## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 16, 2020

# **CERENCE INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

001-39030

(Commission File Number)

83-4177087 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

15 Wayside Road Burlington, Massachusetts (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

01803 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (857) 362-7300

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	CRNC	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 16, 2020, Cerence Inc. (the "Company") announced its financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. The press release, including the financial information contained therein, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also on November 16, 2020, the Company used a presentation on its call with investors, discussing its financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and such earnings release presentation is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2. The press release and earnings release presentation include certain non-GAAP financial measures. A description of the non-GAAP measures, the reasons for their use, and GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations are included in the press release and earnings release presentation.

The information in this Item 2.02 and the exhibit attached hereto are being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

#### Exhibit <u>Number</u>

99.1 Press Release announcing financial results dated November 16, 2020

99.2 Earnings Release Presentation dated November 16, 2020

**Description** 

### SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 16, 2020

Cerence Inc.

By: /s/ Mark Gallenberger

Name: Mark Gallenberger Title: Chief Financial Officer



Press Release

### **Cerence Announces Record Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2020 Results**

#### Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year Highlights

- Record bookings in FY20 drives backlog to more than \$1.8 billion
- Q4 revenue increased 21% from last quarter and up 10% from the prior year, setting new quarterly and full year records
- Strong financial performance generated \$26M of GAAP net cash provided by operating activities (CFFO) during the quarter and \$45M of CFFO for the year
- Generated adjusted EBITDA of \$40.3M and adjusted EBITDA margin of 44.4% in the quarter
- · Financial metrics for the fiscal year met or exceeded pre-Covid-19 full year guidance

**BURLINGTON, Mass., November 16, 2020** – <u>Cerence Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: CRNC), AI for a world in motion, today reported its fourth quarter and fiscal year 2020 results for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Results Summary (1)						
(in millions, except per share data)						
	Three Mont		led	Twelve Mon		
	 Septemb	er 30,		 Septemb	er 30,	
	2020		2019	2020		2019
GAAP Revenue	\$ 90.9	\$	83.0	\$ 329.6	\$	303.3
GAAP Gross Margin	71.8%		67.4%	67.3%		67.2%
Non-GAAP Gross Margin	75.7%		70.8%	71.5%		70.7%
GAAP Operating Margin	15.5%		5.6%	5.9%		3.6%
Non-GAAP Operating Margin	41.9%		31.3%	32.1%		28.7%
GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 6.8	\$	95.8	\$ (20.6)	\$	100.3
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 25.7	\$	19.1	\$ 64.3	\$	62.7
GAAP net income (loss) per share - diluted	\$ 0.17	\$	2.63	\$ (0.57)	\$	2.76
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.61	\$	0.52	\$ 1.68	\$	1.72
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 40.3	\$	27.8	\$ 114.9	\$	94.7
Adjusted EBITDA margin	44.4%		33.6%	34.9%		31.2%

(1) Please refer to the "Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and "Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures" included elsewhere in this release for more information regarding our use of non-GAAP financial measures.

Sanjay Dhawan, Chief Executive Officer of Cerence, stated, "Our Q4 financial performance exceeded our expectations for every metric and delivered record revenue, record gross margin and record EBITDA. Cerence's first year as a stand-alone business established the company as a major player in conversational AI for the car. We had to separate the business from Nuance and deal with the economic impact of Covid-19, but we did so while at the same time continuing a relentless introduction of new products and upgraded technologies. We're more agile and more aggressive in our approach to innovation and more dedicated to the success of our customers than ever. I'm especially proud of the recognition that the Cerence team has received from our customers regarding our support in helping them achieve their start of production dates without delay."

Dhawan continued, "Further demonstrating the depth of our customer relationships, we recently signed a renewal agreement for our SaaS-based connected services with a major global automaker, marking the



successful renewal of an expiring contract since Cerence became a standalone public company. This contract extension is an important endorsement from a long-time, respected partner on the strength and value of Cerence Connected Services and ensures that we will continue providing cloud-based services for this popular app suite for drivers."

"As we start the new fiscal year, we are expecting another year of growth supported by a strong backlog and a solid pipeline of new business opportunities. The company's competitive position remains strong as we rely on innovation and speed of execution to continue to drive our business forward," Dhawan concluded.

#### **Cerence Key Performance Indicators**

To help investors gain further insight into Cerence's business and its performance, management provides a set of key performance indicators that includes:

Key Performance Indicator <sup>1</sup>	Q4FY20	Q3FY20	Q2FY20	Q1FY20	Q4FY19
Percent of worldwide auto production with Cerence Technology (TTM)	53%	54%	56%	54%	54%
Average contract duration (TTM):	6.1	6.2	5.7	4.9	5.1
Repeatable software contribution (TTM):	79%				
Change in number of Cerence connected cars shipped <sup>2</sup> (TTM over prior year TTM)	-16%				
Growth in billings per car FY20 vs. prior year (excludes legacy contract)	14%				

- (1) Please refer to the "Key Performance Indicators" included elsewhere in this release for more information regarding the definition and our use of key performance indicators.
- <sup>(2)</sup> Based on IHS data, global auto production declined 19% over the same time period.

#### First Quarter Fiscal 2021 and Full Year Outlook

For the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2020, revenue is expected to be in the range of \$85M to \$90M representing a 13% increase at the midpoint compared to the same period in the prior year. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of \$31M to \$35M. The adjusted EBITDA guidance excludes acquisition-related costs, amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation, and restructuring and other costs. Cerence full-year revenue guidance is for revenue to be in the range of \$360M to \$380M representing a 12% increase at the midpoint compared to the prior year. Adjusted EBITDA for the full year is expected to be in the range of \$122M to \$135M. Additional details regarding guidance will be provided on the earnings call.

### Fourth Quarter Conference Call

The company will host a live conference call and webcast with slides to discuss the results at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time/7:00 a.m. Pacific Time today. Interested investors and analysts are invited to dial into the conference call by using 1.844.467.7116 (domestic) or +1.409.983.9838 (international) and entering the pass code 5673428. Webcast access will be available on the Investor Information section of the company's website at <a href="https://investors.cerence.com/news-and-events/events-and-presentations">https://investors.cerence.com/news-and-events/events-and-presentations</a>.

The teleconference replay will be available through December 24, 2020. The replay dial-in number is 1.855.859.2056 (domestic) or +1.404.537.3406 (international) using pass code 5673428. A replay of the



webcast can be accessed by visiting our web site 90 minutes following the conference call at <u>https://investors.cerence.com/news-and-events/events-and-presentations</u>.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

Statements in this presentation regarding Cerence's future performance, results and financial condition, expected growth and innovation and our management's future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "intends" or "estimates" or similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward-looking statements. Although we believe forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, such statements involve known and unknown risk, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results or performance of the company to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including but not limited to: impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our and our customer's businesses; the highly competitive and rapidly changing market in which we operate; adverse conditions in the automotive industry or the global economy more generally; our ability to control and successfully manage our expenses and cash position; our strategy to increase cloud; escalating pricing pressures from our customers; our failure to win, renew or implement service contracts; the loss of business from any of our largest customers; effects of customer defaults; the inability to recruit and retain qualified personnel; cybersecurity and data privacy incidents; fluctuating currency rates; and the other factors in our Annual Report on our most recent Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this document.

