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Fluctuations in the commodity market related to the demand and price for recycled paper affects our business, financial condition and results of operations. We sell nearly all of the shredded paper from our secure information destruction business to paper companies and recycled paper brokers. SOP Sorted office paper is marketed as a commodity and is subject to significant demand and price fluctuations beyond our control. Historically Additionally, economic and market shifts, fluctuations in.... paper tonnage collected over the past three -- the years which we believe is a reduction in the consumption of paper due to pandemic related impacts, such as a shift to remote work and virtual learning, and it remains unclear what the future long-term impact will be on the paper volume we collect. The market demand for recycled paper can be volatile due to factors beyond our control. Historically, economic and market shifts, fluctuations in capacity and changes in foreign currency exchange rates have created cyclical changes in prices, volume, revenues, and margins for pulp and paper products. The length and magnitude of industry cycles have varied over time and by product, but generally reflect changes in macroeconomic conditions and levels of industry capacity. The overall levels of demand for the pulp and paper products reflect fluctuations in levels of end- user demand, which depend in part on general macroeconomic conditions in North America and worldwide. We have experienced a decline in paper tonnage collected over the past three Lack of demand for our shredded paper material or increasing uses of substitutes for SOP could adversely affect our business, our results of operations and financial condition and results of operations. Unfavorable market conditions, including those driven by economic or social trends, may impact the volume of regulated wastes or personal and confidential information we collect from customers. The compliance- based services we provide rely on the generation of regulated wastes or personal and confidential information by our customers. The volume of material collected from our customers may be impacted by macro- economic trends associated with manufacturing and industrial markets, healthcare market dynamics, and trends associated with an increase in work- from- home arrangements and electronic and digital record keeping. Some of our services are provided on a subscription basis with a monthly fee to minimize short- term or cyclical variability associated with these factors. However, most certain of our services are provided on a transactional basis, and long-term trends resulting from these factors could reduce the demand for our services, whether we provide them on a subscription or transactional basis. It can also negatively impact our ability to adequately forecast the demand for our services, which can negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition. In addition, an economic recession would likely impact the general business environment and the capital markets, which could, in turn, affect the Company. Changing market conditions in the healthcare industry, healthcare consolidation and healthcare reform, could adversely affect our results of operations. In the U.S. and elsewhere, the healthcare industry is evolving to meet competing demands for increased healthcare coverage of a growing and aging population and economic pressures to reduce healthcare costs. As a result of these dynamics, hospital networks are consolidating physician practices into their networks, independent practices are consolidating together, and healthcare providers are focused on cutting costs within their businesses. These changes exert downward pricing pressure, including the impact of GPO rebates and administrative fees, on services that we provide to healthcare customers, which could adversely affect our results of operations. The consolidation of this customer base also increases the competitive nature of the healthcare waste industry, which could significantly and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition Aggressive pricing by existing competitors and the entrance of new competitors could significantly and adversely affect our results of operations. The industries in which we participate are highly competitive. Some of our competitors may have lower financial expectations, allowing them to reduce their prices to expand sales volume or to win competitively bid contracts. Some of our competitors may also have large national accounts and / or exclusive waste franchise agreements with 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 18PART I municipalities. This competition has required us in the past to reduce our prices to our customers, may require us to reduce our prices in the future or may affect our ability to increase prices in the future. We may also lose customers or be unable to execute our pricing strategy. We may elect to exit or not participate in certain markets or to disengage with low margin customer relationships. Price reductions or our inability to increase prices due to competition or regulation could significantly and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Some of our larger competitors in the markets that we serve are national companies with substantial resources, or companies funded by private equity firms. In addition to our larger competitors, there are many regional and local companies in the regulated waste and secure information destruction industries. We face direct competition from a large number of small, local competitors. Competition from regional or local companies is likely to exist in new locations to which we may expand in the future or may limit our ability to extend into those markets at all. We may also face competition from competitors employing new or alternative technologies which may include technologies intended to reduce the carbon emissions attributable to the services offered by the Company and its competitors. For example, competitors may outpace our ability to adopt alternative vehicle technology or alternative technology to treat medical waste. Our business is subject to risks arising from infectious disease outbreaks and pandemics. A significant outbreak, epidemic or pandemic of contagious diseases in any geographic area in which we operate could result in a health crisis adversely affecting the economies, financial markets and overall demand for our services in such areas. Increased needs for regulated waste collection, treatment and disposal can have a positive effect on our business and may increase the demand for our services. However, any preventative or protective actions that governments implement or that we take in response to a health crisis, such as travel restrictions, quarantines, or facility closures, may interfere with the ability of

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our employees and vendors to perform their responsibilities. Such results could have a material adverse effect on our
results of operations. The extent to which disease outbreaks, such as the coronavirus pandemic, mpox (formerly
monkeypox), Ebola virus and Disease X, impacts our business, operations and financial results will depend on numerous
evolving factors that we may not be able to accurately predict, including: the duration and scope of the outbreak;
governmental, business and individuals' actions, vaccination and quarantine requirements, waste treatment and disposal
requirements, economic activity that effects our customers' demand for our services; our ability to provide our services;
the ability of our customers to pay for our services; any closures of our and our customers' facilities; staffing levels at
medical facilities; and the need for enhanced health and hygiene requirements or other measures taken in an attempt to
counteract future outbreaks in our or our customers' facilities. OPERATIONAL RISKS Complications with the
implementation of our ERP and system modernization could adversely impact our business and operations. We rely on
information systems and technology to manage our business and summarize operating results. We intend to continue to
modernize are in the process of an ERP and system modernization, which will replace most of our existing operating and
financial systems and associated infrastructure. Integrated The ERP systems - system are is designed to accurately maintain
the Company's financial records, enhance operational functionality and provide timely information to the Company's
management team related to the operation of our business. The ERP and system modernization process has required, and will
continue to require, the investment of significant personnel and financial resources. We may not be able to successfully complete
any the ERP and system modernization without experiencing increased costs and other difficulties and our planned timeline to
implement the remaining phases of our ERP and system modernization may be delayed. If we are unable to successfully
implement our ERP and system modernization as planned, our business, results of operations, and financial condition could be
negatively impacted. The SID North America ERP deployment in 2021 impacted earnings in the third quarter of 2021 and the
timing of billing and collections also impacted bad debt reserves in 2021 and 2022. The RWCS North America deployment in
2023 impacted timing of billing and collections in Q4 2023. These impacts were due to typical ERP start- up challenges, which
included team members learning new processes and technology across every aspect of the business and onboarding and tuning
the flow of data elements through the system. To the extent we experience billing and collections challenges, lower levels of
revenue or higher levels of bad debt expense or customer concessions may result. Additionally, if we do not effectively
implement the ERP and systems - system modernization as planned or the ERP and system modernizations - modernization
do not operate as intended, we may experience higher levels of customer disputes and attrition, savings from systems may not be
achieved, or the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting could be adversely affected or our ability to
adequately assess and operate those controls could be delayed. We are subject to legislation and extensive governmental
regulation, which is frequently difficult, expensive, and time- consuming with which to comply; noncompliance could adversely
affect our operations and efforts to grow our business results. The regulated waste management and secure information
destruction industries are subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the collection,
transportation, packaging, labeling, handling, documentation, reporting, treatment and disposal of regulated waste and the
proper handling and protection of personal and confidential information. Our business requires us to obtain many permits,
authorizations, approvals, certificates, and other types of governmental permissions and to comply with various regulations in
every jurisdiction in which we operate. Federal, state and local laws and regulations change often, and new requirements are
frequently adopted. Changes in applicable laws and regulations could require us to obtain new permits or to change the way in
which we operate our business. We might be unable to obtain or maintain the permits that we require, and / or the cost of
compliance with new or changed regulations could be significant. Many of the permits that we require, especially those to build
and operate waste processing and treatment plants and transfer facilities, are difficult and time- consuming to obtain and they
may not be issued as quickly as we need them or be issued at all. For example, permitting availability and timelines may be
impacted by emerging environmental justice regulation aimed at expanding opportunities for public participation in the process,
and restricting or prohibiting industrial uses of certain locations. Even where permits are obtained, they may contain conditions
or restrictions that limit our ability to operate efficiently. If we cannot obtain the permits, or if they contain unfavorable
conditions, it could substantially impair our operations and reduce our revenues and / or profitability. For additional
information, please see Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 19 - Legal Proceedings in the
Consolidated Financial Statements. <del>2022-</del>2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 20 20PART I If we encounter regulatory
compliance issues in the course of operating our businesses, we may experience adverse publicity, which may intensify if such
non- compliance results in civil legal liability. Any legal liability for non- compliance or criminal liability. This adverse
publicity from such non-compliance may harm our reputation, and result in difficulties in attracting new customers, or
retaining existing customers which would impact our results of operations and financial condition. The level of
governmental enforcement of regulated waste and certain other regulations has an uncertain effect on our business and could
reduce the demand for our services. We believe that strict enforcement of laws and regulations relating to regulated waste
collection, treatment and disposal and the handling and protection of personal and confidential information, can have a positive
effect on our business, as these laws and regulations may increase the demand for our services. Relaxation of enforcement,
government shutdowns, or other changes in governmental regulation of regulated waste and personal and confidential
information could increase the number of competitors we face or reduce or delay the need for our services. Complications with
the implementation of our ERP..... operate those controls could be delayed. Cyber incidents or malicious attacks on our
information technology systems could damage our reputation, negatively impact our businesses and expose us to litigation risk.
We use computers in substantially all aspects of our business operations. We also use mobile devices, social networking and
other online activities to connect with our team members and our customers. We rely heavily on various proprietary and third-
party information systems. Our reputation for the secure handling of customer and other sensitive information is critical to the
success of our business. Like other large, global multi-national corporations, we are potentially subject to a range of cyber
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incidents-attacks, including but not limited to state- sponsored cyber- attacks, industrial espionage, insider threats, computer denial- of- service attacks, computer viruses, ransomware and other malware, data leakage and compromise, wire fraud, phishing incidents and other cyber incidents. Further, bad actors around the world use increasingly sophisticated methods, including the use of AI, to engage in illegal activities involving the theft and misuse of personal information, confidential **information, and intellectual property**. In any cyber incident that we may experience, our ability to detect an incident, incident response capabilities, business continuity procedures and disaster recovery planning may not be entirely effective as our information technology and network infrastructure may still be vulnerable to attacks by hackers or breaches due to employee error, malfeasance, computer viruses, power outages, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, breaches with respect to third-party systems or vendors or other disruptions. A cybersecurity incident and breach of our information systems could lead to theft, destruction, loss of life, damage to property, environmental issues, misappropriation or release of sensitive and / or confidential information or intellectual property, which could result in business disruption, negative publicity, violation of privacy laws, loss of customers, brand damage, adverse financial and operational results, and potential litigation. Although we maintain insurance coverage for various cybersecurity risks, there is no guarantee that all costs or losses incurred will be fully insured. Our management depends on relevant and reliable information for decision- making purposes, including key performance indicators and financial reporting. Any significant loss of data, failure to maintain reliable data, 2022 10-K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 21-disruptions affecting our information systems, or delays or difficulties in transitioning to new systems could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, our ability to continue to operate our businesses without significant interruption in the event of a disaster or other disruption depends in part on the ability of our information systems to operate in accordance with our disaster recovery and business continuity plans. If our information systems fail and our redundant systems or disaster recovery plans are not adequate to address such failures, or if our business interruption insurance does not sufficiently compensate us for any losses that we may incur, our revenues and profits could be reduced and the reputation of our brands and our business could be adversely affected. In addition, remediation of such problems could result in significant, unplanned capital investments. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 21 Issues related to the development and use of AI present new risks and challenges and could adversely affect our business and operating results. Issues in the development and use of AI, including generative AI tools and large language models, combined with an uncertain regulatory environment, may result in reputational harm, liability, or other adverse consequences to our business operations. AI presents risks, challenges, and unintended consequences that could affect our and our customers' and vendors' adoption and use of this technology. If we, our customers or vendors, or our third- party partners experience an actual or perceived breach of privacy or security incident because of the use of AI, we may lose valuable intellectual property and confidential information and our reputation and the public perception of the effectiveness of our security measures could be harmed. AI- related issues, deficiencies and / or failures could (i) give rise to legal and / or regulatory actions, including with respect to proposed legislation regulating AI in jurisdictions such as the European Economic Area; (ii) damage our reputation; or (iii) otherwise adversely affect our business and operating results. The handling of secure information for destruction exposes us to potential data security risks that could result in monetary damages against us and could otherwise damage our reputation, and adversely affect our business, results of operations, and financial condition, and results of operations. The protection of customer, employee, and other company data is critical to our business. The regulatory environment regarding information security and privacy in the U.S. and the other regions countries in which we operate regarding information security and privacy is continuously evolving and becoming increasingly demanding, with the frequent imposition of new and regularly changing requirements. Certain legislation, including FACTA, HIPAA, the Economic Espionage Act in the U. S., the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act in Canada and the GDPR in the U. K. and EU, require documents to be securely destroyed to avoid identity theft and inadvertent disclosure of confidential and sensitive information. A significant breach of customer, employee, or other company data could attract a substantial amount of media attention, damage our customer relationships and reputation, and result in lost revenues, fines, or lawsuits. In addition, an increasing number of countries and states in the U. S. have introduced and / or increased enforcement of comprehensive privacy laws or are expected to do so. The continued emphasis on information security as well as increasing concerns about government surveillance may lead customers to request us to take implement additional measures safeguards or controls to enhance our security and / or assume higher liability under our contracts. As a result of legislative initiatives and customer demands, we may have to modify our operations, as well as our internal compliance programs, to further improve data security. Any such modifications may result in increased expenses and operational complexity, and adversely affect our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations. Increases in transportation costs and technological transitions may adversely affect our business and reduce our earnings. We maintain an extensive transportation network and fleet of vehicles. A significant breach of customer, employee, or other company data could attract a substantial amount of media attention, damage our customer relationships and our reputation, and result in lost revenues, fines, expenses, or lawsuits. We depend on third parties to provide a variety of services. We depend on third parties to provide a variety of services including information technology, finance and accounting and transporting and processing a portion of the regulated waste we collect from our customers, among others. We may continue to increase in market prices our dependence on third- party providers for trucks-services. The failure of these service providers to meet their obligations or fuel the development of significant disagreements or other factors may disrupt our ongoing relationship with these providers or the services they provide, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition through higher transportation costs and reduce our or results of operating operations margins and reported earnings. Vehicle and parts shortages due to a reduction in the availability of raw materials, supply chain challenges, and manufacturing delays are expected to continue to drive higher prices for vehicles, parts and supplies. In addition, any failure by waste disposal vendors to properly handle or dispose of the regulated waste we collect from customers could expose us to liability, increases—increase in the prices of

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fossil fuels are expected to put pressure our costs, damage our reputation and generally have an adverse effect on our
business fuel expense, financial condition or results as well as parts and supplies derived from fossil fuels, such as engine oil,
diesel exhaust fluid, tires and other rubber and plastic parts. As an operator of an extensive fleet of vehicles, most of which are
heavy- duty trucks that utilize fossil fuels, we are potentially impacted by emerging regulation that could require the transition
to different engine technologies, such as electric powered vehicles. Depending upon the scope and pace of such regulations, we
may need to direct future capital investments toward alternative fuel and zero emission fleet assets to meet accelerated transition
timelines. Our operational operations processes could be impacted and we could experience increases to our operational costs
as well as increased expenditures to acquire the vehicles and infrastructure. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 22
Risks from our International operations could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. We
have established operations in the U. S. and 16-10 other countries. Foreign operations carry specific risks including: (i)
exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations; (ii) substantial inflation in certain markets; (iii) dependence in certain markets on
government entities as customers; (iv) delays in the collection of accounts receivable related to certain government funding
practices; (v) government controls; (vi) import and export license requirements; (vii) political or economic instability, social
unrest, and public safety and security; (viii) changes in or compliance with U. S., local or other applicable laws and regulations,
including laws and regulations concerning anti- corruption, anti- bribery (i. e. FCPA, U. K. Bribery Act and similar laws), global
trade, trade sanctions, competition, privacy and data protection; (ix) trade restrictions; (x) changes in tariffs and taxes; (xi) tax
and foreign investment policies; (xii) industry or macro- economic trends; (xiii) permitting and regulatory standards; (xiv)
differences in local laws, regulations, practices, and business customs; (xv) restrictions on repatriating foreign profits back to the
U. S. or movement of funds to other 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 22-countries; (xvi) difficulties in staffing and
managing international operations; (xvii) increases and volatility in labor costs; (xviii) property ownership restrictions in certain
countries; and (xix) emerging trends or regulations related to reducing the impact of climate change. Any of the foregoing or
other factors associated with doing business abroad could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of
operations. LEGAL, REGULATORY, AND COMPLIANCE RISKS We are subject face continuing risks relating to
compliance with the FCPA pending legal proceedings that may result in material liability or otherwise harm our business.
We are a defendant in pending lawsuits and other <del>anti- corruption</del>-legal proceedings involving private litigants and
governmental anti-bribery laws. On June 12, 2017, the SEC issued a subpoena to us, requesting documents and information
relating to our compliance with the FCPA or other foreign or domestic anti- corruption laws with respect to certain of our
operations in Latin America. In addition, the DOJ notified us that it was investigating this matter in parallel with the SEC. We
have cooperated with these agencies and certain foreign authorities. As previously disclosed, we entered into settlement
agreements with the SEC, DOJ, and with the Brazilian Controladoria- Geral da Uniao (CGU) and Advocacia- Geral da Uniao
(Attorney General Office) with respect to the foregoing matters. Settlement discussions with an additional Brazilian authority
are ongoing and with whom there is no certainty that we will be able to reach a final settlement. As a result of the foregoing, we
recorded an aggregate accrued liability for these matters of $ 90. 0 million as of March 31, 2022. Under the settlements with the
DOJ and SEC, we have engaged an independent compliance monitor for a period of two years and will undertake compliance
with self-reporting obligations for an additional year. Other matters which may arise or of which we become aware in the future
may be deemed to violate the FCPA and other anti- corruption and anti- bribery laws. Such determinations could subject us to,
among other things, enforcement actions by the SEC or the DOJ or other regulatory bodies, fines, penalties, oversight by an
independent compliance monitor and or self-reporting obligations, litigation, or orders of suspension or debarment, which
could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. See Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 19 – Legal Proceedings in the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information regarding
currently pending legal proceedings. We are subject to a number of pending lawsuits. We are a defendant in a number of
pending lawsuits and may be named as a defendant in future lawsuits. These current and future matters may result in significant
liabilities and diversion of our management's time, attention, and resources. Given the uncertain nature of litigation generally,
we are not able in all cases to estimate the amount or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome in these
matters. In view of these uncertainties, the outcome of these matters may result in charges in excess of that materially exceed
any established reserves accrued liabilities for contingent losses and, to the extent available, liability insurance. Protracted We
engage an outside actuary twice a year to assist us in estimating these liabilities. litigation Litigation, including any
adverse-outcomes, may have an adverse impact on include civil, administrative or criminal penalties as well as other
remedies that could materially harm our reputation, business, financial condition or results of operations . In addition, any
significant judgment or settlement amount may require us to incur additional indebtedness, adversely affect our liquidity and
ability to service our indebtedness, or require us to restructure or amend the terms of our indebtedness. While we generally
carry liability insurance intended to cover these contingencies, instances may occur that are not insured against or that
are inadequately insured against. An uninsured or underinsured loss could be substantial and could impair our
profitability and reduce our liquidity. We are subject to extensive government imposed requirements; noncompliance
may result in significant liabilities. Our operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations.
The consequences of failure to comply with government- imposed regulations, other requirements and contractual terms,
including uncapped liability provisions in government customer contracts, can impact our ability to service our
customers, and thus our operational results. Compliance with government regulations can also be costly, which can
negatively impact our overall financial condition. We are involved in government investigations, enforcement
proceedings, private lawsuits and other disputes alleging non- compliance with applicable regulations, including possible
noncompliance with the Controlled Substances Act and other statutes involving our former Domestic Environmental
Solutions business of collecting, transporting, and destroying controlled substances from retail customers. See Part II,
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for more information regarding currently pending legal proceedings. These matters may We are subject to extensive
government imposed requirements; noncompliance could result in material significant liabilities. Our operations are subject to
extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations. The consequences of failure to comply with government-imposed
regulations and other requirements can impact our ability liability against us to service our customers, including and thus our
operational results. Compliance with government regulations can also be costly, which impacts our overall financial condition.
In the ordinary course of business we are routinely involved in various government enforcement proceedings, private lawsuits
and other disputes alleging non-compliance with applicable regulation. Such matters can result in permit revocations or denials,
civil, criminal and administrative penalties, and other adverse consequences. Under previously reported settlements
with governmental authorities relating to our compliance with the FCPA and other foreign or domestic anti-corruption
laws with respect to operations in Latin America, we have engaged an independent compliance monitor through 2024
and will undertake compliance with self- reporting obligations through 2025. See Part II, Item 8 Financial Statements
and Supplementary Data; Note 19 – Legal Proceedings in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Other matters may
arise in the future involving alleged violations of the FCPA, other anti- corruption and anti- bribery laws, or laws
prohibiting doing business with sanctioned parties. These could subject us to enforcement actions by the SEC or the DOJ
or other regulatory bodies, fines, penalties, further 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 23 oversight by an
independent compliance monitor and / or self- reporting obligations that may require significant expenditures. Due to the
nature of regulated waste services, we litigation, or orders of suspension or debarment, which could adversely affect our
business, financial condition and results of operations. We face risk associated with regulated waste services and the
potential regulation of emerging contaminants that may be have been present in materials historically and presently collected
for treatment and disposal. <del>Further, We also face there -- the is r</del>isk of incurring significant environmental cleanup liabilities <mark>for</mark>
that arise due to our current operations, pre- existing conditions at the locations where we operate, and / or successor or
predecessor liability associated with our portfolio optimization strategy. 2022 10- K Annual ReportStericycle,.....; Note 10 -
Income Taxes. Requirements of governments, customers and investors for net earbon zero greenhouse gas emissions strategies,
and the introduction of regulations restricting emissions of "greenhouse gases" aimed to limit climate change, could negatively
impact our costs to operate. Around the world, there are a wide range of legislative and regulatory efforts at the state, provincial,
regional and federal levels focused on reducing greenhouse gas emission and minimizing the impact of climate change. These
emerging legislative and regulatory efforts include, among other things, initiatives to reduce the use of fossil fuels, single use
plastics, and waste volumes sent to landfills. We actively monitor the regulatory landscape and the potential impacts to our
operations of such efforts. These evolving regulations and expectations could also affect certain management estimates,
including long-lived asset useful lives and asset retirement obligations, which could adversely impact results of operations. We
monitor emerging climate- related regulations potentially impacting the Company on an ongoing basis. Such emerging
regulations are reviewed to assess the likelihood of occurrence, potential business implications, and the potential for financial
impact. Specifically, the Company is monitoring regulations related to required emissions reporting, country mandates applied
to industries that are related to carbon emissions reductions (for example, the U. K.'s sixth Carbon Budget, which expands the
scope of industries covered by the U. K.'s carbon emission reduction goals), and regulations that limit the purchase or use of
fossil fuel powered vehicles (for example, California's <del>ban on the sale of gasoline Advanced Green Fleets regulation</del>
requiring medium - <del>powered passenger </del>and heavy- duty vehicle fleets to transition to zero- emission vehicles and the UK'
s policy that 80 % of new cars and 70 % of new light commercial vehicles must be zero emission by 2030, increasing to
100 % by 2035 and the announced end of the sale of new gasoline and diesel ears in the U. K. by 2030). The Company
continues to engage engages with customers to better understand their current approach and future strategies in response to
climate- related regulation and business trends. The engagement includes understanding their goals associated with climate
change and environmental sustainability, how the Company may be able to support their goals, and their perceptions of the
Company's performance regarding climate change related initiatives and risk management. Certain of the Company's
customers have established, or are in the process of establishing, goals for their organizations to be carbon neutral or reduce
waste levels, especially wastes that go to landfills, and have extended such goals to their key vendors and business partners. For
example, the National Health System Service ("NHS") in the U. K. established a goal for its suppliers to be net zero by 2045,
and, in August 2022, introduced standard contract clauses relating to supplier sustainability which include incremental
requirements such as undertaking 'evergreen supplier' assessments and the appointments by suppliers of 'net zero champions'.
This increased focus 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 24 by customers on minimizing climate change impacts may
require the Company to invest in incremental and higher- cost technologies for more efficient waste processing, collection
services through our fleet of vehicles, or other operational impacts. The increased Increased focus on minimizing climate
change from regulatory bodies, customers, and investors may impact our revenues as well as our cost of operations in the future.
2022 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 23 Tax interpretations and changes in tax regulations and legislation could
adversely affect us. Tax interpretations, regulations and legislation in the various jurisdictions in which we operate are subject to
measurement uncertainty and the interpretations can impact net income, income tax expense or recovery, and deferred income tax
assets or liabilities. Tax rules and regulations, including those relating to foreign jurisdictions, are subject to interpretation and
require judgment by us that may be challenged by the applicable taxation authorities upon audit. Furthermore, as a result of
portfolio optimization efforts through which we may acquire new assets or businesses, sell existing assets or businesses, or exit
particular markets, there may exist tax rules, regulations, or other matters that may be the focus of examination and challenge by
applicable taxation authorities. Similarly, we may periodically restructure our legal entities and if taxing authorities were to
disagree with our tax positions in connection with any such restructurings, our effective tax rate could be materially affected. In
connection with such portfolio optimization, we could also incur additional charges associated with consulting fees and other
charges. Due to the recent pandemic and resulting government fiscal policy, Legislatures legislatures and taxing authorities
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in various jurisdictions in which we operate may propose changes to their tax rules .Furthermore,international tax norms that
determine each country's jurisdiction to tax are subject to change. In particular, a project undertaken by the Organisation for
Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") focuses on redefining jurisdictional taxation rights in market countries
and establishing a global minimum tax. In December 2022, the European Union ("EU") approved a directive requiring member
states to incorporate a 15 % global 2023 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 24 minimum tax into their respective domestic
laws effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 31,2023. Important details of these minimum tax developments
are still to be determined and in various countries enactment and timing remain uncertain. These changes could include
modifications that have temporary effect, and more permanent changes. The impact of these potential new rules on us, our long-
term tax planning, and our effective tax rate could be significant. Although we believe our assumptions, judgments and estimates
are reasonable changes in tax laws or our interpretation of tax laws and the resolution of any tax audits could significantly
impact the amounts provided for income taxes in our Consolidated Financial Statements. We have accumulated NOLs arising
from our operations and foreign and domestic acquisitions of approximately $ 223.6 million as of December 31,2022.We
have recognized valuation allowances to reduce these amounts to our current estimate for NOLs that will be recoverable
against future taxable income prior to their expiration in accordance with the appropriate tax regulations. If our
estimates change or we do not generate sufficient taxable income prior to the expiration of these NOLs, we may have to
record additional valuation allowances resulting in higher income tax expense. For additional information, please see Part
II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 10 – Income Taxes. Our amended and restated by laws
provide that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware is the exclusive forum for substantially all disputes between us and
our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders '-' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our
directors, officers or employees. Our amended and restated bylaws, which were adopted in December 2022, provide that, to the
fullest extent permitted by law, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware is the exclusive forum for any derivative action
or proceeding brought on our behalf, any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty, any action asserting a claim
against us arising pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law or any action asserting a claim against us that is governed
by the internal affairs doctrine. The exclusive forum provision does not apply to suits brought to enforce any liability or duty
created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. Our amended and
restated bylaws also provide that the U. S. federal district courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint
asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Any person or entity
purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in any security of the Company shall be deemed to have notice of and consented
to the provisions of our amended and restated bylaws described above. Under the Securities Act, federal and state courts have
concurrent jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act, and investors cannot
waive compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. Accordingly, there is uncertainty as
to whether a court would enforce such a forum selection provision as written in connection with claims arising under the
Securities Act. We believe these provisions may benefit us by providing increased consistency in the application of Delaware
law and federal securities laws by chancellors and judges, as applicable, particularly experienced in resolving corporate disputes,
efficient administration of cases on a more expedited schedule relative to other forums and protection against the burdens of
multi- forum litigation. However, these provisions may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors, officers,
employees and agents, as it may limit any stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that such stockholder finds
favorable for disputes with us or our directors, officers, employees or agents. Alternatively, if a court were to find the choice of
forum provision contained in our amended and restated bylaws to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur
additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business, financial condition
and results of operations. FINANCIAL AND CONTROL RISKS 2022 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. investor
confidence in our financial statements and adversely impact our stock price. • 27 Some of our customers have suffered or may
suffer financial difficulties affecting their credit risk, which could negatively impact our operating results. We provide service to a
number of customers, including governmental entities and municipalities, some of which have suffered or may suffer significant
financial difficulties. Some of these entities could be unable to pay amounts owed to us, resulting in increased bad debt
expense, or renew contracts with us at previous or increased rates. The inability of our customers to pay us in a timely manner or
to pay increased prices could negatively affect our operating results. We may incur significant charges as a result of portfolio
optimization; portfolio optimization may not achieve the desired results. We continue to evaluate the performance of our
portfolio of assets and businesses. Based on this evaluation, we may acquire new assets or businesses and may sell certain
existing assets or businesses or exit particular markets. Acquisitions and divestitures may not yield the targeted improvements in
our business. Divestitures involve risks, including difficulties in the separation of operations, services, products and personnel,
disruption in our operations or businesses, finding a suitable purchaser, the diversion of management's attention from our other
businesses, the potential loss of key team members, the erosion of employee morale or customer confidence, and the retention of
contingent liabilities, including pursuant to indemnification provisions related to the divested business. Any charges, including
those arising from indemnification provisions, that we are required to record or the failure to achieve the intended financial
results associated with divestitures of businesses or assets could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial
condition or results of operations. Any impairments and losses on divestiture resulting from this process may cause us to record
significant charges, including those related to goodwill, other intangible assets, and accumulated currency translation adjustment
losses. See Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 4 - Restructuring, Divestitures, and Asset
Impairments in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Acquisitions also involve certain risks, including our ability to realize
operating efficiencies, synergies and other benefits expected from an acquisition, diversion of management's time and attention
from other business concerns, difficulties in retaining key employees, customers and suppliers of the acquired business,
difficulties in maintaining uniform standards, controls, policies and procedures throughout acquired companies, and adverse
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effects on existing business relationships with customers and suppliers. We may also face liability with respect to 2022 10-K
Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 25 acquired businesses for violations of environmental laws occurring prior to the date of
acquisition, and some or all of these liabilities may not be covered by environmental insurance secured to mitigate the risk or by
indemnification from the sellers from which we acquired these businesses. See Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 3 – <del>Acquisition Acquisitions</del> in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Restrictions in our Credit
Agreement and our Senior Notes could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, ability to make
distributions and the value of our securities. Our Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative covenants, including, among
others, covenants pertaining to the delivery of financial statements; certain financial covenants; notices of default and certain
other material events; payment of obligations; preservation of corporate existence, rights, privileges, permits, licenses, franchises
and intellectual property; maintenance of property and insurance and compliance with laws, as well as customary negative
covenants, including, among others, limitations on the incurrence of liens and entering into capital leases, investments and
indebtedness; mergers and certain other fundamental changes; dispositions of assets; restricted 2023 10- K Annual
ReportStericycle, Inc. • 26 payments; changes in our line of business; transactions with affiliates and burdensome agreements.
