3.5 million, or 41%, to \$12.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$8.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the higher rate of the Pilatus aircraft operating for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the Twin Commander aircraft operating for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was partially due to an earlier start to the 2024 wildfire season in March and April of 2024, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023, which led to more aircraft operating for the nine months ended September 30, 2024.

Maintenance repair was \$5.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, compared to none for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. This amount is primarily due to the new revenues from maintenance and repair work performed by FMS and the return-to-service work performed on the Spanish Scoopers in connection with the MAB services agreement. Refer to “*Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Other services revenue increased by \$3.4 million, or 654%, to \$3.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to third-party training and flight operations services utilizing our aircraft for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 that did not occur in the prior year period.

Revenues by type for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

\$s in thousands	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Flight revenue	\$ 39,354	\$ 34,117	\$ 5,237	15%
Standby revenue	35,725	30,142	5,583	19%
Other revenue	7,949	1,341	6,608	493%
Total revenues	\$ 83,028	\$ 65,600	\$ 17,428	27%

Flight revenue increased by \$5.2 million, or 15%, to \$39.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$34.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase in flight revenue was primarily driven by increased flight hours for our Super Scoopers in the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023. In 2023, the Company actively expanded our aerial firefighting operations in Canada. The Company has had no aerial firefighting operations in Canada in 2024.

Standby revenue increased by \$5.6 million, or 19%, to \$35.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from 30.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the higher rate of the Pilatus aircraft operating for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the Twin Commander aircraft operating for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was also attributable to the early deployment of two Super Scoopers in March and April of 2024.

Other revenue increased by \$6.6 million, or 493%, to \$7.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the new revenues from maintenance and repair work performed by FMS and the return-to-service work performed on the Spanish Scoopers in connection with the MAB services agreement. Refer to “*Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional details.

Cost of Revenues

Total cost of revenues increased by \$8.3 million, or 25%, to \$42.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$33.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Flight Operations

Flight operations expenses increased by \$5.0 million, or 24%, to \$25.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$20.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in depreciation expense of \$2.5 million, an increase in aircraft lease expense of approximately \$0.8 million due to two Pilatus operating leases commencing in July 2023 and a Twin Otter operating lease commencing in April 2023, an increase in training costs of \$0.6 million, and an increase of employee labor expenses of \$0.6 million, in each case for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Maintenance

Maintenance expenses increased by \$3.4 million, or 25%, to \$16.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$13.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily driven by an increase in aircraft maintenance and modification expense of \$1.3 million, an increase depreciation expense of \$1.0 million, an increase in salaries and wages of \$0.8 million, and an increase subscriptions, licenses, and fees of \$0.3 million, in each case for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased by \$35.3 million, or 56%, to \$28.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$63.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease was primarily attributable to the decrease in stock-based compensation of \$25.9 million primarily associated with the immediate vesting of RSUs issued to executives and senior management of Bridger in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization in January 2023. The remaining decrease is partially attributable to a decrease in the market value of the Warrants of \$6.0 million and a decrease in professional service fees of \$2.2 million due to higher costs associated with becoming a public company in the first nine months of 2023.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased by \$0.6 million, or 3%, to \$17.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$17.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily driven by lower capitalized interest associated with the financing of the construction of fixed assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Other Income

Other income decreased by \$0.5 million, or 21%, to \$1.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from Other income of \$2.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease was primarily attributable to interest income for the embedded derivative of Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares of \$1.2 million. Refer to “*Note 17 – Mezzanine Equity*” of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional details. The decrease was offset primarily by an increase in interest income of \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Income Tax Benefit

Income tax benefit increased by \$0.2 million, or 50%, to \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, from \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The increase was attributable to a discrete benefit generated from the FMS Acquisition during 2024.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Although we believe that net income or loss, as determined in accordance with GAAP, is the most appropriate earnings measure, we use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as key profitability measures to assess the performance of our business. We believe these measures help illustrate underlying trends in our business and use the measures to establish budgets and operational goals, and communicate internally and externally, in managing our business and evaluating its performance. We also believe these measures help investors compare our operating performance with its results in prior periods in a way that is consistent with how management evaluates such performance.

Each of the profitability measures described below is not recognized under GAAP and does not purport to be an alternative to net income or loss determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of our performance. Such measures have limitations as analytical tools, and should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for our results as reported under GAAP. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA exclude items that can have a significant effect on our profit or loss and should, therefore, be used only in conjunction with our GAAP profit or loss for the period. Our management compensates for the limitations of using non-GAAP financial measures by using them to supplement GAAP results to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone. Because not all companies use identical calculations, these measures may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

EBITDA is a non-GAAP profitability measure that represents net income or loss for the period before the impact of the interest expense, income tax expense (benefit) and depreciation and amortization of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. EBITDA eliminates potential differences in performance caused by variations in capital structures (affecting financing expenses), the cost and age of tangible assets (affecting relative depreciation expense) and the extent to which intangible assets are identifiable (affecting relative amortization expense).

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP profitability measure that represents EBITDA before certain items that are considered to hinder comparison of the performance of our businesses on a period-over-period basis or with other businesses. During the periods presented, we exclude from Adjusted EBITDA certain costs that are required to be expensed in accordance with GAAP, including non-cash stock-based compensation, business development and integration expenses, offering costs, gains and losses on disposal of fixed assets, non-cash adjustments to the fair value of earnout consideration, and non-cash adjustments to the fair value of Warrants issued in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization. Our management believes that the inclusion of supplementary adjustments to EBITDA applied in presenting Adjusted EBITDA are appropriate to provide additional information to investors about certain material non-cash items and about unusual items that we do not expect to continue at the same level in the future.

The reconciliation of Net income, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

\$s in thousands	Three Months Ended September 30, 2024	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Net income	\$ 27,346	\$ 17,488	\$ 9,858	56%
Income tax benefit	—	(314)	314	(100%)
Depreciation and amortization	11,471	5,248	6,223	119%
Interest expense	5,989	5,970	19	—%
EBITDA	44,806	28,392	16,414	58%
Stock-based compensation ¹	3,369	6,605	(3,236)	(49)%
Business development & integration expenses ²	287	680	(393)	(58)%
Change in fair value of earnout consideration ³	272	—	272	n/a
Change in fair value of Warrants ⁴	(1,865)	2,399	(4,264)	(178)%
Offering costs ⁵	105	662	(557)	(84)%
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 38,738</u>	<u>\$ 8,236</u>	21%
Net income margin ⁶	42 %	33 %		
Adjusted EBITDA margin ⁶	73 %	72 %		

¹ Represents non-cash stock-based compensation expense associated with employee and non-employee equity awards.

² Represents expenses related to integration costs for completed acquisitions and expenses related to potential acquisition targets and additional business lines.

³ Represents non-cash fair value adjustment for earnout consideration issued in connection with the acquisitions of Ignis Technologies, Inc. and Flight Test & Mechanical Solutions, Inc.

⁴ Represents the non-cash fair value adjustment for Warrants issued in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization.

⁵ Represents one-time costs for professional service fees related to the preparation for potential offerings that have been expensed during the period.

⁶ Net income margin calculated as Net income divided by Total revenue and Adjusted EBITDA margin calculated as Adjusted EBITDA divided by Total revenue.

