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# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for its next Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated herein by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the extent stated herein. Such proxy statement is to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the registrant's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

# S&W SEED COMPANY FORM 10-K FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. All statements other than statements of historical fact could be deemed forwardlooking statements, including, but not limited to: statements concerning our loan agreements, including our ability to comply with and/or secure refinancing for such loan agreements; the potential effects of global macroeconomic events and the COVID-19 pandemic on our business; the plans, strategies and objectives of management for our future operations, including our expectations for new product introductions; our implementation of our recently implemented strategic review (which includes our plans to reduce annual operating expenses) our recent partnerships with Trigall Genetics and Shell and their role in enabling us to reduce our operating expenses and sharpen our focus on key growth priorities; our ability to raise capital in the future; expected development, performance or market acceptance relating to our products or services or our ability to expand our grower or customer bases or to diversify our product offerings; future economic conditions or performance; our ability to retain key employees; and our assumptions, expectations and beliefs underlying any of the foregoing. These forward-looking statements are often identified by the use of words such as, but not limited to, "anticipate," "believe," "can," "continue," "could," "designed," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "project," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would," and similar expressions or variations intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations about future events. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors, including certain assumptions, that, if they never materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Risks, uncertainties and assumptions include the following:

- whether we are successful in implementing our strategies focused on growth opportunities, changes in our cost structure and improved financial performance;
- whether we are able to maintain compliance with our current loan agreements, including to provide access to sufficient liquidity to pay our growers and suppliers;
- the COVID-19 pandemic and other geopolitical and macroeconomic events, such as global inflation, bank failures, supply chain disruptions, uncertain market conditions the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine and related sanctions, the armed conflict in Sudan, and the extent to which they continue to disrupt the local and global economies, as well as our business and the businesses of our customers, distributors and suppliers;
- changes in demand for our seed products, including Double Team<sup>TM</sup>, our non-GMO herbicide tolerant sorghum solution;
- whether we are able to develop and successfully launch additional trait technology products;
- whether we are successful in commercializing our current and future trait technology products, including Double Team;
- our plans for expansion of our business (including by expanding crop offerings and market share of existing offerings through acquisitions, partnerships, joint ventures and other strategic transactions) and our ability to successfully integrate acquisitions into our operations;
- whether we continue to invest in research and development and whether such investment results in trait improvement across our crop categories;
- the continued ability of our distributors and suppliers to have access to sufficient liquidity to fund their operations;
- market trends and other factors affecting our financial condition or results of operations from period to period;
- the impact of crop disease, severe weather conditions, such as drought and flooding, or natural disasters, such as earthquakes, on crop quality and yields and on our ability to grow, procure or export our products;

- the impact of pricing of other crops that may influence what crops our growers elect to plant;
- whether we are successful in aligning expense levels to revenue changes;
- whether we are successful in monetizing camelina;
- the cost and other implications of pending or future legislation or court decisions and pending or future accounting pronouncements;
- whether our recent partnerships with Trigall Genetics and Shell provide their anticipated benefits; and
- other risks that are described herein including but not limited to the items discussed in Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, or the Annual Report, and that are otherwise described or updated from time to time in our filings with the Securities Exchange Commission.

You are urged to carefully review the disclosures made concerning risks and uncertainties that may affect our business or operating results, which include, among others, those described above.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Many factors discussed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, some of which are beyond our control, will be important in determining our future performance. Consequently, these statements are inherently uncertain and actual results may differ materially from those that might be anticipated from the forward-looking statements. In light of these and other uncertainties, you should not regard the inclusion of a forward-looking statement in this Annual Report on Form 10-K as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved, and you should not place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included herein are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Furthermore, such forward-looking statements represent our views as of, and speak only as of, the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and such statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons why actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

When used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the terms "we," "us," "our," "the Company," "S&W" and "S&W Seed" refer to S&W Seed Company and its subsidiaries or, as the context may require, S&W Seed Company only. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, and accordingly, the terms "fiscal 2024, "fiscal 2023," and "fiscal 2022" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K refer to the respective fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively, with corresponding meanings to any fiscal year reference beyond such dates. Trademarks, service marks and trade names of other companies appearing in this report are the property of their respective holders.

#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

#### Overview

We are a global multi-crop, middle-market agricultural company. We are market leaders in the breeding, production and sale of alfalfa and sorghum seeds. We also have a commercial market presence in pasture and sunflower seeds. We operate seed cleaning and processing facilities, which are located in Texas, New South Wales, and South Australia. Our seed products are primarily grown under contract by farmers.

Our seed platform develops and supplies high quality germplasm designed to produce higher yields for farmers worldwide. We sell over 600 seed products in more than 40 countries. We maintain an active product pipeline and expect to introduce more than 20 new products during the fiscal year 2024.

Founded in 1980, we began our operations as a limited producer of non-dormant alfalfa seed varieties bred for warm climates and high-yields, including varieties that can thrive in poor, saline soils. Over the years we have built a diversified, global agricultural platform through a combination of organic growth and strategic acquisitions and strategic collaborations, which most recently included:

- Our fiscal 2023 partnership with Trigall Genetics S.A., or Trigall, for the development and marketing of wheat varieties in Australia. Under the terms of the partnership agreement, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, or S&W Australia, transferred certain intellectual property license rights and equipment into a wholly owned subsidiary and subsequently sold an 80% interest in the subsidiary to Trigall. The subsidiary was renamed Trigall Australia Pty Ltd, or Trigall Australia; and
- Our fiscal 2023 partnership with Equilon Enterprises LLC (dba Shell Oil Products US, or Shell), for the
  development and production of sustainable biofuel feedstocks through Vision Bioenergy Oilseeds LLC, or
  Vision Bioenergy. Under the terms of the partnership agreement, S&W contributed production and research
  facilities, along with certain personal property, including vehicles and other similar equipment, into its Vision
  Bioenergy subsidiary and subsequently sold a 66% interest in the subsidiary to Shell.

# **Our Strategy**

The global agriculture market is experiencing rapid change driven by population growth, increasing consumer demand and emerging markets, environmental challenges, limited availability of arable land and diverse regulatory requirements. As a result, farmers and other industry participants are facing continuous pressure to cost-effectively increase productivity and output. These and certain other factors have led to strategic realignments and significant consolidation in the seed industry, leaving a small number of large players.

We believe this environment presents an opportunity to build a global agricultural company focused on crop and market opportunities that large seed companies may overlook, underserve or ineffectively address.

We believe our core strengths listed below position us to capitalize on this market opportunity:

- Strong Germplasm Asset Base and Development Capabilities. We believe we have the largest and most diversified alfalfa and sorghum germplasm pool in the world. Our germplasm pool offers traits sought by farmers who grow forage hay, forage sorghum and grain sorghum, including high yield, drought tolerance and disease tolerance. We continue to invest in research and development programs in the United States, Australia and South America with an emphasis on driving trait improvement across all of our crop categories.
- Cost-Efficient Global Supply Chain. We produce seed in the Western United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa and Argentina under contract with select third-party growers. We currently maintain approximately 140 grower relationships, many of which are longstanding. Our global, but localized, production capabilities allow us to produce seed close to the customer to ensure the seed product is developed specifically for the conditions and requirements of that customer's region and produced at low cost. We condition and package seed primarily in our own facilities located in Texas and Australia. We believe that direct ownership of our production facility assets gives us more flexibility to react to demand changes unique to each geography, greater control over product quality and a lower cost structure.
- Global Distribution Capabilities and Relationships. We sell our seed through one of the industry's largest networks of distributors and dealers, reaching more than 40 countries. In the United States, we believe that our

dealer and distributor network, unique among middle-market seed companies, provides a platform to support sales growth across crop categories. In Australia, we enhanced our sales and distribution capabilities through our 2020 acquisition of Pasture Genetics.

• Deep Industry Expertise. We believe that our management team has deep industry experience and a demonstrated record of success that is unmatched for a seed industry company of our size. Our leadership team includes both proven industry executives recruited to our company and top talent acquired through our various acquisitions. Mark Wong, our former Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, who announced his retirement effective July 1, 2023, has over 40 years of senior executive experience in the agriculture industry and successfully built, operated, and sold multiple seed companies to industry leaders across multiple crops. Mark Wong will continue to serve as a member of S&W's Board of Directors. Mark Herrmann, appointed as CEO effective July 1, 2023, has over 35 years of experience in the agricultural seed industry, most recently serving as CEO of AgReliant Genetics, LLC, the third largest North American seed corn company and leader in soybeans and other supporting crops, from January 2016 to July 2020.

Our goal is to be a leading multi-crop, middle-market agricultural company delivering value to our customers and strong financial returns to our shareholders. To reach our goal, we have prioritized the following strategic initiatives:

- Focus on Key Products that Address Unmet Market Needs. We expect to introduce more than 20 new products during the fiscal year 2024 across our current crop offerings. We also plan to continue development activities aimed at generating high-value improved traits in our crops and to begin commercialization of seed products carrying those traits. We completed a Spring 2022 commercial launch of sorghum hybrids incorporating our proprietary, patent-pending herbicide tolerant trait as part of our Double Team™ collaboration with ADAMA. With the persistence and concern of drought conditions, we expect our Double Team sorghum to continue gaining market share in the coming years. We are also developing and testing new sorghum products absent of prussic acid, a known toxin which can negatively impact animal health when sorghum plants are grazed.
- Build Our Multi-Channel Distribution Network and Execute on International Cross-Selling Opportunities.

  Our organization is aligned across geographic lines, as opposed to product lines. We believe that this structure allows us to make the best use of distribution assets like our United States dealer and distributor network and our Australian sales force and to unlock potential sales synergies through international cross-selling of products. We believe that a robust, diverse distribution network will allow us to continue to evolve beyond our historical dependence on certain geographical markets which carry higher political, regulatory and economic risks.
- Exploit Production Capability for Best-In Class Cost Structure. Our streamlined international supply chain provides us with flexibility in sourcing product to meet customer needs. We are focused on exploiting this ability to shift production to low-cost areas to both support our competitive position and improve our margins by increasing our efficiency.
- Develop Camelina Market Through Vision Bioenergy. We have specific expertise in breeding, production, sales, and distribution of small seeded and specialty crops, including camelina, which we believe are highly desirable for biofuel production. Through our newly formed partnership with Shell, we intend to enter the camelina market as a seed and technology provider.

#### **Our Current Crops**

#### Sorghum

The Sorghum Market. Sorghum comes in two types, forage and grain. Forage sorghum utilizes the whole plant fed to livestock through grazing, dried hay or sileage. Grain sorghum is bred and managed to maximize production of the seed or grain. While grain from sorghum has been traditionally used for livestock feed and in ethanol production, sorghum is gaining popularity as a substitute for wheat and other grains in food products due to its gluten-free characteristics, as well as its antioxidant, high protein, low fat, high fiber and non-GMO properties. Additionally, the pet food industry has been increasing its use of grain sorghum due to its nutritional benefits and enhanced digestibility. Sorghum requires less water to grow than many other crops and is generally used as a replacement for corn and other grains in areas where water is scarce. With the persistence and concern of drought conditions, we

expect sorghum to become more prominent in the coming years. S&W's primary markets are currently in the Americas, Europe, and Australia where sorghum is grown commercially and requires high quality hybrid seed.

*S&W's Sorghum Portfolio*. Our current portfolio of over 300 commercialized sorghum seed products includes both forage and grain sorghum. We believe that many of our sorghum hybrids are unmatched and consistently out-yield competitor products in select markets.

We plan to launch two new conventional grain sorghum hybrids in fiscal 2024 to replace aging products in our portfolio. For our technology trait product lines, we plan to pilot launch in fiscal 2024 at least one new prussic acid free hybrid in collaboration with The Agricultural Alumni Seed Improvement Association, Inc., an affiliate of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. We plan to offer four Double Team grain sorghum hybrids with sufficient supply to address the potential significant growth in the herbicide trait sector. We also plan to launch our first Double Team forage sorghum into the U.S. market in fiscal 2024. We continue to reduce the conventional sorghum product portfolio to ease inventory management and to devote more resources to our trait ladened products.

# Alfalfa

The Alfalfa Market. Alfalfa seed is primarily used for growing alfalfa hay, which is grown throughout the world as "forage" for livestock, including dairy and beef cattle, horses and sheep. The alfalfa industry (and therefore the alfalfa seed industry) is highly dependent on the dairy industry, which is the largest consumer of alfalfa hay. We expect worldwide demand for alfalfa production to remain stable overall.

S&W's Alfalfa Seed Portfolio. Our current portfolio of over 150 commercialized alfalfa seed products spans both non-dormant varieties, which grow year-round, and dormant varieties, which have adapted to cold climates by going dormant during periods when frost or snow conditions would otherwise kill them. Our specialty is high-yield alfalfa varieties with a wide range of adaptation across many growing environments. Our alfalfa seed products include varieties that exhibit the traits that farmers most value, such as high yield, root rot resistance, lodging resistance, salt tolerance, drought tolerance, leafhopper resistance and stem nematode resistance.

Over the past several years, dormant alfalfa replant acreage in North America has trended downward, resulting in lower market size and corresponding seed sales for all companies in the sector. As a result, we have reduced our R&D expenditures in support of the dormant alfalfa market and have diverted those R&D assets towards bioenergy/cover crop development.

#### Pasture Seeds

The Pasture Seed Market in Australia. In addition to alfalfa, the pasture seed market in Australia includes medic, clovers, vetch, forage cereals, and certain grasses. Key customers include beef cattle, sheep and dairy farmers, silage, hay and chaff producers.

S&W's Pasture Seed Portfolio. We currently offer over 200 pasture seed products in the Australian market.

# Sunflower

The Sunflower Market. Sunflowers have multiple uses including oil, birdseed and human consumption. Our current sunflower seed focus is on hybrids best suited for the oil market. Sunflower oil is light in taste and appearance and supplies more Vitamin E than any other vegetable oil. It is a combination of monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats with low saturated fat levels. The versatility of this healthy oil is recognized by cooks internationally, valued for its frying performance and health benefits. With multiple types of sunflower oils available, it meets the needs of consumer and food manufacturers alike for a healthy and high performance non-transgenic vegetable oil. Additionally, sunflower is being sought after as a source of non-GMO oils.

*S&W's Sunflower Portfolio.* We currently have approximately 15 sunflower seed products in the market. In fiscal 2023, the majority of sunflower sales were to Asia and Australia. During fiscal year 2022, we ceased our sunflower research and development program in Europe and scaled back our program in Australia.

### Australian Wheat

Trigall Australia Partnership. Effective December 23, 2022, S&W Australia entered into a partnership with Trigall for the development and marketing of wheat varieties in Australia. Under the terms of the partnership agreement, S&W Australia transferred certain intellectual property license rights and equipment into a wholly owned subsidiary and subsequently sold an 80% interest in the subsidiary to Trigall. The subsidiary was renamed Trigall Australia Pty

Ltd, or Trigall Australia. S&W Australia transferred all seven of its wheat varieties to the partnership at its inception.

#### Stevia

S&W's Stevia Program. Our stevia research and development program has focused on developing stevia into a U.S.-grown crop since 2009. In 2019, we opened a dedicated stevia field breeding station in Tifton, Georgia. In 2021, we entered into a Pilot Program Supply Agreement with Ingredion Incorporated to develop a U.S.-based production and supply chain for stevia leaf using S&W's propriety stevia genetics, with the first plantings occurring in October 2021. We also house and maintain under a services agreement the stevia genetics program of Heartland Food Products Group at our Tifton field breeding station.

Currently, S&W's stevia program has been paused indefinitely, as management has elected to focus its attention on its primary crops, specifically Double Team sorghum, that are expected to generate positive cash flows. The Company is actively looking for a buyer for its viable stevia germplasm.

# **Product Development**

We believe a successful seed business in the modern era should deliver a combination of two types of products: (i) traditional products of high-quality seed with genetics for high yield and end-use quality, appropriate disease and insect tolerance, and other agronomic characteristics; and (ii) differentiated products with high value proprietary traits that offer unique value for farmers or consumers and thus capture both market share and higher prices.

We develop the first product type, which is based on good agronomic performance, in our breeding programs at multiple locations in the United States and Australia and through collaborations in South America and Europe. These programs utilize state of the art equipment and experimental design and data analysis for field evaluation and track important agronomic traits using molecular genetic markers. Developing improved genetics for agronomic performance can take 5 to 15 years, depending on the species and specific genetic improvement targets. By maintaining a full R&D pipeline of genotypes in all stages of development, we believe we can deliver new varieties each year with incremental improvements over previous varieties.

We develop the second product type, which emphasizes valuable and unique traits, both in-house and through exclusive collaborations. The recently launched Double Team product was developed entirely in-house through our DNA and Tissue Culture Lab in Texas. We also developed an improved forage quality alfalfa product through our exclusive arrangement with Calyxt. Our prussic acid free trait, expected to have a pilot launch in fiscal 2024, was developed through an exclusive arrangement with The Agricultural Alumni Seed Improvement Association, Inc., an affiliate of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Our lab and technology personnel are focused on maintaining a continuous pipeline of traits that can be used to build value by increasing market share in both company and private label seed brands and by out-licensing to other seed companies on a royalty basis. For example, we completed our first out-license of Double Team technology to Mojo Seed in June 2022.

#### Sales, Marketing and Distribution

We currently sell over 600 seed products in more than 40 countries. Our principal markets for alfalfa sales are the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, the Middle East, North Africa, and Australia. Our sorghum sales are focused in the United States, Mexico, Australia, Europe and South Africa. Our sunflower sales are primarily in the Middle East, Africa and Australia. Our pasture seed sales are focused in Australia. Before the partnership with Trigall in December 2022, our wheat sales were in Australia.

Our organization is structured along geographic lines, as opposed to product lines, which we believe allows us to make the best use of distribution assets (like our U.S. dealer and distributor network and our Australian sales force) and unlock potential sales synergies through international cross-selling of products.

Today we primarily sell our seed products under the S&W brand or other brands we own, such as Alfalfa Partners <sup>TM</sup> and Sorghum Partners®. Private-label and licensing is an important part of our distribution strategy going forward.

Our customers are primarily distributors and dealers. Our distributors and dealers, in turn, sell to farmers. We believe that selling through dealers and distributors enables our products to reach growers in areas where there are geographic or other constraints on direct sales efforts. We select dealers and distributors based on shared vision, technical expertise, local market knowledge and financial stability. Over the years, we have built dealer/distributor

loyalty through an emphasis on service, access to breeders, ongoing training and promotional material support. We limit the number of dealers and distributors with whom we have relationships in any particular area in order to provide adequate support and opportunity to those with whom we choose to do business.

Both farmers and dealers use pest-control advisors who recommend the varieties or hybrids that will produce the best results in a particular location. Therefore, a key part of our marketing strategy is to educate the consultants, as well as the farmers, as to benefits of our seed varieties and hybrids.

We believe that our best marketing tool is the dissemination of information regarding the quality and characteristics of our propriety seed products to those persons who make the growing decisions. We continue to place advertisements in trade journals, agriculture publications, social media and participate in seed industry conferences and trade shows and engage in various other educational and outreach programs as we deem appropriate.

Our sales efforts have historically involved significant in-person interaction with potential customers and distributors. In March 2020, at the beginning of what is typically our most active selling period, many national, state and local governments in our target markets implemented various stay-at-home, shelter-in-place and other quarantine measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, we immediately attempted to shift our sales activities to video conferencing and similar customer interaction models but found these alternative approaches to generally be less effective than in-person sales efforts, and we believe this has contributed to decreased sales and a negative impact on our business and financial results in prior periods. We have since resumed in-person marketing but may be unable to achieve the quality of interactions prior to the start of the pandemic due to the ongoing nature of the pandemic and adjustments in customer and distributor interactions.

#### **Seed Production**

We produce seed in the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa under contract with select third-party contract growers. We currently maintain approximately 140 grower relationships. Our network of growers has the expertise needed to successfully grow high quality seed products. We have worked with many of the same growers on a long-term basis, and we believe that we have strong relationships with them. We allocate our seed production among our growers so that we can purchase the proper mix of seed each year. Our contracts with growers have terms ranging from one to seven years, depending on the crop and the production area. Our global, but localized, production capabilities allow us to produce close to the customer to ensure the seed product is developed specifically for the conditions and requirements of that region and is produced at the lowest cost.

We condition and package seed primarily in our own facilities located in Texas and Australia; although in some markets (for example, California) we use third-party processing services. We believe that direct ownership of production facility assets gives us more flexibility to respond to demand changes unique to each geography, greater control over product quality and a lower cost structure.

#### Seasonality

We contract with growers based upon our anticipated market demand. We mill, clean, and stock the seed during the harvest season and ship from inventory throughout the year. However, our seed business is seasonal. In the Northern hemisphere, production and harvest occurs from March through September and processing and shipping finished goods primarily occurs from October through May. In the Southern hemisphere, production and harvest occurs from October through March and processing and shipping primarily occurs from March through August.

# **Proprietary Rights**

Ownership of and access to intellectual property rights are important to us. We sell proprietary seed varieties and hybrids that have been specially selected to manifest the traits we deem best suited to particular regions in which our seed is planted. Our ability to compete effectively is dependent upon the proprietary nature of the seeds, seedlings, processes, technologies and materials owned by or used by us or our growers. Our competitive position would be adversely affected if any competitors independently were to develop any technologies that substantially equal or surpass our own.

In some cases, we obtain patent protection or plant breeder rights registrations for certain of our seed products. However, our principal method of guarding our proprietary varieties and hybrids is exercising a high degree of control over the supply chain. As part of this control process, we require our growers to deliver back to us all seed derived from our proprietary varieties and, in the case, of hybrids, limit supply of parent seed that enables hybrid

production. Historically, we have found that these control mechanisms have been an effective means to protect our proprietary seed. However, because we often do not have more formal proprietary rights protections, it would be possible for persons with access to our seed or plants grown from our seed to reproduce proprietary seed, which could significantly harm our business and our reputation.

### Competition

Competition in the seed industry, both domestically and internationally, is intense and we believe it is intensifying with industry consolidation. We believe that the key competitive drivers in the industry are proven performance, customer support in the field and value, taking into account not simply the price of the seed but also performance in the field.

We face direct competition by other seed companies, including multinational agriculture companies, regional seed companies and small family-owned businesses, as well as subsidiaries or other affiliates of chemical, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Our principal competitors include:

- Alfalfa. In the U.S. market, our principal competitors in our alfalfa seed business are Forage Genetics
  International (a subsidiary of Land O' Lakes, Inc.), and Pioneer and Alforex Seeds (subsidiaries of
  Corteva). In the Australian market, competitors in the proprietary alfalfa seed market include the
  Barenbrug Group and DLF Australia. In Australia, we also face competition from smaller companies
  offering non-proprietary seed.
- Sorghum. Our principal competitors in sorghum are Pioneer, DeKalb (a subsidiary of Bayer) and Alta (division of Advanta) in the U.S., Pacific Seeds (a division of Advanta) and Pioneer in Australia, Nuseed, Brevant (a division of Pioneer), Dekalb (a subsidiary of Bayer), and Advanta in Latin America
- Sunflower. Our principal competitors in sunflower are Pioneer, Nuseed, Dyna-Gro Seed (a subsidiary of Nutrien Ag Solutions), Syngenta AG, Advanta and Limagrain.
- Australian Wheat. Our principal competitors in the Australian wheat market are AGT, LongReach Plant Breeders Pty Ltd., and InterGrain.
- Pasture Seed. Our principal competitors in the Australian pasture seed market are the Barenbrug Group, DLF Australia and Seedforce, a subsidiary of RAGT.

Many of our existing and potential competitors have substantially greater research and product development capabilities and financial, marketing and human resources than we do. As a result, these competitors may:

- succeed in developing products that are equal to or superior to our products or potential products or that achieve greater market acceptance than our products or potential products;
- devote greater resources to developing, marketing or selling their products;
- respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies or scientific advances and changes in customer requirements, which could render our products or potential products obsolete or less preferable;
- obtain patents that block or otherwise inhibit our ability to develop and commercialize potential products we might otherwise develop;
- withstand price competition more successfully than we can;
- establish cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties that enhance their ability to address the needs of our customers or prospective customers; and
- take advantage of acquisition or other opportunities more readily than we can.

#### **Environmental and Regulatory Matters**

Our agricultural operations are subject to a broad range of evolving environmental laws and regulations applicable to the markets in which we operate. These environmental laws and regulations are intended to address concerns related to air quality, storm water discharge and management and disposal of agricultural chemicals relating to seed treatment.

Compliance with these laws and related regulations is an ongoing process that does not, and is not expected to, have a material effect on our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position. Environmental concerns are,

however, inherent in most major agricultural operations, including those conducted by us, and there can be no assurance that the cost of compliance with environmental laws and regulations will not be material. Moreover, it is possible that future developments, such as increasingly strict environmental laws and enforcement policies thereunder, and further restrictions on the use of agricultural chemicals, could result in increased compliance costs.

We also are subject to various laws and regulations relating to the transport, export/import and sale of seed applicable in the markets in which operate.

Internationally, we are subject to various government laws and regulations (including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar non-U.S. laws and regulations) and local government regulations. To help ensure compliance with these laws and regulations, we have adopted specific risk management and compliance practices and policies, including a specific policy addressing the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

# **Research and Development**

Research & Development expenses for the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled \$5.2 million compared to \$7.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2022.

# **Employees**

As of September 11, 2023, we had 153 total employees, of which 134 were full-time employees. We also retain consultants for specific purposes when the need arises. None of our employees are represented by a labor union.

# **Corporate History**

From 1980 until 2009, our business was operated as a general partnership. In October 2009, we incorporated in Delaware, and in December 2011, we reincorporated in Nevada.

#### **Contact Information**

Our principal business office is located at 2101 Ken Pratt Blvd., Suite 201, Longmont, Colorado 80501, and our telephone number is (720) 506-9191. Our website address is www.swseedco.com. Information contained on our website or any other website does not constitute part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the inclusion of our website address in this report is an inactive textual reference only.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

### **Risks Relating to Our Business and Industry**

We need to raise additional capital in the future. If we are unsuccessful in attracting new capital, we may not be able to continue operations or may be forced to sell assets to do so. Alternatively, capital may not be available to us on favorable terms, or if at all. If available, financing terms may lead to significant dilution of our stockholders' equity.

Excluding the gain recently recognized in relation to the Vision Bioenergy partnership, we are not profitable and have had negative cash flow from operations for the last several years. To help fund our operations, we have in part relied on equity and debt financings. We will need to obtain additional funds to finance our operations in the future, and we could spend our available financial resources much faster than we currently expect. Our loan and security agreement with CIBC Bank USA, or CIBC, which matures on August 31, 2024, our debt facilities with National Australia Bank Ltd., or NAB, and our AgAmerica note all contain various operating and financial covenants, and the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors affecting our results of operations have increased the risk of our inability to comply with these covenants, which could result in acceleration of our repayment obligations and foreclosure on our pledged assets. In addition, these loan agreements contain cross-default provisions, such that certain defaults or breaches under any of our loan agreements may entitle CIBC or NAB to invoke default remedies. We were not in compliance with certain of these covenants in the past and were required to obtain waivers and/or amendments from CIBC. The CIBC Loan Agreement as presently in effect requires us to meet minimum adjusted EBITDA levels on a quarterly basis. The NAB Finance Agreement includes an undertaking that requires us to maintain a net related entity position of not more than USD \$18.5 million and meet specified annual interest cover ratios. We were not in compliance with the adjusted EBITDA covenant from per the CIBC Loan Agreement and the interest cover ratio per the NAB Finance Agreement as of June 30, 2023, but obtained waivers from both lenders for such non-compliance. While we obtained waivers from CIBC and NAB for these covenants, there can be no assurance we will be successful in meeting our covenants or securing future waivers and/or amendments from our lenders. If we are unsuccessful in doing so, we may need to reduce the scope of our operations, repay amounts owing to our lenders, finance our cash needs through a combination of equity and debt financings, enter into collaborations, strategic alliances and licensing arrangements, delay payments to our growers, sell certain assets or divest certain operations.

These factors raise substantial doubt regarding our ability to continue as a going concern. If we are required or desire to raise additional capital in the future, whether as a condition to loan refinancing or separately, such additional financing may not be available on favorable terms, or available at all. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, your ownership interest would be diluted and the terms of these securities could include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a common stockholder. Debt financing may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making capital expenditures or declaring dividends and may be secured by all or a portion of our assets, and may be on terms less favorable than our existing loans. If we fail to obtain additional capital as and when required, such failure could have a material impact on our business, results of operations and financial condition. If we are required or desire to raise additional capital in the future, such additional financing may not be available on favorable terms, or available at all. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, your ownership interest could be diluted and the terms of these securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a common stockholder. Debt financing may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making capital expenditures or declaring dividends and may be secured by all or a portion of our assets. If we fail to obtain additional capital as and when required, such failure could have a material impact on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and actions taken to slow its spread, recent and potential future bank failures, the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the armed conflict in Sudan, actual or anticipated changes in interest rates and economic inflation, and other factors beyond our control, the global credit and financial markets have at times experienced extreme volatility, including diminished liquidity and credit availability, declines in consumer confidence, declines in economic growth, increases in unemployment rates and uncertainty about economic stability. It is possible that further deterioration in credit and financial markets and confidence in economic conditions will occur. If equity and credit markets deteriorate, it may affect our ability to raise equity capital, borrow on our existing facilities or make any additional necessary debt or equity financing more difficult to obtain, more costly and/or more dilutive. In addition, while we are currently in compliance with our loan

agreements, our ability to comply with the terms of our loan agreements has been compromised and could result in an event of default. If an event of default were to occur, our lenders could accelerate our repayment obligations or enforce their other rights under our agreements with them. Any such default may also require us to seek additional or alternative financing, which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

# Our earnings can be negatively impacted by declining demand brought on by varying factors, many of which are out of our control.

Demand for our seed depends upon a variety of factors, including end demand for the crops grown from the seed. For example, a severe downturn in the dairy industry could have a negative effect on sales of alfalfa hay, and as a result, the demand for our alfalfa seed in the U.S. market. In addition, demand for our products could decline because of other supply and quality issues or for any other reason, including products of competitors that might be considered superior by end users. A decline in demand for our products could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

# Our earnings may also be sensitive to fluctuations in market prices for seed.

Market prices for our seed can be impacted by factors such as the quality of the seed and the available supply, including whether lower-quality, lower-priced seed is available. Growing conditions, particularly weather conditions such as windstorms, floods, droughts and freezes, as well as diseases and pests and the adventitious presence of GMO, are primary factors influencing the quality and quantity of the seed and, therefore, the market price at which we can sell our seed to our customers. A decrease in the prices received for our products could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Our earnings are vulnerable to cost increases.

