

nLIGHT, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2025 Results

Record Aerospace & Defense revenue drives second quarter upside

CAMAS, Wash., August 7, 2025 - nLIGHT, Inc. (Nasdaq: LASR), a leading provider of high-power lasers for mission critical directed energy, optical sensing, and advanced manufacturing applications, today reported financial results for the second quarter of 2025 that exceeded expectations.

"2Q 2025 was a quarter of strong execution for nLIGHT, with revenue, gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA all ahead of our expectations," commented Scott Keeney, nLIGHT's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Increased demand for our portfolio of directed energy products and laser sensing solutions is providing us with better visibility into the second half of the year, and we are increasing our aerospace and defense outlook for 2025 to growth of at least 40% year-over-year, up from our prior outlook calling for growth of at least 25%."

Second Quarter 2025 Financial Highlights

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(In thousands, except percentages)		2025		2024	% Change	
Revenues	\$	61,735	\$	50,511	22.2 %	
Gross margin		29.9 %	, D	23.5 %		
Loss from operations	\$	(4,236)	\$	(12,690)	66.6 %	
Operating margin		(6.8)%	,)	(25.1)%		
Net loss	\$	(3,591)	\$	(11,729)	69.4 %	
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$	5,550	\$	(1,599)	NM*	
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Revenues of \$61.7 million for the second quarter of 2025 were up 22.2% compared to \$50.5 million for the second quarter of 2024. Gross margin was 29.9% for the second quarter of 2025 compared to 23.5% for the second quarter of 2024. GAAP net loss for the second quarter of 2025 was \$3.6 million, or \$0.07 per diluted share, compared to net loss of \$11.7 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2024. Non-GAAP net income for the second quarter of 2025 was \$2.9 million, or \$0.06 per diluted share, compared to non-GAAP net loss of \$4.6 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2024. Reconciliations of the non-GAAP metrics presented here to the most directly comparable GAAP metric have been provided in the tables included at the end of this release.

Outlook

For the third quarter of 2025, nLIGHT expects revenues to be in the range of \$62 million to \$67 million. The midpoint of \$64.5 million includes Products revenue of approximately \$45 million and Advanced Development revenue of approximately \$19 million. nLIGHT expects overall gross margin to be in the range of 24% to 30%, with Products gross margin in the range of 32% to 36% and Advanced Development gross margin of approximately 8%. nLIGHT expects Adjusted EBITDA to be in the range of \$2.0 million to \$6.0 million.

We have not reconciled our outlook for Adjusted EBITDA because unrealized and realized foreign exchange gains and losses cannot be reasonably calculated or predicted nor can the probable significance be determined at this time. Accordingly, a reconciliation is not available without unreasonable effort.

^{*} Not meaningful

Investor Conference Call at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Thursday, August 7, 2025

Parties interested in listening to nLIGHT's quarterly conference call may do so by dialing 1-800-549-8228 (U.S., toll-free) or +1-289-819-1520 (international and toll), with the conference title: nLIGHT Second Quarter 2025 Earnings. The call can also be accessed via the web by going to nLIGHT's Investor Relations page at http://investors.nlight.net.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Results

In addition to U.S. GAAP results, this press release contains non-GAAP financial results, including Adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income (loss) and non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, basic and diluted. We use Adjusted EBITDA to help us evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends affecting our business, formulate business plans and make strategic decisions. In addition to our results determined in accordance with GAAP, we believe Adjusted EBITDA is a meaningful measure of performance as it is commonly utilized by us and the investment community to analyze operating performance in our industry. Similarly, we believe that providing non-GAAP net income (loss) and non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, basic and diluted, is useful to our investors as they present an informative supplemental view of our results from period to period by removing the effect of stock-based compensation expense and other non-recurring items. However, the non-GAAP metrics presented herein are specific to us and may not be comparable to similar metrics disclosed by other companies because of differing methods used by other companies in calculating them.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) adjusted for income tax expense (benefit), other non-operating income or expense, interest income or expense, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, acquisition and integration-related costs, and other non-recurring items as determined by management, as applicable. We define non-GAAP net income (loss) as GAAP net income (loss) adjusted for stock-based compensation, amortization of purchased intangibles, acquisition and integration-related costs, and other non-recurring items as determined by management, as applicable. We define non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, basic and diluted, as non-GAAP net income (loss) divided by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the respective period plus the dilutive effect of any common stock equivalents during the period in the case of non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, diluted.