The reconciliation of Net loss, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

\$s in thousands	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	Period Over Period Change (\$)	Period Over Period Change (%)
Net loss	\$ (2,722)	\$ (46,219)	\$ 43,497	(94%)
Income tax benefit	(470)	(314)	(156)	50%
Depreciation and amortization	14,759	10,234	4,525	44%
Interest expense	17,766	17,176	590	3%
EBITDA	29,333	(19,123)	48,456	(253%)
Stock-based compensation ¹	13,718	39,749	(26,031)	(65%)
Business development & integration expenses ²	748	1,553	(805)	(52%)
Change in fair value of earnout consideration ³	479	—	479	n/a
Change in fair value of Warrants ⁴	(3,997)	1,866	(5,863)	(314%)
Offering costs ⁵	(44)	3,930	(3,974)	(101%)
Loss on disposal ⁶	—	1,052	(1,052)	(100%)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 40,237	\$ 29,027	\$ 11,210	39%
Net loss margin ⁷	(3 %)	(70 %)		
Adjusted EBITDA margin ⁷	48 %	44 %		

¹ Represents non-cash stock-based compensation expense associated with employee and non-employee equity awards.

² Represents expenses related to integration costs for completed acquisitions and expenses related to potential acquisition targets and additional business lines.

³ Represents non-cash fair value adjustment for earnout consideration issued in connection with the acquisition of Ignis Technologies, Inc. and Flight Test & Mechanical Solutions, Inc.

⁴ Represents the non-cash fair value adjustment for Warrants issued in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization.

⁵ Represents one-time costs for professional service fees related to the preparation for potential offerings that have been expensed during the period.

⁶ Represents loss on the disposal of an aging aircraft and the non-cash impairment charges on a retired aircraft.

⁷ Net loss margin calculated as Net loss divided by Total revenue and Adjusted EBITDA margin calculated as Adjusted EBITDA divided by Total revenue.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Going Concern

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 205-40, *Going Concern*, the Company has evaluated whether there are certain conditions and events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern within 12 months after the date that these condensed consolidated financial statements are issued. This evaluation includes considerations related to the covenants contained in the Company’s loan agreements as well as the Company’s liquidity position overall.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company had an operating income of \$12.8 million, net loss of \$2.7 million and cash flow provided by operating activities of \$0.2 million. In addition, as of September 30, 2024, the Company had unrestricted cash and investments of \$33.3 million.

As disclosed in detail under the section entitled “*Liquidity and Capital Resources—Indebtedness*” below, the Company is not in compliance, and it is possible it will not be in compliance, with certain financial covenants associated with the Series 2022 Bonds during the next 12 months.

Beginning in November 2023, management has implemented steps to help improve the Company's near-term cash position through a combination of cost reduction measures and the raising of funds through a number of potential avenues, including additional sales of our Common Stock through our at-the-market offering and registered direct equity offering. Our ability to raise additional funds will depend on, among other factors, financial, economic and market conditions, many of which are outside of our control and there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain additional funding on satisfactory terms or at all.

As of November 8, 2024, \$5,869,526 is available for potential future sales under the 2024 ATM Agreement, which may be utilized for future financings under our effective shelf registration statement. The amount registered for potential future sales under the 2024 ATM Agreement was reduced to \$5,869,526 on April 15, 2024 in accordance with General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3 in connection with the Company's Registered Direct Offering of 2,183,366 shares of Common Stock described in "Note 18 – Stockholders' Deficit" of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report.

Current and possible future noncompliance with financial covenants and uncertainty regarding the Company's ability to diligently prosecute the cost reduction plan and to raise additional cash funding raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within 12 months following the issuance date of the condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the period ended September 30, 2024.

Cash and Marketable Securities

As of September 30, 2024, our principal sources of liquidity were cash and cash equivalents of \$33.3 million which were held for working capital purposes and restricted cash of \$9.3 million. Restricted cash consists primarily of cash reserved for debt servicing on the Series 2022 Bonds. From time to time, the Company invests its excess cash in highly rated available-for-sale securities, with the primary objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. As of September 30, 2024, the Company had zero of investments in debt securities classified as available-for-sale.

We may receive up to \$306.5 million from the exercise of the 9,400,000 private placement warrants and 17,249,874 public warrants of the Company outstanding (collectively, the "Warrants"), assuming the exercise in full of all the Warrants for cash, but not from the sale of the shares of Common Stock issuable upon such exercise. On September 30, 2024, the closing price of our Common Stock was \$2.22 per share. For so long as the market price of our Common Stock is below the exercise price of our Warrants (\$11.50 per share), our Warrants remain "out-of-the money," and holders of our Warrants are unlikely to cash exercise their Warrants, resulting in little or no cash proceeds to us. There can be no assurance that our Warrants will be in the money prior to their January 24, 2028 expiration date, and therefore, we may not receive any cash proceeds from the exercise of our Warrants to fund our operations. Accordingly, we have not relied on the receipt of proceeds from the exercise of our Warrants in assessing our capital requirements and sources of liquidity.

We may in the future seek to raise additional funds through various potential sources, such as equity and debt financing for general corporate purposes or for specific purposes, including in order to pursue growth initiatives. Based on our unrestricted cash and cash equivalents balance as of September 30, 2024, and our projected cash use, we would anticipate the need to raise additional funds through equity or debt financing (or the issuance of stock as acquisition consideration) to pursue any significant acquisition opportunity, at the time of such acquisition opportunity. Our ability to generate proceeds from equity financings will significantly depend on the market price of our Common Stock.

On November 17, 2023, the Company entered into a series of agreements designed to facilitate the purchase and return-to-service of the Spanish Scoopers originally awarded to the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Bridger Aerospace Europe, S.L.U. ("BAE"), in September 2023 via a public tender process from the Government of Spain for €40.3 million. Under the terms of the agreements, the Company agreed to sell its entire outstanding equity interest in BAE to MAB and purchase \$4.0 million of non-voting Class B units of MAB. The Company also entered into a services agreement with MAB whereby the Company will manage the return-to-service upgrades of the Spanish Scoopers through the Company's wholly-owned Spanish subsidiary, Albacete Aero, S.L., while they are owned and funded by MAB. The service agreement also provides that the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to acquire each Spanish Scooper as it is ready to be contracted and returned to service. Our management team estimates that the cost to renovate and upgrade these Spanish Scoopers will be approximately \$8 million to \$12 million per aircraft. Assuming timely completion of such renovations and upgrades, we expect these modified Spanish Scoopers to generate revenue and Adjusted EBITDA in-line with Bridger's current fleet of Super Scoopers once contracting mechanics are negotiated with various foreign governments during their respective return-to-service timeframes. However, there can be no assurance that this acquisition will be completed upon the timeline discussed above or at all, nor that the Company will be able to successfully contract with various foreign governments to generate revenue.

Indebtedness

As of September 30, 2024, we held \$21.7 million of current liabilities, \$13.6 million of which was accrued expenses and other current liabilities.