Future increase in costs, such as the costs of growing seed and shipping seed, could cause our margins and earnings to decline unless we are able to pass along the increased price of production to our customers. We may not be able to increase the price of our seed sufficiently to maintain our margins and earnings in the future.

#### Our inventory of seed can be adversely affected by the market price being paid for other crops.

Our seed production relies entirely on unaffiliated growers to grow our proprietary seed and to sell it to us at negotiated prices each year. Growers have a choice of what crops to plant. If a particular crop is paying a materially higher price than has been paid in the past, growers may decide to not grow our seed crops in favor of receiving a higher return from an alternative crop planted on the same acreage. If our growers decline to a significant degree to plant the acreage on which we rely, and if we cannot find other growers to plant the lost acreage, our inventory of seed could be insufficient to satisfy the needs of our customers unless we are able to procure the necessary additional seed in the market at prices we cannot control. If these circumstances occur, our business, results of operations and financial condition could materially decline. In addition, our customers could look to other suppliers for their seed if we cannot satisfy their requirements, and we may not be able to regain them as customers once our inventory levels have returned to normal.

# Adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, crop disease, pests and other natural conditions can impose significant costs and losses on our business.

Our seed crops are vulnerable to adverse weather conditions, including windstorms, floods, drought and temperature extremes, which are common but difficult to predict. In addition, seed crops are vulnerable to crop disease and to pests, which may vary in severity and effect, depending on the stage of production at the time of infection or infestation, the type of treatment applied and climatic conditions. The weather also can affect the quality, volume and cost of seed produced for sale as well as demand and product mix. Seed yields can be higher or lower than planned, which could lead to higher inventory and related write-offs. In addition, climate change may increase the frequency or intensity of extreme weather such as storms, floods, heat waves, droughts and other events that could affect the quality, volume and cost of seed produced for sale as well as demand and product mix. Climate change may also affect the availability and suitability of arable land and contribute to unpredictable shifts in the average growing season and types of crops produced. For example, in the year ended June 30, 2023, we experienced revenue declines due in part to a wet La Nina spring in Australia and overall flooding in Eastern Australia, which caused the harvest to be later and smaller than usual, and in the United States, we also experienced delayed plantings from cold

temperatures. Unfavorable growing conditions can reduce both crop size and quality. Although we do not grow any of our seed directly, these factors can still impact us by potentially decreasing the quality and yields of our seed and reducing our available inventory. These factors can increase costs, decrease revenue and lead to additional charges to earnings, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We have entered into collaborative relationships for the development, marketing and production of wheat and camelina, and our future revenues may be substantially dependent on the success of these relationships. These collaborative relationships may not be successful, and we may be unable to realize any significant recurring commercial benefit from them.

As part of our overall business strategy, we have entered into collaborative relationships that are intended to leverage our proprietary seed, germplasm and technology for the development, marketing and production of certain crops. For example, in December 2022 we formed a partnership with Trigall Genetics S.A., or Trigall Genetics, for the development and marketing of wheat varieties in Australia through Trigall Australia Pty Ltd, a newly formed Australian corporation, or Trigall Australia, in which we retain a 20% ownership interest. In addition, in February 2023, we entered into a partnership with Equilon Enterprises LLC (dba Shell Oil Products US, or Shell), for the development and production of sustainable biofuel feedstocks through Vision Bioenergy Oilseeds LLC, an entity in which we retain a 34% interest. We believe our future revenues may be substantially dependent on the success of these partnerships.

Our partnership partners have primary responsibility for, and control over, the operations of these partnerships, including the development, marketing and production of the products on which they are focused. We have limited or no control over our partners' decisions, including the amount and timing of resources that they dedicate to such activities. If a partnership partner fails to successfully manage its respective partnership, the development, marketing and/or production of the applicable product may be delayed or may not occur at all. As a result, these collaborative efforts may not be as successful as we expect, or at all, and we may be unable to realize any significant recurring commercial benefit from them. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition, which in turn could result in a significant decline in the market price of our common stock.

When we enter collaboration and partnership relationships, we are also subject to a number of other risks, including:

- We may be obligated to make additional capital contributions and/or provide services in support of these partnerships, and we may face potential liability to our partners if we do not satisfy these obligations;
- Our collaborators may not comply with applicable laws or regulatory guidelines, which could adversely impact the development or commercialization of the applicable product;
- There could be disagreements regarding our agreements with our partners that delay or terminate the
  development, marketing and production of the products on which the partnership is focused, delay or
  eliminate potential payments to us under the applicable agreements or increase our costs under or
  outside of the agreements;
- Our collaborators may not effectively allocate adequate resources, may have limited experience in a particular territory, or may generate unfavorable results; and
- Our collaborators may not perform as expected, including with regard to making any required payments, and the agreements may not provide adequate protection or may not be effectively enforced.

We or our collaborators might terminate our agreements in certain circumstances or amend the terms of our agreement, and investors and analysts may not view any termination or amendment as favorable.

Because our seed business is highly seasonal, our revenue, cash flows from operations and operating results may fluctuate on a seasonal and quarterly basis.

Our seed business is seasonal. The seasonal nature of our operations results in significant fluctuations in our working capital during the growing and selling cycles. We have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, significant variability in net sales, operating cash flows and net income (loss) on a quarterly basis.

# We have had a material concentration of revenue from a small group of customers that fluctuates, and the loss of any of these customers in any quarter could have a material adverse effect on our revenue.

On a historical basis, we have experienced a material concentration of revenue from a small group of customers. This concentration fluctuates from quarter to quarter, depending on our customer's specific requirements, which are themselves cyclical. However, in any particular quarter, we generally have a small group of customers that accounts for a substantial portion of that quarter's revenue. Most of these customers are not contractually obligated to purchase seed from us. The loss of one or more of these customers on a quarterly basis, when taken year over year, could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial position, results of operations and operating cash flows. We could also suffer a material adverse effect from any losses arising from a major customer's disputes regarding shipments, product quality or related matters, or from our inability to collect accounts receivable from any major customer. There are no assurances that we will be able to maintain our current customer relationships or that they will continue to purchase our seed in the current projected quantities. Any failure to do so may materially adversely impact our business.

# Because we depend on a core group of significant customers, our sales, cash flows from operations and results of operations may be negatively affected if our key customers reduce the amount of products they purchase from us.

Although our customer concentration should decline as our product mix becomes more diverse, there is no assurance that we will be able to maintain the relationships with our major customers or that they will continue to purchase our seed in the quantities that we expect and rely upon. If we cannot do so, our results of operations could suffer.

# Because we do not grow the seed that we sell, we are completely dependent on our network of contract growers, and our sales, cash flows from operations and results of operations may be negatively affected if we are unable to maintain an adequate network of contract growers to supply our seed requirements.

We do not directly grow any of the seed that we sell, and therefore, we are entirely dependent upon our network of growers. While we have some supply contracts with our growers of up to seven years in duration, many of our grower contracts cover only one year, which makes us particularly vulnerable to factors beyond our control. Events such as a shift in pricing caused by an increase in the value of commodity crops other than seed crops, increase in land prices, unexpected competition or reduced water availability could disrupt our supply chain. Any of these disruptions could limit the supply of seed that we obtain in any given year, adversely affecting supply and thereby lowering revenue. Such disruption could also damage our customer relationships and loyalty to us if we cannot supply the quantity of seed expected by them. In addition, if we are unable to maintain sufficient liquidity to pay our growers as payments come due, this could also damage our relationships with our growers and industry reputation, which could reduce the number of growers willing to contract with us, which could further harm our ability to supply the quantity of seed necessary to meet customer demand.

### Our ability to contract for sufficient acreage presents challenges.

In order to increase revenue and earnings, we continue to need more production acreage. As we continue to increase the number of acres under contract and/or to move production into new geographical locations, we face challenges that can impede our ability to produce as much seed inventory as we have budgeted. For example, when we move production into new geographical locations, we may find it difficult to identify growers with the expertise to grow our seed crops, and we may not have sufficient company personnel available in such new locations to provide production advice on a timely basis. We also face increased competition for conventional seed acreage as the need for technology acres grows, which is further complicated by the field isolation issue relating to GMO crops that can reduce the amount of acreage available for conventional alfalfa seed crops. If we are unable to secure the acreage we need to meet our planned production for the crop year and are unable to purchase seed in the market, our results of operations could suffer, as would our reputation.

### A lack of availability of water in any of our production areas could impact our business.

Adequate quantities and correct timing of the application of water are vital for most agriculture to thrive. Whether particular farms are experiencing water shortages depends, in large part, on their location. However, continuing drought conditions can threaten all farmland other than those properties with their own water sources. Foreign or domestic regulations regarding water usage and rights may also limit the availability of water. Although our current seed products are not water-intensive crops, the availability or the cost of water is a factor in the planting of the crops grown from our seed. Moreover, if the farmers and others who purchase our seed to grow crops cannot get an

adequate supply of water, or if the cost of water makes it uneconomical for the farmers to grow the crops, we may not be able to sell our seed, which could have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

# We face intense competition, and our inability to compete effectively for any reason could adversely affect our business.

Competition in the seed industry both domestically and internationally is intense, and we believe it is intensifying with industry consolidation. We face direct competition from other seed companies, including multinational agriculture companies, regional seed companies and small family-owned businesses, as well as subsidiaries or other affiliates of chemical, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, many of which have substantially greater resources than we do.

These resources give our competitors greater operating flexibility that, in certain cases, may permit them to respond better or more quickly to changes in the industry or to introduce new products more quickly and with greater marketing support. Increased competition could result in lower profit margins, substantial pricing pressure, reduced market share and lower operating cash flows. Additionally, data analytic tools and web-based new direct purchase models offer increased transparency and comparability, which increases price pressures. Price competition, together with other forms of competition, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and operating cash flows.

# If we are unable to estimate our customers' future needs accurately and to match our production to the demand of our customers, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

We sell our seed primarily to dealers and distributors who, in turn, sell primarily to farmers who grow crops from the seed. Due to the nature of the seed industry, we normally produce seed according to our production plan before we sell and deliver seed to distributors and dealers. Our dealers and distributors generally make purchasing decisions for our products based on market prices, economic and weather conditions and other factors that we and our dealers and distributors may not be able to anticipate accurately in advance. If we fail to accurately estimate the volume and types of products sought by the end users and otherwise adequately manage production amounts, we may produce more seed than our dealers and distributors want, resulting in excess inventory levels. It may be difficult for us to dispose of all of our inventory on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. Also, retention of excess inventory over extended periods of time increases the risk that certain inventory lots may deteriorate in quality and germination rates. If we determine that the value of our inventories exceeds the market value of product that we reasonably believe we can sell, we may need to record an impairment charge for a portion of our inventory in one or more fiscal periods. For example, our cost of revenue for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 included inventory writedowns of \$2.8 million and \$6.4 million, respectively, related to certain inventory lots that deteriorated or were expected to deteriorate in quality and germination rates. Any such impairment charge or any failure to sell inventory on commercially reasonable terms could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and operating cash flows.

On the other hand, if we underestimate demand, we may not be able to satisfy our dealers and distributors' demand for seed, and thus damage our customer relations and end-user loyalty. Our failure to estimate end users' future needs and to match our production to the demand of our customers may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### Our third-party distributors may not effectively distribute our products.

We depend in part on third-party distributors and strategic relationships for the marketing and selling of our products. We depend on these distributors' efforts to market our products, yet we are unable to control their efforts completely. In addition, we are unable to ensure that our distributors comply with all applicable laws regarding the sale of our products, including the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended. If our distributors fail to effectively market and sell our products, and in full compliance with applicable laws, our operating results and business may suffer.

# We extend credit to our international customers, which exposes us to the difficulties of collecting our receivables in foreign jurisdictions if those customers fail to pay us.

Although our payment terms for export seed sales often are prepaid, documentary collections or secured by a letter of credit, we do extend credit of up to 180 days to some of our international customers. Sales of our seed to international customers represented a material portion of our revenue in historical periods and we expect that we will continue to extend credit in connection with future sales. Because these customers are located in foreign countries, collection efforts, were they to become necessary, could be much more difficult and expensive than pursuing similar

claims in the United States. Moreover, future political and/or economic factors, as well as future unanticipated trade regulations, could negatively impact our ability to timely collect outstanding receivables from these important customers. The extension of credit to our international customers exposes us to the risk that our seed will be delivered but that we may not receive all or a portion of the payment therefor. If these customers are unable or unwilling to fully pay for the seed they purchase on credit, our results of operations and financial condition could be materially negatively impacted. Moreover, our internal forecasts on which we make business decisions throughout the year could be severely compromised, which could, in turn, mean that we spend capital for operations, investment or otherwise that we would not have spent had we been aware that the customer would not honor its credit extension obligation.

# Our current reliance on the seed development and production business does not permit us to spread our business risks among different business segments, and thus a disruption in our seed production or the industry would harm us more immediately and directly than if we were more diversified.

We currently operate primarily in the agricultural seed business, and we do not expect this to change materially in the foreseeable future. Without business line diversity, we will not be able to spread the risk of our operations. Therefore, our business opportunities, revenue and income could be more immediately and directly affected by disruptions from such things as drought and disease or widespread problems affecting the alfalfa, sorghum, sunflower and pasture seed markets, payment disruptions and customer rejection of our seed. If there is a disruption as described above, our revenue and earnings could be reduced, and our business operations might have to be scaled back.

# If we fail to introduce and commercialize new seed products, we may not be able to maintain market share, and our future sales may be harmed.

The performance of our new seed products may not meet our customers' expectations, or we may not be able to introduce and commercialize specific seed varieties and hybrids. Reorder rates are uncertain due to several factors, many of which are beyond our control. These include changing customer preferences, which could be further complicated by competitive price pressures, our failure to develop new products to meet the evolving demands of the end users, the development of higher-demand products by our competitors and general economic conditions. The process for new products to gain market recognition and acceptance is long and has uncertainties. New products may be abandoned for many reasons, including greater than anticipated development costs, competition, decrease in demand and the need to divert focus, from time to time, to other initiatives with perceived opportunities for better returns. If we fail to introduce and commercialize new seed products that meet the demands of the end user, if our competitors develop products that are favored by the end users, or if we are unable to produce our existing products in sufficient quantities, our growth prospects may be materially and adversely affected, and our revenue may decline. In addition, sales of our new products could replace sales of some of our current similar products, offsetting the benefit of a successful product introduction.

#### The presence of GMO alfalfa in Australia or California could impact our sales.

GMO crops currently are prohibited in most of the international markets in which our proprietary seed is currently sold. There are regions in the United States, including the Pacific Northwest, where even small quantities of GMO material inadvertently interspersed with conventional (non-GMO) alfalfa seed make the seed undesirable, which causes customers to look elsewhere for their alfalfa seed requirements. The greater the use of GMO seed in California and other alfalfa seed growing regions, the greater the risk that the adventitious presence of GMO material in our seed production will occur due to pollination from hay fields or other seed fields. We regularly test for the adventitious presence of GMO in our conventional alfalfa seed, and we have seen a slight increase in the percentage of GMO presence in conventional alfalfa seed over the past several years. Our seed containing GMO material can only be sold domestically or in other jurisdictions that permit the importation of GMO alfalfa. If we are unable to isolate our conventional alfalfa seed from inadvertently being contaminated by GMO seed, we may find it more difficult to sell that seed in our key markets and we may have insufficient quantities of seed to sell internationally, either of which could materially adversely impact our revenue over time.

# The loss of key employees or the failure to attract qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our ability to run our business.

The loss of any of our current executives, key employees or key advisors, or the failure to attract, integrate, motivate and retain additional key employees, could have a material adverse effect on our business. Although we have employment agreements with our executive officers, as well as certain other employees, all of our employees are

employed "at-will" and could leave our employ at any time. We do not carry "key person" insurance on the lives of any of our management team. As we develop additional capabilities, we may require more skilled personnel who must be highly skilled and have a sound understanding of our industry, business or processing requirements. Recruiting skilled personnel is highly competitive. Although to date we have been successful in recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, there can be no assurance that we will continue to attract and retain the personnel needed for our business. The failure to attract or retain qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business.

### We may not be able to manage expansion of our operations effectively.

We expect our operations to continue to grow in the future, both as we expand our historical alfalfa seed business both domestically and internationally through internal growth and synergistic acquisitions and increase our growers' production. These efforts will require the addition of employees, expansion of facilities and greater oversight, perhaps in diverse locations. If we are unable to manage our growth effectively, we may not be able to take advantage of market opportunities, execute on our business strategies or respond to competitive pressures, and we may have difficulties maintaining and updating the internal procedures and the controls necessary to meet the planned expansion of our overall business.

Our management will also be required to maintain and expand our relationships with customers, suppliers and other third parties as well as attract new customers and suppliers. We expect that our sales and marketing costs will increase as we grow our product lines and as we increase our sales efforts in new and existing markets. Our current and planned operations, personnel, systems and internal procedures and controls may not be adequate to support our future growth.

# We may be unable to successfully integrate the businesses we have recently acquired and may acquire in the future with our current management and structure.

As part of our growth strategy, we have acquired and may continue to acquire additional businesses, product lines or other assets. We may not be able to locate or make suitable acquisitions on acceptable terms, and future acquisitions may not be effectively and profitably integrated into our business. Our failure to successfully complete the integration of the businesses we acquire could have an adverse effect on our prospects, business activities, cash flow, financial condition, results of operations and stock price. Integration challenges may include the following:

- assimilating the acquired operations, products and personnel with our existing operations, products and personnel;
- estimating the capital, personnel and equipment required for the acquired businesses based on the historical experience of management with the businesses with which they are familiar;
- minimizing potential adverse effects on existing business relationships with other suppliers and customers;
- developing and marketing the new products and services;
- entering markets in which we have limited or no prior experience; and
- coordinating our efforts throughout various distant localities and time zones.

In connection with any such transactions, we may also issue equity securities, incur additional debt, assume contractual obligations or liabilities or expend significant cash. Such transactions could harm our operating results and cash position and negatively affect the price of our stock.

In addition, there can be no assurance that we will achieve the revenues, growth prospects and synergies expected from our prior acquisitions or any future acquisitions, or that we will achieve such revenue, growth prospects and synergies in a manner consistent with our expectations. Our failure to realize the anticipated benefits of our strategic transactions could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

# The diversion of management's attention and costs associated with acquisitions may have a negative impact on our business.

If management's attention is diverted from the management of our existing businesses as a result of its efforts in evaluating and negotiating new acquisitions and strategic transactions, the prospects, business activities, cash flow,

financial condition and results of operations of our existing businesses may suffer. We also may incur unanticipated costs in connection with pursuing acquisitions and strategic transactions, whether they ultimately are consummated or not.

# S&W Australia's alfalfa seed grower base is dependent on a limited number of milling facilities to process its seed.

Only five milling facilities are regularly used by S&W Australia's grower base to clean and process S&W Australia alfalfa seed. Should one or more of these facilities become unusable, there could be a significant effect on S&W Australia's ability to get its Australian alfalfa seed to market in a timely manner or at all. S&W Australia's growers use Tatiara Seeds to process approximately 63% of the alfalfa seed grown for S&W Australia in fiscal 2023.

# S&W Australia is thinly capitalized and may become dependent upon us for financing.

Because S&W Australia has relatively little net working capital, it is substantially dependent upon its credit arrangement with National Australia Bank Ltd, or NAB, to purchase its seed inventory. If S&W Australia breaches its credit arrangement in the future or other reasons cause this credit arrangement to become unavailable to S&W Australia, S&W Australia may become reliant on us to finance its operations or for financial guarantees. We currently are a guarantor on S&W Australia's NAB credit facility, and anticipate that we will need to make a capital infusion into S&W Australia in the near future. S&W Australia's financial dependency upon us could have a negative adverse effect upon our financial condition.

# S&W Australia is dependent on a group of seed growers and a favorable pricing model for alfalfa seed production.

S&W Australia relies on a group of over 55 Australian contract growers to produce its proprietary alfalfa seeds. In this system, growers' contract with S&W Australia to grow S&W Australia's seed for terms of seven to ten years in the case of alfalfa and two to three years for white clover. S&W Australia uses a staggered payment system with the growers of its alfalfa and white clover; the payment amounts are based upon a Production Fee for compliant seed. The Production Fee is advised each year at the time of crop harvest but no later than May 31 and is based on carryover stock, estimated size of harvest and prevailing and estimated market values. Following the grower's delivery of uncleaned seed to a milling facility, S&W Australia typically pays approximately 40% of the Production Fee to the grower based on pre-cleaning weight. Following this initial payment, S&W Australia makes two equal progress payments to the total of the Production Fee in September and December and, if applicable, a bonus payment for "first grade" alfalfa seed. The final amount payable to each grower is also subject to adjustment based upon the clean weight of the seed grown. Once the Production Fee has been advised each year S&W Australia is committed to payment amounts and timing exposing it to adverse changes in market values due to price and currency fluctuations.

# Changes in government policies and laws could adversely affect international sales and therefore our financial results.

Historically, sales to our distributors who sell our proprietary alfalfa seed varieties outside the United States have constituted a meaningful portion of our annual revenue. We anticipate that sales into international markets will continue to represent a meaningful portion of our total sales and that continued growth and profitability will require further international expansion, particularly in the Middle East and Africa. Our financial results could be affected by changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations, or other activities of U.S. and non-U.S. governments, agencies and similar organizations. These conditions include but are not limited to changes in a country's or region's economic or political conditions, trade regulations affecting production, pricing and marketing of products, local labor conditions and regulations, reduced protection of intellectual property rights in some countries, changes in the regulatory or legal environment, burdensome taxes and tariffs and other trade barriers. International risks and uncertainties, including changing social and economic conditions as well as terrorism, political hostilities and war, could lead to reduced distribution of our products into international markets and reduced profitability associated with such sales.

# We are subject to risks associated with doing business globally.

Our operations, both inside and outside the United States, are subject to risks inherent in conducting business globally and under the laws, regulations and customs of various jurisdictions and geographies. Although we sell seed to various regions of the world, a significant percentage of our sales outside the United States in fiscal 2023 were principally to customers in the Australia and the Middle East. Accordingly, developments in those parts of the world generally have a more significant effect on our operations than developments in other places. Our operations outside the United States are subject to special risks and restrictions, including, without limitation:

- fluctuations in currency values and foreign-currency exchange rates;
- exchange control regulations;
- changes in local political or economic conditions;
- governmental pricing directives; import and trade restrictions;
- import or export licensing requirements and trade policy;
- restrictions on the ability to repatriate funds; and
- other potentially detrimental domestic and foreign governmental practices or policies affecting U.S. companies doing business abroad, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the trade sanctions laws and regulations administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Furthermore, our ability to export our products and our sales outside the United States may be adversely affected by significant changes in trade, tax, or other policies, including the risk that other countries may retaliate through the imposition of their own trade restrictions and/or increased tariffs in response to substantial changes to U.S. trade and tax policies. Acts of terror or war may impair our ability to operate in particular countries or regions and may impede the flow of goods and services between countries. Customers in weakened economies may be unable to purchase our products, or it could become more expensive for them to purchase imported products in their local currency, or sell their commodity at prevailing international prices, and we may be unable to collect receivables from such customers. Further, changes in exchange rates may affect our net earnings, the book value of our assets outside the United States and our stockholders' equity. Failure to comply with the laws and regulations that affect our global operations could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Additionally, in many markets there are various pressures to reduce government subsidies to farmers, which may inhibit the growth in these markets of products used in agriculture. In addition, government programs that create incentives for farmers may be modified or discontinued. However, it is difficult to predict accurately whether, and if so when, such changes will occur. We expect that the policies of governments and international organizations will continue to affect the planting choices made by growers as well as the income available to growers to purchase products used in agriculture and, accordingly, the operating results of the agriculture industry.

# The effects of the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine may have an adverse impact on our business.

The global economy has been negatively impacted by the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in early 2022, the U.S. and global financial markets experienced volatility, which has led to disruptions to trade, commerce, pricing stability, credit availability, supply chain continuity and reduced access to liquidity globally. In response to the invasion, the United States, United Kingdom and European Union, along with others, imposed significant new sanctions and export controls against Russia, Russian banks and certain Russian individuals and may implement additional sanctions or take further punitive actions in the future. The full economic and social impact of the sanctions imposed on Russia and possible future punitive measures that may be implemented, as well as the counter measures imposed by Russia, in addition to the ongoing military conflict between Ukraine and Russia and related sanctions, which could conceivably expand into the surrounding region, remains uncertain; however, both the conflict and related sanctions have resulted and could continue to result in disruptions to trade, commerce, pricing stability, credit availability, supply chain continuity and reduced access to liquidity on acceptable terms, in both Europe and globally, and has introduced significant uncertainty into global markets. Shifts in these underlying conditions may negatively impact our margins. Furthermore, our market environment and, consequently, our business performance may be adversely impacted.

Further escalation of the military conflict or related geopolitical tensions, including increased trade barriers or restrictions on global trade, could result in, among other things, cyberattacks, supply disruptions, and changes to foreign exchange rates and financial markets, any of which may adversely affect our business and supply chains.

# The effects of the conflict in Sudan may have an adverse impact on our business.

The armed conflict in Sudan, which began in April 2023, has disrupted our shipments to the country. At this time, we expect to ship to Sudan \$3.0 million to \$6.0 million of our product in the first half of fiscal 2024 and will continue to monitor and assess conditions. If we are unable to provide shipments to Sudan and cannot find alternative outlets for the product, our business, financial condition or results of operations may be adversely impacted.

# Failure to comply with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or similar laws could subject us to penalties and other adverse consequences.

We are subject to the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which generally prohibits United States companies, including their suppliers, distributors and other commercial partners, from engaging in bribery or other prohibited payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. Corruption, extortion, bribery, pay-offs, theft and other fraudulent practices occur from time-to-time in the countries in which we distribute products. We have adopted formal policies and procedures designed to facilitate compliance with these laws. If our employees or other agents, including our distributors or suppliers, are found to have engaged in such practices, we could suffer severe penalties and other consequences that may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Environmental regulation affecting our seed products could negatively impact our business.

Our agricultural operations are subject to a broad range of evolving environmental laws and regulations applicable to the markets in which we operate. These environmental laws and regulations are intended to address concerns related to, among other things, air quality, storm water discharge and management and disposal of agricultural chemicals relating to seed treatment.

In the U.S., we are subject to evolving environmental laws and regulations by federal and state governments. Federal laws and regulations include the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Federal Seed Act, and potentially regulations of the FDA and/or other State regulatory agencies.

Our Australian operations are also subject to a number of environmental laws, regulations and policies, including in particular the Environment Protection Act 1993 (SA), the Agricultural and Veterinary Products (Control of Use) Act 2002 (SA), the Genetically Modified Crops Management Act 2004 (SA), the Dangerous Substances Act 1979 (SA), the Controlled Substances Act 1984 (SA) and related regulations and policies.

Our failure to comply with these laws and related regulations could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Moreover, it is possible that future developments, such as increasingly strict environmental laws and enforcement policies thereunder, and further restrictions on the use of agricultural chemicals, could result in increased compliance costs which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

# If we are unable to obtain government approvals for certain of our products, we may be unable to commercialize those products in certain markets.

Our ability to launch and commercialize certain new products is subject to regulatory approval, which can be lengthy, costly, complex and in some markets unpredictable. The regulatory environment may be impacted by the activities of non-governmental organizations and special interest groups and stakeholder reaction to actual or perceived impacts of new and existing technology, products, or processes on safety, health, and the environment. Seed products incorporating biotechnology derived traits and crop protection products must be extensively tested for safety, efficacy, and environmental impact before they can be registered for production, use, sale or commercialization in a given market. Obtaining and maintaining regulatory approvals requires submitting a significant amount of information and data, which may require participation from technology providers. If we are unable to receive the necessary approvals, we will be unable to produce and sell certain of our current and future products, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Unauthorized access to our information technology systems, infrastructure and data could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We are dependent upon our own and third-party information technology systems, infrastructure and data, including mobile technologies, to operate our business. The multitude and complexity of our computer systems may make them vulnerable to service interruption or destruction, disruption of data integrity, malicious intrusion, or random attacks. Likewise, data privacy or security incidents or breaches by employees or others may pose a risk that sensitive data, including our intellectual property, trade secrets or personal information of our employees, customers or other business partners may be exposed to unauthorized persons or to the public. Our business partners face similar risks, and any security breach of their systems could adversely affect our security posture.

In addition, cyberattacks are increasing in their frequency, sophistication and intensity. Cyber-attacks could include the deployment of harmful malware, denial-of-service, social engineering and other means to affect service reliability and threaten data confidentiality, integrity and availability. Moreover, the prevalent use of mobile devices that access confidential information increases the risk of data security breaches, which could lead to the loss of confidential information, trade secrets or other intellectual property.

A security breach, including, for example, a misappropriation of customer, distributor or employee confidential information, trade secrets or intellectual property, could disrupt our business and result in increased costs or loss of revenue, which may include potential costs of investigations, legal, forensic and consulting fees and expenses, costs and diversion of management's attention required for investigation, remediation and litigation, substantial repair or replacement costs. In addition, any disruption in our information technology systems, loss of data or other disruptions could impair our ability to manage inventories, process transactions and communicate with our customers, which could prevent us from being able to fulfill orders, result in cancellations and loss of customers, cause us reputational harm and generally disrupt our ability to conduct our business, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

While we have implemented measures for the protection of our data and information technology infrastructure, there can be no assurance that our efforts will prevent service interruptions, or identify breaches in our systems, that could adversely affect our business and operations and/or result in the loss of critical or sensitive information, which could result in financial, legal, business or reputational harm to us. In addition, our liability insurance may not be sufficient in type or amount to cover us against claims related to security breaches, cyberattacks and other related breaches.

### Insurance covering defective seed claims may become unavailable or be inadequate.

Defective seed could result in insurance claims and negative publicity. Although we carry general liability insurance to cover defective seed claims, such coverage may become unavailable or be inadequate. Even if coverage is offered, it may be at a price and on terms not acceptable to us. If claims exceed coverage limits, or if insurance is not available to us, the occurrence of significant claims could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

# We may be exposed to product quality claims, which may cause us to incur substantial legal expenses and, if determined adversely against us, may cause us to pay significant damage awards.

We may be subject to legal proceedings and claims from time to time relating to our seed quality. The defense of these proceedings and claims can be both costly and time consuming and may significantly divert efforts and resources of our management personnel. An adverse determination in any such proceeding could subject us to significant liability and damage our market reputation and prevent us from achieving increased sales and market share. Protracted litigation could also result in our customers or potential customers deferring or limiting their purchase of our products.