### **Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We believe that providing the non-GAAP information in addition to the GAAP presentation, allows investors to view the financial results in the way management views the operating results. We further believe that providing this information allows investors to not only better understand our financial performance, but more importantly, to evaluate the efficacy of the methodology and information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. The non-GAAP information should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We utilize a number of different financial measures, both GAAP and non-GAAP, in analyzing and assessing the overall performance of the business, for making operating decisions and for forecasting and planning for future periods. While our management uses these non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of our financial performance, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, the information provided by GAAP financial statements.



Consistent with this approach, we believe that disclosing non-GAAP financial measures to the readers of our financial statements provides such readers with useful supplemental data that, while not a substitute for GAAP financial statements, allows for greater transparency in the review of our financial and operational performance. In assessing the overall health of the business during the three and twelve months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, our management has either included or excluded the following items in general categories, each of which is described below.

#### Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income attributable to Cerence Inc. before net income (loss) attributable to income tax (benefit) expense, other income (expense) items, net, depreciation and amortization expense, and excluding acquisition-related costs, amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation, and restructuring and other costs, net or impairment charges related to fixed and intangible assets and gains or losses on the sale of long-lived assets, if any. From time to time we may exclude from Adjusted EBITDA the impact of events, gains, losses or other charges (such as significant legal settlements) that affect the period-to-period comparability of our operating performance. Other income (expense) items, net include interest expense, interest income, and other income (expense), net (as stated in our Consolidated and Combined Statement of Operations). Our management and Board of Directors use this financial measure to evaluate our operating performance. It is also a significant performance measure in our annual incentive compensation programs.

#### Restructuring and other costs, net.

Restructuring and other charges, net include restructuring expenses as well as other charges that are unusual in nature, are the result of unplanned events, and arise outside the ordinary course of our business such as employee severance costs, costs for consolidating duplication facilities, and separation costs directly attributable to the Cerence business becoming a standalone public company.

#### Acquisition-related costs, net.

In recent years, we have completed a number of acquisitions, which result in operating expenses, which would not otherwise have been incurred. We provide supplementary non-GAAP financial measures, which exclude certain transition, integration and other acquisition-related expense items resulting from acquisitions, to allow more accurate comparisons of the financial results to historical operations, forward looking guidance and the financial results of less acquisitive peer companies. We consider these types of costs and adjustments, to a great extent, to be unpredictable and dependent on a significant number of factors that are outside of our control. Furthermore, we do not consider these acquisition-related costs and adjustments to be related to the organic continuing operations of the acquired businesses and are generally not relevant to assessing or estimating the long-term performance of the acquired assets. In addition, the size, complexity and/or volume of past acquisitions, which often drives the magnitude of acquisition related costs, may not be indicative of the size, complexity and/or volume of future acquisitions. By excluding acquisition-related costs and adjustments from our non-GAAP measures, management is better able to evaluate our ability to utilize our existing assets and estimate the long-term value that acquired assets will generate for us. We believe that providing a supplemental non-GAAP measure, which excludes these items allows management and investors to consider the ongoing operations of the business both with, and without, such expenses.



These acquisition-related costs fall into the following categories: (i) transition and integration costs; (ii) professional service fees and expenses; and (iii) acquisition-related adjustments. Although these expenses are not recurring with respect to past acquisitions, we generally will incur these expenses in connection with any future acquisitions. These categories are further discussed as follows:

- (i) Transition and integration costs. Transition and integration costs include retention payments, transitional employee costs, and earn-out payments treated as compensation expense, as well as the costs of integration-related activities, including services provided by third-parties.
- (ii) Professional service fees and expenses. Professional service fees and expenses include financial advisory, legal, accounting and other outside services incurred in connection with acquisition activities, and disputes and regulatory matters related to acquired entities.
- (iii) Acquisition-related adjustments. Acquisition-related adjustments include adjustments to acquisition-related items that are required to be marked to fair value each reporting period, such as contingent consideration, and other items related to acquisitions for which the measurement period has ended, such as gains or losses on settlements of pre-acquisition contingencies.

#### Amortization of acquired intangible assets.

We exclude the amortization of acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expense and income measures. These amounts are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are significantly impacted by the timing and size of acquisitions. Providing a supplemental measure which excludes these charges allows management and investors to evaluate results "as-if" the acquired intangible assets had been developed internally rather than acquired and, therefore, provides a supplemental measure of performance in which our acquired intellectual property is treated in a comparable manner to our internally developed intellectual property. Although we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from our non-GAAP expenses, we believe that it is important for investors to understand that such intangible assets contribute to revenue generation. Amortization of intangible assets that relate to past acquisitions will recur in future periods until such intangible assets have been fully amortized. Future acquisitions may result in the amortization of additional intangible assets.

#### Non-cash expenses.

We provide non-GAAP information relative to the following non-cash expenses: (i) stock-based compensation; and (ii) non-cash interest. These items are further discussed as follows:

(i) Stock-based compensation. Because of varying valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions and the variety of award types, we exclude stock-based compensation from our operating results. We evaluate performance both with and without these measures because compensation expense related to stock-based compensation is typically non-cash and awards granted are influenced by the Company's stock price and other factors such as volatility that are beyond our control. The expense related to stock-based awards is generally not controllable in the short-term and can vary significantly based on the timing, size and nature of awards granted. As such, we do not include such charges in operating plans. Stock-based compensation will continue in future periods.



ii) Non-cash interest. We exclude non-cash interest because we believe that excluding this expense provides management, as well as other users of the financial statements, with a valuable perspective on the cash-based performance and health of the business, including the current near-term projected liquidity. Non-cash interest expense will continue in future periods.

#### Other expenses.

We exclude certain other expenses that result from unplanned events outside the ordinary course of continuing operations, in order to measure operating performance and current and future liquidity both with and without these expenses. By providing this information, we believe management and the users of the financial statements are better able to understand the financial results of what we consider to be our organic, continuing operations. Included in these expenses are items such as other charges (credits), net, losses from extinguishment of debt, and changes in indemnification assets corresponding with the release of pre-spin liabilities for uncertain tax positions.

#### Backlog.

Revenue backlog consists of the following categories: (i) fixed backlog, (ii) variable backlog, and (iii) total backlog. These categories are further discussed as follows:

- (i) Fixed backlog. Future revenue related to remaining performance obligations and contractual commitments which have not been invoiced.
- (ii) Variable backlog. Estimated future revenue from variable forecasted royalties related to our embedded and connected businesses. Our estimation of forecasted royalties is based on our royalty rates for embedded and connected technologies from expected car shipments under our existing contracts over the term of the programs. Anticipated shipments are based on historical shipping experience and current customer projections that management believes are reasonable. Both our embedded and connected technologies are priced and sold on a per-vehicle or device basis, where we receive a single fee for either or both the embedded license and the connected service term.
- (iii) Total backlog. The total of fixed backlog and variable backlog.

Our fixed and variable backlog may not be indicative of our actual future revenue. The revenue we actually recognize is subject to several factors, including the number and timing of vehicles our customers ship, potential terminations or changes in scope of customer contracts and currency fluctuations.

