

**XTEK Limited**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Group CEO's Address to Shareholders**  
**23 November 2023**

**Introduction**

Good Afternoon ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to XTEK.

It gives me great pleasure to speak to you today on XTEK's FY23 results, and to update you on our current endeavours and plans for FY24.

XTEK is a remarkably different business now from when I took over as Group CEO just over two years ago, at the end of July 2021.

Today, we are a serious, consistent, and growing global company, that undertakes meaningful and important work, by manufacturing and supplying advanced life-saving ballistic armour products, and by providing high-end uncrewed systems and solutions, for military and law enforcement customers, here in Australia and around the world.

FY23 was yet another year of high tempo activity for us, all around the globe, and it saw our team grow and develop, with a number of new senior executive and key management staff joining us throughout the reporting period.

FY23 was a second consecutive year of record revenue growth and profitability for the Group, and we are now three times the size we were by revenue, when I took over the reins.

It is the tireless dedication and commitment of our staff, the energy and effort of our management team, and the guidance and governance of our Board, that have delivered these excellent FY23 results for you, our shareholders.

I am tremendously proud of our entire team, and of the great work they do every day. And I greatly appreciate and value the diligence and support of our Directors, and the commitment they have to overseeing the best interests of the company and the creation of shareholder value.

## **FY23 Results - Key Highlights**

- Record Revenue of \$89.4m – up 54% from our previous record revenue of \$58.2m at end FY22
- Record Gross Profit of \$33.7 up from \$27.4m at end FY22
- Record EBITDA of \$10.9m up from \$9.0m at 30 June 2022
- Record NPAT of \$6.1m up from \$5.7m at 30 June 2022
- Cash at bank on 30 June 2023 was \$6.9m
- Tripled our revenues in two years from \$28.4m in FY21 to 89.4m in FY23
- The FY23 revenue contribution was split 41% Technology and 59% Ballistics

## **Technology Division**

- Exclusively supplies, integrates, trains, and supports Small Uncrewed Aerial Systems (SUAS) and Sensor Payloads from world-leading US based drone company AeroVironment across the ANZ region.
- Major Customer: Australian Department of Defence
- Co-located with Corporate HQ in Canberra, ACT, Australia.

In December 2022, XTEK was awarded an Acquisition Contract from the Commonwealth of Australia's Department of Defence, totalling \$26.9m, for new Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (SUAS). ~96% of project revenues were recognised by end FY23, and the delivery of this order is now effectively complete.

## **Technology Division Activity YTD FY24**

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- Received a new 10 year / ~\$110m Support Contract from Defence, announced 3 Oct 23.
  - Contract directly linked to \$26.9m drone order announced 1 Dec 22
  - Contract has an initial term of 4 years, with 3x 2-year extension options.
  - Initial 4-year term for support services valued at \$15.9m.
  - Additional ~\$23m of spare parts expected over the initial term.
  - 6 years (2+2+2) of extension period support services, if taken, valued at ~\$26m.

- An additional ~\$45m of spare parts also possible over 6-year extension period.
- Received new Spare Parts Order valued at \$4.1m, announced 13 Nov 23.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> spares order of ~\$23m from Initial Term of new 10 year / ~\$110m Support Contract.
- Both the Acquisition and Support Contract orders we received over the twelve months are directly linked to the \$75m of future high confidence opportunities we have in our pipeline.
- Given the significant effort to establish, seems unlikely that DoD would not leverage these purchase and support agreements for more of these types of drones if required.
- Building a solid backlog of annuity income from multi-year support contracts that leverage our growing SUAS expertise and capabilities, and which are expected to further grow as fleet sizes increase over time, with improving GM from greater asset and staff utilisation.

### **Ballistics Division (HighCom)**

Designs, manufactures, and supplies world-class, advanced Body Armour, Ballistic Helmets, and Composite Structures under our HighCom Armor brand.

Key Customers:

- Global military, US law enforcement, national security agencies, and first responder customers

Locations:

- Global Manufacturing, R&D, US Sales & Distribution Centre – Columbus Ohio USA
- European Sales & Distribution Centre – Bydgoszcz, Poland
- APAC Sales & Distribution Centre – Canberra, Australia

During the reporting period, the Ballistics Division successfully finalised the manufacturing and delivery of tens of thousands of HighCom’s advanced, high performance, body armour and helmet products, to domestic US and international law enforcement and military customers.