# Capital and credit market issues could negatively affect our liquidity, increase our costs of borrowing and disrupt the operations of our growers and customers.

The capital and credit markets have experienced increased volatility and disruption over the past several years, making it more difficult for companies to access those markets. Continued or increased volatility and disruption in the capital and credit markets may impair our liquidity or increase our costs of borrowing, if we need to access the credit market. Our business could also be negatively impacted if our growers or customers experience disruptions resulting from tighter capital and credit markets or a slowdown in the general economy.

# If we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our business and prospects may be harmed.

Our ability to compete effectively is dependent upon the proprietary nature of the seeds, seedlings, processes, technologies and materials owned by or used by us or our growers. If any competitors independently develop new traits, seeds, seedlings, processes or technologies that customers or end users determine are better than our existing products, such developments could adversely affect our competitive position.

In some cases, we obtain patent protection or plant breeder rights registrations for certain of our seed products. However, our principal method of guarding our proprietary varieties and hybrids is exercising a high degree of control over the supply chain. We also rely on trade secret protection and confidentiality agreements to protect proprietary know-how that is not patentable, processes for which patents are difficult to enforce and any other elements of our discovery and development processes that involve proprietary know-how, information or technology that is not covered by patents. Although we require our employees, consultants, advisors and any third parties who have access to our proprietary know-how, information, or technology to enter into confidentiality agreements, we cannot be certain that our trade secrets and other confidential proprietary information will not be disclosed or that competitors will not otherwise gain access to our trade secrets or independently develop substantially equivalent information and techniques.

Even with these measures in place, it would be possible for persons with access to our seed or plants grown from our seed to reproduce and market products substantially similar to our proprietary seed varieties, which could significantly harm our business and our reputation. Third parties may challenge the validity, enforceability and scope of our intellectual property rights. Furthermore, we sell our products in more than 40 countries and the laws of some countries do not protect proprietary rights to the same extent or in the same manner as the laws of the United States. As a result, we may encounter significant problems in protecting and defending our intellectual property both in the United States and abroad. Litigation may be necessary to protect our proprietary property and determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of competitors. Intellectual property litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of our management and other resources. If we are unable to successfully protect our intellectual property rights, our competitors could market products that compete with our proprietary products without obtaining a license from us.

# Actual or threatened public health pandemics or outbreaks may adversely impact on our business, operations and the markets and communities in which we, our partners and customers operate.

While many health organizations have declared that the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, the pandemic and previous actions to slow its spread had an adverse impact on our operations, including disruptions of shipments of our seed products, increased foreign exchange rate volatility, reduced in-person sales interactions, and other disruptions which affected our results and financial condition. For example, during the year ended June 30, 2023, we experienced numerous logistical challenges due to limited availability of trucks for product deliveries, congestion at the ports, and overall volatility of shipping and transportation costs. We cannot predict if or when other similar disease outbreaks will emerge that cause similar disruptions. The extent to which future pandemics may impact our operations will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence, such as the timing and duration of future pandemics, the transmissibility and severity of illness caused by future pandemics, the efforts by governments and businesses to contain the spread of future pandemics, business closures or business disruptions and the impact on the economy and capital markets. Similar disruptions or disease outbreaks could delay or reduce our ability to recognize revenues within a particular fiscal period and harm our results of operations.

### A negative public perception of biotechnology may adversely impact our business.

Concerns and claims regarding the safe use of seeds with biotechnology traits and their potential impact on health and the environment, and the perceived impacts of biotechnology on health and the environment, reflect a growing trend in societal demands for increasing levels of product safety and environmental protection. These and other concerns could manifest themselves in stockholder proposals, preferred purchasing, delays or failures in obtaining or retaining regulatory approvals, delayed product launches, lack of market acceptance, product discontinuation, continued pressure for and adoption of more stringent regulatory intervention and litigation, termination of raw material supply agreements, and legal claims. These and other concerns could also influence public perceptions, the viability or continued sales of certain of our products, our reputation, and the cost to comply with regulations. As a result, such concerns could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows.

# Disruptions to our operations may adversely impact our business.

Despite all precautions, operations at our sites may be disrupted by fires, power outages, process changeovers – including those due to restrictions on the use of certain chemical substances – or plant breakdowns, for example. In addition, some of our production facilities are located in areas that may be affected by natural disasters such as flooding or earthquakes. These risks can lead to production disruptions or stoppages, result in personal injury and damage to our reputation, lead to declines in sales and/or margins, and necessitate the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure.

Furthermore, potential criminal activities targeting our employees, property or business activities represent a risk for our company. These include intellectual property theft, vandalism, physical attacks and sabotage. In addition, counterfeit or adulterated versions of our products could be put into circulation. There is also the risk of crises such as a pandemic or a prolonged power outage that could lead to a breakdown of our critical infrastructure and our production.

#### Risks Related to our Financial Position and Investment in Our Securities

The terms of our loan and security agreement with CIBC and MFP, our debt facilities with NAB, and our AgAmerica note place restrictions on our operating and financial flexibility, and failure to comply with covenants or to satisfy certain conditions may result in acceleration of our repayment obligations and foreclosure on our pledged assets, which could significantly harm our liquidity, financial condition, operating results, business and prospects and cause the price of our securities to decline.

Our revolving credit facility with CIBC is secured by a first priority perfected security interest in substantially all of our assets, subject to certain exceptions. In addition, we may become obligated to repay deemed term loan advances pursuant to a Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement with MFP Partners, L.P., or MFP.

Our loan agreement with CIBC requires us to comply with certain financial covenants. The loan agreements with CIBC and MFP also require us to comply with a number of other covenants (affirmative and negative), including restrictive covenants that limit our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness; merge or consolidate with or into any other organization or otherwise suffer a change in control; acquire, own or make investments; repurchase or redeem any class of stock or other equity interest; declare or pay any cash dividend or make a cash distribution on any class of stock or other equity interest; and transfer a material portion of our assets, in each case subject to exceptions.

In addition to other specified events of default, and subject to limited exceptions, CIBC could declare an event of default upon our non-compliance with certain covenants or the occurrence of certain events that it may determine, in its sole discretion, to have a material adverse effect, including: a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect on our business, property, assets or operations, taken as a whole; a material impairment of our ability to perform any of our obligations under the loan agreement; a material adverse effect upon the collateral for the loan or its value; or a material impairment of the enforceability or priority of the liens upon the collateral for the loan or the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of the loan agreement or related agreements.

If we default under the credit facility, CIBC may accelerate all of our repayment obligations, which may require us to seek additional or alternate financing and/or modify our operational plans. Current debt covenants are stated in the March 22, 2023 amendment with CIBC. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to comply with all of the covenants contained in the CIBC loan agreement in the future, or secure additional waivers if or when required. If we are unable to comply with or obtain a waiver of any noncompliance under the loan agreement, CIBC could declare an event of default or require us to further renegotiate the loan agreement on terms that may be significantly less favorable to us, or we may be required to seek additional or alternative financing. Although we have secured a lending commitment from MFP to address certain of these risks, we cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with the terms of the loan agreement with MFP, and we would still need to seek refinancing of the MFP loan agreement if any amounts became payable under the MFP loan agreement. If we were to seek additional or alternative financing, any such financing may not be available to us on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

Our term loan agreement with AgAmerica Lending LLC, or AgAmerica, is evidenced by a promissory note and is secured by a mortgage on approximately 31 acres of land located in Lubbock and Moore Counties, Texas, and certain personal property thereon. The term loan agreement and the promissory note, or collectively, the AgAmerica note, requires us to comply with a number of covenants (affirmative and negative) that include limitations with respect to liens, fundamental changes, asset sales and formation and acquisition of subsidiaries, in each case subject

to exceptions. If we default under the AgAmerica note, AgAmerica may declare all outstanding obligations immediately due and payable, which may require us to seek additional or alternate financing and/or modify our operational plans.

Our debt facilities with NAB also contain various covenants, including an undertaking that requires us to maintain a net related entity position of not more than USD \$18.5 million. The debt facilities with NAB are guaranteed by S&W Seed Company up to a maximum of AUD \$15.0 million (USD \$9.9 million as of June 30, 2023). If we default under the NAB debt facilities, NAB may declare all outstanding obligations immediately due and payable, which may require us to seek additional or alternate financing and/or modify our operational plans.

Although our amended CIBC Loan Agreement matures on August 31, 2024, our AgAmerica note matures on June 30, 2026, and our NAB debt facilities mature on September 29, 2023 and September 30, 2024, we cannot assure you that we will succeed in securing future refinancing on commercially reasonable terms, if at all, and whether such terms may be more restrictive than the provisions governing the lending agreements. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will not experience an event of default or be required to further renegotiate with, or seek additional waivers from our lenders, including on terms that may be significantly less favorable to us, before we are able to refinance the loan agreement, if ever. Any declaration by our lenders of an event of default could significantly harm our liquidity, financial condition, operating results, business, and prospects and cause the price of our securities to decline. If we are unable to access funds to meet those obligations or to renegotiate our agreements, our lenders could foreclose on our pledged assets and we would have to immediately cease operations. In addition, during the continuance of an event of default, the then-applicable interest rate on the then-outstanding principal balance is subject to increase. Upon an event of default, our lenders could also require us to repay the loan immediately, together with a prepayment penalty, and other fees. If we were to renegotiate our lending agreements under such circumstances, the terms may be significantly less favorable to us. If we were liquidated, our lenders' rights to repayment would be senior to the rights of our stockholders to receive any proceeds from the liquidation. Any declaration by our lenders of an event of default could significantly harm our liquidity, financial condition, operating results, business, and prospects and cause the price of our securities to decline.

We may incur additional indebtedness in the future. The debt instruments governing such indebtedness may contain provisions that are as, or more, restrictive than the provisions governing our existing indebtedness. If we are unable to repay, refinance or restructure our indebtedness when payment is due, our lenders could proceed against the collateral or force us into bankruptcy or liquidation.

#### The value of our common stock can be volatile.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market. The overall market and the price of our common stock can fluctuate greatly. The trading price of our common stock may be significantly affected by various factors, including but not limited to:

- economic status and trends in the dairy industry, which underlies demand for our alfalfa seed;
- market conditions for alfalfa seed in the Middle East and North Africa, where a substantial amount of our seed historically has been purchased by end users;
- quarterly fluctuations in our operating results;
- our ability to meet the earnings estimates and other performance expectations of investors or financial analysts:
- fluctuations in the stock prices of our peer companies or in stock markets in general; and
- general economic or political conditions.

Our quarter-to-quarter performance may vary substantially, and this variance, as well as general market conditions, may cause the price of our securities to fluctuate greatly and potentially expose us to litigation.

Our seed business is highly seasonal because it is tied to the growing and harvesting seasons. If sales in particular quarters are lower than expected, our operating results for these quarters could cause our share price to decline.

Our future expense estimates are based, in large part, on estimates of future revenue, which is difficult to predict. We expect to continue to make expenditures in order to expand production, sales, marketing and processes. We may be unable to, or may elect not to, adjust spending quickly enough to offset any unexpected revenue shortfall. If our

increased expenses are not accompanied by increased revenue in the same quarter, our quarterly operating results would be harmed.

In one or more future quarters, our results of operations may fall below the expectations of investors or analysts, and the trading price of our securities may decline as a consequence. We believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our operating results will not be a good indication of our future performance and should not be relied upon to predict the future performance of our stock price.

In the past, companies that have experienced volatility in the market price of their stock have often been subject to securities class action litigation. We may be the target of this type of litigation in the future. Securities litigation against us could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention from other business concerns, which could seriously harm our business.

We completed a private placement of our Series B Redeemable Convertible Non-Voting Preferred Stock on February 18, 2022, and if we are required to redeem such shares of preferred stock, our cash position will be negatively impacted. In addition, we may not have sufficient funds to redeem such shares of preferred stock.

We issued 1,695 shares of Series B Redeemable Convertible Non-Voting Preferred Stock, or Series B Preferred Stock, in connection with our February 2022 private placement. Unless prohibited by Nevada law governing distributions to stockholders, the Series B Preferred Stock is redeemable, at any time after August 18, 2025, upon written request from the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock, at a price equal to its stated value, plus any cash dividends accrued but unpaid thereon. As of June 30, 2023, the aggregate stated value of our Series B Preferred Stock was \$5.3 million. If a holder of the Series B Preferred Stock requests redemption we will be required to redeem such shares of preferred stock. However, we may be unable to redeem such preferred stock if restrictions under applicable law or contractual obligations prohibit such redemption. Additionally, even if such redemptions are permitted, our available cash will be negatively impacted as a result of such redemptions. In addition, such reduction in our available cash could decrease the trading price of our common stock.

# If we issue additional securities with rights superior to our common stock, the holdings of those owning our common stock could be further diluted or subordinated to the rights of the holders of preferred stock.

We may offer additional debt or equity securities in private and/or public offerings in order to raise working capital or to refinance our debt. Our board of directors is authorized by our articles of incorporation to establish classes or series of preferred stock and fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each such class or series without any further vote or action by our stockholders. Any shares of preferred stock so issued could have priority over our common stock with respect to dividend or liquidation rights. Our board of directors has authorized the issuance of 3,323 shares of Series B Redeemable Convertible Non-Voting Preferred Stock, of which 1,695 shares are outstanding as of June 30, 2023. Any future sales of securities could adversely affect the interests or voting rights of the holders of our common stock, result in substantial dilution to existing stockholders, or adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

# Our actual operating results may differ significantly from our guidance.

We routinely release annual guidance in our quarterly earnings releases, our quarterly earnings conference calls and in other forums we consider appropriate. Such guidance regarding our future performance represents our management's estimates as of the date of release or other communication. This guidance, which includes forward-looking statements, is based on projections prepared by our management. These projections are not prepared with a view toward compliance with published guidelines of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and neither our independent registered public accountants nor any other independent expert or outside party compiles or examines the projections, and accordingly, no such person expresses any opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto.

Projections are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that, while presented with numerical specificity, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control and are based upon specific assumptions with respect to future business decisions, some of which will change. If we issue guidance, we will generally state possible outcomes as high and low ranges or approximations that are intended to provide a sensitivity analysis as variables are changed but are not intended to represent that actual results could not fall outside of the suggested ranges or approximations. The principal reason that we would release guidance would be to provide a basis for our management to discuss our business outlook

with analysts and investors. We do not accept any responsibility for any projections or reports published by any such persons.

Guidance is necessarily speculative in nature, and it can be expected that some or all of the assumptions of the guidance furnished by us will not materialize or will vary significantly from actual results. Accordingly, our guidance, when given, is only an estimate of what management believes is realizable as of the date of release or other communication. Actual results will vary from our guidance, and the variations may be material. In light of the foregoing, investors are urged not to rely upon, or otherwise consider, our guidance in making an investment decision about our securities.

### We do not anticipate declaring any cash dividends on our common stock.

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock and do not plan to pay any cash dividends on our common stock in the near future. Our current policy is to retain all funds and any earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business. If we do not pay cash dividends, our common stock may be less valuable to investors because a return on their investment will only occur if our stock price appreciates.

# Anti-takeover provisions and our right to issue preferred stock could make a third-party acquisition of us difficult.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that would make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us, including a provision that our board of directors may issue preferred stock without stockholder approval. In addition, certain anti-takeover provisions of Nevada law, if and when applicable, could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us, even if such change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

# Item 2. Properties

The following is a description of our material properties:

Location	Primary Use	Leased or Owned
<b>United States:</b>		
Dumas (Moore County), Texas	Warehouse storage	Owned by S&W
Kern County, California	Farmland suitable for farming alfalfa seed and alfalfa	Leased by S&W
	hay	
Longmont (Boulder County),	Corporate Headquarters for S&W	Leased by S&W
Colorado		
Lubbock (Lubbock County),	Research facilities and warehouse storage	Leased by S&W
Texas		
Lubbock (Lubbock County),	Research greenhouse	Leased by S&W
Texas		
Lubbock (Lubbock County),	Laboratory and general office	Leased by S&W
Texas		
New Deal (Lubbock County),	Processing facility and production warehouse storage	Owned by S&W
Texas	D	
Tifton (Tift County), Georgia	Research and shop facilities, R&D field plots for	Leased by S&W
T. 1: (G : 1 G ) T.	stevia/sorghum/camelina	11 0077
Tulia (Swisher County), Texas	Warehouse storage	Leased by S&W
Victoria (Victoria County),	Warehousing and production storage	Leased by S&W
Texas		
Australia:		
Breeza, New South Wales	Research farm	Leased by S&W Australia
Cambooya, Queensland	Research farm	Leased by S&W Australia
Deniliquin, New South Wales	Processing facility	Leased by S&W Australia
Keith, South Australia	Processing facility	Owned by S&W Australia
Keith, South Australia	Research farm	Leased by S&W Australia
Penfield, South Australia	Warehousing and production storage and research	Leased by S&W Australia
	and development	
Tamworth, New South Wales	Research and development and warehousing and	Leased by S&W Australia
	production storage	
Toowoomba, Queensland	Research and development and warehousing and	Leased by S&W Australia
	production storage	
Wingfield, South Australia	Warehousing and production storage	Leased by S&W Australia

We believe that our current facilities are adequate for our needs for the immediate future and that, should it be needed, suitable additional space will be available to accommodate expansion of our operations on commercially reasonable terms.

### AgAmerica Mortgage

On June 20, 2023, the Company entered into a Term Loan Agreement with AgAmerica Lending LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or AgAmerica, pursuant to which AgAmerica extended a term loan of \$4.3 million to the Company and, as security therefor, the Company granted to AgAmerica a mortgage on approximately 31 acres of land located in Lubbock and Moore Counties, Texas, and certain personal property thereon.

# Item 3. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are involved in lawsuits, claims, investigations and proceedings, including pending opposition proceedings involving patents that arise in the ordinary course of business. There are no matters pending that we expect to have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

# Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

### **PART II**

# Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

### **Market Information Regarding Our Common Stock**

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "SANW."

#### Holders

As of September 20, 2023, we had 51 stockholders of record. Because many of our shares of common stock are held by brokers and other institutions on behalf of stockholders, we are unable to estimate the total number of beneficial stockholders represented by these record holders.

# **Dividend Policy**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. For the foreseeable future, we intend to retain any earnings to finance the development and expansion of our business, and we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be dependent upon then existing conditions, including our financial condition and results of operations, capital requirements, contractual restrictions, business prospects and other factors that the Board of Directors considers relevant. In addition, our loan agreement with CIBC Bank USA contains restrictions on our ability to pay dividends.

# Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

Information about our equity compensation plans is incorporated herein by reference to Item 12 of Part III of this Annual Report.

# Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities; Use of Proceeds from Registered Securities

There were no unregistered sales of equity securities in fiscal 2023 that have not been previously reported on a Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliate Purchasers

None.

#### Item 6. Reserved

# Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to our historical consolidated financial information, the following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates, and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as referred to on page 2 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, particularly in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

#### **Executive Overview**

We are a global multi-crop, middle-market agricultural company and a market leader in the breeding, production and sale of alfalfa and sorghum seeds, and have a commercial market presence in pasture and sunflower seeds. We are also leveraging our camelina seed technology in our partnership with Shell in the United States to demonstrate how agriculture and energy can work together to lower carbon emissions by producing domestically sourced sustainable biofuel feedstocks.

Our seed platform develops and supplies high quality germplasm designed to produce higher yields for farmers worldwide. We sell over 600 seed products in more than 40 countries. We maintain an active product pipeline and expect to introduce more than 20 new products during fiscal 2024.

### Strategic Review

We have maintained our strategic path for operations and future growth in sorghum while continuing to execute and refine our key centers of value for our international forage and pastures, camelina, and alfalfa businesses. With grower adoption of our Double Team grain sorghum solution accelerating since its fiscal 2022 launch and the technological development of Double Team planned for forage and grain sorghum products in fiscal 2024, we believe we are in a unique position to be the leading technology provider of this important global crop.

We have continued to align our cost structure to support our key centers of value in order to drive the business towards profitability. We have decided to pause our development of stevia leaf and re-evaluate its longer-term profit opportunity with our partners. We have reduced obsolescence costs through improved life cycle management and SKU optimization efforts with the reduction of low margin forage lines and seed treatment offerings. Continuing into fiscal 2024, we expect to recognize improvement in our seed cost position as additional operational efficiency plans are implemented and guided by best-in-class cost standards.

In fiscal 2023, we entered into partnerships with Shell and Trigall that we believe will generate value while strengthening our balance sheet.

- Our partnership with Shell, Vision Bioenergy, intends to develop camelina and other oilseed species
  from which oil and meal can be extracted for future processing into animal feed, biofuels, and other
  bioproducts. With a limited supply of arable land, camelina provides a long-term opportunity of
  maximizing farmland food production.
- Our partnership with Trigall, Trigall Australia, combines our commercial footprint with the unique technologies and expertise of Trigall to further develop and market wheat varieties in Australia.

In addition, we have executed on our fiscal 2023 plan to reduce annual operating expenses by \$5.0 million.

# **Global Economic Conditions**

We are subject to additional risks and uncertainties as a result of adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events, such as the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing military conflict between Ukraine and Russia and related sanctions, the armed conflict in Sudan, uncertain market conditions, including higher inflation and supply chain disruptions, recent bank failures, and other global events, which have had and may continue to have an adverse impact on our business, operations and the markets and communities in which we, our partners and customers operate.

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted our operations and financial results in 2021 and 2022, due to broad-based supply chain disruptions across the U.S. and globally. These supply chain issues negatively impacted our

ability to book containers for ocean freight, which in certain cases delayed customer shipments and extended our regular sales and collection cycle. In 2023, we experienced a lessening of the severity of these supply chain issues, though continue to experience negative effects in certain jurisdictions. We continue to work closely with our customers, business units, third party contractors and suppliers, and other external business partners to minimize the potential impact on our business. The extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our sales, operating results and financial condition will depend on certain developments, including the location, duration and spread of future outbreaks, and the resulting specific impacts felt by our customers, employees, and vendors, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted.

Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in early 2022, the U.S. and global financial markets experienced volatility, which has led to disruptions to trade, commerce, pricing stability, credit availability, supply chain continuity and reduced access to liquidity globally. In response to the invasion, the United States, United Kingdom and European Union, along with others, imposed significant new sanctions and export controls against Russia, Russian banks and certain Russian individuals and may implement additional sanctions or take further punitive actions in the future. The full economic and social impact of the sanctions imposed on Russia and possible future punitive measures that may be implemented, as well as the counter measures imposed by Russia, in addition to the ongoing military conflict between Ukraine and Russia and related sanctions, which could conceivably expand into the surrounding region, remains uncertain; however, both the conflict and related sanctions have resulted and could continue to result in disruptions to trade, commerce, pricing stability, credit availability, supply chain continuity and reduced access to liquidity on acceptable terms, in both Europe and globally, and has introduced significant uncertainty into global markets.

The armed conflict in Sudan, which began in April 2023, has disrupted our shipments to the country. At this time, we expect to ship to Sudan \$3.0 million to \$6.0 million of our product in the first half of fiscal 2024 and will continue to monitor and assess conditions. Also, in Saudi Arabia, unregistered lower priced and lower quality European produced seed is currently being dumped into the country which has created a short-term imbalance. We believe inventory levels will normalize following the quick flushing out of this seed and we are making the strategic decision not to discount our high value seed to compete with this low-quality product. As a result of the Sudan geopolitical conflict and this short-term impact in Saudi Arabia, a significant amount of alfalfa orders were moved from the second half of fiscal 2023 to the first half of fiscal 2024.

Our product revenue is predicated on our ability to timely fulfill customer orders, which depends in large part upon the consistent availability and operation of shipping and distribution networks operated by third parties. Farmers typically have a limited window during which they can plant seed, and their buying decisions can be shaped by actual or perceived disruptions in our distribution and supply channels, or concerns about our ability to timely fulfill their orders. If our customers delay or decrease their orders due to potential disruptions in our distribution and supply channels, including as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or other adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events, this will adversely affect our product revenue.

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, we experienced numerous logistical challenges due to limited availability of trucks for product deliveries, congestion at the ports, and overall volatility of shipping and transportation costs. We expect these logistical challenges to persist throughout fiscal 2024, which may, among other things, delay or reduce our ability to recognize revenues within a particular fiscal period and harm our results of operations.

The ultimate impact that COVID-19 and other adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events will have on our consolidated financial statements remains uncertain and ultimately will be dictated by the length and severity of the pandemic and any broad-based supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, rising levels of inflation and interest rates, tightening of credit markets or other developments resulting from the pandemic or recent geopolitical and macroeconomic events, as well as the economic recovery and actions taken in response to local, state and national governments around the world, including the distribution of vaccinations. We will continue to evaluate the nature and extent of those potential and evolving impacts to our business and consolidated financial statements.

### **Components of Our Statements of Operations Data**

### Revenue and Cost of Revenue

#### Revenue

We derive most of our revenue from the sale of our proprietary seed varieties and hybrids. We expect that over the next several years, a substantial majority of our revenue will be generated from the sale of alfalfa, sorghum, and pasture seed, although we are continually assessing other possible product offerings or means to increase revenue, including expanding into higher margin crops.

The mix of our product offerings will continue to change over time with the introduction of new seed varieties and hybrids resulting from our robust research and development efforts. Potential sources of new revenue include expansion of novel, non-GMO product lines, entry into gene-edited product markets, entry into specialty crop markets, such as biofuels, and additional strategic transactions.

Our revenue will fluctuate depending on the timing of orders from our customers and distributors and the extent to which markets are impacted by sources of instability and volatility in global markets and industries, including, among other things, the COVID-19 pandemic, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the armed conflict in Sudan, supply chain issues and global inflation. Because some of our large customers and distributors order in bulk only one or two times per year, our product revenue can fluctuate significantly from period to period. Some of this fluctuation is offset by having operations in both the northern and southern hemispheres. In addition, due to the numerous logistical challenges we have experienced in our shipping and distribution networks resulting from current geopolitical and macroeconomic events, our product revenue has fluctuated, and our ability to recognize revenues within a particular fiscal period has been impacted. We expect our product revenue will fluctuate from period to period as a result of the current geopolitical and macroeconomic conditions.

Our specialty crops, including our biofuels program, have yet to generate any meaningful revenue. However, management continues to evaluate this portion of our business and assess various opportunities to monetize the results of our research and development efforts. Such potential opportunities include possible collaborations, partnerships and/or joint ventures, licensing agreements and royalty-based agreements. For example, we recently entered into our Vision Bioenergy partnership with Shell in order to develop commercially viable camelina sativa and other oilseeds varieties that produce grain from which oil and meal can be extracted for future processing into biofuels, feed and other potential bioproducts. Although we have received upfront payments from Shell pursuant to the partnership and will be entitled to receive additional payments from Shell upon the one-year anniversary of our entry into partnership, there can be no assurance that this will generate any meaningful revenue.

## Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin

Cost of revenue relates to sale of our seed products and consists of the cost of procuring seed, plant conditioning and packaging costs, direct labor and raw materials and overhead costs. Gross margin represents the profit remaining after deducting these costs from total revenue. As Double Team sorghum continues to gain market acceptance, we expect to see additional favorability in our gross margin.

# **Operating Expenses**

# Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general, and administrative expenses consist primarily of employee costs, including salaries, employee benefits and share-based compensation, as well as professional service fees, insurance, marketing, travel and entertainment expense, public company expense and other overhead costs. We proactively take steps on an ongoing basis to control selling, general and administrative expenses as much as is reasonably possible.

# Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist of costs incurred in the discovery, development, breeding and testing of new products incorporating the traits we have specifically selected. These expenses consist primarily of employee salaries and benefits, consultant services, land leased for field trials, chemicals and supplies and other external expenses.

Overall, we have been focused on controlling research and development expenses, while balancing that objective against the recognition that continued advancement in product development is an important part of our strategic

planning. We intend to focus our resources on development programs we believe will have a high return on investment. For alfalfa seed, we plan to invest in further development of differentiating forage quality traits. For sorghum, we plan to invest in higher value grain products, proprietary herbicide tolerance traits and improved safety and palatability in forage products. We expect our research and development expenses will fluctuate from period to period as a result of the timing of various research and development projects.

Our internal research and development costs are expensed as incurred, while third-party research and developments costs are expensed when the contracted work has been performed or as milestone results have been achieved. The costs associated with equipment or facilities acquired or constructed for research and development activities that have alternative future uses are capitalized and depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset.

### Depreciation and Amortization

We amortize intangible assets, including those acquired from Pasture Genetics Ltd., or Pasture Genetics, in 2020, Chromatin Inc. in 2018 and from SV Genetics Pty Ltd in May 2016, using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, consisting of periods of 10 to 30 years for technology/IP/germplasm, 5 to 20 years for customer relationships and trade names and 10 to 20 years for other intangible assets. Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, consisting of periods of 5 to 35 years for buildings, 2 to 20 years for machinery and equipment and 2 to 5 years for vehicles.

# Other (Income) Expense

Other (income) expense consists primarily of the gain on sale of business interest, foreign currency gains and losses, gains on disposal of intangible assets and equity investments, changes in contingent consideration obligation, governmental grant income, interest expense and interest expense resulting from the amortization of debt discount. Interest expense and Interest expense - amortization of debt discount primarily consists of interest costs related to outstanding borrowings on our working capital credit facilities. Amortization of the MFP Letter of Credit (as defined below) asset is also recorded as Interest expense - amortization of debt discount.

### Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate is based on income, statutory tax rates, differences in the deductibility of certain expenses and inclusion of certain income items between financial statement and tax return purposes, and tax planning opportunities available to us in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, if we determine that a tax position is more likely than not of being sustained upon audit, based solely on the technical merits of the position, we recognize the benefit. Tax regulations require certain items to be included in the tax return at different times than when those items are required to be recorded in the consolidated financial statements. As a result, our effective tax rate reflected in our consolidated financial statements is different from that reported in our tax returns. Some of these differences are permanent, such as meals and entertainment expenses that are not fully deductible on our tax return, and some are temporary differences, such as depreciation expense. Temporary differences create deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets generally represent items that can be used as a tax deduction or credit in our tax return in future years for which we have already recorded the tax benefit in our consolidated statements of operations. Based on financial projections, we do not believe that it is more likely than not that our U.S. deferred tax assets will be realized, and a full valuation allowance is recorded against them.