Our credit agreement also includes a springing maturity provision whereby it springs to maturity 91 days prior to the maturity of
the Senior Notes. These covenants could affect our ability to operate our business, increase the amount of interest expense we
ultimately pay pursuant to the Credit Agreement, and may limit our ability to take advantage of potential business opportunities
as they arise. Our Senior Notes also contain certain covenants that could have a similar effect on our ability to operate our
business. Our Credit Agreement also includes a springing maturity provision whereby it springs to maturity 91 days
prior to the maturity of the Senior Notes. As a result, if our $ 600. 0 million Senior Notes due on July 15, 2024 are still
outstanding on April 25, 2024, then the maturity date under our credit facility will spring to that date. The Company has
the ability and intent to refinance the 2019 Senior Notes on a long- term basis through available capacity under its
Revolving Credit Facility. Therefore, as of December 31, 2023, the 2019 Senior Notes remain classified as long-term debt
in the Consolidated Financial Statements. On February 1, 2024, the Company issued a redemption notice to 2019 Senior
Notes holders for redemption of all of the $ 600. 0 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2019 Senior
Notes with a redemption date of March 14, 2024. See Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 9 –
Debt in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Our ability to comply with the covenants and restrictions contained in our Credit
Agreement, along with certain of the covenants and restrictions contained in our Senior Notes, may be affected by events
beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial, and industry conditions. If market or other economic conditions
deteriorate, our ability to comply with these covenants may be impaired. A failure to comply with these provisions could result
in a default or an event of default. Upon an event of default, unless waived, the lenders could elect to terminate their
commitments, cease making further loans, require cash collateralization of letters of credit, cause their loans to become due and
payable in full, foreclose against any assets securing the debt under our Credit Agreement and force us and our subsidiaries into
bankruptcy or liquidation. If the payment of our debt is accelerated, our assets may be insufficient to repay such debt in full, and
the holders of our stock could experience a partial or total loss of their investment. See Part II, Item 7-8. Management's
Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition Statements and Results of Operations- Liquidity and Capital Resources
Supplementary Data; Note 9 – Debt in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Servicing debt and funding other
obligations requires a significant amount of cash, and our ability to generate sufficient cash depends on many factors, some of
which are beyond our control. Our ability to make payments on and refinance our indebtedness and to fund our operations and
capital expenditures depends on our ability to generate cash flow and secure financing in the future. Our ability to generate
future cash flow depends, among other things, on future operating performance, general economic conditions, competition, and
litigation, legislative and regulatory factors affecting our operations and business. Some of these factors are beyond our control.
There is no assurance that our business will generate cash flow from operations or that future debt or equity financings will be
available to us to enable us to pay our indebtedness or to fund other needs. As a result, we may need to refinance all or a portion
of our indebtedness on or before maturity. There is no assurance that we will be able to refinance any of our indebtedness on
favorable terms, or at all. Any inability to generate sufficient cash flow or refinance our indebtedness on favorable terms could
have an adverse effect on our financial condition. Potential for rising interest rates. The financial markets may experience an
increase in interest rates as the U. S. Federal Reserve raises interest rates in an effort to curb inflation. Although most of our
outstanding debt is at fixed interest rates, an increase in rates would impact our variable rate debt. Rising interest rates may also
lead to higher rates in the event we refinance our outstanding fixed rate debt thereby resulting in an overall increase in interest
expense. The amount of our indebtedness could adversely affect our business. As of December 31, 2022 2023, we had a total of
$ 1. <del>52-31</del> billion of outstanding indebtedness, including long- term debt and short- term debt and excluding unamortized debt
issuance costs. We also have the ability to incur additional indebtedness subject to our financial covenants. 2022 10-K Annual
ReportSterievele, Inc. • 26 Our outstanding indebtedness could have adverse consequences on our business, including the
following: (i) we may be required to dedicate a substantial portion of our available cash to payments of principal and interest on
our indebtedness, (ii) our ability to access credit markets on terms we deem acceptable may be impaired, and (iii) we may be
limited in our flexibility to adjust to changing market conditions. If we fail to maintain an effective..... impact on our results of
operations. Our participation in multi- employer pension plans may subject us to liabilities that could materially adversely affect
our liquidity, cash flows and results of operations. We participate in multi- employer pension plans administered by employer
and union trustees. To the extent that those plans are underfunded, ERISA may subject us to substantial liabilities in the event
we, whether partially or totally, cease to have obligations to contribute to the plans. Under current law regarding multi-
employer defined benefit plans, circumstances such as a plan ''s termination, an employer 'es partial or complete withdrawal
from, or the mass withdrawal of all contributing employers from, an underfunded multi- employer defined benefit plan can
trigger our obligation to make payments to the plan for our proportionate share of the multi- employer plan ''s unfunded vested
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liabilities. Furthermore, the Pension Protection Act added new funding rules generally applicable to plan years beginning after
2007 for multi- employer plans that are classified as "" endangered "", "" seriously endangered "", or "2023 10- K Annual
ReportStericycle, Inc. • 27 " critical "" status. If plans in which we participate are in critical status or underfunded, we could
be required to make additional contributions. Based upon the information available to us from plan administrators as of March
30, 2022, one of the multi- employer pension plans in which we participate is underfunded. The Pension Protection Act
requires that underfunded pension plans improve their funding ratios within prescribed intervals based on the level of their
underfunding. We have been notified that one plan is in "critical" status and this plan may require additional contributions. The
amount of additional funds we may be obligated to contribute in the future cannot be estimated, as such amounts will be based
on future levels of employee work that require the specific use of the union team members covered by these plans, investment
returns and the level of underfunding of such plans. Additional funding could adversely affect our liquidity, cash flows, and
results of operations. For more information, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 13 –
Retirement and Other Employee Benefit Programs in the Consolidated Financial Statements, 2022 10- K Annual
ReportStericycle,...... could negatively affect our operating results. RISKS RELATED TO HUMAN CAPITAL
contingencies, instances may occur that are not insured against or that are inadequately insured against. An uninsured or
underinsured loss could be substantial and could impair our profitability and reduce our liquidity. An inability to retain
our executive officers or other key personnel or difficulties in recruiting qualified personnel may adversely affect our
business. Our future success depends to a significant degree on the skills, experience and efforts of our executive officers and key
personnel. The unexpected loss of the services of any of our executive officers or other key personnel through retirement or
otherwise could have an adverse effect on 2022 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 28 our operations. In addition, like many
other route- based businesses, we are being impacted by our industry's driver and facility team member shortages. We depend on
the skills, working relationships, and continued services of key personnel, including our experienced management team. We must
hire,train and develop effective drivers and other team members. We compete with other companies both within and outside of
our industry for talented personnel. In addition, employee turnover increases our cost of operations and makes it more difficult to
operate our business. There can be no assurance that A significant number of our executive officers are currently retirement
eligible or our executive succession planning, retention, or hiring efforts will soon become retirement eligible. Upon becoming
retirement eligible, time-based RSU and time and performance-based PSU awards held by such employees will no longer be
successful.Difficulty in replacing at risk of forfeiture and,therefore,the Company must recognize the expense of these RSU and
PSU awards at the time our- or adding personnel could have employees become eligible for retirement, and such expense
may be substantial adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition A change or deterioration in
our relations with our team members or an increase in labor and employment costs could have a materially adverse effect on our
business, financial condition and results of operations. Labor and employment is one of our highest costs and increases in
employment costs could materially affect our cost structure and our profitability. We compete with other businesses in our
markets for qualified team members and the labor supply is sometimes tight in our markets. A shortage of qualified team
members or further unionization would require us to incur additional costs related to wages and benefits; inefficiencies in
operations; unanticipated costs in sourcing temporary or third- party labor; legal fees and interference with customer
relationships. Due primarily to increased demand for truck drivers and competition from other employers, we have experienced
difficulties hiring a sufficient number of qualified truck drivers. If this condition persists, it could affect our ability to service our
customers and affect our results of operations. As of December 31, 2022 2023, 12-10 % of our total global workforce was
covered by collective bargaining agreements. There are 16-19 collective bargaining agreements in the U. S. and Canada,
covering approximately 650.720 team members, or 6-7% of our North American workforce. An additional approximate 680 1,
200-team members of the workforce outside of North America are covered by collective bargaining agreements or work
councils. Collective Bargaining agreements expire on a scheduled basis depending upon the negotiated length of the contract's
term. Collective bargaining agreement negotiations occur every year depending upon which agreements expire and whether one
or both parties seek the modification of terms. There can be no assurance that we will be able to negotiate the terms of future
agreements with unions in a manner acceptable to us. There is also no guarantee that current non-union team members will not
seek union representation resulting in additional collective bargaining agreements with associated increased costs to us. Potential
work disruptions from labor disputes may disrupt our businesses and adversely affect our brand, customer relations, financial
condition, and results of operations. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 28 The handling, transportation, and
treatment of regulated waste carries with it the risk of personal injury to team members and others. Our business requires our
team members to handle materials that regulated waste which may still be infectious or hazardous to life and property in other
ways. While we try to handle such materials with care and in accordance with accepted and safe methods, the possibility of
accidents, leaks, and spills (including those caused by natural disasters) always exists. Examples of incidents that may present
possible exposure to contaminated or infectious waste or other hazardous materials include truck accidents, damaged or leaking
containers, improper storage of regulated waste, placement of prohibited materials into the waste stream, or malfunctioning
plant equipment, such as power outages, or ineffective backup systems. Human beings or animals could be injured or sickened,
or property could be damaged by exposure to regulated waste. This in turn could result in lawsuits in which we are found liable
for such injuries, and substantial damages could be awarded against us. While we generally carry liability insurance intended
We engage an outside actuary twice a year to <del>cover assist us in estimating</del> these <mark>liabilities</mark> contingencies, instances may
occur that are....., results of operations and financial condition. GENERAL RISK FACTORS Increasing occurrences of natural
disasters or other catastrophic events caused by climate change or otherwise could negatively affect our business, financial
condition, and results of operations. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, typhoons or earthquakes could negatively affect our
operations and financial performance. Such events could result in physical damage to one or more of our facilities or equipment,
the temporary lack of an adequate work force in a market, and the temporary disruption in transportation services which we rely
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on to deliver waste to our facilities. These events could prevent or delay shipments deliveries and reduce both volumes and
revenue. Weather conditions and other event driven special projects may also cause variations in our results of operations. We
may be required to suspend operations in some of our locations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business,
financial condition, and results of operations. While we have protocols in place for operating regions frequently impacted by
severe weather changes, continued climate change may require additional protocols, processes, physical equipment, and training
to minimize risks to team members, physical property, and operations, which could have an adverse effect on our results of
operations and financial condition. Inflationary cost environment and supply chain disruption. During 2021 and 2022, For the
last several years we have experienced inflationary cost increases in our underlying expenses, including labor, supply chain
related, and other expenses. We may continue to experience inflationary cost increases in labor, commodities, fleet availability
vehicle procurement, facility and vehicle leases, third party expenditures, plant equipment and construction expenditures, and
other expenses. We may not be able to pass all of these cost increases on to our customers. We are may also experiencing
experience delays in completing certain capital projects and have additional challenges due to macroeconomic supply chain
disruptions. Should these conditions persist, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be
negatively impacted. Geopolitical tensions, military conflict Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the international global
community's response have may created substantial political and economic disruption, uncertainty and risk. U. S. and
global markets are may experiencing experience volatility and disruption following the escalation of geopolitical tensions and
the military conflicts, such as those between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East. Although the length and
impact of the ongoing military conflict is highly unpredictable, the such conflict conflicts in Ukraine could lead to market
disruptions, including significant volatility in commodity prices, credit and capital markets, as well as supply chain
interruptions, increased cyber- attacks and social unrest in certain regions in which we operate. Although we do not We are
subject to risks associated with the current interest rate environment. Changing interest rates may have operations
<mark>unpredictable effects on markets, may result</mark> in <del>Russia-heightened market volatility and may detract from <mark>or our Ukraine,</mark></del>
performance to the extent we are continuing exposed to monitor the situation such interest rates and assessing its potential /
or volatility. An adjustment in rates would impact on our variable rate debt. If interest rates increase our or business
remain elevated, we could face higher debt service requirements, which would adversely affect our cash flow and could
adversely impact our results of operations. If we Potential Recession. There are various indications that the U.S. and unable
to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt or to fund our other <del>parts l</del>iquidity needs, we could need to restructure
<mark>or refinance all or a portion</mark> of <del>the world may <mark>our debt. Any refinancing of indebtedness could</mark> be <del>entering a recessionary</del></del>
period. Although unclear at this time higher interest rates, thereby resulting in an overall increase economic recession would
likely impact the general business environment and the capital markets, which could, in interest expense turn, affect the
Company 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc The Company is continuing to monitor these matters and may adjust its
eurrent business plans as more information and guidance become available. • 29 Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments None.
Item 1C. Cybersecurity Risk management and strategy We recognize the critical importance of developing,
implementing, and maintaining robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard our information systems and protect the
confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our data and services. Managing Material Risks & Integrated Overall Risk
Management We have integrated cybersecurity risk management into our broader risk management framework to
promote awareness and a company- wide culture of cybersecurity risk management. This integration helps confirm that
cybersecurity considerations are an integral part of our decision- making processes. Our cyber risk management team
works closely with our cross- functional stakeholders to regularly evaluate and address cybersecurity risks in alignment
with our business objectives and operational needs. Engage Third- parties on Risk Management Recognizing the
complexity and evolving nature of cybersecurity threats, we engage with a range of external experts, including
cybersecurity assessors, consultants, and auditors in evaluating and testing our risk management systems. These
partnerships enable us to leverage specialized knowledge and insights in implementing cybersecurity strategies, controls,
and processes that leverage industry standard practices. Our collaboration with these third- parties includes regular
audits, threat assessments, and consultation on security enhancements. Oversee Third- party Risk Because we are aware
of the risks associated with third- party service providers that have access to our systems and data we implement
processes to oversee and manage these risks. We conduct security assessments of certain third- party providers before
engagement and monitor such providers to confirm compliance with industry accepted cybersecurity standards and
practices. This approach is designed to reduce risks related to data breaches, operational disruptions, or other security
incidents originating from third-parties. Risks from Cybersecurity Threats We have not encountered cybersecurity
challenges that have materially impaired our operations or financial standing. Governance We recognize the potential
significance of cybersecurity threats to our operational integrity and stakeholder confidence. The Board of Directors is
aware of the critical nature of managing risks associated with cybersecurity threats. The Board has established
appropriate oversight mechanisms to maintain effective governance in managing risks associated with cybersecurity
threats. Board of Directors Oversight The Audit Committee leads the Board's oversight of cybersecurity risks and
receives regular updates on cybersecurity risks and our cybersecurity program. The Audit Committee is composed of
board members with diverse expertise, including risk management, technology, and finance, equipping them to oversee
cybersecurity risks effectively. In addition, cybersecurity risks are reviewed by the Board of Directors, at least annually,
as part of our enterprise risk management program. 2022-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 20-30 Management's
Role Managing Risk Our cybersecurity program is led by our Chief Information Officer (" CIO"), with two decades of
IT leadership experience. Our CIO, Senior Vice President IT Operations, Vice President Global IT Security, and other
and IT personnel play a pivotal role in informing the Audit Committee on cybersecurity risks. They provide briefings to
the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. These briefings encompass a broad range of topics, including: • Current
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cybersecurity landscape and emerging threats; • Status of ongoing cybersecurity initiatives and strategies; • Incident
reports and learnings from relevant cybersecurity events; and • Compliance with regulatory requirements and industry
standards. In addition to our scheduled meetings, the Audit Committee and CIO maintain an ongoing dialogue
regarding emerging or potential cybersecurity risks. The Audit Committee actively participates in strategic decisions
related to cybersecurity, offering guidance and approval for major initiatives. This involvement confirms that
cybersecurity considerations are integrated into the broader strategic objectives of Stericycle, Inc. The Audit Committee
conducts an annual review of the Company's risk management strategies. This review helps in identifying areas for
improvement and confirming the alignment of cybersecurity efforts with the overall risk management framework.
Monitor Cybersecurity Incidents The CIO and other IT personnel are regularly informed about the latest developments
in cybersecurity, including potential threats and innovative risk management techniques. This ongoing knowledge
acquisition is crucial for the effective prevention, detection, mitigation, and remediation of cybersecurity incidents. The
CIO and other IT personnel implement and oversee processes for the regular monitoring of our information systems.
This includes the deployment of advanced security measures and regular system audits to identify potential
vulnerabilities. In the event of a cybersecurity incident, the CIO and other IT personnel are equipped with a well-
defined incident response plan, relationships with law enforcement, and agreements with qualified third parties to
support the process. This plan includes prompt actions, including Board notification protocols, to contain and mitigate
the immediate impact and long- term strategies for indemnification, remediation, and prevention of future incidents.
Item 2. Properties Information regarding our worldwide properties can be found under Part I, Item 1. Business and is
incorporated herein by reference. We believe that our operating properties, vehicles and equipment are adequately maintained
and sufficient for our current operations and anticipated future needs; however, we have and will continue to use our planned
capital investments to modernize our properties, equipment, and fleet as we deem appropriate. Item 3. Legal Proceedings
Information regarding certain legal proceedings in which we are involved can be found in Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements
and Supplementary Data; Note 19 - Legal Proceedings in the Consolidated Financial Statements and is incorporated herein by
reference. Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures Not Applicable. 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 30PART 31PART
II Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities Our
common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol "SRCL". There were 78 shareholders of
record as of February 17-23, 2023-2024. We did not declare or pay any cash dividends on our common stock during 2023,
2022, or 2021, or 2020. We did not Under resolutions that our Board of Directors adopted, we have been authorized to
purchase any a cumulative total of 24, 621, 640 shares of our common stock during 2023 on the open market. As of December
31, 2022, or we had purchased a cumulative total of 22, 219, 146 shares. No common stock purchases were made during 2022,
2021 , or 2020. Performance Graph The following graph compares the cumulative total returns of Stericycle, the Nasdaq Global
Select Market Composite Index, the S & P Mid Cap 400 Index and the Dow Jones U. S. Waste & Disposal Services Index for
the five- year period ended December 31, 2022-2023. The graph assumes that the value for the investment in Stericycle and in
each of the indices was $ 100 on December 31, 2017 2018, and that all dividends were reinvested. The stock price performance
of our common stock reflected in the following graph is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Company /
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Services Index $ 100, 00 $ <del>98 <mark>132 . 24 84 $ 130 139 . 50 23</del> $ 192, 09 $ 181, 41 $ 208, 136-. <mark>16 . 78 $ 188, 70 $ 178, 21 I</mark>tem 6.</del></mark>
Reserved | 2022-2023 10-K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 31-32 Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of
Financial Condition and Results of Operations The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations
should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes in Part II, Item 8. Financial
Statements and Supplementary Data of this <del>2022-</del>2023 Form 10- K. For further discussion regarding operating and financial data
for the year ended December 31, <del>2021 <mark>2022</del>, as compared to the year ended December 31, <del>2020 <mark>2021</del>, refer to Part II, Item 7,</del></del></mark></del></mark>
Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K
for the fiscal year ended December 31, <del>2021-<mark>2022</del> . Overview Stericycle <mark>, Inc.,</mark> is a <del>global-</del>U. S. based business- to- business</del></mark>
services company <del>. We <mark>and leading provide provider</mark> an array</del> of <del>highly specialized</del> compliance- based solutions that protect
people and brands, promote health and well-being and safeguard the environment. Since our founding in 1989, we have
grown from a small start- up in medical waste management into a leader across a range of increasingly complex and highly
regulated arenas, serving healthcare organizations and commercial businesses of every size through Regulated Waste and
Compliance Services and Secure Information Destruction Services. Through our family of brands, Stericycle serves customers
in North America the U. S. and Europe 16 other countries worldwide with solutions to safely manage materials that could
otherwise spread disease, contaminate the environment, or compromise one's identity. To our customers, team members and
the communities we serve, Stericycle is a company that protects what matters. Our service offerings appeal to a wide range of
business customers. Our customers are primarily in the following industries: enterprise healthcare (i. e., hospitals, health
systems, and non- affiliate hospitals; national and corporate healthcare), practices and care providers (i. e., physician offices,
surgery centers, veterinary clinics, nursing and long- term care facilities, dental clinics, clinics and urgent care, dialysis centers,
home health organizations), and pharmacy, lab and research centers. We also provide services to airports and seaports, education
institutions, funeral homes and crematories, government and military, banks and professional services, and other businesses.
While we manage large volumes of waste and other materials, the average volume per customer site is relatively small.
Highlights for the year ended December 31, 2022-2023, compared to the prior year include: • Grew organic revenues 1 5-2. 9-2
%, driven by increases in RWCS of 1.4 % and SID of 16.3 2 % for the year ended December 31, 2022 2023, compared to the
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prior year; • Improved Gross Profit Income from Operations as a percentage of revenues 300 basis points year-over-
compared to the prior year; • Improved cash flow from operations by $ 43 Reduced Credit Agreement Defined Debt
Leverage Ratio to 3. 1 million for the year ended 28X, down 0. 33X since December 31, 2021 2023; * Reached agreements
with the SEC, compared the DOJ and Brazilian authorities to prior year resolve the FCPA related investigations into conduct
in the Latin America businesses before 2017; and • Continued to execute on our portfolio optimization initiative in the fourth
quarter of 2022, with the divestiture of our Communication Solutions operations in North America for proceeds of $45. (0)
million, 1 -) See Results of Operations, Revenues for a reconciliation between total U. S. GAAP Revenues and Organic
Revenues. For additional information, see Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 4 – Restructuring,
Divestitures, and Asset Impairments, Note 9 – Debt, and Note 19 – Legal Proceedings in the Consolidated Financial Statements.
Other Developments In 2023, within RWCS, we saw evolving dynamics among our national accounts, which includes
customers like retail pharmacies and nationwide healthcare service providers. Our national account customer base
generally remained consistent, despite the economic headwinds they' re facing. As some of these customers reduce their
footprint, our service stops in this segment have also contracted, mainly in the third quarter of 2023. Similar to RWCS,
our national SID customers are experiencing a reset in their post- COVID <del>- 19 Pandemic pandemic During 2022-</del>office
footprint. Across the SID business, we believe we remain an essential service and are retaining these customer
relationships, but have experienced inflationary cost increases in our underlying expenses, including labor and supply-chain
and other costs. We continue to demonstrate to our customers the value of the services we provide. One of the strengths of our
quality of revenue initiative has been seen working to create a more flexible pricing model with the necessary levers to adjust to
these inflationary cost challenges. We have the following pricing levers: (i) for existing contracts, we have been addressing the
standardization of contractual language and building in pricing flexibility, which affords us the opportunity to adjust pricing in
several ways at contract anniversary and renewal, (ii) 2022 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 32 for all new customers and
purchasers of our one-time services, we have the ability to adjust our rates at point of contracting, and (iii) for many customers
we also have the ability to adjust surcharges and fees that provide inflationary cost protection for commodity and other price
volatility (e. g. fuel, recycled paper, and environmental surcharges and a new service stops decline cost recovery fee). In March
2020, mainly driven by customer site the World Health Organization declared the COVID- 19 virus outbreak a pandemic.
The COVID-19 pandemic has had a global economic impact, including temporary closure closures of non-essential businesses
worldwide and reduced postponement of elective surgeries and preventative care. The Company continues to maintain
operations within all business service frequencies offerings. We are monitoring future implications of the COVID-19
pandemic, including COVID-19 variants, and continue to take actions to manage spending to align to operational requirements.
Our COVID- 19 pandemic response has included efforts to protect the health and well-being of our workforce and our
eustomers. We worked proactively with the CDC, OSHA, the DOT and regulatory agencies around the world to ensure
readiness for proper regulated waste management. Our team demonstrated leadership and commitment to protecting what
matters by working with pharmaceutical companies and government agencies to align on standards for secure and compliant
COVID-19 vaccination treatment protocols. We have updated and implemented numerous protocols specifically to reduce risk
among our front-line team members, and our strategic sourcing team has worked diligently to take measures to provide our field
operations employees with appropriate PPE. We' ve implemented more rigorous cleaning protocols for all our facilities.
Throughout the pandemie, our front-line workers have continued to meet the needs of our customers. Like many organizations,
we too have been impacted by labor shortages and higher absences, certain of which are pandemic related, particularly among
driver and operational team members. For example, we were impacted by higher absences related to COVID- variants that
surged towards the end of the fourth quarter of 2021 and into the first quarter of 2022. Our work force stabilized throughout the
first and second quarters of 2022, as the effects of the Delta and Omicron variants on employee absences subsided. To date, we
are addressing our internal needs through three main areas: (1) recruitment, (2) market competitive compensation and benefits,
and (3) employee engagement and retention. Although we have been able to maintain near our desired staffing levels through
these efforts, and that has enabled us to continue to support our customers, labor shortages have not uniformly impacted our
businesses. In certain geographies and facilities, we have experienced more acute labor shortages. Those locations have required
additional team member overtime and re-allocation of team members to continue to support our customers. Key Business
Priorities In 2022-2023, our five key business priorities were the following: • Quality of revenue – We have been executing
against our foundational initiatives we launched to drive revenue quality and . These included a formal cross-functional deal
review committee, realignment of sales incentive plans, reare executing on: (i) expanding - organization of our commercial
leadership team around our service lines penetration, key (ii) improving customer channels, and implementation of global
velocity, and (iii) deepening customer partnerships pipeline management processes for both RWCS and SID. Our pricing
actions have gained momentum since the first quarter, including our adjustment of surcharges and fees, which provide the most
flexible mechanism to help offset inflationary costs by adjusting these surcharges and fees. In combination with our quality of
revenue initiatives, we continue to develop developing enhanced and deploy innovative solutions to meet unmet customer
needs, strengthen customer engagement, and drive long-term organic growth. • Operational efficiency, modernization, and
innovation – As-We have been executing on our foundational initiatives we launched to drive manage through complex
times, we remain focused on operational efficiency, modernization, and innovation to control variable and discretionary costs
and improve performance and efficiencies in our field operations. Our goal is to optimize our facilities with a strategie and
standardized operating model. We are analyzing processing capabilities, plant-executing on: (i) infrastructure and system
modernization transportation equipment needs, (ii) team member requirements, potential customer implications or benefits,
fleet replacement and route and long- haul network improvements - and (iii) SafeShield container rationalization and
modernization. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 33 • ERP implementation – We In the third quarter of 2022, we
successfully moved deployed the technical code functionality for RWCS into our North America ERP to production
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environment. Following the U.S. completion of this milestone, we launched a pilot at the end of October for RWCS customers
business in Puerto Rico-the third quarter of 2023. This disciplined deployment approach allows us Almost all of our U.S.
team members are now leveraging the new technology. We continue to mitigate risk observe improvement in our team
members' performance as they leverage the technology and test-data flow and functionality before deploying the ERP across
all RWCS North America customers and facilities. This follows the deployment of our ERP system for North 2022 10-K
Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 33 America's finance and procurement processes and for North America's SID business that
was deployed in 2021. We commenced activities for the international system modernization in 2022. • Portfolio optimization

    We expect to continue evaluating opportunities to further optimize our portfolio through a combination of asset

rationalizations and strategic accretive tuck- in acquisitions, which streamline our portfolio of businesses and allow us to
focus more deeply on our core businesses, 2023 divestitures primarily included an International container manufacturer
joint venture in Spain; our businesses in Brazil, Singapore, Australia, and Republic of Korea; dental recycling business
in the Netherlands; SID joint venture in the UAE; and our business in Romania for net proceeds of approximately $ 85
million, • Debt reduction and leverage improvement – We expect to reduce our debt and improve our debt leverage ratio
through continued focus on operating margin expansion, free eash flow generation, and leveraging divestiture proceeds, if
applicable. We have reduced total net debt, to $1.27 billion as of defined in the Credit Agreement (total debt, adding back
unamortized debt issuance costs, less cash and cash equivalents), to $ 1.46 billion at December 31, 2022 2023. As In the
<mark>second quarter</mark> of <del>December 31-last year</del> , <del>2022, we successfully achieved</del> our <del>amended Credit Facility defined <mark>g</del>oal of</del></del></mark>
<mark>reducing our <del>Debt</del> debt <del>Leverage leverage below Ratio was 3 , 28</del>-times <del>compared <mark>and have continued to 3-maintain our</del></mark></del></mark>
debt leverage target, finishing 2023 with a debt leverage ratio of 2 . 61-85 times as of December 31, 2021. • Portfolio
optimization - We expect to continue evaluating opportunities to further optimize our portfolio through a combination of asset
rationalizations and strategic accretive tuck- in acquisitions, which streamlines our portfolio of businesses and allows us to focus
more deeply on our core businesses. In the fourth quarter of 2022, in North America, we divested our Communication Solutions
business for eash proceeds of approximately $ 45.0 million. Further, we have fully integrated our acquisition which was closed
in December 2021. Certain Key Priorities and Other Significant Matters The following table identifies key priorities and other
significant matters impacting our business and how they are classified in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income (Loss)
(amounts are stated pre- tax except when noted): In millionsYear Ended December 31, 20222021Included 20232022Pre- tax
items: Included in COROperational Optimization $ 2.4 $ — Asset Impairments3.4 — Total included in COR5.8 —
Included in SG & AERP and System Modernization Modernization 19 S, 2 19, 2 559 Intangible Amortization 112, 0 124
Intangible Amortization 124. 0 117 Operational Optimization 1. 7 — Portfolio Optimization 2. 2 6. 9 Portfolio
Optimization 6. 9 5. 0-Litigation, Settlements and Regulatory Compliance 30. 8 30. 0 93. 2-Asset Impairments Impairments 3.