### Key performance indicators

We believe that providing key performance indicators ("KPIs"), allows investors to gain insight into the way management views the performance of the business. We further believe that providing KPIs allows investors to better understand information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. KPIs should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, operating results prepared in accordance with GAAP. In assessing the performance of the business during the three and twelve months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, our management has reviewed the following KPIs, each of which is described below:



- Percent of worldwide auto production with Cerence Technology: The number of Cerence enabled cars shipped as compared to IHS Markit car production data.
- Average contract duration: The weighted average annual period over which we expect to recognize the estimated revenues from new license and connected contracts signed during the quarter, calculated on a trailing twelve months ("TTM") basis and presented in years.
- Repeatable software contribution: The percentage of repeatable revenues as compared to total GAAP revenue in the quarter. Repeatable revenues are defined as the sum of License and Connected Services revenues.
- Change in number of Cerence connected cars shipped: The year over year change in the number of cars shipped with Cerence connected solutions. Amounts calculated on a TTM basis.
- *Growth in billings per car FY20 vs. prior year:* The rate of growth calculated from the average billings per car in FY20 compared to the prior fiscal year excluding legacy contract and adjusted for prepay usage.

See the tables at the end of this press release for non-GAAP reconciliations to the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

#### **About Cerence Inc.**

Cerence (NASDAQ: CRNC) is the global industry leader in creating unique, moving experiences for the automotive world. As an innovation partner to the world's leading automakers, it is helping transform how a car feels, responds and learns. Its track record is built on more than 20 years of knowledge and more than 325 million cars on the road today. Whether it's connected cars, autonomous driving or e-vehicles, Cerence is mapping the road ahead. For more information, visit <u>www.cerence.com</u>.

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Press Release

November 16, 2020

### CERENCE INC.

### **Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations**

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Mon Septem			Twelve Months Ended September 30,				
	 2020	2019		2020		2019		
Revenues:								
License	\$ 46,425	\$ 45,092	\$	164,268	\$	172,379		
Connected service	25,000	22,860		96,148		78,690		
Professional service	19,457	15,006		69,230		52,246		
Total revenues	 90,882	82,958		329,646		303,315		
Cost of revenues:								
License	439	641		2,783		2,069		
Connected service	7,026	8,971		31,768		37,562		
Professional service	16,190	15,082		64,963		51,214		
Amortization of intangible assets	1,929	2,323		8,337		8,498		
Total cost of revenues	 25,584	27,017		107,851		99,343		
Gross profit	 65,298	55,941		221,795		203,972		
Operating expenses:								
Research and development	22,001	23,717		88,899		93,061		
Sales and marketing	8,569	8,786		33,398		36,261		
General and administrative	12,930	8,280		49,386		25,926		
Amortization of intangible assets	3,168	3,127		12,544		12,524		
Restructuring and other costs, net	4,512	7,257		18,237		24,404		
Acquisition-related costs	-	161		-		944		
Total operating expenses	 51,180	51,328		202,464		193,120		
Income from operations	 14,118	4,613		19,331		10,852		
Interest income	22	_		585				
Interest expense	(3,694)	_		(22,737)		_		
Other income (expense), net	(2,953)	231		(23,319)		332		
Income (loss) before income taxes	 7,493	4,844		(26,140)		11,184		
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	676	(90,945)		(5,509)		(89,084)		
Net income (loss)	\$ 6,817	\$ 95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268		
Net income (loss) per share:			_					
Basic	0.19	2.63		(0.57)		2.76		
Diluted	0.17	2.63		(0.57)		2.76		
Weighted-average common share outstanding:				. ,				
Basic	36,765	36,391		36,428		36,391		
Diluted	39,041	36,391		36,428		36,391		



### Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

(unauticu - in thousands, except per share data)	Se	ptember 30, 2020	Se	ptember 30, 2019
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	136,067	\$	-
Marketable securities		11,662		-
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$1,394 and \$865 at September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019,				
respectively		49,943		65,787
Deferred costs		7,256		9,195
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		44,220		17,343
Total current assets		249,148		92,325
Property and equipment, net		29,529		20,113
Deferred costs		38,161		32,428
Operating lease right-of-use assets		20,096		-
Goodwill		1,128,198		1,119,329
Intangible assets, net		45,616		65,561
Deferred tax assets		161,759		150,629
Other assets		14,938		3,444
Total assets	\$	1,687,445	\$	1,483,829
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	8,447	\$	16,687
Deferred revenue		112,520		88,233
Short-term operating lease liabilities		5,700		-
Short-term debt		6,250		-
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		67,857		24,194
Total current liabilities		200,774		129,114
Long-term debt, net of discounts and issuance costs		266,872		-
Deferred revenue, net of current portion		212,573		265,051
Long-term operating lease liabilities		17,821		-
Other liabilities		31,649		21,536
Total liabilities		729,689		415,701
Stockholders' Equity:				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 560,000 shares authorized as of September 30, 2020; 36,842 shares issued and				
outstanding as of September 30, 2020		369		-
Net parent investment		-		1,097,127
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		3,711		(28,999)
Additional paid-in capital		974,307		-
Accumulated deficit		(20,631)		-
Total stockholders' equity		957,756		1,068,128
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,687,445	\$	1,483,829
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### **Consolidated and Combined Statements of Cash Flows**

(unaudited - in thousands)

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		2020	2019		
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net (loss) income	\$	(20,631) \$	100,268		
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by					
operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		30,041	28,844		
Provision for doubtful accounts		704	-		
Stock-based compensation expense		47,285	29,682		
Non-cash interest expense		5,286	-		
Loss on debt extinguishment		19,279	-		
Deferred tax benefit		(11,354)	(101,223)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		16,112	904		
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(30,311)	(8,836)		
Deferred costs		(1,381)	4,339		
Accounts payable		(2,430)	10,130		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		27,819	6,289		
Deferred revenue		(35,630)	17,674		
Net cash provided by operating activities		44,789	88,071		
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures		(19,012)	(4,517)		
Purchases of marketable securities		(11,663)	-		
Net cash used in investing activities		(30,675)	(4,517)		
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Net transactions with Parent		12,964	(83,554)		
Distributions to Parent		(152,978)	-		
Proceeds from long-term debt, net of discount		547,719	-		
Payments for long-term debt issuance costs		(6,402)	-		
Principal payments of long-term debt		(271,563)	-		
Common stock repurchases for tax withholdings for net settlement of equity awards		(9,369)	-		
Principal payments of lease liabilities arising from a finance lease		(136)	-		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock from employee stock plans		1,318	-		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		121,553	(83,554)		
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		400	(05,001)		
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		136,067			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		-	_		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$	136,067 \$			
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### CERENCE INC.

