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WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2023

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number: 001-39625

CIPHER MINING INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

85-1614529

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1 Vanderbilt Avenue, Floor 54, Suite C

New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

10017

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (332) 262-2300

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	CIFR	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per whole share	CIFRW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of November 6, 2023, the registrant had 254,660,072 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, outstanding.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the “Quarterly Report”) contains forward-looking statements. We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). All statements contained in this Quarterly Report, other than statements of historical fact, including, without limitation, statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, business strategy, timing and likelihood of success, potential expansion of or additional bitcoin mining data centers, expectations regarding the operations of mining centers, and management plans and objectives are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “could,” “intends,” “targets,” “projects,” “contemplates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “forecasts,” “predicts,” “potential” or “continue” or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions, although not all forward-looking statements use these words or expressions. The forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report are only predictions and are largely based on our current expectations and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the following:

- The further development and acceptance of digital asset networks and other digital assets, which represent a new and rapidly changing industry, are subject to a variety of factors that are difficult to evaluate. The slowing or stopping of the development or acceptance of digital asset systems may adversely affect an investment in us.
- We may face several risks due to disruptions in the crypto asset markets, including but not limited to, the risk from depreciation in our stock price, financing risk, risk of increased losses or impairments in our investments or other assets, risks of legal proceedings and government investigations, and risks from price declines or price volatility of crypto assets.
- Our business and the markets in which we operate are new and rapidly evolving, which makes it difficult to evaluate our future prospects and the risks and challenges we may encounter.
- We are currently operating in a period of economic uncertainty and capital markets disruption, which has been significantly impacted by geopolitical instability, such as the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and the armed conflict in Israel and its surrounding regions. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially adversely affected by any negative impact on the global economy and capital markets resulting from the conflict in Ukraine, Israel or any other geopolitical tensions.
- If we fail to grow our hashrate, we may be unable to compete, and our results of operations could suffer.
- Bitcoin mining activities are energy-intensive, which may restrict the geographic locations of miners and have a negative environmental impact. Government regulators may potentially restrict the ability of electricity suppliers to provide electricity to mining operations, such as ours, increase taxes on the purchase of electricity used to mine bitcoin, or even fully or partially ban mining operations.
- We have concentrated our operations in Texas and, thus, are particularly exposed to changes in the regulatory environment, market conditions and natural disasters in this state.
- Our operating results may fluctuate due to the highly volatile nature of cryptocurrencies in general and, specifically, bitcoin.
- We depend on third parties to provide us with certain critical equipment and may rely on components and raw materials that may be subject to price fluctuations or shortages, including ASIC chips that have been subject to periods of significant shortage and high innovation pace.
- We may be affected by price fluctuations in the wholesale and retail power markets.
- We are vulnerable to severe weather conditions and natural disasters, including severe heat, winter weather events, earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, as well as power outages and other industrial incidents, which could severely disrupt the normal operation of our business and adversely affect our results of operations.
- We are exposed to risks related to disruptions or other failures in the supply chain for bitcoin mining hardware and related data center hardware, and difficulties in obtaining new hardware.
- Bitcoin miners and other necessary hardware are subject to malfunction, technological obsolescence and physical degradation.
- Our automated processes with respect to curtailment may adversely affect our operations.

- The important factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 14, 2023 (the “2022 Form 10-K”) and our other reports filed with the SEC.

The forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report are based upon information available to us as of the date of this Quarterly Report, and while we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements.

You should read this Quarterly Report and the documents that we reference in this Quarterly Report and have filed as exhibits to this Quarterly Report with the understanding that our actual future results, performance and achievements may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report. Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report, whether as a result of any new information, future events or otherwise.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Our corporate website address is <https://www.ciphermining.com> (“Corporate Website”). The contents of, or information accessible through, our Corporate Website are not part of this Quarterly Report.

The Company maintains a dedicated investor website at <https://investors.ciphermining.com/investors> (“Investors’ Website”) which is similarly not part of this Quarterly Report. We make our filings with the SEC, including our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports, available free of charge on our Investors’ Website as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such reports with, or furnish such reports to, the SEC.

We may use our Investors’ Website as a distribution channel of material information about the Company including through press releases, investor presentations, sustainability reports, and notices of upcoming events. We intend to utilize our Investors’ Website as a channel of distribution to reach public investors and as a means of disclosing material non-public information for complying with disclosure obligations under Regulation FD.

Any reference to our Corporate Website or Investors’ Website addresses do not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained on or available through those websites, and you should not consider such information to be a part of this Quarterly Report or any other filings we make with the SEC.

PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

CIPHER MINING INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except for share and per share amounts)

	September 30, 2023 (unaudited)	December 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,342	\$ 11,927
Accounts receivable	360	98
Receivables, related party	-	1,102
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,962	7,254
Bitcoin	13,667	6,283
Derivative asset	33,087	21,071
Total current assets	54,418	47,735
Property and equipment, net	258,295	191,784
Deposits on equipment	1,220	73,018
Investment in equity investees	33,609	37,478
Derivative asset	46,963	45,631
Operating lease right-of-use asset	4,399	5,087
Security deposits	17,586	17,730
Total assets	\$ 416,490	\$ 418,463
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,604	\$ 14,286
Accounts payable, related party	1,554	3,083
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	24,813	19,353
Finance lease liability, current portion	6,749	2,567
Operating lease liability, current portion	1,117	1,030
Warrant liability	56	7
Total current liabilities	38,893	40,326
Asset retirement obligation	17,966	16,682
Finance lease liability	12,014	12,229
Operating lease liability	3,645	4,494
Deferred tax liability	1,285	1,840
Total liabilities	73,803	75,571
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022	-	-
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 259,682,742 and 251,095,305 shares issued as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, and 254,558,178 and 247,551,958 shares outstanding as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively	259	251
Additional paid-in capital	490,655	453,854
Accumulated deficit	(148,222)	(111,209)
Treasury stock, at par, 5,124,564 and 3,543,347 shares at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively	(5)	(4)
Total stockholders' equity	342,687	342,892
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 416,490	\$ 418,463

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

CIPHER MINING INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in thousands, except for share and per share amounts)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenue - bitcoin mining	\$ 30,304	\$ -	\$ 83,423	\$ -
Costs and operating expenses (income)				
Cost of revenue	13,008	-	37,017	-
General and administrative	23,898	17,755	62,653	51,849
Depreciation	16,217	11	42,284	26
Change in fair value of derivative asset	(4,744)	(85,658)	(13,294)	(85,658)
Power sales	(2,720)	-	(8,469)	-
Equity in losses of equity investees	1,998	8,345	4,179	20,577
Realized gain on sale of bitcoin	(2,505)	(6)	(10,711)	(6)
Impairment of bitcoin	3,443	320	8,076	859
Other gains	(95)	-	(2,355)	-
Total costs and operating expenses (income)	48,500	(59,233)	119,380	(12,353)
Operating (loss) income	(18,196)	59,233	(35,957)	12,353
Other income (expense)				
Interest income	11	55	112	106
Interest expense	(627)	-	(1,513)	-
Change in fair value of warrant liability	10	4	(49)	115
Other expense	(6)	-	(18)	-
Total other (expense) income	(612)	59	(1,468)	221
(Loss) income before taxes	(18,808)	59,292	(37,425)	12,574
Current income tax expense	(95)	-	(143)	-
Deferred income tax benefit	1,192	-	555	-
Total income tax benefit	1,097	-	412	-
Net (loss) income	\$ (17,711)	\$ 59,292	\$ (37,013)	\$ 12,574
Net (loss) income per share - basic	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.05
Net (loss) income per share - diluted	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.05
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	251,789,350	247,508,745	249,858,033	248,461,373
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	251,789,350	248,342,200	249,858,033	248,782,665

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CIPHER MINING INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(in thousands, except for share amounts)
(unaudited)

Three Months Ended September 30, 2023

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulat ed Deficit	Treasury Stock		Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount			Shares	Amount	
Balance as of June 30, 2023	254,795,626	\$ 254	\$ 473,471	\$ (130,511)	(4,381,735)	\$ (4)	\$ 343,210
Issuance of common shares, net of offering costs - At-the-market offering	2,831,736	4	8,597	-	-	-	8,601
Delivery of common stock underlying restricted stock units, net of shares settled for tax withholding settlement	1,983,952	1	(2,112)	-	(742,829)	(1)	(2,112)
Share-based compensation	71,428	-	10,699	-	-	-	10,699
Net loss	-	-	-	(17,711)	-	-	(17,711)
	<u>259,682,74</u>						
Balance as of September 30, 2023	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 259</u>	<u>\$ 490,655</u>	<u>\$ (148,222)</u>	<u>(5,124,564)</u>	<u>\$ (5)</u>	<u>\$ 342,687</u>

Three Months Ended September 30, 2022

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulat ed Deficit	Treasury Stock		Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount			Shares	Amount	
Balance as of June 30, 2022	251,001,072	\$ 251	\$ 431,966	\$ (118,874)	(3,511,490)	\$ (4)	\$ 313,339
Delivery of common stock underlying restricted stock units, net of shares settled for tax withholding settlement	42,577	-	(25)	-	(13,193)	-	(25)
Share-based compensation	-	-	10,494	-	-	-	10,494
Net income	-	-	-	59,292	-	-	59,292
	<u>251,043,64</u>				<u>(3,524,68</u>		
Balance as of September 30, 2022	<u>9</u>	<u>\$ 251</u>	<u>\$ 442,435</u>	<u>\$ (59,582)</u>	<u>3)</u>	<u>\$ (4)</u>	<u>\$ 383,100</u>

CIPHER MINING INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(in thousands, except for share amounts)
(unaudited)

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulat ed Deficit	Treasury Stock		Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount			Shares	Amount	
Balance as of January 1, 2023	251,095,305	\$ 251	\$ 453,854	\$ (111,209)	(3,543,347)	\$ (4)	\$ 342,892
Issuance of common shares, net of offering costs - At-the-market offering	3,809,943	4	11,341	-	-	-	11,345
Delivery of common stock underlying restricted stock units, net of shares settled for tax withholding settlement	4,457,708	4	(3,227)	-	(1,581,217)	(1)	(3,224)
Share-based compensation	319,786	-	28,687	-	-	-	28,687
Net loss	-	-	-	(37,013)	-	-	(37,013)
Balance as of September 30, 2023	259,682,742	\$ 259	\$ 490,655	\$ (148,222)	(5,124,564)	\$ (5)	\$ 342,687

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulat ed Deficit	Treasury Stock		Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount			Shares	Amount	
Balance as of January 1, 2022	252,131,679	\$ 252	\$ 425,438	\$ (72,156)	(2,852,259)	\$ (3)	\$ 353,531
Delivery of common stock underlying restricted stock units, net of shares settled for tax withholding settlement	1,802,123	2	(3,078)	-	(672,424)	(1)	(3,077)
Warrants exercised	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common stock cancelled	(2,890,173)	(3)	(9,997)	-	-	-	(10,000)
Share-based compensation	-	-	30,072	-	-	-	30,072
Net income	-	-	-	12,574	-	-	12,574
Balance as of September 30, 2022	251,043,649	\$ 251	\$ 442,435	\$ (59,582)	(3,524,683)	\$ (4)	\$ 383,100