As of September 30, 2024, we held \$216.2 million of long-term liabilities with \$203.0 million of total long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs, which are comprised of the Series 2022 Bonds, two separate credit facilities brokered through Live Oak Bank, two separate credit facilities with Rocky Mountain Bank, now known as Citywide Banks and various short term vehicle loans through First Interstate Bank.

Series 2022 Bonds

On July 21, 2022, we closed our Series 2022 Bond Offering in a taxable industrial development revenue bond transaction with Gallatin County, Montana for \$160.0 million (the “Series 2022 Bond Offering”). Pursuant to the Series 2022 Bond Offering, Gallatin County issued \$135.0 million of bonds on July 21, 2022 and an additional \$25.0 million of bonds on August 10, 2022. The proceeds from the offering, together with cash on hand, were used to redeem the capital contributions plus accrued interest for all of the remaining Legacy Bridger Series A-1 preferred shares and Legacy Bridger Series A-2 preferred shares totaling \$134.0 million, the principal plus accrued interest for the Series 2021 Gallatin County municipal bond, totaling \$7.7 million, to finance the construction and equipping of the Company’s third aircraft hangar in Belgrade, Montana and to fund the purchase of additional Super Scooper aircraft. The Series 2022 Bonds mature on September 1, 2027, with an annual interest rate of 11.5%. Interest is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year until maturity and commenced on September 1, 2022. Debt issuance costs for the Series 2022 Bonds was \$4.2 million.

Optional Redemption—We may redeem the Series 2022 Bonds (i) during the period beginning on September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026, at a redemption price equal to 103% of the principal amount plus accrued interest; (ii) during the period beginning on September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, at a redemption price equal to 102% of the principal amount plus accrued interest; and (iii) on or after September 1, 2027, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest. At our direction, the Series 2022 Bonds may be redeemed by Gallatin County at any time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest upon the occurrence of certain events set forth in that certain Amended and Restated Trust Indenture, dated as of June 1, 2022 (the “Indenture”), between Gallatin County and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mandatory and Extraordinary Redemptions—Subject to the terms of the Indenture, the Series 2022 Bonds must be redeemed, including, among other things, (i) from all the proceeds of the sale of any Super Scooper, (ii) in an amount equal to (a) 50% of our operating revenues less the portion used to pay or establish reserves for all our expenses, debt payments, capital improvements, replacements, and contingencies (“Excess Cash Flow”) or (b) 100% of Excess Cash Flow, in each case, in the event we fall below certain debt service coverage ratio requirements set forth in the Indenture, and (iii) upon a change of control (each a “Mandatory Redemption”). For each Mandatory Redemption, the Series 2022 Bonds will be redeemed in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of each Series 2022 Bond redeemed plus any premium that would be applicable to an optional redemption of the Series 2022 Bonds on such date (and if such redemption occurs prior to September 1, 2025, the applicable premium shall be three percent (3%)) and accrued interest. Furthermore, subject to the terms of the Indenture, at our direction, the Series 2022 Bonds may be redeemed by Gallatin County at any time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest upon the occurrence of certain events, including, among other things, casualty, condemnation, or other unexpected events set forth in the Indenture.

Financial Covenants— In connection with the Series 2022 Bonds, we are a party to certain loan agreements that contain customary representation and warranties, negative covenants, including, limitations on indebtedness, reduction of liquidity below certain levels, and asset sales, merger and other transactions, and remedies on and events of default.

Under the terms of such loan agreements, we are subject to certain financial covenants, that require, among other things, that we operate in a manner and to the extent permitted by applicable law, to produce sufficient gross revenues so as to be at all relevant times in compliance with the terms of such covenants, including that we maintain (i) beginning with the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2023, a minimum debt service coverage ratio (generally calculated as the aggregate amount of our total gross revenues, minus operating expenses, plus interest, depreciation and amortization expense, for any period, over our maximum annual debt service requirements, as determined under such loan agreement) that exceeds 1.25x and (ii) beginning with the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2022, a minimum liquidity of not less than \$8 million in the form of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, plus liquid investments and unrestricted marketable securities at all times.

Subject to the terms of the loan agreements, in the event we are unable to comply with the terms of the financial covenants, we may be required (among other potential remedial actions) to engage an independent consultant to review, analyze and make recommendations with respect to our operations or in some instances, this could result in an event of default and/or the acceleration of our debt obligations under the loan agreements. In addition, the acceleration of our debt obligations may in some instances (as set forth in our Amended and Restated Charter) result in an increase in the dividend rate of the Series A Preferred Stock by 2.00% per annum from the dividend rate otherwise in effect at such time.

The Company is not in compliance with the DSCR covenant as of September 30, 2024 and management anticipates the Company may not be in compliance with the DSCR covenant at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months, primarily attributable to the seasonal nature of our business and the unknown intensity of the 2025 wildfire season. The Company is in compliance with the \$8.0 million minimum liquidity requirement as of September 30, 2024. It is possible that the Company may not be in compliance with the minimum liquidity requirement at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months depending on the cash generated from its seasonal firefighting operations in 2025.

The Series 2022 Bonds agreements provide that, with regard to covenant violations, other than non-payment of principal or interest, no event of default shall be deemed to have occurred so long as a reasonable course of action to remedy a violation commences within 30 days of non-compliance and management diligently prosecutes the remediation plan to completion.

Management consulted with bond counsel on the impact of covenant violations and proactively developed a cost reduction plan, and began implementing the plan in November 2023, to help remedy the anticipated covenant breaches in 2024. While management has made significant progress, this plan is in process and there is no assurance that management will be able to diligently prosecute the remediation plan to completion. The uncertainty regarding the company's ability to diligently prosecute the remediation plan to completion and the potential impact on the bonds maturity as a result of possible future debt covenant violations at subsequent compliance dates or failure to make required interest payments, could result in the Series 2022 Bonds becoming immediately due and payable, which raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

Live Oak Bank Loans

Our loans with Live Oak Bank are subject to financial covenants requiring the Company to maintain a debt service coverage ratio, generally calculated as the ratio of the net cash flow (as defined in the applicable note agreements) to the amount of interest and servicing fees required to be paid over the succeeding 12 months on the principal amount of the note, as applicable, that will be outstanding on the payment date following such date of determination, that exceeds 1.25x at the aircraft or entity level and for the Company's debt to worth ratio to not exceed 5.00x at the aircraft or entity level. The Company is in compliance with such financial covenants as of September 30, 2024.

Citywide Banks Loans

Through certain of our subsidiaries, we entered into two credit facilities with Citywide Banks (formerly known as Rocky Mountain Bank) to finance in part (i) the construction of airplane hangars on September 30, 2019 and (ii) the purchase of four Quest Kodiak aircraft on February 3, 2020. In connection with such credit facilities, we also entered into various term loan and other long-term debt agreements which contain certain financial covenants, including, that we maintain (i) a debt service coverage ratio that exceeds 1.25x (generally calculated as the ratio of the net operating income over the debt service payments made or as the ratio of adjusted EBITDA over the aggregate amount of interest and principal payments, in each case, as determined in the applicable agreement) and (ii) certain senior leverage ratios that do not exceed 7.00x through the third quarter of 2024, 6.00x through the third quarter of 2025, or 5.00x thereafter (generally calculated as the ratio of the senior funded debt over EBITDA, as determined in the applicable agreement). The Company is in compliance with such financial covenants as of September 30, 2024.