1 5 6-. 7-5 Total included in SG & A169. 0 A185-. 185. 6 281. 8-Divestiture losses (gains) losses, net net63. 4 (15. 6) (1. 7)
Total included in income from operations $ 238, 2 $ 170. 0 $ 280. 1-After - tax items: Other Tax Matters - Matter $ (2. 0) $ -
\$ (1.9) Total after- tax \$ (2.0) \$ — \$ (1.9) The Key Priorities and Other Significant Matters include the following types of
activities: Cash ChargesConsulting ChargesInternal (1) Consulting and Professional FeesOther (2-1) Non- Cash Charges (3-2)
) ERP and System ModernizationüüüOperational ModernizationüüüPortfolio- OptimizationüüüPortfolio
Optimization Optimization Utigation Optimization Settlements and Regulatory Complianceüü (1) Includes dedicated
resources, including stock-based compensation in 2021. (2) Includes other costs related to each priority (e.g., software
maintenance fees, litigation, settlement and regulatory compliance charges, changes in contingent consideration and
environmental provisions). (3-2) Includes impairments, accelerated depreciation and / or amortization, gain / loss on disposal
and changes in deferred consideration, 2022-2023 10-K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 34 For the years presented and for the
cumulative period since the inception of the North America ERP Implementation and System Modernization, we have
recognized the following, principally reported in Other Costs: In millionsYear Ended December 31, 20232022North
AmericaOperating expenditures $ 16. 6 20222021 North America Cumulative Since Inception North America Consulting and
professional fees $ 18.4 $ 41 Capital expenditures 18. 0 13 8 $ 125. 6 2 Internal labor — 7. 9 39. 1 Software usage
maintenance fees — 7. 5 42. 3 Other related expenses — 1. 8 11. 5 Total North America operating expenditures 18 $ 34. 4 59 6
$ 32 . 0 218. 1 Capital expenditures 13. 6 19. 9 194. 3 Total North America operating and capital expenditures $ 32. 0 $ 78. 9 $
412. 4-International Operating expenditures $ 2.6 $ 0.8 $ Capital expenditures — Total International $ 2.6 $ 0.8 Total
operating expenditures $ 19. 2 $ 59-19. 2 Total capital expenditures 18. 0 13. 6 Total As we continue to implement and deploy
the North America ERP and System Modernization $ 37. 2 $ 32. 8 Upon the deployment of the ERP in our U.S. RWCS
business, we will incur costs to develop and deploy the system, which includes additional capital expenditures as well as
operating expenditures. Upon the substantial implementation of North America's finance and procurement processes and for
North America's SID business in the third quarter of 2021 2023, certain costs became incremental information technology
ongoing costs for running the new system, including maintenance, licensing, and depreciation expenses. Our Additionally, we
will continue to incur the current level of costs to maintain the legacy suite of applications that are also used by our international
businesses while their system portfolio is modernized. Certain readiness activities commenced in the third quarter of 2022
related to our-international ERP system modernization commenced in 2022, which includes enhancements and upgrades
associated with European based RWCS and SID operations. We will continue to incur the current level of costs to maintain
the legacy suite of applications also used by our European businesses during the system modernization . See table above
of certain key priorities and other significant matters for intangible amortization expense from acquisitions for the years
presented and how they are classified in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income (Loss). The increase decrease in
amortization expense is primarily due to a decrease in result of divestitures and certain intangible assets that have reached
the end of the their useful lives life of certain customer relationship intangibles effective on January 1, 2022. See Part II, Item
8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 7 - Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets in the Consolidated Financial
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Statements for further information. For intangible amortization by segment see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 17 – Segment Reporting in the Consolidated Financial Statements. See table above of certain key
priorities and other significant matters for operational optimization for the years presented and how they are classified in
the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. In February 2024, the Company recognized approximately $ 6 million of
Operational Optimization severance charges, primarily within our North America and International segments, related
to workforce reduction. These measures are expected to provide annual savings of approximately $ 21 million to $ 24
million beginning in the first half of 2024. We have also reduced our overall workforce in our retained businesses
through careful hiring and managing attrition which will provide annual savings of approximately $ 11 million to $ 13
million beginning in 2024. In the fourth quarter of 2023, the Company recognized Operational Optimization charges of $
4. 1 million primarily related to severance associated with workforce reduction, split between North America and
International segments, and closure of an International facility, which is expected to provide annual savings of
approximately $ 8 million. We will continue to evaluate our operating needs and prospectively adjust our work force to
align with our needs. As we continue to consider each Operational Optimization activity, the amount, timing and
recognition of charges will be affected by the occurrence of commitments and triggering events as defined under U. S.
GAAP, among other factors. We may incur more charges and cash expenditures than estimated and may not realize the
expected improvement or cost savings on its planned time frame or at all. For additional information, see Part II, Item 8.
Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 4 — Restructuring, Divestitures, and Asset Impairments in the
Consolidated Financial Statements, 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 35 See table above of certain key priorities
and other significant matters for portfolio optimization (including Divestiture losses (gains) losses, net) for the years presented,
and how they are classified in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income (Loss). Consulting and professional fees and
acquisition related charges are reported in Other Costs, while the various divestitures Divestiture losses (gains) losses, net are
included in the respective segment in. As part of our portfolio optimization business priority, we regularly evaluate the
table below competitive environment and consider opportunistic acquisitions that strengthen our core businesses. We
believe acquisitions, when appropriately valued and constructively integrated, may be an efficient way to gain customers,
scale treatment operations, and build customer density for transportation. We expect to focus on smaller accretive tuck-
in acquisitions. Details of the acquisitions completed, can be found in Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 3 – Acquisitions in the Consolidated Financial Statements. We evaluate our portfolio of
services on an ongoing basis with a country-by-country and service line-by-service line approach to assess long-term
potential and identify potential business candidates for divestiture. Our decisions regarding divestitures Divestitures are based
upon resulting from this evaluation may cause us to record significant charges, including the those following criteria: •
outlook for related to goodwill, other intangible assets, long- lived assets term market conditions; * potential impact to
complementary services or customer relationships; 2022 10- K. Annual ReportStericycle., Inc. • 35 • ability to leverage
infrastructure and cumulative translation adjustments customer base for growth; • potential for margin improvement; •
eurrent divestiture value versus future divestiture value; • ongoing capital requirements of the business; • return on invested
eapital; • impact on overall leverage, including impact on debt leverage ratio; • implications for our internal control efforts; and
• implications for our ERP and system modernization. We recognized the following Divestiture (gains) losses, net in the
Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss): In millions Year Ended December 31, 20222021 North America
SegmentCommunication Solutions operations $ (15. 6) $ Canada Environmental Solutions operations (12. 6) Total North
America charges, net (15, 6) (12, 6) International SegmentJapan RWCS operations — 10, 9 Total International charges, net -
10. 9 Divestiture (gains) losses, net $ (15. 6) $ (1. 7) For additional information regarding Divestiture losses (gains) losses, net,
including significant impacts of foreign currency translation adjustments, net, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 4 – Restructuring, Divestitures, and Asset Impairments in the Consolidated Financial Statements. As
part of our portfolio optimization business priority, we regularly evaluate the competitive environment and consider
opportunistic acquisitions that strengthen our core businesses. We believe acquisitions, when appropriately valued and
constructively integrated, may be an efficient way to gain customers, scale treatment operations, and build customer density for
transportation. We expect to focus on smaller accretive tuck- in acquisitions. Details of the acquisition completed in the year
ended December 31, 2021, can be found in Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 3 - Acquisition
in the Consolidated Financial Statements. We operate in highly regulated industries and must address regulatory inquiries or
respond to investigations from time to time. We have also been involved in a variety of civil litigation from time to time. Certain
of these matters are detailed in Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 19 – Legal Proceedings, in
the Consolidated Financial Statements. Our financial results may also include considerations of non-recurring matters including
settlements, environmental remediation, and legal related consulting and professional fees. See table above of certain key
priorities and other significant matters for litigation, settlement settlements and regulatory compliance charges. Among other
things, the table reflects consulting and professional fees (including FCPA monitoring fees which commenced in late 2022),
contingent liability provisions and settlements, net of insurance recoveries, impacting our business for the years presented,
primarily in Other Costs. For the year ended December 31, 2022, we accrued an additional $ 9.6 million for the FCPA
Settlement, bringing the total cumulative charge to approximately $ 90 <del>. 3</del> million. For the year ended December 31, 2022 , we
paid $ 81 <del>. 0</del> million <del>related <mark>due</mark> to <mark>the DOJ, the SEC, and Brazil authorities in accordance with</mark> the FCPA <mark>Settlement. In</mark></del>
the year ended December 31, 2023 the Company paid substantially all of the remaining settlement amounts due to the
DOJ and Brazil authorities. See Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 19 – Legal Proceedings,
in the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details. See table above of certain key priorities and 2022 10-K
Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. *36 Impairments comprise the other significant matters for following: In millions Year Ended
December 31, Asset asset impairments: 20222021Property, plant for the years presented and how they are classified
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equipment and ROU assets $ 5. 5 $ 2. 1 Customer lists, permits and tradenames — 4. 6 Impairments included in SG & A $ 5 the
Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. 5 $ 6.7 Impairment charges may be recognized in future periods to the extent
changes in factors or circumstances occur, including deterioration in the macroeconomic environment or in the equity markets,
including the market value of our common shares, deterioration in our performance or our future projections, or changes in our
plans for one or more reporting units or specified long-lived assets, among other factors. For additional information on asset
impairments, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 4 – Restructuring, Divestitures, and Asset
Impairments and Note 7 – Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets in the Consolidated Financial Statements. The Other Tax
Matters in 2021-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, are associated with Inc. • 36 In 2023, we recognized a $ 5-2, 5-0
million tax benefit associated with resolution the conclusion of a 2018 tax return related claim, partially offset by a $ 3, 6
million tax charge related to an ongoing examination of pre- acquisition tax years of an acquired business. For further
discussion, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 10 - Income Taxes in the Consolidated
Financial Statements. Revenues (including Segment Revenues) Year Ended December 31, In millionsComponents of Change
(%) (1) 20222021Change 20232022Change ($) Change (%) Organic Growth (2) AcquisitionDivestituresForeign-
DivestituresForeign Exchange (3) Revenue by ServiceRegulated Waste and Compliance Services $1,775.8$1,798.2$ (22.
4) $\(\frac{1}{798}\), 2 \(\frac{9}{0}\) 4 $\(\frac{1}{8}\), 854. 2 \(\frac{9}{0}\) (5. 3 \(\frac{9}{0}\)) 0 $\(\frac{55.8}{3.0}\), \(\frac{1}{3.0}\), \(\frac{1}{3.0}\), 4 \(\frac{9}{0.4}\), \(\frac{2.8}{0.4}\), \(\frac{1}{3.0}\), \(\frac{1}
Destruction Services 906 Services 883 5 792 906. 5 (23. 0) (2. 5 %) (1. 7) % (0. 6 %) (0. 2 %) Total Revenues $ 2, 659. 3 $ 2,
704. 7 $ (45. 4) (1. 7 %) 2. 2 % (3. 8 %) — % North AmericaRegulated Waste and Compliance Services $ 1, 474. 4 $ 1,
468. 8 $ 5. 6 0. 4 % 4. 5 % (3. 8 %) (0. 1 %) Secure Information Destruction Services 781. 4 794. 3 (12 . 9 113) (1 . 6 14 %)
(1.3) <del>% 16.3 % — % — % (1.9 %) Total Revenues $ 2, 704.7 $ 2, 646.9 $ 57.8 2.2 % 5.9 %</del> 0.3 <del>% (2.0 %) (2.0 %)</del>
North America Regulated Waste and Compliance Services (4) $ 1, 468. 8 $ 1, 457. 5 $ 11. 3 0. 8 % 2. 8 % 0. 6 % (2. 4 %) (0. 1
%) Secure Information Destruction Services 794. 3 679. 0 115. 3 17. 0 % 17. 4 % % % (0. 4 %) Total North America
Segment $ 2, <mark>255. 8 $ 2,</mark> 263. 1 $ <mark>(7. 3) (0. 3 %)</mark> 2 <del>, 136. 5 $ 126. 6 5. 9 % 7</del> . 4 % <del>0 (</del>2 . 4 % <del>(1. 6 %</del>) (0. 2 %)
InternationalRegulated Waste and Compliance Services <del>(</del>$ 301, 4 <del>)</del>$ 329. 4 $ <del>396 <mark>(28, 0) (8</mark> . 5 <del>$ (67, 1) (16, 9</del> %) <del>(</del>-3 <del>. 4) %</del></del>
<del>% (4. 4%) (9. 1</del> % (12. 3 %) 1. 1 % Secure Information Destruction Services 112 Services 102 . 1 112 . 2 113 (10. 1) (9.0
<mark>%) ( 4. 9) % (5.</mark> 1 <del>. 7) (1. 5</del> %) <del>9-</del>0 . 7 % <del>— % — % (11. 1 %)</del> Total International Segment $ <mark>403. 5 $</mark> 441. 6 $ <del>510. 4 $</del> ( <del>68-</del>38 .
1) (8.6\%) (0.9\%) (13-10.5\%) (1.0.5\%) (1.0.5)% (1.0.5)% (1.0.5\%) (1.0.5\%) (1.0.5\%)
crossfoot to the total Change % due to rounding. (2) Organic growth is a change in revenues Revenues which includes SOP
(sorted office paper) pricing and volume and excludes the impact of an acquisition, divestitures, and foreign exchange. (3) The
comparisons at constant currency rates (foreign exchange) reflect comparative local currency balances at prior period's foreign
exchange rates. We calculated these percentages by taking current period reported Revenues less the respective prior period
reported Revenues, divided by the prior period reported Revenues, all at the respective prior period's foreign exchange rates.
This measure provides information on the change in Revenues assuming that foreign currency exchange rates have not changed
between the prior and the current period. Management believes the use of this measure aids in the understanding of changes in
Revenues without the impact of foreign currency. (4) In the first quarter of 2021, we updated our service lines to include
Communication Solutions (formerly part of CRS) in RWCS. In the fourth quarter of 2022, the Communication Solutions
business was sold. 2022 10- K. Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 37-Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2022 2023, were
$ 2. 66 billion, a decrease of $ 45. 4 million, or 1. 7 % compared to $ 2. 70 billion <del>, an increase of $ 57. 8 million, or 2. 2 %</del>
compared to $ 2. 65 billion in the prior year. Excluding the The decrease was primarily due to impact impacts of divestitures
of an acquisition which contributed $8.101.16 million or 0.3.8%, divestitures which reduced revenues by $52.7 million or
2.0 % includes the divestiture of CRS in the fourth quarter of 2022 and International businesses in 2023, and unfavorable
foreign exchange rates of $ 53.0.41 million. Organic revenues increased $ 56.3 million, or 2.02 % -. RWCS organic
revenues growth was mainly driven by increased $ 155. 8 million, or our 5 pricing actions, which include pricing in
existing contracts, new customer pricing, surcharges and fees. SID 9 <del>%. The organic revenues increase is attributable</del>
decreased primarily due to the quality of lower commodity indexed revenue revenues initiatives, including lower recycling
our pricing levers, and higher recycled paper revenues and lower SID fuel and environmental surcharges, reflecting higher
SOP pricing, partially offset by a decrease in International RWCS COVID-19 transactional volumes. North America revenues
increased decreased $ 126.7. 6.3 million, or 5.0. 9.3 %, for the year ended December 31, 2022 2023, to $ 2. 26 billion from $
2. <del>14-<mark>26</del> billion in the prior year. <del>Excluding</del>-The decrease was primarily driven by the impact of the CRS divestiture of $</del></mark>
<mark>55, 4 million, or 2, 4 %, an and acquisition which contributed unfavorable foreign exchange rates of</mark> $ <del>8-4</del> , <del>1-7</del> million, or 0.
2 %. Organic revenues increased $ 52. 6 million, or 2. 4 %, divestitures primarily due to RWCS organic revenue increases
which <del>reduced revenues were mainly driven</del> by <del>$ 35, 2 million, or <mark>our pricing actions</mark> 1, 6 % and the impact of unfavorable</del>
foreign exchanges rates of $4.8 million, or 0.2% which include pricing in existing contracts, new customer pricing,
surcharges and fees. SID organic revenues increased decreased due $ 158.5 million, or 7.4 %. This increase was largely
attributable to lower recycling quality of revenue initiatives, including our pricing levers; higher recycled paper revenues;
reflecting higher SOP prices; continued maritime recovery from impact of COVID-19; and lower SID fuel and environmental
surcharges non-recurring typical ERP start- up challenges experienced in the third quarter of 2021. International revenues
decreased $ 68-38. 1 million, or 8 million, or 13. 5-6, %, for the year ended December 31, 2022-2023, to $ 403. 5 million from
$ 441. 6 million <del>from $ 510, 4 million</del> in the prior year, <del>Excluding <mark>The decrease was primarily due to</mark> t</del>he impact of
<mark>divestitures foreign exchange rates</mark> of $ 48-<mark>46</mark> . 6-<mark>2</mark> million <del>,</del> or 9-<mark>10</mark> . 5 %, <mark>and a decrease from divestitures of $ 17. 5 million or</mark>
3.4%, RWCS COVID-19 transactional volumes decreased $13.7 million, or 3.4% organic SID revenues due to lower
recycled paper rates and volume. These revenue decreases were partially offset by SID-higher organic RWCS revenues due
growth of $ 11, 0 million, or 9, 7 %, attributable to higher recycled paper revenues, reflecting higher SOP prices and quality of
revenue initiatives, including our pricing levers, which include pricing in existing contracts, new customer pricing,
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surcharges and fees. <del>Gross Profit <mark>2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 37</mark> In millionsYear Ended December 31,</del>
Change 2022-2023 versus 202120222021-202220232022 $ % of Revenues $ % of Revenues $ % Gross profit $ 1, 014. 6 38. 2
<mark>% $ 1,</mark> 025. 6 37. 9 % $ (11. 0) (1 <del>, 017</del>. <mark>1</mark> <del>2 38. 4 %</del> ) <del>$ 8. 4 0. 8 %</del> The <del>increase decrease</del> in gross profit for the year ended
December 31, 2022 2023, as compared to 2021 2022, was primarily due to quality of lower SID commodity indexed revenue
revenues and the corresponding margin initiatives, including results from our pricing levers which resulted in revenue flow
through, which helped the impacts of divestitures, and higher fleet costs, partially offset by margin higher supply chain
costs, wage adjustment, and utility-related inflationary costs; and higher headcount, onboarding, and overtime costs. The third
quarter of 2021 included the impact of non-recurring typical ERP start-up challenges. Although revenue flow - through,
including helped offset utility-related inflationary costs- cost savings from productivity initiatives, on a margin basis, the
inflationary pressures were dilutive to gross profit margin. In millions Year Ended December 31, Change 2022 2023 versus
202120222021 202220232022 $ % of Revenues $ % of Revenues $ % SG & A $ 873, 9 32, 9 % $ 887. 5 32. 8 % $ 946-(13. 6)
35.8 %$ (59.1)(6.2.5) For the year ended December 31, 2022 2023, compared to the prior year, we incurred lower SG &
A charges associated with certain key priorities and other significant matters discussed above , primarily due to lower Litigation,
Settlement and Regulatory Compliance, ERP and system modernization matters, and lower annual incentive compensation
expense. Further, as part of the ERP deployment in August 2021, certain costs became incremental, information technology
ongoing costs for running the new system, including maintenance, licensing, and depreciation expenses. Additionally, the
remaining change in SG & A was due to increased the impacts of divestitures and lower bad debt expense related, primarily
due to higher historically lower 2021 bad debt expense level attributed to in 2022 as a result decrease in risk of collectability
associated with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued elevated past- due SID accounts receivable balances in
2022, due to the timing of North America SID billing and collection efforts primarily related to the SID ERP deployment. 2022
10-K These decreases were partially offset by increased Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc incentive and stock based
compensation expense. * 38-Divestitures Losses (Gains) Losses , Net In millionsYear Ended December 31, Change 2022 2023
versus <del>202120222021</del> 202220232022 $ % of Revenues $ % of Revenues $ % <del>Divestitures</del>-- Divestiture losses (gains) <del>losses</del>,
net \$63.42.4\% $ (15.6) (0.6%) $ (1-79.79). 7) (0.10%) $ 13.9 nm nm- percentage change not meaningful For additional
information regarding Divestiture losses (gains) losses, net, including significant impacts of foreign currency translation
adjustments, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 4 - Restructuring Divestitures, and Asset
Impairments in the Consolidated Financial Statements. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 38 Segment Profitability
The Company uses Adjusted Income from Operations as its measure of segment profitability – see Part II, Item 8. Financial
Statements and Supplementary Data: Note 17 – Segment Reporting in the Consolidated Financial Statements for an explanation
of this measure. Segment profitability and a reconciliation of the total for segment profitability to income from operations was as
follows: In millionsYear Ended December 31, Change <del>2022-<mark>2023</mark> v</del>ersus <del>202120222021-<mark>202220232022</mark> $ % of Segment</del>
Revenues $ % of Segment Revenues $ % Adjusted Income from OperationsNorth America $ 619. 0 27. 4 % $ 607. 1 26. 8 % $
587-11 . <del>6-27-</del>9 2, 0 % International 38, 2 9 . 5 % 34 $ 19, 5 3, 3 % International 34 . 1 7, 7 % 53 4 . <del>6-10-1-12</del> . 5 <mark>0</mark> % <del>(19, 5)</del>
(36.4%) Other Costs (341.7) nm (317.5) nm (288.24.8.2) nm (28.7) 9.6% Total $315.511.9% Total $323.712.0
% $ <del>352. 4 13. 3 % $ (28. 7) (</del>8. <del>1 2) (2. 5</del> %) Reconciliation to Income from operations: Adjusted Income from Operations $
315. 5 $ 323. 7 $ 352. 4 Adjusting Items Total (1) ( 238. 2) ( 170. 0 ) (280. 1) Income from Operations $ 77. 3 $ 153. 7 $ 72. 3
(1) See table above of certain key priorities and other significant matters and Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 17 – Segment Reporting in the Consolidated Financial Statements for more detail. Adjusted Income
from Operations for North America increased <del>year-over-compared to the prior</del> year primarily due to the impact of quality of
revenue initiatives, including our pricing levers, which resulted in revenue flow through. In addition, higher recycled paper
revenues in our SID business; non-recurring typical ERP start-up challenges in the third quarter of 2021; and lower bad debt
self-insurance expense contributed and cost sayings. The These increase increases was were partially offset by lower SID
<mark>commodity indexed revenues and the corresponding margin flow- through impact, and</mark> higher f<mark>leet vehicle, wage, and</mark>
utility-related inflationary costs; higher headcount, onboarding, and the impact of the CRS divestiture overtime costs; and
higher bad debt expense. Adjusted Income from Operations for International declined year- over-increased compared to the
prior year primarily due to favorable RWCS pricing levers driven by decreased COVID-19 related transactional revenues,
the impact of divestitures and foreign exchange rates, which were higher vehicle, wage, and utility- related inflationary costs,
partially offset by higher lower SID revenues due to lower recycled paper revenues in our SID business rates and volume,
and higher supply chain and other inflationary costs. Adjusted Loss from Operations for Other Costs increased compared
to the prior year primarily driven by - over- year as certain costs became incremental, information technology ongoing costs
for running the new ERP system, including maintenance, licensing, and depreciation expenses; higher wages; partially offset by
lower annual-incentive compensation and timing of stock-based compensation expense. 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele,
Inc. • 39 Interest Expense (Income), Net In millions Year Ended December 31, Change 2022-2023 versus 202120222021
202220232022 $ % of Revenues $ % of Revenues $ % Interest expense (income), net $ 73. 9 2. 8 % $ 75. 5 2. 8 % $ 71. (1. 9
6) (2. 7-1 %) Interest expense, net decreased $ 3. 6 5. 0 % The change for the year ended December 31, 2022 2023, as
compared to the prior year . The decrease was primarily due to the decrease in net debt; partially offset by higher weighted-
average interest rates on the variable portion of our debt. The year ended December 31, partially offset by lower net debt
2022 also included $ 1.1 million in interest income associated with income tax refunds . For further information see Part II,
Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 9 – Debt in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Other (Expense)
Income <del>(Expense)</del>, Net In millionsYear Ended December 31, Change <del>2022 <mark>2023</del> versus <del>202120222021</del> <mark>202220232022</mark> $ % of</del></mark>
Revenues $ % of Revenues $ % Other <mark>(expense)</mark> income <del>(expense)</del> , net <mark>$ (0. 1) — %</mark> $ 0. 7 — % $ <mark>(</mark>0. <mark>8) (114 3 — % $ 0. 4</mark>
133. 3 %) Other (expense) income (expense), net is primarily comprised of foreign exchange (losses) gains and losses. 2023
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versus <del>202120222021</del>-<mark>202220232022</mark> $ Effective Rate $ Effective Rate $ % Income tax expense $ 24. 6 745. 5 % $ 22. 4 28. 4
% $ <del>27 2</del> . 2 9 <del>5 3, 829 .</del> <del>0 8</del> % <del>$ (5. 1) (18. 5 %)</del> For further information, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 10 – Income Taxes in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Liquidity and Capital Resources The
Company believes that it has sufficient liquidity to support its ongoing operations and to invest in future growth to create value
for its shareholders. Operating cash flows and the Company's $ 1. 2 billion Credit Facility are the Company's primary sources
of liquidity and are expected to be used for, among other things, payment of interest and principal on the Company's long-term
debt obligations, and capital expenditures necessary to support growth and productivity improvements. As of December 31,
2022-2023, we had approximately $ 985-1, 110, 70 million of available capacity in the $ 1, 2 billion Credit Facility, The To
the extent the Company needs has the ability and intent to add additional funding options to meet additional liquidity
requirements or diversify refinance the 2019 Senior Notes on a long-term basis through available capacity under its
funding portfolio-Revolving Credit Facility. Therefore, as of December 31, 2023, the 2019 Senior Notes remain classified
as long- term debt in the Consolidated Financial Statements. On February 1, 2024, the Company could seek additional
issued a redemption notice to 2019 Senior Notes holders for redemption of all of the $ 600. 0 million aggregate principal
amount of the outstanding 2019 Senior Notes with a redemption date of March 14, 2024. The financing refinancing of the
Senior Notes using the Revolving Credit Facility will convert the debt from alternative sources fixed rate to variable rate.
If the Company's 2019 Senior Notes were to remain outstanding 91 days (April 15, including approaching 2024) prior to
their maturity date (the "Springing Maturity Date"), the then capital markets the Credit Agreement maturity date will
be the Springing Maturity Date . For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company paid $ 81. 0 million due to the DOJ,
<mark>the SEC, and Brazil authorities</mark> in accordance with the FCPA Settlement. <mark>As <del>The FCPA Settlement accrual balance was $</del> 9. 3</del></mark>
million as of December 31, 2022 2023 the. The Company anticipates paying has paid substantially all of the remaining
accrued FCPA Settlement in the next twelve months amounts due to (see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 19—Legal Proceedings, in the DOJ and Brazil authorities Consolidated Financial Statements for
additional details). For further details concerning these matters, liquidity and capital resources see Part II, Item 8. Financial
Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 9 – Debt <mark>and Note 19 – Legal Proceedings,</mark> in the Consolidated Financial
Statements. Working Capital At December 31, <del>2022-</del>2023 , our working capital increased $ <del>93-</del>16 . <del>0-7</del> million to a negative
working capital of $ <mark>63 46</mark> . 2-5 million compared to a negative working capital of $ 156 63 . 2 million at December 31, <del>2021</del>
2022. This change is primarily driven by a decrease in increased accounts receivable, net of higher deferred revenues,
partially offset by lower cash and cash equivalents, and increased accrued liabilities, attributed to payments related to
operating lease liabilities, and the other FCPA settlement current liabilities, 2022-10-K. Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 40
Current assets decreased increased $ 16-112. 8 million in 2022-2023, to $ 671. 5 million from $ 558. 7 million from $ 575. 5
million in 2021 2022, primarily driven by a decrease in prepaid expenses and an increase in accounts receivable (excluding
deferred revenues), partially offset by <mark>lower cash an-and cash equivalents increase in other current assets.</mark> Current liabilities
decreased increased $ 109-96. 8-1 million in 2022-2023, to $ 718.0 million from $ 621.9 million from $ 731.7 million in
2021-2022, primarily driven by a-higher deferred revenues, increased accrued liabilities, operating lease liabilities, and
other current liabilities, partially offset by lower current portion of long- term debt and decrease decreased in accounts
payable and accrued liabilities, driven by payments related to the FCPA settlement. Cash Flow Summary: The following table
shows cash flow information for the Company by activity: In millionsYear Ended December 31, 20222021Net 20232022Net
cash from operating activities $ 243, 3 200. 2 303, 1 Net cash from investing activities (43.8) (84.6) (90.1) Net cash from
financing activities ( 220, 4) ( 111, 0 <del>) (207, 9 )</del> Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash <del>equivalents equivalents0 , 2</del>
(4. 2 <del>) (2. 8</del> ) Net change in cash and cash equivalents $ <mark>(20. 7) $</mark> 0. 4 <del>$ 2 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc</del> . <del>3 • 40</del>
Operating Cash Flows: Net cash provided from operating activities <del>decreased increased</del> $ <del>102 43</del> . 9 1 million for the year
ended December 31, <del>2022-2023</del>, to $ 243, 3 million, compared to $ 200, 2 million in 2022 from $ 303, 1 million for the prior
<del>year</del>. The year- over- year <del>decline <mark>increase</del> of $ <del>102</del>-<mark>43</mark> . 9-1 million was primarily driven by <del>the lower</del> FCPA <del>Settlement</del></del></mark>
<mark>settlement</mark> payments of $ <del>81-72</del> . <del>0-8</del> million <del>, timing of vendor <mark>and lower annual incentive compensation</mark> payments of $ <del>32</del></del>
22. 3 million, and higher interest payments of $ 15.6 million. These were partially offset by increased accounts receivable an
improvement in DSO of two days, which translates into approximately $ 16. 0 million and operating and net working capital
improvements of approximately deferred revenues of $ 10.68.05 million. DSO as of reported for December 31, 2022 2023
was 76 days or 66 days , net of deferred revenues. During the third quarter of 2023, Stericycle advanced billing for
certain U. S. RWCS subscription services, which contributed to the higher as reported DSO for December 31, 2023. DSO
as reported for December 31, 2022 was 56 days or 55 <del>, compared to DSO of 58</del> days <del>as , net</del> of <mark>deferred revenues. The</mark>
December 31, 2021 2023 DSO, net of deferred revenues, was higher as compared to 2022, mainly driven by the timing of
U. S. RWCS customer billing and subsequent collections associated with the ERP implementation. Stericycle continues
to identify and enhance North America billing and collections processes certain of which are associated with the ERP
implementation. Investing Cash Flows: Net cash used from investing activities decreased $ 5-40.5-8 million for the year
ended December 31, 2022 2023, to net cash used of $ 43.8 million from $ 84.6 million from $ 90.1 million in the prior year.