### **Results of Operations**

# Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 Compared to the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

The following table presents our results of operations for the periods indicated:

	Years Ended June 30,					
	202	3	202	2	Change	
		% of		% of		
	\$	Revenue(1)	\$	Revenue(1)	\$	% Change
Revenue	\$ 73,521,291	100.0%	\$ 71,354,298	100.0%	\$ 2,166,993	3.0%
Cost of revenue	58,983,210	80.2%	64,999,136	91.1%	(6,015,926)	(9.3)%
Gross profit	14,538,081	19.8%	6,355,162	8.9%	8,182,919	128.8%
Operating expenses						
Selling, general and administrative						
expenses	22,430,687	30.5%	24,470,730	34.3%	(2,040,043)	(8.3)%
Research and development expenses	5,237,772	7.1%	7,710,642	10.8%	(2,472,870)	(32.1)%
Depreciation and amortization	4,768,809	6.5%	5,460,321	7.7%	(691,512)	(12.7)%
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant						
and equipment	44,335	0.1%	(31,088)	(0.0)%	75,423	(242.6)%
Goodwill impairment charges		_	1,548,324	2.2%	(1,548,324)	(100.0)%
Total operating expenses	32,481,603	44.2%	39,158,929	54.9%	(6,677,326)	(17.1)%
Loss from operations	(17,943,522)	(24.4)%	(32,803,767)	(46.0)%	14,860,245	(45.3)%
Other (income) expense						
Foreign currency loss	859,696	1.2%	777,913	1.1%	81,783	10.5%
Government grant income	(1,444,044)	(2.0)%	_	_	(1,444,044)	-
Gain on sale of business interest	(38,167,102)	(51.9)%	_	_	(38,167,102)	-
Gain on sale of equity investment	(32,030)	(0.0)%	(68,967)	(0.1)%	36,937	(53.6)%
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	(1,796,252)	(2.4)%	_	_	(1,796,252)	-
Change in contingent consideration						
obligation	_	_	(714,429)	(1.0)%	714,429	(100.0)%
Interest expense - amortization of debt						
discount	1,975,938	2.7%	898,497	1.3%	1,077,441	119.9%
Interest expense, net	4,184,067	5.7%	2,333,575	3.3%	1,850,492	79.3%
Other expenses (income)	1,552,154	2.1%	(121,273)	(0.2)%	1,673,427	(1379.9)%
Income (loss) before income taxes	14,924,051	20.3%	(35,909,083)	(50.3)%	50,833,134	(141.6)%
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(763,639)	(1.0)%	413,423	0.6%	(1,177,062)	(284.7)%
Income (loss) before equity in net earnings of						
affiliates	15,687,690	21.3%	(36,322,506)	(50.9)%	52,010,196	(143.2)%
Equity in loss of equity method investees,						
net of tax	1,252,330	1.7%		_	1,252,330	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 14,435,360	19.6%	\$ (36,322,506)	(50.9)%	\$ 50,757,866	(139.7)%

#### (1) Amount in column may not foot due to rounding

The discussion and analysis presented below is concerned with material changes in our results of operations between the year ended June 30, 2023 and the year ended June 30, 2022. All comparisons presented are with respect to the prior-year period, unless stated otherwise. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

#### Revenue

The \$2.2 million year-over-year increase in revenue is primarily due to a \$4.0 million increase in Double Team sorghum sales in the U.S. domestic market and a \$4.0 million increase in non-dormant alfalfa sales in the Middle East/North Africa, or MENA, region as a tightening in the global supply of non-dormant alfalfa drove up market prices. Sales in the Latin America, or LATAM, region increased \$3.8 million, also benefiting from the tightening in the global supply of non-dormant alfalfa driving up prices, as well as an increase in grain sorghum acres being planted due to cropping rotations. Forage sorghum sales in the U.S. increased \$1.4 million due to favorable weather-related conditions leading to an increase in hay and forage production. These revenue increases were partially offset by decreased Australian domestic pasture sales of \$4.3 million primarily resulting from flooding in key planting regions that lowered sales in the first half of fiscal 2023, a \$3.0 million decrease in revenue in the Asia region due to logistical delays in international shipping and COVID-related impacts in China during the prior year that affected distributor demand, decreased U.S. domestic alfalfa revenue of \$1.7 million largely due to a decline in U.S. seeded alfalfa acres, decreased non-Double Team sorghum revenue of \$1.0 million, and decreased service revenue of \$0.9

million, primarily by having lower camelina service revenue and lower third party alfalfa service revenue in fiscal 2023 as a result of the Vision Bioenergy partnership.

The Company sells a substantial portion of its products to international customers. Sales into international markets represented 70% and 73% of our total revenue during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Domestic revenue accounted for 30% and 27% of our total revenue for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The following table shows revenue from external sources by destination country:

	 Years Ended June 30,				
	2023			2022	
United States	\$ 22,060,338	30%	\$	19,534,824	27%
Australia	17,414,681	24%		21,673,461	30%
Saudi Arabia	9,781,138	13%		9,528,777	13%
Mexico	5,502,421	8%		1,915,370	3%
Libya	4,678,973	6%		1,739,105	2%
Sudan	2,612,603	4%		1,443,748	2%
Pakistan	2,494,981	3%		3,309,800	5%
South Africa	1,620,601	2%		1,898,467	3%
Argentina	1,162,369	2%		1,541,402	2%
Algeria	912,040	1%		430,000	1%
Other	5,281,146	7%		8,339,344	12%
Total revenue	\$ 73,521,291	100%	\$	71,354,298	100%

### Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin

Our gross profit margin increased to 19.8% in fiscal 2023 from 8.9% in fiscal 2022. The 10.9 percentage point increase is attributed to increased sales of higher margin products including Double Team sorghum (3.4 percentage points), non-dormant alfalfa outside of the U.S. (3.2 percentage points), and other products and services (1.9 percentage points). These margin improvements were offset by unfavorable effects from flooding in key planting regions in the Australian domestic business (-2.4 percentage points).

The margin increase was also the result of reduced inventory write-downs (4.9 percentage points) compared to the prior year. Cost of revenue for fiscal years 2023 and 2022 included inventory write-downs of \$2.8 million and \$6.4 million, respectively. Inventory write-downs are generally related to (1) the scrapping of certain inventory lots that have deteriorated in quality and germination rates during the year, (2) the recording of reserves against remaining seed inventory for estimated future deterioration in quality and germination over the product life cycle, and (3) the recording of adjustments to the carrying costs of specific products in excess of market values. Improved inventory life-cycle management accounts for the primary improvement seen in fiscal 2023, which we expect will continue for the foreseeable future.

Excluding the inventory write-downs, the gross margins would have been 23.6% in fiscal 2023 compared to 17.8% in fiscal 2022, an increase of 5.8 percentage points. We believe it is useful to exclude inventory write-downs in calculating adjusted gross margins to provide investors with a method to compare our operating results to prior periods and to peer companies.

#### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

The \$2.0 million decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses is attributable to a \$1.8 million decrease in payroll and other employee compensation related expenses as a result of management's cost reduction efforts, a \$0.3 million decrease in stock-based compensation expense as a result of the accelerated vesting of equity awards of a former executive officer during the year ended June 30, 2022, a \$0.3 million decrease in rent, software, and network support spending reductions, a \$0.3 million decrease in consulting expenses, a \$0.3 million decrease in expenses attributable to the transfer of services provided to Vision Bioenergy, a \$0.2 million decrease in bad debt expense, and \$0.4 million of other various cost reductions. The cost reductions were partially offset by a \$1.1 million increase in one-time transaction costs, a \$0.3 million increase in professional fees, and \$0.2 million of increased travel expenses.

#### Research and Development Expenses

The year-over-year decrease in research and development expenses of \$2.5 million is attributable to a \$1.0 million decrease in salaries, wages and related employment expenses as a result of management's cost reduction efforts, a \$0.4 million decrease in United States field trial and outside service related expenses, a \$0.2 million decrease in consulting and professional fees, a \$0.2 million decrease in investment in our sunflower programs in Hungary, a \$0.2 million decrease in office expenses, and a \$0.5 million decrease in other research and development related activities.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased by \$0.7 million following contributions of intangible and fixed assets to the Trigall and Vision Bioenergy partnerships.

## Foreign Currency Loss

The increase in foreign currency loss for fiscal 2023 was attributable to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates between the Australian dollar and U.S. dollar.

#### Government Grant Income

The \$1.4 million in government grant income was attributable to an Employee Retention Credit recognized for certain periods in 2021 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

## Gain on Sale of Business Interest

The gain on sale of business interest was related to the sale of a 66% interest in Vision Biofuels to Shell. The \$38.2 million gain was determined by the amount of consideration paid by Shell for the 66% interest plus the proportionate valuation of our retained 34% interest, less the carrying value of the assets we contributed to Vision Bioenergy.

#### Gain on Disposal of Intangible Assets

The \$1.8 million gain on disposal of intangible assets occurred in the second quarter of fiscal 2023, as a result of the contribution of our Australia-based wheat breeding program and related assets to Trigall Australia in furtherance of the partnership with Trigall Australia, as discussed under the caption "Strategic Review," above.

## Change in Contingent Consideration Obligation

The decrease in benefit to non-cash change in contingent consideration compared to the prior year period is due to the February 2022 final valuation of the contingent consideration obligation from the 2020 acquisition of Pasture Genetics Pty Ltd. The valuation resulted in no contingent consideration due and a reversal of the remaining \$0.7 million accrual.

## Interest Expense - Amortization of Debt Discount

The increased debt amortization expense was due to the amortization of the financial commitment asset established in conjunction with the MFP Loan Agreement beginning in September 2022 (see "Capital Resources and Requirements—MFP Loan Agreement," below) and increased amortization of costs associated with completion of refinancing our CIBC Credit Facility.

## Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 primarily consisted of interest incurred on the working capital credit facilities, the Rooster Note (as defined below), and equipment finance leases. The \$1.9 million increase in interest expense was primarily driven by increases in average borrowings and increased interest rates on the working capital credit facilities.

## Other Expenses (Income)

Other (income) expenses for the year ended June 30, 2023 primarily consisted of \$1.5 million in lender fees that were written off due to our coming to an agreement with CIBC, an existing lender. These fees are associated with uncompleted financing efforts with other lenders.

(Benefit from) Provision for Income Taxes

We recorded an income tax benefit of (\$0.8) million for the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to a \$0.4 million income tax provision for the year ended June 30, 2022. Our effective tax rate was (5.1%) for the year ended June 30, 2023 compared to (1.2%) for the year ended June 30, 2022. Our effective tax rate was relatively consistent year over year, with the additional benefit in fiscal 2023 primarily driven by our valuation allowance. Due to the valuation allowance, we do not record the income tax benefit or expense related to substantially all our current year operating results, as such results are generally incorporated in our net operating loss deferred tax asset position, which has a full valuation allowance against it. However, we do record certain tax expenses and benefits related to some of our activity in our non-U.S. locations, as well as related to our U.S. state tax return liabilities.

Equity in Loss of Equity Method Investees, Net of Tax

The loss on equity investments of \$1.3 million was related to our proportionate share of loss from our 34% interest in Vision Bioenergy and our 20% interest in Trigall.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our working capital and working capital requirements fluctuate from quarter to quarter depending on the phase of the growing and sales cycle that falls during a particular quarter. Our need for cash has historically been highest in the second and third fiscal quarters (October through March) because we pay our North American contracted growers progressively, starting in the second fiscal quarter. In fiscal 2023, we paid our North American growers approximately 50% of amounts due in the fall of 2022 and the balance was paid in the spring of 2023. This payment cycle to our growers was similar in fiscal 2022, and we expect it to be similar for fiscal 2024. S&W Australia and Pasture Genetics, our Australia-based wholly owned subsidiaries, have production cycles that are counter-cyclical to North America; however, the timing of payments to Australian growers, which occurs in the second through fourth quarters, also puts a greater demand on our working capital and working capital requirements during these periods.

Historically, due to the concentration of sales to certain distributors, our month-to-month and quarter-to-quarter sales and associated cash receipts are highly dependent upon the timing of deliveries to and payments from these distributors, which varies significantly from year to year.

We continuously monitor and evaluate our credit policies with all our customers based on historical collection experience, current economic and market conditions and a review of the current status of the respective trade accounts receivable balance. Our principal working capital components include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, inventory, prepaid expenses and other current assets, accounts payable and our working capital lines of credit.

In addition to funding our business with cash from operations, we have historically relied upon occasional sales of our debt and equity securities and credit facilities from financial institutions, both in the United States and Australia.

#### Capital Resources and Requirements

Excluding the gain recognized in relation to the Vision Bioenergy partnership, we were not profitable for the last several years. We also have had negative cash flow from operations for the last several years. To help fund our operations, we have relied on equity and debt financings, and we will need to obtain additional funding to finance our operations in the future. Accordingly, we are actively evaluating financing and strategic alternatives, including debt and equity financings and potential sales of assets or certain lines of business.

We believe that cash flow from operations, cash payments from Shell pursuant to the Shell Partnership Agreement, the funds received from the AgAmerica mortgage that closed in June 2023, and undrawn availability under our existing debt facilities will be sufficient to meet our cash requirements over the next 12 months. We expect to meet our cash requirements and obligations beyond the next 12 months through a combination of existing cash and cash equivalents, cash flow from operations, borrowings under our existing and potential future debt facilities and issuances of equity securities or debt offerings, among other sources of capital. Our ability to fund longer-term operating needs will depend on our ability to generate sufficient cash flows through sales of our products, our ability to maintain compliance with, and secure additional funds from, our existing and potential future debt facilities, our ability to access the capital markets, the impacts of adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events, and other factors, including those discussed under the section titled "Risk Factors".

Below is a summary of material changes to our sources of capital during the year ended June 30, 2023:

#### Shell Partnership

On February 6, 2023, S&W and Shell entered into a partnership for the development and production of sustainable biofuel feedstocks through Vision Bioenergy. We received \$7.0 million upon the closing of the Shell partnership transaction and will be eligible to receive an additional \$6.0 million in February 2024, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances.

## Trigall Australia Partnership

In connection with our partnership with Trigall Genetics, we received \$2.0 million in cash upon the closing of the partnership transaction and a promissory note for \$1.0 million due in December 2023. Under the partnership agreement we are obligated to make an aggregate of \$0.6 million of capital contributions to Trigall Australia through June 2025. As of June 30, 2023, we have contributed \$0.2 million to Trigall Australia.

## CIBC Loan Agreement

Our Loan and Security Agreement with CIBC Bank USA, or CIBC, as amended, or the CIBC Loan Agreement, provides for a \$25.0 million credit facility. The following amendments to the CIBC Loan Agreement occurred during the year ended June 30, 2023:

- On September 22, 2022, the CIBC Loan Agreement was amended to, among other things: (i) specify that the borrowing base eligible inventory sublimit cannot be reduced below the proceeds available to be drawn under the MFP Letter of Credit (as defined below), (ii) waive our non-compliance with certain financial covenants under the CIBC Loan Agreement and (iii) establish a minimum liquidity of no less than \$1.0 million, tested weekly as of the last day of each week for the remainder of the term of the CIBC Loan Agreement;
- On October 28, 2022, the CIBC Loan Agreement was amended to, among other things, increase (i) the total revolving loan commitment to \$21.0 million from \$18.0 million and (ii) the borrowing base eligible inventory sublimit to \$12.0 million from \$9.0 million;
- On December 23, 2022, the CIBC Loan Agreement was further amended to extend the maturity date of all revolving loans, advances and other obligations outstanding under the CIBC Loan Agreement from December 23, 2022 to March 23, 2023; and
- On March 22, 2023, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, or the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, with CIBC, as administrative agent and sole lead arranger, and the other loan parties and lenders party thereto. The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement replaced the existing CIBC Loan Agreement. The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement now matures on August 31, 2024.

The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement provides for a senior secured credit facility of up to \$25.0 million from February 1 to October 31 of each year, and up to \$18.0 million from November 1 to January 31 of each year, or the Amended CIBC Credit Facility. The proceeds of advances under the Amended CIBC Credit Facility may be used to finance the Company's ongoing working capital requirements and other general corporate purposes. Availability of funds under the Amended CIBC Credit Facility is subject to a borrowing base equal to (a) up to 85% of eligible domestic accounts receivable, plus (b) up to 90% of eligible foreign accounts receivable, plus (c) up to the lesser of (i) 65% of eligible inventory and (ii) 85% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory, in each case subject to an eligible inventory sublimit, in each case ((a), (b) and (c)), as more fully set forth in the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement and subject to lender reserves that CIBC may establish from time to time in its sole discretion, determined in good faith. Advances under the Amended CIBC Credit Facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to a reference rate equal to CIBC's prime rate at any time (or, if greater, the federal funds rate at such time plus 0.5%) plus an applicable margin of 2.0%. The Company's obligations under the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement are secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of the Company's assets (subject to certain exceptions), including intellectual property.

The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement contains certain customary representations and warranties, events of default, and affirmative and negative covenants, including limitations with respect to debt, liens, fundamental changes, asset sales, restricted payments, investments and transactions with affiliates, subject to certain exceptions. Amounts due

under the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement may be accelerated upon an "event of default," as defined in the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, such as failure to pay amounts owed thereunder when due, breach of a covenant, material inaccuracy of a representation, or occurrence of bankruptcy or insolvency, subject in some cases to cure periods. Additionally, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an event of default, CIBC may elect to increase the existing interest rate on all of the Company's outstanding obligations by 2.0% per annum.

All amounts outstanding under the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, including, but not limited to, accrued and unpaid principal and interest due under the CIBC Credit Facility, will be due and payable in full on August 31, 2024.

As of June 30, 2023, we were not in compliance with the adjusted EBITDA covenant with CIBC but obtained a waiver from CIBC for such non-compliance. As of June 30, 2023, approximately \$0.8 million remained available for use under this credit facility.

## NAB Finance Agreement

S&W Australia's debt facilities with National Australia Bank Ltd., or NAB, as amended to date, or the NAB Finance Agreement, were amended and restated on October 24, 2022 and further amended on October 25, 2022. Pursuant to the amendments contained in the NAB Finance Agreement, among other things:

- the borrowing base line credit limit under S&W Australia's seasonal credit facility was increased to AUD \$40.0 million (USD \$26.5 million as of June 30, 2023), with a one-year maturity date extension to September 30, 2024;
- the overdraft credit limit under S&W Australia's seasonal credit facility was increased from AUD \$1.0 million (USD \$0.7 million as of June 30, 2023) to AUD \$2.0 million (USD \$1.3 million as of June 30, 2023), with a one-year maturity date extension to September 29, 2023; and
- the maturity date of S&W Australia's master asset finance facility was extended by one year to September 29, 2023.

After the amendments, the consolidated debt facilities under the NAB Finance Agreement provide for up to an aggregate of AUD \$49.0 (USD \$32.5 million as of June 30, 2023) of credit. The NAB finance agreement is guaranteed by S&W Seed Company up to a maximum of AUD \$15.0 million (USD \$9.9 million as of June 30, 2023).

Following the October 2022 amendments, the NAB Finance Agreement contained an undertaking requiring us to maintain a net related entity position of not more than AUD \$25.0 million, and our ability to comply with this undertaking was subject to fluctuations in foreign currency conversion rates outside of our control. On February 8, 2023, we further amended the NAB Finance Agreement to change the required net related entity position from AUD \$25.0 million to USD \$18.5 million (see "*Amendment of NAB Finance Agreement*," below). As of June 30, 2023, we were in compliance with the net related entity position covenant, but not in compliance with another NAB covenant, the interest cover ratio requirement for the year ended June 30, 2023. We obtained a waiver from NAB for such noncompliance. As of June 30, 2023, approximately AUD \$0.3 million (USD \$0.2 million) remained available for use under the NAB Finance Agreement.

### AgAmerica Note

On June 20, 2023, the Company entered into a Term Loan Agreement, or the AgAmerica Loan Agreement, with AgAmerica Lending LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or AgAmerica, pursuant to which AgAmerica extended a term loan of \$4.3 million, or the AgAmerica Term Loan, to the Company and, as security therefor, the Company granted to AgAmerica a mortgage on approximately 31 acres of land located in Lubbock and Moore Counties, Texas, and certain personal property thereon.

The AgAmerica Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, or the AgAmerica Note, issued by the Company to AgAmerica, pursuant to which the Company agreed to pay AgAmerica the principal sum of \$4.3 million, plus any outstanding accrued interest thereon, in full on June 20, 2026, unless otherwise accelerated in accordance with the terms of the AgAmerica Loan Agreement and the AgAmerica Note. Interest will accrue at a rate per annum equal to 4.85% plus the Term SOFR Rate, defined as the forward-looking term rate based on the secured overnight financing rate, or SOFR, computed based on the actual number of days elapsed divided by a 360-day year. Interest payments are due quarterly in arrears, commencing on June 20, 2023, and on the last day of each quarter thereafter, unless otherwise accelerated in accordance with the terms of the AgAmerica Loan Agreement or the AgAmerica Note.

AgAmerica may collect a late charge of 5.0% of any installment of principal or interest which is not paid within 10 days of the due date thereof. In addition, any delinquent principal and installments of interest not paid within 30 days of the due date thereof will bear interest beginning on the 31st day from the applicable due date at a rate equal to 5.0% per annum above the interest rate. The Company may prepay the AgAmerica Term Loan prior to maturity, subject to a prepayment premium equal to 1.0% of the prepaid principal amount, subject to certain exceptions.

The AgAmerica Loan Agreement contains certain customary representations and warranties, events of default, and affirmative and negative covenants, including (among others) limitations with respect to liens, fundamental changes, asset sales and formation and acquisition of subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, and subject to certain cure periods, AgAmerica may declare all outstanding obligations immediately due and payable and take such other actions as set forth in the AgAmerica Loan Agreement and the AgAmerica Note, as applicable, provided that in the event of bankruptcy, all such amounts shall automatically become due and payable.

## MFP Loan Agreement

On September 22, 2022, our largest stockholder, MFP Partners, L.P., or MFP, provided a letter of credit issued by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the account of MFP, with an initial face amount of \$9.0 million, or the MFP Letter of Credit, for the benefit of CIBC, as additional collateral to support our obligations under the CIBC Loan Agreement. The MFP Letter of Credit initially matured on January 23, 2023, one month after the maturity date of the existing CIBC Loan Agreement. Concurrently, we entered into a Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement, or the MFP Loan Agreement, with MFP pursuant to which any draw CIBC may make on the MFP Letter of Credit will be deemed to be a term loan advance made by MFP to us. The MFP Loan Agreement initially provided for up to \$9.0 million of term loan advances.

Concurrent with the October 28, 2022 amendment to the CIBC Loan Agreement (as described above), MFP amended the MFP Letter of Credit to increase the face amount from \$9.0 million to \$12.0 million, and the MFP Loan Agreement was amended to increase the maximum amount of term loan advances available to us from \$9.0 million to \$12.0 million. In connection with the December 23, 2022 amendment to the CIBC Loan Agreement, MFP amended the MFP Letter of Credit, extending the maturity date from January 23, 2023 to April 30, 2023.

Concurrent with the March 22, 2023, amendment to the CIBC Loan Agreement, the Company entered into a Third Amendment to Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement with MFP, or MFP Third Amendment, to (i) increase the aggregate amount of cash advances permitted from \$12.0 million to \$13.0 million; (ii) increase the cash fee payable to MFP on all amounts remaining undrawn under the MFP Letter of Credit from 3.50% to 4.25% per annum; (iii) provide for the issuance of the MFP Warrant to MFP (see Note 9); and (iv) reflect the extension of the maturity date of the MFP Letter of Credit to September 30, 2024. The MFP Loan Agreement, as amended, will mature on November 30, 2025.

In the event any term advances are deemed made under the MFP Loan Agreement, such advances will bear interest at a rate per annum equal to term SOFR (with a floor of 1.25%) plus 9.25%, half of which will be payable in cash on the last day of each fiscal quarter and half of which will accrue as payment in kind interest payable on the maturity date, unless, with respect to any quarterly payment date, we elect to pay such interest in cash.

The MFP Loan Agreement, as amended, includes customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default, and is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets and is subordinated to the CIBC Loan Agreement. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an event of default, MFP may declare all outstanding obligations under the MFP Loan Agreement immediately due and payable and take such other actions as set forth in the MFP Loan Agreement.

#### Rooster Note

In 2017, we issued a promissory note in the amount of \$10.4 million to Conterra Agricultural Capital, LLC, or Conterra, which subsequently endorsed the note to Rooster Capital LLC, or Rooster. The promissory note, or Rooster Note, bore interest at 7.75% per annum and was secured by a first priority security interest in the property, plant and fixtures located at the Company's Nampa, Idaho production and research facilities. Through June 30, 2022, the Company made payments in reduction of the principal balance totaling \$3.5 million. On September 22, 2022, we entered into an amendment to extend the Rooster Note's maturity date from November 30, 2022 to December 23, 2022. On December 23, 2022, we entered into an amendment to increase the interest rate on the Rooster Note from 7.75% to 9.25% per annum and extend the Rooster Note's maturity date to March 1, 2023. For the six months ended

December 31, 2022, we made a principal payment on the Rooster Note of \$0.4 million. On February 6, 2023, the Rooster Note was paid off in full by Shell in connection with the Vision Bioenergy partnership.

#### Summary

Our debt facilities with CIBC and NAB contain various operating and financial covenants. Adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events and uncertain market conditions have increased the risk of our inability to comply with these covenants, which could result in acceleration of our repayment obligations and foreclosure on our pledged assets. In addition, these loan agreements contain cross-default provisions, such that certain defaults or breaches under any of our loan agreements may entitle CIBC or NAB to invoke default remedies. In previous periods, we were not in compliance with certain covenants and were required to obtain waivers and/or amendments from CIBC and NAB. CIBC currently requires us to meet minimum adjusted EBITDA levels on a quarterly basis. The amended NAB Finance Agreement includes undertakings that require us to maintain a net related entity position of not more than USD \$18.5 million and certain interest cover ratios, tested annually for the fiscal year. As of June 30, 2023, we failed to meet the CIBC adjusted EBTIDA covenant as well as the NAB interest cover ratio covenant, but obtained waivers from both lenders with respect to such non-compliance.

Our future liquidity and capital requirements will be influenced by numerous factors, including:

- the maturity and repayment of our debt;
- the extent and sustainability of future operating income;
- the level and timing of future sales and expenditures;
- timing for when we are able to recognize revenue;
- working capital required to support our growth;
- our ability to timely pay our growers;
- investment capital for plant and equipment;
- investment in our sales and marketing programs;
- investment capital for potential acquisitions;
- our ability to renew and/or refinance our debt on acceptable terms;
- our ability to raise equity financing, in order to secure refinancing as well as support our operations, among other things;
- competition;
- market developments; and
- developments related to adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events, including the COVID-19 pandemic, bank failures, inflation and supply chain disruptions.

We cannot assure you that we will be successful in renewing or refinancing our existing debt, raising additional capital, securing future waivers and/or amendments from CIBC, NAB, or our other lenders, or securing new financing. If we are unsuccessful in doing so, we may need to reduce the scope of our operations, repay amounts owing to our lenders, finance our cash needs through a combination of equity and debt financings, enter into collaborations, strategic alliances and licensing arrangements, sell certain assets or divest certain operations.

If we are required or desire to raise additional capital in the future, whether as a condition to loan refinancing or separately, such additional financing may not be available on favorable terms, or available at all. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, your ownership interest would be diluted and the terms of these securities could include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a common stockholder. Debt financing may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making capital expenditures or declaring dividends, may be secured by all or a portion of our assets, and may be on terms less favorable than our existing loans. If we fail to obtain additional capital as and when required, such failure could have a material impact on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and actions taken to slow its spread, the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the armed conflict in Sudan, and other geopolitical and macroeconomic factors beyond our control, the global credit and financial markets have experienced extreme volatility, including diminished liquidity and credit availability, declines in consumer confidence, declines in economic growth, increases in unemployment rates and uncertainty about economic stability. On March 10, 2023, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation took control and was appointed receiver of Silicon Valley Bank. While we did not have deposits at Silicon Valley Bank, if other banks and financial institutions enter receivership or become insolvent in the future in response to financial conditions affecting the banking system and financial markets, our ability to access our existing cash, cash equivalents and investments may be threatened and could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. It is possible that further deterioration in credit and financial markets and confidence in economic conditions will occur. If equity and credit markets deteriorate, it may affect our ability to raise equity capital, borrow on our existing facilities, access our existing cash, or make any additional necessary debt or equity financing more difficult to obtain, more costly and/or more dilutive. In addition, while we are currently in compliance with our loan agreements or have received waivers of non-compliance, our ability to comply with the terms of our loan agreements can be compromised in the future and could result in an event of default. If an event of default were to occur, our lenders could accelerate our repayment obligations or enforce their other rights under our agreements with them. Any such default may also require us to seek additional or alternative financing, which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

### **Summary of Cash Flows**

The following table shows a summary of our cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	Years Ended June 30,				
		2023	2022		
Cash flows from operating activities	\$	(18,978,150) \$	(18,373,139)		
Cash flows from investing activities	8,371,784 (909,				
Cash flows from financing activities		11,949,668	17,138,674		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(1,017)	672,462		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,342,285	(1,471,429)		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		2,056,508	3,527,937		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	3,398,793 \$	2,056,508		

#### Operating Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2023, operating activities used \$19.0 million in cash. Of this, the net loss excluding non-cash items as detailed on the statement of cash flows used \$15.2 million in cash, and changes in operating assets and liabilities as detailed on the statement of cash flows used \$3.8 million in cash. The decrease in cash from changes in operating assets and liabilities was primarily driven by a \$5.9 million increase in accounts receivable, a \$2.2 million decrease in accounts payable, a \$1.3 million decrease in accrued expenses and other current liabilities, a \$0.2 million decrease in other non-current liabilities, and a \$0.1 million decrease in deferred revenue, partially offset by a \$5.8 million decrease in inventories and a \$0.1 million decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, operating activities used \$18.4 million in cash. Net loss plus and minus the adjustments for non-cash items as detailed on the statement of cash flows used \$20.8 million in cash, and changes in operating assets and liabilities as detailed on the statement of cash flows provided \$2.4 million in cash. The increase in cash from changes in operating assets and liabilities was primarily driven by increases in accrued expenses and other current liabilities of \$1.2 million, accounts payable of \$1.0 million and decreases of inventories of \$0.7 million, partially offset by a increase in accounts receivable of \$0.4 million.