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

CIPHER MINING INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (loss) income	\$ (37,013)	\$ 12,574
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	42,284	26
Amortization of operating right-of-use asset	688	556
Share-based compensation	28,687	30,072
Equity in losses of equity investees	4,179	20,577
Impairment of bitcoin	8,076	859
Non-cash lease expense	1,477	-
Deferred income taxes	(555)	-
Bitcoin received as payment for services	(83,161)	-
Change in fair value of derivative asset	(13,294)	(85,658)
Change in fair value of warrant liability	49	(115)
Realized gain on sale of bitcoin	(10,711)	(6)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Proceeds from sale of bitcoin	78,729	23
Proceeds from power sales	-	1,722
Proceeds from reduction of scheduled power	-	5,056
Accounts receivable	(262)	-
Receivables, related party	(958)	(731)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,238	5,412
Security deposits	144	(1,103)
Accounts payable	2,366	400
Accounts payable, related party	(1,529)	-
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	10,732	1,408
Lease liabilities	(762)	37
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>32,404</u>	<u>(8,891)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Deposits on equipment	(4,533)	(184,095)
Purchases of property and equipment	(32,980)	(28,958)
Capital distributions from equity investees	3,807	43,291
Investment in equity investees	(3,545)	-
Prepayments on financing lease	(3,676)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(40,927)</u>	<u>(169,762)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	11,644	-
Offering costs paid for the issuance of common stock	(298)	-
Repurchase of common shares to pay employee withholding taxes	(3,224)	(3,077)
Principal payments on financing lease	(8,184)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(62)</u>	<u>(3,077)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(8,585)</u>	<u>(181,730)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	11,927	209,841
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	<u>\$ 3,342</u>	<u>\$ 28,111</u>
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities		
Reclassification of deposits on equipment to property and equipment	\$ 74,186	\$ -
Right-of-use asset obtained in exchange for finance lease liability	\$ 14,212	\$ -
Reclassification of receivables, related party to investment in equity investees	\$ 2,060	\$ -
Equity method investment acquired for non-cash consideration	\$ 1,926	\$ 93,208
Sales tax accruals reversed due to exemption	\$ 1,837	\$ -
Bitcoin received from equity investees	\$ 317	\$ 3,139
Common stock cancelled	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Property and equipment purchases in accounts payable, accounts payable, related party and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,695
Right-of-use asset obtained in exchange for operating lease liability	\$ -	\$ 5,859
Investment in equity investees in accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ 5,316
Deposits on equipment in accounts payable, accounts payable, related party and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,289
Reclassification of deferred investment costs to investment in equity investees	\$ -	\$ 174

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION

Nature of operations

Cipher Mining Inc. (“Cipher” or the “Company”) is an emerging technology company that develops and operates industrial scale bitcoin mining data centers. The Company operates or jointly operates four bitcoin mining data centers in Texas including one wholly-owned data center and three partially-owned data centers that were acquired through investments in joint ventures. Bitcoin mining is the Company’s principal revenue generating business activity. The Company began deployment of capacity in the first quarter of 2022, with mining operations beginning at the partially-owned Alborz facility in February 2022 (the “Alborz Facility”). In August 2022, installation of the last mining rigs delivered to the Alborz Facility was completed. In October 2022, installation at the partially-owned Bear facility (the “Bear Facility”) and the partially-owned Chief facility (the “Chief Facility”) was also completed. In November 2022, the Company began bitcoin mining operations at the wholly-owned Odessa facility (the “Odessa Facility”). In September 2023, the Company finalized the buildout of the operations at the Odessa Facility.

Cipher Mining Technologies Inc. (“CMTI”) was established on January 7, 2021, in Delaware, by Bitfury Top HoldCo B.V. and its subsidiaries (“Bitfury Top HoldCo” and, with its subsidiaries, the “Bitfury Group”). Bitfury Top HoldCo (together with Bitfury Holding B.V., a subsidiary of Bitfury Top HoldCo, and referred to herein as “Bitfury Holding”) beneficially owned approximately 79.3% of the Company’s common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (“Common Stock”), as of September 30, 2023, with sole voting and sole dispositive power over those shares and, as a result, Bitfury Top HoldCo has control of the Company as defined in Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 810, *Consolidation* (“ASC 810”). The previously reported Lock-up Agreement, dated as of August 26, 2021, by and between Good Works Acquisition Corp. (“GWAC”) and Bitfury Top HoldCo, expired on August 27, 2023.

Out-of-period-adjustments

Cost of revenue and power sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 included out-of-period adjustments of approximately \$2.0 million and \$1.6 million, respectively, that increased both cost of revenue and power sales on the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, and resulted in net increases to operating loss and loss before taxes of approximately \$0.4 million during the same period. These out-of-period adjustments related to power costs and power sales for the year ended December 31, 2022 at the Company’s Odessa Facility, which are invoiced on a net basis by the Company’s power provider. Management evaluated the impact of this error on the Company’s previously issued audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, as well as on its unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, assessing the error both quantitatively and qualitatively, and concluded that the error was not material to the financial statements for either period.

Risks and uncertainties

Liquidity, capital resources and limited business history

The Company has historically experienced net losses and negative cash flows from operations. As of September 30, 2023, the Company had approximate balances of cash and cash equivalents of \$3.3 million, working capital of \$15.5 million, total stockholders’ equity of \$342.7 million and an accumulated deficit of \$148.2 million. For fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company, in large part, relied on proceeds from the consummation of its business combination with GWAC to fund its operations; however, during the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company utilized proceeds from sales of bitcoin earned by or received from its bitcoin mining data centers to support its operating expenses. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company sold 3,005 bitcoin for proceeds of approximately \$78.7 million. Additionally, in January 2023, the Company was approached by a third party that offered to purchase coupons that the Company had received from Bitmain Technologies Limited (“Bitmain”) during fiscal year 2022. These transferable coupons provided the Company with potential discounts of approximately \$10.9 million that could only be redeemed with the purchase of additional miners from Bitmain prior to the coupons’ April 2023 expiration date. As the Company did not intend to purchase additional Bitmain miners prior to the expiration date of the coupons, it sold the coupons to the interested third party for proceeds of approximately \$2.3 million, which it recorded in other gains within costs and operating expenses (income) on its unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

The Company monitors its balance sheet on an ongoing basis to determine the proper mix of bitcoin retention and bitcoin sales to support its cash requirements and ongoing operations. Bitcoin is classified as a current asset on the Company’s balance sheets due to

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(unaudited)

its intent and ability to sell bitcoin to support operations when needed. Operating activities provided approximately \$32.4 million of cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company paid approximately \$4.5 million of deposits for mining equipment and reclassified approximately \$74.2 million to property and equipment in connection with the receipt of miners and other equipment at the Odessa Facility. In September 2023, the Company finalized the buildout of the operations at the Odessa Facility. As of September 30, 2023, the Company had 61,024 miners located at the Odessa Facility and had 12,953, 3,254 and 3,254 contributed miners at its partially-owned Alborz Facility, Bear Facility and Chief Facility, respectively.

On August 14, 2023, the Company, through CMTI, entered into a master loan agreement with Coinbase Credit, Inc., as lender, and Coinbase, Inc., as lending service provider, for a secured credit line up to \$10.0 million (the "Credit Facility"). See Note 12. *Commitments and Contingencies* for additional information regarding the Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2023, the Company has not drawn upon the Credit Facility.

Management believes that the Company's existing financial resources, including access to the Credit Facility, combined with projected cash and bitcoin inflows from its data centers and its intent and ability to sell bitcoin received or earned, will be sufficient to enable the Company to meet its operating and capital requirements for at least 12 months from the date these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are issued.

There is limited historical financial information about the Company upon which to base an evaluation of its performance. The business is subject to risks inherent in the establishment of a new business enterprise, including limited capital resources, possible delays in exploration and/or development, and possible cost overruns due to price and cost increases in services. The Company's management has no current intention of entering into a merger or acquisition within the next 12 months. The Company may require additional capital to pursue certain business opportunities or respond to technological advancements, competitive dynamics or technologies, challenges, acquisitions or unforeseen circumstances. Additionally, the Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur significant costs related to operating as a public company. Accordingly, the Company may engage in equity or debt financings or enter into credit facilities for the above-mentioned or other reasons; however, the Company may not be able to timely secure additional debt or equity financings on favorable terms, if at all. If the Company raises additional funds through equity financing, its existing stockholders could experience significant dilution. Furthermore, any debt financing obtained by the Company in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to the Company's capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for the Company to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities. If the Company is unable to obtain adequate financing on terms that are satisfactory to the Company, when the Company requires it, the Company's ability to continue to grow or support the business and to respond to business challenges could be significantly limited, which may adversely affect the Company's business plan.

Macroeconomic conditions: COVID-19 and other economic, business and political conditions

The Company's results of operations could be adversely affected by general conditions in the global economy and in the global financial markets, including conditions that are outside of the Company's control, such as any epidemics, pandemics or disease outbreaks or other public health conditions. For example, the COVID-19 pandemic ("COVID-19") that was declared on March 11, 2020 caused significant economic dislocation in the United States ("U.S.") and globally as governments across the world, including the U.S., introduced measures aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19. While most policies and regulations implemented by governments in response to COVID-19 have been lifted, they have had a significant impact, both directly and indirectly, on global business and commerce.

The Company may experience disruptions to its business operations resulting from supply interruptions, quarantines, self-isolations, or other movement and restrictions on the ability of its employees or its counterparties to perform their jobs. The Company may also experience delays in construction and obtaining necessary equipment in a timely fashion. If the Company is unable to effectively set up and service its miners, its ability to mine bitcoin will be adversely affected. There is no assurance that COVID-19 or any other pandemic, or other unfavorable global economic, business or political conditions, such as a rise in energy prices, a slowdown in the U.S. or international economy, high inflation rates or other factors, will not materially and adversely affect the Company's business, prospects, financial condition and operating results.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation and principles of consolidation

The Company prepares its unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (“GAAP”) as determined by the FASB and pursuant to the accounting and disclosure rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its controlled subsidiary, CMTI. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. The most significant estimates inherent in the preparation of the Company’s financial statements include, but are not limited to, those related to equity instruments issued in share-based compensation arrangements, valuations of its derivative asset and warrant liability under Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, useful lives of property and equipment, the asset retirement obligation and the valuation allowance associated with the Company’s deferred tax assets, among others. Making estimates requires management to exercise significant judgment. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect of a condition, situation or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements, which management considered in formulating its estimate, could change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events. Accordingly, the actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

Unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of the Company’s management, these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, which consist of only normal recurring adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the balances and results for the periods presented. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statement results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full fiscal year or any future period.

A description of the Company’s significant accounting policies is included in the Company’s 2022 Form 10-K. You should read the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conjunction with the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes in the Company’s 2022 Form 10-K. Except as disclosed herein, there has been no material change in the information disclosed in the notes to the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company’s 2022 Form 10-K.

Segment information

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate discrete information is available for evaluation by the chief operating decision maker, or decision-making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company’s chief operating decision maker is comprised of several members of its executive management team. The Company views its operations and manages its business in one segment.

Income (loss) per share

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) allocated to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per common share adjusts net income (loss) and net income (loss) per common share for the effect of all potentially dilutive shares of Common Stock. Potential common shares consist of the Company’s outstanding public and private placement warrants to purchase Common Stock, as well as unvested restricted stock units (“RSUs”).

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, the dilutive effect of RSUs was calculated using the treasury stock method. For warrants that are liability-classified, during periods when the impact is dilutive, the Company assumes share settlement of the instruments as of the beginning of the reporting period and adjusts the numerator to remove the change in fair value of the warrant liability and adjusts the denominator to include the dilutive shares calculated using the treasury stock method.

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The Company's potential common shares have been excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, as the effect would be to reduce the net loss per common share.