In the fourth quarter This decrease was primarily driven by cash proceeds from divestitures of $84.6 million in 2023,
compared to $ 46. 7 million in 2022 <del>, we received $ 45</del>. Cash paid for capital expenditures decreased by $ 0 . 9 million to
from the divestiture of our Communication Solutions business. In the third quarter of 2021, we received $ 11 131. 3 million
from <del>the divestiture of our operations in Japan. In the fourth quarter of 2021, we received $ 24 <mark>132</mark> . 4 <mark>2</mark> million for from the</del>
divestiture of our Environmental Solutions operations in Canada. For the year ended December 31, 2021-2022, eash paid for an
acquisition was $ 10.5 million. Our cash paid for capital expenditures increased by $ 15.3 million to $ 132.2 million from $
116. 9 million. The $ 15. 3 million increase was mainly attributable to the timing of eash payments and operational infrastructure
investments. Financing Cash Flows: Net cash used from financing activities decreased increased $ 96-109. 9-4 million in the
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year ended December 31, 2022 2023, to a use of funds of $ 220. 4 million from $ 111.0 million from $ 207.9 million in the
prior year. <mark>Net <del>Our net</del>-repayments on our Credit Facility and Term Loan were $ <del>103-208 . 0-9</del> million in the year ended</mark>
December 31, <del>2022 <mark>2023</del> , compared to $ <del>197-<mark>103</del> . 7-0</del> million in the prior year. Contractual Obligations The Company's</del></mark></del></mark>
contractual obligations and cash commitments at December 31, 2022-2023, consisted of long term debt, finance and operating
lease liabilities, and estimated purchase obligations. Long term debt: For details regarding long term obligations, see Part II,
Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 9 – Debt in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Lease liabilities:
For details regarding short and long term finance and operating lease liabilities, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 6 – Leases in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Estimated purchase obligations: The Company'
s estimated purchase obligations consist of agreements to purchase goods and services that are entered into in the ordinary
course of business. As of December 31, 2022-2023, the Company's short and long term estimated purchase obligations were $
36-63. 8-7 million and $6-61. 5-0 million, respectively. The Company establishes asset retirement obligations for the present
value of estimated future costs to retire long-lived assets at the termination or expiration of a lease. Most of these obligations
are not expected to be paid until many years in the future and are expected to be funded from general company resources at the
time of removal. For further details concerning asset retirement obligations, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and
Supplementary Data; Note 12 – Commitments and Contingencies in the Consolidated Financial Statements. 2022-10-K Annual
ReportSterievele, Inc. • 41-Based on the uncertain nature of our liability for unrecognized tax benefits, we are unable to make an
estimate of the period of potential settlement, if any, with the applicable taxing authorities. As of December 31, 2022 2023, the
Company had $ 60.59. 1-0 million of stand- by letters of credit outstanding against our credit facility, $ 32. 3-8 million of surety
bonds and $ <mark>18-16</mark> . 5 million of bank guarantees. The bank guarantees are issued mostly by our international subsidiaries for
various purposes, including leases, seller notes, contracts and permits. The surety bonds are used for performance guarantees.
Neither the bank guarantees nor the surety bonds affect our ability to use our various lines of credit. We anticipate that our
operating cash flows, together with additional borrowings available under our Credit Facility, will be sufficient to meet our
anticipated future operating expenses, key business priorities, other capital expenditures and debt service obligations as they
become due during the next 12 months and the foreseeable future. Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Our discussion
and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which
have been prepared in accordance with U. S. GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to
make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the reported amounts 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 41 of
assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Although management
believes that its estimates and assumptions are reasonable, they are based upon information available when they are made and
therefore, actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. Our most critical accounting
policies are those that may be material due to the levels of subjectivity and judgment necessary to account for highly uncertain
matters or the susceptibility of such matters to change and those policies that have a material impact on the financial condition or
operating performance of the Company. Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 1 – Basis of
Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Polices in the Consolidated Financial Statements provides a detailed
description of all of our material accounting policies; however, we have identified the following as our most critical accounting
policies and estimates. Revenue Recognition Revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of promised goods or
services. The amount of revenue recognized reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled to receive in
exchange for these good or services. Revenue is recognized net of revenue- based taxes assessed by governmental authorities.
The Company provides RWCS, which provide collection and processing of regulated and specialized waste, including medical,
pharmaceutical and hazardous waste, for disposal and compliance programs; and SID services, which provide for the collection
of personal and confidential information for secure destruction and recycling of shredded paper. The associated activities for
each of these are a series of distinct services that are substantially the same and have the same pattern of transfer over time;
therefore, the respective services are treated as a single performance obligation. We recognize revenue by applying the right to
invoice practical expedient as our right to consideration corresponds directly to the value provided to the customer for
performance to date. Revenues for our Regulated Waste and Secure Information Destruction Services are recognized upon
waste collection. Our compliance services are recognized over the contractual service period . The Company records
estimated reserves for credits based on customer accommodations, changes in customer circumstances, credit conditions,
and historical trends. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts The Company reports accounts receivable at their net realizable
value, which is management's best estimate of the cash that will ultimately be received. The Company maintains an allowance
for doubtful accounts to reflect the expected uncollectability of accounts receivable based on past collection history and specific
risks identified among uncollected accounts, as well as management's expectation of future economic conditions. If current or
expected future economic trends, events, or changes in circumstances indicate that specific receivable balances may be
impaired, further consideration is given to the collectability of those balances and the allowance is adjusted accordingly. Past-
due receivable balances are generally written off when the Company's collection efforts have been exhausted. The adequacy of
allowances for uncollectible accounts is reviewed quarterly and adjusted as necessary based on such reviews. Management's
judgment is required to assess the collectability of an account, based on detailed analysis of the aging of the receivables,
existing customer account set up and remediation efforts, the creditworthiness of the Company's customers, historical
collection trends, and current and future expected economic trends - 2022 10- K. Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 42 Accounts
receivable written off in subsequent periods can differ from the allowance for doubtful accounts provided, but historically our
provision has been adequate. Allowance for doubtful accounts was $ 44.7 million and $ 53.3 million and $ 43.3 million as
of December 31, 2023, and 2022, and 2021, respectively. Impairment of Goodwill and Intangible Assets Determining the
extent of impairment, if any, typically requires various estimates and assumptions including using management's judgment,
cash flows directly attributable to the asset, the useful life of the asset and residual value, if any. When necessary, the Company
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uses internal cash flow estimates, quoted market prices and appraisals as appropriate to determine fair value. Actual results
could vary from these estimates. In addition, the remaining useful life of the impaired asset is revised, if necessary. For
additional information, see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 7 - Goodwill and Other
Intangible Assets in the Consolidated Financial Statements -. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 42 Intangible Assets
(indefinite- lived): Indefinite- lived intangibles consist primarily of permits and tradenames. Indefinite- lived intangibles are
assessed for impairment annually, as of October 1, or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change and are not
subject to amortization but are assessed for impairment in the same manner as goodwill. Indefinite lived intangibles may be
assessed using either a qualitative or quantitative approach. The qualitative approach first determines if it is more -likely -than -
not that the fair value of the asset is less than the carrying value. If no such determination is made, then the impairment test is
complete. If, however, it is determined that there is a likely impairment, a quantitative assessment is performed. In the fourth
quarter of 2022-2023, we performed our annual impairment test on indefinite-lived intangibles, other than goodwill, using the
qualitative approach for certain assets and the quantitative approach for the remaining assets. The calculated fair value of our
indefinite- lived intangibles is based upon, among other things, certain assumptions about expected future operating
performance, internal and external processing costs and an appropriate discount rate determined by management. Future
changes in our assumptions or the interrelationship of the assumptions described above may negatively impact future valuations
that would require non- cash charges and may have a material effect on our financial condition and operating results . We have
determined that certain of our operating permits and certain tradenames have indefinite lives due to our ability to renew
them with minimal additional cost and therefore they are not amortized . Goodwill: Goodwill is assessed for impairment
annually as of October 1, of each year, or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change that could reduce the
value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. We used a quantitative and qualitative approach to assess goodwill for
impairment. As of October 1, 2023, the Company performed a qualitative assessment of its RWCS U. S. reporting unit
goodwill, assessing economic, industry and market considerations in addition to the reporting unit's overall financial
performance. Key factors used in the qualitative assessment included: macroeconomic conditions, industry and market
conditions, expense factors, overall financial performance of the reporting unit, and other relevant reporting unit-
specific events. It was determined that the fair value of the RWCS U.S. reporting unit was, more likely than not, greater
than the carrying value and a quantitative analysis was not necessary. As of October 1, 2023 the Company performed a
quantitative assessment of its Domestic SID and Europe reporting units. The Canadian reporting unit's accumulated
goodwill impairment balances equals the goodwill gross balance, or net zero goodwill carrying value). Latin America
and Asia Pacific were fully exited in April 2023 and June 2023, respectively, due to divestitures . The fair value of each
reporting unit is calculated using the income approach (including DCF) and validated using a market approach with the
involvement of a third- party valuation specialist . Our reporting units are: Domestic RWCS, Domestic SID, Europe, Asia
Pacific, Domestic CRS (divested in December 2022), Canada and Latin America (the last three reporting units have
accumulated goodwill impairment balances equal to the goodwill gross balance, or net zero goodwill carrying value). The
income approach uses expected future cash flows of each reporting unit and discounts those cash flows to present value.
Expected future cash flows are calculated using management assumptions of revenue growth rates, including long-term
revenue growth rates, EBITDA margins, capital expenditures and cost efficiencies. Future acquisitions or divestitures are not
included in the expected future cash flows. We use a discount rate based on a calculated weighted average cost of capital which
is adjusted for each of our reporting units based on size, country and company specific risk premiums. The market approach
compares the valuation multiples of similar companies to that of the associated reporting unit. In addition, we analyze
differences between the sum of the fair value of the reporting units and our total market capitalization for reasonableness, taking
into account certain factors including control premiums. The fair value is then compared to its carrying value including
goodwill. If the fair value is in excess of its carrying value, the related goodwill is not impaired. If the fair value is less than its
carrying value, we recognize an impairment charge in the amount that the carrying value exceeds the fair value but not to
exceed the carrying value of any goodwill. We performed our annual goodwill assessment as of October 1, 2022-2023. As a
result of this assessment, no goodwill impairment charges were recognized in 2022 2023. A measure of sensitivity of the
amount of goodwill impairment charges to key assumptions is the amount by which each reporting unit's fair value exceeds its
respective carrying value. As of the October 1, 2022-2023 assessment, the estimated fair value of each reporting unit exceeded
its carrying value by at least 36-40 %, except for Asia Pacific. Asia Pacific estimated fair value exceeded its carrying value by
16 % or $ 11.5 million. We performed sensitivity analysis on our estimated fair values, noting that a 50 basis point increase in
the discount rate or a 50 basis point reduction in the long-term growth rate would not result in impairments for any of our
reporting units. 2022-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 43 Intangible Assets Lives We have determined that certain of
our operating permits and certain tradenames have indefinite lives due to our ability to renew them with minimal additional cost
and therefore they are not amortized. Our finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their useful lives using the straight-
line method. Our customer relationships have useful lives from 10 to 25 years based upon the type of customer. We have non-
compete covenant intangibles with useful lives of 5 years. We also have tradename intangibles with useful lives from 20 to 40
years. We evaluate the useful life of our intangible assets annually to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a
revision to their remaining useful life and changes are reflected prospectively as the intangible asset is amortized over the
revised remaining useful life. In the fourth quarter of 2022, we performed the annual assessment of the useful life of our finite-
lived intangibles and made no changes. Assets and Liabilities Held- for- Sale We classify Long- lived assets or disposal groups
as held- for- sale when management having the appropriate authority, generally our Board of Directors or certain of our
executive officers, commits to a plan of sale, the disposal group is ready for immediate sale, an active program to locate a buyer
has been initiated and the sale is probable and expected to be completed within one year. Once classified as held- for- sale
disposal groups are valued at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value less estimated selling costs. Where the disposal
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group constitutes substantially all, generally more than 90 % of the assets and liabilities of our operations in a foreign country,
the balance in the cumulative currency translation adjustment associated with that country is included in the carrying value of
the disposal group. If the carrying value, including any amount associated with the cumulative currency translation adjustment,
exceeds the fair value less estimated selling costs, a held- for- sale impairment charge is recorded to reduce the carrying value.
The estimate for fair value is reviewed at the end of every reporting period that the disposal group is classified as held- for- sale
and the carrying value is adjusted whenever the estimated fair value less costs to sell is less than the carrying value.
Contingencies and Litigation We are subject to various legal proceedings, claims and regulatory matters, the outcomes of which
are subject to significant uncertainty. We determine whether to disclose or accrue for loss contingencies based on an assessment
of whether the risk of loss is remote, reasonably possible or probable, and whether it can be reasonably estimated. We analyze
our litigation and regulatory matters based on available information to assess the potential liabilities. Management's assessment
is developed based on an analysis of possible outcomes under various strategies. We record and disclose loss contingencies
pursuant to the applicable accounting guidance for such matters. For additional information, see Part II, Item 8. Financial
Statements and Supplementary Data; Note 19 – Legal Proceedings in the Consolidated Financial Statements +. We record a
provision for income taxes for the anticipated tax consequences of our reported results of operations using the asset and liability
method. Deferred income taxes are recognized by applying enacted statutory tax rates applicable to future years to differences
between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis as well as net
operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized
in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The measurement of deferred tax assets is reduced, if necessary, by a
valuation allowance for any tax benefits for which future realization is uncertain. In evaluating our ability to recover our
deferred tax assets, in full or in part, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including our past operating
results, and our forecast of future earnings, future taxable income and prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. The
assumptions utilized in determining future taxable income require significant judgment and are consistent with the plans and
estimates we are using to manage the underlying businesses. Actual operating results in future years could differ from our
current assumptions, judgments and estimates. However, we believe that it is more likely than not that most of the deferred tax
assets recognized on our 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 44 Consolidated Balance Sheets will ultimately be realized.
We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the net amount that we believe is more likely than not to be
realized. At December 31, 2023, and 2022, and 2021, our valuation allowances were $ 36. 8 million and $ 67. 2 million and $
61.4 million, respectively. We did not recognize certain tax benefits from uncertain tax positions within the provision for
income taxes. We may recognize a tax benefit only if it is more likely than not the tax position will be sustained on examination
by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements
from such positions are then measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 % likelihood of being realized upon
settlement. At December 31, 2022-2023, our estimated gross unrecognized tax benefits were $10.5, 0.6 million, of which $8.4
. 2.3 million, if recognized, would favorably impact our future earnings. Due to uncertainties in any tax audit outcome, our
estimates of the ultimate settlement of our unrecognized tax positions may change and the actual tax benefits may differ
significantly from the estimates. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 44 The Tax Act established GILTI provisions
that impose a tax on foreign income in excess of a deemed return on intangible assets of foreign corporations. We recognize the
taxes on GILTI as a period expense rather than recognizing deferred taxes for basis differences that are expected to affect the
amount of GILTI inclusion upon reversal. For further information see Part II, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary
Data; Note 10 – Income Taxes in the Consolidated Financial Statements, Insured and Self-Insured Claims The Company's
insurance for workers' compensation, auto / fleet, general liability, property and employee- related health care benefits is
obtained using high deductible insurance policies, if any, meaning that the Company has retained a significant portion of the
risks related to the claims associated with these programs. The estimated exposure for unpaid claims and associated expenses,
including incurred but not reported losses, is based on a calculation performed by a third-party actuarial specialist. We use a
third party to track and evaluate actual claims experience and supply the data used in the semi- annual actuarial valuation. The
actuarial- determined liability is calculated using the Company's historical claims experience. The accruals for these liabilities
could be revised if future occurrences or loss developments significantly differ from the assumptions used. Estimated recoveries
associated with insured claims are recognized as assets when the receipt of such amounts is probable. At December 31, 2023,
and 2022 <del>, and 2021</del> , we accrued $ <mark>80. 2 million and $</mark> 78. 8 million <del>and $ 84. 1 million ,</del> respectively <mark>, for self- insurance</mark>
claims. Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk In the normal course of business, we are exposed
to market risks, including changes in interest rates, certain commodity prices, including SOP and diesel fuel, utilities, and foreign
currency rates. We do not specifically hedge our exposure to these risks. We are subject to market risks arising from changes in
interest rates which relate primarily to our financing activities. We performed a sensitivity analysis to determine how market rate
changes might affect the fair value of our market risk-sensitive debt instruments (variable rate debt) which in aggregate as of
December 31, <del>2022-2023 ,</del> are <del>23-</del>12 % of total aggregate debt (including fixed- and variable- rate debt instruments). Our
potential additional interest expense over one year that would result from a hypothetical, instantaneous and unfavorable change
of 100 basis points in the interest rate on all of our variable rate obligations would be approximately $ 3.5 million on a pre-tax
basis. We are subject to market risks arising from changes in the prices for commodities such as SOP pricing, diesel fuel and
utilities. As the market prices for these commodities increase or decrease, our revenues, operating costs and margins may also
increase or decrease. Variability in commodity prices can also impact the margins of our business which we attempt to mitigate
through pricing levers and operating efficiencies. We have exposure to foreign currency fluctuations. We have subsidiaries in 16
10 foreign countries whose revenues and expenses are denominated in local currency and who use local currency denominated
lines of credit for their funding needs. We translate results of operations of our international operations using an average
exchange rate. We have quantified and described the impact of foreign currency translation on our revenues. We estimate, that
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based upon the amounts reported by individual countries during the year ended December 31, <del>2022-2023</del>, and prevailing
exchange rates at that date, a 1 % devaluation of all the functional currencies of each of our foreign businesses would result in
an immaterial change to Net (loss) income (loss) attributable to Stericycle, Inc. reported in our Consolidated Statements of
(Loss) Income (Loss). 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 45- We have cumulative currency translation adjustment
losses as of December 31, 2022-2023, of approximately $ 276-184. 9-5 million which are subject to continued fluctuations due
to changes in foreign currency rates. In addition, to the extent that we sell substantially all of the operations within one country,
similar to the transactions undertaken in Brazil in 2023 and Japan in 2021, we would be required to recognize, in the
Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income (Loss), the accumulated currency translation losses or gains associated with that
country's operations, The U. K.'s Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, announced in 2017 that it intends to
phase out LIBOR by the end of 2021. In 2022, the Federal Reserve announced that LIBOR will be phased out by December 31,
2024. The Company company 's contracts with respect to has already adopted the replacement for LIBOR in all its
borrowings already contain comparable alternative reference rates that would automatically take effect upon the phasing out of
LIBOR. 2022-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 46-45 Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm To
the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Stericycle, Inc. Opinion on the Financial Statements We have audited the
accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Stericycle, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and 2021,
the related consolidated statements of (loss) income, comprehensive income (loss), comprehensive (loss) income, changes in
equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022-2023, and the related notes
(collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements
present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and 2021, and
the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022 2023, in
conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial
reporting as of December 31, 2022 2023, based on criteria established in Internal Control- Integrated Framework issued by the
Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework), and our report dated February 23-28,
2023-2024, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. Basis for Opinion These financial statements are the responsibility of the
Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our
audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the
Company in accordance with the U. S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and
Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those
standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are
free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of
material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to
those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management,
as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis
for our opinion. Critical Audit Matter The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period
audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee
and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our
especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any
way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit
matter below, providing a separate opinions opinion on the critical audit matter or on the account or disclosure to which it
relates. 2022-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 47-46 Valuation of GoodwillDescription of the MatterAt December 31,
2022-2023, the Company's goodwill was $ 2, 784-755. 9-6 million. As disclosed in Note 7-1 to the consolidated financial
statements, goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level annually as of October 1, or more frequently, if a
triggering event occurs. The Company determined no performed a quantitative impairment test for the Domestic SID and
Europe reporting unit-units's carrying value was in excess of its respective fair value. Auditing management's goodwill
impairment assessment was complex and highly judgmental due to the significant estimation required in determining the fair
value of <del>certain of</del> the <del>Company's Domestic SID and Europe reporting units. In particular, the fair value estimates were</del>
sensitive to significant assumptions, such as discount rates, projections of revenue growth and EBITDA margins, which are
affected by expectations about future market or economic conditions and particularly those -- the in markets with challenging
economic <del>conditions performance of the Domestic SID and Europe reporting units . How We Addressed the Matter in Our</del>
AuditWe obtained an understanding, evaluated the design, and tested the operating effectiveness of controls over the Company'
s goodwill impairment review process. For example, we tested controls over management' s review of the significant
assumptions discussed above used to develop the fair value estimates. We also tested management's controls over the
completeness and accuracy of the underlying data used in the valuation. To test the estimated fair value of the Company's
Domestic SID and Europe reporting units, we performed audit procedures that included, among others, assessing
methodologies and testing the significant assumptions discussed above and the underlying data used by the Company in its
analysis. We involved our valuation specialists to review the Company's model, methods, and the more sensitive assumptions
utilized such as the discount rate. We compared the significant assumptions used by management to historical results and
current industry and economic trends, changes to the Company's business model, customer base and other relevant factors. In
addition, we assessed the historical accuracy of management's estimates and performed sensitivity analyses of significant
assumptions to evaluate the changes in the fair value of the reporting units that would result from changes in the assumptions. / s
/ Ernst & Young LLP We have served as the Company's auditor since 1991. Chicago, Illinois 2022-2023 10- K Annual
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ReportStericycle, Inc. • <del>48 <mark>47</del> STERICYCLE, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF <mark>(LOSS).</mark> INCOME <del>(LOSS)</del> In</del></mark>
millions, except per share dataYear Ended December 31, <del>202220212020Revenues ----</del> 202320222021Revenues $ 2, 659. 3 $ 2,
704. 7 $ 2, 646. 9 <del>$ 2, 675. 5</del> Cost of revenues 1 <mark>, 644. 7 1</mark> , 679. 1 1, 629. 7 <del>1, 622. 4</del> Gross profit 1, <del>025. <mark>014</del> . 6 1, <mark>025. 6 1,</mark> 017.</del></mark>
2 <del>1, 053. 1</del>-Selling, general and administrative <del>expenses887</del> - <mark>expenses873 . 9 887</mark> . 5 946. 6 <del>897 Divestiture losses (gains), net</del>
(Note 4) 63, 4 (15) 6 Divestiture (gains) losses, net (15, 6) (1, 7) 123, 6 Income from operations 153 operations 77, 3, 153, 7
72. 3 <del>31 Interest expense, net (73</del>. 9 <del>Interest ) (75. 5) (71. 9) Other</del> (expense) income, net ( <del>75 0</del>. <del>5 1</del>) <del>0 (71. 9) (81. 9) Other</del>
income (expense), net0. 7 0. 3 (6. 0) Income (loss) before income taxes78 taxes3.378. 9 0. 7 (56. 0) Income tax (expense
(24. 6) benefit (22. 4) (27. 5) 0. 1-Net (loss) income (loss 21. 3) 56. 5 (26. 8) (55. 9) Net income attributable to noncontrolling
interests (0. 1) (0. 5) (1. 0) (1. 4) Net (loss) income (loss) attributable to Stericycle, Inc. common shareholders $ (21. 4) $ 56. 0 $
(0. 23) $ 0. 61 $ (0. 30) Diluted $ (0. 63-23) Diluted $ 0. 61 $ (0. 30) $ (0. 63-64) Weighted average number of common
sharesOutstanding: Basic92. 492. 191. 891. 5Diluted92. 492. 491. 891. 5See accompanying Notes to Consolidated
Financial Statements, 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 49-48 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) INCOME In millions Year Ended December 31, 202220212020Net 202320222021Net
(loss) income (loss) (loss 21.3) $ 56.5 $ (26.8) $ (55.9) Other comprehensive income (loss) income: Currency translation
adjustments adjustments 19.3 (58.1) (35.5) 44.0 Cumulative currency translation loss realized from divestitures 70.6
through disposition of Japan operations — 3.8 — Cumulative currency translation loss realized through disposition of
Argentina operations —
                          68. 6 (1. 6) (58. 1) (31. 7) 131. 2 Comprehensive (loss) income (1. 6) (58. 5) 75. 3-Less: comprehensive income attributable to
noncontrolling interests 0 interests (2.4) 0.5 0.7 1.9 Comprehensive income (loss) income attributable to Stericycle, Inc.
common shareholders $ 71.0 $ (2.1) $ (59.2) $ 73.4 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 50.49
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS In millions, except per share dataDecember 31, 20222021ASSETSCurrent----
20232022ASSETSCurrent Assets: Cash and cash equivalents $ <mark>35. 3 $</mark> 56. 0 <del>$ 55. 6</del> Accounts receivable, less allowance for
doubtful accounts of $ 44. 7 in 2023 and $ 53. 3 in 2022 553 and $ 43. 9 3 in 2021-414. 5 420. 4 Prepaid expenses33
expenses31 . 6 33 . 2 45. 6-Other current assets55 assets50 . 7 55 . 0 53. 9-Total Current Assets558-Assets671. 5 558 . 7 575. 5
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of $ 675.4 in 2023 and $ 657.7 in 2022708 2022 and $ 658.3
715 5 in 2021715. 7 711. 0 Operating lease right- of- use assets398 assets464. 3 398. 9 344. 8 Goodwill2, 755. 6 2, 784. 9 2,
815. 7-Intangible assets, less accumulated amortization of $ 925. 8 in 2023 and $ 823. 3 in 2022686 2022 and $ 736. 5 811 6 in
<del>2021811</del>. 1 <del>964. 5</del>-Other <del>assets64</del>-assets66 . 4 64 . 8 <del>61. 6</del>-Total Assets $ 5, <mark>352. 6 $ 5,</mark> 334 <del>. 1 $ 5, 473</del> . 1 LIABILITIES AND
EQUITYCurrent Liabilities: Current portion of long- term debt $ <mark>19. 6 $</mark> 22. 3 <del>$ 19</del> Bank overdraft1. 0 2 . 9 <del>Bank overdrafts2</del>
Accounts payable212 . 9-1 213 . 6 Accounts payable213 . 5 218. 9 Accrued liabilities244 liabilities259 . 5 244 . 1 359. 6
Operating lease liabilities91- liabilities105.491.285-Deferred revenues72.5-67.9 Other current liabilities47.946-840.2
Total Current Liabilities621 Liabilities718.0 621. 9 731.7 Long-term debt, net1, 277.81, 484.0 1, 589.8 Long-term
operating lease liabilities329 liabilities378.9329. 0 279. 8-Deferred income taxes427 taxes420. 0 411-5427. 0 Long-term
tax <del>payable11 payable6. 4 11</del>. 8 <del>19 Other liabilities28</del>. 1 35 Other liabilities35. 9 38. 9 Total Liabilities2, 829. 7 2, 909. 6 3,
070. 3-Commitments and contingencies EQUITYPreferred stock (par value $ 0.01 per share, 1.0 shares authorized), mandatory
convertible preferred stock, Series A, none issued and outstanding in 2023 and 2022 and 2021 — Common stock (par value
$ 0. 01 per share, 120. 0 shares authorized, 92. 6 and 92. 2 and 91. 9 issued and outstanding in 2023 and 2022 and 2021,
respectively) 0, 9 0, 9 Additional paid- in capital 1, 316, 7 1, 285, 4 Retained earnings 1, 389, 4 1, 261, 8 Retained earnings 1,
410 . 8 1, 354 . 8 Accumulated other comprehensive loss (184. 5) (276. 9) (218. 8) Total Stericycle, Inc.'s Equity2, 522. 5 2, 420. 2 2, 398. 7 Noncontrolling interests4 interests0 . 4 4 . 3 4. 1 Total Equity2, 522. 9 2, 424. 5 2, 402. 8 Total Liabilities and
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS In millionsYear Ended December 31, 2022202120200PERATING---
2023202220210PERATING ACTIVITIES: Net <del>Income</del> (loss) income $ (21.3) $ 56. 5 $ (26. 8 <del>) $ (55. 9 )</del> Adjustments to
reconcile net (loss) income (loss) to net cash from operating activities: Depreciation 108 Depreciation 104 . 5 108 . 5 106. 0 108.
6-Intangible amortization 124- amortization 112.0 124.0 117.9 124.9 Stock- based compensation expense 25-expense 33.4
25. 1 27. 1 25. 5 Deferred income taxes 20 -- taxes (2. 5) 20. 6 29. 7 32 Divestiture losses (gains), net63. 4 (15. 6 Divestiture
(gains) losses, net (15.6-) (1.7) 123.6-Asset impairments, loss on disposal of property plant and equipment and other eharges5
charges6 . 8 5 . 7 6 . 7 <del>18 . 3</del> Other, <del>net7</del>-net3 . 6 7 . 5 <del>5 . 1</del> 5 . 1 Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable (
<mark>146. 8) (</mark>12. 9) (57. 2) <del>27. 4</del> Prepaid <del>expenses12 <mark>expenses0 . 2 12</del> . 0 17. 0 <del>68 Accounts payable4</del> . 9 <del>Accounts payable (</del>2. 6)</del></mark>
29. 7 Accrued liabilities25. 6 ( <mark>92. 7) 85. 2 Deferred revenues64. 9 (0.</mark> 5 <del>. 5</del>-) <mark>0 Accrued liabilities (92. 4</mark> 7) 85. 2 8. 2-Other
assets and liabilities (5.4) (35.94) (35.36.60) 48.5 Net cash from operating activities 200 activities 243.3200.2303.1
530. 2-INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Capital expenditures (131.3) (132.2) (116.9) (119.5-) Payment for acquisition — (10.
5) —Proceeds from divestitures of businesses, <del>net46</del>- <mark>net84 . 6 46</mark> . 7 35 . 0 <del>498 <mark>Other, net2</mark> . 9 <mark>0 <del>Other, net0</del> . 9 2 . 3 <del>2 . 0</del> Net</del></mark>
cash from investing activities (43.8) (84.6) (90.1) 381.4 FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Repayments of long-term debt and
other obligations (11.8) (12.0) (20.4) (31.1-) Proceeds from foreign bank debt1. 21.6 — 1.8-Repayments of foreign bank
debt (0.3) (1.8) (29.6) (10.7) Repayments of term loan (75.0) (222.5) (749.7) Proceeds from senior debt
Proceeds from credit facility 1, 068. 3 1, 368. 8 1, 495. 0 <del>1, 210. 6</del> Repayments of credit facility (1, 191. 3) (1, 459. 6) (1, 420. 2)
(Repayments 1, 798.3-) Proceeds proceeds from bank overdrafts, net1- net (2, 1) 1.4 1.9 (1.7) Payments of finance lease
obligations (2,7)(3,1)(3,9)(4,3) Payments of debt issuance costs \frac{1}{2}(0,4)(3,9)(7,3) Proceeds from issuance of common
stock, net of (payments of) taxes from withheld shares (5. 2) (5. 6) (3. 4) (9. 4) Payments to noncontrolling interests (1.5) (0.
3) (0. 9 <del>) (1. 4</del>) Net cash from financing activities ( 220. 4) (111. 0) (207. 9 <del>) (892. 5</del>) Effect of exchange rate changes on cash
and cash equivalents equivalents 0.2 (4.2) (2.8) (0.5) Net change in cash and cash equivalents 0 equivalents (20.7) 0.42.
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3 18.6 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year55 year56.055.653.334.7 Cash and cash equivalents at end of year$
35. 3 $ 56. 0 $ 55. 6 <del>$ 53. 3</del> SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Net issuances of obligations for acquisition $
— $ <mark>— $</mark> 32. 9 <del>$ — Capital expenditures in accounts payable</del> $ 24. 0 $ 30. 2 $ 22. 2 <del>$ 11. 7</del> Interest paid, net of capitalized
interest $ 70. 1 $ 72. 6 $ 57. 0 $ 75. 5 Income taxes paid (refunded) $ 19. 5 $ (1. 1) $ (7. 8) $ (83. 7) 2022 2023 10- K Annual
ReportStericycle, Inc. • <del>52-51</del> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY In millionsStericycle, Inc.