#### Investing Activities

Investing activities during the year ended June 30, 2023 provided \$8.4 million in cash, which resulted from \$7.0 million in proceeds from the partnership transaction with Vision Bioenergy, \$2.0 million in proceeds from the partnership transaction between Trigall and S&W Australia, and \$0.4 million in proceeds from the sale of our remaining shares of Bioceres stock, partially offset by \$0.8 million in additions to property, plant and equipment for our United States and Australian facilities and \$0.2 million in capital contributions to Trigall.

Investing activities during the year ended June 30, 2022 used \$0.9 million in cash. The purchase of property, plant and equipment used \$2.1 million. The use of cash was partially offset by net proceeds from the sale of Bioceres stock that provided \$1.0 million.

## Financing Activities

Financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2023 provided \$11.9 million in cash, consisting of \$9.9 million in net borrowings on the working capital lines of credit, \$4.2 million of borrowings of long-term debt, and \$0.1 million in proceeds from sale of common stock, partially offset by repayments of long-term debt of \$1.8 million, debt issuance costs of \$0.4 million, and taxes paid related to net share settlements of stock-based compensation awards of \$0.1 million.

Financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2022 provided \$17.1 million in cash. During the year ended June 30, 2022, we had net proceeds from the sale of our common stock of \$11.8 million, net proceeds from the sale of our preferred stock of \$5.0 million, net borrowings on the working capital lines of credit of \$1.8 million and borrowings of long-term debt of \$0.9 million. Net proceeds were partially offset by repayments of long-term debt of \$1.4 million and debt issuance costs of \$0.7 million.

## Inflation Risk

Inflationary pressures on labor and commodity prices directly impacted our consolidated results of operations during the year ended June 30, 2023 and we expect this to continue throughout fiscal year 2024. We attempt to manage any inflationary costs through selective price increases and changes in product mix, but rapidly changing inflationary pressures from global commodity prices and logistics could impact our costs of goods before pricing adjustments can be implemented. Delays in implementing such price increases, competitive pressures, and other factors may limit our ability to recover such cost increases in the future. Inherent volatility experienced in certain commodity markets could have a significant effect on our results of operations and may have an adverse effect on us in the future. The extent of any impact will depend on our ability to manage such volatility through the product mix that we sell and selective price increases.

## Critical Accounting Estimates

In preparing our financial statements, we must select and apply various accounting policies in accordance with GAAP. Our most significant policies are discussed in Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. In order to apply our accounting policies, we often need to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that we believe are reasonable, based upon the information available to us. In making such estimates, we rely on historical experience, market and other conditions, and on assumptions that we believe to be reasonable. However, the estimation process is by its nature uncertain given that estimates depend on events over which we may not have control. If market and other conditions change from those that we anticipate, our results of operations, financial condition and changes in financial condition may be materially affected. In addition, if our assumptions change, we may need to revise our estimates, or to take other corrective actions, either of which may also have a material effect on our results of operations, financial condition or changes in financial condition. Members of our senior management have discussed the development and selection of our critical accounting estimates, and our disclosure regarding them, with the audit committee of our board of directors, and do so on a regular basis.

We believe that the following estimates have a higher degree of inherent uncertainty and require our most significant judgments. In addition, had we used estimates different from any of these, our results of operations, financial condition or changes in financial condition for the current period could have been materially different from those presented.

#### Gain on Sale of Business Interest

The Vision Bioenergy partnership transaction was accounted for as a sale of a business. We recorded a gain on the sale of the business that was based in part on adjustments to fair value of certain tangible and intangible assets we contributed to the partnership and on current and future payments and contributions to us and to the partnership by Shell. The valuation of the contributions and payments made by both partners required us to estimate future financial performance, interest rates, and the likelihood of achieving certain milestones.

#### Intangible Assets

All amortizable intangible assets are assessed for impairment whenever events indicate a possible loss. Such an assessment involves estimating undiscounted cash flows over the remaining useful life of the intangible. If the review indicates that undiscounted cash flows are less than the recorded value of the intangible asset, the carrying amount of the intangible is compared to its fair value, with an impairment loss recognized if the estimated fair value is below carrying value. Fair values are typically estimated using discounted cash flow techniques. Significant changes in key assumptions about the business, market conditions and prospects for which the intangible asset is currently utilized or expected to be utilized could result in an impairment charge.

#### Stock-Based Compensation

We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, Topic 718 Stock Compensation, which establishes accounting for equity instruments exchanged for employee services. Under such provisions, stock-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date, based on the calculated fair value of the award, and is recognized as an expense, under the straight-line method, over the employee's requisite service period (generally the vesting period of the equity grant).

We account for equity instruments, including stock options issued to non-employees, in accordance with authoritative guidance for equity-based payments to non-employees. Stock options issued to non-employees are accounted for at their estimated fair value. The fair value of options granted to non-employees is re-measured as they vest.

We utilize the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model to estimate the fair value of options granted under sharebased compensation plans. The Black-Scholes-Merton model requires us to estimate a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the expected term of the award, stock price volatility, dividend rate, risk-free interest rate. The input factors to use in the valuation model are based on subjective future expectations combined with management judgment. The expected term used represents the weighted-average period that the stock options are expected to be outstanding. We have used the historical volatility for our stock for the expected volatility assumption required in the model, as it is more representative of future stock price trends. We use a risk-free interest rate that is based on the implied yield available on U.S. Treasury issued with an equivalent remaining term at the time of grant. We have not paid dividends in the past and currently do not plan to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future, and as such, dividend yield is assumed to be zero for the purposes of valuing the stock options granted. We evaluate the assumptions used to value stock awards on a quarterly basis. If factors change, and we employ different assumptions, share-based compensation expense may differ significantly from what we have recorded in the past. When there are any modifications or cancellations of the underlying unvested securities, we may be required to accelerate, increase or cancel any remaining unearned share-based compensation expense. To the extent that we grant additional equity securities to employees, our share-based compensation expense will be increased by the additional unearned compensation resulting from those additional grants.

#### Income Taxes

We regularly assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income. To the extent management believes that it is more likely than not that a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is established. When a valuation allowance is established or increased, an income tax charge is included in the consolidated financial statements and net deferred tax assets are adjusted accordingly. Changes in tax laws, statutory tax rates and estimates of our future taxable income levels could result in actual realization of the deferred tax assets being materially different from the amounts provided for in the consolidated financial statements. If the actual recovery amount of the deferred tax asset is less than anticipated, we would be required to write-off the remaining deferred tax asset and increase the tax provision, resulting in a reduction of earnings and stockholders' equity.

#### Inventories

All inventories are accounted for on a lower of cost or net realizable value. Inventories consist of raw materials and finished goods. Depending on market conditions, the actual amount received on sale could differ from our estimated value of inventory. In order to determine the value of inventory at the balance sheet date, we evaluate a number of factors to determine the adequacy of provisions for inventory and this may require us in some cases to make significant judgments. The factors include the age of inventory, the amount of inventory held by type, future demand for products and the expected future selling price we expect to realize by selling the inventory. Our estimates are

judgmental in nature and are made at a point in time, using available information, expected business plans and expected market conditions. We perform a review of our inventory by product line on a quarterly basis.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, we recognized a write-down of inventory in the amount of \$2.8 million which is included in Cost of Revenue in the consolidated statements of operations. The write-down of inventory during the year ended June 30, 2023 was related to certain inventory lots that deteriorated in quality and germination rates during the year, reserves for an estimated amount that is expected to deteriorate in quality and germination during the product life cycle and adjusting specific products to market value.

During the year ended June 30, 2022, we recognized a write-down of inventory in the amount of \$6.4 million which is included in Cost of Revenue in the consolidated statements of operations. The write-down of inventory during the year ended June 30, 2022 was primarily related to certain inventory lots that deteriorated in quality and germination rates during the year, reserves for an estimated amount that is expected to deteriorate in quality and germination during the product life cycle and adjusting specific products to market value.

## Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We regularly assess the collectability of receivables and provide an allowance for doubtful trade receivables equal to the estimated uncollectible amounts. That estimate is based on historical collection experience, current economic and market conditions and a review of the current status of each customer's trade accounts receivable. Our estimates are judgmental in nature and are made at a point in time. Management believes the allowance for doubtful accounts is appropriate to cover anticipated losses in our accounts receivable under current conditions; however, unexpected, significant deterioration in any of the factors mentioned above or in general economic conditions could materially change these expectations.

#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Because we are a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide information typically disclosed under this item.

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#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Stockholders and the Board of Directors of S&W Seed Company Longmont, Colorado

## **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of S&W Seed Company (the "Company") as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended June 30, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Explanatory Paragraph – Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company believes it is uncertain it will be able to generate sufficient cash flow from operations or maintain sufficient liquidity to meet future covenants associated with its credit agreements and that these conditions raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 2. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

## **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 Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

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 Matters**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the 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 financial statements and (2) involved especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Auditing the Vision Bioenergy Oilseeds, LLC Transaction

As described in Note 7 of the Company's consolidated financial statements, on February 6, 2023, the Company entered into an agreement for the development and production of sustainable biofuel feedstocks through its newly created

subsidiary Vision Bioenergy Oilseeds, LLC (VBO). In connection with the transaction, management was required to evaluate the following:

- Whether the assets contributed to VBO should be deconsolidated;
- Whether VBO is a variable interest entity;
- Whether the shares issued by VBO to the Company should be accounted for under the equity method;
- The amount recognized for the equity method investment;
- The accounting for the debt extinguished in connection with the transaction; and
- The gain recognized on the transaction.

These matters were complex in nature, and management applied judgment in the application of accounting guidance to the facts and circumstances of the transaction.

We determined that auditing this transaction was a critical audit matter due to its complexity and the significant audit effort to evaluate management's judgments and conclusions.

Our audit procedures to address the critical audit matter included the following:

- We obtained an understanding of and evaluated the business purpose of the transaction.
- We evaluated management's assessment of the components of the transaction that involved judgment in the application of the accounting guidance, including:
  - o Identifying the different types of consideration received and determining their fair value;
  - o Whether the Company was required to consolidate VBO;
  - o The subsequent accounting for the retained interest in VBO,
  - o The accounting for the extinguishment of debt,
- We assessed if management's conclusions were supported by the transaction agreements and other relevant information.
- We consulted with individuals with specialized knowledge regarding the accounting for certain components of the transaction
- We obtained management's journal entries, calculations, and analyses and agreed these schedules to underlying contracts and supporting data.
- We recalculate the gain on the transaction recorded by management
- We evaluated the financial statement presentation and related disclosures.

/s/ Crowe LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2015.

Los Angeles, California September 27, 2023

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm has been updated to reflect the changes made in Amendment No.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by the Company on October 27, 2023.

# S&W SEED COMPANY CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

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ASSETS		2023		2022	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,398,793	\$	2,056,508	
Accounts receivable, net		24,622,727		19,051,236	
Notes receivable, net		6,846,897			
Inventories, net		45,098,268		54,515,894	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		4,099,027		1,605,987	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		84,065,712		77,229,625	
Property, plant and equipment, net		10,082,168		16,871,669	
Intellectual property, net		21,650,534		23,035,925	
Other intangibles, net		8,082,325		11,059,902	
Right of use assets - operating leases		2,983,303		4,094,253	
Equity method investments		23,059,705		367,970	
Other assets		2,066,081		1,128,507	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	151,989,828	\$	133,787,851	
LIABILITIES, MEZZANINE EQUITY AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	13,312,180	\$	15,901,116	
Deferred revenue	Ψ	464.707	Ψ	605,960	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		8,804,456		10,788,740	
Current portion of working capital lines of credit, net		44,900,779		12,678,897	
Current portion of long-term debt, net		3,808,761		8,316,783	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		71,290,883		48,291,496	
Long-term working capital lines of credit, less current portion				21,703,286	
Long-term debt, net, less current portion		4,499,334		3,992,540	
Other non-current liabilities		2,102,030		3,587,041	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		77,892,247		77,574,363	
MEZZANINE EQUITY		,		, ,	
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 3,323 shares authorized; 1,695 issued and outstanding					
at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022		5,274,148		4,804,819	
TOTAL MEZZANINE EQUITY		5,274,148		4,804,819	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		, , ,			
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 75,000,000 shares authorized; 43,004,011 issued and					
42,979,011 outstanding at June 30, 2023; 42,608,758 issued and 42,583,758 outstanding					
at June 30, 2022		43,004		42,609	
Treasury stock, at cost, 25,000 shares		(134,196)		(134,196)	
Additional paid-in capital		167,768,104		163,892,575	
Accumulated deficit		(91,932,808)	(	(105,873,557)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(6,987,791)		(6,560,600)	
Non-controlling interests		67,120		41,838	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		68,823,433		51,408,669	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, MEZZANINE EQUITY AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	151,989,828	\$	133,787,851	

## S&W SEED COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Years Ended June 30,

	June 30,			
		2023		2022
Revenue	\$	73,521,291	\$	71,354,298
Cost of revenue		58,983,210		64,999,136
Gross profit		14,538,081		6,355,162
Operating expenses				
Selling, general and administrative expenses		22,430,687		24,470,730
Research and development expenses		5,237,772		7,710,642
Depreciation and amortization		4,768,809		5,460,321
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		44,335		(31,088)
Goodwill impairment charges				1,548,324
Total operating expenses		32,481,603		39,158,929
Loss from operations		(17,943,522)		(32,803,767)
Other (income) expense				
Foreign currency loss		859,696		777,913
Government grant income		(1,444,044)		_
Gain on sale of business interest		(38,167,102)		_
Gain on sale of equity investment		(32,030)		(68,967)
Gain on disposal of intangible assets		(1,796,252)		_
Change in contingent consideration obligation		_		(714,429)
Interest expense - amortization of debt discount		1,975,938		898,497
Interest expense, net		4,184,067		2,333,575
Other expenses (income)		1,552,154		(121,273)
Income (loss) before income taxes		14,924,051		(35,909,083)
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes		(763,639)		413,423
Income (loss) before equity in net earnings of affiliates		15,687,690		(36,322,506)
Equity in loss of equity method investees, net of tax		1,252,330		_
Net income (loss)	\$	14,435,360	\$	(36,322,506)
Income attributable to non-controlling interests		25,282		72,844
Net income (loss) attributable to S&W Seed Company	\$	14,410,078	\$	(36,395,350)
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Calculation of net income (loss) per share:				
Net income (loss) attributable to S&W Seed Company	\$	14,410,078	\$	(36,395,350)
Dividends accrued for participating securities and accretion	Ψ	(469,329)	Ψ	(166,298)
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	13,940,749	\$	(36,561,648)
The mediae (1885) and reduced to common shareholders	Ψ	13,710,717	Ψ	(30,301,010)
Net income (loss) attributable to S&W Seed Company per common share:				
Basic	\$	0.34	\$	(0.93)
Diluted	\$	0.34	\$	(0.93)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic		42,752,759		39,133,681
Diluted		42,935,551		39,133,681

## S&W SEED COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Years Ended June 30, 2023 2022 Net income (loss) 14,435,360 (36,322,506) Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of income taxes (427,191) (709,774) 14,008,169 Comprehensive income (loss) (37,032,280) Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests 25,282 72,844 13,982,887 (37,105,124) Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to S&W Seed Company

S&W SEED COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

							Additional		Non	Accumulated	Ė	Total
	Preferi	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	tock	Treasury Stock	y Stock	Paid-In	Accumulated	controlling	Comprehensive	Stock	Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit	Interests	Loss	Eq	Equity
Balance, June 30, 2021		- \$	36,772,983	\$ 36,773	(25,000)	\$ (134,196)	\$ 149,684,357	(90311,909) \$ (31,006)	(31,006)	\$ (5,850,826)	\$ 7.	74,393,193
Stock-based compensation		I	I	I	I	1	2,267,180	I	I	I	•	2,267,180
Issuance of Series B convertible preferred stock	1,695	4,638,521	I	1	1	I	1	I	I	1		1
Series B detachable warrant	ı	38,757	1	1	1	I	361,729	(38,757)	I	I		322,972
Accrued dividends on Series B convertible preferred stock	I	127 541	I	I	I	I	. 1	(127 541)	I	I		(127 541)
Net issuance to settle RSUs	I		333,296	333	ı	I	(192,878)		1	I		(192,545)
Proceeds from sale of common stock, net of expenses	1	I	5,502,479	5,503	1	I	11,772,187	I	I	I	_	11,777,690
Other comprehensive income		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	(709,774)		(709,774)
Netloss	I	I	I	1	1	I	I	(36,395,350)	72,844	1	(3)	(36,322,506)
Balance, June 30, 2022	1,695	\$ 4,804,819	42,608,758	\$ 42,609	(25,000)	\$ (134,196)	\$ 163,892,575	\$ (105,873,557)	\$ 41,838	(6,560,600)	\$	51,408,669
Balance, June 30, 2022	1,695	\$ 4,804,819	42,608,758	\$ 42,609	(25,000)	\$ (134,196)	\$ 163,892,575	\$ (105,873,557) \$	\$ 41,838	(0,260,600)	\$ 5.	51,408,669
Stock-based compensation	I	I	I	I	I		1,932,416	I	I	I		1,932,416
Issuance of common stock for cash upon exercise of				,								
stock options	I	1	2,100	7			1,992		I			1,994
Series B detachable warrant		103,350	I		I		I	(103,350)	I	I		(103,350)
Accrued dividends on Series B convertible preferred								0.00				0
Stock	I	365,979	I	I	1	I	1	(805,979)	I	I		(6/6,505)
Subordinated loan & security agreement warrants	I	I	I	I	I	I	1,894,901		I	I		1,894,901
Net issuance to settle RSUs	I	I	290,698	291	I	1	(82,456)	I	I	I		(82,165)
Proceeds from sale of common stock, net of expenses	I	I	102,455	102	I	I	128,676	I	I	I		128,778
Other comprehensive loss	1	1	I	I	I	1	1	I	I	(427,191)		(427,191)
Net income (loss)	I	I	I	١	I	1	I	14,410,078	25,282	I	7	14,435,360
Balance, June 30, 2023	1,695	\$ 5,274,148	43,004,011	\$ 43,004	(25,000)	\$ (134,196)	\$ 167,768,104	\$ (91,932,808) \$	\$ 67,120	\$ (6,987,791)	\$	68,823,433

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# S&W SEED COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended June 30,			
		2023		2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income (loss)	\$	14,435,360	\$	(36,322,506)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) from operating activities to net				` ' ' '
cash used in operating activities:				
Stock-based compensation		1,932,416		2,267,180
Allowance for doubtful accounts		11,659		216,466
Inventory write-down		2,778,414		6,365,542
Depreciation and amortization		4,768,809		5,460,321
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		44,335		(31,088)
Gain on disposal of intangible assets		(1,796,252)		`
Gain on sale of business interest		(38,167,102)		_
Gain on sale of equity investment		(32,030)		_
Equity in loss of equity method investees, net of tax		1,252,330		_
Government grant income		(1,444,044)		_
Change in deferred tax provision		(806,479)		78,954
Change in foreign exchange contracts		(63,889)		971,386
Foreign currency transactions		46,283		´ —
Change in contingent consideration obligation				(714,429)
Amortization of debt discount		1,975,938		898,497
Accretion of note receivable		(99,763)		
Changes in:				
Accounts receivable		(5,840,310)		(422,335)
Inventories		5,755,856		688,903
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		84,605		(104,442)
Other non-current assets		(27,950)		(137,320)
Accounts payable		(2,151,619)		977,036
Deferred revenue		(139,826)		223,586
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(1,344,945)		1,226,353
Other non-current liabilities		(149,946)		(15,243)
Net cash used in operating activities		(18,978,150)		(18,373,139)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(10,5 / 0,120)		(10,575,157)
Proceeds from sale of business interest		7,000,000		_
Proceeds from partnership transaction		2,000,000		_
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,417		200,605
Net proceeds from sale of equity investment		400,000		988,504
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(856,716)		(2,098,535)
Capital contributions to partnerships		(172,917)		(2,070,333)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		8,371,784	_	(909,426)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		0,5/1,/04		(707,420)
Net proceeds from sale of common stock		128,778		11 777 600
Issuance of common stock for cash upon exercise of stock options		1,994		11,777,690
Net proceeds from sale of Series B convertible preferred stock		1,994		5,000,250
Taxes paid related to net share settlements of stock-based compensation awards		(82,165)		(192,545)
Borrowings and repayments on lines of credit, net		9,857,653		1,770,219
Borrowings of long-term debt		4,208,460		868,372
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Repayments of long-term debt		(1,743,514)		(1,392,533)
Debt issuance costs		(421,538)		(692,779)
Net cash provided by financing activities		11,949,668		17,138,674
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH		(1,017)		672,462
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		1,342,285		(1,471,429)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of the period		2,056,508	_	3,527,937
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$	3,398,793	\$	2,056,508
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION				
Cash paid during the period for:				
Interest	\$	4,380,703	\$	2,357,445
Income taxes		130		276,503

## S&W SEED COMPANY NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **NOTE 1 - BACKGROUND AND ORGANIZATION**

#### **Organization**

The Company began as S&W Seed Company, a general partnership, in 1980 and was originally in the business of breeding, growing, processing and selling alfalfa seed. The Company incorporated a corporation with the same name in Delaware in October 2009, which is the successor entity to Seed Holding, LLC, having purchased a majority interest in the general partnership between June 2008 and December 2009. Following the Company's initial public offering in May 2010, the Company purchased the remaining general partnership interests and became the sole owner of the general partnership's original business. In December 2011, the Company reincorporated in Nevada as a result of a statutory short-form merger of the Delaware corporation into its wholly-owned subsidiary, S&W Seed Company, a Nevada corporation. The Company primarily operates in the United States and Australia.

#### **Business Overview**

Since its establishment, S&W Seed Company, including its predecessor entities, or the Company, has been principally engaged in breeding, growing, processing and selling agricultural seeds. The Company operates seed cleaning and processing facilities in Texas, New South Wales, and South Australia. The Company's seed products are primarily grown under contract by farmers.

Since the Company's initial public offering in May 2010, the Company has actively engaged in expansion initiatives through a combination of organic growth, business acquisitions, strategic partnerships, and development of improved varieties of seeds.

Recent initiatives include the following:

Shell Partnership

On February 6, 2023, S&W and Equilon Enterprises LLC (dba Shell Oil Products US, or Shell), entered into a partnership for the development and production of sustainable biofuel feedstocks through Vision Bioenergy Oilseeds LLC, or Vision Bioenergy. Under the terms of the partnership agreement, S&W contributed production and research facilities, along with certain personal property, including vehicles and other similar equipment, into its Vision Bioenergy subsidiary and subsequently sold a 66% interest in the subsidiary to Shell. Refer to Note 7 for further information.

Trigall Australia Partnership

Effective December 23, 2022, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, or S&W Australia, entered into a partnership with Trigall Genetics S.A., or Trigall, for the development and marketing of wheat varieties in Australia. Under the terms of the partnership agreement, S&W Australia transferred certain intellectual property license rights and equipment into a wholly owned subsidiary and subsequently sold an 80% interest in the subsidiary to Trigall. The subsidiary was renamed Trigall Australia Pty Ltd, or Trigall Australia. See Refer to Note 7 for further information.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of S&W Seed Company and its subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, and include the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of all wholly-owned subsidiaries and majority-owned subsidiaries over which the Company's exercises control. Outside stockholders' interests in subsidiaries are shown in the consolidated financial statements as Noncontrolling interests.

The Company owns 50.1% of a venture based in South Africa named SeedVision Proprietary Limited, or SeedVision. SeedVision is a variable interest entity as defined in ASC 810-10, *Consolidation*, because no substantive equity contributions have been made to it, and SeedVision is being funded through advances, as needed,

from its investors. The Company has concluded that it is the primary beneficiary of SeedVision because it has the power, through a tie-breaking vote on the board of directors, to direct the sales and marketing activities of SeedVision, which are considered to be the activities that have the greatest impact on the future economic performance of SeedVision.

The Company owns 51.0% of Sorghum Solutions South Africa, which is a variable interest entity as defined in ASC 810-10, *Consolidation*, because no substantive equity contributions have been made to it, and Sorghum Solutions South Africa is being funded through advances, as needed, from its investors. The Company has concluded that it is the primary beneficiary of Sorghum Solutions South Africa because it has the power, through a tie-breaking vote on the board of directors, to direct the sales and marketing activities of Sorghum Solutions South Africa, which are considered to be the activities that have the greatest impact on the future economic performance of Sorghum Solutions South Africa.

Because the Company is their primary beneficiary, the financial results of SeedVision and Sorghum Solutions South Africa are included in these financial statements. The Company recorded a combined \$289,517 of current assets (restricted) and \$22,082 of current liabilities (nonrecourse) for these entities in our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2023. The Company recorded a combined \$459,909 of current assets (restricted) and \$31,307 of current liabilities (nonrecourse) for these entities in our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2022.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates are adjusted to reflect actual experience when necessary. Significant estimates and assumptions affect many items in the financial statements. These include allowance for doubtful trade receivables, inventory valuation, the carrying value of the Company's equity investments, asset impairments, provisions for income taxes, grower accruals (an estimate of amounts payable to farmers who grow seed for the Company), contingencies and litigation. Significant estimates and assumptions are also used to establish the fair value and useful lives of depreciable tangible and certain intangible assets as well as valuing stock-based compensation. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions, and such results may affect income, financial position or cash flows.

The Company believes the estimates and assumptions underlying the accompanying consolidated financial statements are reasonable and supportable based on the information available at the time the financial statements were prepared. However, certain adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events, such as the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia and related sanctions, the armed conflict in Sudan, and uncertain market conditions, including higher inflation and supply chain disruptions, have, among other things, negatively impacted the global economy, created significant volatility and disruption of financial markets, and significantly increased economic and demand uncertainty. These factors make many of the estimates and assumptions reflected in these consolidated financial statements inherently less certain. Therefore, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates to a greater degree than historically.

## Certain Risks and Concentrations

The Company's revenue is principally derived from the sale of seed, the market for which is highly competitive. The Company depends on a core group of significant customers. No single customer accounted for more than 10% of revenue for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

No customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's accounts receivable at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

The Company sells a substantial portion of its products to international customers. Sales to international markets represented 70% and 73% of revenue during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The net book value of fixed assets located outside the United States was 31% and 22% of total fixed assets at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The following table shows revenue from external sources by destination country:

		Years Ende	d June 30	0,	
	2023			2022	
United States	\$ 22,060,338	30%	\$	19,534,824	27%
Australia	17,414,681	24%		21,673,461	30%
Saudi Arabia	9,781,138	13%		9,528,777	13%
Mexico	5,502,421	8%		1,915,370	3%
Libya	4,678,973	6%		1,739,105	2%
Sudan	2,612,603	4%		1,443,748	2%
Pakistan	2,494,981	3%		3,309,800	5%
South Africa	1,620,601	2%		1,898,467	3%
Argentina	1,162,369	2%		1,541,402	2%
Algeria	912,040	1%		430,000	1%
Other	 5,281,146	7%		8,339,344	12%
Total revenue	\$ 73,521,291	100%	\$	71,354,298	100%

## Liquidity and Going Concern

The Company continues to monitor the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the armed conflict in Sudan on its business, including its results of operations and financial condition.

The Company's product revenue is predicated on its ability to timely fulfill customer orders, which depends in large part upon the consistent availability and operation of shipping and distribution networks operated by third parties. Farmers typically have a limited window during which they can plant seed and their buying decisions can be shaped by actual or perceived disruptions in the Company's distribution and supply channels. If the Company's customers delay or decrease their orders due to potential disruptions in its distribution and supply channels, or if the Company is unable to timely fulfill their orders, this would adversely affect the Company's product revenue. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company experienced numerous logistical challenges due to limited availability of trucks for product deliveries, congestion at the ports, and overall increases in shipping and transportation costs. The Company expects these logistical challenges to persist well into fiscal 2024, which may, among other things, delay or reduce its ability to recognize revenue within a particular fiscal period and harm its results of operations.

Excluding the gain recognized in relation to the Vision Bioenergy partnership, the Company is not profitable and has recorded negative operating cash flows for the last several years. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company reported net loss, excluding the gain recognized from the Vision Bioenergy partnership, of \$23.8 million and net cash used in operations of \$19.0 million. As of June 30, 2023, the Company had cash on hand of \$3.4 million. The Company had \$1.0 million of unused availability from its working capital facilities as of June 30, 2023 (refer to Note 8 for further discussion). In fiscal 2024, the Company is entitled to receive \$6.0 million from Shell, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances detailed further in Note 7, and \$1.0 million from Trigall in relation to the partnerships formed in fiscal 2023. The Company is obligated to make an additional \$0.4 million in capital contributions to Trigall Australia through June 2025.

The Company's Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, or the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, with CIBC Bank USA, or CIBC, and its debt facilities with National Australia Bank, or NAB, listed under the NAB Finance Agreement, contain various operating and financial covenants (refer to Note 8). Adverse geopolitical and macroeconomic events and other factors affecting the Company's results of operations have increased the risk of the Company's inability to comply with these covenants, which could result in acceleration of its repayment obligations and foreclosure on its pledged assets. The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement as presently in effect requires the Company to meet minimum adjusted EBITDA levels on a quarterly basis, and the NAB Finance Agreement includes an undertaking that requires the Company to maintain a net related entity position of not more than USD \$18.5 million and a minimum interest cover ratio at fiscal year-ends. As of June 30, 2023, the Company failed to meet the CIBC minimum adjusted EBITDA covenant as well as the NAB interest cover ratio covenant, but obtained waivers from both lenders with respect to such non-compliance. While the Company obtained waivers from CIBC and NAB for these failed covenants, there can be no assurance the Company will be successful in meeting its covenants or securing future waivers and/or amendments from its lenders. Currently, the Company does not expect to meet certain of these covenants in fiscal 2024. If the Company is unsuccessful in meeting its covenants or

securing future waivers and/or amendments from its lenders and cannot obtain other financing options, it may need to reduce the scope of its operations, repay amounts owed to its lenders and/or sell certain assets. Further, if the Company cannot renew or find other financing options when its two major debt facilities with CIBC and NAB expire on August 31, 2024 and September 30, 2024, respectively, it may need to reduce the scope of its operations, repay amounts owed to its lenders and/or sell certain assets. These operating and liquidity factors raise substantial doubt regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

## Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified in order to conform to the current year presentation.

## **International Operations**

The Company translates its foreign operations' assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies into U.S. dollars at the current rates of exchange as of the balance sheet date and income and expense items at the average exchange rate for the reporting period. Translation adjustments resulting from exchange rate fluctuations are recorded in the cumulative translation account, a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Gains or losses from foreign currency transactions are included in the consolidated statements of operations. For the year ended June 30, 2023, a \$0.9 million foreign currency transaction gain was recognized within Cost of revenue and a \$0.9 million foreign currency loss was recorded in Other expenses (income). For the year ended June 30, 2022, a \$0.5 million foreign currency gain was recognized within Cost of revenue and a \$0.8 million foreign currency loss was recorded to Other expenses (income).