The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the diluted net income (loss) per share computations for the periods indicated below:

	<u>Three Months Ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended September 30,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Basic and diluted (loss) income per share:				
Net (loss) income	\$ (17,711)	\$ 59,292	\$ (37,013)	\$ 12,574
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	251,789,350	247,508,745	249,858,033	248,461,373
Add:				
RSUs	-	833,455	-	321,292
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	<u>251,789,350</u>	<u>248,342,200</u>	<u>249,858,033</u>	<u>248,782,665</u>
Net (loss) income per share - basic	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.05
Net (loss) income per share - diluted	<u>\$ (0.07)</u>	<u>\$ 0.24</u>	<u>\$ (0.15)</u>	<u>\$ 0.05</u>

The following table presents the common shares that are excluded from the computation of diluted net income (loss) per common share at September 30, 2023 and 2022, because including them would have been antidilutive.

	<u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Public warrants	8,499,980	8,499,980
Private placement warrants	114,000	114,000
Unvested RSUs	21,234,610	15,364,457
	<u>29,848,590</u>	<u>23,978,437</u>

Recently issued and adopted accounting pronouncements

In June 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ASU No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which was codified with its subsequent amendments as ASC Topic 326, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses* (“ASC 326”). ASC 326 seeks to provide financial statement users with more decision-useful information about the expected credit losses on financial instruments, including trade receivables, and other commitments to extend credit held by a reporting entity at each reporting date. The amendments require an entity to replace the incurred loss impairment methodology in other GAAP with a methodology that reflects current expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. The adoption of this guidance on January 1, 2023 did not have a material impact on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

The Company continually assesses any new accounting pronouncements to determine their applicability. When it is determined that a new accounting pronouncement affects the Company's financial reporting, the Company undertakes to determine the consequences of the change to its financial statements and assures that there are proper controls in place to ascertain that the Company's financial statements properly reflect the change. The Company reviewed all other recently issued accounting pronouncements and concluded that they were either not applicable or not expected to have a significant impact on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTE 3. BITCOIN

The following table presents information about the Company’s bitcoin (in thousands):

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$	6,283
Bitcoin received from equity investees		317
Revenue recognized from bitcoin mined, net of receivable		83,162
Proceeds from sale of bitcoin, net of realized gain		(68,019)
Impairment of bitcoin		(8,076)
Balance as of September 30, 2023	\$	13,667

The fair value of the Company’s bitcoin as of September 30, 2023 was approximately \$14.5 million and was estimated using the closing price of bitcoin, which is a Level 1 input (i.e., an observable input such as a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset).

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded impairment charges on its bitcoin holdings of approximately \$3.4 million and \$8.1 million, respectively. Impairment charges were approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively.

NOTE 4. DERIVATIVE ASSET

Luminant Power Agreement

On June 23, 2021, the Company entered into a power purchase agreement with Luminant ET Services Company LLC (“Luminant”), which was subsequently amended and restated on July 9, 2021, and further amended on February 28, 2022, August 26, 2022 and August 23, 2023 (as amended, the “Luminant Power Agreement”), for the supply of a fixed amount of electric power to the Odessa Facility at a fixed price for a term of five years, subject to certain early termination exemptions. The Luminant Power Agreement provides for a subsequent automatic annual renewal unless either party provides written notice to the other party of its intent to terminate the agreement at least six months prior to the expiration of the then current term. Starting from July 1, 2022, and prior to the receipt of interconnection approval from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (“ERCOT”), under the take or pay framework of the Luminant Power Agreement and pursuant to the ramp-up schedule agreed to between Luminant and Cipher, Luminant began sales of the scheduled energy in the ERCOT market.

Because ERCOT allows for net settlement, the Company’s management determined that, as of July 1, 2022, the Luminant Power Agreement met the definition of a derivative under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* (“ASC 815”). Because the Company has the ability to sell its electricity in the ERCOT market rather than take physical delivery, physical delivery is not probable through the entirety of the contract and therefore, the Company’s management does not believe the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception applies to the Luminant Power Agreement. Accordingly, the Luminant Power Agreement (the non-hedging derivative contract) is recorded at its estimated fair value each reporting period with the change in the fair value recorded in change in fair value of derivative asset in the consolidated statements of operations. See additional information regarding valuation of the Luminant Power Agreement derivative in Note 16. *Fair Value Measurements*.

Depending on the spot market price of electricity, the Company may opportunistically sell electricity in the ERCOT market in exchange for cash payments, rather than utilizing the power to mine for bitcoin at the Odessa Facility during peak times in order to most efficiently manage the Company’s operating costs. The Company earned approximately \$2.7 million and \$8.5 million, respectively from power sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, and recorded this amount in power sales within costs and operating expenses (income) on the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations, with the corresponding cost of the power sold recorded in cost of revenue. See Note 1. *Organization* for information regarding the out-of-period adjustments recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2023, which affected cost of power, power sales, net operating loss and net loss on the Company’s unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations.

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NOTE 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment, net consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<u>September 30, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Miners and mining equipment	\$ 160,477	\$ 79,909
Leasehold improvements	135,688	94,807
Software	1,342	596
Office and computer equipment	279	88
Autos	73	73
Furniture and fixtures	88	69
Construction-in-progress	3,167	20,437
Total cost of property and equipment	<u>301,114</u>	<u>195,979</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(42,819)</u>	<u>(4,195)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 258,295</u>	<u>\$ 191,784</u>

During the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company placed approximately \$37.5 million and nil, respectively, of construction-in-progress into service at the Odessa Facility. Depreciation expense was approximately \$16.2 million and \$42.3 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and included approximately \$0.4 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, of accretion expense related to the Company's asset retirement obligation. Depreciation expense was immaterial for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2023, the Company received the remaining 17,094 MicroBT M30S, M30S+ and M30S++ miners ("MicroBT miners") related to the framework agreement of September 2021 with SuperAcme Technology (Hong Kong) Limited ("SuperAcme"), which was amended and restated by the Amended and Restated Framework Agreement on Supply of Blockchain Servers (the "Amended and Restated Framework Agreement"), dated as of May 6, 2022, and subject to the Supplementary Agreement of the Framework Agreement on Supply of Blockchain Servers (the "Supplementary Agreement"). These MicroBT miners received during the first quarter of fiscal 2023 had an aggregate cost of approximately \$50.7 million and were purchased by the Company at the new fixed and floating price terms set forth in the Supplementary Agreement. The Company also received 4,622 Antminer S19j Pro (100 TH/s) ("S19j Pro") miners from Bitmain with a cost basis of approximately \$1.6 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2023. As of September 30, 2023, the Company had a total of 35,117 MicroBT miners, 14,907 S19j Pro miners and 11,000 Canaan A1346 model miners for a total of 61,024 miners at its Odessa Facility. See additional information regarding the Canaan miners in Note 11. *Leases*.

NOTE 6. DEPOSITS ON EQUIPMENT

In November and December 2022, the Company agreed to purchase 5,000 and 2,200, respectively, S19j Pro miners from Bitmain. The Company utilized accumulated Bitmain credits and coupons for the majority of the purchase price for these miners and has no further payments due in respect of these orders. Information regarding the quantity of Bitmain miners received pursuant to these agreements during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 is disclosed in Note 5. *Property and Equipment*. As of September 30, 2023, the Company did not have material open purchase agreement commitments.

As disclosed in Note 18. *Subsequent Events*, on October 4, 2023, the Company entered into an agreement with Bitmain to purchase 1.2 EH/s worth of Bitmain's new HASH Super Computing Servers (Antminer S21-200.0T model) for a total purchase price of \$24.0 million to be paid in cash and coupons, or \$16.8 million in cash after applying coupons. The Company expects to make periodic payments in accordance with the payment schedule under this agreement, with the final payment expected to occur one year after the delivery of the last batch of miners. Related to this agreement, in September 2023, the Company made a \$1.2 million deposit for the related equipment, representing the balance of deposits on equipment as of September 30, 2023. Batches of the Antminer S21 miners are expected to be delivered between January and June 2024.

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NOTE 7. INVESTMENTS IN EQUITY INVESTEES

The Company uses the equity method of accounting to account for its 49% equity interest in its partially owned mining operations Alborz LLC, Bear LLC and Chief, LLC (the “Data Center LLCs”). The Company recognized a total of approximately \$2.0 million and \$4.2 million of net losses in equity in losses of equity investees within the condensed consolidated statements of operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively, and \$8.3 million and \$20.6 million of net losses in equity in losses of equity investees during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively.

During fiscal year 2022, the Company contributed miners and mining equipment to the Alborz, Bear and Chief Facilities. The majority of these contributed miners had a fair value that was lower than the cost paid by the Company to obtain them, and the Company recognized losses at the time of the contributions, resulting in basis differences related to the Company’s investments in Alborz LLC, Bear LLC and Chief LLC, all of which recorded the contributions of equipment from the Company at the historical cost paid by the Company to obtain the equipment. As Alborz LLC, Bear LLC and Chief LLC depreciate the historical cost of these miners on their respective financial statements over the expected depreciation period of five years, the Company accretes these basis differences over the same period and records the accretion amount for each reporting period within equity in losses of equity investees on its statements of operations until these miners are fully depreciated and the corresponding basis differences are fully accreted. As of September 30, 2023, the Company had remaining basis differences totaling approximately \$26.4 million that have not yet been accreted. Accretion recorded by the Company during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 is shown in the table below and was recorded within equity in losses of equity investees on the statement of operations.

Activity in the Company’s investments in equity investees during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 consisted of the following (in thousands):

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$	37,478
Cost of contributed mining equipment and other capital contributions		4,435
Accretion of basis differences related to miner contributions		5,012
Capital distributions		(3,807)
Bitcoin received from equity investees		(317)
Equity in net losses of equity investees		(9,192)
Balance as of September 30, 2023	\$	33,609

NOTE 8. SECURITY DEPOSITS

The Company’s security deposits consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Luminant Power Purchase Agreement collateral	\$ 12,554	\$ 12,554
Luminant Purchase and Sale Agreement collateral	3,063	3,063
Operating lease security deposits	967	960
Other deposits	1,002	1,153
Total security deposits	\$ 17,586	\$ 17,730

NOTE 9. SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Prepaid expenses and other current assets was \$4.0 million and \$7.3 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, primarily consisting of prepaid insurance. As of December 31, 2022, the prepaid expenses and other current assets balance also included approximately \$1.2 million of bitcoin temporarily held for the Company’s joint venture partner, WindHQ LLC (“WindHQ”).

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The Company's accrued expenses and other current liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Taxes (primarily sales tax)	\$ 12,551	\$ 18,798
Power costs	4,594	-
Employee compensation	3,636	-
Finance lease ⁽¹⁾	1,742	339
Legal settlement ⁽²⁾	1,500	-
Other	790	216
Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 24,813	\$ 19,353

⁽¹⁾ See Note 11. *Leases* for additional information regarding the Company's finance leases.

⁽²⁾ See Note 12. *Commitments and Contingencies* for additional information regarding the legal settlement accrual as of September 30, 2023.

NOTE 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party receivables

Related party receivables were \$1.1 million as of December 31, 2022, consisting of expenses paid on behalf of the Data Center LLCs. The Company recorded an additional \$1.0 million of related party receivables during the nine months ended September 30, 2023, representing additional expenses paid on behalf of the Data Center LLCs, and subsequently reclassified the total outstanding balance of \$2.1 million to investment in equity investees on the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2023. As a result of this reclassification, related party receivables were nil as of September 30, 2023.

Purchase commitments, deposits on equipment and related party payables

The Company entered into two agreements with Bitfury USA Inc. ("Bitfury USA"), made under, and as a part of, the Master Services and Supply Agreement to purchase BBACs. Additionally, Bitfury USA contracted with third-party vendors for the purchase of equipment and the receipt of services related to Cipher's future mining operations. Pursuant to one of these arrangements between Bitfury USA and a third-party vendor, Paradigm Controls of Texas, LLC ("Paradigm"), the Company made payments directly to Paradigm in place of Bitfury USA, in respect of manufacturing services for BBACs, totaling approximately \$5.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and the Company's obligations to Bitfury USA under the Master Services and Supply Agreement were reduced by the same amount.