EquityCommon StockAdditional Paid- In CapitalRetained EarningsAccumulated Other Comprehensive LossNoncontrolling
InterestsTotal EquitySharesAmountBalance as of January 1, <del>202091-</del>202191 . 6 $ 0. 9 $ 1, 234. 0 $ 1, 382. 6 $ (187. 4) $ 4. 3 $ 2
<del>$ 0. 9 $ 1 , <mark>434 205. 7 $ 1, 442 .</del> 4 <del>$ (318. 1) $ 3. 8 $ 2, 334. 7</del> Net loss — — — ( <del>57 <mark>27</del> . 3 <mark>8</mark> ) — 1. 4 <mark>0</mark> ( <del>55 <mark>26</mark> . 9 <mark>8</mark> ) Currency</del></mark></del></mark></del>
translation adjustment — — — 43 (35. 2) (0. 3) (35. 5 \text{O}) Cumulative currency translation loss realized through
divestitures — — — 3. \frac{5}{44} 8 — \frac{3}{3}. \frac{0}{8} Issuance of common stock for incentive stock programs, net of (payments of)
taxes from withheld shares 0.4 - 2.8
                                               2. 8 Cumulative currency translation loss realized through disposition of
                          87. 2 87. 2 Stock compensation expense 25. 5 Change in accounting
Argentina operations -
                (2.5) (2.5) Changes to noncontrolling interest
                                                                                   — (1. 4) (1. 4) Balance as of December 31,
202091, 6 0, 9 1, 234, 0 1, 382, 6 (187, 4) 4, 3 2, 434, 4 Net loss — (27, 8) — 1, 0 (26, 8) Currency translation adjustment
           -(35, 2) (0, 3) (35, 5) Issuance of common stock for incentive stock programs, net of (payments of) taxes from
withheld shares0...3 — 0.. 7 — — 0.. 7 Cumulative currency translation loss realized through disposition of Japan operations
           -3.8-3.8 Stock - based compensation expense — -27.1 — -27.1 Changes to noncontrolling interest -
           (0.9) (0.9) Balance as of December 31, 202191. 9 0. 9 1, 261. 8 1, 354. 8 (218. 8) 4. 1 2, 402. 8 Net Income
— 56. 0 — 0. 5 56. 5 Currency translation adjustment — — — (58. 1) — (58. 1) Issuance of common stock for incentive
stock programs, net of (payments of) taxes from withheld shares 0.3 - (1.5) - - (1.5) Stock - based compensation
expense — — 25. 1 — — — 25. 1 Changes to noncontrolling interest — — — — (0. 3) (0. 3) Balance as of December 31,
202292. 2 $-0. 9 $-1, 285. 4 $-1, 410. 8 $-(276. 9) $-4. 3 $-2, 424. 5 <mark>Net Loss — — — (21. 4) — 0. 1 (21. 3) Currency</mark>
translation adjustment — — — 21. 8 (2. 5) 19. 3 Cumulative currency translation loss realized through divestitures —
-- -- 70. 6 -- 70. 6 Issuance of common stock for incentive stock programs, net of (payments of) taxes from withheld
shares0. 4 — (2. 1) — — — (2. 1) Stock- based compensation expense — — 33. 4 — — — 33. 4 Changes to
noncontrolling interest — — — — (1. 5) (1. 5) Balance as of December 31, 2022 202392 . 6 $ 0. 9 $ 1, 316. 7 $ 1, 389. 4
$ (184. 5) $ 0. 4 $ 2, 522. 9 2023 10- K. Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • <del>53</del>-<mark>52</mark> NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS (In millions, except per share data and unless otherwise indicated) Unless the context requires otherwise, "
Company", "Stericycle", "we", "us", or "our" refers to Stericycle, Inc. and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. NOTE 1
- BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES Description of Business
Incorporated in 1989, Stericycle protects people and brands, promotes health and well-being, safeguards the environment and
communities, and reduces risk through highly specialized Regulated Waste and Compliance Services and Secure Information
Destruction Services. The Company serves customers in the U. S. and 16-10 other countries with a concentration on the growing
healthcare industry. The Company's segments (see Note 17 - Segment Reporting) core focus is on Regulated Waste and
Compliance Services and Secure Information Destruction Services, and it is a leading provider of these services in terms of both
revenue and operational infrastructure. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Basis of Presentation: The accompanying
consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Stericycle, Inc. and its subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and
transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The Company's consolidated financial statements were prepared in
accordance with U. S. GAAP and include the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of all wholly- owned subsidiaries and
majority- owned subsidiaries over which the Company exercises control. Outside stockholders' interests in subsidiaries are
shown on the consolidated financial statements as "Noncontrolling interests". Additionally, certain prior year amounts
have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. The reclassification of the prior period amounts
were not material to the previously reported consolidated financial statements. Use of Estimates: The preparation of
financial statements in conformity with U. S. GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the
amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Some areas where the Company makes estimates include
allowance for doubtful accounts, credit memo reserves, contingent liabilities, asset retirement obligations, stock compensation
expense, income tax assets and liabilities, accrued employee health and welfare benefits, accrued auto and workers'
compensation self- insured claims, leases, acquisition related long- lived assets, goodwill and held for sale impairment
valuations. Such estimates are based on historical trends and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable
under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Revenue is
recognized when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services. The amount of revenue recognized reflects the
consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled to receive in exchange for these goods or services. Revenue is
recognized net of revenue- based taxes assessed by governmental authorities. The Company provides RWCS, which provide
collection and processing of regulated and specialized waste, including medical, pharmaceutical and hazardous waste, for
disposal and compliance programs and SID services, which provide for the collection of personal and confidential information
for secure destruction and recycling of shredded paper. The associated activities for each of these are a series of distinct
services that are substantially the same and have the same pattern of transfer over time; therefore, the respective
<mark>services are treated as a single performance obligation. The</mark> Company recognizes revenue by applying the right to invoice
practical expedient as the Company's right to consideration corresponds directly to the value provided to the customer for
performance to date. Revenues for the Company's Regulated Waste and Secure Information Destruction Services are
recognized upon waste collection. The Company's compliance services revenues are recognized over the contractual service
period . 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 53 In 2023, no single customer accounted for more than 1.6 % of the
Company's accounts receivable or approximately 2.1 % of total revenues. Accounts Receivable and Allowance for
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Doubtful Accounts: Accounts receivable is recorded when billed or when goods or services are provided. The carrying value of
the Company's receivables is presented net of an 2022 10-K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 54-allowance for doubtful
accounts. The Company estimates its allowance for doubtful accounts based on past collection history and specific risks
identified among uncollected amounts, as well as management's expectation of future economic conditions. If current or
expected future economic trends, events, or changes in circumstances indicate that specific receivable balances may be
impaired, further consideration is given to the collectability of those balances and the allowance is adjusted accordingly. Past-
due receivable balances are written off when the Company's internal collection efforts have been exhausted. No single
eustomer accounted for more than 1.9% of the Company's accounts receivable or approximately 1.6% of total revenues. The
changes in allowance for doubtful accounts were reported as follows: In millionsYear Ended December 31,
<del>202220212020Balances-----</del> 202320222021Balances at beginning of year $ 53. 3 $ 43. 3 $ 56. 2 $ 67. 9 Bad debt expense, net
of recoveries24-recoveries17.224.49.021-Write-offs (22.7) Write-offs (15.3) (20.2) (24.2) Other changes (1) (3.1) 0.
9 (1. 7) (9.2) Balances at end of year $ 44.7 $ 53.3 $ 43.3 $ 56.2 (1) Amounts consist primarily of currency translation
adjustments, and $ 6.9 million and $ 0.7 million and $ 9.3 million relating to divestitures undertaken during 2023 and 2021
and 2020, respectively. Deferred Revenues Additionally, 2020 amount includes impact of adoption of a new accounting
standard. Contract Liability: The Company recognizes deferred revenues records a contract liability when cash payments are
received or when the Company bills for services in advance of the Company's services being performed - performance and
is classified classifies them as current in Other current liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets since the amounts
revenues are earned within <del>a year 12 months and there are no significant financing components</del> . Contract Acquisition
Costs: Incremental direct costs of obtaining a contract, which primarily represent sales incentives, are deferred and amortized to
SG & A over the estimated period of benefit to be derived from the cost taking into consideration our standard contract terms
and conditions and other factors. Cash and Cash Equivalents: The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a
maturity of less than three months when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are carried at cost. Financial
Instruments: The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and payable, and
long- term debt. Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk, consist
principally of accounts receivable. Credit risk on trade receivables is minimized as a result of the large size of the Company's
customer base, low concentration, and the performance of ongoing credit evaluations of its customers. The Company also
maintains allowances for potential credit losses. Property, Plant and Equipment: Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost.
Expenditures for software purchases and software developed for internal use are capitalized and included in Software. For
software developed for internal use, external direct costs for materials and services and eertain internal payroll and related fringe
benefit costs are capitalized. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated
useful lives of the assets as follows: Building and improvements2 to 40 yearsMachinery and equipment2 to 30 yearsContainers2
to 20 yearsVehicles2 to 10 yearsOffice equipment and furniture2 to 20 yearsSoftware and Enterprise Resource Planning
system2 to 10 years Capitalized Interest: The Company capitalizes interest incurred associated with projects under construction
for the duration of the asset construction period. During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 <del>, and 2020</del>, the
Company capitalized interest of $ 3.7 million, $ 1.3 million, and $ 0.1 .8 million, and $ 1.8 million, respectively, within
property, plant and equipment, net, in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Goodwill and Other Identifiable
Intangible Assets: Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value assigned the net tangible and
identifiable intangible assets of businesses acquired. 2022-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 55-54 The Company's
indefinite- lived intangible assets include operating permits and certain tradenames. The Company has determined that certain of
our operating permits and certain tradenames have indefinite lives due to our ability to renew them with minimal additional cost
and therefore they are not amortized. Certain indefinite-lived permits may become subject to amortization to the extent events
and circumstances warrant. Finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line
method with each category having weighted average remaining useful lives as follows: In yearsEstimated Useful LivesWeighted
Average Remaining Useful LivesCustomer relationships 10-255. 8Covenants-2Covenants not-to-compete 50Operating
compete50, 4Operating permits1-20-52, 5Tradenames20-0Tradenames20-4022-4019, 7Landfill 0Landfill air rights5-102
100. 45 The useful life of intangible assets is assessed annually, or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change,
to determine whether a revision to their remaining useful life is warranted. If required, changes are reflected prospectively as the
intangible asset is amortized over the revised remaining useful life. In the fourth quarter of 2022-2023, we performed the annual
assessment of the useful life of our finite-lived intangibles and made no changes. Impairment of Long-Lived Assets: Property,
Plant, and Equipment and Intangible Assets (definite-lives), Net: Long-lived assets, such as property, plant and equipment and
amortizing intangible assets are reviewed whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying
amounts may not be recoverable. Impairment of assets with definite-lives is generally determined by comparing projected
undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the asset, or asset groups, to its carrying value. If the carrying value of the
long- lived asset or asset group is not recoverable on an undiscounted basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent fair value
exceeds carrying value. Determining the extent of impairment, if any, typically requires various estimates and assumptions
including cash flows directly attributable to the asset, the useful life of the asset and residual value, if any. When necessary, the
Company uses internal cash flow estimates, quoted market prices and appraisals, as appropriate, to determine fair value. Actual
results could vary from these estimates. In addition, the remaining useful life of the impaired asset is revised, if necessary.
Intangible Assets (indefinite-lived): Indefinite-lived intangibles consist primarily of permits and tradenames. Indefinite-lived
intangibles are assessed for impairment annually as of October 1, or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances
change, using either a qualitative or quantitative approach. The qualitative approach first determines if it is more -likely -than -
not that the fair value of the asset is less than the carrying value. If no such determination is made, then the impairment test is
complete. If, however, it is determined that there is a likely impairment, a quantitative assessment is performed. The Company
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performs its annual impairment test on indefinite- lived intangibles, using the qualitative approach for certain assets and the quantitative approach for the remaining assets. Goodwill: Goodwill is assessed for impairment at least annually as of October 1 of each year, or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change that would reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. The Company uses a quantitative approach to assess goodwill for impairment. The fair value of each reporting unit is calculated using the income approach (including DCF) and validated using a market approach with the involvement of a third-party valuation specialist. The Company's reporting units are: Domestic RWCS, Domestic SID, Canada, Europe, Asia Pacific and Latin America. The income approach uses expected future cash flows of each reporting unit and discounts those cash flows to present value. Expected future eash flows are estimated using management assumptions of growth rates, including long- term growth rates, capital expenditures and cost efficiencies. Future acquisitions or divestitures are not included in the expected future cash flows. The Company uses a discount rate based on a calculated weighted average cost of eapital which is adjusted for each of its reporting units based on size, country and company specific risk premiums. The market approach compares the valuation multiples of similar companies to that of the associated reporting unit. The Company then reconciles the calculated fair values to its market capitalization. The fair value is then compared to its carrying value including goodwill. If the fair value is in excess of its carrying value, the related goodwill is not impaired. If the fair value is less 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 55 56 than carrying value, an impairment charge is recognized, equivalent to the amount that the carrying value exceeds the fair value. The use of different assumptions, estimates or judgments in the goodwill impairment testing process may significantly increase or decrease the estimated fair value of a reporting unit. Generally, changes in DCF estimates would have a similar effect on the estimated fair value of the reporting unit. The Company believes that the estimated fair value used in measuring the impairment was based on reasonable assumptions but future changes in the underlying assumptions could differ due to the inherent judgment in making such estimates. Goodwill impairment charges may be recognized in future periods to the extent changes in factors or circumstances occur, including deterioration in the macroeconomic environment or in the equity markets, including the market value of the Company's common shares, deterioration in its performance or its future projections, or changes in its plans for one or more reporting units. Assets and Liabilities Held-for-Sale: Long-lived assets or disposal groups are classified as held- for- sale when management having the appropriate authority, generally the Company's Board of Directors or certain of its executive officers, commits to a plan of sale, the disposal group is ready for immediate sale, an active program to locate a buyer has been initiated and the sale is probable and expected to be completed within one year. Once classified as held- for- sale, disposal groups are valued at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value less estimated selling costs. Where the disposal group constitutes substantially all of our operations of a foreign country, the balance in the cumulative translation adjustment associated with that country is included in the carrying value of the disposal group. If the carrying value, including any amount associated with the cumulative translation adjustment, exceeds the fair value less estimated selling costs a held- for- sale impairment charge is recorded to reduce the carrying value. The estimate for fair value is reviewed at the end of every reporting period that the disposal group is classified as held- for- sale and the carrying value adjusted whenever the estimated fair value less costs to sell is less than the carrying value. Acquisitions: The assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded on the date of acquisition at their respective estimated fair values, with any excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the net assets acquired recorded as goodwill. We typically use an income method to estimate the fair value of intangible assets, which is based on forecasts of the expected future cash flows attributable to the respective assets. Assumptions inherent in the valuations reflect a consideration of other marketplace participants and include the amount and timing of future cash flows (including expected growth rates and related customer attrition and profitability) and the discount rate applied to the cash flows. The majority of current assets acquired, and liabilities assumed were recorded at their carrying values as of the date of acquisition, as their carrying values approximated their fair values due to their short- term nature. Assigning intangible assets useful lives is based on the period of substantial expected benefit derived from the asset. Insurance and Self- Insurance: The Company's insurance for workers' compensation, auto / fleet, general liability, property, and employee- related health care benefits is obtained using high deductible insurance policies 7 if any, meaning that the Company has retained a significant portion of the risks related to the claims associated with these programs. The estimated exposure for unpaid claims and associated expenses, including incurred but not reported losses, is based on a calculation performed by a third- party actuarial specialist using the Company's historical claims experience. The accruals for these liabilities could be revised if future occurrences or loss developments significantly differ from the assumptions used. Estimated recoveries associated with insured claims are recognized as assets when the receipt of such amounts is probable. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 56 Restructuring Charges: Involuntary termination benefits are accrued upon the commitment to a termination plan and when the benefit arrangement is communicated to affected employees, or when liabilities are determined to be probable and estimable, depending on the existence of a substantive plan for severance or termination. Costs for one-time termination benefits in which the employee is required to render service beyond a minimum retention period in order to receive the benefits are recognized ratably over the future service period. Contract termination costs are recognized when contracts are terminated or when the Company ceases to use the leased facility and no longer derive economic benefit from the contract. All other exit costs are expensed as incurred. Stock- Based Compensation: The Company recognizes stock- based compensation expense based on the estimated grant- date fair value. Expense is generally recognized on a straight- line basis over the period during which awards are expected to vest, however, for certain awards expense may be accelerated. Certain awards provide for accelerated or continued vesting in certain circumstances as defined in the 2021 plan and related grant agreements, including upon death, disability, a change in control, termination in connection with a change in control 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 57- and the retirement of employees who meet certain service and or age requirements. The Company presents stock-based compensation expense within SG & A based on the classification of the respective employees' cash compensation. The Company records forfeitures as they occur. Income Taxes: The Company is subject to income taxes in both the U. S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. The Company computes its provision for income

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taxes using the asset and liability method, under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future
tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities and for
operating loss and tax credit carry-forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the currently enacted tax
rates that are expected to apply to taxable income for the years in which those tax assets and liabilities are expected to reverse.
Significant judgments are required in order to determine the realizability of these deferred tax assets. In assessing the need for a
valuation allowance, the Company evaluates all significant available positive and negative evidence, including historical
operating results, estimates of future taxable income and the existence of prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. Changes
in the expectations regarding the realization of deferred tax assets could materially impact income tax expense in future periods.
Tax liabilities are recognized when, in management's judgment, an uncertain tax position does not meet the more likely than
not (i. e. a likelihood of more than fifty percent) threshold for recognition. For tax positions that meet the more likely than not
threshold, a tax liability may still be recognized depending on management's assessment of how the tax position will ultimately
be settled. The Company records interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits in the provision for income taxes. Leases:
Operating leases are included in Operating lease ROU assets, Operating lease liabilities and Long-term operating lease
liabilities on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Finance leases are included in Property, plant and equipment,
Current portion of long- term debt and Long- term debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Operating lease ROU assets,
Operating lease liabilities and Long-term operating lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future
minimum lease payments over the lease term at commencement date. Nearly all of the Company's lease contracts do not
provide a readily determinable implicit rate. For these contracts, the Company uses an estimated incremental borrowing rate,
which is based on information available at lease commencement. The Company's leases generally do not contain material
variable lease payments and generally do not contain options to purchase the leased property, any material residual value
guarantees, or material restrictive covenants. At commencement, the Operating lease ROU asset is equal to the lease liability
and is adjusted for lease incentives and initial direct costs incurred. The Company reviews all options to extend, terminate, or
purchase its ROU assets at the commencement of the lease and on an ongoing basis and accounts for these options when they
are reasonably certain of being exercised. Lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The
Company has lease agreements with lease and non-lease components, including payments for common area maintenance and
vehicle maintenance costs, which are accounted for separately, based on their underlying nature, for each class of underlying
assets. In addition, the Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption for leases with terms at commencement of
not greater than 12 months. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 57 Asset Retirement Obligations: The Company
establishes assets and liabilities for the present value of estimated future costs to retire long-lived assets at the termination or
expiration of a lease. Such assets are amortized over the lease term and the recognized liabilities are accreted to the future value
of the estimated retirement costs. The related amortization and accretion expenses are presented within COR if the leased asset
is used in the delivery of the Company's services and the remaining expenses are presented within SG & A on the Consolidated
Statements of (Loss) Income (Loss). Foreign Currency: Assets and liabilities of foreign affiliates that use the local currency as
their functional currency are translated at the exchange rate on the last day of the accounting period and income statement
accounts are translated at the average rates during the period. Related translation adjustments are reported as a component of
accumulated other comprehensive loss on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Foreign currency gains and losses resulting from
transactions that are denominated in currencies other than the entity's functional currency, including foreign currency gains and
losses on intercompany balances that are not of a long-term investment nature, are included within Other (expense) income
(expense), net, on the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income (Loss). 2022-10-K. Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 58
Recently Adopted Accounting Standards Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes In December 2019, the FASB issued
ASU 2019-12, "Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes" ("ASU 2019-12"). ASU 2019-
12 attempts to simplify simplifies aspects of accounting for franchise taxes and enacted changes in tax laws or rates and clarifies
the accounting for transactions that result in a step- up in the tax basis of goodwill. ASU 2019- 12 was effective for public
business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, including interim periods within that fiscal year. The
Company adopted ASU 2019-12 on January 1, 2021, and there was no material impact on the Company's results of
operations, cash flows, or financial condition. Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Adopted Improvements to
Reportable Segment Disclosures In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, "Segment Reporting (Topic 280):
Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures " (" ASU 2023- 07"). ASU 2023- 07 requires disclosure of incremental
segment information on an annual and interim basis for all public entities to enable investors to develop more decision-
useful financial analyses. ASU 2023-07 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim
periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2014, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently
evaluating the impact on disclosures in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. <del>Financial Instrument Credit Losses</del>
Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures In June 2016 December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023 No. 2016 - 13 09, "
Income Taxes Financial Instruments — Credit Losses (Topic 326-740 ): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures
Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments " (" ASU 2016-2023 - 13-09") associated with the measurement of
eredit losses on financial instruments. ASU 2016-2023 - 09 13 replaces the prior incurred loss impairment methodology of
recognizing credit losses when a loss was probable, with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires
consideration greater disaggregation of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to assess credit loss
estimates in the rate reconciliation and the disclosure of income taxes paid by jurisdiction. The amended guidance was
ASU 2023- 09 is effective for the Company on January 1-annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020-2024, with
<mark>early adoption permitted</mark> . The Company <del>recognized a net decrease to Retained earnings in the Consolidated Financial</del>
Statements of $ 2.5 million as of January 1, 2020, for the cumulative effect of adopting ASU 2016-13. Implementation Costs
Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-15, "Intangibles-Goodwill and
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Other-Internal Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud
Computing Arrangement That Is a Service Contract " (" ASU 2018-15"). ASU 2018-15 aligns the requirements for
capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is currently evaluating a service contract with the
requirements for capitalizing implementation costs for internal-use software. The accounting for any hosting contract is
unchanged. ASU 2018-15 was effective on January 1, 2020 and was adopted prospectively for implementation costs incurred
after the date of adoption. The adoption of ASU 2018-15 did not have a material-impact on the disclosures in our Notes to
Consolidated Financial Statements, NOTE 2 – REVENUES FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS The Company
provides RWCS, which provide collection and processing of regulated and specialized waste, including medical, pharmaceutical
and hazardous waste, for disposal and compliance programs and SID services, which provide for the collection of personal and
confidential information for secure destruction and recycling of shredded paper. The Company's customers typically enter into
a contract for the provision of services on a regular and scheduled basis, e. g., weekly, monthly or on an as needed basis over the
contract term, e. g., one- time service. Under the contract terms, the Company receives fees based on a monthly, quarterly or
annual rate and or fees based on contractual rates depending upon measures including the volume, weight, and type of waster
number and size of containers collected, and weight and type of shredded paper. Amounts are invoiced based on the terms of
the underlying contract either on a regular basis, e. g., monthly or quarterly, or as services are performed and are generally due
within a short period of time after invoicing based upon normal terms and conditions for our business type and the geography of
the services performed. 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 59-58 Disaggregation of Revenue The following table
presents revenues disaggregated by service and reportable segments: In millions Year Ended Year Ended December 31,
<del>202220212020Revenue----</del> 202320222021Revenue by ServiceRegulated Waste and Compliance Services $ 1, 775. 8 $ 1, 798.
2 $ 1, 854. 0 <del>$ 1, 930. 2</del> Secure Information Destruction <del>Services906 <mark>Services883, 5 906</mark> .</del> 5 792. 9 <del>745. 3 </del>Total Revenues $ 2,
<mark>659. 3 $ 2,</mark> 704. 7 $ 2, 646. 9 <del>$ 2, 675. 5</del>-North AmericaRegulated Waste and Compliance Services $ 1, 474. 4 $ 1, 468. 8 $ 1,
457. 5 $ 1, 541. 9 Secure Information Destruction Services 794 Services 781 . 4 794 . 3 679. 0 647. 3 Total North America
Segment $ 2, 255. 8 $ 2, 263. 1 $ 2, 136. 5 <del>$ 2, 189. 2</del> International Regulated Waste and Compliance Services $ 301. 4 $ 329. 4
$ 396. 5 $ 388. 3 Secure Information Destruction Services 112 Services 102 . 1 112 . 2 113. 9 98. 0 Total International Segment
$ 403.5 $ 441.6 $ 510.4 <del>$ 486</del> Deferred revenues are recognized when cash payments are received or when the Company
bills for services in advance of performance. Deferred revenues as of 3 Contract Liabilities Contract liabilities at December
31, <mark>2023, and</mark> 2022, <del>and 2021,</del> were <mark>$ 72. 6 million and</mark> $ 7. 9 million <del>and $ 9. 0 million</del>, respectively. <mark>Beginning in</mark>
Substantially all of the contract third quarter of 2023, the Company advanced billings for certain Regulated Waste
<mark>services. Deferred revenues are classified within current</mark> liabilities <mark>since the</mark> <del>as of December 31, 2022, are expected to be</del>
recognized in Revenues revenues, as the amounts are earned within, which will be over the next-12 months and.
Substantially all of the there are no significant financing components balance as of December 31, 2021, was recognized as
revenue during the year ended December 31, 2022. The Company's incremental direct costs of obtaining a contract, which
consist primarily of sales incentives, are deferred and amortized to SG & A over a weighted average estimated period of benefit
of 6. 5 years. During the year ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and 2020 the Company amortized to SG & A $ 16.7
million, $ 13. 9 million, and $ 12. 7 million, and $ 10. 6 million, respectively. Total contract acquisition costs, net of
accumulated amortization, were classified as follows: In millionsYear Ended December 31, 20222021Other 20232022Other
current assets $ 16. 1 $ 14. 2 $ 12. 4 Other assets 40 assets 46 . 1 40 . 5 34. 3 Total contract acquisition costs $ 62. 2 $ 54 . 7 $ 46
. 7 NOTE 3 – <del>ACQUISITION <mark>ACQUISITIONS On January During the year ended December 31, 2021-</del>2024, the Company</del></mark>
acquired completed an acquisition of a midwest-based southeastern U. S. regulated waste business for total consideration of
approximately $ 16 million in <del>North America <mark>cash and a promissory note</mark> . This acquisition is considered to be</del>
complementary to existing operations and aligns with the Company's portfolio optimization strategy. During the year ended
December 31, 2021, the Company acquired a midwest- based regulated waste business in North America. The acquisition
was accounted for as a business combination under the applicable guidance. There were no acquisitions in the years ended
December 31, 2023, and 2022 <del>, and 2020</del>. For The results of operations of the acquired business have been included in the
Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) from the date of the acquisition in . Pro forma results of operations for the
acquisition were not presented because the pro-forma effects were not material to the Company's consolidated results. 2022
2021 10- K. Annual ReportSterieyele. Inc. • 60 The following table summarizes the acquisition date fair value of consideration
transferred for the acquisition completed: In millionsYear Ended December 31, 2021Cash $ 10. 5 Promissory notes21. 9
Deferred consideration 11. 0 Total purchase price $ 43. 4 The purchase price consideration of $ 42. 8 million and the purchase
price allocation was finalized in the second quarter of 2022. The final acquisition date fair value of the total consideration
transferred included $ 10.5 million in cash, $ 21.3 million in promissory notes, and $ 11.0 million in deferred consideration.
