Enablence Technologies Inc. Announces Second Quarter Fiscal 2024 Financial Results

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- Increasing Diversification Driving Predictability
- Significant New Product Releases Increasing Sales Pipeline
- AI Product Releases Dominating Customer Interest

Ottawa, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - February 29, 2024) - Enablence Technologies Inc. (TSXV: ENA) ("**Enablence**" or the "**Company**"), a supplier of optical components and subsystems, has filed its unaudited financial statements for the three months ended December 31, 2023 ("**Q2 2024**") and related management's discussion and analysis and certifications (collectively, the "**Financial Statements**"). Electronic copies of the Financial Statements are available on SEDAR (www.sedar.com (https://api.newsfilecorp.com/redirect/ZAjxWh4DWP)) under Enablence's issuer profile.

"As the industry exits a cyclical downturn, we are seeing our strategic efforts to diversify gain traction," commented Todd Haugen, CEO of Enablence Technologies. "53% of Q2 revenues were attributed to advanced vision and AI products and services. Given this increased diversification, visibility of customer contracts, and a growing sales pipeline we will be able to give guidance on key financial metrics starting in fiscal 2025."

"This fiscal year, several new products were released in LiDAR and Datacoms, including the latest generation 400G products," noted Haugen. "We remain on track to deliver our 800G products and DWDM product line in Q1 Fiscal 2025 with all products currently in qualification with key customers."

"Lastly, our new AI products are in customer verification and on track for Q4 volume production," added Haugen. "With this slate of products on the horizon, we anticipate a strong fiscal year 2025 powered by new AI and advanced vision product lines. In March, at the industry's annual OFC Conference (https://api.newsfilecorp.com/redirect/arBx8snqNL) in San Diego, I will join other industry panelists to talk about AI revenue growth opportunities for the industry as interest in AI accelerates."

For the three months ending December 31, 2023, revenue decreased 19% to \$340 versus \$422 during the corresponding quarter in 2022 due primarily to the cyclical nature of the optical semiconductor market. NRE revenues declined to \$154 or 43% from \$272 during the corresponding quarter in 2022. This year saw a drop in NRE revenue for the quarter as some key customer NRE projects in the previous year had been completed.

Gross margin for the quarter was (\$534) as compared to (\$338) for the same period in the prior year, a decline of (\$196), or (58%). The decline is due primarily to increased investment in wafer fabrication in support of a ramp-up in wafer production as well as work-in-progress inventory. Early investment was necessary to counter any risks to capacity constraints for the pipeline opportunities.

As the Company ramped up its staff, R&D, and production capacity, the Company recognized a net loss of \$4,231 during the first quarter of fiscal 2023, compared to a net loss of \$2,066 for the same period in the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to the cyclical drop in revenues matched with increased operating expenses, interest costs, and foreign

currency translation loss.

"With the investments in R&D, sales specialists, and overall sales and marketing, the higher operating costs for this quarter are translating into increased sales pipeline development and better alignment to target customer requirements, which ultimately is positioning Enablence for growth," said Stan Besko, CFO of Enablence Technologies.

The "Financial Highlights" above are qualified by the Financial Statements, available on SEDAR (www.sedar.com (https://api.newsfilecorp.com/redirect/2EmNaSopX0)) under Enablence's issuer profile. For additional information on the Company, please refer to the company's investor presentation, which is available on Enablence's website (www.enablence.com/investors (https://api.newsfilecorp.com/redirect/MAyrwhzNrk)) in the "Corporate - Investors" tab.

About Enablence Technologies Inc.

Enablence is a publicly traded company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV: ENA) that designs, manufactures and sells optical components, primarily in the form of planar lightwave circuits (PLC), on silicon-based chips. Enablence products serve a global customer base, primarily focused today on data center and other rapidly growing end markets. Enablence also works with customers that have emerging market uses for its technology, including medical devices, automotive LiDAR, and virtual and augmented reality headsets. In select strategic circumstances, the Company also uses its proprietary, non-captive fabrication plant in Fremont, California to manufacture chips designed by third party customers.

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