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### **Quarterly Report**

**For the period ending March 31, 2024**  
(the "Reporting Period")

The number of shares outstanding of our Common Stock is 16,722,994 as of March 31, 2024

The number of shares outstanding of our Common Stock was 16,626,442 as of December 31, 2023

Indicate by check mark whether the company is a shell company (as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act of 1934):

Yes: No: ☒ X

Indicate by check mark whether the company's shell status has changed since the previous reporting period:

Yes: No: ☒ X

Indicate by check mark whether a change in control of the company has occurred over this reporting period:

Yes: No: ☒ X

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**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

|                                                                                                                                                                 | (Unaudited)<br>March 31, 2024 | December 31, 2023 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                   |
| Current Assets:                                                                                                                                                 |                               |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                       | \$ 7,991                      | \$ 9,498          |
| Restricted cash                                                                                                                                                 | 19                            | 19                |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                                                                                                       | 261                           | 394               |
| Total current assets                                                                                                                                            | 8,271                         | 9,911             |
| Right-of-use asset, net                                                                                                                                         | 883                           | 971               |
| Ownership interests and advances                                                                                                                                | 10,600                        | 11,691            |
| Other assets                                                                                                                                                    | 212                           | 263               |
| Total Assets                                                                                                                                                    | \$ 19,966                     | \$ 22,836         |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>                                                                                                                                   |                               |                   |
| Current Liabilities:                                                                                                                                            |                               |                   |
| Accounts payable                                                                                                                                                | \$ 185                        | \$ 107            |
| Accrued compensation and benefits                                                                                                                               | 135                           | 854               |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities                                                                                                                  | 331                           | 596               |
| Lease liability - current                                                                                                                                       | 506                           | 489               |
| Total current liabilities                                                                                                                                       | 1,157                         | 2,046             |
| Lease liability - non-current                                                                                                                                   | 628                           | 760               |
| Other long-term liabilities                                                                                                                                     | 50                            | 50                |
| Total Liabilities                                                                                                                                               | 1,835                         | 2,856             |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)                                                                                                                          |                               |                   |
| Equity:                                                                                                                                                         |                               |                   |
| Preferred stock, \$0.10 par value; 1,000 shares authorized                                                                                                      | —                             | —                 |
| Common stock, \$0.10 par value; 83,333 shares authorized; 21,568 and 21,573 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively | 2,148                         | 2,157             |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                                                                                      | 793,269                       | 793,992           |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 4,845 and 4,947 shares at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively                                                           | (41,549)                      | (42,418)          |
| Accumulated deficit                                                                                                                                             | (735,737)                     | (733,726)         |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss                                                                                                                            | —                             | (25)              |
| Total Equity                                                                                                                                                    | 18,131                        | 19,980            |
| Total Liabilities and Equity                                                                                                                                    | \$ 19,966                     | \$ 22,836         |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited - In thousands, except share and per share data)

|                                                                    | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                    | <b>2024</b>                         | <b>2023</b> |
| General and administrative expense                                 | \$ 950                              | \$ 1,185    |
| Operating loss                                                     | (950)                               | (1,185)     |
| Other income (loss), net                                           | (26)                                | (9)         |
| Interest income                                                    | 115                                 | 274         |
| Equity income (loss), net                                          | (1,150)                             | (2,564)     |
| Net income (loss) before income taxes                              | (2,011)                             | (3,484)     |
| Income tax benefit (expense)                                       | —                                   | —           |
| Net income (loss)                                                  | \$ (2,011)                          | \$ (3,484)  |
| Net income (loss) per share:                                       |                                     |             |
| Basic                                                              | \$ (0.12)                           | \$ (0.22)   |
| Diluted                                                            | \$ (0.12)                           | \$ (0.22)   |
| Weighted average shares used in computing income (loss) per share: |                                     |             |
| Basic                                                              | 16,513                              | 16,072      |
| Diluted                                                            | 16,513                              | 16,072      |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited – In thousands)