The purchase price consideration was allocated to the assets and liabilities based on fair value as of the acquisition date, with the
excess of the purchase price consideration over the net assets acquired of $ 23. 7 million recorded as goodwill based on the
strategic benefits to be achieved and is deductible for tax purposes. The Company used a third party specialist to determine the
fair value of tangible and intangible assets, which primarily consisted of 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 59
customer relationships of $ 17.5 million. The Company recorded final fair value measurement adjustments in the second quarter
of 2022, which included a decrease of $ 2.5 million in intangible assets, a $ 0.2 million increase in fixed assets, and a $ 1.7
million increase in goodwill. The following table summarizes the purchase price allocation for the acquisition: In millions Year
Ended December 31, 2021Fixed assets $ 0.5 Intangibles 20. 0 Goodwill 22. 0 Other assets and liabilities, net0. 9 Total purchase
price $ 43. 4 The customer relationships intangible has an estimated useful life of 15 years. NOTE 4 – RESTRUCTURING,
DIVESTITURES, AND ASSET IMPAIRMENTS Restructuring — Operational Optimization In February During the year
ended December 31, 2020 2024, the Company recognized Operational Optimization severance charges of approximately $
3-6 million, primarily within our North America and International segments, related to workforce reduction. In 2023,
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the Company recognized Operational Optimization charges of approximately $ 4.1 million of Operational Optimization
eosts, $ 2.4 million in COR and $ 1.7 million in SG & A. The charges were primarily related to severance associated
within-- with our workforce reduction, split between North America and International segments, and closure
related to the discontinuation of an International facility. We evaluate our portfolio of services on an ongoing basis with a
<mark>country- by- country and</mark> service line <del>in the U. K. 2022-10</del> - <del>K. Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. by- service line approach to</del>
assess long-term potential and identify potential business candidates for divestiture <u>* 61 Stericycle recognized the</u>
following Divestiture Divestitures (gains) losses resulting from this evaluation may cause us to record significant charges
including net in the those Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss): related to goodwill, other intangible assets, long-lived
assets, and cumulative currency translation adjustments. In millions Year Ended December 31 connection with the
divestitures detailed below, 202220212020North America SegmentCommunication Solutions operations $ (15. 6) $-
Canada Environmental Solutions operations—(the Company provides for indemnifications to the acquirer against certain
liabilities, representations, and warranties and enters into certain additional ancillary agreements, including a TSA, for
up to 12 months 6 — CRS businesses — (38. 8) Domestic Environmental Solutions operations —
                                                                                                      - 53. 8 Total North
America charges, net (15. 6) (12. 6) 15. 0 International SegmentJapan RWCS operations — 10. 9 — CRS business — (4. 0)
Mexico RWCS operations — (4. 9) Chile RWCS operations — 5. 1 Argentina RWCS operations — 112. 4 Total
International charges, net — 10. 9 108. 6 Divestiture (gains) losses, net $ (15. 6) $ (1. 7) $ 123. 6 North America Segment
Divestitures: On December 1, 2022, we exited entered into an agreement and completed the sale of our Communication
Solutions business for cash proceeds of approximately $ 45. 0 million. The transaction resulted in a divestiture pre-tax gain of $
15. 6 million . In connection with the closing, the Company entered into certain additional ancillary agreements including a
TSA, for up to 12 months. The Company allocated and deferred $ 1, 4 million of the proceeds, which will be recognized over
the duration of the TSA period offsetting the expenses incurred to deliver the TSA services that are not reimbursed by the buyer
. On December 1, 2021, the Company exited <del>completed the sale of</del>its Environmental Solutions operations in Canada for cash
proceeds of $ 24.4 million pursuant to an agreement entered into in November 2021. The transaction resulted in a fourth
quarter divestiture pre-tax gain of $ 12. 6 million. In connection with the closing, the Company entered into certain additional
ancillary agreements, including a TSA, for up to 12 months. On December 1, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement and
completed the sale of the Company's global product recall business (Expert Solutions) for eash proceeds of $78.0 million. The
Company recognized a divestiture gain of $ 38. 8 million in North America and $ 4.0 million in International. In connection
with the closing, the Company entered into certain additional ancillary agreements, including a TSA for up to 12 months. On
April 6, 2020, the Company completed the sale of all of the outstanding equity interests of its U. S. Environmental Solutions
business for eash proceeds of $ 462.5 million, pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, dated February 6, 2020. The Purchase
Agreement provided for the divestiture of the Company's U.S. Environmental Solutions business, exclusive of the Company's
healthcare hazardous waste services and unused consumer pharmaceutical take-back services. The U. S. Environmental
Solutions business generated revenue in 2019 of $ 559. 6 million, including approximately $ 100. 0 million related to the
Retained Business, which is included in the RWCS revenue category within our North America segment. In connection with the
Purchase Agreement, the Company entered into an HSA and TSA with the Buyer for a period of 7 years and 6 months,
respectively. The Company allocated and deferred a portion of the Transaction proceeds, $ 17.7 million related to the HSA and
$ 1.5 million related to the TSA, which will be recognized over the applicable duration of the HSA and TSA periods, subject to
specific agreement provisions, thereby offsetting the expenses incurred to deliver the respective services. The allocated proceeds
are reflected as an operating eash flow on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, as they are advances received for services
to be provided prospectively. In aggregate, the Company recognized impairment charges and subsequent loss on disposal of $
53. 8 million. Further, the Company released a $ 1.7 million benefit associated with contingent consideration related to a prior
acquisition agreement connected with the divested business (Fair value-Level 3) that is reported in SG & A in the Company's
Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss), 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 62-International Segment Divestitures:
On October 6, 2023, the Company exited its operations in Romania for nominal consideration. On July 25, 2023 and
August 10, 2023, respectively, the Company exited its dental recycling business in the Netherlands and its SID joint
venture in the UAE for nominal consideration. On June 1, 2023, the Company exited its operations in the Republic of
Korea, for cash proceeds of approximately $ 109. 3 million. On May 24, 2023, the Company exited its operations in
Australia and Singapore, for cash proceeds of approximately $ 2.9 million. On April 20, 2023, the Company exited its
operations in Brazil for cash consideration to the acquirer of approximately $ 28 million. On January 19, 2023, the
Company exited its International container manufacturing operations joint venture in Spain, for cash proceeds of
approximately $ 2, 2 million. In connection with the transaction, the Company entered into certain additional ancillary
agreements, including an exclusive two-year supply agreement for containers. On September 1, 2021, the Company exited
completed the sale of its RWCS-operations in Japan for cash proceeds of approximately $ 11. 3 million. The transaction resulted
in a <del>third quarter</del> divestiture pre-tax loss of $ 10. 9 million, of which $ 3. 8 million related to the reclassification of accumulated
currency translation adjustments to earnings. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, In-Inc. • 60 For divestitures in the year
ended December 31, 2020-2023 , Stericycle the Company-recognized the following a $ 4.9 million gain related to a divestiture
Divestiture of a subsidiary in Mexico, and a $ 5. 1 million charge associated with the divested business in Chile which occurred
in 2019, (see Note 12 - Commitments and Contingencies). In August 2020, the Company entered into an agreement and
eompleted the sale of its RWCS operations in Argentina for eash proceeds of approximately $ 3.9 million. The transaction
resulted in a loss-losses (gains) on disposal of $112.4 million, net in of which $87.2 million related to the balance
Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income cumulative currency translation adjustment. Asset Impairments: In millions Year
Ended December 31, <del>202220212020North AmericaOperational Optimization <mark>2023Loss (gain)- pre- cumulative currency</mark></del>
translationCumulative currency translation loss (gain) realizedTotal loss (gain) International SegmentRomania
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Operations $ 3, 2 $ 1, 0 $ 4, 2 UAE Joint Venture0, 5 — 0, 5 Netherlands Dental Operations1, 0 — 1, 0 Republic of Korea
Operations (48. 1) (2. 7) (50. 8) Australia and Singapore Operations 5. 1 2. 2 7. 3 Brazil Operations 26. 1 70. 1 96. 2
International Container Manufacturing Operations 5. 0 — 5. 0 Divestiture losses (gains), net $ (7. 2) $ 70. 6 $ 63. 4
Revenues of the completed divestiture transactions in 2023, each individually contributed less than 1 % or in aggregate
approximately 3.5 % of consolidated revenues in the year ended December 31, 2022. Stericycle recognized the following
asset impairment charges in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income: In millions Year Ended December 31, 2023
(1) 2022 (2) 2021 (3) North America Asset Impairment - SG & A $ - $ - 5.5 $ 2 - Asset Impairment - COR -
Asset Impairment-SG & A5. 52. 1 4. 2 Total North America Segment $ ___ $ 5. 5 $ 2. 1 International Asset Impairment-
COR $ 10.3 International Operational Optimization, 4 $ — $ — Asset Impairment - SG & A3, 1 — 4, 6 Total International
Segment $ 6. 5 $ — $ 4. 6 (1) The Company recognized an impairment in COR in International associated with certain
long- lived assets, primarily property, plant and equipment in Romania and an impairment in SG & A $-
International associated with certain intangible assets in Spain. (2 - 8 Asset ) The Company recognized an Impairment
                             <del>— 0. 7 Asset Impairment-</del> SG & A <mark>in North America</mark> — <del>4. 6 4. 5 Total International Segment $</del>
impairment in - COR -
4. 6 $ 8. 0 Asset impairments for the year ended December 31, 2022, include charges associated with exiting certain North
America office facilities in the U. S. Asset (3) The Company recognized impairments for the year ended December 31, 2021,
include charges in SG & A in North America associated with a Canada site exit and in International associated with certain
customer relationship intangibles in Romania and in North America includes charges associated with a Canada site exit. Asset
impairments for the year ended December 31, 2020, include charges in North America associated with rationalization of
software application assets and intangible assets as a result of a discontinuation of a certain service line, and International
includes charges associated with certain property, plant and equipment assets and permits primarily in the U. K. Operational
optimization related impairments are associated with the Company's actions to reduce operating costs and optimize operations.
In the year ended December 31, 2020, International includes charges primarily related to the discontinuation of a service line in
the U. K. 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 63 NOTE 5 – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Property, plant
and equipment consisted of the following: In millionsDecember 31, 20222021Land 20232022Land and improvements $ 43.5 $
50. 7 <del>$ 42. 4 Building and <mark>improvements235</del>-- <mark>improvements243</mark> . <del>7 219-<mark>3 235</del> . 7 Machinery and <del>equipment325</del>-</del></mark></del></mark>
equipment320 . 6 325 . 9 <del>318 . 0</del> Fleet <del>vehicles119 - - vehicles81 . 5 119</del> . 3 <del>142 . 0 Containers276 <mark>Containers278 . 3 276 .</mark> 4</del>
<del>255. 5-</del>Office equipment and furniture41. <del>0 51-<mark>7 41</del> . 0 Software and Enterprise Resource Planning <del>system253</del>-system274 . 9</del></mark>
253. 1 266 Construction in progress99. 9 71. 3 Construction in progress71. 3 74. 6 Total property, plant and equipmently
383, 71, 373. 4 <del>1, 369. 5</del> Less: accumulated depreciation (675. 4) (657. 7) (658. 5) Property, plant and equipment, net $708. 3
$ 715. 7 <del>$ 711 <mark>2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc</mark>. 0 • 61 NOTE 6 – LEASES The Company has operating leases for</del>
fleet vehicles, transfer sites, processing facilities, corporate and regional offices, and certain equipment. The components of net
lease cost were as follows: In millionsYear Ended December 31, <del>202220212020Operating----</del> 202320222021Operating lease
cost $ 128. 0 $ 110. 8 $ 108 . 2 $ 114. 2 Finance lease cost: Amortization of leased assets assets . 63. 23. 44.7 Interest on
lease <del>liabilities I <mark>liabilities 0 . 9 1</del> . 0 1. 1 <del>1. 9</del> Net lease cost $ 131. 5 $ 115. 0 $ 112. 7 <del>$ 120. 8</del> Short- term lease costs were $ 20.</del></mark>
4 million, $ 25. 6 million, and $ 11. 8 million for the year years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.
Variable lease cost and sublease income were not material during the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022 <del>, and 2021</del>.
Supplemental cash flow information related to leases <del>were was</del> as follows: In millionsYear Ended December 31,
202220212020Cash---- 202320222021Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities: Operating cash
flows from operating leases $ 126.9 $ 109. 7 $ 107. 1 $ 117. 1 Operating cash flows from finance leases (interest) 1. 8 1. 1 1. 1
1.9 Financing cash flows from finance leases (principal) 2.7 3.1 3.9 4.3 Right- of- use assets obtained in exchange for lease
obligations: Operating leases 165 leases 178. 2 165. 2 96. 8 79. 8 Finance leases leases 0.7 — 0. 5 1. 1 Finance lease assets, net
of accumulated amortization, were $ 12.8 million and $ 14.0 million and $ 19.5 million as of December 31, 2023, and 2022
and 2021-, respectively, and are included in Property, Plant and Equipment, net on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. 2022 10-K
Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 64 Information regarding lease terms and discount rates were as follows: In millionsDecember
31, <del>20222021Weighted----</del> <mark>20232022Weighted</mark> average remaining lease term (years): Operating leases5. <del>75-<mark>65</mark> . 9Finance</del>
7Finance leases15 leases16 . 614-215 . 4Weighted 6Weighted average discount rate: Operating leases5 leases6 . 1 % 5 . 5 % 4
Finance leases4 . 2-8 % 5 Finance leases5 . 3 % 5-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc . 2-% • 62 Maturities of lease
liabilities as of December 31, 2022-2023, were as follows: In millionsOperating LeasesFinance Leases2023-Leases2024 § 110
<mark>129. 4 $ 3. 3 2025110. 8 3. 0 202689. 6 2. 3 202776</mark>. 1 <mark>$ <mark>1. 9 202862. 5 0. 7 Thereafter100. 9 17.</mark> 3 <del>. 9 202499. 8 2. 7 202578.</del></mark>
<del>9 2. 5 202657. 7 2. 2 202745. 2 1. 9 Thereafter 97. 4 18. 0</del> Total lease <del>payments 489 payments 569</del>. <del>1 31 <mark>3 28</mark>. 2 5</del> Less:
Interest68 - Interest85 - 9 13 . 0 12. 2 Present value of lease liabilities $ 420 484 . 2-3 $ 18-16 . 2-3 NOTE 7 - GOODWILL
AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill were as follows: In millionsNorth
America International TotalBalance as of December 31, <del>2020-</del>2021 $ 2, <del>448 470</del> . 8 $ <del>370-</del>344 . <del>5 9</del> $ 2, <del>819 815</del> . <del>3 7</del>
Acquisition 22 Acquisition 1 . 0-7 — 22-1 . 7 0 Divestitures — (6. 0) (6. 0) Changes due to foreign currency fluctuations and
other — (\frac{19 \cdot 32}{5})(\frac{19 \cdot 32}{5}) Balance as of December 31, \frac{20212}{5} = \frac{20222}{5}, \frac{470 \cdot 472}{5} . \frac{8 \cdot 344 \cdot 5}{5} 312. \frac{4}{2}, \frac{784}{5} . 9
Divestitures 2, 815. 7 Purchase accounting adjustments for prior year acquisition (Note 3) 1.7 — 1 (43. 76) (43. 6) Changes
due to foreign currency fluctuations and other — \frac{14}{32}. \frac{314}{5}. \frac{3}{5}. Balance as of December 31, \frac{2022}{2023} $ 2, 472. 5 $
312-283 . 41 $ 2, 784-755 . 9-6 Accumulated non- cash impairment charges by segment were as follows: In millionsDecember
31, <del>20222021North 20232022North America</del> $ 134. 8 $ <del>421-</del>134 . <mark>8 International (</mark> 1 ) — <del>International 175. 6</del>-175. 6 Total $
134. 8 $ 310. 4 $ 596 (1) Change due to International divestitures in 2023 . 7-See Note 4 – Restructuring, Divestitures, and
Asset Impairments for further information Goodwill Impairment Assessment The Company performed its annual goodwill
impairment assessment as of October 1, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and 2020, respectively, and determined no reporting units'
carrying values were in excess of their estimated fair value. 2022 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 65- The fair value of
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reporting units, used in both the annual and any interim goodwill impairment assessments in 2023, 2022, and 2021, and 2020,
are classified as Level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy due to significant unobservable inputs such as discount
rates, projections of revenue, cost of revenue and operating expense growth rates, long-term growth rates and income tax rates.
The fair value methodology is described further in Note 1 – Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting
Policies. <del>Other Intangible Assets: 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 63 The values of other intangible assets were as</del>
follows: In millionsDecember 31, <del>20222021Gross</del> 20232022Gross Carrying AmountAccumulated AmortizationNet ValueGross
Carrying AmountAccumulated AmortizationNet ValueAmortizable intangibles: Customer relationships $ 1, 230.4 $ 911.9 $
318. 5 $ 1, 242. 2 $ 807. 6 $ 434. 6 <del>$ 1, 297. 6 $ 722. 9 $ 574. 7</del> Covenants not- to- compete2. 6 2. 6 — 2. 6 — Operating
permits10. 3 10 . 5 3-1 0 . 2 12 0. 3 Operating permits12 . 3 11. 9 0. 4 12. 1 8. 5 3. 6 Tradenames1. 1 0. 6 0. 5 3-1. 1 0. 6 0. 5
58. 6 67. 2 — 67. 2 70 Tradenames307. 0 5 — 70 307. 0 Tradenames307 5 307. 2 — 307. 2 <del>313. 7 — 313. 7</del> Total $ 1, <mark>612.</mark>
3 $ 925. 8 $ 686. 5 $ 1, 634. 4 $ 823. 3 $ 811. 1 <del>$ 1, 701. 1 $ 736. 6 $ 964. 5</del> The changes in the carrying amount of intangible
assets were as follows: In millionsTotalBalance as of December 31, 2020 2021 $ 964 1, 087. 45 Acquisition20 Acquisition1.
2 Divestitures (12. 6) Amortization (124. 0 Divestitures (10. 9) Impairments (4. 6) Amortization (117. 9) Changes due to
foreign currency fluctuations (9.15.5) Balance as of December 31, 2021964-2022811. 1 Divestitures 5 Purchase accounting
adjustments for prior year acquisition (Note 16.3) (2.5) Acquisition 1.2 Divestitures (12.6) Impairments —(3.1)
Amortization ( 124 112 . 0) Changes due to foreign currency fluctuations fluctuations (15. 85) Balance as of December 31,
2022-2023 $ 811-686. 1-5 Our estimated intangible asset amortization expense for each of the next five years is as follows for
the years ending December 31: In millions2023 millions2024 $ 111-110 . 9-2024109-3 202589, 5 202628, 1 202722 . 7 202590
202817 . <del>6-5</del> <del>202630 --</del> 2023 <del>. 2 202723. 1 2022</del> 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • <del>66</del> <mark>64</mark> NOTE 8 – ACCRUED
LIABILITIES Accrued liabilities consisted of the following at December 31: In millions20222021Compensation
millions20232022Compensation $ 81. 9 $ 65. 0 $ 91 Self- insurance80 . 2 78 Self- insurance78 . 8 84 Taxes37 . 1 Taxes30 30
. 2 <del>37 Interest27, 2 27</del>. 7 <del>Interest27 Professional fees7</del>. <del>7 26 <mark>9</del> 8</del>. 3 <del>Professional fees8, 3 9, 9</del> Disposal and landfill liabilities2.</del></mark>
8 2. 0 2. 9 Contingent Hiability 15 liability 9 . 6 15 . 7 92. 0 Other 16 Other 12 . 8 16 . 4 15. 5 Total accrued liabilities $ 259. 5 $
244. 1 <del>$ 359. 6</del>-NOTE 9 – DEBT Long- term debt consisted of the following at December 31: In millions20222021
millions20232022 $ 1. 2 billion Credit Facility, due in 2026 $ 31. 0 $ 154. 1 $ 125 247. 0 $ 200 million term loan, due in
2026200 2026125 . 0 200. 0 $ 600 million Senior Notes, due in 2024600. 0 600. 0 $ 500 million Senior Notes, due in 2029500. 0
500. 0 Promissory notes and deferred consideration, weighted average maturity of 2. 6 years and 3. 4 years for 2023 and 3
2022, respectively32. 9 44. 7 years for 2022 and 2021, respectively (Note 4) 44. 7 54. 6 Foreign bank debt, weighted average
maturity of 5. 0 years for 2022 — and 6. 0 years for 20210. 4 0. 7 Obligations under finance leases (Note 6) 16. 3 18. 2 21. 4
Total debt1, 305. 21, 517. 4<del>1, 623. 7</del>-Less: current portion of total <del>debt22-debt19. 6 22</del>. 3 <del>19. 9</del>-Less: unamortized debt
issuance <del>costs11-costs7 . 8 11</del> . 1 <del>14. 0</del>-Long- term portion of total debt $ 1, <mark>277. 8 $ 1,</mark> 484. 0 <del>$ 1, 589. 8</del> The Company renewed
its Credit Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2021, that amended and extended its previous credit agreement dated
November 17, 2017. The Credit Agreement provides for a term loan facility under which the Company has outstanding term
loans in an aggregate principal amount of $ 125 200.0 million and a revolving credit facility of $ 1.2 billion. The Term Loan
and the Credit Facility will mature on September 30, 2026 . If the Company's 2024 Senior Notes are still outstanding 91 days
prior to their respective maturity date (the "Springing Maturity Date"), then the Credit Agreement maturity date will be the
Springing Maturity Date. The proceeds of the Term Loan Facility and loans under the Revolving Credit Facility were used to
refinance the loans and other credit extensions that were made under the previous credit agreement. In the year ended December
31, 2021, in connection with the Credit Agreement, the Company incurred issuance costs of $ 4, 1 million, of which $ 0, 2
million was charged to Interest expense, net. The remainder was capitalized as unamortized debt issuance costs and is being
amortized to Interest expense, net over the remaining term of the Credit Agreement. A portion, $ 0.5 million, of unamortized
debt issuance costs associated with the previous credit agreement was charged to Interest expense, net. The obligations under
the Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company and all of its material domestic subsidiaries
and are guaranteed by certain subsidiaries of the Company, excluding certain excluded subsidiaries pursuant to the Credit
Agreement. The Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant requiring maintenance of a minimum Consolidated Interest
Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of 3, 00 to 1, 00 and a maximum as of the end of any fiscal quarter. The
Credit Agreement <mark>defined contains a financial covenant requiring maintenance of a maximum-</mark>Consolidated Leverage Ratio <del>(as</del>
defined in the Credit Agreement) of 4, 25 to 1, 00 in any fiscal quarter ending before September 30, 2022 and 4, 00 to 2022 10-
K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 67 1. 00 for any fiscal quarter ending on or after September 30, 2022, which includes, among
other provisions, $ 50. 0 million cash add backs to EBITDA with respect to any four fiscal quarter period ending on or
before December 31, 2023. The Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant with a leverage holiday if a permitted
acquisition or series of related permitted acquisitions involving aggregate consideration in excess of $ 200 million (a " Material
Acquisition ") occurs during a fiscal quarter. If a Material Acquisition occurs, the Company shall have the right to increase the
maximum Consolidated Leverage Ratio covenant to 4.50 to 1.00 during such fiscal quarter and the subsequent three fiscal
quarters. As First Amendment On April 26, 2022, we entered into a First Amendment which amends, among other provisions,
the Credit Agreement to modify the definition of Consolidated EBITDA to add back certain charges in connection with the
FCPA Settlement in an aggregate amount not to exceed (i) $ 61.0 million for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2021, (ii) $
19. 7 million for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2021 2023, and (iii) $ 9. 2 million for the fiscal quarter ended March
31, 2022. The Credit Agreement retains, among other covenants, its financial covenant requiring maintenance of a maximum
Consolidated Leverage Ratio of 4, 00 to 1, 00 for any fiscal quarter ending on or after September 30, 2022, which includes,
among other provisions, continuation of $ 100, 0 million eash add backs to EBITDA through December 31, 2022, with no
further add backs thereafter. In April 2022, the Company incurred deferred issuance costs of $ 0.4 million relating to the First
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Amendment. As of December 31, 2022, the Company was in compliance with its financial covenants. The Credit Agreement
Defined Debt Leverage Ratio was 3-2. 28.85 to 1.00, which was below the allowed maximum ratio of 4.00 to 1.00 as set forth
in the Credit Agreement. The 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 65 Second Amendment On June 15, 2023, we
entered into a Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement, Among other provisions, the Second Amendment modifies
the pricing reference from the Eurocurrency Rate Loans (LIBOR) to Term SOFR Loans as defined in the Credit
Agreement and allows for higher capital leases now capped at $ 200 million in the aggregate. Borrowings under the
Credit Agreement bear interest at Term SOFR for Term SOFR Loans or the Base Rate, as defined in the Second
Amendment, for Base Rate Loans, plus the Applicable Interest Rate <del>for loans , which</del> depends on the Consolidated Leverage
Ratio for the Company. The tiered pricing is based on the leverage grid provided in the Credit Agreement. Based on the then
current Consolidated Leverage Ratio, the initial pricing under the Credit Agreement was set at an Applicable Rate of between 1.
1 % to 1.3 % for Eurocurrency Rate / SONIA / SOFR Daily Rate Loans and between 0.1 % to 0.3 % for Base Rate Loans 5
and the. The Credit Agreement includes a facility fee is set at a rate of between 0, 2-15 % to 0, 25 % times the actual daily
amount of the Revolving Credit Facility regardless of usage. The weighted average interest rates on long-term debt, excluding
finance leases were as follows: December 31, 20222021 20232022 $ 1.2 billion Credit Facility, due in 2026 (variable rate) 6.85
<mark>%</mark> 5. 92 % <del>1. 76 %</del>$ <del>200 125 million term loan, due in 2026 (variable rate) <mark>6. 66 %</mark> 5. 88 <del>% 1. 40</del> % $ 600 million Senior</del>
Notes, due in 2024 (fixed rate) 5. 38 % 5. 38 % $ 500 million Senior Notes, due in 2029 (fixed rate) 3. 88 % 3. 88 % Promissory
notes and deferred consideration (fixed rate) 3. 49-54 % 3. 19-49 % Foreign bank debt (fixed rate) — 9. 80 % 9. 80 % On
November 24, 2020, the Company issued $ 500. 0 million at par of aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes, due January
2029, which are unsecured and bear interest at 3.88 % per annum, payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year (the "2020)
Senior Notes"). The 2020 Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by each of the issuer's current and, subject to
certain exceptions, future domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the issuer's senior credit facility, term loan facility, or certain
other debt of the issuer or the subsidiary guarantors. The 2020 Senior Notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time,
and from time to time, on or after November 15, 2023, at the redemption prices specified under "Description of Notes-
Optional Redemption", plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, such redemption date. At any time and from
time to time prior to November 15, 2023, the notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at a redemption price of 100 % of the
principal amount thereof, plus a "make- whole" premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the
redemption date. In addition, the issuer may redeem up to 40 % of the notes at any time and from time to time before November
15, 2023, with the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 103. 88 %, plus accrued and
unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. In connection with the issuance of the 2020 Senior Notes, the
Company incurred $ 5.8 million of direct issuance costs, which have been capitalized in unamortized debt issuance costs and
are being amortized to Interest expense, net over the term of the 2020 Senior Notes. During 2019, the Company issued $ 600.0
million at par of aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes, due July 2024, which are unsecured and bear interest at 5.38 %
per annum, payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year (the "2019 Senior Notes"). The 2019 Senior Notes are fully and
unconditionally guaranteed by each of the 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 68 Company's current domestic
subsidiaries that guarantee the Company's senior credit facility. The Indenture limits the ability of the Company and its
subsidiaries to incur certain liens, enter into certain sale and leaseback transactions, and consolidate, merge or sell all or
substantially all of their assets. The 2019 Senior Notes will be redeemable, at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at
any time on or after July 15, 2021 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, at the redemption prices specified in the Indenture
along with accrued interest. In Inc connection with the issuance of the 2019 Senior Notes, the Company incurred $7. • 66 1
million of debt issuance costs, which have been capitalized in unamortized debt issuance costs and are being amortized to
Interest expense, net over the term of the 2019 Senior Notes. In the event of both a change of control of the Company and a
rating downgrade by the rating agencies, the Company will be required to offer to repurchase all outstanding 2020 and 2019
Senior Notes at 101 % of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Indentures contains customary events of
default, which include (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), nonpayment of principal or interest; breach
of other agreements in the Indenture; failure to pay certain other indebtedness; certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency;
failure to pay certain final judgments; and failure of certain guarantees to be enforceable. Other Matters Amounts committed to
outstanding letters of credit and the unused portion of our Senior Credit Facility were as follows: In millionsDecember 31,
20222021Outstanding ---- 20232022Outstanding stand- by letters of credit under Senior Credit Facility $ 59.0 $ 60. 1 $ 71.4
Unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility985 Facility1, 110. 0 985. 7 881. 5 Payments due on long-term debt,
excluding finance lease obligations, during each of the five years subsequent to December 31, <del>2022-2023</del>, are as follows: In
millions2023 millions2024 $ 19 617 . 1 20257 4 2024617. 2 202512 . 9 2026349 2026163 . 1 3 20270. 5 6 2028 —
Thereafter500. 0 Total $ 1, <del>499-<mark>288</mark> . 1-9</del> NOTE 10 – INCOME TAXES The U. S. and International components of income
(loss) before income taxes consisted of the following: In millionsYear Ended December 31, 202220212020U-202320222021U.
S. $ <mark>64. 1 $</mark> 84. 6 $ (14. 0) <del>$ 65. 6</del>-International ( <mark>60. 8) (</mark> 5. 7) 14. 7 <del>(121. 6)</del> Total income <del>(loss)</del> before income taxes $ <mark>3. 3 $</mark> 78.
9 $ 0. 7 $ (56. 0) 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 69-Significant components of the Company's income tax
(expense) benefit are as follows: In millions Year Ended December 31, 202220212020CurrentU---- 202320222021CurrentU.
S.- federal $ <mark>(18. 6) $</mark> 8. 1 $ 4. 9 <mark>U <del>$ 108</del>-. S.- state and local ( 3 <mark>. 8) (2. 3) (1. 4) International (2. 7) (4. 6) (6. 4) (25. 1) 1. 2 (2.</mark></mark>
9) DeferredU. S.- federal2. 4 (23. 7) (17. 0) U. S.- state and local (3. 4) (1. 9) (4. 6) International1. 5 2. 0 (3. 0) 0. 5 (+23.
6) (24. 6) Total expense $ (24. 6) $ (22 . 4) (2. 9) International (4. 6) (6. 4) (6. 0) 1. 2 (2. 9) 99. 4 DeferredU. S.- federal (23. 7)
(17. 0) (85. 9) U. S.- state and local (1. 9) (4. 6) (13. 7) International 2. 0 (3. 0) 0. 3 (23. 6) (24. 6) (99. 3) Total (expense) benefit
$ (22. 4) $ (27. 5) $ 0-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. 1-67 A reconciliation of the income tax provision computed
at the U. S. federal statutory rate to the effective tax rate is as follows; Year Ended December 31, 202220212020U
20232022021U. S. federal statutory income tax rate21.0 % 21.0 % 21.0 % Effect of: State and local taxes, net of federal tax
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effect1-effect154 . 5 % 1 . 9 % 204. 2 % (15. 1 %)-International tax rates (63. 6 %) (4. 2 %) (864. 4 %) 10. 9 %-FCPA
Settlement accrual and other penalty matters3-matters15. 2 % 3, 118. 2 % 3, 118. 2 % Other Tax Matter (60. 6 %) — %
CARES Act and other tax matters — % (268. 4%) 79 Valuation allowance 163. 2 6 % 11 Valuation allowance 11. 0 % 1, 727.
9 % <del>(26. 5 %) Divestitures Divestitures 384 (0. 8 % (0. 8 %) (708. 4 %) (62. 7 %) Stock- based compensation and executive</del>
compensation <del>disallowance9 disallowance221 . 2 % 9</del> . 4 % 908. 6 % <del>(11. 9 %)</del> Statute of limitations lapses ( 51. 5 %) ( 13. 0
%) (584. 7 %) <del>12. 6 %-</del>Other ( <del>0.39</del> . 1 %) <mark>(0. 1 %)</mark> 275. 0 % <del>(7. 3 %)</del> Effective tax <del>rate28</del>-rate745. 5 % 28 . 4 % 3, 829. 0 % In
2023, the Other Tax Matter refers to the recognition of a $ 2.0 million tax benefit associated with the conclusion of an
examination of pre- acquisition tax years of an acquired business. The comparability of the Company's current year
effective tax rate to the effective tax rates from previous years was impacted by the Company's low income before taxes
in 2023, resulting in a magnification of the percentage point impact for each rate reconciling item, rendering the 2023
effective tax rate not meaningful. Accordingly, the Company has included a reconciliation in both dollars and
percentages below. Both the Company's low income before taxes and the Company's magnified effective tax rate are
driven by net non- deductible losses from divestitures. Year Ended December 31, 20232023 Tax Expense (Benefit) Tax
RateU. S. federal statutory income tax rate $ 0.721.0 % Effect of: State and local taxes, net of federal tax effect5. 1154.
5 % International tax rates (2, 1) (63, 6 %) FCPA Settlement accrual and other penalty matters0, 5 15, 2 % Other Tax
Matter (2. 0) (60. 6 %) Valuation allowance5, 4 163, 6 % Divestitures12, 7 384, 8 % Stock- based compensation and
executive compensation disallowance7. 3 221. 2 % Statute of limitations lapses (1. 7) (51. 5 %) Other (1. 3) (39. 1 %)
Effective tax rate $ 24. 6 745. 5 % 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 68 Deferred tax liabilities and assets were as
follows: In millionsDecember 31, <del>20222021Deferred----- 20232022Deferred tax liabilities: Property, plant and equipment $ (</del>
93. 2) $ (94. 4) <del>$ (87. 2)</del> Goodwill and intangibles ( 393. 9) (400. 6 <del>) (394. 4</del>) Leases- right of use asset ( 117. 3) (94. 8) <del>(89. 9)</del>
Other (17. 5) (17. 3) (15. 7) Total deferred tax liabilities (621. 9) (607. 1) (587. 2) Deferred tax assets: Accrued liabilities (621. 9)
liabilities 57 . 2 59 . 5 58. 6 Leases- right of use liability 100 liability 122 . 3 100 . 2 95. 1 Net operating tax loss carry-
forwards63 - forwards32 . 4 73 0 63 . 4 Interest expense carry - forward22 forward22 . 8 23 . 4 15. 3 Other14 Other15 . 5 14 .