As of December 31, 2022, in relation to the Company assisting WindHQ with the liquidation of some of WindHQ's bitcoin holdings, the Company had approximately \$1.2 million of bitcoin and approximately \$0.3 million of proceeds received, but not yet transferred to WindHQ, respectively, recorded in accounts payable, related party on its consolidated balance sheet. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, all of the bitcoin held by the Company on behalf of WindHQ was liquidated and all proceeds received from the liquidation were forwarded to WindHQ, leaving no remaining amount payable to WindHQ in accounts payable, related party as of September 30, 2023 on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

NOTE 11. LEASES

Combined Luminant Lease Agreement

The Company entered into a series of agreements with affiliates of Luminant, including the Lease Agreement dated June 29, 2021, with amendment and restatement on July 9, 2021 and August 23, 2023 (as amended and restated, the "Luminant Lease Agreement"). The Luminant Lease Agreement leases a plot of land to the Company for the data center, ancillary infrastructure and electrical system (the "Interconnection Electrical Facilities" or "substation") of the Odessa Facility. The Company entered into the Luminant Lease Agreement and the Luminant Purchase and Sale Agreement to build the infrastructure necessary to support its Odessa Facility operations. The Company determined that the Luminant Lease Agreement and the Luminant Purchase and Sale Agreement should be combined for accounting purposes under ASC 842 (collectively, the "Combined Luminant Lease Agreement") and that amounts

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exchanged under the combined contract should be allocated to the various components of the overall transaction based on relative fair values.

The Company's management determined that the Combined Luminant Lease Agreement contains two lease components; and the components should be accounted for together as a single lease component, because the effect of accounting for the land lease separately would be insignificant.

The Combined Luminant Lease Agreement commenced on November 22, 2022 and has an initial term of five years, with renewal provisions that are aligned with the Luminant Power Agreement. Financing for use of the land and substation is provided by Luminant affiliates. Despite lease commencement in November 2022, the Company had not been required by Luminant to make any lease payments for the substation prior to July 2023, therefore the Company accrued amounts due under the Combined Luminant Lease Agreement in accrued expenses and other current liabilities on its unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

On July 11, 2023, the Company entered into an amendment of the payment schedule to the Luminant Purchase and Sale Agreement, reflecting monthly installments of principal and interest totaling \$19.7 million on an undiscounted basis, due over the remaining four-year period starting in July 2023. On August 23, 2023, the Company entered into a second amendment of the Luminant Lease Agreement, the terms of which included confirming the initial term will end on July 31, 2027. These amendments did not have a material impact on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

At the end of the lease term for the Interconnection Electrical Facilities, the substation will be sold back to Luminant's affiliate, Vistra Operations Company, LLC at a price to be determined based upon bids obtained in the secondary market.

Canaan Agreement

On May 4, 2023, the Company entered into the Canaan Agreement to purchase 11,000 new A1346 model miners, all of which were received during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and have been installed at the Odessa Facility. The Company was required to pay a total of approximately \$4.1 million prior to delivery of the miners. The Company will also make six monthly installment payments of approximately \$1.7 million each month, through November 2023, at which time the Company will obtain title to the miners. The Company determined that the Canaan Agreement contains embedded leases as defined in ASC 842, one for each batch of miners delivered. Based on the terms of the arrangement and intent of the parties, the Company has classified the leases of the Canaan miners as finance leases. Each lease commences upon delivery of the associated batch, as the delivery date represents the date upon which the Company obtains the right to use the assets for a period of time in exchange for consideration. As a result of all 11,000 miners being delivered to the Company in June 2023, the Company determined there will effectively be a single lease commencement date for all of the underlying right-of-use assets. The lease term for the Canaan miners will be six months, aligning with the final payment and title transfer date. Upon title transfer, the Company will continue depreciating the residual value of the miners over their remaining useful life.

Office headquarters lease

The Company entered into an operating lease for office space located in New York. The lease has an initial term of 64 months and commenced on February 1, 2022. The lease does not provide the Company with renewal options.

Additional lease information

Components of the Company's lease expenses are as follows (in thousands):

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Finance leases:				
Amortization of ROU assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,481	\$ -	\$ 3,297	\$ -
Interest on lease liability	600	-	1,478	-
Total finance lease expense	2,081	-	4,775	-
Operating leases:				
Operating lease expense	470	391	1,391	1,009
Variable lease cost	-	-	-	-
Total operating lease expense	470	391	1,391	1,009
Total lease expense	\$ 2,551	\$ 391	\$ 6,166	\$ 1,009

⁽¹⁾ Amortization of finance lease ROU assets is included within depreciation expense.

The Company did not incur any variable lease costs during any of the periods presented.

Other information related to the Company's leases is shown below (dollar amounts in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Operating cash flows - operating lease	\$ 396	\$ -	\$ 1,187	\$ -
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,859

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Weighted-average remaining lease term – finance lease (in years)	3.2	4.7
Weighted-average remaining lease term – operating lease (in years)	3.7	4.4
Weighted-average discount rate – finance lease	11.0%	11.0%
Weighted-average discount rate – operating lease	10.9%	10.9%
Finance lease ROU assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 25,186	\$ 14,471

⁽¹⁾ As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company had recorded accumulated amortization of approximately \$1.5 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, for the finance lease ROU assets. Finance lease ROU assets are recorded within property and equipment, net on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

As of September 30, 2023, future minimum lease payments during the next five years are as follows (in thousands):

	Finance Lease	Operating Lease	Total
Remaining Period Ended December 31, 2023	\$ 4,693	\$ 394	\$ 5,087
Year Ended December 31, 2024	4,834	1,581	6,415
Year Ended December 31, 2025	4,834	1,581	6,415
Year Ended December 31, 2026	4,834	1,581	6,415
Year Ended December 31, 2027	3,223	659	3,882
Total lease payments	22,418	5,796	28,214
Less present value discount	(3,654)	(1,034)	(4,688)
Total	\$ 18,764	\$ 4,762	\$ 23,526

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications with its employees, licensors, suppliers and service providers. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements, if any, is unknown as of September 30, 2023. The Company does not anticipate recognizing any significant losses relating to these arrangements.

On August 14, 2023, the Company, through CMTI, entered into a master loan agreement with Coinbase Credit, Inc., as lender, and Coinbase, Inc., as lending service provider. Pursuant to the master loan agreement, the Company established a secured line of credit up to \$10.0 million (the "Credit Facility"). The Company will not incur commitment fees for unused portions of the Credit Facility. The borrowing rate on amounts drawn against the Credit Facility is determined on the basis of the Federal Funds Target Rate - Upper Bound, plus 2.5%, calculated daily based on a 365-day year and payable monthly for the duration of the loan. Borrowings under the Credit Facility are available on demand, open term, and collateralized by bitcoin transferred to the lending service provider's platform. As of September 30, 2023 the Company has not drawn upon the Credit Facility.

Contingencies

The Company, and its subsidiaries, are subject at times to various claims, lawsuits and governmental proceedings relating to the Company's business and transactions arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company cannot predict the final outcome of such proceedings. Where appropriate, the Company vigorously defends such claims, lawsuits and proceedings. Some of these claims, lawsuits and proceedings seek damages, including consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, in amounts that could, if awarded, be significant. Certain of the claims, lawsuits and proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business are covered by the Company's insurance program. The Company maintains property and various types of liability insurance in an effort to protect the Company from such claims. In terms of any matters where there is no insurance coverage available to the Company, or where coverage is available and the Company maintains a retention or deductible associated with such insurance, the Company may establish an accrual for such loss, retention or deductible based on current available information. In accordance with accounting guidance, if it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred as of the date of the financial statements, and the amount of loss is reasonably estimable, then an accrual for the cost to resolve or settle these claims is recorded by the Company in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. If it is reasonably possible that an asset may be impaired as of the date of the financial statements, then the Company discloses the range of possible loss. Expenses related to the defense of such claims are recorded by the Company as incurred and included in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations. Management, with the assistance of outside counsel, may from time to time adjust such accruals according to new developments in the matter, court rulings, or changes in the strategy affecting the Company's defense of such matters. On the basis of current information, the Company does not believe there is a reasonable possibility that a material loss, if any, will result from any claims, lawsuits and proceedings to which the Company is subject to either individually, or in the aggregate.

Luminant Power Agreement

On November 18, 2022, Luminant filed suit against CMTI in the 95th District Court of Dallas County, Texas, asserting Texas state law claims for declaratory judgment and "money had and received", seeking recoupment and return of money previously paid by Luminant to CMTI in connection with Luminant's (and its affiliates') construction and energization of Cipher's bitcoin mining data center in Odessa, Texas. These prior payments were (i) the sum of \$5.1 million paid to CMTI in September 2022 pursuant to a contractual provision requiring such payment in the parties' written and executed August 25, 2022 Third Amendment to the Luminant Power Agreement, and (ii) the sum of \$1.7 million also paid to CMTI in September 2022, as agreed by the parties, for electrical power sold by Luminant for CMTI's benefit into the open market prior to the final energization of the Odessa Facility. Luminant contended that such payments were mistaken because, although voluntarily made by Luminant, they were not actually due under the terms of the Luminant Power Agreement, as amended. The Company filed its answer on January 17, 2023, denying any liability to Luminant. Cipher has not received payment from Luminant for electricity sold in the ERCOT market in September 2022 and October 2022.

The Company established a \$2.0 million accrual for the cost of resolving the claims in the second quarter of 2023.

On July 11, 2023, the Company entered into an amendment of the payment schedule to the Luminant Purchase and Sale Agreement, reflecting monthly installments of principal and interest totaling \$19.7 million on an undiscounted basis, due over the remaining four-year period starting in July 2023.

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On August 23, 2023, the Company settled the dispute with Luminant (the "Luminant Settlement"). In connection with the Luminant Settlement, the Company, through CMTI, entered into (i) a Fourth Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement (the "Amended PPA") with Luminant, which amended the Luminant Power Agreement and (ii) a Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement (the "Amended Lease") with an affiliate of Luminant, which amended the Luminant Lease Agreement.

The Amended PPA, among other items, reduces the notice requirements that CMTI must satisfy in connection with changes to its energy consumption at the Odessa Facility and the Amended Lease provides that the initial term of the agreement shall end on July 31, 2027.

NOTE 13. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

As of September 30, 2023, 510,000,000 shares with a par value of \$0.001 per share are authorized, of which, 500,000,000 shares are designated as Common Stock and 10,000,000 shares are designated as preferred stock ("Preferred Stock").

Common Stock

Holders of each share of Common Stock are entitled to dividends when, as and if declared by the Board. As of the issuance of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company had not declared any dividends. The holder of each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. The voting, dividend, liquidation and other rights and powers of the Common Stock are subject to and qualified by the rights, powers and preferences of any outstanding series of Preferred Stock, for which there currently are none outstanding.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company issued 4,457,708 shares of Common Stock to officers, employees and consultants in settlement of an equal number of fully vested RSUs awarded to these individuals, and 319,786 shares of Common Stock to directors, pursuant to grants made under the Cipher Mining Inc. 2021 Incentive Award Plan (the "Incentive Award Plan"). The Company immediately repurchased 1,581,217 of these shares of Common Stock from officers and employees, with a fair value of approximately \$3.2 million, to cover taxes related to the settlement of vested RSUs, as permitted by the Incentive Award Plan. The Company placed the repurchased shares in treasury stock.

At-the-Market Sales Agreement

On September 21, 2022, the Company filed with the SEC a shelf registration statement on Form S-3, which was declared effective on October 6, 2022 (the "Registration Statement"). In connection with the filing of the Registration Statement, the Company also entered into an at the market offering agreement (the "Prior Sales Agreement") with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC (the "Prior Agent"), under which the Company may, from time to time, sell shares of its Common Stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$250.0 million in "at the market" offerings through the Prior Agent. Effective August 1, 2023, the Company terminated the Prior Sales Agreement.