Mezzanine and Permanent Equity

Preferred Shares

On April 25, 2022, we authorized and issued 315,789.473684 Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares for aggregate proceeds of \$288.5 million, net of issuance costs of \$11.5 million. Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares rank senior to our Common Stock and ranked subordinate to Legacy Bridger Series A Preferred Shares with respect to the distribution of assets upon liquidation or certain triggering events. Upon the Closing, Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares were exchanged for shares of Series A Preferred Stock on a one-to-one basis as a portion of the merger consideration issued in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization. The Series A Preferred Stock is classified as mezzanine equity as it remains probable that they may become redeemable upon the mandatory redemption date of April 25, 2032. Series A Preferred Stock does not participate in earnings and is non-voting. For additional information regarding the terms and conditions of the Series A Preferred Stock, see "Note 17 – Mezzanine Equity" for additional details.

Prior to the Closing, Legacy Bridger Series C Preferred Shares accrued interest daily at 7% per annum for the first year, 9% per annum for the second year and 11% per annum thereafter. Following the Closing, the Series A Preferred Stock will continue to accrue interest daily at 7% per annum for the first six years, 9% per annum for the seventh year, and 11% per annum thereafter. Accrued interest for the Series A Preferred Stock was \$41.0 million as of September 30, 2024.

As of September 30, 2024, it was probable that the Series A Preferred Stock may become redeemable at the holder's option on or after March 29, 2027. We have elected to recognize changes in redemption value immediately, adjusting the preferred shares to the maximum redemption value at each reporting date. As of September 30, 2024, Series A Preferred Stock had a carrying value and redemption value of \$373.7 million.

Common Stock

As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, we had 53,992,839 and 44,776,926 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding, respectively.

Historical Cash Flows

Our consolidated cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

\$s in thousands	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 166	\$ (41,491)
Net cash provided by investing activities	80	35,852
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	5,407	(5,105)
Effects of exchange rate changes	—	(44)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,653	\$ (10,788)

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities was \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, compared to Net cash used in operating activities of \$41.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Net cash used in operating activities reflects Net loss of \$2.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to Net loss of \$46.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Net cash used in operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 reflects add-backs to Net loss for non-cash charges totaling \$24.5 million, primarily attributable to depreciation and amortization expense of \$14.8 million, stock-based compensation expense of \$13.7 million, and partially offset by the change in fair value of the Warrants of \$4.0 million. Net cash used in operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 reflects add-backs to Net loss for non-cash charges totaling \$52.0 million, primarily attributable to stock-based compensation expense of \$38.7 million and partially attributable to depreciation and amortization expense of \$10.2 million.

Investing Activities

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$0.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, compared to Net cash provided by investing activities of \$35.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 reflects purchases of property, plant and equipment of \$3.1 million, which primarily comprised of purchases aircraft improvements, and expenditures for capitalized software of \$1.0 million, partially offset by cash acquired through the FMS Acquisition of \$2.6 million and proceeds from maturities of marketable securities of \$1.1 million. Net cash provided by investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 reflects proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities of \$53.1 million partially offset by purchases of property, plant and equipment of \$18.1 million, which is primarily comprised of aircraft improvements.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$5.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, compared to Net cash used in financing activities of \$5.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Net cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 primarily reflects proceeds from issuance of Common Stock in the Registered Direct Offering of \$9.2 million, partially offset by repayments on debt of \$2.2 million and payment of issuance costs for Common Stock in offerings of \$1.0 million. Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 primarily reflects costs incurred related to the Closing of \$6.8 million and repayments of debt of \$1.5 million, partially offset by proceeds from the Closing of \$3.2 million.

Contractual Obligations

Our principal commitments consist of obligations for outstanding leases and debt. The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2024:

\$s in thousands	Payments Due by Period		
	Total	Current	Noncurrent
Lease obligations	\$ 8,191	\$ 2,332	\$ 5,859
Debt obligations	205,166	2,121	203,045
Total	\$ 213,357	\$ 4,453	\$ 208,904

On November 17, 2023, the Company entered into a series of agreements with MAB and its subsidiary designed to facilitate the purchase and return to service of four Spanish Scoopers originally awarded to the Company in September 2023 via a public tender process from the Government of Spain. The terms of the agreements provide that the Company will manage the return to service upgrades of the Spanish Scoopers while they are owned and funded by MAB. The Company has the right, but not the obligation, to acquire each plane as it is ready to be contracted and returned to service. In the event that the Company does not purchase the aircraft within the time periods set forth in the agreements, then either party may initiate a sales process for the sale of all aircraft that have not been purchased by the Company, which sales process the Company will oversee and manage. If the aircraft are sold to a third party through such process, then the Company must pay MAB's subsidiary a cash fee equal to the amount, if any, by which the aggregate price of the Company's purchase options for such aircraft exceeds the consideration paid by the third-party purchaser for the same aircraft, not to exceed \$15.0 million in aggregate. If the aircraft are not sold to a third party and MAB's subsidiary has not otherwise entered into an operating lease with a third party for the aircraft, then the Company must pay MAB's subsidiary \$15.0 million.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

On November 17, 2023, we entered into a series of agreements designed to facilitate the purchase and return to service of the Spanish Scoopers originally awarded to our wholly-owned subsidiary, BAE, in September 2023 via a public tender process from the Government of Spain for €40.3 million. Under the terms of the agreements, we agreed to sell the entire outstanding equity interest in BAE to MAB and purchase \$4.0 million of non-voting Class B units of MAB. We also entered into a services agreement with MAB whereby we will manage the return to service upgrades of the Spanish Scoopers through our wholly-owned Spanish subsidiary, Albacete Aero, S.L., while they are owned and funded by MAB. The service agreement also provides that we have the right, but not the obligation, to acquire each Spanish Scooper as it is ready to be contracted and returned to service. The Company assessed both MAB and BAE for variable interest entity accounting under ASC 810-10-15 and determined that MAB is a voting interest entity and BAE is a variable interest entity. However, neither entity is consolidated in the consolidated financial statements as the Company does not have a controlling financial interest in MAB and the Company is not the primary beneficiary of BAE.

As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, we did not have any other relationships with special purpose or variable interest entities which have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangement, which have not been consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. Refer to "Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional information.

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Bridger is a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and is not required to provide the information otherwise required under this item.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report are prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, costs and expenses, provision for income taxes and related disclosures. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Changes in accounting estimates are reasonably likely to occur from period to period. Accordingly, actual results could differ significantly from the estimates made by our management. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. To the extent that there are material differences between these estimates and actual results, our future financial statement presentation, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows will be affected.

We believe that the following critical accounting policies involve a greater degree of judgment or complexity than our other accounting policies. Accordingly, these are the policies we believe are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our condensed consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

Investments in Marketable Securities

Investments in debt securities are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported as accumulated other comprehensive income. Gains and losses are recognized when realized. Unrealized losses are evaluated for impairment to determine if the impairment is credit related. An other-than-temporary credit impairment would be recognized as an adjustment to income. Gains and losses are determined using the first-in first-out method. Investments in marketable securities are classified as current assets with short-term maturities of less than one year.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized when control of the promised services is transferred to our customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those services.