0 11.7 Less: valuation allowance (36.8) (67.2) (61.4) Total deferred tax assets193 - assets213.0 193. 3 192.7 Net
deferred tax liabilities $ (408.9) $ (413.8) $ (394.5) The valuation allowance increased decreased $ 5-30.84 million,
during the year ended December 31, 2022-2023, primarily due to the divestiture of operations with historical non-benefited
international losses - 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 70 In 2020, in response to the pandemie, the President signed
into law the CARES Act, which was a substantial tax- and-spending package. As a result of the corresponding legislative
changes, in 2020, we recognized a $ 44. 4 million tax benefit related to our ability to carryback net operating losses to prior
vears that had higher tax rates. The Company received related eash refunds of $ 112. 2 million during 2020, and $ 1. 0 million
during 2021. Other tax provisions and stimulus measures have been enacted by U. S. and international jurisdictions, either
before or after December 31, 2022, which the Company continues to evaluate and apply, as applicable. The Company filed a
PFA with the IRS related to a claim under Internal Revenue Code Section 1341 concerning the tax rate to be applied to the SQ
Settlement on the Company's 2018 tax return. As a result of the enactment of the CARES Act, the Company was able to
realize a benefit at the higher tax rate in prior years on a portion of the SQ Settlement. In 2020, in consideration of the CARES
Act, the Company revised the PFA, a portion of the long-term receivable previously established for the Section 1341 claim was
reclassified to a current income tax receivable and the related uncertain tax position was released as part of the tax benefit
recognized in 2020 (in part as described above). Subsequently in 2020, the Company amended the 2018 tax return to reduce the
Section 1341 benefit as a result of discussions with the IRS as part of the PFA program. Consequently, the remaining long-term
receivable established for the Section 1341 claim and the corresponding uncertain tax position were reclassified to a current
income tax receivable and current income tax liability, respectively. In 2021, the Company was advised that the IRS completed
its review of the 2018 tax return and took no exception to the originally recorded Section 1341 benefit. Consequently, the
Company recorded a tax benefit of approximately $ 5.5 million in 2021, associated with the Section 1341 claim and received
the related refund in 2021. As of December 31, 2022-2023, the Company plans to repatriate any undistributed earnings of its
first-tier international subsidiaries back to the U.S. only to the extent that they were previously taxed under the Tax Act, and
future repatriations may take the form of distributions from previously taxed earnings and profits and / or return of capital
distributions. All other undistributed earnings, to the extent there are any, will remain permanently reinvested to support existing
working capital needs in the international subsidiaries. A withholding tax, unrealized foreign exchange gain, and state income
tax accrual has been recorded, as applicable. The Company has not provided for deferred taxes on outside basis differences for
investments in its international subsidiaries that are unrelated to unremitted earnings as these basis differences will be
indefinitely reinvested. A determination of the unrecognized deferred taxes related to these other components of outstanding
basis difference is not practicable to calculate. At December 31, 2022-2023, the NOL carry- forwards from both international
and U. S. operations are approximately $ 223-115. 6 million and certain of these NOL carry- forwards begin to expire in 2023
2024. The tax benefits of these NOLs are approximately $ 63-32. 4-0 million at December 31, 2022-2023, on which valuation
allowances of $ 42-21. 3-7 million were recognized offsetting such tax benefits . After the recognition of valuation allowances,
the majority of the remaining NOLs are attributable to the Company's U.S. operations. The changes in the valuation
allowance on deferred tax assets is as follows: Year In millions Year Ended December 31, 202220212020Balances-
202320222021Balances at beginning of period $ 67. 2 $ 61. 4 $ 52. 0 <del>$ 39. 4</del> Additions Charged to Income Tax Expense (1) 1.
8 6. 8 10. 5 <del>17 Reductions Due to Divestitures (2) (34</del> . <del>8-0) — (2. 1)</del> Other Changes to Reserves (2-3) (1. 8 (1. 0) (-1. 0 1) (5.
2) Balances at end of period $ 36. 8 $ 67. 2 $ 61. 4 $ 52. 0 (1) 2023 amounts include valuation allowances on business
operations (including Spain). 2022 and 2021 amounts include valuation allowances on business operations (including the U.
K., Brazil, and Spain). <del>2020-</del>(2) <del>amount <mark>Amounts includes consist primarily of historical v</del>aluation allowances <del>on removed</del></del></mark>
<mark>upon divestiture of corresponding</mark> business operations <del>(including the U-, K. and Brazil).</del> (2-3) 2<del>022, 2021 and 2020 amounts</del>
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Amounts consist primarily of currency translation adjustments. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 69 The Company files income tax returns in the U. S., in various states and in certain international jurisdictions. We generally are no longer subject to U. S. federal, state, local, or international income tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2015. The Company has recognized liabilities to cover certain uncertain tax positions. Such uncertain tax positions relate to additional taxes that the Company may be required to pay in various tax jurisdictions. During the course of examinations by various taxing authorities, proposed adjustments may be asserted. The Company evaluates such items on a case- by- case basis and adjusts the accrual for uncertain tax positions as deemed necessary, including 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 71 presenting the accrual as a reduction of a deferred tax asset for a tax loss or tax credit carryforward, when such carryforward is available and permitted to be utilized to settle the tax liability. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefit at December 31, 2022-2023, is \$ 10-5. 0-6 million. The amount of uncertain tax positions that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate is approximately \$ 84. 23 million. We recognized interest and penalties related to income tax reserves as a benefit in the amount of \$0.6 million, a benefit of \$ 1.8 million, and a charge of \$ 0.4 million, and a benefit of \$ 1.5-million for the years ended December 31, **2023,** 2022, and 2021, and 2020, respectively, as a component of income tax expense. It is reasonably possible that our unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by as much as \$+2. 0 million to \$-54. 0 million in the next 12 months primarily due to statute lapses and the progress of U. S. federal, state, and international audits. The following table summarizes the aggregate changes in unrecognized tax benefits: In millionsUnrecognized tax positions as of December 31, 2020-2021 \$ 24-19.3-7 Gross decreases- tax positions in prior periods (5-0.7-6) Gross increases- current period tax positions5-positions0.6 Settlements (1. 4) Lapse of statute of limitations (8 . 3 Settlements (0. 2) Lapse of statute of limitations (4. 0) Unrecognized tax positions as of December 31, <del>202119-**202210** . 7-<mark>0</mark> Gross decreases- tax positions in prior periods (0. <del>6-5</del> ) Gross increases- current period tax</del> positions0- positions — . 6-Settlements (0.8) Lapse of statute of limitations (3.1-4) Lapse of statute of limitations (8.3-) Unrecognized tax positions as of December 31, 2022 2023 \$ 10-5 . 0-6 NOTE 11 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS 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. The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between (1) market participant assumptions developed based on market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and (2) an entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs). The fair value hierarchy consists of three broad levels as described below: Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (highest priority). Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 - Inputs that are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimate of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (lowest priority). Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. The impact of our creditworthiness and non-performance risk has been considered in the fair value measurements noted below. There were no movements of items between fair value hierarchies in the years presented. The carrying values of certain financial instruments, primarily including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short- term borrowings, approximate their estimated fair values due to their short- term nature, and are within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. 2022-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 70 72 Our contingent consideration liabilities are reassessed at the end of every reporting period and are recorded using Level 3 inputs. The amounts are classified as either other current liabilities or other liabilities and are presented as follows as of December 31: In millions20222021Other current liabilities \$ — \$ — Other liabilities 5. 3 5. 3 Total contingent consideration \$ 5. 3 \$ 5. 3 Contingent consideration represents amounts expected to be paid as part of acquisition consideration only if certain future events occur. The Company arrives at the fair value of contingent consideration by applying a weighted probability of potential payment outcomes. Our contingent consideration liabilities are reassessed at the end of every reporting period and are recorded using Level 3 inputs. The amount of \$ 5.3 million is classified as other liabilities as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. In addition to assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, the Company is required to record certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, generally as result of acquisitions, the classification of disposal groups as held- for- sale, or the remeasurement of assets resulting in impairment charges. See Note 3 – Aequisition-Acquisitions, Note 4 – Restructuring, Divestitures, and Asset Impairments for further discussion. These nonrecurring fair values are generated principally using Level 3 inputs. Fair Value of Debt: The estimated fair value of the Company's debt obligations, using Level 2 inputs, compared to the carrying amount was as follows: In billionsDecember 31, <del>20222021Fair <mark>20232022Fair</mark> v</del>alue of debt obligations \$ 1. <mark>26 \$ 1.</mark> 43 <del>\$ 1.63</del> Carrying value of debt obligations 1. 31 1. 52 <del>1.62</del> The fair values were estimated using an income approach by applying market interest rates for comparable instruments. NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES The Company has asset retirement obligations that it is required to perform under law or contract once an asset is permanently taken out of service. Most of these obligations are not expected to be paid until many years in the future and are expected to be funded from general company resources at the time of removal. At December 31, 2023, and 2022, and 2021, the total asset retirement obligation liabilities recognized were \$ 19.0 million and \$ 18.8 million and \$ 19.2 million, respectively and were included in Other longterm liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Letters of Credit, Surety Bonds and Bank Guarantees As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, and 2021, the Company had \$ 59.0 million and \$ 60.1 million and \$ 71.4 million, respectively, of stand-by letters of credit outstanding against our senior credit facility (see Note 9 – Debt). In addition, at December 31, 2023, and 2022, and 2021, we had, \$ 32. 8 million and \$ 32. 3 million, respectively, of surety bonds and \$ 32.16. 5 million, respectively, of surety bonds and \$ 18.5 million and \$ 24.1 million, respectively, of bank guarantees. The bank guarantees are issued mostly by the Company's international subsidiaries for various purposes, including leases, seller notes, contracts and permits. The surety

bonds are used for performance and financial guarantees. Neither the bank guarantees nor the surety bonds affect the Company' s ability to use its various lines of credit. Indemnifications In the ordinary course of business and in connection with the sale of assets and businesses and other transactions, we often indemnify our counterparties against certain liabilities that may arise in connection with the transaction or that are related to events and activities prior to or following a transaction (see Note 4 – Restructuring, Divestitures, and Asset Impairments). If the indemnified party were to make a successful claim pursuant to the terms of the indemnification, we may be required to reimburse the loss. These indemnifications are generally subject to various 2022 10- K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 73 restrictions and limitations. Historically, we have not paid material amounts under these provisions and, as of December 31, 2022 2023, these indemnifications obligations were not material. 2023 10-K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 71 NOTE 13 – RETIREMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAMS Defined Contribution Plans : The Company has a 401 (k) defined contribution retirement savings plan (the "Plan") covering substantially all domestic employees. Each participant may elect to defer a portion of his or her compensation subject to certain limitations. The Company may contribute up to 50 % of compensation contributed to the Plan by each employee up to a maximum of \$3,000 per annum. During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and 2020, the Company's contributions were \$ 9.9 million, \$ 10.0 million, and \$ 9.2 million and \$ 8.7 million, respectively. The Company also has several foreign defined contribution plans, which require the Company to contribute a percentage of the participating employee' s salary according to local regulations. During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and 2020, the Company's total contributions were \$ 3.9 million, \$ 4.4 million, -and \$ 4.7 million and \$ 4.6 million, respectively. Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans :- The Company participates in two trustee- managed multiemployer defined benefit pension plans ("Multiemployer Pension Plans") for employees who are covered by collective bargaining agreements. The risks of participating in these Multiemployer Pension Plans are different from single- employer plans in that (i) assets contributed to the Multiemployer Pension Plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees or former employees of other participating employers; (ii) if a participating employer stops contributing to the Multiemployer Pension Plans, the unfunded obligations of the Multiemployer Pension Plan may be required to be assumed by the remaining participating employers and (iii) if the Company chooses to stop participating in any of its Multiemployer Pension Plans or if any event should significantly reduce or eliminate the need to participate (such as employee layoffs or closure of a location), the Company may be required to pay those Multiemployer Pension Plans a withdrawal amount based on the underfunded status of the Multiemployer Pension Plan. Based upon the most recent information available, one of the Multiemployer Pension Plans the Company participates in is in "critical" status due to an accumulated funding deficiency and has adopted a rehabilitation plan to address the funding deficiency position. The following table outlines the Company's participation in Multiemployer Pension Plans: Pension Protection Act Zone Status (1), (3) FIP / RP Status (2) Company Contributions (4) (in millions) Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining AgreementsPlan Employer ID NumberPlan # <del>20222202120222021Pension</del>---- <mark>2023202220232022Pension</mark> Plan Private Sanitation Union, Local 813 IBT13- 19756591 Red / CriticalRed / CriticalImplemented \$ 0. <del>6-7</del> \$ 0. 6 various datesNurses And Local 813 IBT Retirement Plan13- 36289261 GreenGreenN / A \$ 0. 1 \$ — 0. 1 various dates (1) Zone status is defined by the Department of Labor and the Pension Protection Act and represents the level at which the plan is funded. Plans in the red zone are less than 65 % funded, while plans in the green zone are at least 80 % funded. Status is based on information received from the Multiemployer Pension Plans and is certified by a Multiemployer Pension Plan actuary. (2) The "FIP/RP Status" column indicates Multiemployer Pension Plans for which a Funding Improvement Plan ("FIP") or a Rehabilitation Plan ("RP") has been implemented or is pending. The most recent Pension Protection Act zone status available in 2023 and 2022 <del>and 2021,</del> is for the plans' year- end December 31, <del>2021-</del>2022 . (3) A Multiemployer Pension Plan that has been certified as endangered, seriously endangered or critical may begin to levy a statutory surcharge on contribution rates. Once authorized, the surcharge is at the rate of 5 % for the first 12 months and 10 % for any periods thereafter, until certain conditions are met. Contributing employers, however, may eliminate the surcharge by entering into a collective bargaining agreement that meets the requirements of the applicable FIP or RP. 2022-10-K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 74-(4) The Company was listed in the Form 5500 for the Pension Plan Private Sanitation Union Local 813 IBT as individually significant for contributing more than 5 0 % of total contributions to such plan during the plan years ended December 31, 2021 2022. At the date these financial statements were issued, Forms 5500 were not available for the Multiemployer Pension Plans for the year ended December 31, <del>2022-<mark>2023</del> . NOTE 14 – STOCK <mark>-</mark> BASED COMPENSATION <del>During the year ended December 31, 2022, the remaining shares</del></del></mark> authorized but not yet issued in all prior incentive stock plans became part of one plan: the 2021 Plan. The 2021 Plan provides for the grant of ISOs, RSUs and PSUs intended to qualify under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. The 2021 Plan authorizes awards to the Company's officers, employees and consultants and to the Company's directors. At December 31, 2022-2023, the Company had reserved a total of 5, 491-320, 101-789 shares for issuance under its 2021 Plan. 2023 10-K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 72 The exercise price per share of an option granted under the 2021 Plan may not be less than the closing price of a share of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The maximum term of an option granted under the 2021 Plan may not exceed 8 or 10 years. New shares are issued upon exercise of stock options. Employee Stock Purchase Plan The: In October 2000, our Board of Directors adopted the ESPP, which our stockholders approved in May 2001 and was made effective as of July 1, 2001, and . The ESPP authorizes 1, 799, 999 shares of our common stock, which substantially all U. S. employees may purchase through payroll deductions at a price equal to 85 % of the fair market values of the stock as of the end of the 6 months offering period. An employee's payroll deductions and stock purchase, may not exceed \$ 5, 000 during any offering period. During **2023,** 2022, <mark>and</mark> 2021, <del>and 2020-</del>**87, 617 shares** , 98, 521 shares <del>, </del>and 73, 471 <del>shares</del> and 70, 120 shares, respectively, were issued through the ESPP. At December 31, 2022 2023, we had 415 328, 713 096 shares available for issuance under the ESPP plan. Stock- Based Compensation Expense: During 2022-2023, there were no changes to our stock compensation plan or modifications to outstanding stock-based awards which would change the value of any awards outstanding. The following table presents the total stock-based compensation expense classified in SG & A resulting

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from stock option awards, RSUs, PSUs and ESPP included in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income (Loss): In
millionsYear Ended December 31, <del>202220212020Stock</del>---- 202320222021Stock options $ 0. 3 $ 0. 8 $ 2. 0 $ 3. 2 RSUs17
RSUs19.717.114.8<del>15 PSUs12.7</del>6 <del>PSUs6.</del>59.6<del>5.9</del> ESPP0.70.70.87 Total $ 33.4 $ 25.1 $ 27.1 <del>$ 25.5</del> During the
years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and 2020, the impact of forfeitures was a reduction to expense of $ 1.6
million, $ 2. 4 million, and $ 3. 3 million, and $ 4. 9 million, respectively. 2022 10- K. Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 75-Stock
Options +Options granted to non- employee directors vest in one year and options granted to officers and employees generally
vest over five years. Expense related to options with graded vesting is recognized using the straight-line method over the
vesting period. Stock option activity <del>is was summarized as follows: Number of OptionsWeighted Average Exercise Price per</del>
ShareWeighted Average Remaining Contractual LifeTotal Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in years) (in millions) Outstanding as of
January 1, <del>20221 <mark>20231 , 918-</mark>168 , 530-670</del> $ <del>96-94 . 25-61</del> Granted — $ — Exercised ( <del>6-1 , 284-242</del> ) $ 48. <del>53-</del>59 Forfeited (
434 3, 274) $ 60 62 . 76 04 Cancelled or expired (740 441, 302 449) $ 99 113 . 43 58 Outstanding as of December 31, 20221
2023725, 545, 168, 670-$ 94-84. 61-2-20 1. 01-74 $ 0. 4-3 Exercisable as of December 31, 20221-2023717, 262, 123, 409-$ 96
84, 24-61 1, 93-72 $ 0, 34 At December 31, 2022, there was $ 0, 4 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related
to stock options, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0. 8 years. The following table sets forth
the intrinsic value of options exercised: In millionsYear Ended December 31, 202220212020Total---- 202320222021Total
exercise intrinsic value of options exercised $ - $ - $ 1.1 \$ 0.5 The exercise intrinsic value represents the total pre- tax
intrinsic value (the difference between the fair value on the trading day the option was exercised and the exercise price
associated with the respective option). There were no stock options granted in the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022,...
2021-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc and 2020. • 73 Restricted Stock Units :- The fair value of RSUs is based on
the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant and is amortized to expense over the service period.
RSUs vest at the end of three or five years. The 2021 Plan includes a share reserve for RSUs granted at a 1-1 ratio. RSUs
activity is-was as follows: Number of UnitsWeighted Average Grant Date Fair ValueWeighted Average Remaining Contractual
LifeTotal Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in years) (in millions) Non-vested as of January 1, 2021547, 235 $ 54. 96 Granted 253,
860 $ 68. 71 Vested and Released (186, 342) $ 55. 26 Forfeited (58, 431) $ 28. 23 Non-vested as of December 31, 2022556
2021556, 322 $ 60. 79 Granted330, 920 $ 56. 15 Vested and Released (250, 064) $ 59. 49 Forfeited (53, 417) $ 59. 26 Non-
vested as of December 31, 2022583, 761 $ 58. 85 1. Granted427, 27 278 $ 29 42. 83 Vested and Released (270, 166) $ 58. 03
Forfeited (72, 199) $ 50. 10 Non-vested as of December 31, 2023668, 674 $ 49. 68 0. 92 $ 33. 1 At December 31, 2022-2023
, there was $ <del>16-</del>11 . <del>0 8</del> million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to RSUs, which is expected to be
recognized over a weighted average period of 1. 27-39 years. Performance- Based Restricted Stock Units +Our executive
officers PSU program was introduced in 2017. PSUs issued to executive officers through 2019 vest, or not, in three equal annual
installments based on the achievement of pre-determined annual earnings per share performance goals as approved by the
Compensation Committee. Each of the PSU's granted represent represents the right to receive one share of the Company's
common stock at a specified future date. Our PSU program was expanded in 2020 to include employees in additional levels
below executive officer. PSUs issued in 2020 and 2021 vest, or not, at the end of the three- year period following the grant date
based on the 2022 10-K Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 76 achievement of pre-determined annual earnings per share and
annual return on invested capital performance goals as approved by the Compensation Committee (each metric is weighted at
50 % of the whole). At the end of the three- year period, the results from each of the three years are averaged to calculate one
achievement percentage number, and then a relative total shareholder return (rTSR) modifier is applied to that number in order
to determine the final share amount, based on Stericycle's stock's market performance relative to performance of the S & P
MidCap 400 Index. The modifier can adjust the final shares issued by applying a multiplier of 75 %- 125 %. We use the Monte
Carlo simulation model to determine the fair value of PSU's, including the effect of the rTSR modifier, once the related
performance criteria have been established. Beginning with the 2022 2023 10 PSU awards, the three-- K year performance
period and metrics remain the same. However, at the end of the three- year period, the results of each metric are evaluated
against a pre- determined three- year target to calculate an achievement percentage. Evaluating performance of the two metrics
over a three-year period replaced the method of averaging the performance of the two metrics each of the three years. In
addition, certain employees have been granted PSUs which vest, or not, in four equal annual Annual ReportStericycle
installments based on the achievement of performance goals related to the ERP and system modernization, Inc as approved by
the Compensation Committee. • 74 Compensation cost for the PSUs during the performance period is recognized based on the
estimated achievement of the performance criteria, which is evaluated on a quarterly basis. Each of the PSU's granted represent
the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock at a specified future date. PSU activity is was as follows:
Number of UnitsWeighted Average Grant Date Fair ValueNon-vested as of January 1, 2021316, 059 $ 57. 79 Granted116, 720
$ 57. 66 Vested and Released (88, 269) $ 57. 61 Forfeited (22, 168) $ 60. 60 Non-vested as of December 31, <del>2022322</del>
2021322, 342 $ 57. 79 Granted 151, 123 $ 56. 30 Vested and Released (74, 651) $ 57. 08 Forfeited (15, 574) $ 57. 75-08 Non-
vested as of December 31, 2022383, 240 $ 56. 76 Granted 205, 009 $ 43, 35 Vested and Released (100, 250) $ 56, 32
Forfeited (1) (37, 224) $ 54. 98 Non-vested as of December 31, 2023450, 775 $ 50. 91 (1) Includes 26, 319 shares cancelled
in connection with the vesting of awards in 2023 due to above- target and below target performance, respectively, in
accordance with the terms of the award. The table above reflects the number of shares at target which could be earned upon
vesting of the PSU's for which performance goals have been established. At December 31, 2022, 36, 945 additional PSUs exist,
which will vest in tranches based upon achievement of performance goals to be established for fiscal year 2023. The fair value
of units (RSUs and PSUs) that vested during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and 2020 was $ 16.2
million, $ 18. 0 million, and $ 18. 9 million, and $ 18. 2-million, respectively. NOTE 15 – (LOSS) EARNINGS (LOSS) PER
COMMON SHARE Basic (loss) earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing Net (loss) income (loss) by the number of
weighted average common shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted (loss) earnings per share is calculated to give
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effect to all potentially dilutive common shares that were outstanding during the reporting period, only in the periods in which
such effect is dilutive. The following table shows the effect of stock- based awards on the weighted average number of shares
outstanding used in calculating diluted earnings per share: In millions, except per share data Year Ended December 31,
<del>202220212020Weighted----</del> 202320222021Weighted average common shares outstanding- basic92. 4 92. 1 91. 8 91. 5
Incremental shares outstanding related to stock- based awards (1) — 0.3 — Weighted average common shares outstanding-
diluted 92. 4 92. 4 91. 8 91. 5 (1) In periods of net loss, stock-based awards are anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from the
(loss) earnings (loss) per share calculation, 2022 10- K. Annual ReportSterievele, Inc. • 77-Anti- dilutive stock- based awards
excluded from the computation of diluted (loss) earnings (loss) per share using the treasury stock method includes the
following: In thousands Year Ended December 31, 2022202120200ption 2023202244561 Option awards 1 awards 7601, 2411,
897RSU 8973, 017RSU awards45634- awards04563 PSUs are offered to key employees and are subject to achievement of
specified performance conditions. Contingently issuable shares are excluded from the computation of diluted (loss) earnings per
share based on current period results. The shares would not be issuable if the end of the year were the end of the contingency
period. If such goals are not met, no compensation expense is recognized, and any previously recognized compensation expense
is reversed. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 75 NOTE 16 – ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE
LOSS The following table sets forth the changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss: In
millions Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss Balance as of January 1, 2020 2021 $ (318 187 . 14) Cumulative currency
translation loss realized through divestitures disposition of Argentina operations 7.2.8 Year change- Cumulative currency
translation43 -- translation (35.5-2) Balance as of December 31, 2020-2021 (187-218.4-8) Year change- Cumulative
currency translation (58, 1) Balance as of December 31, 2022 (276, 9) Cumulative currency translation loss realized through
divestitures70 disposition of Japan operations3-, 8-6 Year change- Cumulative currency translation translation21 (35-82)
Balance as of December 31, 2021-2023 (218. 8) Year change- Cumulative currency translation (58. 1) Balance as of December
31, 2022 $ (276-184.95) NOTE 17 - SEGMENT REPORTING The Company evaluates, oversees and manages the financial
performance of two operating and reportable segments – North America and International. Other Costs includes costs (and
associated assets and capital expenditures) related to corporate enabling and shared services functions, annual incentive
compensation, and stock- based compensation. The North America and International segments offer the following services:
RWCS, which provide collection and processing of biohazardous waste, including regulated and specialized waste, including
medical (including reusable sharps waste management and disposal, pharmaceutical waste management services),
pharmaceutical and disposal, chemotherapy waste and disposal controlled substance waste and disposal, healthcare
hazardous waste, for disposal and compliance programs integrated waste stream solutions (under the Integrated Waste
Stream Solutions, Steri- Safe ®, Clinical-MedDropTM Medication Collection Kiosks, Safe Community Solutions,
SafeDropTM Sharps Mailback Solutions, and Airport and Maritime Waste Services <del>, First Practice Management,</del>
SeguriMed and EnviroAssure-brand names) and SID Services, which provide for the secure collection of personal and
confidential-information for secure destruction and recycling of shredded paper compliance solutions (including document,
hard drive, and specialty destruction services) under the Shred- it ® brand name which includes regular scheduled
services (and processing onsite and offsite) and one- time services (including select, priority and express). 2022-2023
K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 78-76 The following tables - table summarizes financial information for the Company's
reportable segments: In millionsYear Ended December 31, 202220212020RevenuesNorth---- 202320222021RevenuesNorth
America $ 2, 255. 8 $ 2, 263. 1 $ 2, 136. 5 $ 2, 189. 2 International 441 International 403 . 5 441 . 6 510. 4 486 Total $ 2, 659 .
3 <del>Total</del> $ 2, 704. 7 $ 2, 646. 9 <del>$ 2, 675. 5</del>-Depreciation (1) North America $ <mark>64, 7 $</mark> 68. 9 $ 73. 5 <del>$ 78. 1 International 17</del>
International 15.217. 219.221.7 Other 22-- Other Costs 24.622. 412.76.8 Total $104.5$108.5$105.4$106.6
Intangible AmortizationNorth America $ 97.1 $ 107.6 $ 95.8 $ 98.3 International 16 International 14.9 16.4 22.1 26.6
Total $ 112. 0 $ 124. 0 $ 117 <del>. 9 $ 124</del>. 9 Adjusted Income from OperationsNorth America $ 619. 0 $ 607. 1 $ 587. 6 <del>$ 606. 0</del>
International 34 International 38 . 2 34 . 1 53 . 6 46 Other Costs (341. 7) (317 . 5 Other) (317 . 288. 8) Total $ 315 . 5 ) $ 323. 7
<mark>$ 352. 4 Total Assets</mark> ( <del>288-</del>2) North America $ 4, 462. 9 $ 4, 300 . 8 <del>) (263. 9) Total</del> $ <del>323. 7 $ 352. 4</del> <del>$ 388 <mark>, 364</del> . 6 <del>Total</del></del></mark>
AssetsNorth America $ 4, 300. 8 $ 4, 364. 6 $ 4, 377. 5 International 785 International 652 . 1 785 . 0 876. 4 946. 0 Other 248----
Other Costs237. 6 248. 3 232. 1 258. 4 Total $ 5, 352. 6 $ 5, 334. 1 $ 5, 473. 1 $ 5, 581. 9 (1) Excludes depreciation of $ 0. 6
million, and $2.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2021, and 2020, respectively, which is included as part of
ERP and system modernization . (2) Includes capital expenditures which are evaluated on a consolidated basis . The
following table reconciles the Company's primary measure of segment profitability, Adjusted Income from Operations, to
Income from operations: In millionsYear Ended December 31, <del>202220212020Total</del>---- 202320222021Total Reportable
Segment Adjusted Income from Operations $ <mark>315. 5 $</mark> 323. 7 $ 352. 4 <del>$ 388 ERP and System Modernization (19 . 6-</del>2) (19. 2)
(59, 0) Intangible Amortization (112, 0) (124, 0) (117, 9) (124, 9) ERP and system modernization (19, 2) (59, 0) (50, 8)
Operational Optimization (4.1) — Portfolio Optimization (65. 6) 8. 7 (3. 1) Portfolio Optimization8. 7 (3.3) (133.0)
Litigation, Settlements and Regulatory Compliance (30. 8) (30. 0) (93. 2 ) (20. 3-) Asset Impairments (6. 5 -) (5 . 5) (6. 7 ) (15-
               <del>(9.1</del>) Income from operations $ 77.3 $ 153.7 $ 72.3 $ 31.9 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. •
79-77 NOTE 18 – GEOGRAPHIC AREA The following table presents consolidated revenues and long-lived assets by
geographic region: In millionsYear Ended December 31, <del>202220212020RevenuesU</del>---- <mark>202320222021RevenuesU</mark>. S. $ 2, <mark>116.</mark>
1 $ 2, 122. 2 $ 1, 995. 2 <del>$ 2, 067. 3 Europe385</del> Europe384 . 0 385 . 9 427. 0 <del>377. 7</del> Other <del>countries196 -</del> countries159 . 2 196 .
6 224. 7 230. 5 Total $ 2, 659. 3 $ 2, 704. 7 $ 2, 646. 9 $ 2, 675. 5 Long-Lived and Indefinite-Lived AssetsU. S. $ 3, 985. 2 $ 3,
996. 8 $ 4, 052. 0 Europe526 $ 4, 086-. 0 Europe523-523 . 5 589. 2 632 Other countries103 . 5 190 Other countries190-. 3 194.