On August 3, 2023, the Company entered into a Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement (the "Sales Agreement") with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., Canaccord Genuity LLC, Needham & Company, LLC and Compass Point Research & Trading, LLC (each, an "Agent" and, together, the "Agents"), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time through or to the Agents, shares of its Common Stock, for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$250.0 million (the "Shares"). The offering and sale of up to \$250.0 million of the Shares has been registered under the Registration Statement, the base prospectus contained within the Registration Statement, and a prospectus supplement that was filed with the SEC on August 4, 2023 (the "Prospectus Supplement").

Pursuant to the Sales Agreement, the Agent selected by the Company (such Agent, the "Designated Agent") may sell the Shares in sales deemed to be "at the market offerings" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) promulgated under the Securities Act. The Company has no obligation to sell any of the Shares under the Sales Agreement and may at any time suspend or terminate the offering of the Shares pursuant to the Sales Agreement upon notice and subject to other conditions. The Agents will act as sales agents and will use commercially reasonable efforts to sell on the Company's behalf all of the Shares requested to be sold by it, on mutually agreed terms between the Agents and the Company. Under the terms of the Sales Agreement, the Company agreed to pay the Designated Agent a commission up to 3.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds from any Shares sold through such Designated Agent pursuant to the Sales Agreement. In addition, the Company agreed to reimburse certain expenses incurred by the Agents in connection with the Sales Agreement. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, in connection with the Prior Sales Agreement and the Sales Agreement, the Company received proceeds of approximately \$11.3 million, net of issuance costs, from the sale of 3,809,943 shares of common stock, with an average fair value of \$3.02 per share.

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NOTE 14. WARRANTS

Upon consummation of the business combination, the Company assumed Common Stock warrants that were originally issued in GWAC’s initial public offering (the “Public Warrants”), as well as warrants that were issued in a private placement that closed concurrently with GWAC’s initial public offering (the “Private Placement Warrants”). The Public and Private Placement Warrants entitle the holder to purchase one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment. There were 8,499,980 Public Warrants and 114,000 Private Placement Warrants outstanding as of both September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022. The exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock issuable on exercise of the warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances including in the event of a stock dividend, extraordinary dividend or the Company’s recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation. However, the warrants will not be adjusted for issuances of shares of Common Stock at a price below their respective exercise prices. Additionally, in no event will the Company be required to net cash settle the warrants.

NOTE 15. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The Incentive Award Plan provides for the grant of stock options, including incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, RSUs and other stock or cash-based awards to employees, consultants and directors. Upon vesting of an award, the Company may either issue new shares or reissue treasury shares.

Initially, up to 19,869,312 shares of Common Stock were available for issuance under awards granted pursuant to the Incentive Award Plan. In addition, the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Incentive Equity Plan is increased on January 1 of each calendar year beginning in 2022 and ending in 2031 by an amount equal to the lesser of (a) three percent (3%) of the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the final day of the immediately preceding calendar year and (b) such smaller number of shares determined by the Board. On January 1, 2023, this resulted in an increase of 7,426,559 shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Incentive Award Plan. As of September 30, 2023, 6,282,366 shares of Common Stock were available for issuance under the Incentive Award Plan.

The Company recognized total share-based compensation expense in general and administrative expenses on the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the following categories of awards as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Service-based RSUs	\$ 7,038	\$ 7,078	\$ 17,865	\$ 19,936
Performance-based RSUs	3,416	3,416	10,136	10,136
Common stock, fully-vested	245	-	686	-
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 10,699	\$ 10,494	\$ 28,687	\$ 30,072

Service-based RSUs

A summary of the Company’s unvested Service-based RSU activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 is shown below:

	Weighted Average Grant Date	
	Number of Shares	Fair Value
Unvested at January 1, 2023	14,441,044	\$ 3.96
Granted	6,993,565	\$ 2.27
Vested	(4,457,709)	\$ 4.05
Unvested at September 30, 2023	16,976,900	\$ 3.24

As of September 30, 2023, there was approximately \$26.2 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested Service-based RSUs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average vesting period of approximately 1.5 years.

If not fully vested upon grant, Service-based RSUs awarded generally vest over a period ranging from two to four years in equal installments on the award’s anniversary of the vesting commencement date, which will generally coincide with the timing when the employee or consultant began to provide services to the Company, as determined by the Board, and which may precede the grant date. Vesting is subject to the award recipient’s continuous service on the applicable vesting date; provided, that if the award recipient’s employment is terminated by the Company without “cause”, by award recipient for “good reason” (if applicable, as such term or similar term may be defined in any employment, consulting or similar service agreement between award recipient and the Company)

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or due to award recipient's death or permanent disability, all unvested Service-based RSUs will vest in full. In addition, in the event of a change in control, any unvested Service-based RSUs will vest subject to the award recipient's continuous service to the Company through such change in control. In addition, if the Company achieves a \$10 billion market capitalization milestone (described further below) and the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") remains in continuous service through such achievement, any then-unvested Service-based RSUs awarded to the CEO will also vest.

Performance-based RSUs

There was no new activity for unvested Performance-based RSUs during the nine months ended September 30, 2023. There were 4,257,710 unvested Performance-based RSUs with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$7.76 as of both September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022. As of September 30, 2023, there was approximately \$7.7 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested Performance-based RSUs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average derived service period of approximately 0.7 years.

One-third of the outstanding Performance-based RSUs will vest upon the Company achieving a market capitalization equal to or exceeding \$5 billion, \$7.5 billion and \$10 billion, in each case over a 30-day lookback period and subject to the CEO's continuous service through the end of the applicable 30-day period. In the event of a change in control and CEO's continuous service through such change in control, the per share price (plus the per share value of any other consideration) received by the Company's stockholders in such change in control will be used to determine whether any of the market capitalization milestones are achieved (without regard to the 30-day lookback period). Any Performance-based RSUs that do not vest prior to the CEO's termination of service or, if earlier, in connection with a change in control will be forfeited for no consideration.

NOTE 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company's financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurement on a recurring basis and the level of inputs used for such measurements were as follows as of the dates indicated (in thousands):

	Fair Value Measured as of September 30, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets included in:				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Money market securities	\$ 3,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,208
Accounts receivable	360	-	-	360
Derivative asset	-	-	80,050	80,050
	<u>\$ 3,568</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 80,050</u>	<u>\$ 83,618</u>
Liabilities included in:				
Warrant liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56	\$ 56
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 56</u>	<u>\$ 56</u>
	Fair Value Measured as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets included in:				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Money market securities	\$ 10,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,943
Accounts receivable	98	-	-	98
Derivative asset	-	-	66,702	66,702
	<u>\$ 11,041</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,702</u>	<u>\$ 77,743</u>
Liabilities included in:				
Warrant liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7	\$ 7
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>

The carrying values reported in the Company's consolidated balance sheets for cash (excluding cash equivalents which are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis), accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities are reasonable estimates of their fair values due to the short-term nature of these items.

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There were no transfers of financial instruments between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the periods presented.

Level 3 asset

The Company's derivative asset, related to the Luminant Power Agreement, is divided between current and noncurrent assets, and was initially recorded on its unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets on the derivative asset's effective date of July 1, 2022, with an offsetting amount recorded to change in fair value of derivative asset in costs and operating expenses on the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations. Subsequent changes in fair value are also recorded to change in fair value of derivative asset. The Luminant Power Agreement was not designated as a hedging instrument. The estimated fair value of the Company's derivative asset was derived from Level 2 and Level 3 inputs (i.e., unobservable inputs) due to a lack of quoted prices for similar type assets and as such, is classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. Specifically, the discounted cash flow estimation models contain quoted spot and forward prices for electricity, as well as estimated usage rates consistent with the terms of the Luminant Power Agreement, which has a remaining term of approximately 3.6 years. The valuations performed by the third-party valuation firm engaged by the Company utilized pre-tax discount rates of 7.55% and 6.83% as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, and include observable market inputs, but also include unobservable inputs based on qualitative judgment related to company-specific risk factors. Unrealized gains associated with the derivative asset within the Level 3 category include changes in fair value that were attributable to changes to the quoted forward electricity rates, as well as unobservable inputs (e.g., changes in estimated usage rates and discount rate assumptions).

The following table presents the changes in the estimated fair value of the derivative asset measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 (in thousands):

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$	66,702
Change in fair value		13,348
Balance as of September 30, 2023	\$	80,050

Level 3 liability

The Company's Private Placement Warrants (as defined in Note 14. *Warrants*) are its only liability classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy because the fair value is based on significant inputs that are unobservable in the market. The valuation of the Private Placement Warrants uses assumptions and estimates the Company believes would be made by a market participant in making the same valuation. The Company assesses these assumptions and estimates on an on-going basis as additional data impacting the assumptions and estimates are obtained.

The Company engaged a valuation firm to determine the fair value of the Private Placement Warrants using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model and the quoted price of its Common Stock. The following table presents significant assumptions utilized in the valuations of the Private Placement Warrants as of the dates indicated:

	<u>September 30, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Risk-free rate	4.71 %	4.06 %
Dividend yield rate	0.00 %	0.00 %
Volatility	85.0 %	90.0 %
Contractual term (in years)	2.9	3.7
Exercise price	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.50

The following table presents changes in the estimated fair value of the Private Placement Warrants for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 (in thousands):

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$	7
Change in fair value		49
Balance as of September 30, 2023	\$	56

NOTE 17. INCOME TAXES

The determination of income tax expense in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations is based upon the estimated effective tax rate for the year, adjusted for the impact of any discrete items which are accounted for in the period in which they occur. The Company recorded an income tax benefit of approximately 1.1% and nil of income (loss) before taxes for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Miner Purchase

On October 4, 2023, the Company entered into an agreement with Bitmain Technologies Delaware Limited to purchase 1.2 EH/s worth of HASH Super Computing Servers (Antminer S21-200.0T model), for a total commitment of \$24.0 million to be paid in cash and coupons, or \$16.8 million in cash after applying coupons (the "Bitmain Agreement"). The Company expects the miners purchased under this agreement to be shipped in batches between January and June 2024. The Company expects to make periodic payments in accordance with the payment schedule under the Bitmain Agreement, with the final payment expected to occur one year after the delivery of the last batch of miners. Pursuant to the Bitmain Agreement, the Company is responsible for all logistics costs related to transportation, packaging for transportation and insurance related to the delivery of the miners.

Black Pearl Purchase

On November 6, 2023, the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cipher Black Pearl LLC, entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "PSA") with Trinity Mining Group, Inc. ("Trinity") to purchase a data center lease (the "Lease") related to certain tracts or parcels of land containing at least 50 acres of land located in Winkler County, Texas (the "Leased Property") and certain other agreements (the "Assumed Agreements") providing for the construction of a new data center the Company expects to build and call "Black Pearl" or the "Black Pearl Facility". The Lease has an initial term of ten years, and the Company has four consecutive options to renew for periods of ten years each. In addition to the Lease and the Assumed Agreements, the purchased assets under the PSA include certain books, records, reports, studies and governmental approvals related to the Leased Property, and an approval from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") conditionally approving up to 300 MW of energy consumption at the interconnection point of the Leased Property (the "Purchased Assets").

The consideration for the Purchased Assets will be \$7.0 million (the "Purchase Price"). The Purchase Price will be paid by delivery of a number of whole shares of the Company's common stock. The amount of the Company's stock to be delivered under the PSA will be calculated by dividing the Purchase Price by the volume weighted average price of the Company's common stock traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market for the thirty (30) trading days immediately preceding the signing of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, determined without regard to after-hours trading or any other trading outside of the regular trading session trading hours.