### **Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

(unaudited - in thousands)

		Three Months Ended September 30,			Twelve Mo Septem		
	2020		2019		2020		2019
GAAP revenue	\$ 90,882	\$	82,958	\$	329,646	\$	303,315
GAAP gross profit	\$ 65,298	\$	55,941	\$	221,795	\$	203,972
Stock-based compensation	1,588		436		5,573		1,896
Amortization of intangible assets	1,929		2,323		8,337		8,498
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$ 68,815	\$	58,700	\$	235,705	\$	214,366
GAAP gross margin	 71.8%	,	67.4%		67.3%		67.2%
Non-GAAP gross margin	75.7%	,	70.8%		71.5%		70.7%
GAAP operating income	\$ 14,118	\$	4,613	\$	19,331	\$	10,852
Stock-based compensation	 14,331	*	8,487	Ť	47,285	-	29,682
Amortization of intangible assets	5,097		5,450		20,881		21,022
Restructuring and other costs, net	4,512		7,257		18,237		24,404
Acquisition-related costs	-		161		-		944
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 38,058	\$	25,968	\$	105,734	\$	86,904
GAAP operating margin	15.5%	,	5.6%		5.9%		3.6%
Non-GAAP operating margin	41.9%	•	31.3%		32.1%		28.7%
GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 6,817	\$	95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268
Stock-based compensation	14,331		8,487		47,285		29,682
Amortization of intangible assets	5,097		5,450		20,881		21,022
Restructuring and other costs, net	4,512		7,257		18,237		24,404
Acquisition-related costs	-		161		-		944
Depreciation	2,255		1,872		9,160		7,822
Total other income (expense), net	(6,625)		231		(45,471)		332
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	 676		(90,945)		(5,509)		(89,084)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 40,313	\$	27,840	\$	114,894	\$	94,726
GAAP net income (loss) margin	7.5%	,	115.5%		-6.3%		33.1%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	44.4%	,	33.6%		34.9%		31.2%



### Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (cont.)

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

		Three Mor Septem				Twelve Moi Septem		
		2020		2019		2020		2019
GAAP net income (loss)	\$	6,817	\$	95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268
Stock-based compensation		14,331		8,487		47,285		29,682
Amortization of intangible assets		5,097		5,450		20,881		21,022
Restructuring and other costs, net		4,512		7,257		18,237		24,404
Acquisition-related costs		-		161		-		944
Loss on debt extinguishment		-		-		19,279		-
Non-cash interest expense		1,261		-		5,286		-
Indemnification asset release		1,215		-		1,215		-
Adjustments to income tax expense		(7,501)		(98,085)		(27,203)		(113,584)
Non-GAAP net income	\$	25,732	\$	19,059	\$	64,349	\$	62,736
Adjusted EPS:								
GAAP Numerator:								
Net income (loss) attributed to common shareholders	\$	6,817	\$	95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax		-		-	•	-		-
Net income (loss) attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$	6,817	\$	95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268
Non-GAAP Numerator:								
Net income attributed to common shareholders	\$	25,732	\$	19,059	\$	64,349	\$	62,736
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax	φ	998	ψ	17,057	ψ	1,323	ψ	02,750
Net income attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$	26,730	\$	19,059	\$	65,672	\$	62,736
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GAAP Denominator:								
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic		36,765		36,391		36,428		36,391
Adjustment for diluted shares		2,276		-		-		-
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted		39,041		36,391		36,428		36,391
Non-GAAP Denominator:								
Weighted-average common shares outstanding- basic		36,765		36,391		36,428		36,391
Adjustment for diluted shares		6,952		-		2,747		-
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted		43,717		36,391		39,175		36,391
GAAP net income (loss) per share - diluted	\$	0.17	\$	2.63	\$	(0.57)	\$	2.76
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$	0.61	\$	0.52	\$	1.68	\$	1.72
GAAP net cash provided by operating activities	\$	26,212	\$	19,412	\$	44,789	\$	88,071
Capital expenditures		(2,937)	*	(1,649)	-	(19,012)	*	(4,517)
Free Cash Flow	\$	23,275	\$	17,763	\$	25,777	\$	83,554



# **Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (cont.)** (unaudited - in thousands)

	Q	4FY20	(	Q3FY20	•	Q2FY20	(	Q1FY20	(	Q4FY19	(	Q3FY19	Q	2FY19	Q	1FY19
GAAP revenues	\$	90,882	\$	74,810	\$	86,495	\$	77,459	\$	82,958	\$	77,569	\$	70,304	\$	72,484
Less: Professional services revenue		19,457		17,360		18,742		13,671		15,006		13,891		12,122		11,227
Non-GAAP Repeatable revenues	\$	71,425	\$	57,450	\$	67,753	\$	63,788	\$	67,952	\$	63,678	\$	58,182	\$	61,257
GAAP revenues TTM	\$	329,646	\$	321,722	\$	324,481	\$	308,290	\$	303,315	\$	295,713				
Less: Professional services revenue TTM		69,230		64,779		61,310		54,690		52,246		48,643				
Non-GAAP Repeatable revenues TTM	\$	260,416	\$	256,943	\$	263,171	\$	253,600	\$	251,069	\$	247,070				
Repeatable software contribution		79%	D	80%	D	81 %	Ď	82 %	,	83%	D	84%	D			



### Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (cont.)

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

(,	Q1 2	2021		FY2	021	
	 Low		High	 Low		High
GAAP revenue	\$ 85,000	\$	90,000	\$ 360,000	\$	380,000
GAAP gross profit	\$ 57,500	\$	62,100	\$ 248,100	\$	270,100
Stock-based compensation	1,000		1,000	3,400		3,400
Amortization of intangible assets	1,900		1,900	7,500		7,500
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$ 60,400	\$	65,000	\$ 259,000	\$	281,000
GAAP gross margin	 68%	,	69%	 69%		71%
Non-GAAP gross margin	71 %	5	72 %	72%		74%
GAAP operating income	\$ 11,300	\$	14,900	\$ 48,000	\$	61,900
Stock-based compensation	9,700		9,700	40,000		40,000
Amortization of intangible assets	5,000		5,000	20,100		20,100
Restructuring and other costs, net	2,500		2,500	3,600		3,600
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 28,500	\$	32,100	\$ 111,700	\$	125,600
GAAP operating margin	 13%	, <u> </u>	17%	 13%		16%
Non-GAAP operating margin	34%		36%	31%		33%
GAAP net income	\$ 5,600	\$	9,300	\$ 17,900	\$	30,900
Stock-based compensation	9,700		9,700	40,000		40,000
Amortization of intangible assets	5,000		5,000	20,100		20,100
Restructuring and other costs, net	2,500		2,500	3,600		3,600
Depreciation	2,500		2,500	9,400		9,400
Total other income (expense), net	(3,700)		(3,700)	(14,500)		(14,500)
Provision for income taxes	1,900		1,900	16,500		16,500
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 30,900	\$	34,600	\$ 122,000	\$	135,000
GAAP net income margin	7%	, <u> </u>	10%	 5%		8%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	36%		38%	34%		36%



### Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (cont.)