Following the appointment of Sally Nordeen in November 2022, as HighCom Armor CEO, the business has adopted a new, direct sales “Go To Market” model in the US,

resulting in significantly greater direct engagement with our valued channel partners and end user law enforcement and government agency customers.

To support and drive this engagement, the business has increased its domestic US and international sales teams.

In December 2022, HighCom opened a new Sales and Distribution office in Bydgoszcz, Poland, which is providing excellent proximity to our target military and law enforcement customers in Central European and Scandinavian countries, with recent new European orders attesting to this.

These key critical changes have greatly increased the HighCom brand recognition in the global ballistic products community target markets and will continue to enhance strong revenue growth in a very competitive global marketplace, which is why we are taking the next steps in our growth strategy now.

### **Relocation of XTclave & R&D to HighCom USA**

- All Adelaide based Manufacturing & R&D operations will be closed by the end Dec 23.
- XTclave & R&D are being relocated to the HighCom facility in Columbus, Ohio, USA.
- Relocation has commenced and will be completed during Q1 2024.
- Move maximizes potential for unique XTclave ultra-lightweight and high-performance products in world's largest Defence and Law Enforcement Body Armour market, esp. US DoD opportunities.
- Sales Team and Distribution capability remains based at Group HQ in Canberra, providing support to local, regional, and international Defence and Law Enforcement customers.
- Relocation & redundancy cost expected at \$0.8m
- Synergies of ~\$2m p.a. expected to be achieved.

### **Ballistics Division Activity YTD FY24**

Ballistics Division running at ~A\$2m in monthly "run rate" bookings.

In addition to that, so far YTD in FY24, HighCom has also announced \$9.2m of new Ballistic Armour orders:

- A\$2.6m on 17 Jul 23.
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- Proposed Name Change from XTEK Ltd (ASX:XTE) to HighCom Ltd (ASX:HCL).
- Shareholders strongly encouraged to support proposal at today's AGM.
- Unifies parent company name with US and International subsidiary names.
- Leverages growing HighCom global brand recognition with key Military and Law Enforcement customers to drive future growth.
- With your support today, going forward the Group will be known as "HighCom Group", and the Technology Division will be known as "HighCom Technology", and the Ballistics Division will be known as "HighCom Armor".

### **Group Senior Management Changes Announced**

- Vince Creagh - Head of Technology Division to add Group COO role to current responsibilities. WEF 1 Nov 23
- Todd Ashurst - New HighCom VP International Defence Programs hired to drive growth of Ballistic Armour with Australian and overseas Military customers. WEF 11 Sep 23
- Laurie Gardiner - Head of Corporate Services and our Company Secretary to retire after 20 years of dedicated service. WEF End Dec 23.
- And I'd like to take this occasion to personally thank Laurie for his tremendous service to the company, and for his particular support and assistance to me over the last 2.5 years.

## Group Strategic Growth Plan

The Group continues to execute on our clear strategy for growth and continued profitability:

- **Reinforce Success** – Invest in the areas of our business that have been successful and have potential for continued enhancement and growth.
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- **Create our Future** – Invest in organic and inorganic expansion opportunities in the Defence and Law Enforcement markets to create new products and service offerings for sustained future growth and profitability.
- **Inorganic Expansion:**
  - The Group continues to seek the “right” inorganic expansion opportunity.
  - Likely be a US ballistics competitor (market consolidation opportunity).
  - Has existing contracts with the US DoD that are profitable and in good order.
  - Helps to capitalise on the move of our XTclave technology into that Defence market.
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  - Builds long term annuity income streams from multi-year US DoD supply contracts.

## Global Tailwinds Look Set to Continue in FY24

- Driven by the war in Europe, continuing tensions in the South China Sea, and now the ongoing situation underway in the Middle East.
- Instability continues to drive both short-term supply demand, and long-term strategic investment to upgrade with next generation products and solutions.
- The recent Australian Defence Strategic Review indicates preference to buy “US Military-Off-The-Shelf” capabilities, which is positive for our Technology Division, and is confirmed by our recent drone spare parts orders and long-term support contract wins.
- In the US and Internationally, the potential for continued growth in our Ballistic Division to appears likely to remain strong for foreseeable future.
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## **FY24 Key Execution Priorities**

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## **FY24 Opportunity Pipeline & Outlook**

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Based on current sales and business development activity being progressed around the world, and the continued tailwinds for the sector, the Group is positive about maintaining continued revenue growth and profitability in FY24.