The shares of the Company's common stock to be issued to Trinity will be issued pursuant to the Registration Statement, including all information, documents and exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, providing for the offering, issuance and sale by the Company from time to time of up to \$500.0 million in aggregate of the Company's common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units. The Company's obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by the PSA are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent. To the extent those conditions are satisfied, or waived by the Company, the Company expects the closing date to occur before the end of December 2023. If the closing date occurs before the end of December 2023, the Company expects to deliver to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") up to \$6.3 million as collateral that Oncor will be obligated to return to the Company, provided that the Company energizes at least 135MW at the Black Pearl Facility by May 15, 2026.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, as well as our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes disclosed in our 2022 Form 10-K. This discussion contains forward-looking statements based upon current plans, expectations and beliefs involving risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth in the “Risk Factors” sections of our 2022 Form 10-K and this Quarterly Report and in other parts of this Quarterly Report.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this Quarterly Report to the “Company,” “Cipher,” “Cipher Mining,” “we,” “us” or “our” refers to Cipher Mining Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated.

Overview

We are an emerging technology company that develops and operates industrial scale bitcoin mining data centers. Cipher Mining Inc., through itself and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Cipher Mining Technologies Inc. (“CMTI”), currently operates four bitcoin mining data centers in Texas. Bitcoin mining is our principal revenue generating business activity.

Our current intention is to continue to expand our bitcoin mining business by developing additional data centers, expanding capacity at our current data centers and entering into other arrangements, such as joint ventures or data center hosting agreements.

Our key mission is to expand and strengthen the Bitcoin network’s critical infrastructure. As of October 31, 2023, we operated approximately 80,500 miners, with an aggregate hashrate capacity of approximately 8.2 EH/s, deploying approximately 267 MW of electricity, of which we owned approximately 70,500 miners, with an aggregate hashrate capacity of approximately 7.2 EH/s, deploying approximately 236 MW of electricity.

We operate four bitcoin mining data centers in Texas, including one wholly-owned and three partially-owned data centers acquired through investments in joint ventures. Our largest data center is our Odessa data center (the “Odessa Facility”), which is our wholly-owned 207 MW facility located in Odessa, Texas. We also operate our Alborz data center (the “Alborz Facility”), which is located near Happy, Texas and is partially-owned through a joint venture with WindHQ LLC (“WindHQ”). Our Bear data center (the “Bear Facility”) and our Chief data center (the “Chief Facility”) are both located near Andrews, Texas and are also partially-owned through separate joint ventures with WindHQ. We have a 49% membership interest in Alborz LLC, Bear LLC and Chief LLC, which own the Alborz Facility, the Bear Facility and the Chief Facility, respectively.

Recent Developments

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The consideration for the Purchased Assets will be \$7.0 million (the “Purchase Price”). The Purchase Price will be paid by delivery of a number of whole shares of our common stock. The amount of our stock to be delivered under the PSA will be calculated by dividing the Purchase Price by the volume weighted average price of our common stock traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market for the thirty (30) trading days immediately preceding the signing of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, determined without regard to after-hours trading or any other trading outside of the regular trading session trading hours.

The shares of our common stock to be issued to Trinity will be issued pursuant to the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3, which was declared effective on October 6, 2022 (the “Registration Statement”), including all information, documents and exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, providing for the offering, issuance and sale by us from time to time of up to \$500.0 million in aggregate of our common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units. Our obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by the PSA are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent. To the extent those conditions are satisfied, or waived by us, we expect the closing date to occur before the end of December 2023. If the closing date occurs before the end of December 2023, we expect to deliver to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (“Oncor”) up to \$6.3 million as collateral that Oncor will be obligated to return to us, provided that we energize at least 135MW at the Black Pearl Facility by May 15, 2026.

Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

There have been no material changes to the “Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations” in the Management’s Discussion and Analysis section of our 2022 Form 10-K. Our financial position and results of operations depend to a significant extent on those factors.

Summary of Bitcoin Mining Results

The following table presents information about our Bitcoin mining activities, including bitcoin production and sales of bitcoin (dollar amounts in thousands):

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Balance as of January 1, 2023	394	\$ 6,283
Bitcoin received from equity investees	18	317
Revenue recognized from bitcoin mined, net of receivable	3,131	83,162
Proceeds from sale of bitcoin, net of realized gain	(3,005)	(68,019)
Impairment of bitcoin	-	(8,076)
Balance as of September 30, 2023	<u>538</u>	<u>\$ 13,667</u>

Results of Operations

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenue - bitcoin mining	\$ 30,304	\$ -	\$ 83,423	\$ -
Costs and operating expenses (income)				
Cost of revenue	13,008	-	37,017	-
General and administrative	23,898	17,755	62,653	51,849
Depreciation	16,217	11	42,284	26
Change in fair value of derivative asset	(4,744)	(85,658)	(13,294)	(85,658)
Power sales	(2,720)	-	(8,469)	-
Equity in losses of equity investees	1,998	8,345	4,179	20,577
Realized gain on sale of bitcoin	(2,505)	(6)	(10,711)	(6)
Impairment of bitcoin	3,443	320	8,076	859
Other gains	(95)	-	(2,355)	-
Total costs and operating expenses	48,500	(59,233)	119,380	(12,353)
Operating (loss) income	(18,196)	59,233	(35,957)	12,353
Other income (expense)				
Interest income	11	55	112	106
Interest expense	(627)	-	(1,513)	-
Change in fair value of warrant liability	10	4	(49)	115
Other expense	(6)	-	(18)	-
Total other (expense) income	(612)	59	(1,468)	221
(Loss) income before taxes	(18,808)	59,292	(37,425)	12,574
Current income tax expense	(95)	-	(143)	-
Deferred income tax benefit	1,192	-	555	-
Total income tax benefit	1,097	-	412	-
Net (loss) income	\$ (17,711)	\$ 59,292	\$ (37,013)	\$ 12,574

Comparative Results for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

Revenue

Bitcoin mining operations at our Odessa Facility mined 1,078 bitcoin and generated revenue of \$30.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023, at an average price per bitcoin of \$28,129. The Odessa Facility began mining operations in mid-November 2022, therefore, we did not earn revenue from bitcoin mining during the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Cost of revenue

Cost of revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2023 was \$13.0 million and consisted primarily of power costs at the Odessa Facility as delivered under our power purchase agreement with Luminant ET Services Company LLC (the "Luminant Power Agreement"), as well as maintenance expenses for mining equipment. We incurred no costs of revenue during the three months ended September 30, 2022 because the Odessa Facility did not begin its bitcoin mining operations until mid-November 2022.

General and administrative

General and administrative expenses were \$23.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023, compared to \$17.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022. The increase was primarily driven by increases of \$4.9 million for payroll and payroll-related benefits due to increasing headcount, \$0.8 million in property taxes, and a \$0.8 million increase in office supplies and software costs.

Depreciation

Depreciation for the three months ended September 30, 2023 was \$16.2 million, primarily related to miners, mining equipment and leasehold improvements at the Odessa Facility being placed into service beginning in November 2022, with additional miners and mining-related assets placed into service during the three months ended September 30, 2023 as we continued to expand capacity at the Odessa Facility. Also included in depreciation is the amortization of our finance lease right-of-use asset for our Interconnection Electrical Facilities (as defined below) that provides power to the Odessa Facility, amortization of our finance lease right-of-use assets representing mining equipment from the Canaan Agreement (as defined below), and accretion of our estimated asset retirement obligation related to the Odessa Facility and depreciation of the associated capitalized costs. Depreciation for the three months ended September 30, 2022 was immaterial.

Change in fair value of derivative asset

The change in the fair value of our derivative asset related to the Luminant Power Agreement resulted in a gain of \$4.7 million during the three months ended September 30, 2023. The gain was primarily due to the change in the power market forward curve as compared to the curve as of June 30, 2023. The Luminant Power Agreement was not in effect during the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Power sales

In accordance with the Luminant Power Agreement, we sold excess electricity that is available under the Luminant Power Agreement, but not needed in our mining operations at the Odessa Facility, back to the ERCOT market through Luminant for which we received proceeds of \$2.7 million for three months ended September 30, 2023.

Equity in losses of equity investees

Equity in losses of equity investees totaled approximately \$2.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023, a decrease of \$6.3 million from approximately \$8.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022. Equity in losses of equity investees consists of our 49% share in the earnings (losses) generated by our three partially-owned mining sites and also includes accretion of the basis differences in our investments in the equity investees that resulted from contributions of miners during the year ended December 31, 2022 with values at the time of the contributions that were less than the costs we paid to obtain the miners. We are accreting these basis differences over the five-year useful life of the miners. Our share of the losses in the mining operations of Alborz LLC, Bear LLC and Chief LLC increased to approximately \$3.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 from approximately \$0.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022. During the current three month period, all three sites were fully operational, whereas in the prior year period, only Alborz LLC had begun mining operations with a limited number of miners prior to September 30, 2022. We recognized approximately \$1.7 million and nil for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, for the accretion of basis differences.

Realized gain on sale of bitcoin

Realized gain on sale of bitcoin was \$2.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2023. Bitcoin sales during the three months ended September 30, 2022 were not material.

Impairment of bitcoin

We recognized a total of approximately \$3.4 million of impairment on our bitcoin holdings during the three months ended September 30, 2023, compared to \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Other income (expense)

Other expense totaled \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023, consisting primarily of \$0.6 million of interest expense recognized related to our finance leases for the Interconnection Electrical Facilities and the Canaan Agreement. Other income and expense for the three months ended September 30, 2022 was not significant.

Income tax benefit

Income tax benefit totaled \$1.1 million, or 5.8% of loss before taxes, and nil for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and was determined using the estimated effective tax rate for the year, adjusted for the impact of any discrete items which are accounted for in the period in which they occur.

Comparative Results for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

Revenue

Bitcoin mining operations at our Odessa Facility mined 3,138 bitcoin and generated revenue of \$83.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, at an average price per bitcoin of \$26,313. The Odessa Facility began mining operations in mid-November 2022, therefore, we did not earn revenue from bitcoin mining during the nine months ended September 30, 2022.

Cost of revenue

Cost of revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$37.0 million and consisted primarily of power costs at the Odessa Facility as delivered under our power purchase agreement with Luminant ET Services Company LLC (the "Luminant Power

Agreement”), as well as maintenance expenses for mining equipment. Power costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 included \$2.1 million of power costs related to the year ended December 31, 2022 that were recorded as an out-of-period adjustment during the current reporting period. We incurred no costs of revenue during the nine months ended September 30, 2022 because the Odessa Facility did not begin its bitcoin mining operations until mid-November 2022.

General and administrative

General and administrative expenses were \$62.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to \$51.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022. The increase was primarily driven by an increase of \$9.9 million of payroll and payroll-related costs driven by increased headcount and bonus expense, as well as a \$2.0 million accrual for the cost of resolving legal claims recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Depreciation

Depreciation for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$42.3 million, primarily related to miners, mining equipment and leasehold improvements at the Odessa Facility being placed into service beginning in November 2022, with additional miners and mining-related assets placed into service during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 as we continued to expand capacity at the Odessa Facility. Also included in depreciation is the amortization of our finance lease right-of-use asset for our Interconnection Electrical Facilities (as defined below) that provides power to the Odessa Facility, amortization of our finance lease right-of-use assets representing mining equipment from the Canaan Agreement, and accretion of our estimated asset retirement obligation related to the Odessa Facility and depreciation of the associated capitalized costs. Depreciation for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 was immaterial.