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

	Q1 2	2021		FY2	2021	
	 Low		High	Low		High
GAAP net income	\$ 5,600	\$	9,300	\$ 17,900	\$	30,900
Stock-based compensation	9,700		9,700	40,000		40,000
Amortization of intangible assets	5,000		5,000	20,100		20,100
Restructuring and other costs, net	2,500		2,500	3,600		3,600
Non-cash interest expense	1,200		1,200	5,000		5,000
Income tax impact of Non-GAAP adjustments	(4,300)		(5,200)	(10,500)		(13,100)
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 19,700	\$	22,500	\$ 76,100	\$	86,500
Adjusted EPS:						
GAAP Numerator:						
Net income attributed to common shareholders	\$ 5,600	\$	9,300	\$ 17,900	\$	30,900
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax	1,005		1,005	3,987		3,987
Net income attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$ 6,605	\$	10,305	\$ 21,887	\$	34,887
Non-GAAP Numerator:						
Net income attributed to common shareholders	\$ 19,700	\$	22,500	\$ 76,100	\$	86,500
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax	1,005		1,005	3,987		3,987
Net income attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$ 20,705	\$	23,505	\$ 80,087	\$	90,487
GAAP Denominator:						
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic	37,221		37,221	38,302		38,302
Adjustment for diluted shares	 5,818		5,818	 5,888		5,888
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted	43,039		43,039	44,190		44,190
Non-GAAP Denominator:						
Weighted-average common shares outstanding- basic	37,221		37,221	38,302		38,302
Adjustment for diluted shares	 5,818		5,818	 5,888		5,888
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted	43,039		43,039	44,190		44,190
GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.15	\$	0.24	\$ 0.50	\$	0.79
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.48	\$	0.55	\$ 1.81	\$	2.05

# Q4FY20 Earnings Conference Call

Sanjay Dhawan, CEO Mark Gallenberger, CFO

November 16, 2020

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# Forward Looking Statements and Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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# **Cerence Delivers Best Ever Quarterly Results**



# Cerence Established as a Key Player in Conversational AI for Transportation and Mobility



Seamless separation from Nuance

Consumer Electronics Show helped position Cerence among the leaders of auto tech and innovation

Hosted our first analyst day and opened the Nasdaq market

Hosted a technology showcase for investors to gain better insight on Cerence products and technology leadership

Bookings increased by 70% including several EV manufacturers

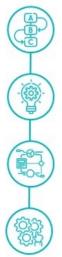


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# Cerence Innovation Continues to Lead the Industry

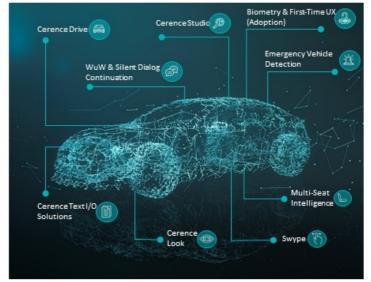


Key priorities: Innovation, speed of execution and costs

Introduced a steady stream of new products and innovations leveraging the sensors, cameras and microphones in the car

New SaaS applications

Hosted a technology showcase for investors to gain better insight on Cerence products and technology leadership



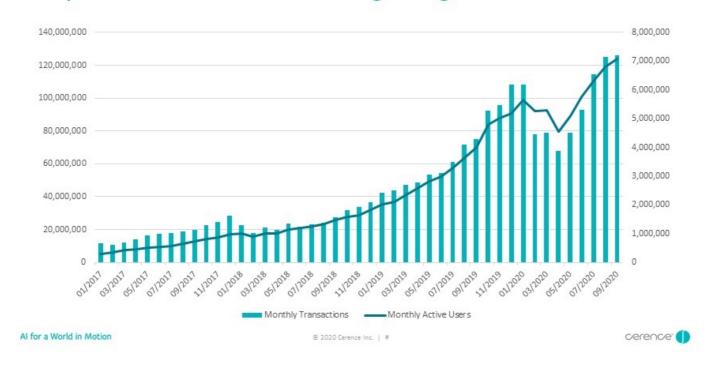
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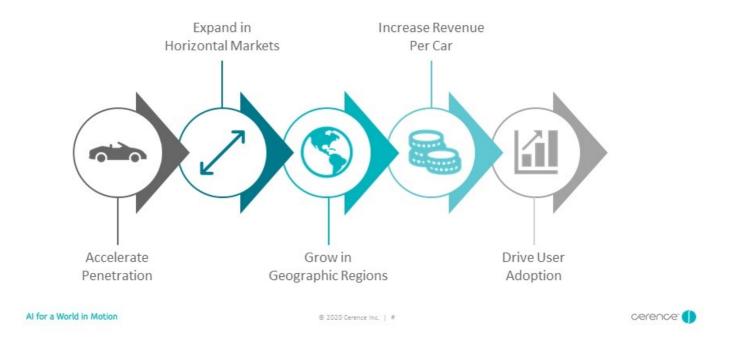
# **KPIs Indicate Long Term Growth Potential**

		Q4FY20	Q3FY20	Q2FY20	Q1FY20	Q4FY19
% of worldwide A production with C Technology (TTM	Cerence	53%	54%	56%	54%	54%
Average Contract Duration (TTM)		6.1	6.2	5.7	4.9	5.1
79%		<b>16%</b>	14	%	\$1.8B	\$835M
Repeatable oftware revenue ntribution (TTM)	Change i Cerence cloue shipped in l	n number of d-connected cars FY20 over FY19	Growth in per car in FY19 (ex legacy co	billings FY20 vs. ccludes	Backlog at start of FY21	FY20 booking:
		auto production period according	leyacy cu	ntract)		

# Adoption KPIs Show Increasing Usage



# Fiscal Year 2021 Momentum Expected to Continue



# Financial Summary

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# Q4 Exceeded Street Guidance on All Key Financial Metrics

	Q4 Actual Results	Q4 Guidance
Revenue	\$90.9M	\$76M - \$80M
Non-GAAP GM <sup>(a)</sup>	75.7%	68% - 70%
Non-GAAP OM (a)	41.9%	27% - 29%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(a)</sup>	\$40.3M	\$23M - \$26M
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(a)</sup>	44.4%	30% - 32%
Non-GAAP EPS <sup>(a)</sup>	\$0.61	\$0.30 - \$0.35
CFFO	\$26.2M	\$24M

Footnote: (a) Non-GAAP excludes acquisition-related costs, amortization of acquired intangible assets, restructuring expense, and stock-based compensation.

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# Strong Connected and Pro Services Growth Offset License Softness

	Q4FY20	Q4FY19	YoY	FY20	FY19	YoY
License:	\$46.4M	\$45.1M	3%	\$164.3M	\$172.4M	(5%)
Variable	\$29.9M	\$33.8M	(12%)	\$110.1M	\$128.9M	(15%)
Prepay	\$16.5M	\$11.3M	46%	\$54.1M	\$43.5M	24%
Connected Services:	\$25.0M	\$22.9M	9%	\$96.1M	\$78.7M	22%
Legacy	\$15.9M	\$15.4M	3%	\$62.6M	\$58.0M	8%
New	\$9.1M	\$7.4M	23%	\$33.6M	\$20.7M	62%
Professional Services	\$19.5M	\$15.0M	30%	\$69.2M	\$52.2M	33%
Total Revenue:	\$90.9M	\$83.0M	10%	\$329.6M	\$303.3M	9%

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# Fiscal Year Results Beat Pre-COVID Estimates

	Fiscal Year 2020						
	Actual	Guidance (Pre-COVID)					
GAAP Revenue	\$329.6M	\$321 - \$336M					
Non-GAAP GM (a)	71.5%	70% -71%					
Non-GAAP Operating Margin <sup>(a)</sup>	32.1%	24% - 25%					
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(a)</sup>	\$114.9M	\$91 - \$98M					
CFFO	\$44.8M	\$43 - \$51M					
FCF <sup>(b)</sup>	\$25.8M	NA					
Non-GAAP EPS <sup>(a)</sup>	\$1.68	\$1.07 - \$1.21					