We charge daily and hourly rates depending upon the type of firefighting services rendered and under which contract the services are performed. These services are primarily split into flight revenue and standby revenue. Flight revenue is primarily earned at an hourly rate when the engines of the aircraft are started and stopped upon request of the customer, tracked via flight logs for Super Scoopers or a Hobbs meter for other aircraft. Standby revenue is earned primarily as a daily rate when aircraft are available for use at a fire base, awaiting request from the customer for flight deployment.

We enter into short, medium and long-term contracts with customers, primarily with government agencies to deploy aerial fire management assets during the firefighting season. Revenue is recognized when performance obligations under the terms of a contract with our customers are satisfied and payment is typically due within 30 days of invoicing. This occurs as the services are rendered and include the use of the aircraft, pilot and field maintenance personnel to support the contract.

Contracts are based on either a Call-When-Needed (“CWN”) or Exclusive Use (“EU”) basis. Rates established are generally more competitive based on the security of the revenue from the contract (i.e., an EU versus only on an as-needed basis in CWN). These rates are delineated by the type of service, generally flight time or time available for deployment. Once an aircraft is deployed on a contract the fees are earned at these rates and cannot be obligated to another customer. Contracts have no financing components and consideration is at pre-determined rates. No variable considerations are constrained within the contracts.

The transaction prices are allocated on the service performed and tracked real-time by each operator in a duty log. On at least a monthly basis, the services performed and rates are validated by each customer. Acceptance by the customer is evidenced by the provision of their funded task order or accepted invoice.

Other revenue consists of leasing revenues for facilities as well as external repair and return-to-service work performed on customer aircraft. The Company commonly contracts with third-parties to perform certain repair and return-to-service work that we have promised in our customer agreements. The Company considers itself the principal in these arrangements as we control the timing and nature of the services ultimately provided by the third-party to the customer. Return-to-service revenue associated with the Spanish Scoopers is recognized over time using a cost-to-cost measure because it best depicts the transfer of value to the customer and also correlates with the amount of consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised services to the customer. Under the cost-to-cost measure of progress, progress towards completion is measured based on the ratio of costs incurred to date to the total estimated costs at completion of the performance obligation. Revenues are recorded proportionally as costs are incurred.

Payment terms vary by customer and type of revenue contract. We generally expect that the period of time between payment and transfer of promised goods or services will be less than one year. In such instances, we have elected the practical expedient to not evaluate whether a significant financing component exists. As the Company has a right to consideration from customers in an amount that corresponds directly with the value to the customer of the Company’s performance completed to date, the Company has applied the practical expedient to recognize revenue in the amount to which we have the right to invoice. As permitted under the practical expedient available under Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, we do not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for (i) contracts with an original expected length of one year or less and (ii) contracts for which we recognize revenue at the amount which we have the right to invoice for services performed.

Sales taxes and value added taxes in foreign jurisdictions that are collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are accounted for on a net basis and therefore are excluded from Revenues.

Business Combinations

The Company records tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. Under the acquisition method of accounting, amounts paid for the acquisition are allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition inclusive of identifiable intangible assets. Acquisition consideration includes contingent consideration with payment terms based on the achievement of certain targets of the acquired business. The estimated fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities, including intangibles, are based on valuations that use information and assumptions available to management. The Company allocates any excess purchase price over the fair value of the tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed to goodwill. Significant management judgments and assumptions are required in determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, particularly acquired intangible assets, including estimated useful lives. The valuation of purchased intangible assets is based upon estimates of the future performance and discounted cash flows of the acquired business. Each asset acquired or liability assumed is measured at estimated fair value from the perspective of a market participant.

Contingent consideration represents an obligation of the acquirer to transfer additional assets or equity interests to the seller if future events occur or conditions are met and is recognized when probable and reasonably estimable. Contingent consideration recognized is included in the initial cost of the assets acquired. Subsequent changes in the estimated fair value of contingent consideration are recognized as Selling, general and administrative expenses within the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Stock-Based Compensation

In January 2023, the Company along with its board of directors established and approved and assumed the Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. 2023 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"). The Omnibus Plan was developed to motivate and reward employees and other individuals to perform at the highest level and contribute significantly to the success of the Company, thereby furthering the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. The Omnibus Plan provides, among other things, the ability for the Company to grant options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, RSUs, performance awards and other stock-based and cash-based awards to employees, consultants and non-employee directors.

The Omnibus Plan expires on January 23, 2033 and authorizes 15,099,137 shares of Common Stock for grant life of the Omnibus Plan. As of September 30, 2024, 8,358,442 shares of Common Stock remain available under the Omnibus Plan.

As of September 30, 2024, the Company has granted participants RSUs and bonuses paid in Common Stock under the Omnibus Plan. The fair value of RSUs is determined based on the quoted market price of the Common Stock on the date of grant. Compensation cost for the RSUs is recognized over the requisite service period based on a graded-vesting method. The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur. Stock-based compensation is included in both Cost of revenues and Selling, general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Upon vesting of each RSU, the Company will issue one share of Common Stock to the RSU holder.

Impairment of Goodwill, Other Intangible Assets and Long-Lived Assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over fair value of the net assets acquired in an acquisition. Beginning in 2023, the Company assesses goodwill for impairment as of October 1 annually or more frequently upon an indicator of impairment. Prior to 2023, the Company assessed goodwill for impairment as of December 31 annually or more frequently upon an indicator of impairment. The change to an October 1 annual goodwill impairment assessment date was made to ensure the completion of the Company's assessment prior to the end of its annual reporting period, thereby aligning impairment testing procedures with its year-end financial reporting.

When we elect to perform a qualitative assessment and conclude it is more likely that the fair value of the reporting unit is greater than its carrying value, no further assessment of that reporting unit's goodwill is necessary. Otherwise, a quantitative assessment is performed, and the fair value of the reporting unit is determined. If the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss equal to the excess is recorded. Conditions that would trigger an impairment assessment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in legal factors or the business climate that could affect the value of an asset or an adverse reaction. As of the October 1, 2023 annual goodwill impairment test, the Company's qualitative analysis indicated the fair value of the Company's reporting unit exceeded its carrying value. No goodwill impairment charges were recorded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 or 2023.

Long-Lived Assets

A long-lived asset (including amortizable identifiable intangible assets) or asset group is tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. Conditions that may indicate impairment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in customer demand or business climate that could affect the value of an asset, or an adverse action or assessment by a regulator. When indicators of impairment are present, we evaluate the carrying value of the long-lived assets in relation to the operating performance and future undiscounted cash flows of the underlying assets. We adjust the net book value of the long-lived assets to fair value if the sum of the expected future cash flows is less than book value.