Change in fair value of derivative asset

The change in the fair value of our derivative asset related to the Luminant Power Agreement resulted in a gain of \$13.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The gain was primarily due to the change in the power market forward curve as compared to the curve as of December 31, 2022. The Luminant Power Agreement was not effective during the nine months ended September 30, 2022.

Power sales

In accordance with the Luminant Power Agreement, we sold excess electricity that is available under the Luminant Power Agreement, but not needed in our mining operations at the Odessa Facility, back to the ERCOT market through Luminant for which we received proceeds of \$8.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Power sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 included \$1.6 million for sales of power that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2022 that were recorded as an out-of-period adjustment during the current reporting period.

Equity in losses of equity investees

Equity in losses of equity investees totaled approximately \$4.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, a decrease of \$16.4 million from approximately \$20.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022. Equity in losses of equity investees consists of our 49% share in the earnings (losses) generated by our three partially-owned mining sites and also includes accretion of the basis differences in our investments in the equity investees that resulted from contributions of miners during the year ended December 31, 2022 with values at the time of the contributions that were less than the costs we paid to obtain the miners. We are accreting these basis differences over the five-year useful life of the miners. Our share of the losses in the mining operations of Alborz LLC, Bear LLC and Chief LLC increased to approximately \$9.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 from approximately \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022. During the current nine month period, all three sites were fully operational, whereas in the prior year period, only Alborz LLC had begun mining operations with a limited number of miners prior to September 30, 2022. We recognized approximately \$5.0 million and nil for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, for the accretion of basis differences.

Realized gain on sale of bitcoin

Realized gain on sale of bitcoin was \$10.7 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Bitcoin sales during the nine months ended September 30, 2022 were not material.

Impairment of bitcoin

We recognized a total of approximately \$8.1 million of impairment on our bitcoin holdings during the nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to \$0.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022.

Other gains

We recognized proceeds of approximately \$2.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 related to the sale of transferable coupons received from Bitmain Technologies Limited (“Bitmain”) during fiscal year 2022. These coupons could be redeemed by us only through the purchase of additional miners from Bitmain prior to the April 2023 expiration date; however, we did not expect to use them and instead sold the coupons to a third party that approached us with interest to purchase them.

Other income (expense)

Other expense totaled \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, consisting mainly of \$1.5 million of interest expense recognized related to our finance lease for the Interconnection Electrical Facilities. Other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was not significant.

Income tax benefit

Income tax benefit totaled \$0.4 million, or 1.1% of loss before taxes, and nil for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and was determined using the estimated effective tax rate for the year, adjusted for the impact of any discrete items which are accounted for in the period in which they occur.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We generated cash flows from operations of \$32.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. As of September 30, 2023, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$3.3 million, total stockholders’ equity of \$342.7 million and an accumulated deficit of \$148.2 million. For our fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, in large part, we relied on proceeds from the consummation of our business combination with Good Works Acquisition Corp. (“GWAC”) to fund our operations; however, during the nine months ended September 30, 2023, we utilized proceeds from sales of bitcoin earned by or received from our bitcoin mining data centers to support operating expenses. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, we sold 3,005 bitcoin for proceeds of approximately \$78.7 million. On May 4, 2023, we entered into an agreement with Canaan Creative Global Pte. Ltd. (“Canaan”) to purchase 11,000 new A1346 model miners (the “Canaan Agreement”), all of which were delivered prior to June 30, 2023 and have been installed at the Odessa Facility. Because we are paying for the Canaan miners over time, we do not yet hold title to the miners. We paid an initial 10% deposit plus 18% of the total purchase price prior to delivery, and are required to pay monthly installment payments for the Canaan miners through November 2023, at which time title to the miners will transfer to us. We expect to fund our ongoing payment obligations for the purchase through our ongoing operations, including by selling bitcoin generated at our data centers.

On August 14, 2023, we entered into a master loan agreement with Coinbase Credit, Inc., as lender, and Coinbase, Inc., as lending service provider. Pursuant to the master loan agreement, we established a secured line of credit up to \$10.0 million (the “Credit Facility”). We will not incur commitment fees for unused portions of the Credit Facility. The borrowing rate on amounts drawn against the Credit Facility is determined on the basis of the Federal Funds Target Rate - Upper Bound, plus 2.5%, calculated daily based on a 365-day year and payable monthly for the duration of the loan. Borrowings under the Credit Facility are available on demand, open term, and collateralized by bitcoin transferred to the lending service provider’s platform. As of September 30, 2023 we have not drawn upon the Credit Facility.

Management believes that our existing financial resources, combined with projected cash and bitcoin inflows from our data centers and our intent and ability to sell bitcoin received or earned, will be sufficient to enable us to meet our operating and capital requirements for at least 12 months from the date these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are issued.

On September 21, 2022, we filed the Registration Statement with the SEC. In connection with the filing of the Registration Statement, we also entered into an at-the market offering agreement (the “Prior Sales Agreement”) with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC (the “Prior Agent”), under which we may, from time to time, sell shares of our Common Stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$250.0 million in “at-the-market” offerings through the Agent, which is included in the \$500.0 million of securities that may be offered pursuant to the Registration Statement. Effective August 1, 2023, the Company terminated the Prior Sales Agreement.

On August 3, 2023, the Company entered into a Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement (the “Sales Agreement”) with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., Canaccord Genuity LLC, Needham & Company, LLC and Compass Point Research & Trading, LLC (each, an “Agent” and, together, the “Agents”), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time through or to the Agents, shares of its Common Stock, for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$250.0 million. As of September 30, 2023, we received net proceeds on sales of 3.8 million shares of common stock under the Prior Sales Agreement and the Sales Agreement of approximately \$11.3 million (net of commissions and expenses) at a weighted average price of \$3.02.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our sources and uses of cash (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 32,404	\$ (8,891)
Net cash used in investing activities	(40,927)	(169,762)
Net cash used in financing activities	(62)	(3,077)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (8,585)	\$ (181,730)

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities increased by \$41.3 million to \$32.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 from net cash used of \$8.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022. We incurred a net loss of \$37.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to net income of \$12.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, representing a decrease of \$49.6 million. Net loss impact to cash flows was impacted by a \$11.4 million increase in non-cash items, primarily driven by \$72.4 million change in fair value of the Luminant Power Agreement derivative asset, an increase of \$42.3 million of depreciation, and \$7.2 million increase in the impairment of bitcoin, partially offset by \$83.2 million for bitcoin received as payment from our mining pool operator (with no comparable activity in the prior year period), a \$16.4 million decrease in equity in losses of equity investees, and \$10.7 million change in the realized gain on the sale of bitcoin. Additionally, changes in assets and liabilities resulted in an increase in cash provided of \$79.5 million between the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022. This increase in cash provided was due primarily to proceeds of \$78.7 million from the sale of bitcoin.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities decreased by \$128.8 million to \$40.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 from \$169.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, primarily related to a \$179.6 million decrease of deposits for miners and mining equipment, partially offset by a \$39.5 million decrease in capital distributions from equity investees.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities decreased by \$3.0 million to \$0.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 from \$3.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, primarily driven by \$11.6 million of proceeds from the issuance of common stock (with no comparable activity in the prior year period), partially offset by \$8.2 million in principal payments on finance leases (with no comparable activity in the prior year period).

Limited Business History; Need for Additional Capital

There is limited historical financial information about us upon which to base an evaluation of our performance. Our business is subject to risks inherent in the establishment of a new business enterprise, including limited capital resources, possible delays in exploration and/or development, and possible cost overruns due to price and cost increases in services. We have no current intention of entering into a merger or acquisition within the next 12 months. We may require additional capital to pursue certain business opportunities or respond to technological advancements, competitive dynamics or technologies, customer demands, challenges, acquisitions or unforeseen circumstances. Additionally, we have incurred and expect to continue to incur significant costs related to becoming a public company. Accordingly, we may engage in equity or debt financings or enter into credit facilities for the above-mentioned or other reasons; however, we may not be able to timely secure additional debt or equity financings on favorable terms, if at all. If we raise additional funds through equity financing, our existing stockholders could experience significant dilution. Furthermore, any debt financing obtained by us in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to our capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing on terms that are satisfactory to us, when we require it, our ability to continue to grow or support the business and to respond to business challenges could be significantly limited, which may adversely affect our business plan. For risks associated with this, see “Risks Factors—Risks Related to Our Business, Industry and Operations—We may need to raise additional capital, which may not be available on terms acceptable to us, or at all” in our 2022 Form 10-K.

Contractual Obligations and Other Commitments

On December 17, 2021, we entered into a lease agreement for executive office space, with an effective term that commenced on February 1, 2022 and monthly rent payments of approximately \$0.1 million. The initial lease term is for a period of five years and four months.

We also entered into a series of agreements with affiliates of Luminant ET Services Company LLC (“Luminant”), including the Lease Agreement dated June 29, 2021, with amendment and restatement on July 9, 2021 (as amended and restated, the “Luminant Lease Agreement”). The Luminant Lease Agreement leases a plot of land to us where our data center, ancillary infrastructure and electrical system (the “Interconnection Electrical Facilities” or “substation”) have been set up for our Odessa Facility. We entered into the Luminant Lease Agreement and the Luminant Purchase and Sale Agreement to build the infrastructure necessary to support our planned operations. Management determined that the Luminant Lease Agreement and the Luminant Purchase and Sale Agreement should be combined for accounting purposes under ASC 842 (collectively, the “Combined Luminant Lease Agreement”) and that amounts exchanged under the combined contract should be allocated to the various components of the overall transaction based on relative fair values.

Our management determined that the Combined Luminant Lease Agreement contains two lease components; and the components should be accounted for together as a single lease component, because the effect of accounting for the land lease separately would be insignificant.

The Combined Luminant Lease Agreement commenced on November 22, 2022 and has an initial term of five years, with renewal provisions that are aligned with the Luminant Power Agreement. Financing for use of the land and substation is provided by Luminant affiliates. Despite lease commencement in November 2022, we had not been required by Luminant to make any lease payments for the substation prior to July 2023, therefore we accrued amounts due under the Combined Luminant Lease Agreement in accrued expenses and other current liabilities on its unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

On August 23, 2023, we entered into a second amendment of the Luminant Lease Agreement, the terms of which included an amended payment schedule, reflecting monthly installments of principal and interest totaling \$19.7 million on an undiscounted basis, due over the remaining four-year period starting in July 2023. This amendment did not have a material impact on our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

At the end of the lease term for the Interconnection Electrical Facilities, the substation will be sold back to Luminant’s affiliate, Vistra Operations Company, LLC at a price to be determined based upon bids obtained in the secondary market.

Mining and Mining Equipment

In November and December 2022, we agreed to purchase 5,000 and 2,200, respectively, Antminer S19j Pro (100 TH/s) (“S19j Pro”) miners from Bitmain. For these miners, we paid an average price of \$2.35 per terahash, covering the majority of the purchase price by using accumulated Bitmain coupons from previous orders. We have no further payments due in respect of those orders. As of April 2023, all of those miners have been delivered to us in Texas.

On May 4, 2023, we entered into the Canaan Agreement with Canaan to purchase 11,000 new A1346 model miners, all of which were delivered prior to June 30, 2023 and have been installed at the Odessa Facility. Because the Company is paying for the Canaan miners over time, the Company does not yet hold title to the miners. We paid an initial 10% deposit plus 18% of the total purchase price prior to delivery, and we are required to pay monthly installment payments for the Canaan miners through November 2023, at which time title to the miners will transfer to us.

On October 4, 2023, we entered into an agreement with Bitmain to purchase 1.2 EH/s worth of HASH Super Computing Servers (Antminer S21-200.0T model), for a total commitment of \$24.0 million, or \$16.8 million in cash after applying coupons. We expect the miners purchased under this agreement to be shipped in batches between January and June 2024.