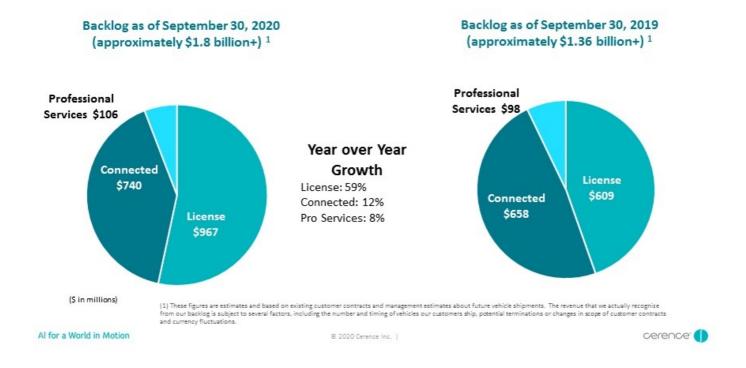
Footnotes:

(a) Non-GAAP excludes acquisition-related costs, amortization of acquired intangible assets, restructuring expense, and stock-based compensation.
 (b) Free Cash Flow equals GAAP net cash from operating activities minus Capital Expenditures

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# ~\$1.8 Billion Backlog Creates High Revenue Visibility



# Q1 FY21 Guidance Shows Strong Year Over Year Growth

	Q1 FY21		Q1FY20	(midpoint)
	Low	High	Actual	YoY Growth
Revenue	\$85M	\$90M	\$77.5M	13%
Non-GAAP GM (a)	71%	72%	70.8%	1%
Non-GAAP Operating Margin <sup>(a)</sup>	34%	36%	25.4%	38%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(a)</sup>	\$31M	\$35M	\$21.8M	51%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin (a)	36%	38%	28.1%	32%
Non-GAAP EPS <sup>(a)</sup>	\$0.48	\$0.55	\$0.29	78%

Footnote: (a) Non-GAAP excludes acquisition-related costs, amortization of acquired intangible assets, restructuring expense, and stock-based compensation.

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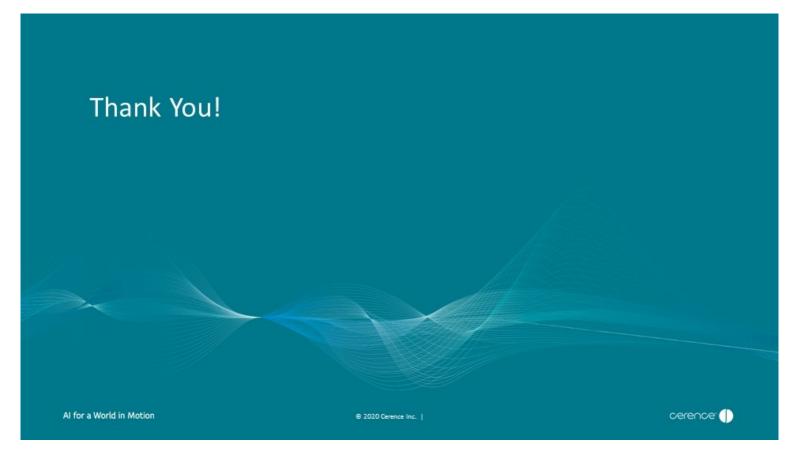
# FY21 Guidance

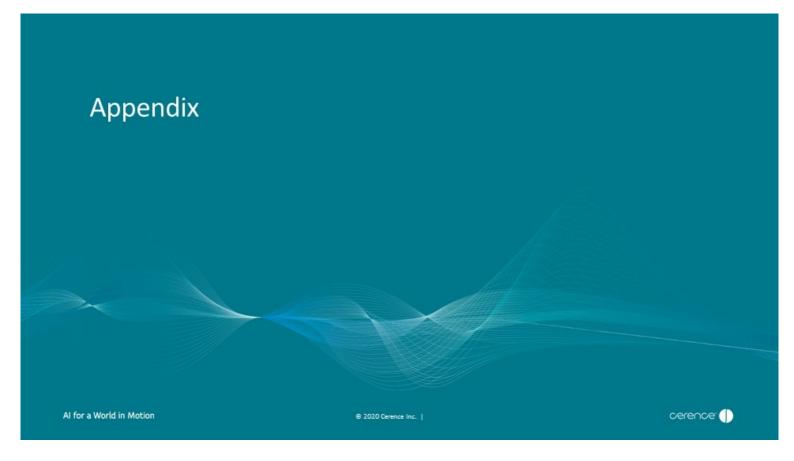
FY2	21	FY20	(midpoint)				
Low	High	Actual	YoY				
\$360M	\$380M	\$329.6M	12%				
72%	74%	71.5%	2%				
31%	33%	32.1%	0%				
\$122M	\$135M	\$114.9M	12%				
34%	36%	34.9%	0%				
\$1.81	\$2.05	\$1.68	17%				
\$62M	\$70M	\$44.8M	46%				
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Footnote: (a) Non-GAAP excludes acquisition-related costs, amortization of acquired intangible assets, restructuring expense, and stock-based compensation.

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# Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Definitions

#### Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We believe that providing the non-GAAP information in addition to the GAAP presentation, allows investors to view the financial results in the way management views the operating results. We further believe that providing this information allows investors to not only better understand our financial performance, but more importantly, to evaluate the efficacy of the methodology and information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. The non-GAAP information should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We utilize a number of different financial measures, both GAAP and non-GAAP, in analyzing and assessing the overall performance of the business, for making operating decisions and for forecasting and planning for future periods. While our management uses these non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of our financial performance, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, the information provided by GAAP financial statements.

Consistent with this approach, we believe that disclosing non-GAAP financial measures to the readers of our financial statements provides such readers with useful supplemental data that, while not a substitute for GAAP financial statements, allows for greater transparency in the review of our financial and operational performance. In assessing the overall health of the business during the three and twelve months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, our management has either included or excluded the following items in general categories, each of which is described below.

#### Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income attributable to Cerence Inc. before net income (loss) attributable to income tax (benefit) expense, other income (expense) items, net, depreciation and amortization expense, and excluding acquisition-related costs, amortization of acquired intangible assets, stockbased compensation, and restructuring and other costs, net or impairment charges related to fixed and intangible assets and gains or losses on the sale of long-lived assets, if any. From time to time we may exclude from Adjusted EBITDA the impact of events, gains, losses or other charges (such as significant legal settlements) that affect the period-to-period comparability of our operating performance. Other income (expense) items, net include interest expense, interest income, and other income (expense), net (as stated in our Consolidated and Combined Statement of Operations). Our management and Board of Directors use this financial measure to evaluate our operating performance. It is also a significant performance measure in our annual incentive compensation programs.

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# Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Definitions

#### Restructuring and other costs, net.

Restructuring and other charges, net include restructuring expenses as well as other charges that are unusual in nature, are the result of unplanned events, and arise outside the ord in ary course of our business such as employee severance costs, costs for consolidating duplication facilities, and separation costs directly attributable to the Cerence business becoming a standalone public company.