8 <del>254. 5</del> Total $ 4, 614. 7 $ 4, 710. 6 $ 4, 836 <del>. 0 $ 4, 973 .</del> 0 NOTE 19 – LEGAL PROCEEDINGS The Company operates in
highly regulated industries and responds to regulatory inquiries or investigations from time to time that may be initiated for a
variety of reasons. At any given time, the Company has matters at various stages of resolution with the applicable government
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authorities. The Company is also routinely involved in actual or threatened legal actions, including those involving alleged
personal injuries and commercial, employment, environmental, tax, and other issues. The outcomes of these matters are not
within the Company's complete control and may not be known for prolonged periods of time. In some actions, claimants seek
damages, as well as other relief, including injunctive relief, that could require significant expenditures or result in lost revenue.
In accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Company establishes an accrued liability for loss contingencies related
to legal and regulatory matters when the loss is both probable and reasonably estimable. If the reasonable estimate of a probable
loss is a range, and no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other, the minimum amount of the range is accrued.
If a loss is not probable or a probable loss is not reasonably estimable, no liability is recorded. When determining the estimated
loss or range of loss, significant judgment is required to estimate the amount and timing of a loss to be recorded. These accruals
represent management's best estimate of probable losses and, in such cases, there may be an exposure to loss in excess of the
amounts accrued. Estimates of probable losses resulting from litigation and regulatory proceedings are difficult to predict. Legal
and regulatory matters inherently involve significant uncertainties based on, among other factors, the jurisdiction and stage of
the proceedings, developments in the applicable facts or law, and the unpredictability of the ultimate determination of the merits
of any claim, any defenses the Company may assert against that claim, and the amount of any damages that may be awarded.
The Company's accrued liabilities for loss contingencies related to legal and regulatory matters may change in the future as a
result of new developments, including, but not limited to, the occurrence of new legal matters, changes in the law or regulatory
environment, adverse or favorable rulings, newly discovered facts relevant to the matter, or changes in the strategy for the
matter. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on the Company because of defense and settlement
costs, diversion of management resources and other factors. Contract Class Action and Opt Out Lawsuits. Beginning on March
12, 2013, the Company was served with several class action complaints filed in federal and state courts in several jurisdictions.
These complaints asserted, among other things, that the Company had imposed unauthorized or excessive price increases and
other charges on its customers in breach of its contracts and in violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
Practices Act. The complaints sought certification of the lawsuit as a class action and the award to class members of appropriate
damages and injunctive relief. These related actions were ultimately transferred to the United States District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois for centralized pretrial proceedings. The parties reached a settlement agreement, as previously
disclosed, which obtained court approval on March 8, 2018. Under the terms of the SQ Settlement, the Company admitted no
fault or wrongdoing whatsoever, and it entered into the SQ Settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation. 2022-2023
10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 80-78 Certain class members who have opted out of the SQ Settlement have filed lawsuits
against the Company, and the Company is defending and intends has entered into a settlement agreement to resolve those-
the remaining opt out actions. The Company has made an accrual in respect of this settlement these collective matters
consistent with its accrual policies described above, which is not material. Government Investigations. As previously reported
On June 12, 2017, the SEC issued a subpoena to the Company, requesting documents and information relating to the Company'
s compliance with the FCPA or other foreign or domestic anti-corruption laws with respect to certain of the Company's
operations in Latin America. In addition, the DOJ notified the Company that it was investigating this matter in parallel with the
SEC. The Company has cooperated with these agencies and certain foreign authorities. The Company has concluded settlements
of these investigations with the DOJ, SEC, and various authorities in Brazil. In connection with these settlements, the Company
entered into a deferred prosecution agreement ("DPA") with the DOJ in 2022 in connection with its resolution of
investigations by the DOJ, SEC, and various authorities in Brazil relating to the Company's compliance with the FCPA
or other anti- corruption laws with respect to operations in Latin America, under Under which the DPA, the DOJ agreed
to defer criminal prosecution of the Company for a period of three years for charges of conspiring to violate the anti-bribery
and books and records provisions of the FCPA. If the Company remains in compliance with the DPA during its three-year term,
the deferred charge against the Company will be dismissed with prejudice. Under In the second quarter of 2023, the Company
's substantially completed its payment obligations under the settlement settlements with the SEC, the Company entered into
an administrative resolution with the SEC with respect to violations of the anti- bribery, books and records and internal controls
provisions of the FCPA. The Company also agreed to pay fines, penalties and disgorgement to the DOJ, SEC and various
Brazilian authorities in a total amount of $ 90. 3 million. In the second and third quarters of 2022, the company paid $ 81. 0
million of the settlement amounts to the DOJ, the SEC and the Brazilian authorities. In addition, under the settlements with the
DOJ and with the SEC, the Company has engaged an independent compliance monitor for two years and will undertake
compliance with self-reporting obligations for an additional year. The Company has been informed is cooperating with an
investigation by the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York ("SDNY") that it has
concluded its investigation into compliance with the False Claims Act ("FCA") and is taking no action against the United
States Environmental Protection Agency Company in connection with the FCA. The SDNY is continuing its investigation
into the Company's historical compliance with federal environmental statutes, including the Resource Conservation and
Recovery Act, in connection with the collection, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste by the Company's former
Domestic Environmental Solutions business unit. The Company has also been informed that the State of California Department
of Justice has concluded its investigation related to the Company's collection, transportation, and disposal of waste generated
by government customers in California and is taking no action against the Company. The Company is continuing to cooperate
with the SDNY investigation. The Company has made an accrual in respect of this matter consistent with its accrual policies
described above, which is not material. The Company understands that the SDNY investigation discussed above also
concerned allegations of False Claims Act (" FCA ") violations made in a qui tam action filed under seal in the United
States District Court for the Southern District of New York, purportedly on behalf of the United States, California and
several other states. On January 26, 2024, before the Company was served with the Complaint, the plaintiff- relator
voluntarily dismissed the action with the consent of the United States and the states named in the qui tam action.
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Environmental and Regulatory and Indemnity Matters. The Company is subject to various federal, state and local laws and
regulations. In the ordinary course of business, we are routinely involved in government enforcement proceedings, private
lawsuits, and other matters alleging non-compliance by the Company with applicable law. The issues involved in these
proceedings generally relate to alleged violations of existing permits or other requirements, or alleged liability due to our current
operations, pre- existing conditions at the locations where we operate, and / or successor or predecessor liability associated with
our portfolio optimization strategy. From time to time, the Company may be subject to fines or penalties in regulatory
proceedings relating primarily to waste treatment, storage or disposal facilities. Enviri Indemnification. Effective April 6,
2020, the Company completed the divestiture of its Domestic Environmental Solutions business - including the facility in
Rancho Cordova, California, to Harseo Enviri Corporation. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Company may have
liability under certain indemnification claims for matters relating to those--- the Domestic Environmental Solutions facilities
business, including potentially with respect to the SDNY investigation by the SDNY described above and the Rancho Cordova
, <mark>the <del>California, and-</del>DEA Investigation <del>matters</del>-- <mark>matter</mark> discussed below <mark>, and other matters. Consistent with its accrual</mark></mark>
policies described previously, the Company has made accruals on various of these matters, which are neither
individually nor collectively material. Rancho Cordova, California, NOVs. On June 25 and 26, 2018, the California DTSC
conducted a Compliance Enforcement Inspection of the Company's former Domestic Environmental Solutions facility in
Rancho Cordova, California. On February 14, 2020, DTSC filed an action in the Superior Court for the State of California,
Sacramento County Division, alleging violations of California's Hazardous Waste Control Law and the facility's hazardous
waste permit arising from the inspection. That action is ongoing The Company has reached a settlement in principle with the
DTSC, subject to final documentation, with respect to these claims and any potential claims stemming from the search
warrant executed in conjunction with the DEA inspection of the Rancho Cordova facility described below . The Company
has made an accrual in respect of this matter the settlement consistent with its accrual policies described above, which is not
material. Rancho Cordova, California, Permit Revocation. Separately, on August 15, 2019, the Company received from DTSC a
written Intent to Deny Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Application for the Rancho Cordova facility. Following legal
challenges, that DTSC action became final as of April 8, 2022, triggering an obligation to execute the closure plan set forth in
the facility's permit. Consistent with its accrual policies described previously, the Company has made an 2022 10-K Annual
ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 81 accrual in the amount of its estimate of closure costs reasonably likely to be incurred and indemnified
to Harseo-Enviri under the Purchase Agreement, which is not material. 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 79 DEA
Investigation. On February 11, 2020, the Company received an administrative subpoena from the DEA, which executed a search
warrant at the Company's former Domestic Environmental Solutions facility at Rancho Cordova, California and an
administrative inspection warrant at the Company's former facility in Indianapolis, Indiana for materials related to the former
Domestic Environmental Solutions business of collecting, transporting, and destroying controlled substances from retail
customers (the "ESOL Retail Controlled Substances Business"). On that same day, agents from the DTSC executed a separate
search warrant at the Rancho Cordova facility. Since that time, the U. S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California
("USAO EDCA") has been overseeing criminal and civil investigations of the ESOL Retail Controlled Substances Business.
The USAO EDCA has informed the Company that it may have civil liability under the investigations Controlled Substances
Act related relate to the Domestic Environmental Solutions Company's operation and sale of its former ESOL Retail
Controlled Substances Business, that the Company and some of its current or former employees may have civil and
criminal liability under the Controlled Substances Act and other federal statutes related to that business. The Company
is cooperating with the civil and criminal investigations, which are ongoing. The Company has not accrued any amounts in
respect of these investigations and cannot estimate the reasonably possible loss or any range of reasonably possible losses that
the Company may incur. The Company is unable to make such an estimate because, based on what the Company knows now, in
the Company's judgment, the factual and legal issues presented in this matter are sufficiently unique that the Company is
unable to identify other circumstances sufficiently comparable to provide guidance in making estimates. European Retrovirus
Investigations. In During the Covid-19 pandemic and in conjunction with Europol, governmental authorities of Spain,
Portugal, and Romania have conducted coordinated inspections of at a large number of medical waste management facilities,
including Stericycle facilities, relating to the transportation, management and disposal of waste that may be-have been infected
with the COVID-19 virus, and related matters. The inspections have resulted in proceedings, in which the Spain and Portugal.
The Company is intends to vigorously defended defending itself in these proceedings. The Company has not accrued any
amounts in respect of these investigations, as it cannot estimate the reasonably possible loss or any range of reasonably possible
losses that the Company may incur. The Company is unable to make such an estimate because, based on what the Company
knows now, in the Company's judgment, the factual and legal issues presented in this matter are sufficiently unique that the
Company is unable to identify other circumstances sufficiently comparable to provide guidance in making estimates. 2023 10-
K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 80 Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial
Disclosure Item 9A. Controls and Procedures Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures Disclosure controls and
procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to us and our consolidated subsidiaries is accumulated and
communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to
allow timely decisions regarding our required disclosures. The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer
have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15 (e) and 15d-15 (e) of the
Exchange Act are effective as of December 31, 2022-2023, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required
by Rule 13a-15 (b) or 15d-15 (b) of the Exchange Act. Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting.
The Company's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the preparation and fair
presentation of published financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. 2022 10- K Annual
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ReportSterieyele, Inc. • 82-Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect
misstatements. Therefore, effective internal control over financial reporting provides only reasonable, and not absolute,
assurance with respect to the preparation and presentation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted
accounting principles. Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of
December 31, 2022-2023, using the criteria set forth in Internal Control- Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee
of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on that assessment, management concluded that, as of
December 31, 2022-2023, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective. The Company's independent
registered public accounting firm has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over
financial reporting as of December 31, 2022 2023, (included elsewhere herein), Changes in Internal Controls During the fourth
quarter of 2023, there were no changes that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's
internal control over financial reporting. 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 83-81 Opinion on Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting We have audited Stericycle, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2022
2023, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring
Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Stericycle, Inc. (the
Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2022-2023,
based on the COSO criteria. We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting
Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022
<del>, and 2021</del>, the related consolidated statements of (loss) income , comprehensive income (loss) , comprehensive (loss) income
, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, <del>2022</del>-2023, and the related
notes and our report dated February 23-28, 2023-2024 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. The Company's management
is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of
internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over
Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting
based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect
to the Company in accordance with the U. S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities
and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those
standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over
financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control
over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating
effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in
the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Definition and Limitations of Internal
Control Over Financial Reporting A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting
includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and
fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions
are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting
principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of
management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of
unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial
statements. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements.
Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate
because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. 2022 2023
10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 84-82 Item 9B. Other Information During the three months ended December 31, 2023,
none of our directors or officers (as defined in Rule 16a-1 (f) of the Exchange Act) adopted or terminated any contract,
instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of our securities that was intended to satisfy the affirmative defense
conditions of Rule 10b5- 1 (c) of the Exchange Act or any non- Rule 10b5- 1 trading arrangement (as defined in the SEC'
s rules). Item 9C. Disclosures Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspection <del>2022 <mark>2023</del> 1</del>0- K Annual</del></mark>
ReportStericycle, Inc. • 85PART-83PART III Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance The
information required by this Item regarding our directors is incorporated by reference to the information contained under the
caption "Election of Directors" in our definitive proxy statement for our 2022-2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed
pursuant to Regulation 14A. The information required by this Item regarding our executive officers is contained under the
caption "Information about our Executive Officers" in Item 1 of Part I of this Report. The information required by this Item
regarding compliance with Section 16 (a) of the Exchange Act is incorporated by reference to the information contained under
the caption "Delinquent Section 16 (a) Reports" in our definitive proxy statement for our 2023-2024 Annual Meeting of
Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A. We have adopted a code of business conduct that applies to all of our
employees. The Code of Conduct is available on our website, www. stericycle. com, under "About Us / Investors / Investor
Relations / Corporate Governance / Governance Documents ". We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5. 05
of Form 8- K regarding any amendments to, or waiver from, a provision of our Code of Conduct by posting such information on
our website. The information required by this Item regarding certain corporate governance matters is incorporated by reference
to the information contained under the caption "Election of Directors" in our definitive proxy statement for our 2023 2024
Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A. Item 11. Executive Compensation The information
required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information contained under the caption "Compensation Discussion
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and Analysis" and following sections in our definitive proxy statement for our 2023-2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A. Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information contained under the captions "Stock Ownership" and "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and following sections in our definitive proxy statement for our <del>2023-<mark>2024</del> Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A. Equity Compensation</del></mark> Plans The following table summarizes information relating to our equity compensation plans pursuant to which stock option grants, RSUs, PSUs or other rights to acquire shares of our common stock may be made or issued: Equity Compensation Plan Information In millions, except per share dataDecember 31, <del>2022Plan **2023Plan** CategoryNumber of Securities to be</del> Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options <mark>, Warrants,</mark> and <mark>RightsWeighted vesting of RSUs and PSUsWeighted</mark> - Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, <del>RSUs <mark>Warrants</mark> ,</del> and <del>PSUsNumber <mark>RightsNumber</mark> of Securities Remaining Available</del> for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation <del>PlansEquity Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) Equity</del> compensation plans approved by our security holders (1) 2.-1 \$ 77-. 96-8 \$ 64. 88 5. 9-6 (1) These plans consist of our 2021 Plan and the ESPP. 2022-2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 86-84 Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence The information required by this Item regarding our policies and procedures for the review, approval or ratification of transactions with related persons is incorporated by reference to the information contained under the caption " Policy on Related Party Transactions " in Item 1 of our definitive proxy statement for our <del>2023-<mark>2024</del> Annual Meeting of</del></del></mark> Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A. The information required by this Item regarding director independence is incorporated by reference to the information contained in Item 1 of our definitive proxy statement for our <del>2023-<mark>2024</del> Annual</del></del></mark> Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A. Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information contained under the caption "Ratification of the Appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2023-2024" in our definitive proxy statement for our 2023-2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A. 2022 **2023** 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • <del>87PART-</del>**85PART** IV Item 15. Exhibits <mark>and Financial Statement Schedules</mark> (a) List of Financial Statements and Exhibits We have filed the following financial statements as part of this report: PageReport of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (PCAOB ID: 42) 47Consolidated 46Consolidated Financial Statements of Stericycle, Inc. and Subsidiaries: Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income48Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) 49Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income 50Consolidated Balance Sheets 51Consolidated 50Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows52Consolidated Flows51Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity 53Notes <mark>52Notes</mark> to Consolidated Financial <del>Statements54Report-</del>Statements53Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting84 Reporting82 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 88-86 All other financial statement schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable to us or the required information is shown on the Consolidated Financial Statements or notes thereto. We have filed the following exhibits with this report: Exhibit IndexDescriptionFiled with Electronic Submission2. 1 \* Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 6, 2020, by and among Stericycle, Inc., Harsco Corporation and CEI Holding, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2. 1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 7, 2020) 3 (i). 1 \* Amended and restated certificate of incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3. 1 to our registration statement on Form S-1 declared effective on August 22, 1996) 3 (i). 2 \* First certificate of amendment to amended and restated certificate of incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3. 1 to our current report on Form 8- K filed November 29, 1999) 3 (i). 3 \* Second certificate of amendment to amended and restated certificate of incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3. 4 to our annual report on Form 10- K for 2002) 3 (i). 4 \* Third certificate of amendment to amended and restated certificate of incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3, 4 to our registration statement on Form S-4 declared effective on October 10, 2007) 3 (i). 5 \* Fourth certificate of amendment to amended and restated certificate of incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 (i). 1 to our quarterly report on Form 10- Q filed August 7, 2014) 3 (i). 6 \* Certificate of Designation setting forth the specific rights, preferences, limitations, restrictions and other terms and conditions of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$ 0.01 per share (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3. 2 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 29, 1999) 3 (i). 7 \* and 4. 2 \* Certificate of Elimination of the Certificate of Designations relating to Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value 0. 01 per share (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3. 1 and 4. 1 to our current report on Form 8-K filed September 15, 2015) 3 (i). 8 \* and 4. 3 \* Certificate of Designations setting forth the specific rights, preferences, limitations, restrictions and other terms and conditions of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 1 to our Registration Statement on Form 8- A filed September 15, 2015) 3 (i). 8-9 and 4.4 \* Certificate of Elimination of the Certificate of Designations relating to 5. 25 % Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3. 9 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10- Q filed November 11, 2018) 3 (ii). 1 \* Amended and restated bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3. 2 to our current report on Form 8-K filed December 15, 2022) 4. 1 \* Specimen certificate for shares of our common stock, par value \$.01 per share (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our registration statement on Form S-1 declared effective on August 22, 1996 (Registration No. 333-05665)) 4. 5Description of the Company's Common Stock4-Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 5 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 4. 6 \* Indenture dated as of June 14, 2019 between Stericycle, the named guarantors and U. S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 1 to our current report on Form 8- K filed June 14, 20194. 7 \* Form of 5. 375 % Senior Notes due July 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 1 to our current report on Form 8- K filed June 14, 2019) 4. 8 \* Indenture, dated as of November 24, 2020, between Stericycle, Inc., the name guarantors and U. S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 1 to our Current Report on Form 8- K filed November 24, 2020) 4. 9 \* Form of 3. 875 % Senior Notes due January 2029 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 2 to our Current Report on Form 8- K filed November 24, 2020) 10. 1 \* Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2021, among Stericycle, Inc. and certain

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subsidiaries as borrowers, Bank of America, N. A., as administrative agent, swing line lender, a lender and a letter of credit
issuer, and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to our Current Report on Form 8- K filed
October 4, 2021) 10. 2 * † 2000 Non- statutory Stock Option Plan ("2000 Plan") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 13 to
our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed March 25, 2002) 10. 3 * † 2005 Incentive Stock Plan (" 2005 Plan") (incorporated by
reference to Exhibit 4. 1 to our registration statement on Form S-8 filed August 9, 2005 (Registration No. 333-127353)) 10.4*
+First amendment to 2005 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 15 to our annual report on Form 10- K for 2008) 10. 5
3 * † 2008 Incentive Stock Plan (" 2008 Plan") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 1 to our registration statement on Form
S-8 filed August 8, 2008 (Registration No. 333-152877)) 10. 6-4 * † First amendment to 2008 Plan (incorporated by reference
to Exhibit 10. 19 to our annual report on Form 10- K for 2009) 10. 75 * † Amendment to 2000 Plan, 2005 Plan and 2008 Plan
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 21 to our annual report on Form 10- K for 2012) 10. 86 * † 2011 Incentive Stock Plan
(" 2011 Plan") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 1 to our registration statement on Form S-8 filed August 9, 2011
(Registration No. 333-176165)) 10. 97 * † 2014 Incentive Stock Plan ("2014 Plan") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4. 1
2017 Long- Term Incentive Plan ("2017 Plan") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit B to our Definitive Proxy Statement on
Schedule 14A filed April 14, 2017) <del>2022</del>-10 <del>- K Annual ReportSterieyele, Inc. <mark>9</mark> *89 10. 11</del> * † Form of Stock Option
Agreement under 2005 Plan, 2008 Plan, 2011 Plan, and 2014 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 20 to our Annual
Report on Form 10-K filed February 28, 2012) 10. 12-10 * † Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award under 2008 Plan, 2011 Plan,
and 2014 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 21 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2012) 2023
10 <mark>- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc</mark> . <del>13 •</del> 87 10. 11 * † Form of Performance- Based Restricted Stock Unit Award under
2011 Plan and 2014 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 24 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed March 15,
2017) 10. 14 12 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2008 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to
our Current Report on Form 8- K filed March 15, 2018) 10. 15 13 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2011
Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 19 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 16-14 * †
Form of Agreement for Restricted Stock Unit Award under the 2011 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit
10. 1 to our quarterly report on Form 10- Q filed April 29, 2021) 10. 17-15 † Form of Agreement for Performance-Based
Restricted Stock Unit Award under the 2011 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 2 to our quarterly
report on Form 10- Q filed April 29, 2021) 10. 18-16 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2014 Plan
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 20 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 19-17 * † Form of
Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2017 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 21 to our Annual Report on Form
10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. <del>20-</del>18 * † Form of Agreement for Restricted Stock Unit Award under 2017 Plan
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 5 to our Current Report on Form 8- K filed March 15, 2018) 10. 21-19 * † Form of
Performance- Based Restricted Stock Unit Award under 2017 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 23 to our Annual
Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 22-20 * † Form of Agreement for Performance- Based Restricted Stock Unit
Award (Digital Transformation) under 2017 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 7 to our Current Report on Form 8-
K filed March 15, 2018) 10. 23-21 * † Form of Agreement of Stock Option Grant under 2017 Plan (incorporated by reference to
Exhibit 10. 46 to our annual report on Form 10- K for 2018) 10. 24-22 * † Form of Agreement of Stock Option Grant under
2017 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 26 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 25-23 *
† Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan effective May 24, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to our
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed April 14, 2017) 10. <del>26-24</del> * † Canadian Employee Stock Purchase Plan
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed April 15, 2016) 10. <del>27-</del>25 * †
Plan of Compensation for Outside Directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to our quarterly report on Form 10-Q
filed August 9, 2016) 10. 28-26 * † Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Award under 2017 Plan (incorporated by reference to
Exhibit 10. 32 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 26, 2018) 10. <del>29-27</del> * Form of Indemnification Agreement
for Directors and Officers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 29 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed March 15,
2017) 10. 30-28 * † Executive Severance and Change in Control Plan (as amended) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 33
to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 31-29 * † Supplemental Retirement Plan (incorporated by
reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to our current report on Form 8- K filed December 30, 2016) 10. 32-30 * † Form of Agreement for
Stock Option Grant under 2011 Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 35 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed
February 28, 2020) 10. 33-31 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2014 Plan (incorporated by reference to
Exhibit 10. 36 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 34-32 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option
Grant under 2017 Plan (related to Spain) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 37 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed
February 28, 2020) 10. <del>35-</del>33 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2017 Plan (related to U. K. Executive)
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 38 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 36 34 * † Form of
Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2017 Plan (related to U. K. Non-Executive) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.
39 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 37-35 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant
under 2017 Plan (related to Ireland Non- Executive) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 40 to our Annual Report on Form
10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 38-36 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2017 Plan (related to Canada
Non- Executive) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 41 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10.
39-37 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option Grant under 2017 Plan (related to Singapore Non- Executive) (incorporated by
reference to Exhibit 10. 42 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 40-38 * † Form of Agreement for
Performance- Based Restricted Stock Unit Award (Digital Transformation) under 2017 Plan (incorporated by reference to
Exhibit 10. 43 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 41-39 * † Form of Agreement for Stock Option
Grant under 2017 Plan (related to Chile Non-Executive) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 44 to our Annual Report on
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Form 10- K filed February 28, 2020) 10. 42-<mark>40</mark> * † Stock Option Award Agreement under 2017 Plan (Participants Not Eligible
for Executive Severance and CIC Plan) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 47 to our Annual Report on Form 10- K filed
February 28, 2019) 10. 43-41 * Cooperation Agreement, dated as of March 26, 2020, between Stericycle, Inc. and Saddle Point
Management, L. P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to our Current Report on Form 8- K filed March 30, 2020) 2022
10 <del>- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc.</del> 42 • 90 10. 44 * † Stericycle, Inc. 2021 Long- Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by
reference to Appendix B to our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed April 14, 2021) 10. 45-43 * † Form of
Agreement for Director Restricted Stock Unit Award under the 2021 Long- Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to
Exhibit 10. 2 to our quarterly report on Form 10- Q filed August 6, 2021) 10. 46-44 * † Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award
Agreement under the 2021 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 2 to our Quarterly Report on
Form 10- Q filed April 28, 2022) 2023 10 - K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. 47-88 10. 45 * † Form of Performance Stock
Unit Award Agreement under the 2021 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 3 to our Quarterly
Report on Form 10- Q filed April 28, 2022) 10. 48-<mark>46</mark> * Form First Amendment, dated as-of <del>April 26, 2022, to Amended and</del>
Restated Restricted Credit Stock Unit Award Agreement under the , dated as of September 30, 2021 Long-Term Incentive
Plan, among Sterievele, Inc. and certain subsidiaries as borrowers, Bank of America, N. A., as administrative agent, swing line
lender, a lender and a letter of credit issuer, and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to our
Quarterly Report on Form 10- Q filed April <del>28-<mark>27</del>, <mark>202310</mark> <del>2022) 10 . 49-<mark>47</mark> * † <del>Amendment to <mark>Form of Performance Stock</del></del></mark></del></del></mark>
Unit Award Agreement under the <mark>2021 Long- Term Stericycle, Inc. Annual</mark> Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to
Exhibit 10. <del>2-1</del> to our Quarterly Report on Form 10- Q filed <del>August 5-<mark>April 27, 202310. 48 * First Amendment, dated as of</mark></del>
April 26, 2022, to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2021, among Stericycle, Inc. and
certain subsidiaries as borrowers, Bank of America, N. A., as administrative agent, swing line lender, a lender and a
letter of credit issuer, and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to our Quarterly
Report on Form 10- Q filed April 28, 2022) 10. 49 * Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement, dated as of June 15,
2023, among Stericycle, Inc. and certain subsidiaries as borrowers, Bank of America, N. A., as administrative agent,
swing line lender, a lender and a letter of credit issue, and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to
Exhibit 10. 1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10- Q filed July 27, 2023) 10. 50 * † Stericycle, Inc. Annual Incentive
Plan, as amended, effective January 1, 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 1 to our Quarterly Report on Form
10- Q filed November 2, 2023 14 * Code of ethics (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10. 14 to our annual report on Form
10- K file March 15, 2004 21Subsidiariesx23Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firmx31. 1Rule 13a- 14 (a)
/ 15d- 14 (a) Certification of Chief Executive Officerx31. 2Rule 13a- 14 (a) / 15d- 14 (a) Certification of Chief Financial
Officerx32Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officerx101The Officerx97Stericycle.
Inc. Amended and Restated Clawback Policyx101The following financial information from our Annual Report on Form 10-
K for the year ended December 31, 2022-2023, formatted in iXBRL (Inline Extensible Business Reporting Language) includes:
(i) the Cover Page, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive
Income (Loss), (iv) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iii v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Income (Loss), (iv)
vi) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (vi) the
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity, and (vii) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged in summary and
detail, and (viii) the information set forth under Part II, Item 9B. x104Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as
iXBRL and contained in Exhibit 101) x x Filed herewith * Previously filed † Management contract or compensatory plan
required to be filed pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S- K Item 16. Form 10- K Summary 2022-2023 10- K Annual
ReportStericycle, Inc. • 91SIGNATURES- 89SIGNATURES Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of
1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized. Dated:
February <del>23-<mark>28</mark> , <del>2023STERICYCLE <mark>2</del>024STERICYCLE</del> , INC. (Registrant) By: / s / Janet H. ZelenkaJanet H.</del></del></mark>
ZelenkaExecutive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Information OfficerSTERICYCLE, INC. (Registrant) By: /
s / Richard J. HoffmanRichard J. HoffmanSenior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer Pursuant to the requirements of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and
in the capacities and on the dates indicated. Dated: February 23-28, 2023-2024 NameTitleDate / s / CINDY J. MILLERChief
Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) February <del>23-28 , <del>2023Cindy 2024Cindy</del> J. Miller / s / JANET H.</del>
ZELENKAExecutive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Information Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
February <del>23-<mark>28</mark> , <del>2023Janet <mark>2024Janet</mark> H</del>. Zelenka / s / RICHARD J. HOFFMANSenior Vice President and Chief Accounting</del>
Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) February <del>23-</del>28 , <del>2023Richard</del> 2024Richard J. Hoffman / s / ROBERT S.
MURLEYChairman of the Board of DirectorsFebruary <del>23-</del>28 , <del>2023Robert </del>2024Robert S. Murley / s / BRIAN P.
ANDERSONDirectorFebruary <del>23-<mark>28</mark> , <del>2023Brian-</del>2024Brian-</del>P. Anderson / s / LYNN D. BLEILDirectorFebruary <del>23-28</del> ,
2023Lynn 2024Lynn D. Bleil / s / THOMAS F. CHENDirectorFebruary 23-28, 2023Thomas 2024Thomas F. Chen / s /
VICTORIA L. DOLANDirectorFebruary 28, 2024Victoria L. Dolan / s / NAREN K. GURSAHANEYDirectorFebruary 23
28 , <del>2023Naren <mark>2024Naren</mark> K</del>. Gursahaney / s / J. JOEL HACKNEY JR. DirectorFebruary <del>23-</del>28 , <del>2023J-</del>2024J . Joel Hackney
Jr. / s / STEPHEN C. HOOLEYDirectorFebruary <del>23-<mark>28</del> , <del>2023Stephen-<mark>2024Stephen</mark> C</del>. Hooley <del>/ s / KAY G.</del></del></mark>
PRIESTLYDirectorFebruary 23, 2023Kay G. Priestly/s/JAMES L. WELCHDirectorFebruary 23-28, 2023James 2024James
L. Welch 2022 2023 10- K Annual ReportStericycle, Inc. • 92-90
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