We expect to fund our ongoing payment obligations for these purchases through our ongoing operations, including by selling bitcoin generated at our data centers.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We are providing supplemental financial measures for (i) non-GAAP loss from operations that excludes the impact of depreciation and amortization, the non-cash change in the fair value of our derivative asset, share-based compensation expense and nonrecurring gains, which in the nine months ended September 30, 2023 were associated with the sale of Bitmain coupons and (ii) non-GAAP net income (loss) and non-GAAP basic and diluted income (loss) per share that exclude the impact of depreciation and amortization, the non-cash change in the fair value of our derivative asset, share-based compensation expense, nonrecurring gains, the change in the fair value of the warrant liability and deferred income tax expense. These supplemental financial measures are not measurements of financial performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) and, as a result, these supplemental financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures internally to help understand, manage, and evaluate our business performance and to help make operating decisions.

We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures are also useful to investors in comparing our performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis. Non-GAAP loss from operations excludes non-cash operational expenses that we believe are not reflective of our general business performance such as (i) depreciation and amortization, (ii) the non-cash change in the fair value of our derivative asset (iii) share-based compensation expense and (iv) nonrecurring gains, which could vary significantly in comparison to other companies.

Non-GAAP net income (loss) and non-GAAP basic and diluted income (loss) per share exclude the impact of (i) depreciation and amortization, (ii) the non-cash change in the fair value of our derivative asset, (iii) share-based compensation expense, (iv) nonrecurring gains, (v) the non-cash change in the fair value of our warrant liability and (vi) deferred income tax expense. We believe the use of these non-GAAP financial measures can also facilitate comparison of our operating results to those of our competitors.

Non-GAAP financial measures are subject to material limitations as they are not in accordance with, or a substitute for, measurements prepared in accordance with GAAP. For example, we expect that share-based compensation expense, which is excluded from the non-GAAP financial measures, will continue to be a significant recurring expense over the coming years and is an important part of the compensation provided to certain employees, officers and directors. Similarly, we expect that depreciation and amortization will continue to be a recurring expense over the useful lives of the related assets. Our non-GAAP financial measures are not meant to be considered in isolation and should be read only in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. We rely primarily on such unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements to understand, manage and evaluate our business performance and use the non-GAAP financial measures only supplementally.

The following is a reconciliation of our non-GAAP income (loss) from operations, which excludes the impact of (i) depreciation and amortization, (ii) the non-cash change in the fair value of our derivative asset (iii) share-based compensation expense and (iv) nonrecurring gains, to its most directly comparable GAAP measure for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Reconciliation of non-GAAP income (loss) from operations:				
Operating (loss) income	\$ (18,196)	\$ 59,233	\$ (35,957)	\$ 12,353
Depreciation and amortization	16,453	11	42,972	26
Change in fair value of derivative asset	(4,744)	(85,658)	(13,294)	(85,658)
Share-based compensation expense	10,699	10,494	28,687	30,072
Other gains - nonrecurring	-	-	(2,349)	-
Non-GAAP income (loss) from operations	\$ 4,212	\$ (15,920)	\$ 20,059	\$ (43,207)

The following are reconciliations of our non-GAAP net income (loss) and non-GAAP basic and diluted net income (loss) per share, in each case excluding the impact of (i) depreciation and amortization (ii) the non-cash change in the fair value of our derivative asset, (iii) share-based compensation expense, (iv) nonrecurring gains, (v) the non-cash change in the fair value of our warrant liability and (vi) deferred income tax expense, to the most directly comparable GAAP measures for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Reconciliation of non-GAAP net income (loss):				
Net (loss) income	\$ (17,711)	\$ 59,292	\$ (37,013)	\$ 12,574
Non-cash adjustments to net (loss) income:				
Depreciation and amortization	16,453	11	42,972	26
Change in fair value of derivative asset	(4,744)	(85,658)	(13,294)	(85,658)
Share-based compensation expense	10,699	10,494	28,687	30,072
Other gains - nonrecurring	-	-	(2,349)	-
Change in fair value of warrant liability	10	4	(49)	115
Deferred income tax expense	1,192	-	555	-
Total non-cash adjustments to net (loss) income	23,610	(75,149)	56,522	(55,445)
Non-GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 5,899	\$ (15,857)	\$ 19,509	\$ (42,871)

Reconciliation of non-GAAP basic and diluted net income (loss) per share:

Basic and diluted net (loss) income per share	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.05
Depreciation and amortization (per share)	0.07	-	0.17	-
Change in fair value of derivative asset (per share)	(0.02)	(0.35)	(0.05)	(0.35)
Share-based compensation expense (per share)	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.12
Other gains - nonrecurring (per share)	-	-	(0.01)	-
Change in fair value of warrant liability (per share)	-	-	-	-
Deferred income tax expense (per share)	-	-	-	-
Non-GAAP basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.18)

Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. A description of our significant accounting policies is included in our 2022 Form 10-K. You should read the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes in our 2022 Form 10-K. There have been no material changes in the information disclosed in the notes to our audited consolidated financial statements included in our 2022 Form 10-K.

Recent accounting pronouncements

Information regarding recent accounting pronouncements applicable to us, adopted and not yet adopted as of the date of this report, is included in Note 2 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements located in "Part I - Financial Information, Item 1. Financial Statements" in this Quarterly Report.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and are not required to provide the information under this item.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls and Procedures

In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. In addition, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and that management is required to apply judgment in evaluating the benefits of possible controls and procedures relative to their costs.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our “disclosure controls and procedures” (“Disclosure Controls”), as defined by Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act, as of September 30, 2023, the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report. The Disclosure Controls evaluation was done under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, with the goal being that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure. There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective at the reasonable assurance level as of September 30, 2023.

Remediation of Material Weakness

As noted in the 2022 Form 10-K, during management’s assessment of internal controls over financial reporting, a material weakness was identified related to certain Information Technology General Controls over user access, segregation of duties and change management controls.

As management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, we understand the importance of developing a resolution plan aligned with management and overseen by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors. Our plan includes the following:

- Enhance our remediation efforts by continuing to devote resources in 2023 in key financial reporting and information technology areas.
- Continue to utilize an external third-party internal audit and SOX 404 implementation firm to work to improve the Company’s controls related to our material weaknesses, specifically relating to user access and change management surrounding the Company’s IT systems and applications.
- Continue to implement new processes and controls and engage external resources when required in connection with remediating this material weakness, such that these controls are designed, implemented, and operating effectively.
- Continue to formalize our policies and processes over including those over outside service providers with a specific focus on enhancing design and documentation related to (i) developing and communicating additional policies and procedures to govern the areas of IT change management and user access processes and related control activities and (ii) develop robust processes to validate data received from third-parties and relied upon to generate financial statements is complete and accurate.

We recognize that the material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting will not be considered remediated until the remediated controls operate for a sufficient period of time and can be tested and concluded by management to be designed and operating effectively. Because our remediation efforts involve our outsourced service providers, we cannot provide any assurance that these remediation efforts will be successful or that our internal control over financial reporting will be effective as a result of these efforts.

We continue to evaluate and work to improve our internal control over financial reporting related to the identified material weaknesses and management may determine to take additional measures to address control deficiencies or determine to modify the remediation plan described above. In addition, we report the progress and status of the above remediation efforts to the Audit Committee on a periodic basis.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three months ended September 30, 2023 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

We are not a party to any material pending legal proceedings. From time to time, we may be subject to legal proceedings and claims arising in the ordinary course of business. There have been no material changes to such proceedings previously disclosed in our 2022 Form 10-K.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Our business, financial condition and operating results can be affected by a number of factors, whether currently known or unknown, including but not limited to the risk factors as previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” of our 2022 Form 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference. There have been no material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in our 2022 Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities, Use of Proceeds, and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

(a)

We are reporting the following information in lieu of reporting on a Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 1.01 – Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 6, 2023, the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cipher Black Pearl LLC, entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the “PSA”) with Trinity Mining Group, Inc. (“Trinity”) to purchase a data center lease (the “Lease”) related to certain tracts or parcels of land containing at least 50 acres of land located in Winkler County, Texas (the “Leased Property”) and certain other agreements (the “Assumed Agreements”) providing for the construction of a new data center the Company expects to build and call “Black Pearl” or the “Black Pearl Facility”. The Lease has an initial term of ten years, and the Company has four consecutive options to renew for periods of ten years each. In addition to the Lease and the Assumed Agreements, the purchased assets under the PSA include certain books, records, reports, studies and governmental approvals related to the Leased Property, and an approval from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (“ERCOT”) conditionally approving up to 300 MW of energy consumption at the interconnection point of the Leased Property (the “Purchased Assets”).

The consideration for the Purchased Assets will be \$7.0 million (the “Purchase Price”). The Purchase Price will be paid by delivery of a number of whole shares of the Company’s common stock. The amount of the Company’s stock to be delivered under the PSA will be calculated by dividing the Purchase Price by the volume weighted average price of the Company’s common stock traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market for the thirty (30) trading days immediately preceding the signing of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, determined without regard to after-hours trading or any other trading outside of the regular trading session trading hours.

The shares of the Company’s common stock to be issued to Trinity will be issued pursuant to the Registration Statement, including all information, documents and exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, providing for the offering, issuance and sale by the Company from time to time of up to \$500.0 million in aggregate of the Company’s common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units. The Company’s obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by the PSA are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent. To the extent those conditions are satisfied, or waived by the Company, the Company expects the closing date to occur before the end of December 2023. If the closing date occurs before the end of December 2023, the Company expects to deliver to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (“Oncor”) up to \$6.3 million as collateral that Oncor will be obligated to return to the Company, provided that the Company energizes at least 135MW at the Black Pearl Facility by May 15, 2026.

(b) None.

(c) During the three months ended September 30, 2023, no director or “officer” (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) under the Exchange Act) of the Company adopted or terminated a “Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement” or “non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement,” as each term is defined in Item 408(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description	Exhibit	Incorporated by Reference				Filed/ Furnished Herewith
			From	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date	
2.1†	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 4, 2021, by and among Good Works Acquisition Corp., Currency Merger Sub, Inc. and Cipher Mining Technologies Inc.		8-K	001-39625	2.1	3/5/2021	
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cipher Mining Inc.		8-K	001-39625	3.1	8/31/2021	
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cipher Mining Inc.		8-K	001-39625	3.2	8/31/2021	
4.1	Specimen Warrant Certificate of Good Works Acquisition Corp.		S-1/A	333-248333	4.3	10/9/2020	
4.2	Warrant Agreement, dated as of October 19, 2020, by and between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and Good Works Acquisition Corp.		8-K	001-39625	4.1	10/28/2020	
10.1	Fourth Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement, dated August 23, 2023, by and between Luminant ET Services Company LLC and Cipher Mining Technologies Inc.		8-K	001-39625	10.1	8/29/2023	
10.2	Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement, dated August 23, 2023, by and between an affiliate of Luminant and Cipher Mining Technologies Inc.		8-K	001-39625	10.2	8/29/2023	
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a).						*
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a).						*
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.						**
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.						**
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document						*
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document						*
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document						*
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document						*
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document						*
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document						*
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)						*

* Filed herewith.

** Furnished herewith.

† Certain of the exhibits and schedules to this Exhibit have been omitted in accordance with Regulation S-K Item 601(a)(5). The Registrant agrees to furnish a copy of all omitted exhibits and schedules to the SEC upon its request.

SIGNATURES

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

CIPHER MINING INC.

Date: November 8, 2023

By: _____
Tyler Page
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 8, 2023

By: _____
Edward Farrell
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Edward Farrell, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Cipher Mining Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 8, 2023

By: _____ /s/ Edward Farrell
Edward Farrell
Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Cipher Mining Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2023 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 8, 2023

By: _____ /s/ Tyler Page
Tyler Page
Chief Executive Officer