#### Cost of Revenue

The Company records purchasing and receiving costs, inspection costs and warehousing costs in cost of revenue. When the Company is required to pay for outward freight and/or the costs incurred to deliver products to its customers, the costs are included in Cost of revenue.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement presentation purposes, the Company considers time deposits, certificates of deposit and all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. At times, cash and cash equivalents balances exceed amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Cash balances located outside of the United States may not be insured and totaled \$191,766 and \$811,551 on June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Cash balances residing in the United States exceeding the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit of \$250,000 totaled \$2,957,028 and \$994,957 on June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## Accounts Receivable

The Company provides an allowance for doubtful trade receivables equal to the estimated uncollectible amounts. That estimate is based on historical collection experience, current economic and market conditions and a review of the current status of each customer's trade accounts receivable. The allowance for doubtful trade receivables was \$209,757 and \$233,927 at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively.

#### Inventories

Inventories consist of seed and packaging materials.

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value, and an inventory reserve permanently reduces the cost basis of inventory. Inventories are valued as follows: Actual cost is used to value raw materials such as packaging materials, as well as goods in process. Costs for substantially all finished goods, which include the cost of carryover crops from the previous year, are valued at actual cost. Actual cost for finished goods includes plant conditioning and packaging costs, direct labor and raw materials and manufacturing overhead costs based on normal capacity. The Company records abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs and wasted

material (spoilage) as current period charges and allocates fixed production overhead to the costs of finished goods based on the normal capacity of the production facilities.

Inventory is periodically reviewed to determine if it is marketable, obsolete or impaired. Inventory that is determined to be obsolete or impaired is written off to expense at the time the impairment is identified. Inventory quality is a function of germination percentage. Our experience has shown that our alfalfa seed quality tends to be stable under proper storage conditions; therefore, we do not view inventory obsolescence for alfalfa seed as a material concern. Hybrid crops (sorghum and sunflower) seed quality may be affected by warehouse storage pests such as insects and rodents. The Company maintains a strict pest control program to mitigate risk and maximize hybrid seed quality.

Components of inventory are:

	J	As of June 30, 2023	As of June 30, 2022
Raw materials and supplies	\$	3,309,211	\$ 2,645,764
Work in progress		6,409,554	6,677,980
Finished goods		35,379,503	45,192,150
Inventories, net	\$	45,098,268	\$ 54,515,894

## Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset - periods of 5 to 35 years for buildings, 2 to 20 years for machinery and equipment, and 2 to 5 years for vehicles.

#### Intangible Assets

Intangible assets acquired in business acquisitions are reported at their initial fair value less accumulated amortization. Intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. Periods of 10 to 30 years for technology/IP/germplasm, 5 to 20 years for customer relationships and trade names and 10 to 20 for other intangible assets. The weighted average estimated useful lives are 25 years for technology/IP/germplasm, 19 years for customer relationships, 16 years for trade names, and 18 years for other intangible assets.

### Investments

In fiscal 2023, the Company entered into two partnerships resulting in a 34% ownership interest in Vision Bioenergy and a 20% ownership interest in Trigall Australia. Following the initial recording of each investment, the Company assesses and records its share of equity earnings from each investment on a quarterly basis, resulting in the investment carrying value increasing or decreasing depending on whether a gain or loss is recorded. For Trigall Australia, the Company is also required to make capital contributions, which increases the carrying value of the investment.

#### Research and Development Costs

The Company is engaged in ongoing research and development, or R&D, of proprietary seed varieties. All R&D costs must be charged to expense as incurred. Accordingly, internal R&D costs are expensed as incurred. Third-party R&D costs are expensed when the contracted work has been performed or as milestone results have been achieved. The costs associated with equipment or facilities acquired or constructed for R&D activities that have alternative future uses are capitalized and depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset.

### Employee Retention Credit

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Employee Retention Credit, or ERC, was established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The ERC is a refundable tax credit meant for businesses that continued to pay employees while shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic or had significant declines in gross

receipts from March 13, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Companies who meet the eligibility requirements can claim the ERC on an original or adjusted employment tax return for a period within those dates.

In March 2023, the Company determined that it qualifies for \$1.4 million in relief for the period from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Upon receipt of the relief, the Company will owe \$0.2 million in tax advisory costs associated with the assessment of the tax credit. Further research is ongoing to determine if the Company qualifies for any other reporting periods. As there is no authoritative guidance under US GAAP for government assistance to for-profit business entities, the Company accounts for the ERC by analogy to International Accounting Standards 20, or IAS 20, Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance. In accordance with IAS 20, management determined it has reasonable assurance of receipt of the identified ERC amount and recorded the \$1.4 million benefit under Government grant income in the consolidated statements of operations during the year ended June 30, 2023. A corresponding accrual of the tax credit receivable was recorded under Prepaid expenses and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2023.

#### Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with the applicable accounting standards. These standards prescribe a minimum threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred taxes are recognized for the estimated taxes ultimately payable or recoverable based on the enacted tax law. Changes in enacted tax rates are reflected in the tax provision as they occur.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities, as well as a consideration of net operating loss and credit carry forwards, using enacted tax rates in effect for the period in which the differences are expected to impact taxable income. A valuation allowance is established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. The Company's effective tax rate for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 has been affected by the valuation allowance on the Company's deferred tax assets.

## Net Income (Loss) Per Common Share Data

Basic net income (loss) per common share, or EPS, is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted EPS is calculated by adjusting both the numerator (net income (loss)) and the denominator (weighted-average number of shares outstanding) for the dilutive effects of potentially dilutive securities, including options and restricted stock awards.

The treasury stock method is used for stock options and restricted stock awards. Under this method, consideration that would be received upon exercise (as well as remaining compensation cost to be recognized for awards not yet vested) is assumed to be used to repurchase shares of stock in the market, with net number of shares assumed to be issued added to the denominator.

The Company computes earnings per share using the two-class method. The two-class method requires an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for common shareholders and participating security holders according to dividends declared and participating rights in undistributed earnings. The Series B Redeemable Convertible Non-Voting Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, or the Series B Preferred Stock, and warrant are participating securities because holders of such shares have non-forfeitable dividend rights and participate in any undistributed earnings with common stock. Under the two-class method, total dividends provided to the holders of participating securities and undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities are subtracted from net income attributable to the Company in determining net loss attributable to common shareholders. Additionally, any accretion to the redemption value for the Series B Preferred Stock is treated as a deemed dividend in the two-class EPS calculation.

The calculation of basic and diluted EPS is shown in the table below:

	Years Ended June 30,			
		2023		2022
Numerator:				_
Net income (loss) attributable to S&W Seed Company	\$	14,410,078	\$	(36,395,350)
Dividends accrued for participating securities		(365,979)		(127,541)
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock redemption value		(103,350)		(38,757)
Numerator for net income (loss) per common share - basic and				
diluted	\$	13,940,749	\$	(36,561,648)
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic EPS - weighted average shares		42,752,759		39,133,681
Less: weighted average shares - dilutive securities:				
Employee stock options		50,023		_
Employee restricted stock options		132,769		<u> </u>
Denominator for diluted EPS - weighted average shares		42,935,551		39,133,681
Net income (loss) per common share - basic	\$	0.33	\$	(0.93)
Net income (loss) per common share - diluted	\$	0.32	\$	(0.93)

Anti-dilutive shares, which have been excluded from the computation of diluted income (loss) per share, included 4,851,886 employee stock options, 1,695,000 shares issuable upon conversion of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, warrants to purchase 2,633,400 shares of common stock related to the MFP Loan Agreement (as defined below), 559,350 warrants issued with the Company's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, and 46,770 restricted stock units. The terms and conditions of these securities are more fully described in Note 12, Note 13, and Note 14 in these consolidated financial statements. For the period ended June 30, 2022, all potentially dilutive shares were anti-dilutive and excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share because net losses were recognized.

## Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company evaluates its long-lived assets for impairment annually or more often if events and circumstances warrant. Events relating to recoverability may include significant unfavorable changes in business conditions, recurring losses or a forecasted inability to achieve break-even operating results over an extended period. The Company evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets based upon forecasted undiscounted future cash flows. Should impairment in value be indicated, the carrying value of long-lived assets will be adjusted, based on estimates of future discounted cash flows resulting from the use and ultimate disposition of the asset. Refer to Note 5 for further impairment discussion.

#### **Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company's subsidiary, S&W Australia, is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations in the normal course of its business, which the Company at times manages through the use of foreign currency derivative financial instruments.

The Company has entered into foreign currency forward contracts and foreign currency call options (refer to Note 10) and accounts for these instruments in accordance with ASC Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging," which establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at fair value. The Company's foreign currency contracts and options are not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815; accordingly, changes in the fair value are recorded in current period earnings.

Premiums paid for foreign currency options with strike prices below the spot market price when acquired represent the time value of the option, as there is no intrinsic value. Such premiums are recorded as a current asset and amortized over the option term if deemed material. Currency options are measured at fair value if the market price at the reporting date exceeds the strike price. When the strike price exceeds the market price, no liability is recorded as the Company has no obligation to exercise the options.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company discloses assets and liabilities that are recognized and measured at fair value, presented in a three-tier fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1. Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;
- Level 2. Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3. Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable, short-term and all long-term borrowings, as reflected in the consolidated balance sheets, approximate fair value because of the short-term maturity of these instruments or interest rates commensurate with market rates. There have been no changes in operations and/or credit characteristics since the date of issuance that could impact the relationship between interest rate and market rates.

S&W received a \$6.0 million note receivable due from Shell in connection with the Vision Bioenergy partnership transaction (see Note 7). The note, which is due in February 2024, was initially recorded at its \$5.7 million present value discounted at a rate of 4.4%, which is our estimated discount rate for similar instruments. The receivable balance is being accreted to the full receivable amount on a straight-line basis over the remaining receivable term due to its short-term maturity. The receivable balance was \$5.8 million at June 30, 2023.

Also in conjunction with the Vision Bioenergy partnership transaction, S&W received a one-time option, or Purchase Option, exercisable at any time on or before the fifth anniversary of the closing of the partnership transaction, to repurchase a 6% membership interest from Shell. The option repurchase prices range between approximately \$7.1 and \$12.0 million, depending on the date on which such purchase is completed. The Purchase Option was valued at \$0.7 million using a lattice option valuation model. The valuation model incorporated significant, unobservable inputs including a discounted cash flow model based on management projections of future Vision Bioenergy results and an estimate of the current per share value of Vision Bioenergy shares. In the model, the estimate of the current per share value was discounted to account for lack of control and marketability, which were considered to be part of the unit of account given the restrictions of the limited liability company agreement that governs the ownership rights of the members. Other unobservable inputs included the risk-free rates and the estimated future stock volatility based on the historical stock price volatilities of other market participants. A full fair value analysis will be performed at each fiscal year-end or when there is an indication that there may be an impairment to the valuation. Management will estimate and adjust the balance for interim periods. A fair value analysis was performed as of June 30, 2023, which resulted in no material adjustment to the fair value.

Quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurement is as follows:

	Fair Value at 6/30/23	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range
Purchase Option	\$ 695,000	Option Model	Risk-free rate	3.8% - 4.9%
			Stock price volatility	60% - 65%
			Lack of control premium	13%
			Lack of marketability premium	30%

Assets and liabilities that are recognized and measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized as follows:

	Fair Value Measurements as of June 30, 2023 Using:							
		Level 1	Level 2			Level 3		
Foreign exchange contract liability	\$		\$	849,033	\$	_		
Note receivable due from Shell		_		5,846,890				
Vision Bioenergy interest purchase option		<u> </u>				695,000		
Total	\$		\$	6,695,923	\$	695,000		

	 Fair Value Measurements as of June 30, 2022 Using:							
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3			
Foreign exchange contract liability	\$ 	\$	996,106	\$	_			
Total	\$ 	\$	996,106	\$				

## Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

We have evaluated all issued and unadopted Accounting Standards Updates and believe the adoption of these standards will not have a material impact on our consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, balance sheets, or cash flows.

#### **NOTE 3 - LEASES**

S&W leases office and laboratory space, field research plots and equipment used in connection with its operations under various operating and finance leases.

Right-of-use, or ROU, assets represent the Company's right to use the underlying assets for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the net present value of the Company's obligation to make payments arising from these leases. The lease liabilities are based on the present value of fixed lease payments over the lease term using the implicit lease interest rate or, when unknown, the Company's incremental borrowing rate on the lease commencement date or July 1, 2019 for leases that commenced prior to that date. If the lease includes one or more options to extend the term of the lease, the renewal option is considered in the lease term if it is reasonably certain the Company will exercise the option(s). Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

The Company has lease agreements with lease and non-lease components, which are accounted for as a single lease component under the practical expedient provisions of the standard. The Company has lease agreements with terms less than one year. For the qualifying short-term leases, the Company elected the short-term lease recognition exemption in which the Company will not recognize ROU assets or lease liabilities, including the ROU assets or lease liabilities for existing short-term leases of those assets upon adoption.

Variable lease payments consist primarily of common area maintenance, utilities and taxes, which are not included in the recognition of ROU assets and related lease liabilities. Variable lease payments and short-term lease expenses were immaterial to the Company's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Company's lease agreements do not contain material restrictive covenants.

The components of lease assets and liabilities are as follows:

			As of J	une	30,
Leases	<b>Balance Sheet Classification:</b>		2023		2022
Assets:					
Right of use assets - finance leases		\$	1,759,094	\$	2,071,609
Accumulated amortization - finance leases	3		(1,088,294)		(1,131,842)
Right of use assets - finance leases, net	Other assets		670,800		939,767
Right of use assets - operating leases	Right of use assets - operating leases		2,983,303		4,094,253
Total lease assets		\$	3,654,103	\$	5,034,020
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Liabilities:					
Current lease liabilities - finance leases	Current portion of long-term debt, net	\$	383,403	\$	804,309
Current lease liabilities - operating leases	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		1,335,568		1,341,198
Long-term portion of lease liabilities -			, ,		
finance leases	Long-term debt, net, less current portion		304,761		500,723
Long-term portion of lease liabilities -	, ,		,		,
operating leases	Other non-current liabilities		1,949,604		3,042,311
Total lease liabilities		\$	3,973,336	\$	5,688,541

The components of lease cost are as follows:

		 Years End	ed June 30,				
Lease cost:	Income Statement Classification:	2023		2022			
Operating lease cost	Cost of revenue	\$ 708,802	\$	692,210			
Operating lease cost	Selling, general and administrative expenses	195,842		307,368			
Operating lease cost	Research and development expenses	437,282		375,905			
Finance lease cost	Depreciation and amortization	505,082		625,625			
Finance lease cost	Interest expense, net	 40,817		89,577			
Total lease costs		\$ 1,887,825	\$	2,090,685			

Maturities of lease liabilities as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Operating Leases	Finance Leases
2024	\$ 1,454,919	\$ 420,368
2025	953,677	212,098
2026	621,696	114,141
2027	397,469	_
2028	99,432	_
Total lease payments	3,527,193	746,607
Less: Interest	(242,021)	(58,443)
Present value of lease liabilities	\$ 3,285,172	\$ 688,164

The following are the weighted average assumptions used for lease term and discount rate and supplemental cash flow information related to leases as of June 30, 2023:

Operating lease remaining lease term	3.1 years
Operating lease discount rate	4.14%
Finance lease remaining lease term	0.8 years
Finance lease discount rate	6.69%
Cash paid for operating leases	\$ 1,449,629
Cash paid for finance leases	\$ 624,863

## **NOTE 4 - REVENUE RECOGNITION**

The Company derives its revenue primarily from the sale of seed products to seed distributors. From time to time, the Company utilizes excess capacity to provide conditioning, treating, and packaging services to other seed producers. The Company also derives service revenue from its two partnerships, Trigall Australia and Vision Bioenergy, by providing administrative services under a service level agreement.

Revenue from seed product sales is recognized at the point in time at which control of the product is transferred to the customer. Generally, this occurs upon shipment of the product. Pricing for such transactions is negotiated and determined at the time the contracts are signed. We have elected the practical expedient that allows us to account for shipping and handling activities as a fulfillment cost, and we accrue those costs when the related revenue is recognized.

The Company has certain contracts with customers that offer a limited right of return on certain branded products through the end of the current sales year (September through August). The products must be in an unopened and undamaged state and must be resalable in the sole opinion of the Company to qualify for a refund. The Company uses a historical returns percentage to estimate the refund liability and records a reduction of revenue in the period in which revenue is recognized.

## ADAMA Collaboration Agreement

The Company has a collaboration agreement, or Collaboration Agreement, with Makhteshim Agan of North America, Inc., or ADAMA, for the development and commercialization of the Double Team<sup>TM</sup> Sorghum Weed Control System, or DT, which is comprised of ADAMA's ACCase herbicide used in concert with the Company's ACCase tolerant ATS Sorghum product, Double Team Sorghum Cropping Solution. Both parties are active participants in the operating activities of the collaboration and exposed to significant risks and rewards depending on the commercial success of the activities. Although the DT product is designed to be used as a system, the Company sells only the Double Team sorghum seed portion of the system and recognizes the revenue consistent with its sales of other seed products.

Under the Collaboration Agreement, the Company will only label and promote ATS Sorghum products with ADAMA herbicides, while ADAMA will not sell ACCase herbicides for use on competing ATS Sorghum products. Further, all DT related trademarks are jointly owned by the Company and ADAMA, and each company grants the other a license free royalty to use these DT related trademarks. The parties have agreed to share the increase in commercial value created and realized by DT, or Total Value Share, with the Company and ADAMA taking 60% and 40% of the Total Share Value, respectively. The Total Share Value is the sum of (a) the increase in gross margin realized by the Company from sale of the Double Team sorghum product compared to margins realized by its non-ATS Sorghum products, (b) 100% of the ADAMA's ACCase herbicide margin, and (c) any DT-related technology licensing fees received by either party. The Total Value Share is estimated each calendar quarter and a final net settlement is paid at the end of each market year, which ends in August. Estimated and final net settlement amounts to be paid or received are recorded as adjustments to cost of sales.

Double Team sorghum seed sales were \$6.5 million and \$2.4 million for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. The Total Value Share net settlement amount pursuant to the Collaboration Agreement was \$0.5 million due to ADAMA for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Total Value Share net settlement amount was not significant for the year ended June 30, 2022.

#### Disaggregation of Revenue

The Company disaggregates revenue by type of contract and by destination country. The following table shows revenue from external sources by type of contract:

	 Years Ended June 30,					
	2023	2022				
Seed sales	\$ 72,808,112	\$	69,425,407			
Services	713,179		1,928,891			
Total revenue	\$ 73,521,291	\$	71,354,298			

#### Payment Terms and Related Balance Sheet Accounts

Accounts receivable represent amounts that are payable to the Company by its customers subject only to the passage of time. Payment terms on invoices are generally 30 to 180 days for export customers and end of sales season (October 31st) for branded products sold within the United States. As the period between the transfer of goods and/or services to the customer and receipt of payment is less than one year, the Company does not separately account for a financing component in its contracts with customers.

The Company had \$203,222 in unbilled receivables as of June 30, 2023, which largely related to its service level agreement with Vision Bioenergy, as the Company bills Vision Bioenergy on a quarterly basis. The Company had no unbilled receivables as of June 30, 2022.

Losses on accounts receivable and unbilled receivables are recognized if and when it becomes probable that amounts will not be paid. These losses are reversed in subsequent periods if these amounts are paid. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized bad debt expense of \$11,659 and \$216,466, respectively, associated with impaired accounts receivable.

Deferred revenue represents payments received from customers in advance of completion of the Company's performance obligation. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company recognized \$0.6 million of revenue that was included in the deferred balance as of June 30, 2022. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the Company recognized \$0.3 million of revenue that was included in the deferred balance as of June 30, 2021.

#### NOTE 5 - GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

#### Goodwill

The Company acquired Pasture Genetics in February 2020, and recorded goodwill of \$1,452,436 as part of this transaction. During the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Company had a sustained decline in market valuation of its common stock, thereby triggering a potential indicator of goodwill impairment. As a result, the Company initiated a goodwill impairment test for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The Company compared the carrying value of its invested capital to estimated fair values at June 30, 2022. The Company estimated the fair value using the market approach and a control premium (based on management's best estimate) was added.

Upon completing the impairment test, the Company determined that the estimated fair value of invested capital was less than the carrying value, thus indicating an impairment. The Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$1.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2022, which represented the entire goodwill balance prior to the impairment charge. The Company did not record any goodwill for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The following table summarizes the activity of goodwill for the year ended June 30, 2022:

		Balance at					Cur	rency Translation		Balance at
	<u>J</u>	une 30, 2021	Additi	ons	1	<b>Impairment</b>		Adjustment	•	June 30, 2022
Goodwill	\$	1 651 634	\$		\$	(1.548.324)	\$	(103 310)	\$	

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of the following:

	Balance at June 30, 2022				A	Currency Translation Amortization Adjustment			Balance at June 30, 2023		
Intellectual property	\$	23,035,925	\$		\$	(1,385,391)	\$		\$	21,650,534	
Trade name		1,084,791		-		(196,627)		(7,231)		880,933	
Customer relationships		5,499,815				(353,000)		(178,140)		4,968,675	
GI customer list		42,983		_		(7,164)		<u>—</u>		35,819	
Supply agreement		775,241				(75,633)				699,608	
Grower relationships		1,331,581		<del></del>		(105,406)				1,226,175	
License agreement		1,986,598		(1,885,907)		(75,610)		(25,081)			
Internal use software		338,893				(67,778)				271,115	
	\$	34,095,827	\$	(1,885,907)	\$	(2,266,609)	\$	(210,452)	\$	29,732,859	

	Balance at June 30, 2021				A	Amortization	Currency Translation Adjustment		Balance at June 30, 2022	
Intellectual property	\$	24,427,857	\$	_	\$	(1,391,932)	\$	_	\$	23,035,925
Trade name		1,310,489		-		(203,009)	(22	,689)		1,084,791
Customer relationships		6,302,591		_		(373,393)	(429	,383)		5,499,815
Non-compete		5,058		_		(5,058)				
GI customer list		50,146				(7,163)				42,983
Supply agreement		850,874				(75,633)				775,241
Grower relationships		1,436,988		_		(105,407)				1,331,581
License agreement		2,340,269		_		(172,004)	(181	,667)		1,986,598
Internal use software		406,670		_		(67,777)				338,893
	\$	37,130,942	\$	_	\$	(2,401,376)	\$ (633	,739)	\$	34,095,827

Amortization expense totaled \$2,266,609 and \$2,401,376 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Estimated aggregate remaining amortization is as follows:

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
Amortization expense	\$ 2,179,262	\$ 2,139,453	\$ 2,025,950	\$ 1,921,799	\$ 1,864,508	\$ 19,601,887

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company determined there was no impairment of its intangible assets.

## NOTE 6 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Components of property, plant and equipment were as follows:

	As of	As of
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Land and improvements	\$ 939,089	\$ 2,265,087
Buildings and improvements	3,356,755	8,119,960
Machinery and equipment	12,667,858	14,972,462
Vehicles	605,891	1,085,342
Leasehold improvements	552,810	552,810
Construction in progress	177,538	110,107
Total property, plant and equipment	18,299,941	27,105,768
Less: accumulated depreciation	(8,217,773)	(10,234,099)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 10,082,168	\$ 16,871,669

Depreciation expense totaled \$1,997,118 and \$2,433,319 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## AgAmerica Mortgage

On June 20, 2023, the Company entered into a Term Loan Agreement with AgAmerica Lending LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or AgAmerica, pursuant to which AgAmerica extended a term loan of \$4.3 million to the Company and, as security therefor, the Company granted to AgAmerica a mortgage on approximately 31 acres of land located in Lubbock and Moore Counties, Texas, and certain personal property thereon. For further information on the loan, refer to Note 8.

#### **NOTE 7 - Investments**

#### Shell Partnership

On February 6, 2023, or Closing Date, the Company and Shell entered into a Contribution and Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, or Purchase Agreement, relating to a partnership for the development and production of sustainable biofuel feedstocks through its newly created subsidiary Vision Bioenergy Oilseeds LLC, or Vision Bioenergy, pursuant to which:

- The Company (i) contributed its Nampa, Idaho production and research facilities, or the Nampa Facilities, to Vision Bioenergy, along with certain personal property, including vehicles, fixed assets and other similar equipment; (ii) caused Vision Bioenergy to make offers of employment to certain key personnel; (iii) assigned to Vision Bioenergy certain contracts and permits; and (iv) agreed to a two-year non-solicitation covenant with respect to the personnel transferred to Vision Bioenergy.
- On the Closing Date, Shell (i) made a \$13.2 million cash contribution to Vision Bioenergy; (ii) paid \$7.0 million to the Company; and (iii) paid \$6.9 million to retire in full the principal, accrued interest and related settlement costs of the Rooster Note, which was secured by a priority security interest in the property, plant and fixtures located at the Nampa Facilities.
- In February 2024, Shell will be required to pay an additional \$6.0 million to the Company, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. The Purchase Agreement provides that this required payment could be decreased by up to \$4.5 million if (i) the effective employment date of the certain key personnel transferred to Vision Bioenergy, or Transferred Personnel, is later than May 7, 2023, or any of the Transferred Personnel are no longer employed by Vision Bioenergy after February 6, 2024 and (ii) the Company or Vision Bioenergy, as applicable, fail to replace such Transferred Personnel with personnel of reasonably similar qualifications within 90 days of the events covered in clause (i) above. The Company's management deemed that the full \$6.0 million payment from Shell to the Company was realizable due to the high likelihood that the key employees would remain employed for the first year, or in any event could be replaced within 90 days. The fair value of the full amount of this payment, based on the discounted value of the payment as of June 30, 2023, was \$5.8 million, which was recorded to Notes receivable, net on the consolidated balance sheets.
- In February 2024, Shell will be required to make an additional \$12.0 million cash contribution to Vision Bioenergy. The fair value of this February 2024 payment as of June 30, 2023, based on the discounted value of the payment at Shell's incremental borrowing rate, was \$11.7 million.
- S&W received a one-time option, or Purchase Option, exercisable at any time on or before the fifth anniversary of the closing of the partnership transaction, to purchase a 6% membership interest from Shell for a purchase price ranging between approximately \$7.1 and \$12.0 million, depending on the date on which such purchase is completed. The fair market value of the Purchase Option on the Closing Date was \$0.7 million based on a third party appraisal.
- Upon the achievement of certain specified milestones, measured as of the fourth and seventh anniversaries of the closing of the partnership transaction, the Company is eligible to receive transfers of up to an additional aggregate 10% interest in Vision Bioenergy from Shell, or Contingent Transfers. The basis for recognition and measurement of contingent consideration in deconsolidation is not addressed in ASC 810. The Company has made an accounting policy election to account for these contingent consideration items by analogy to the treatment of property and casualty losses under ASC 610-30, in which anticipated insurance recoveries are limited to the lesser of (1) the amount of proceeds for which the likelihood of receipt is probable or (2) the total loss recognized. Under this approach, if the consideration received in the deconsolidation, excluding the contingent consideration, is greater than the carrying amount of the deconsolidated net assets, no contingent consideration would be recognized initially. Since the consideration received by the Company in sale of the interest in Vision Bioenergy to Shell was greater than the carrying value of the assets deconsolidated, no contingent consideration was recorded by the Company. Subsequent recognition and measurement of the contingent consideration will be made using the gain contingency model set forth in ASC 450-30.

Although no contingent assets were recorded by the Company, the Contingent Transfers were a material part of the Purchase Agreement negotiated by the parties and therefore were included in the valuation of Shell's investment of Vision Bioenergy. The fair value of the Contingent Transfers was determined to be \$0.5 million based on Monte Carlo analysis of management projections of free cash flows.

The aggregate total value of the Shell's payments to the Company and cash contributions to Vision Bioenergy on the Closing Date, the present value of Shell's future cash payments and contributions, and the fair market values of the Purchase Option and Contingent Transfers, was \$45.4 million. For this investment, Shell received a 66% interest in Vision Bioenergy, while the Company retained a 34% interest.

Prior to the closing of the Purchase Agreement, the Vision Bioenergy subsidiary of the Company held production and other property, rights to certain proprietary seed varieties and other trade secrets, and an experienced workforce with the necessary skills, knowledge, or experience to perform a process on the inputs that could generate an output, that meet the definition of a business as defined by ASC 805-10. Accordingly, the transfer of the 66% interest in Vision Bioenergy to Shell was accounted for as a sale of a business under ASC 805. Concurrent with the sale of the 66% interest, Vision Bioenergy was deconsolidated from the Company's books, and the retained interest was recorded as an investment. Shell's \$45.4 million investment for a 66% interest reflected a total valuation of the Vision Bioenergy business of \$68.8 million.

The consideration received by the Company for Shell's 66% interest in Vision Bioenergy comprises the \$7.0 million paid to the Company at closing, the retirement of \$6.9 million of Company debt, the \$5.7 million present value of the future payment to the Company at the Closing Date, the \$0.7 million fair market value of the Purchase Option, and the \$23.4 million value of the equity investment, or \$43.7 million in total. The total consideration, less the \$5.5 million carrying value of the Nampa facility assets and inventory contributed by the Company to Vision Bioenergy, resulted in a gain on the sale in the amount of \$38.2 million. The gain is reported as Gain on equity method investments on the consolidated statements of operations. This consideration is summarized below:

	Amoui	nt Received (Contributed)
Equity investment	\$	23,396,832
Cash		7,000,000
Debt retirement		6,860,838
Notes receivable, net		5,747,126
Fair value of 6% member purchase option		695,000
Fixed assets and inventory transfer		(5,532,694)
Gain on equity method investments	\$	38,167,102

Vision Bioenergy's five-member Board of Directors includes two directors designated by the Company. Through its Board representation and 34% of the voting rights, the Company has significant influence in the management of Vision Bioenergy. Accordingly, the Company's investment is accounted for using the equity method and reported within Equity method investments on the consolidated balance sheets. The Company recognizes its proportionate share of the reported earnings or losses of Vision Bioenergy through net income and as an adjustment to the investment balance. This proportionate share is subject to adjustments, such as for the elimination of intra-entity (intercompany) gains or losses or amortization of basis differences. Vision Bioenergy is a pass-through entity for income tax purposes, with income or loss distributed to the partners.