Tables presenting the reconciliation of net loss to Adjusted EBITDA, as well as the reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP net income (loss) and GAAP to non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, basic and diluted, are included at the end of this press release.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements in this release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "outlook," "guidance," "expects," "intends," "projects," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "targets," "anticipates," and similar expressions may identify these forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding expected revenues, gross margin, and Adjusted EBITDA, and our business strategy and ability to profitably grow our business, as well as any other statement that does not directly relate to any historical or current fact. Forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and assumptions, which may not prove to be accurate. These statements are not guarantees and are subject to risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. Many factors could cause actual results to differ materially and adversely from these forward-looking statements, including but not limited to our ability to compete successfully in the markets for our products; changes in the markets we serve or in the global economy; our ability to increase our volumes and decrease our costs to offset potential declines in the average selling prices of our products; rapid technological changes in the markets that we participate in; our ability to develop and maintain products that can achieve market acceptance; our ability to generate sufficient revenues to achieve or maintain profitability in the future; our high levels of fixed costs and inventory and their effect on our gross profits and results of operations if demand for our products declines or we maintain excess inventory levels; our ability to manage

growth and spending during economic downturns; our manufacturing capacity and operations and their suitability for future levels of demand; our reliance on third parties to manufacture certain of our products and product components; our reliance on a small number of customers for a significant portion of our revenues; our ability to manage risks associated with international customers and operations; the effect of government export and import controls on our ability to compete in international markets; our ability to protect our proprietary technology and intellectual property rights; fluctuations in our quarterly results of operations and other operating measures; and the effect on our business of claims, lawsuits, government investigations, other legal or regulatory proceedings, or commercial or contractual disputes that we are or may become involved in. Additional information concerning these and other factors can be found in nLIGHT's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including other risks, relevant factors and uncertainties identified in the "Risk Factors" section of nLIGHT's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K or subsequent filings with the SEC. nLIGHT undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments, except as required by law.

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About nLIGHT

nLIGHT, Inc. is a leading provider of high-power lasers for mission critical directed energy, optical sensing, and advanced manufacturing applications. Headquartered in Camas, Washington, nLIGHT employs approximately 800 people with operations in the United States, Europe and Asia. For more information, please visit www.nlight.net.

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Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended June 30, Six Months Ended June 30,

	2025		2024		2025		2024	
Revenue:								
Products	\$ 40,824	\$	34,458	\$	76,502	\$	63,828	
Development	20,911		16,053		36,901		31,210	
Total revenue	61,735		50,511		113,403		95,038	
Cost of revenue:								
Products	25,105		24,011		48,829		47,242	
Development	 18,173		14,650		32,318		28,458	
Total cost of revenue(1)	43,278		38,661		81,147		75,700	
Gross profit	 18,457		11,850		32,256		19,338	
Operating expenses:								
Research and development(1)	11,012		11,736		22,386		22,395	
Sales, general, and administrative ⁽¹⁾	11,681		12,804		23,716		24,351	
Total operating expenses	 22,693		24,540		46,102		46,746	
Loss from operations	(4,236)		(12,690)		(13,846)		(27,408)	
Other income:								
Interest income	1,108		479		2,796		954	
Interest expense	(388)		(20)		(436)		(40)	
Other (expense) income, net	(58)		622		(44)		1,263	
Loss before income taxes	(3,574)		(11,609)		(11,530)		(25,231)	
Income tax expense	17		120		154		264	
Net loss	\$ (3,591)	\$	(11,729)	\$	(11,684)	\$	(25,495)	
Net loss per share, basic	\$ (0.07)	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.54)	
Net loss per share, diluted	\$ (0.07)	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.54)	
Shares used in per share calculations:								
Basic	49,581		47,658		49,338		47,450	
Diluted	49,581		47,658		49,338		47,450	

⁽¹⁾Includes stock-based compensation as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2025		2024		2025		2024
Cost of revenues	\$	598	\$	659	\$	1,168	\$	1,200
Research and development		1,834		2,175		3,618		3,788
Sales, general, and administrative		3,939		4,169		7,641		7,446
	\$	6.371	\$	7.003	\$	12.427	\$	12.434

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	As of				
	Jun	e 30, 2025	Decer	mber 31, 2024	
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	78,812	\$	65,829	
Marketable Securities		34,888		34,868	
Accounts receivable, net		44,425		34,895	
Inventory		48,295		40,800	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		16,443		17,697	
Total current assets		222,863		194,089	
Restricted cash		261		259	
Lease right-of-use assets		10,771		10,822	
Property, plant and equipment, net		44,941		46,937	
Intangible assets, net		536		833	
Goodwill		12,448		12,354	
Other assets, net		3,434		4,947	
Total assets	\$	295,254	\$	270,241	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	18,375	\$	15,076	
Accrued liabilities	Ψ	16,312	Ψ	13,268	
Deferred revenue		2,459		3,577	
Current portion of lease liabilities		2,439		2,314	
Total current liabilities		39,559		34,235	
Line of credit		20,000		34,233	
		5,540		<u> </u>	
Non-current income taxes payable		9,584		9,819	
Long-term lease liabilities Other long-term liabilities					
Total liabilities		4,570		4,216	
Stockholders' equity:		79,253		53,811	
		16		16	
Common stock - par value				544,842	
Additional paid-in capital		555,755		•	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss Accumulated deficit		(2,990)		(3,332)	
		(336,780)		(325,096)	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	φ.	216,001	<u>¢</u>	216,430	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	295,254	\$	270,241	