|                                                                   | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                                   | <b>2024</b>                         | <b>2023</b>      |
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>                      |                                     |                  |
| Net cash used in operating activities                             | \$ (1,498)                          | \$ (928)         |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>                      |                                     |                  |
| Proceeds from sales of ownership interests                        | —                                   | 850              |
| Advances and loans to ownership interests                         | —                                   | (250)            |
| Purchases of marketable securities                                | —                                   | (7,690)          |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities in marketable securities       | —                                   | 6,000            |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities               | —                                   | (1,090)          |
| <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>                      |                                     |                  |
| Retirement of Company common stock                                | (9)                                 | —                |
| Repurchases of Company common stock                               | —                                   | (75)             |
| Tax withholdings related to equity-based awards                   | —                                   | (230)            |
| Net cash used in financing activities                             | (9)                                 | (305)            |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash          | (1,507)                             | (2,323)          |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period | 9,517                               | 13,356           |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period       | <u>\$ 8,010</u>                     | <u>\$ 11,033</u> |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(unaudited)**

**1. General**

The accompanying unaudited interim Consolidated Financial Statements of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. ("Safeguard" or the "Company") were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In the opinion of management, these statements include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements. The interim operating results are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year or for any interim period. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations relating to interim financial statements. The Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere in this Report.

***Liquidity***

As of March 31, 2024 the Company had \$8.0 million of cash and cash equivalents.

In January 2018, Safeguard ceased deploying capital into new opportunities in order to focus on supporting the existing ownership interests and maximizing monetization opportunities to enable returning value to shareholders. We have considered and taken action on various initiatives including the sale of our ownership interests, the sale of certain or all of our ownership interests in secondary market transactions as well as other opportunities to maximize shareholder value. As we seek to provide additional funding to existing companies where we have an ownership interest, we may be required to expend our cash or incur debt, which will decrease our liquidity. From time to time, we are engaged in discussions concerning acquisitions and dispositions which, if consummated, could impact our liquidity, perhaps significantly. Accordingly, the Company could also pursue other sources of capital in order to maintain its liquidity.

The Company believes that its cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2024 will be sufficient to fund operations past one year from the issuance of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Principles of Accounting for Ownership Interests in Companies**

The Company accounts for its ownership interests using one of the following methods: Equity or Other. The accounting method applied is generally determined by the degree of the Company's influence over the entity, primarily determined by our voting interest in the entity.

In addition to holding voting and non-voting equity and debt securities, the Company also periodically makes advances to its companies in the form of promissory notes which are included in Ownership interests and advances on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

*Equity Method.* The Company accounts for ownership interests whose results are not consolidated, but over which it exercises significant influence, under the equity method of accounting. Whether or not the Company exercises significant influence with respect to an ownership interest depends on an evaluation of several factors including, among others, representation on the board of directors and our ownership level, which is generally a 20% to 50% interest in the voting securities of a company, including voting rights associated with the Company's holdings in common, preferred and other convertible instruments in the company. The Company records the initial ownership interest at cost. Under the equity method of accounting, the Company does not reflect a company's financial statements within our Consolidated Financial Statements; however, our share of the income or loss of such company is reflected in Equity income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company also adjust the carrying value to reflect third party investments in the ownership interests, which typically result in a dilution gain. The Company includes the carrying value of equity method companies in Ownership interests and advances on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Any excess of the Company's cost over its underlying interest in the net assets of equity method companies that is allocated to intangible assets is amortized over the estimated useful lives of the related intangible assets. The Company reflects its share of the income or loss of the equity method companies on a one quarter lag. This reporting lag could result in a delay in recognition of the impact of changes in the business or operations of these companies.

When the Company's carrying value in an equity method company is reduced to zero, the Company records no further losses in its Consolidated Statements of Operations unless the Company has an outstanding guarantee obligation or has committed additional funding to such equity method company. If such equity method company subsequently reports income, the Company will not record its share of such income until it exceeds the amount of the Company's share of losses not previously recognized.