#### Acquisition-related costs, net.

In recent years, we have completed a number of acquisitions, which result in operating expenses, which would not otherwise have been incurred. We provide supplementary non-GAAP financial measures, which exclude certain transition, integration and other acquisition-related expense items resulting from acquisitions, to allow more accurate comparisons of the financial results to historical operations, forward looking guidance and the financial results of less acquisitive peer companies. We consider these types of costs and adjustments, to a great extent, to be unpredictable and dependent on a significant number of factors that are outside of our control. Furthermore, we do not consider these acquisition-related costs and adjustments to be related to the organic continuing operations of the acquired businesses and are generally not relevant to assessing or estimating the long-term performance of the acquired assets. In addition, the size, complexity and/or volume of past acquisition-related costs and adjustments from our non-GAAP measures, management is better able to evaluate our ability to utilize our existing assets and estimate the long-term value that acquired assets will generate for us. We believe that providing a supplemental non-GAAP measure, which exclude estima allows management and investors to consider the ongoing operations of the business both with, and without, such expenses.

These acquisition-related costs fall into the following categories: (i) transition and integration costs; (ii) professional service fees and expenses; and (iii) acquisition-related adjustments. Although these expenses are not recurring with respect to past acquisitions, we generally will incur these expenses in connection with any future acquisitions. These categories are further discussed as follows:

Transition and integration costs. Transition and integration costs include retention payments, transitional employee costs, and earn-out payments treated as compensation expense, as well as the costs of integration-related activities, including services provided by third-parties.

Professional service fees and expenses. Professional service fees and expenses include financial advisory, legal, accounting and other outside services incurred in connection with acquisition activities, and disputes and regulatory matters related to acquired entities.

Acquisition-related adjustments. Acquisition-related adjustments include adjustments to acquisition-related items that are required to be marked to fair value each reporting period, such as contingent consideration, and other items related to acquisitions for which the measurement period has ended, such as gains or losses on settlements of pre-acquisition contingencies.

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# Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Definitions

#### Amortization of acquired intangible assets.

We exclude the amortization of acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expense and income measures. These amounts are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are significantly impacted by the timing and size of acquiristions. Providing a supplemental measure which excludes these charges allows management and investors to evaluate results "as-if" the acquired intangible assets had been developed internally rather than acquired and, therefore, provides a supplemental measure of performance in which our acquired intellectual property is treated in a comparable manner to our internally developed intellectual property. Although we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from our non-GAAP expenses, we believe that it is important for investors to understand that such intangible assets compile assets that been developed that buck intangible assets compile assets that relate to past acquisitions will recur infuture periods until such intangible assets that been fully amortized. Future acquisitions may result in the amortization of additional intangible assets.

#### Non-cash expenses.

We provide non-GAAP information relative to the following non-cash expenses: (i) stock-based compensation; and (ii) non-cash interest. These items are further discussed as follows:

(i)Stock-based compensation. Because of varying valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions and the variety of award types, we exclude stock-based compensation from our operating results. We evaluate performance both with and without these measures because compensation expense related to stock-based compensation is typically non-cash and awards granted are influenced by the Company's stock price and other factors such as volatility that are beyond our control. The expense related to stock-based awards is generally not controllable in the short-term and can vary significantly based on the timing, size and nature of awards granted. As such, we do not include such charges in operating plans. Stock-based compensation will continue infuture periods.

ii)Non-cash interest. We exclude non-cash interest because we believe that excluding this expense provides management, as well as other users of the financial statements, with a valuable perspective on the cash-based performance and health of the business, including the current near-term projected liquidity. Non-cash interest expense will continue infuture periods.

#### Other expenses.

We exclude certain other expenses that result from unplanned events outside the ordinary course of continuing operations, in order to measure operating performance and current and future liquidity both with and without these expenses. By providing this information, we believe management and the users of the financial statements are better able to understand the financial results of what we consider to be our organic, continuing operations. Included in these expenses are items such as other charges (credits), net, losses from extinguishment of debt, and charges in indemnification assets corresponding with the release of pre-spin liabilities for uncertain tax positions.

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# **KPI Measures – Definitions**

### Key performance indicators

We believe that providing key performance indicators ("KPIs"), allows investors to gain insight into the way management views the performance of the business. We further believe that providing KPIs allows investors to better understand information used by management to evaluate and measure such performance. KPIs should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, operating results prepared in accordance with GAAP. In assessing the performance of the business during the three and twelve months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, our management has reviewed the following KPIs, each of which is described below:

- Percent of worldwide auto production with Cerence Technology: The number of Cerence enabled cars shipped as compared to IHS Markit car production data.
- Average contract duration: The weighted average annual period over which we expect to recognize the estimated revenues from new
  license and connected contracts signed during the quarter, calculated on a trailing twelve months ("TTM") basis and presented in years.
- Repeatable software contribution: The percentage of repeatable revenues as compared to total GAAP revenue in the quarter. Repeatable
  revenues are defined as the sum of License and Connected Services revenues.
- Change in number of Cerence connected cars shipped: The year over year change in the number of cars shipped with Cerence connected solutions. Amounts calculated on a TTM basis.
- Growth in billings per car FY20 vs. prior year: The rate of growth calculated from the average billings per car in FY20 compared to the prior fiscal year excluding legacy contract and adjusted for prepay usage.

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# Q4FY20 and FY20vReconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP Results

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)		ThreeMor			Twelve Months Ended					
		Septem	ber:			Septem	ber			
		2020		2019		2020		2019		
GAAP revenue	\$	90,882	\$	82,958	\$	329,645	\$	303,315		
GAAP gross profit	\$	65,298	\$	55,941	\$	221,795	\$	203,972		
Stock-based compensation		1,588		436		5,573		1,896		
Amortization of intangible assets		1,929		2,323		8,337		8,498		
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	68,815	\$	58,700	\$	235,705	\$	214,366		
GAAP gross margin	1	71.8%	-	67.4%	0.51	67.3%	-	67.29		
Non-GAAP gross margin		75.7%		70.8%		71.5%	i	70.79		
GAAP operating income	\$	14,118	\$	4,613	\$	19,331	\$	10,852		
Stock-based compensation		14,331		8,487		47,285		29,682		
Amortization of intangible assets		5,097		5,450		20,881		21,022		
Restructuring and other costs, net		4,512		7,257		18,237		24,404		
Acquisition-related costs	2.00	-	2.5	161	1.3	-	12	944		
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	38,058	\$	25,958	\$	105,734	\$	35,904		
GAAP operating margin	100	15.5%	-	5.6%		5.9%		3.69		
Non-GAAP operating margin		41.9%	i	31.3%		32.1%	5	28.79		
GAAP net income (loss)	\$	6,817	\$	95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268		
Stock-based compensation		14,331		8,487		47,285		29,682		
Amortization of intangible assets		5,097		3,450		20,881		21,022		
Restructuring and other costs, net		4,512		7,257		18,237		24,404		
Acquisition-related costs		-		161		-		944		
Depreciation		2,255		1,872		9,160		7,822		
Total other in come (expense), net		(6, 625)		231		(45,471)		332		
Provision for (ben efit from ) income taxes		676		(90,945)		(5,309)		(89,084)		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	40,313	\$	27,840	\$	114,394	\$	94,726		
GAAP net income (loss) margin	2.2	7.5%		115.5%	10	-6.3%		33.19		
Adjusted EBITDA margin		44,4%		33.6%		34.9%		31.29		