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

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	_	2025	2024
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss	\$	(11,684)	\$ (25,495
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation		6,220	6,240
Amortization		865	2,241
Reduction in carrying amount of right-of-use assets		169	669
Provision for losses on (recoveries of) accounts receivable		(895)	467
Stock-based compensation		12,427	12,434
Deferred income taxes		23	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		98	44
Accrued interest earned on marketable securities		(597)	_
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net		(8,546)	6,869
Inventory		(6.949)	(167
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,285	2,479
Other assets, net		955	(1,399
Accounts payable		3,461	1,438
Accrued and other long-term liabilities		3,165	1,134
Deferred revenues		(1,132)	818
Lease liabilities		(252)	(764
Non-current income taxes payable		(18)	 137
Net cash provided by operating activities		(1,405)	7,145
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		443	_
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(4,674)	(3,702
Purchase of marketable securities		(34,288)	(54.506
Proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities		34,136	49,265
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,383)	(8,943
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from line of credit		20,000	_
Proceeds from employee stock plan purchases		1,385	1,355
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Proceeds from stock option exercises Tax payments related to stock award issuances		162 (3,061)	137 (3,288
	_	18,486	
Net cash used in financing activities			(1,796
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	_	287	 (229
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		12,985	(3,823
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period		66,088	53,466
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$	79,073	\$ 49,643
Supplemental disclosures:	-		
Cash paid for interest, net	\$	423	\$ 20
Cash paid for income taxes		211	307
Operating cash outflows from operating leases		1,738	2,042
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities		1,222	882
Accrued purchases of property, equipment and patents		332	518
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	78,812	\$ 49,386
Restricted cash		261	257
Total cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	79,073	\$ 49,643

Reconciliation of GAAP Financial Metrics to Non-GAAP (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of Net Loss to Adjusted EBITDA

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2025		2024		2025		2024
Net loss	\$	(3,591)	\$	(11,729)	\$	(11,684)	\$	(25,495)
Income tax expense		17		120		154		264
Other income, net		58		(622)		44		(1,263)
Interest income		(1,108)		(479)		(2,796)		(954)
Interest expense		388		20		436		40
Depreciation and amortization		3,415		4,088		7,085		8,481
Stock-based compensation		6,371		7,003		12,427		12,434
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	5,550	\$	(1,599)	\$	5,666	\$	(6,493)

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Net Income (Loss), and GAAP to Non-GAAP Net Income (Loss) per Share, Basic and Diluted

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,				
		2025		2024		2025		2024
Net loss	\$	(3,591)	\$	(11,729)	\$	(11,684)	\$	(25,495)
Add back:								
Stock-based compensation ⁽¹⁾		6,371		7,003		12,427		12,434
Amortization of purchased intangibles ⁽¹⁾		149		148		298		297
Non-GAAP net income (loss)		2,929		(4,578)		1,041		(12,764)
GAAP weighted-average shares outstanding		49,581		47,658		49,338		47,450
Participating securities		_		_		_		<u> </u>
Non-GAAP weighted-average number of shares. basic		49,581		47,658		49,338		47,450
Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents		1,573				1,568		<u> </u>
Non-GAAP weighted-average number of shares. diluted		51,154		47,658		50,906		47,450
Non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, basic	\$	0.06	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.02	\$	(0.27)
Non-GAAP net income (loss) per share, diluted	\$	0.06	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.02	\$	(0.27)

⁽¹⁾ There is no income tax effect related to the stock-based compensation and amortization of purchased intangibles adjustments due to the full valuation allowance in the United States.

Supplemental Schedule of Financial Information (In thousands) (Unaudited)

Revenues by End Market

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2025		2024		2025		2024
Aerospace and Defense	\$	40,695	\$	27,390	\$	73,401	\$	49,135
Industrial		9,746		12,905		18,602		24,890
Microfabrication		11,294		10,216		21,400		21,013
	\$	61,735	\$	50,511	\$	113,403	\$	95,038