Property, Plant and Equipment, Net

Property, plant and equipment is stated at net book value, cost less depreciation. Depreciation for aircraft, engines and rotatable parts is recorded over the estimated useful life based on flight hours. Depreciation for vehicles and equipment, buildings, and leasehold improvements is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the property, plant and equipment. Airplane hangars located on leased airport property are considered leasehold improvements with useful lives determined based on the estimated life of the underlying ground lease. Depreciable lives by asset category are as follows:

	<u>Estimated useful life</u>
Aircraft, engines and rotatable parts	1,500 –6,000 flight hours
Vehicles and equipment	3 – 5 years
Buildings	50 years
Leasehold improvements	27 – 29 years

Property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment as discussed above under “*Long-Lived Assets.*”

Cost Method Investments

We hold equity securities without a readily determinable fair value, which are only adjusted for observable price changes in orderly transactions for the same or similar equity securities or any impairment, totaling \$5.0 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

Variable Interest Entities

We follow ASC 810-10-15 guidance with respect to accounting for VIEs. These entities do not have sufficient equity at risk to finance their activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties or whose equity investors lack any of the characteristics of a controlling financial interest. A variable interest is an investment or other interest that will absorb portions of a VIE’s expected losses or receive portions of its expected returns and are contractual, ownership or pecuniary in nature and that change with changes in the fair value of the entity’s net assets. A reporting entity is the primary beneficiary of a VIE and must consolidate it when that party has a variable interest, or combination of variable interests, that provide it with a controlling financial interest. A party is deemed to have a controlling financial interest if it meets both of the power and loss/benefits criteria. The power criterion is the ability to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance. The losses/benefits criterion is the obligation to absorb losses from, or right to receive benefits from, the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The VIE model requires an ongoing reconsideration of whether a reporting entity is the primary beneficiary of a VIE due to changes in the facts and circumstances. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, Northern Fire Management Services, LLC, a VIE of which the Company was identified as the primary beneficiary, is consolidated into our financial statements. Refer to “*Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional information.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

We follow guidance in ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, where fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements are determined within a framework that establishes a three-tier hierarchy which maximizes the use of observable market data and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs to establish a classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of our business. Unobservable inputs reflect our own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the information available.

Warrant Liabilities

We account for the Warrants issued in connection with the Reverse Recapitalization in accordance with the guidance contained in accordance with ASC 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* and ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity's Own Equity*, under which the Warrants do not meet the criteria for equity treatment and must be recorded as liabilities. Accordingly, we classify the Warrants as liabilities at their fair value and adjust the Warrants to fair value at each reporting period. The warrant liabilities are subject to remeasurement at each balance sheet date until exercised. Refer to “*Note 12 – Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for additional information.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

For additional information regarding recent accounting pronouncements adopted and under evaluation, refer to “*Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report.

EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY AND SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY STATUS

Section 102(b)(1) of the JOBS Act exempts “emerging growth companies” as defined in Section 2(A) of the Securities Act of 1933, from being required to comply with new or revised financial accounting standards until private companies are required to comply with the new or revised financial accounting standards. The JOBS Act provides that a company can choose not to take advantage of the extended transition period and comply with the requirements that apply to non-emerging growth companies, and any such election to not take advantage of the extended transition period is irrevocable. We are an “emerging growth company” and have elected to take advantage of the benefits of this extended transition period.

We will use this extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public business entities and non-public business entities until the earlier of the date that we (a) are no longer an emerging growth company or (b) affirmatively and irrevocably opt out of the extended transition period provided in the JOBS Act. The extended transition period exemptions afforded by our emerging growth company status may make it difficult or impossible to compare our financial results with the financial results of another public company that is either not an emerging growth company or is an emerging growth company that has chosen not to take advantage of this exemption because of the potential differences in accounting standards used. Refer to “*Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report for the recent accounting pronouncements adopted and the recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023.

We will remain an “emerging growth company” under the JOBS Act until the earliest of (a) December 31, 2028, (b) the last date of our fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.235 billion, (c) the last date of our fiscal year in which we are deemed to be a “large accelerated filer” under the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission with at least \$700.0 million of outstanding securities held by non-affiliates or (d) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities during the previous three years.

We will be a “smaller reporting company” as defined in Item 10(f)(1) of Regulation S-K. Smaller reporting companies may take advantage of certain reduced disclosure obligations, including, among other things, providing only two years of audited financial statements. We will remain a smaller reporting company until the last day of the fiscal year in which (i) the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates is greater than or equal to \$250 million as of the end of that fiscal year’s second fiscal quarter, and (ii) our annual revenues are greater than or equal to \$100 million during the last completed fiscal year or the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the end of that fiscal year’s second fiscal quarter.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements included in this Quarterly Report are not historical facts but are forward-looking statements, including for purposes of the safe harbor provisions under the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements generally are accompanied by words such as “believe,” “may,” “will,” “estimate,” “continue,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “expect,” “should,” “would,” “plan,” “project,” “forecast,” “predict,” “poised,” “positioned,” “potential,” “seem,” “seek,” “future,” “outlook,” “target,” and similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters, but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, (1) anticipated expansion of Bridger’s operations and increased deployment of Bridger’s aircraft fleet, including references to Bridger’s acquisition of and/or right to use the four Spanish Scoopers, including the expected closing timings thereof, the anticipated benefits therefrom, and the ultimate structure of such acquisitions and/or right to use arrangements; (2) Bridger’s business and growth plans and future financial performance; (3) current and future demand for aerial firefighting services, including the duration or severity of any domestic or international wildfire seasons; (4) the magnitude, timing, and benefits from any cost reduction actions; (5) Bridger’s exploration of, need for, or completion of any future financings; (6) Bridger’s ability to continue as a going concern, as well as potential sources of liquidity and capital resources; (7) Bridger’s remediation plan for its material weaknesses in Bridger’s internal control over financial reporting and (8) anticipated investments in additional aircraft, capital resources, and research and development and the effect of these investments. These statements are based on various assumptions and estimates, whether or not identified in this Quarterly Report, and on the current expectations of Bridger’s management and are not predictions of actual performance. These forward-looking statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to serve as, and must not be relied on by any investor as, a guarantee, an assurance, a prediction or a definitive statement of fact or probability. Actual events and circumstances are difficult or impossible to predict and will differ from assumptions. Many actual events and circumstances are beyond the control of Bridger. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including: Bridger’s ability to identify and effectively implement any current or future anticipated cost reductions, including any resulting impacts to Bridger’s business and operations therefrom; the duration or severity of any domestic or international wildfire seasons; changes in domestic and foreign business, market, financial, political and legal conditions; Bridger’s failure to realize the anticipated benefits of any acquisitions; Bridger’s successful integration of any aircraft (including achievement of synergies and cost reductions); Bridger’s ability to successfully and timely develop, sell and expand its services, and otherwise implement its growth strategy; risks relating to Bridger’s operations and business, including information technology and cybersecurity risks, loss of requisite licenses, flight safety risks, loss of key customers and deterioration in relationships between Bridger and its employees; risks related to increased competition; risks relating to potential disruption of current plans, operations and infrastructure of Bridger, including as a result of the consummation of any acquisition; risks that Bridger is unable to secure or protect its intellectual property; risks that Bridger experiences difficulties managing its growth and expanding operations; Bridger’s ability to compete with existing or new companies that could cause downward pressure on prices, fewer customer orders, reduced margins, the inability to take advantage of new business opportunities, and the loss of market share; the ability to successfully select, execute or integrate future acquisitions into Bridger’s business, which could result in material adverse effects to operations and financial conditions; and those factors discussed in the sections entitled “Risk Factors” and “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” included in Bridger’s Annual Report filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 2024, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Bridger’s Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 12, 2024, and in this Quarterly Report. If any of these risks materialize or Bridger management’s assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from the results implied by these forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties above are not exhaustive, and there may be additional risks that Bridger presently does not know or that Bridger currently believes are immaterial that could also cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. In addition, forward-looking statements reflect Bridger’s expectations, plans or forecasts of future events and views as of the date of this Quarterly Report. Bridger anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause Bridger’s assessments to change. However, while Bridger may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, Bridger specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Bridger’s assessments as of any date subsequent to the date of this Quarterly Report. Accordingly, undue reliance should not be placed upon the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, which we are in the process of, and are focused on, remediating. The first material weakness is related to properly accounting for complex transactions within our financial statement closing and reporting process, including the calculation and related presentation and disclosure of diluted earnings per share amounts and merger and acquisition activity. The second material weakness arises from our failure to design and maintain effective IT general controls over the IT systems used within the processing of key financial transactions. Specifically, we did not design and maintain user access controls to ensure appropriate segregation of duties and that adequately restrict user and privileged access to financial applications, programs, and data to appropriate company personnel. Within the same material weakness, we have also failed to maintain adequate documentation around the process of implementing new software solutions. Lastly, we identified a third material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting related to the period-end account reconciliation and financial statement review controls which did not operate within a sufficient level of precision.