		Three Mor Septem			Twelve Months Ended September 30,			
unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)		2020	2019		2020		2019	
GAAP net income (loss)	\$	6,817	\$ 95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268	
Stock-based compensation		14,331	8,487		47,285		29,682	
Amortization of intangible assets		3,097	5,430		20,881		21,022	
Restructuring and other costs, net		4,512	7,237		18,237		24,404	
Acquisition-related costs		-	161		-		944	
Loss on debt extinguishment		-	-		19,279		-	
Non-cash interest expense		1,261	-		5,286		-	
Indemnification asset release		1,215	· ·		1,215			
Adjustments to income tax expense		(7,501)	(98,085)		(27,203)		(113,584	
on-GAAP n et income	\$	25,732	\$ 19,059	\$	64,349	\$	62,736	
djusted EPS:								
GAAP Numerator:								
Net income (loss) attributed to common shareholders	\$	6.817	\$ 95,789	\$	(20,631)	<	100.268	
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax				÷.	,,,	÷.		
Net income (loss) attributed to common shareholders -								
diluted	\$	6,817	\$ 95,789	\$	(20,631)	\$	100,268	
Non-GAAP Numerator:								
Net income attributed to common shareholders	\$	25,732	\$ 19,059	\$	64,349	\$	62,736	
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax		998	-		1,323		-	
Net income attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$	26,730	\$ 19,059	\$	65,672	\$	62,736	
GAAP Denominetor.								
Weighted-average common shares ou tstanding - basic		36,765	36,391		36,428		36,391	
Adjustment for diluted shares		2,276	-		-		-	
Weighted-overage common shares outstanding - diluted		39,041	36,391		36,428		36,391	
Non -GAAP Deno minator:								
Weighted-overage common shares ou tstanding- basic		36,765	36,391		36,428		36,391	
Adjustment for diluted shares		6,952	-		2,747		-	
Weighted-overage common shares outstanding - diluted		43,717	36,391		39,175		36,391	
GAAP net income (loss) per share - diluted	\$	0.17	\$ 2.63	\$	(0.57)	\$	2.76	
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$	0.61	\$ 0.52	\$	1.68	\$	1.72	
AAP net cash provided by operating activities	\$	26,212	\$ 19,412	\$	44,789	\$	\$8,071	
apital expenditures		(2,937)	(1,549)		(19,012)		(4,517	
	\$	23,275	\$ 17,763	ŝ	25,777		83.554	

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# Reconciliations of GAAP Financial Measures to non-GAAP Financial Measures

(unaudited - in thousands)	Q4FY20	Q3FY20	Q2FY20	Q1FY20	Q4FY19	Q3FY19	QZFY19	Q1FY19
GAAP revenues	\$ 90,882	\$ 74,810	\$ 86,495	\$ 77,459	\$ 82,958	\$ 77,569	\$ 70,304	\$ 72,484
Less: Professional services revenue	19,457	17,360	18,742	13,671	15,006	13,891	12,122	11,227
Non-GAAP Repeatable revenues	\$ 71,425	\$ 57,450	\$ 67,753	\$ 63,788	\$ 67,952	\$ 63,678	\$ 58,182	\$ 61,257
GAAP revenues TTM	\$329,646	\$321,722	\$324,481	\$308,290	\$303,315	\$295,713		
Less: Professional services revenue TTM	69,230	64,779	61,310	54,690	52,246	48,643		
Non-GAAP Repeatable revenues TTM	\$260,416	\$256,943	\$263,171	\$253,600	\$251,069	\$247,070		
Repeatable software contribution	79%	80%	81%	82%	83%	84%		

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# Q1FY21 and FY21 Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP Guidance

(unaudited - in thousands)		Q1 :	2021			FY2	021		
(unautrea - in ciousanus)		Low		High		Low		High	
GAAP revenue	Ś	85,000	\$	90,000	\$	360,000	\$	380,000	
GAAP gross profit	s	57,500	ŝ	62,100	s	248,100	\$	270,100	
Stock-based compensation		1,000		1,000		3,400		3,400	
Amortization of intangible assets		1,900		1,900		7,500		7,500	
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	60,400	S	65,000	ŝ	259,000	ŝ	281,000	
GAAP gross margin		689	6	69%		69%	-	71%	
Non-GAAP gross margin		719	6	72%	6	72%	1	74%	
GAAP operating income	s	11,300	Ś	14,900	s	48,000	ŝ	61,900	
Stock-based compensation		9,700		9,700		40,000		40,000	
Amortization of intangible assets		5,000		5,000		20,100		20,100	
Restructuring and other costs, net		2,500		2,500		3,600		3,600	
Non-GAAP operating income	S	28,500	\$	32,100	ŝ	111,700	ŝ	125,600	
GAAP operating margin		139	6	17%		13%		16%	
Non-GAAP operating margin		349	6	36%		31%		33%	
GAAP net income	ŝ	5,600	s	9,300	ŝ	17,900	\$	30,900	
Stock-based compensation		9,700		9,700		40,000		40,000	
Amortization of intangible assets		5,000		5,000		20,100		20,100	
Restructuring and other costs, net		2,500		2,500		3,600		3,600	
Depreciation		2,500		2,500		9,400		9,400	
Total other income (expense), net		(3,700)		(3,700)		(14,500)		(14,500)	
Provision for income taxes		1,900	_	1,900	_	16,500	_	16,500	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	30,900	s	34,600	\$	122,000	ŝ	135,000	
GAAP net income margin		79	6	10%	6	5%		8%	
Adjusted EBITDA margin		369	6	38%	6	34%		36%	

	Q12021			FY2021				
		Low		High		Low		High
GAAP net income	\$	5,600	\$	9,300	\$	17,900	\$	30,900
Stock-based compensation		9,700		9,700		40,000		40,000
Amortization of intangible assets		5,000		3,000		20,100		20,100
Restructuring and other costs, net		2,500		2,500		3,600		3,600
Non-cash interest expense		1,200		1,200		5,000		5,000
Income tax impact of Non-GAAP adjustments		(4,300)		(3,200)		(10,500)		(13,100)
Non-GAAP net income	\$	19,700	\$	22,500	\$	76,100	\$	\$6,500
Adjusted EPS:								
GAAP Numerator:								
Net income attributed to common shareholders	\$	3,600	\$	9.300	\$	17,900	\$	30,900
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax		1.005	-	1,005		3.987	-	3,987
Net income attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$	6,605	\$	10,305	\$	21,887	\$	34,887
Non-GAAP Numerator:								
Net income attributed to common shareholders	5	19,700	5	22,500	5	76,100	\$	86,500
Interest on Convertible Senior Notes, net of tax		1,005		1,005		3,987		3,987
Net income attributed to common shareholders - diluted	\$	20,705	\$	23,505	\$	30,087	\$	90,487
GAAP Deno min ator:								
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic		37,221		37,221		38,302		38,302
Adjustment for diluted shares		5,818		3,818		5,888		3,888
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted	_	43,039	_	43,039	_	44,190	_	44,190
Non-GAAP Denominator:								
Weighted-everage common shares outstanding-basic		37,221		37,221		38,302		38,302
Adjustment for diluted shares		5,818		3,818		5,888		5,888
Weighted-everage common shares outstanding - diluted		43,039		43,039		44,190		44,190
GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$	0.15	\$	0.24	\$	0.50	\$	0.79
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$	0.43	\$	0.55	\$	181	\$	2.05

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