The fair market values of the assets contributed to Vision Bioenergy by the Company at the Closing Date were determined by third-party market appraisals. The Nampa Facilities and other property with an aggregate carrying amount of \$5.5 million were valued at \$12.9 million. Rights established under a product uptake agreement with Shell and rights to certain proprietary seed technology with no carrying value on the Company's books, were initially valued at \$19.2 million. These intangible assets were recorded on Vision Bioenergy's opening balance sheet and will be amortized through the end of their useful life. The net book value of these assets as of June 30, 2023 was \$18.6 million. The total gain on the sale of the Vision Bioenergy interest recognized by the Company included \$8.0 million related to the remeasurement of the retained investment in Vision Bioenergy to its fair value.

On the Closing Date, the Company's proportionate 34% share of Vision Bioenergy's equity was \$23.4 million, calculated from the total valuation of the Vision Bioenergy business of \$68.8 million. Of this, the Company's equity share of Vision Bioenergy's net identifiable assets was \$19.3 million. The \$4.1 million difference between the carrying amount of the equity method investment and the Company's share of the net identifiable assets represented

equity method goodwill. The equity method goodwill will not be subject to amortization but will assessed for impairment at least annually, or when certain triggering events occur, using fair value measurement techniques.

The summarized unaudited balance sheet presented below reflects the financial information of Vision Bioenergy as of June 30, 2023:

	f June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)
Cash	\$ 8,973,896
Other current assets	747,090
Fixed assets	15,051,799
Intangible assets	18,575,108
Goodwill	11,870,376
Other assets	 255,899
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 55,474,168
Current liabilities	1,381,493
Long-term liabilities	176,203
Equity	53,916,472
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 55,474,168

The summarized unaudited income statement presented below reflects the financial information of Vision Bioenergy for the period from February 6, 2023 (inception) through June 30, 2023:

	Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	
Revenue	\$	168,977
Gross profit (loss)		(726,502)
Loss from operations		(3,358,348)
Net loss		(3,203,958)

Effective February 6, 2023, the Company entered into a service-level agreement, or SLA, with Vision Bioenergy. Pursuant to the SLA, the Company is to provide Vision Bioenergy with services for various functions, including Human Resources, Finance, Accounting, Information Technology, Research, Engineering, and Sales & Marketing. The SLA will terminate on the third anniversary of the effective date; however, it does include an extension option. During the period from February 6, 2023 (inception) through June 30, 2023, the Company recognized \$0.3 million in service revenue related to this agreement.

Concurrent with the SLA, the Company entered into a one-year service agreement with Vision Bioenergy, for which Vision Bioenergy will provide the Company with grain processing services at its Nampa, Idaho facility. The Company has the right to extend the contract for a second year. During the period from February 6, 2023 (inception) through June 30, 2023, the Company paid \$0.2 million to Vision Bioenergy for services per this agreement.

#### Trigall Australia Partnership

Effective December 23, 2022, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, or S&W Australia, entered into a partnership with Trigall Genetics S.A., or Trigall, for the development and marketing of wheat varieties in Australia. Under the terms of the partnership agreement, S&W Australia transferred certain intellectual property license rights and equipment into a wholly owned subsidiary and subsequently sold an 80% interest in the subsidiary to Trigall. The subsidiary was renamed Trigall Australia Pty Ltd, or Trigall Australia. In return, S&W Australia received \$2.0 million in cash, a \$1.0 million promissory note to be paid in December 2023, and retained a 20% ownership interest in Trigall Australia. The \$1.0 million promissory note is reported within Notes receivable, net in the consolidated balance sheets. The \$3.0 million investment by Trigall for an 80% interest in Trigall Australia implied a \$3.8 million valuation. S&W Australia's 20% retained interest, valued accordingly at \$0.8 million, as of the transaction date, is reported as Equity method investments in the consolidated balance sheets.

Management determined that the assets transferred to Trigall Australia did not meet the definition of a business for accounting purposes, and the sale was accounted for as an asset sale. The \$3.8 million valuation, less the \$2.0 million carrying value of assets contributed, resulted in a \$1.8 million gain on the sale. The gain is reported as Gain on equity method investment on the consolidated statements of operations. The Company recognizes its proportionate share of the reported earnings or losses of Trigall, net of tax, through net income and as an adjustment to the investment balance.

S&W Australia is obligated to make an aggregate of \$0.6 million in capital contributions to Trigall Australia through June 2025, and has agreed to provide certain marketing, collection and other operational services in support of the partnership. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company made \$0.2 million in capital contributions.

#### **Bioceres Investment**

As of June 30, 2021, the Company held an investment in Bioceres, S.A., a provider of crop productivity solutions headquartered in Argentina. During the third quarter of fiscal year 2022, the Company sold 71.4% of the investment in Bioceres, S.A. for net proceeds of \$1.0 million, which included a gain on the sale of marketable securities of \$0.1 million. The carrying value of the remainder of the investment was \$0.4 million at June 30, 2022, which was reported in Equity method investments on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company sold off the remainder of its investment in Bioceres, S.A. for net proceeds of \$0.4 million, which included a gain on the sale of equity investment of \$32,030.

The following summarizes the carrying amount of the Company's equity method investments reflected in the consolidated balance sheets:

		June 30, 2023			June 30, 2022		
			Economic		Carrying	Economic	
	Cai	rrying Amount	Interest		Amount	Interest	
Vision Bioenergy	\$	22,307,486	34%	\$		0%	
Trigall Australia		752,219	20%		_	0%	
Bioceres		<u> </u>	0%		367,970	1%	
Total equity method investments	\$	23,059,705		\$	367,970		

**NOTE 8 - DEBT** 

Total debt outstanding is presented on the consolidated balance sheets as follows:

	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	
Current portion of working capital lines of credit				
CIBC	\$	19,335,427	\$	12,804,611
National Australia Bank Limited		25,938,839		338,314
Debt issuance costs		(373,487)		(464,028)
Total current portion of working capital lines of credit, net		44,900,779		12,678,897
Long-term portion of working capital lines of credit, less current portion				
National Australia Bank Limited				21,703,286
Total working capital lines of credit, net	\$	44,900,779	\$	34,382,183
Current portion of long-term debt	-	,,,,,,,,	=	2 .,202,102
Finance leases	\$	383,403	\$	804,309
Term Loan - National Australia Bank Limited	_	2,318,050		344,400
Machinery & equipment loans - National Australia Bank Limited		1,141,349		246,547
Machinery & equipment loans - Hyster		11,902		11,834
Vehicle loans - Ford Credit		51,278		40,341
Secured real estate note - Rooster		<u> </u>		6,905,995
Debt issuance costs		(97,221)		(36,643)
Total current portion, net		3,808,761		8,316,783
Long-term debt, less current portion				
Finance leases		304,761		500,723
Term loan - National Australia Bank Limited				2,410,800
Machinery & equipment loans - National Australia Bank Limited		_		963,733
Machinery & equipment loans - Hyster		15,715		28,722
Vehicle loans - Ford Credit		70,103		88,583
Secured real estate note - AgAmerica		4,300,000		_
Debt issuance costs		(191,245)		(21)
Total long-term portion, net		4,499,334	_	3,992,540
Total debt, net	\$	8,308,095	\$	12,309,323

#### CIBC Loan Agreement

On December 26, 2019, the Company entered into a Loan and Security Agreement, or the Loan Agreement, with CIBC, which originally provided for a \$35.0 million credit facility, or the CIBC Credit Facility. The Loan Agreement was subsequently amended on several occasions in fiscal 2022 and again in fiscal 2023. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the CIBC Loan Agreement was amended as follows:

- On September 22, 2022, the CIBC Loan Agreement was amended to, among other things, (i) specify that the borrowing base eligible inventory sublimit cannot be reduced below the proceeds available to be drawn under the MFP Letter of Credit (as defined below), (ii) waive the Company's non-compliance with certain financial covenants under the CIBC Loan Agreement and (iii) establish a minimum liquidity of no less than \$1.0 million tested weekly as of the last day of each week for the remainder of the term of the CIBC Loan Agreement;
- On October 28, 2022, the CIBC Loan Agreement was amended to, among other things, increase (i) the total revolving loan commitment to \$21.0 million from \$18.0 million and (ii) the borrowing base eligible inventory sublimit to \$12.0 million from \$9.0 million;
- On December 23, 2022, the CIBC Loan Agreement was amended to, among other things, extend the maturity date of all revolving loans, advances and other obligations outstanding under the CIBC Loan Agreement from December 23, 2022 to March 23, 2023; and

• On March 22, 2023, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, or the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, with CIBC, as administrative agent and sole lead arranger, and the other loan parties and lenders party thereto. The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement replaced the existing CIBC Loan Agreement. All amounts outstanding under the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, including, but not limited to, accrued and unpaid principal and interest due under the CIBC Credit Facility, will be due and payable in full on August 31, 2024.

The following is a summary of certain terms of the Amended CIBC Credit Facility as of June 30, 2023:

- The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement provides up to \$25.0 million credit facility from February 1 to October 31 of each year and up to a \$18.0 million credit facility from November 1 to January 31 of each year.
- Advances under the Amended CIBC Credit Facility are to be used: (i) to finance the Company's
  ongoing working capital requirements; and (ii) for general corporate purposes.
- Availability of funds under the Amended CIBC Credit Facility is subject to a borrowing base of up to 85% of eligible domestic accounts receivable (90% of eligible foreign accounts receivable) plus up to the lesser of (i) 65% of eligible inventory, (ii) 85% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory, and (iii) an eligible inventory sublimit as more fully set forth in the Loan Agreement, in each case, subject to lender reserves.
- Advances bear interest at a rate per annum equal to a reference rate equal to CIBC's prime rate at any time (or, if greater, the federal funds rate at such time plus 0.5%) plus an applicable margin of 2.0%. The interest rate was 10.25% as of June 30, 2023. Additionally, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an event of default, CIBC may elect to increase the existing interest rate on all of the Company's outstanding obligations by 2.0% per annum.
- The Amended CIBC Credit Facility is secured by a first priority perfected security interest in substantially all of the Borrowers' assets (subject to certain exceptions), including intellectual property.
- The Amended CIBC Loan Agreement contains certain customary representations and warranties, events of default, and affirmative and negative covenants, including limitations with respect to debt, liens, fundamental changes, asset sales, restricted payments, investments and transactions with affiliates, subject to certain exceptions. The CIBC Loan Agreement restricts the payment of dividends. Amounts due under the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement may be accelerated upon an "event of default," as defined in the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, such as failure to pay amounts owed thereunder when due, breach of a covenant, material inaccuracy of a representation, or occurrence of bankruptcy or insolvency, subject in some cases to cure periods.

The Company actively pursued multiple other lenders prior to entering into the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement on March 22, 2023. The financing charges incurred associated with these other lenders totaled \$1.5 million and were expensed to Other (income) expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

As of June 30, 2023, the Company was not in compliance with the debt covenant of the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement that required the Company to meet a certain minimum adjusted EBITDA level at year-end. A waiver was obtained from CIBC for this failed covenant. As of June 30, 2023, there was approximately \$0.8 million of unused availability on the Amended CIBC Credit Facility, which had an available borrowing base of \$20.2 million. With additional collateral consisting of accounts receivable, the available borrowing base can increase by an additional \$4.8 million, to a maximum amount of \$25.0 million.

#### Australian Facilities

S&W Australia has debt facilities with NAB. The financing agreement with NAB, or the NAB Finance Agreement, which provides a term loan, a master asset finance facility, and a seasonal credit facility that includes a borrowing base line and an overdraft facility used to finance the purchase of seed inventory from growers.

The NAB Finance Agreement was amended and restated effective October 24, 2022 and further amended on October 25, 2022. Pursuant to the amendments contained in the NAB Finance Agreement, among other things:

- the borrowing base line credit limit under S&W Australia's seasonal credit facility was increased from AUD \$32.0 million (USD \$21.2 million as of June 30, 2023) to AUD \$40.0 million (USD \$26.5 million as of June 30, 2023), with a one-year maturity date extension to September 30, 2024;
- the overdraft credit limit under S&W Australia's seasonal credit facility was increased from AUD \$1.0 million (USD \$0.7 million as of June 30, 2023) to AUD \$2.0 million (USD \$1.3 million as of June 30, 2023), with a one-year maturity date extension to September 29, 2023; and
- the maturity date of S&W Australia's master asset finance facility was extended by one year to September 29, 2023.

As amended, the consolidated debt facilities under the NAB Finance Agreement provide for up to an aggregate of AUD \$49.0 million (USD \$32.5 million as of June 30, 2023) of credit and is guaranteed by S&W Seed Company up to a maximum of AUD \$15.0 million (USD \$9.9 million as of June 30, 2023).

The financing facilities include the following elements as of June 30, 2023:

- A Seasonal Credit Facility comprised of two facility lines; (i) a Borrowing Base Line having a credit limit of AUD \$40.0 million (USD \$26.5 million as of June 30, 2023) and (ii) an Overdraft Facility having a credit limit of AUD \$2.0 million (USD \$1.3 million at June 30, 2023). The interest rate for a drawing denominated in a foreign currency is fixed at the time of drawing and will be the foreign currency fixed lending rate plus a customer margin of 1.65% per annum. As of June 30, 2023, the Borrowing Base Line accrued interest on Australian dollar drawings at 8.21% per annum calculated daily. The Overdraft Facility permits S&W Australia to borrow funds on a revolving line of credit up to the credit limit. Interest accrues daily and is calculated by applying the daily interest rate to the balance owing at the end of the day and is payable monthly in arrears. As of June 30, 2023, the Overdraft Facility accrued interest at 9.47% per annum calculated daily. The Seasonal Credit Facility is secured by a fixed and floating lien over all the present and future rights, property, and undertakings of S&W Australia, As of June 30, 2023, approximately AUD \$0.3 million (USD \$0.2 million) remained available for use under the NAB Finance Agreement, which had an available borrowing base of AUD \$39.4 million (USD \$26.1 million). With additional collateral, the available borrowing base can increase by an additional AUD \$2.6 million (USD \$1.7 million as of June 30, 2023), to a maximum amount of AUD \$42.0 million (USD \$27.8 million as of June 30, 2023).
- A flexible rate loan, or the Term Loan, in the amount of AUD \$4.0 million (USD \$2.6 million at June 30, 2023). Required annual principal payments of AUD \$0.5 million on the Term Loan commenced in May 2023, with the remainder of any unpaid balance becoming due on March 31, 2026. Monthly interest amounts outstanding under the Term Loan are payable in arrears at a floating rate quoted by NAB for the applicable pricing period, plus 2.6%. The interest rate as of June 30, 2023 for this was 8.607%. The Term Loan is secured by a lien on all the present and future rights, property and undertakings of S&W Australia.
- S&W Australia finances certain equipment purchases under a master asset finance facility with NAB. Equipment loans under the master asset finance facility have various maturity dates through 2029, which have interest rates ranging from 2.86% to 6.82%. The total credit limit under the facility is AUD \$3.0 million (USD \$2.0 million at June 30, 2023). As of June 30, 2023, AUD \$1.7 million (USD \$1.1 million) was outstanding under S&W Australia's master asset finance facility.

The October 2022 amendments to the NAB Finance Agreement contained an undertaking requiring the Company to maintain a net related entity position of not more than AUD \$25.0 million, and the Company's ability to comply with this undertaking was subject to fluctuations in foreign currency conversion rates outside of the Company's control. Due to fluctuations in foreign currency conversion rates, the Company was not in compliance with this undertaking as of December 31, 2022 and the Company subsequently obtained a waiver from NAB with respect to such non-compliance. On January 11, 2023, the Company further amended the NAB Finance Agreement to change the required net related entity position from AUD \$25.0 million to USD \$18.5 million. The Company believes that this amendment provides the Company with greater control over compliance with this undertaking. The Company was in compliance with this covenant as of March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023. The Company was not in compliance with the annual interest cover ratio covenant as of June 30, 2023, but obtained a waiver from NAB with respect to such non-compliance.

#### AgAmerica Note

On June 20, 2023, the Company entered into a term loan agreement, or the AgAmerica Loan Agreement, with AgAmerica pursuant to which AgAmerica issued a term loan of \$4.3 million, or the AgAmerica Term Loan, to the Company and, as security therefor, the Company granted to AgAmerica a mortgage on approximately 31 acres of land located in Lubbock and Moore Counties, Texas, and certain personal property thereon.

The AgAmerica Term Loan is evidenced by a Promissory Note, or the AgAmerica Note, issued by the Company to AgAmerica, pursuant to which the Company agreed to pay AgAmerica the principal sum of \$4.3 million, plus any outstanding accrued interest thereon, in full on June 20, 2026, unless otherwise accelerated in accordance with the terms of the AgAmerica Loan Agreement and the AgAmerica Note. Interest will accrue at a rate per annum equal to 4.85% plus the Term SOFR Rate, defined as the forward-looking term rate based on the secured overnight financing rate, or SOFR, computed based on the actual number of days elapsed divided by a 360-day year. The annual interest rate as of June 30, 2023 was 9.94%. Interest payments are due quarterly in arrears, commencing on June 20, 2023, and on the last day of each quarter thereafter, unless otherwise accelerated in accordance with the terms of the AgAmerica Loan Agreement or the AgAmerica Note. AgAmerica may collect a late charge of 5.0% of any installment of principal or interest which is not paid within 10 days of the due date thereof. In addition, any delinquent principal and installments of interest not paid within 30 days of the due date thereof will bear interest beginning on the 31st day from the applicable due date at a rate equal to 5.0% per annum above the interest rate. The Company may prepay the AgAmerica Term Loan prior to maturity, subject to a prepayment premium equal to 1.0% of the prepaid principal amount, subject to certain exceptions.

The AgAmerica Loan Agreement contains certain customary representations and warranties, events of default, and affirmative and negative covenants, including (among others) limitations with respect to liens, fundamental changes, asset sales and formation and acquisition of subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, and subject to certain cure periods, AgAmerica may declare all outstanding obligations immediately due and payable and take such other actions as set forth in the AgAmerica Loan Agreement and the AgAmerica Note, as applicable, provided that in the event of bankruptcy, all such amounts shall automatically become due and payable.

#### Rooster Note

In November 2017, the Company entered into a secured note financing transaction, or the Loan Transaction, with Conterra Agricultural Capital, LLC, or Conterra, for \$12.5 million in gross proceeds. Pursuant to the Loan Transaction, the Company issued secured notes to Conterra in the principal amounts of \$2.1 million, which was repaid in full in fiscal 2019. The Company also issued to Conterra a secured note of \$10.4 million, which was subsequently endorsed to Rooster Capital LLC, or the Rooster Note. The Rooster Note bore interest at 7.75% per annum and was secured by a first priority security interest in the property, plant and fixtures located at the Company's Nampa, Idaho production and research facilities. Through June 30, 2021, the Company made payments in reduction of the principal balance totaling approximately \$3.1 million, and further principal payments of \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million during the year ended June 30, 2022 and the six months ended December 31, 2022, respectively.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Rooster Note was amended as follows:

- on September 22, 2022, the Company entered into an amendment to extend the Rooster Note's maturity date to December 23, 2022; and
- on December 23, 2022, the Company entered into an amendment to the Rooster Note that (i) increased the interest rate on the Rooster Note from 7.75% to 9.25% per annum and (ii) extended the maturity date of the Rooster Note from December 23, 2022 to March 1, 2023.

On February 6, 2023, Shell paid off the approximately \$6.6 million of outstanding principal and accrued interest on the Rooster Note in connection with the Vision Bioenergy partnership (see Note 7).

#### MFP Loan Agreement

On September 22, 2022, the Company's largest stockholder, MFP Partners, L.P., or MFP, provided a letter of credit issued by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the account of MFP, with an initial face amount of \$9.0 million, or the MFP Letter of Credit, for the benefit of CIBC, as additional collateral to support the Company's obligations under the CIBC Loan Agreement. The MFP Letter of Credit initially matured on January 23, 2023, one month after the

maturity date of the existing CIBC Loan Agreement. Concurrently, on September 22, 2022, the Company entered into a Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement, or the MFP Loan Agreement, with MFP, pursuant to which any draw CIBC may make on the MFP Letter of Credit will be deemed to be a term loan advance made by MFP to the Company. The MFP Loan Agreement initially provided for up to \$9.0 million of term loan advances.

Concurrent with the October 28, 2022, amendment to the CIBC Loan Agreement (as described above), MFP amended the MFP Letter of Credit to increase the face amount from \$9.0 million to \$12.0 million, and the MFP Loan Agreement was amended to increase the maximum amount of term loan advances available to the Company from \$9.0 million to \$12.0 million. In connection with the December 23, 2022 amendment to the CIBC Loan Agreement, MFP amended the MFP Letter of Credit, extending the maturity date from January 23, 2023 to April 30, 2023. In connection with the Company's entry into the Amended CIBC Loan Agreement, MFP further amended letter of credit to increase the maximum amount of term loan advances to \$13.0 million and extend the maturity date to September 30, 2024.

As amended, the MFP Loan Agreement will mature on March 30, 2025. Pursuant to the MFP Loan Agreement, the Company accrued a cash fee to be paid to MFP equal to 3.50% per annum on all amounts remaining undrawn under the MFP Letter of Credit. In the event any term advances are deemed made under the MFP Loan Agreement, such advances will bear interest at a rate per annum equal to term SOFR (with a floor of 1.25%) plus 9.25%, 50% of which will be payable in cash on the last day of each fiscal quarter and 50% of which will accrue as payment in kind interest payable on the maturity date, unless, with respect to any quarterly payment date, the Company elects to pay such interest in cash. Concurrent with the March 22, 2023 amendment to the CIBC Loan Agreement, the Company entered into a Third Amendment to Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement with MFP, or MFP Amendment, to (i) increase the aggregate amount of cash advances permitted from \$12.0 million to \$13.0 million; (ii) increase the cash fee payable to MFP on all amounts remaining undrawn under the Letter of Credit from 3.50% to 4.25% per annum; (iii) provide for the issuance of the MFP Warrant to MFP (see Note 9); and (iv) reflect the extension of the maturity date of the Letter of Credit to September 30, 2024.

The MFP Loan Agreement, as amended, includes customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default and is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets and is subordinated to the CIBC Loan Agreement. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an event of default, MFP may declare all outstanding obligations under the MFP Loan Agreement immediately due and payable and take such other actions as set forth in the MFP Loan Agreement.

#### Maturities of Long-Term Debt

The annual maturities of long-term debt, excluding finance lease liabilities, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2024	\$ 3,522,579
2025	75,904
2026	4,309,914
Total	\$ 7,908,397

## **NOTE 9 - INCOME TAXES**

Income (loss) before income taxes consists of the following:

	 Years Ended June 30,		
	2023		2022
United States	\$ 20,631,632	\$	(37,346,576)
Foreign	(5,707,581)		1,437,493
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 14,924,051	\$	(35,909,083)

Significant components of the provision for income taxes from continuing operations are as follows:

	Years Ended	June 30,
	2023	2022
Current:		
State	12,431	301
Foreign	42,480	266,129
Total current provision	54,911	266,430
Deferred:		
Federal	_	(1)
Foreign	(818,550)	146,994
Total deferred provision	(818,550)	146,993
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ (763,639)	413,423

The differences between the total calculated income tax provision and the expected income tax computed using the U.S. federal income tax rate are as follows:

	Years Ended June 30,		
	2023	2022	
Tax benefit at statutory tax rate	\$ 3,134,080	(7,540,908)	
State benefit, net of federal benefit	388,572	(493,262)	
Estimated GILTI Inclusion	267,352	_	
Federal and state research credits - current year	67,144	(390,235)	
Other permanent differences	(187,808)	184,725	
Foreign rate differential	(521,188)	420,829	
Goodwill impairment	<del>-</del>	549,577	
Valuation allowance	(5,371,275)	7,573,300	
Transfer Pricing Adjustments	1,380,810	_	
Stock Compensation	266,127		
Equity method investments	(277,952)	_	
Other	90,499	109,397	
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ (763,639)	413,423	

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	2023	2022
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carry forwards	\$ 21,170,710	\$ 22,815,372
Tax credit carryforwards	2,184,461	1,388,106
Allowance for bad debts	1,184,158	1,216,187
Goodwill	1,688,905	1,597,873
Lease liability	880,955	1,187,090
Interest expense carryforwards	1,446,422	1,144,535
Other, net	2,588,490	1,756,460
Total deferred tax assets	31,144,101	31,105,623
Valuation allowance for deferred tax assets	(22,061,576)	(27,437,845)
Deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	9,082,525	3,667,778
Deferred tax liabilities:		
ROU lease asset	(903,508)	(1,226,879)
Equity method investments	(4,620,682)	<u>—</u>
Intangible assets	(1,910,044)	(1,381,955)
Fixed assets	(1,160,228)	(1,382,821)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(8,594,462)	(3,991,655)
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ 488,063	\$ (323,877)

The Company recognizes federal and state current tax liabilities or assets based on its estimate of taxes payable to or refundable from tax authorities in the current fiscal year. The Company also recognizes federal and state deferred tax liabilities or assets based on the Company's estimate of future tax effects attributable to temporary differences and carryforwards. The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce any deferred tax assets by the amount of any tax benefits that, based on available evidence and judgment, are not expected to be realized.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, the Company considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. The Company considers projected future taxable income and planning strategies in making this assessment. Based on projections of taxable income, the Company had previously determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets in the United States and South Africa will not be realized. The Company also previously determined that the deferred tax assets related to certain Australian intangible assets more likely than not would not be realized. Accordingly, a valuation allowance was recorded against the net deferred tax assets in the United States and South Africa and a partial valuation allowance was recorded to Australian deferred tax assets. The valuation allowance decreased by approximately \$5.4 million for the year ended June 30, 2023, related primarily to tax loss carryforwards utilized in the United States in the current year to offset taxable gain related primarily to the Vision Bioenergy transaction.

As of June 30, 2023, the Company had federal and state net operating loss carryovers of approximately \$92.5 million and \$32.1 million, respectively. Federal net operating losses generated after June 30, 2018 can be carried forward indefinitely, which represented \$72.8 million of this total. The remaining balance will begin to expire June 30, 2031, unless utilized.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, generally imposes an annual limitation on a corporation's ability to utilize net operating loss carryovers, or NOLs, if it experiences an ownership change as defined in Section 382. In general terms, an ownership change may result from transactions increasing the ownership of certain stockholders in the stock of a corporation by more than 50% over a three-year period. In the event that an ownership change has occurred, or were to occur, utilization of the Company's NOLs would be subject to an annual limitation under Section 382 as determined by multiplying the value of the Company's stock at the time of the ownership change by the applicable long-term tax-exempt rate as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. Any unused annual limitation may be carried over to later years. The Company could experience an ownership change under Section 382 as a result of events in the past in combination with events in the future. If so, the use of the Company's NOLs, or a portion thereof, against future taxable income may be subject to an annual limitation under Section 382, which may result in expiration of a portion of the NOLs before utilization. To the extent our use of net operating loss carryforwards is significantly limited under the rules of Section 382, our income could be subject to U.S. corporate

income tax earlier than it would if we were able to use net operating loss carryforwards, which could result in lower profits. Any carryforwards that expire prior to utilization as a result of such limitations will be removed, if applicable, from deferred tax assets with a corresponding reduction of the valuation allowance. As of June 30, 2023, \$17.1 million of our Federal net operating losses are subject to annual limitations under Section 382.

The Company has federal research credits of \$1.4 million which will expire June 30, 2031, unless utilized. As of June 30, 2023, the Company has Australian non-refundable research and development credits of \$0.7 million that can be carried forward indefinitely. The Company also has foreign tax credits of \$0.2 million which began expiring on June 30, 2023. The Company has state research credits of \$25,089 that do not expire. In addition, the Company has \$6.6 million of Section 163(j) interest limitation carryovers as of June 30, 2023 that can be carried forward indefinitely.

As of June 30, 2023, the Company has not provided for foreign withholding and deferred income taxes on approximately \$2.3 million of undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries, as these earnings are considered indefinitely reinvested outside of the United States. A determination of the unrecognized deferred taxes is not practicable. The Company does not plan to repatriate any earnings that are currently located in its foreign subsidiaries as of June 30, 2023.

The Company recognizes liabilities for uncertain tax positions based on a two-step process. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. The Company regularly assesses the potential outcome of examinations by tax authorities in determining the adequacy of its provision for income taxes.

The following table summarized the activity related to our unrecognized tax benefits:

	 Years Ended June 30,			
	2023		2022	
Beginning Balance	\$ 77,350	\$	79,341	
Other	(431)		(1,991)	
Ending Balance	\$ 76,919	\$	77,350	

The Company has approximately \$0.1 million of unrecognized tax benefits related to prior year tax positions as of June 30, 2023. Included in the unrecognized tax benefits was approximately \$0.1 million of tax benefits that, if recognized, would reduce our annual effective tax rate, if the Company were not in a valuation allowance position. However, due to the valuation allowance in the United States, there would be no impact to the annual effective tax rate if the tax benefits were recognized.

The Company's policy is to recognize interest expense and penalties related to income tax matters as a component of income tax expense. The Company has not accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. The Company does not expect its unrecognized tax benefits to change significantly over the next 12 months.

#### NOTE 10 - FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

The Company's subsidiary, S&W Australia, is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations in the normal course of its business, which the Company manages through the use of foreign currency forward contracts. These foreign currency contracts are not designated as hedging instruments; accordingly, changes in the fair value are recorded in current period earnings. These foreign currency contracts had a notional value of \$9,561,155 at June 30, 2023 and their maturities range from July 2023 to October 2023.

The Company records an asset or liability on the consolidated balance sheets for the fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts. The foreign currency contract liabilities totaled \$849,033 and \$996,106 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company recorded a gain on foreign exchange contracts of \$123,703 for the year ended June 30, 2023 and a loss on foreign exchange contracts of \$958,373 for the year ended June 30, 2022, which are reflected in cost of revenue on the consolidated statements of operations.

In June 2023, the Company acquired foreign currency options with a total notional amount of \$7.4 million. The strike prices on the transaction dates and as of June 30, 2023 were above the market price, so the options had no intrinsic value. Option premiums of \$5,891 are reflected within Prepaid expenses and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2023.

The Company's accounting policies for foreign currency contracts and options are found in Note 2 under the section titled "Derivative Financial Instruments."

#### **NOTE 11 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### Contingencies

Based on information currently available, management is not aware of any other matters that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

## Legal Matters

The Company may be subject to various legal proceedings from time to time. The results of any future litigation cannot be predicted with certainty, and 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. Any current litigation is considered immaterial and counter claims have been assessed as remote.