## **Conclusion**

- It is a very exciting time for the Group.
- The Board and Management continue to make the necessary changes to further revolutionise the company that will set us up for continued and future success.
- And with that, I’ll open the floor to any questions you may have?

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23 NOVEMBER 2023

**PRESENTED BY: SCOTT BASHAM**  
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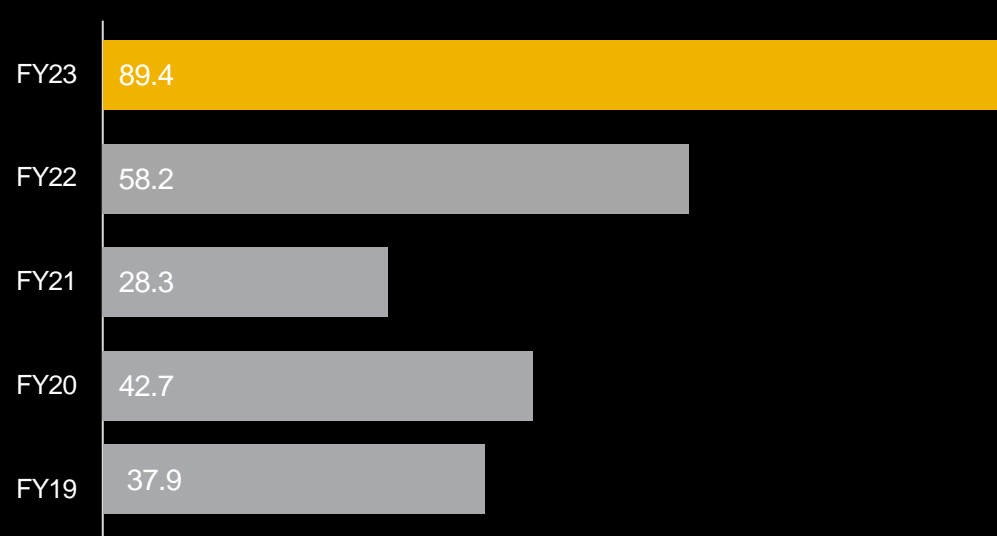




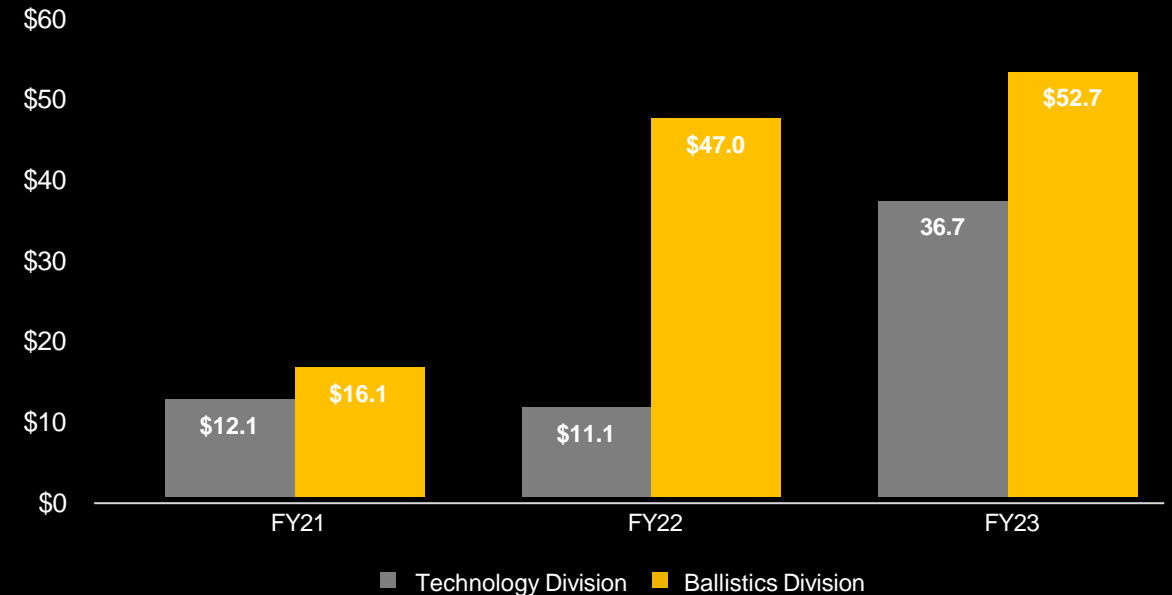
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Revenue (A\$m)



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