We have begun the process of, and are focused on, designing and implementing effective internal controls measures to improve our internal control over financial reporting and remediate the material weaknesses, including:

- the recruitment of additional personnel with extensive knowledge of GAAP, implementation of software to facilitate the accumulation and review of our financial information, and utilization of third party consultants and specialists to supplement our internal resources and assist with the accounting and review of complex transactions, accounting matters and related presentation and disclosure, as well as implementing processes and controls to segregate key functions within our finance systems, as appropriate;
- designing and following a formalized control plan related to IT general controls, including controls related to developing, implementing and managing access to and implementing financially significant systems within our IT environment; and
- engaging internal and external resources to assist with the design and evaluation of internal controls and the remediation of deficiencies, as necessary.

While these actions and planned actions are subject to ongoing management evaluation and will require validation and testing of the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over a sustained period of financial reporting cycles, we are committed to the continuous improvement of our internal control over financial reporting and will continue to diligently review our internal control over financial reporting.

Although we plan to complete this remediation process as quickly as possible, we are unable, at this time, to estimate how long it will take and our efforts may not be successful in remediating the identified material weaknesses. In addition, even if we are successful in strengthening our controls and procedures, we can give no assurances that in the future such controls and procedures will be adequate to prevent or identify errors or irregularities or to facilitate the fair preparation and presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

Pursuant to Item 305(e) of Regulation S-K, the Company is not required to provide the information required by this Item as it is a “smaller reporting company.”

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls are procedures that are designed with the objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act, such as this Quarterly Report, is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time period specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls are also designed with the objective of ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our management evaluated, with the participation of our current chief executive officer and chief financial officer (our “Certifying Officers”), the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2024, pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our Certifying Officers concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of September 30, 2024, due to the material weaknesses described below.

We do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all errors and all instances of fraud. Disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. Further, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all disclosure controls and procedures, no evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures can provide absolute assurance that we have detected all our control deficiencies and instances of fraud, if any. The design of disclosure controls and procedures also is based partly on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Material Weaknesses: We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, which we are in the process of, and are focused on, remediating. The first material weakness is related to properly accounting for complex transactions within our financial statement closing and reporting process, including the calculation and related presentation and disclosure of diluted earnings per share amounts and merger and acquisition activity. The second material weakness arises from our failure to design and maintain effective IT general controls over the IT systems used within the processing of key financial transactions. Specifically, we did not design and maintain user access controls to ensure appropriate segregation of duties and that adequately restrict user and privileged access to financial applications, programs, and data to appropriate company personnel. Within the same material weakness, we have also failed to maintain adequate documentation around the process of implementing new software solutions. Lastly, we identified a third material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting related to the period-end account reconciliation and financial statement review controls which did not operate within a sufficient level of precision.

Remediation Plan: We have begun the process of, and are focused on, designing and implementing effective internal controls measures to improve our internal control over financial reporting and remediate the material weaknesses, including:

- the recruitment of additional personnel with extensive knowledge of GAAP, implementation of software to facilitate the accumulation and review of our financial information, and utilization of third party consultants and specialists to supplement our internal resources and assist with the accounting and review of complex transactions, accounting matters and related presentation and disclosure, as well as implementing processes and controls to segregate key functions within our finance systems, as appropriate;
- designing and following a formalized control plan related to IT general controls, including controls related to developing, implementing, and managing access to and implementing financially significant systems within our IT environment; and
- engaging internal and external resources to assist with the design and evaluation of internal controls and the remediation of deficiencies, as necessary.

While these actions and planned actions are subject to ongoing management evaluation and will require validation and testing of the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over a sustained period of financial reporting cycles, we are committed to the continuous improvement of our internal control over financial reporting and will continue to diligently review our internal control over financial reporting.

Although we plan to complete this remediation process as quickly as possible, we are unable, at this time, to estimate how long it will take and our efforts may not be successful in remediating the identified material weaknesses. In addition, even if we are successful in strengthening our controls and procedures, we can give no assurances that in the future such controls and procedures will be adequate to prevent or identify errors or irregularities or to facilitate the fair preparation and presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as that term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three months ended September 30, 2024 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Company is involved in legal proceedings and litigation in the ordinary course of business. Other than routine litigation incidental to the Company's business, there are no material pending legal proceedings to which the Company is a party or to which any of the Company's properties are subject.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

Except as detailed below, there have been no material changes in the Company's risk factors from those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 20, 2024, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Bridger's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on July 12, 2024.

We have a substantial amount of debt and servicing future interests or principal payments may impair our ability to operate our business or require us to change our business strategy to accommodate the repayment of our debt. Our ability to operate our business is limited by certain agreements governing our debt, including restrictions on the use of the loan proceeds, operational and financial covenants, and restrictions on additional indebtedness. If we are unable to comply with the financial covenants or other terms of our debt agreements, we may become subject to cross-default or cross-acceleration provisions that could result in our debt being declared immediately due and payable, which could prolong the substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

We completed municipal bond financings in July 2022 and August 2022 that raised gross proceeds in the aggregate of \$160.0 million. As of September 30, 2024, we had \$209.2 million of total debt outstanding. In connection with such bond financings, we have entered into various loan agreements, which contain certain financial covenants, that require, among other things, that we operate in a manner and to the extent permitted by applicable law, to produce sufficient gross revenues so as to be at all relevant times in compliance with the terms of such covenants, including that we maintain (i) beginning with the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2023, a minimum debt service coverage ratio (generally calculated as the aggregate amount of our total gross revenues, minus operating expenses, plus interest, depreciation and amortization expense, for any period, over our maximum annual debt service requirements, as determined under such loan agreement) that exceeds 1.25x and (ii) beginning with the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2022, a minimum liquidity of not less than \$8.0 million in the form of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, plus liquid investments and unrestricted marketable securities at all times.