#### **NOTE 12 - EQUITY**

#### ATM Common Stock Sales

On September 23, 2020, the Company entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement, or the ATM Agreement, with B. Riley Securities, Inc., or B. Riley, under which the Company may offer and sell from time to time, at its sole discretion, shares of its common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$14.0 million through B. Riley as its sales agent. The Company agreed to pay B. Riley a commission of 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the sales price per share of any common stock sold through B. Riley under the ATM Agreement. On September 27, 2021, the Company entered into an amendment to the ATM Agreement, under which the aggregate offering price was increased from \$14.0 million to \$17.1 million.

On May 17, 2022, the Company amended the ATM Agreement to having an aggregate offering price of \$24.6 million. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Company received gross proceeds of approximately \$7.4 million from the sale of 3,655,136 shares of its common stock pursuant to the ATM agreement.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company received gross proceeds of approximately \$0.2 million from the sale of 102,455 shares of its common stock pursuant to the ATM Agreement. As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$6.2 million remaining available to sell under the ATM Agreement.

#### **MFP** Warrants

On September 22, 2022, the Company entered into a Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement, or the MFP Loan Agreement, with MFP, pursuant to which any draw CIBC may make on the MFP Letter of Credit will be deemed to be a term loan advance made by MFP to the Company (see Note 8). Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the MFP Loan agreement, on September 22, 2022, the Company issued to MFP a warrant, or Initial Warrant, to purchase up to 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock, or Initial Warrant Shares, at \$1.60 per share. The Initial Warrant expires five years from its issue date, or September 22, 2027.

In connection with the October 28, 2022 and December 22, 2022 amendments to the MFP Letter of Credit, the Company issued to MFP additional warrants to purchase 166,700 and 666,700 shares of the Company's common stock, respectively, at an exercise price of \$1.60 per warrant share. The warrants will each expire five years from the date of issuance.

In connection with the MFP Amendment, on March 22, 2023, the Company issued to MFP a warrant to purchase 1,300,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$2.15 per MFP warrant share. The warrants will expire five years from the date of issuance.

In total, warrants to purchase 2,633,400 shares of the Company's common stock were issued to MFP in connection with the MFP Loan Agreement, or MFP Warrants, during the year ended June 30, 2023. The stated purchase prices of all of the MFP Warrants are subject to adjustment in connection with any stock dividends and splits, distributions with respect to common stock and certain fundamental transactions as described in the MFP Warrant. The MFP Warrants were valued using the Black-Scholes-Merton model as of the respective issue dates and recorded as financial commitment assets within Prepaid expenses and other current asset on the consolidated balance sheets. The MFP Warrants financial commitment assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period from their initial issue dates through the end of the related MFP Letter of Credit commitment periods. During the year ended June 30, 2023, an aggregate value of \$1,894,901 related to the MFP Warrants was capitalized, of which \$860,758 was amortized as interest expense.

MFP is the Company's largest shareholder. One of the Company's directors, Alexander C. Matina, is Vice President and Portfolio Manager of MFP Investors LLC, the general partner of MFP.

## **NOTE 13 - EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION**

#### **Equity Incentive Plans**

In October 2009 and January 2010, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders, respectively, approved the 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, or as amended and/or restated from time to time, the 2009 Plan. The plan authorized the grant and issuance of options, restricted shares and other equity compensation to the Company's directors, employees, officers and consultants, and those of the Company's subsidiaries and parent, if any. In October 2012 and December 2012, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders, respectively, approved the amendment and restatement of the 2009 Plan, including an increase in the number of shares available for issuance as grants and awards under the Plan to 1,250,000 shares. In September 2013 and December 2013, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders, respectively, approved the amendment and restatement of the 2009 Plan, including an increase in the number of shares available for issuance as grants and awards under the Plan to 1,700,000 shares. In September 2015 and December 2015, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders, respectively, approved the amendment and restatement of the 2009 Plan, including an increase in the number of shares available for issuance as grants and awards under the Plan to 2,450,000 shares.

In December 2018 and January 2019, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders, respectively, approved the 2019 Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2019 Plan, as a successor to and continuation of the 2009 Plan. In October 2020 and December 2020, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders approved, respectively, the amendment to the 2019 Plan to increase the number of shares available for issues as grants and awards by 4,000,000 shares. Subject to adjustment for certain changes in the Company's capitalization, the aggregate number of shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued under the 2019 Plan, as amended, will not exceed 8,243,790 shares, which is the sum of (i) 4,000,000 new shares, (ii) 2,750,000 additional shares that were reserved as of the effective date of the 2019 Plan, (iii) 350,343 shares (the number of unallocated shares that were available for grant under the 2009 Plan as of January 16, 2019, the effective date of the 2019 Plan), plus (iv) 1,143,447 shares, which is the number of shares subject to outstanding stock awards granted under the 2009 Plan that on or after the effective

date of the 2019 Plan may expire or terminate for any reason prior to exercise or settlement, are forfeited because of the failure to meet a contingency or condition required to vest such shares or otherwise return to us, or are reacquired, withheld or not issued to satisfy a tax withholding obligation in connection with an award or to satisfy the purchase price or exercise price of a stock award.

The term of incentive stock options granted under the Company's equity incentive plans may not exceed ten years, or five years for incentive stock options granted to an optionee owning more than 10% of the Company's voting stock. The exercise price of options granted under the Company's equity incentive plans must be equal to or greater than the fair market value of the shares of the common stock on the date the option is granted. An incentive stock option granted to an optionee owning more than 10% of voting stock must have an exercise price equal to or greater than 110% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date the option is granted.

The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award. Stock options issued to non-employees are accounted for at their estimated fair value. The fair value of options granted to non-employees is re-measured as they vest. The Company amortizes stock-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

The Company utilizes a Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model, which includes assumptions regarding the risk-free interest rate, dividend yield, life of the award, volatility of the Company's common stock and estimated forfeiture rates to estimate the fair value of employee option grants.

Weighted average assumptions used in the Black-Scholes-Merton model are set forth below:

	June	June 30,		
	2023	2022		
Risk free rate	2.9% - 4.4%	0.8% - 2.8%		
Dividend yield	<del></del>	_		
Volatility	64.7% - 66.1%	61.7% - 64.7%		
Forfeiture rate	9.1%	3.2%		

#### Stock Options

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Company granted 1,389,675 options to its directors, certain members of the executive management team and other employees at exercise prices ranging from \$0.81 - \$1.89. These options vest in either quarterly or annual periods over one to three years, and expire ten years from the date of grant.

A summary of stock option activity for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is presented below:

Number of Options	Weighted - Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)		Aggregate Intrinsic Value
3,776,568	\$ 2.65	8.0	\$	3,962,766
994,725	2.63			
(38,774)	2.33			
(95,419)	2.82			
4,637,100	\$ 2.64	6.6	\$	_
1,389,675	1.25			
(2,100)	0.95			
(947,707)	2.84			
5,076,968	\$ 2.23	7.1	\$	292,079
3,685,678	\$ 2.47	6.3	\$	59,669
5,066,581	\$ 2.23	7.1	\$	289,227
	Options  3,776,568 994,725 (38,774) (95,419) 4,637,100 1,389,675 (2,100) (947,707) 5,076,968  3,685,678	Number of Options         Average Exercise Price Per Share           3,776,568         \$ 2.65           994,725         2.63           (38,774)         2.33           (95,419)         2.82           4,637,100         \$ 2.64           1,389,675         1.25           (2,100)         0.95           (947,707)         2.84           5,076,968         \$ 2.23           3,685,678         \$ 2.47	Number of Options         Average Exercise Price Per Share         Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)           3,776,568         \$ 2.65         8.0           994,725         2.63           (38,774)         2.33           (95,419)         2.82           4,637,100         \$ 2.64         6.6           1,389,675         1.25           (2,100)         0.95           (947,707)         2.84           5,076,968         \$ 2.23         7.1           3,685,678         \$ 2.47         6.3	Number of Options         Average Exercise Price Price Per Share         Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)           3,776,568         \$ 2.65         8.0         \$ 994,725           (38,774)         2.33         (95,419)         2.82           4,637,100         \$ 2.64         6.6         \$ 1,389,675           (2,100)         0.95           (947,707)         2.84           5,076,968         \$ 2.23         7.1         \$ 3,685,678           3,685,678         \$ 2.47         6.3         \$ 5

The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted and outstanding at June 30, 2023 was \$0.69. As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$944,925 of unrecognized stock compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, related to the options under the 2009 Plan, which will be recognized over the weighted average

remaining service period of 1.47 years. The Company settles employee stock option exercises with newly issued shares of common stock

#### Restricted Stock Units

During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company issued 534,628 and 304,421 restricted stock units to its directors, certain members of the executive management team, and other employees. The restricted stock units have varying vesting periods ranging from immediate vesting to quarterly or annual installments over one to three years. The fair value of the awards during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$608,618 and \$846,080, respectively, and was based on the closing stock price on the date of grants.

The Company recorded \$1,932,416 and \$982,422 of stock-based compensation expense associated with grants of restricted stock units during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. A summary of activity related to non-vested restricted stock units is presented below:

	Number of Nonvested Restricted Stock Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)
Nonvested restricted units outstanding at June 30, 2021	361,570	\$ 2.51	1.3
Granted	304,421	2.78	
Vested	(391,036)	2.62	
Forfeited	(7,036)	2.35	
Nonvested restricted units outstanding at June 30, 2022	267,919	\$ 2.66	1.2
Granted	534,628	1.14	1.5
Vested	(353,649)	2.22	
Forfeited	(8,750)	2.50	
Nonvested restricted units outstanding at June 30, 2023	440,148	\$ 1.17	1.4

As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$362,281 of unrecognized stock compensation expense related to the restricted stock units, which will be recognized over the weighted average remaining service period of 1.43 years.

As of June 30, 2023, there were 1,646,522 shares available under the 2019 Plan for future grants and awards.

Stock-based compensation expense recorded for stock options, restricted stock grants and restricted stock units for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$1,932,415 and \$2,267,186, respectively.

## NOTE 14 - SERIES B CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

On February 18, 2022, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement, or the Purchase Agreement, with MFP, pursuant to which the Company sold and issued to MFP, in a private placement, 1,695 shares of its Series B Redeemable Convertible Non-Voting Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, or the Series B Preferred Stock, and an accompanying warrant, or the Warrant, to purchase up to 559,350 shares of the Company's common stock, or the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, at a combined unit price of \$2,950 per share, or the Stated Value, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$5.0 million.

The Warrant first becomes exercisable on the date that is six months after the date of issuance, at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share (subject to adjustment in connection with any stock dividends and splits, distributions with respect to Common Stock and certain fundamental transactions as described in the Warrant) and will expire five years from the date it first becomes exercisable.

The Series B Preferred Stock is initially convertible into shares of Common Stock at the rate of 1,000 shares of Common Stock per share of Series B Preferred Stock, at any time at the option of the holder of such shares, subject to the following limitations: (i) unless a holder was a stockholder of the Company as of February 18, 2022 (in which case such limitation shall not apply), the Company shall not effect any conversion of Series B Preferred Stock to the extent that, after giving effect to an attempted conversion, such holder, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own a number of shares of Common Stock in excess of 4.99% of the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of such shares, which limit may be decreased or increased (not to exceed 19.99%) upon written notice to the Company, with any increase not becoming effective

until at least 61 days after such notice; (ii) a holder may not acquire shares of Common Stock upon conversion of Series B Preferred Stock if such conversion would result in the total number of shares of Common Stock issued or issuable upon conversion or exercise of the securities issued pursuant to the Purchase Agreement to exceed 7,777,652 shares, or 19.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of the date of the Purchase Agreement; and (iii) to the extent Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(c) is applicable or deemed applicable to a holder, such holder may not acquire shares of Common Stock upon conversion of Series B Preferred Stock that would exceed the maximum number of all shares of Common Stock that could be issued by the Company to such holder without requiring stockholder approval pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(c). Upon receiving shareholder approval of a proposal to be submitted to the shareholders of the Company for the purpose of approving the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement, pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rules 5635(a), (c) and (d), the foregoing limitations in (ii) and (iii) above shall no longer have any force or effect.

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Company agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit the approval of its shareholders for the issuance of all shares of Common Stock otherwise issuable upon the conversion of the Series B Preferred Stock, or the Requisite Approval, at the next annual meeting of the Company's shareholders, and at each annual meeting of shareholders thereafter, if necessary, until the Requisite Approval is obtained.

A holder of Series B Preferred Stock is entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on the last day of March and September of each calendar year. In lieu of paying such cash dividends, the Company may elect to add an amount to the Stated Value, provided that the dividend rate shall be 7% per annum, calculated semi-annually in arrears on the last day of March and September of each calendar year. A holder of Series B Preferred Stock is also entitled to receive any dividend declared and paid to holders of the Common Stock as if such Series B Preferred Stock had been converted into Common Stock. In addition, a holder of Series B Preferred Stock is entitled to a liquidation preference equal to the greater of (i) the Stated Value, plus any cash dividends accrued but unpaid thereon, and (ii) the payment such holder would have received had the Series B Preferred Stock been converted into shares of Common Stock immediately prior to such liquidation event.

Unless prohibited by Nevada law governing distributions to stockholders, the Series B Preferred Stock is redeemable, at any time after August 18, 2025, upon written request from the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock, at a price equal to the Stated Value, plus any cash dividends accrued but unpaid thereon.

The Series B Preferred Stock is non-voting except with respect to certain matters affecting the Series B Preferred Stock. In addition, the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock is required if after February 18, 2022, the Company seeks to issue Common Stock, pursuant to the Sales Agreement, dated September 27, 2021, between the Company and B. Riley Securities, for cumulative gross proceeds in excess of \$6.2 million.

Since the holder has the option to redeem their shares of Series B Preferred Stock at any time after August 18, 2025, the stock is considered contingently redeemable and, accordingly, is classified as temporary equity on the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2023. Over the initial 42-month term the \$4,638,521 relative fair value of the Series B Preferred Stock will be accreted to its redemption value of \$5,000,250. As of June 30, 2023, the Company has recognized \$142,107 accretion of discount for warrants. Dividends will be accrued and recognized through retained earnings. As of June 30, 2023, \$493,520 in dividends has been accrued.

The following summarizes changes to our Series B Preferred Stock:

Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ _
Issuance of preferred stock	4,638,521
Dividends accrued	127,541
Accretion of discount for warrants	38,757
Balance at June 30, 2022	\$ 4,804,819
Dividends accrued	365,979
Accretion of discount for warrants	 103,350
Balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 5,274,148

## NOTE 15 - NON-CASH ACTIVITIES FOR STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

The below table represents supplemental information to the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows for non-cash activities during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

	Years Ended June 30,		ne 30,
	2023		2022
Non-cash investing activities:			
ROU assets financed by lease liabilities	\$ 680,703	\$	369,574
Consideration received from Shell for equity interest in Vision Bioenergy:			
Settlement of long-term debt principal, interest and other related costs	6,860,838		
Note receivable	5,747,127		
Membership purchase option	695,000		
Contribution of property, plant and equipment and inventory to Vision Bioenergy			
for equity interest	(5,532,694)		
Contribution of intangible assets to Trigall in exchange for equity investment and			
promissory note	(1,750,000)		
Non-cash financing activities:			
Warrants issued for financial commitment asset	1,894,901		
Dividends accrued for participating securities	365,979		127,541
Accretion of discount for Series B preferred stock warrants	103,350		38,757

## **NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On September 25, 2023, the Company entered into a First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, or the Loan Amendment, with CIBC, which amended the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated March 22, 2023, or the CIBC Loan Agreement, by and among the Company, as borrower, and CIBC, as administrative agent and sole lead arranger. The Loan Amendment, among other things, (i) waived certain events of default under the CIBC Loan Agreement, (ii) eliminated the minimum EBITDA and fixed charge coverage ratio covenants for the period ending of June 30, 2024, (iii) increased the applicable interest rate margin on advances under the CIBC Loan Agreement by 0.5% per annum (i.e. from 2.0% to 2.5% per annum), and (iv) added a fee of \$75,000 payable by the Company to CIBC on the date of the Loan Amendment. Except as modified by the Loan Amendment, all terms and conditions of the CIBC Loan Agreement remain in full force and effect.

#### Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

#### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2023, or the Evaluation Date. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2023, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

#### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act. 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 in accordance with GAAP. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. 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.

Management has conducted, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, an assessment, including testing of the effectiveness, of our internal control over financial reporting as of the Evaluation Date. Management's assessment of internal control over financial reporting was conducted using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, or COSO, in Internal Control—Integrated Framework, or 2013 Framework. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. In connection with our management's assessment of our internal control over financial reporting as required under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we have not identified any material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting as of the Evaluation Date. We have thus concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of the Evaluation Date.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our registered public accounting firm pursuant to an exemption for smaller reporting companies under Section 989G of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

## **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There have been no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) or in other factors that occurred during the period of our evaluation that have significantly affected, or are reasonably likely to significantly affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## Item 9B. Other Information

On September 25, 2023, we entered into a First Amendment to Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, or the Loan Amendment, with CIBC Bank USA, or CIBC, which amended the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated March 22, 2023, or the CIBC Loan Agreement, by and among us, as borrower, and CIBC, as administrative agent and sole lead arranger. The Loan Amendment, among other things, (i) waived certain events of default under the CIBC Loan Agreement, (ii) eliminated the minimum EBITDA and fixed charge

coverage ratio covenants for the period ending of June 30, 2024, (iii) increased the applicable interest rate margin on advances under the CIBC Loan Agreement by 0.5% per annum (i.e. from 2.0% to 2.5% per annum), and (iv) added a fee of \$75,000 payable by us to CIBC on the date of the Loan Amendment. Except as modified by the Loan Amendment, all terms and conditions of the CIBC Loan Agreement remain in full force and effect.

On September 25, 2023, we entered into an agreement with Vanessa Baughman to extend Ms. Baughman's services as our Interim Chief Financial Officer and corporate Secretary until April 30, 2024, unless her interim position is mutually extended. Ms. Baughman will be eligible to receive a bonus of up to \$70,000 upon completion of her extension period, subject to the achievement of certain performance goals.

# Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections

Not applicable.

#### **PART III**

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by Item 10 regarding directors, executive officers, promoters and control persons is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the caption "Directors and Executive Officers" "Directors and Executive Officers – Information Regarding Our Board of Directors, Corporate Governance And Executive Officers – Audit Committee," "Directors and Executive Officers – Information Regarding Our Board of Directors, Corporate Governance And Executive Officers – Nominating and Governance Committee," "Election of Directors," "Executive Officers," and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our next Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the close of our fiscal year.

Our written Code of Conduct and Ethics applies to all of our directors and employees, including our executive officers, including without limitation our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Conduct and Ethics is available on our website at www.swseedco.com in the Investors section under "Corporate Governance." Changes to or waivers of the Code of Conduct and Ethics will be disclosed on the same website. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding any amendment to, or waiver of, any provision of the Code of Conduct and Ethics by disclosing such information on the same website.

## **Item 11.** Executive Compensation

The information required by Item 11 is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the caption "Executive Compensation Overview," "Directors and Executive Officers – Information Regarding Our Board of Directors, Corporate Governance And Executive Officers – Compensation Committee," and "Directors and Executive Officers – Information Regarding Our Board of Directors, Corporate Governance And Executive Officers – Non-Employee Director Compensation" in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our next Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the close of our fiscal year.

# Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required by Item 12 is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the caption "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" and "Executive Compensation Overview – Equity Benefit Plans" in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our next Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the close of our fiscal year.

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by Item 13 is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the caption "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" and "Directors and Executive Officers – Information Regarding Our Board of Directors, Corporate Governance And Executive Officers – Board Independence" in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our next Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the close of our fiscal year.

#### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by Item 14 is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the caption "Principal Accountant Fees and Services" in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our next Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the close of our fiscal year.

## **PART IV**

## Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

- (a) The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:
  - (1) Financial Statements:

Reference is made to the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements of S&W Seed Company under Item 8 in Part II of this Form 10-K.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules:

Financial statement schedules have been omitted in this Annual Report because they are not applicable, not required under the instructions, or the information requested is set forth in the financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits:

The information required by this Section (a)(3) of Item 15 is incorporated by reference or filed with this report as set forth on the exhibit index that follows below.

# (b) Exhibits

## **INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

	_	Incorporated by Reference				
Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Form	SEC File Number	Exhibit Number	Filing Date	Filed Herewith
2.1	Asset Purchase Agreement by and between Novo Advisors, solely in its capacity as the receiver for, and on behalf of, Chromatin, Inc., dated September 14, 2018	10-K	001-34719	2.9	9/20/18	
2.2	Share Sale Agreement by and among S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Registrant, Ann Elizabeth Damin and Robert Damin, dated February 18, 2020	10-Q	001-34719	10.1	5/14/20	
3.1	Registrant's Articles of Incorporation, as amended	10-Q	001-34719	3.1	2/11/21	
3.2	Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	8-K	001-34719	3.1	2/23/22	
3.3	Registrant's Third Amended and Restated Bylaws	8-K	001-34719	3.1	6/26/23	
4.1	Reference is made to Exhibits 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3					
4.2	Form of Common Stock Certificate	S-3	333-219726	4.3	8/4/17	
4.3	Description of Common Stock	10-K	001-34719	4.3	9/23/20	
4.4	Form of Warrant issued on February 18, 2022	8-K	001-34719	4.1	2/23/22	
4.5	Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued to MFP Partners, L.P. on September 22, 2022	10-Q	001-34719	4.4	11/14/22	
4.6	Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued to MFP Partners, L.P. on October 28, 2022	10-Q	001-34719	4.5	2/13/23	
4.7	Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued to MFP Partners, L.P. on December 22, 2022	10-Q	001-34719	4.6	2/13/23	
4.8	Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued to MFP Partners, L.P. on March 22, 2023	10-Q	001-34719	4.7	5/11/23	

10.1	Form of Indemnification Agreement with Officers, Directors and Employees of the Registrant and Subsidiaries	8-K	001-34719	10.1	7/24/14
10.2*	Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive Plan as amended through Amendment No. 2, forms of Stock Option Grant and Agreement, Restricted Stock Unit Grant and Restricted Stock Award	10-K	001-34719	10.34	9/28/15
10.3*	S&W Seed Company 2019 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan")	8-K	001-34719	10.1	12/18/20
10.4*	Form of Stock Option Grant Notice, Option Agreement and Notice of Exercise under the Plan.	S-8	333-229625	99.2	2/12/19
10.5*	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under the Plan.	S-8	333-229625	99.3	2/12/19
10.6*	Employment Agreement between the Registrant and Mark W. Wong, dated September 27, 2021	10-K	001-34719	10.16	9/28/22
10.7*	Employment Agreement between the Company and Donald Panter, dated September 27, 2021	10-K	001-34719	10.17	9/28/22
10.8*	Employment Agreement by and between the Registrant and Elizabeth Horton, dated November 13, 2021	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	2/10/22
10.9†	Collaboration Agreement between the Registrant and Calyxt, Inc., dated May 28, 2015 and entered into by the Registrant on June 3, 2015	10-K	001-34719	10.39	9/28/15
10.10	Secured Promissory Notes issued by the Registrant in favor of Conterra Agricultural Capital, LLC, dated November 30, 2017 and related documents	10-Q	001-34719	10.5	2/8/18
10.11	Sale and Lease Agreement by and between the Registrant and American AgCredit, dated July 9, 2018	10-K	001-34719	10.73	9/20/18
10.12††	Loan and Security Agreement by and among the Registrant, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC, and CIBC Bank USA, dated December 26, 2019	10-Q	001-34719	10.1	2/12/20

10.13	First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement by and among the Registrant, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC, and CIBC Bank USA, dated September 22, 2020	10-K	001-34719	10.27	9/23/20
10.14	Amendment to Note between the Registrant and Rooster Capital LLC, dated December 24, 2019	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	2/12/20
10.15	Business Letter of Offer between National Australia Bank Limited and S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, dated February 17, 2020	10-K	001-34719	10.29	9/23/20
10.16	Business Letter of Offer between National Australia Bank Limited and Pasture Genetics Pty Ltd, dated February 17, 2020	10-K	001-34719	10.30	9/23/20
10.17	Business Letter of Offer between National Australia Bank Limited and S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, dated May 28, 2020	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	11/12/20
10.18	Second Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated December 30, 2020, by and among the Registrant, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC and CIBC Bank USA.	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	2/11/21
10.19	Business Letter of Variation between National Australia Bank Limited and S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, dated March 8, 2021.	10-Q	001-34719	10.1	5/13/21
10.20	Third Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated May 13, 2021, by and among the Registrant, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC and CIBC Bank USA.	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	5/13/21
10.21	Fourth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated September 24, 2021, by and among the Registrant, Seed Holdings, LLC, Stevia California, LLC and CIBC Bank USA	10-K	001-34719	10.37	9/28/22
10.22	Finance Agreement by and between National Australia Bank Limited and S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd, dated October 14, 2021	10-Q	001-34719	10.1	2/10/22
10.23	Securities Purchase Agreement, dated February 18, 2022, by and among the Registrant and MFP Partners, L.P. ("MFP")	8-K	001-34719	10.1	2/23/22

10.24	Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 18, 2022, by and among the Registrant and MFP	8-K	001-34719	10.2	2/23/22
10.25	Fifth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated May 13, 2022, by and among the Registrant, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC and CIBC Bank USA	10-Q	001-34719	10.3	5/16/22
10.26	Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit, dated September 21, 2022, issued by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in favor of CIBC Bank USA for the account of the Registrant	10-Q	001-34719	10.1	11/14/22
10.27	Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement, dated September 22, 2022, by and between the Registrant and MFP Partners, L.P.	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	11/14/22
10.28	Sixth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated September 22, 2022, by and among the Registrant, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC and CIBC Bank USA.	10-Q	001-34719	10.3	11/14/22
10.29	Second Amendment to Note, dated September 22, 2022, by and between the Registrant and Rooster Capital LLC.	10-Q	001-34719	10.4	11/14/22
10.30	Amendment and Restatement Deed, dated October 18, 2022, by and between National Australia Bank Limited and S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd.	10-Q	001-34719	10.1	2/13/23
10.31	Amendment Deed, dated October 21, 2022, by and between National Australia Bank Limited and S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd.	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	2/13/23
10.32	Seventh Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated October 28, 2022, by and among S&W Seed Company, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC and CIBC Bank USA.	10-Q	001-34719	10.3	2/13/23
10.33	First Amendment to Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement, dated October 28, 2022, by and between S&W Seed Company and MFP Partners, L.P.	10-Q	001-34719	10.4	2/13/23

10.34	Eighth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated December 23, 2022, by and among S&W Seed Company, Seed Holding, LLC, Stevia California, LLC and CIBC Bank USA.	10-Q	001-34719	10.5	2/13/23	
10.35	Second Amendment to Subordinate Loan and Security Agreement, dated December 22, 2022, by and between S&W Seed Company and MFP Partners, L.P.	10-Q	001-34719	10.6	2/13/23	
10.36	Third Amendment to Note, dated December 23, 2022, by and between S&W Seed Company and Rooster Capital LLC.	10-Q	001-34719	10.7	2/13/23	
10.37*	S&W Seed Company Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy	10-Q	001-34719	10.8	2/13/23	
10.38††+	Contribution and Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated February 6, 2023, by and between S&W Seed Company and Equilon Enterprises LLC (dba Shell Oil Products US)	8-K	001-34719	10.1	2/7/23	
10.39+	Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated March 22, 2023, by and among S&W Seed Company and CIBC Bank USA	10-Q	001-34719	10.2	5/11/23	
10.40	Third Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated March 22, 2023, by and among S&W Seed Company and MFP Partners, L.P.	10-Q	001-34719	10.3	5/11/23	
10.41	Amendment Deed, dated January 11, 2023, by and between National Australia Bank Limited and S&W Seed Company Australia Pty Ltd.	10-Q	001-34719	10.4	5/11/23	
10.42	Term Loan Agreement, by and between the Company and AgAmerica, dated June 20, 2023	8-K	001-34719	10.1	6/26/23	
10.43	Promissory Note, dated June 20, 2023, issued by the Company to AgAmerica	8-K	001-34719	10.2	6/26/23	
10.44*	Separation Agreement by and between the Registrant and Donald Panter, dated February 6, 2023					X
10.45*	Employment Agreement by and between the Registrant and Vanessa Baughman, dated April 26, 2023					X

10.46*	Employment Agreement by and between the Registrant and Mark Herrmann, dated June 26, 2023	X
10.47*	Seperation Agreement by and between the Registrant and Mark W. Wong, dated August 18, 2023	X
10.48*	Employment Extension Letter by and between the Registrant and Vanessa Baughman, dated September 25, 2023	X
10.49	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated September 25, 2023, by and among S&W Seed Company and CIBC Bank USA	X
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant	X
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	X
24.1	Power of Attorney (see signature page)	X
31.1	Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended	X
31.2	Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d- 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended	X
32.1**	Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	X
32.2**	Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	X
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document	X
	Inline XBRL Schema Document Inline XBRL Calculation Linkbase	X X
101.DEF	Document Inline XBRL Definition Linkbase	X
101.LAB	Document Inline XBRL Label Linkbase Document	X
101.LAB 101.PRE	Inline XBRL Presentation Linkbase	X
104	Document Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).	X

## Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

None.

<sup>†</sup> Portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to an Order Granting Confidential Treatment under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

<sup>††</sup> Certain portions of this exhibit (indicated by "[\*\*\*]") have been omitted pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

<sup>+</sup> Schedules (or similar attachments, including exhibits) to this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedule and/or exhibit will be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

<sup>\*</sup> Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

<sup>\*\*</sup> This certification accompanies the Form 10-K to which it relates, is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (whether made before or after the date of the Form 10-K), irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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: September 27, 2023

#### **S&W SEED COMPANY**

By: /s/ Mark Herrmann
Mark Herrmann
President and Chief Executive Officer

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Mark Herrmann and Vanessa Baughman, or any of them, his attorneys-in-fact, for such person in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this report and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that either of said attorneys-in-fact, or substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Mark Herrmann Mark Herrmann	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	September 27, 2023
/s/ Vanessa Baughman Vanessa Baughman	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	September 27, 2023
/s/ Alan D. Willits Alan D. Willits	Chairman of the Board	September 27, 2023
/s/ Mark J. Harvey Mark J. Harvey	Director	September 27, 2023
/s/ Elizabeth Horton Elizabeth Horton	Director	September 27, 2023
/s/ Alexander C. Matina Alexander C. Matina	Director	September 27, 2023
/s/ Mark W. Wong Mark W. Wong	Director	September 27, 2023