Subject to the terms of the loan agreements, in the event we are unable to comply with the terms of the financial covenants, we may be required (among other potential remedial actions) to engage an independent consultant to review, analyze and make recommendations with respect to our operations or in some instances, this could result in an event of default and/or the acceleration of our debt obligations under the loan agreements. In addition, the acceleration of our debt obligations may in some instances (as set forth in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (our "Amended and Restated Charter")) result in an increase in the dividend rate of the shares of Preferred Stock that have the rights, powers, designations, preferences, and qualification, limitations and restrictions set forth in Section 4.5 of the Amended and Restated Charter ("Series A Preferred Stock") of 2.00% per annum from the dividend rate otherwise in effect with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock.

The Company is not in compliance with the debt service coverage ratio ("DSCR") covenant as of September 30, 2024 and management anticipates the Company may not be in compliance with the DSCR covenant at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months, primarily attributable to the seasonal nature of our business and the unknown intensity of the 2025 wildfire season. The Company is in compliance with the \$8.0 million minimum liquidity requirement as of September 30, 2024. It is possible that the Company may not be in compliance with the minimum liquidity requirement at future quarterly measurement periods in the next 12 months depending on the cash generated from its seasonal firefighting operations in 2025.

The agreements for the Gallatin municipal bond issuances by Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, LLC totaling \$160.0 million of gross proceeds that closed in July and August 2022 (the "Series 2022 Bonds") provide that, with regard to covenant violations, other than non-payment of principal or interest, no event of default shall be deemed to have occurred so long as a reasonable course of action to remedy a violation commences within 30 days of written notice of non-compliance from the trustee and management diligently prosecutes the remediation plan to completion.

Management consulted with bond counsel on the impact of covenant violations and proactively developed a cost reduction plan, and began implementing the plan in November 2023, to help remedy the covenant breaches in 2024. While management has made significant progress, this plan is in process and there is no assurance that management will be able diligently prosecute the remediation plan to completion. The uncertainty regarding the Company's ability to diligently prosecute the remediation plan to completion and the potential impact on the bonds maturity as a result of possible future debt covenant violations at subsequent compliance dates or failure to make required interest payments could result in the Series 2022 Bonds becoming immediately due and payable, which raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern as of the date our financial statements are issued.

As further described under the section of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q entitled "*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Indebtedness*," we have also entered into various term loan agreements and other long-term debt to fund the purchase of additional aircraft and finance the construction of aircraft hangars. Under the terms of such agreements, we are subject to certain financial covenants including, a DSCR, current assets to liabilities and senior leverage ratios requirements, respectively, under the agreements of our credit facilities with Citywide Banks (formerly known as Rocky Mountain Bank). The Company is in compliance with such financial covenants as of September 30, 2024. However, no assurance can be provided that we will be able to satisfy such financial covenants in future periods or that we will be able to obtain a waiver from our lenders in the event of non-compliance. A breach of any of these covenants or the occurrence of other events specified in the agreements or related debt documents could result in an event of default under the same and give rise to the lenders' right to accelerate our debt obligations thereunder and pursue other remedial actions under our credit facilities and/or trigger a cross-default under our other debt agreements, including our Series 2022 Bonds.

Subject to the limits contained in some of the agreements governing our outstanding debt, we may incur additional debt in the future. Our maintenance of higher levels of indebtedness could have adverse consequences including impairing our ability to obtain additional debt and/or equity financing in the future.

Our level of debt places significant demands on our cash resources, which could:

- make it more difficult to satisfy our outstanding debt obligations;
- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash for payments related to our debt, reducing the amount of cash flow available for working capital, capital expenditures, entitlement of our real estate assets, contributions to our tax-qualified pension plan, and other general corporate purposes;
- make it more difficult for us to satisfy certain financial tests and ratios under our loan or debt agreements, requiring us to seek waivers from lenders to not enforce its rights and remedies under the applicable agreements;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in the industries in which we compete;
- place us at a competitive disadvantage with respect to our competitors, some of which have lower debt service obligations and greater financial resources than we do;
- limit our ability to borrow additional funds;
- limit our ability to expand our operations through acquisitions; and
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions if we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt and fund our operating costs, our liquidity may be adversely affected.

There are no assurances that we will maintain a level of liquidity sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium and interest on our indebtedness. In addition to competitive conditions in the industry in which we operate, our financial condition and operating performance are also subject to prevailing economic conditions and certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control.

We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, which we are in the process of, and are focused on, remediating. If we are unable to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results in a timely manner, which may adversely affect investor confidence in us and materially and adversely affect our business and operating results.

A material weakness is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, which we are in the process of, and are focused on, remediating. The first material weakness is related to properly accounting for complex transactions within our financial statement closing and reporting process, including the calculation and related presentation and disclosure of diluted earnings per share amounts and merger and acquisition activity. The second material weakness arises from our failure to design and maintain effective IT general controls over the IT systems used within the processing of key financial transactions. Specifically, we did not design and maintain user access controls to ensure appropriate segregation of duties and that adequately restrict user and privileged access to financial applications, programs, and data to appropriate company personnel. Within the same material weakness, we have also failed to maintain adequate documentation around the process of implementing new software solutions. Lastly, we identified a third material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting related to the period-end account reconciliation and financial statement review controls which did not operate within a sufficient level of precision.

We have begun the process of, and are focused on, designing and implementing effective internal controls measures to improve our internal control over financial reporting and remediate the material weaknesses. Future remediation of the material weaknesses is subject to ongoing management evaluation and will require validation and testing of the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over a sustained period of financial reporting cycles.

Although we plan to complete this remediation process as quickly as possible, we are unable, at this time, to estimate how long it will take, and our efforts may not be successful in remediating the identified material weaknesses. In addition, even if we are successful in strengthening our controls and procedures, we can give no assurances that in the future such controls and procedures will be adequate to prevent or identify errors or irregularities or to facilitate the fair preparation and presentation of our consolidated financial statements. Any failure to design or maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting or any difficulties encountered in their implementation or improvement could increase compliance costs, negatively impact share trading prices, or otherwise harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

During the three months ended September 30, 2024, none of the Company's directors or executive officers adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," each as defined in Item 408(a) of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 27, 2023).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 27, 2023).
31.1*	Certification of the Company's Interim Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 7241).
31.2*	Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 7241).
32.1**	Certification of the Company's Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350).
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted in Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

* Filed herewith.

** Furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

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, duly authorized.

Date: November 13, 2024

BRIDGER AEROSPACE GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Sam Davis

Name: Sam Davis

Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Eric Gerratt

Name: Eric Gerratt

Title: Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Sam Davis, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, 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.

Dated: November 13, 2024

By: /s/ Sam Davis

Name: Sam Davis

Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Eric Gerratt, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, 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.

Dated: November 13, 2024

By: /s/ Eric Gerratt
Name: Eric Gerratt
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION 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 Quarterly Report of Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2024, as filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, (the "Report"), the undersigned officers 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 the best of his 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 as of and for the period covered by the Report.

Dated: November 13, 2024

By: /s/ Sam Davis

Name: Sam Davis
Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 13, 2024

By: /s/ Eric Gerratt

Name: Eric Gerratt
Title: Chief Financial Officer