*Other Method.* We account for ownership interests in companies that are not accounted for under the equity method that do not have a readily determinable fair value under the fair value measurement alternative. Under the fair value measurement alternative, these ownership interests are based on our original cost less impairments, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar interests of the same issuer. Under this method, our share of the income or losses of such companies is not included in our Consolidated Statements of Operations, however, the result of observable price changes, if any, are reflected in Other income (loss), net. We include the carrying value of these interests in Ownership interests and advances on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company accounts for ownership interests that are not accounted for under the equity method and have a readily determinable fair value at fair value based on the closing stock price on the last trading day of the reporting period.

**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**Comprehensive Income (loss)**

During the quarter ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no items of comprehensive income (loss).

**Impairment of Ownership Interests and Advances**

On a periodic basis, but no less frequently than quarterly, the Company evaluates the carrying value of its ownership interests and advances for possible impairment based on achievement of business plan objectives and milestones, the estimated value of each company relative to its carrying value, the financial condition and prospects of the company and other relevant factors. The business plan objectives and milestones the Company considers include, among others, those related to financial performance, such as achievement of planned financial results or completion of capital raising activities, and those that are not primarily financial in nature, such as hiring of key employees or the establishment of strategic relationships.

Management then determines whether there has been an other than temporary decline in the value of its ownership interest in the company. Impairment is measured as the amount by which the carrying value of an asset exceeds its estimated fair value.

The estimated fair value of privately held companies is generally determined based on the value at which independent third parties have invested or have committed to invest in these companies or based on other valuation methods, including discounted cash flows, valuation of comparable public companies and the valuation of acquisitions of similar companies.

Impairment charges related to equity method companies are included in Equity income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Impairment charges related to non-equity method companies and funds are included in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The reduced cost basis of a previously impaired company accounted for using the Equity method are not written-up if circumstances suggest the value of the company has subsequently recovered.

**2. Ownership Interests and Advances**

The following summarizes the carrying value of the Company's ownership interests and advances.

|                                                          | March 31, 2024             | December 31, 2023 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                          | (Unaudited - In thousands) |                   |
| Equity Method:                                           |                            |                   |
| Companies                                                | \$ 7,698                   | \$ 8,400          |
| Private equity funds                                     | 97                         | 97                |
|                                                          | <u>7,795</u>               | <u>8,497</u>      |
| Other Method:                                            |                            |                   |
| Companies, fair value measurement alternative            | 2,555                      | 2,555             |
| Private equity funds, fair value measurement alternative | 250                        | 250               |
|                                                          | <u>2,805</u>               | <u>2,805</u>      |
| Advances to companies                                    | —                          | 389               |
|                                                          | <u>\$ 10,600</u>           | <u>\$ 11,691</u>  |

As of March 31, 2024, the Company held ownership interests accounted for using the equity method in 4 non-consolidated companies. Certain of the Company's ownership interests as of March 31, 2024 included the following:

| Company Name                | Safeguard Primary Ownership as of March 31, 2024 | Accounting Method |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Clutch Holdings, Inc.       | 41.7%                                            | Equity            |
| InfoBionic, Inc.            | *                                                | Other             |
| MedCrypt, Inc.              | *                                                | Other             |
| meQuilibrium                | 30.2%                                            | Equity            |
| Moxe Health Corporation     | 19.3%                                            | Equity            |
| Prognos Health Inc.         | 18.9%                                            | Equity            |
| *minimal ownership interest |                                                  |                   |

**3. Acquisitions of Ownership Interests**

The Company made no additional deployments during the three month period ended March 31, 2024.

**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**4. Fair Value Measurements**

The Company categorizes its financial instruments into a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the category level is based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash approximate fair value due to their short-term nature. The Company did not have any Level 2 or Level 3 financial assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2024 or December 31, 2023.

|                           | Carrying<br>Value | Fair Value Measurement at March 31, 2024 |         |         |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                           |                   | Level 1                                  | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|                           |                   | (Unaudited - In thousands)               |         |         |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 7,991          | \$ 7,991                                 | \$ —    | \$ —    |
| Restricted cash           | \$ 19             | \$ 19                                    | \$ —    | \$ —    |

|                           | Carrying<br>Value | Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2023 |         |         |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                           |                   | Level 1                                     | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|                           |                   | (Unaudited - In thousands)                  |         |         |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 9,498          | \$ 9,498                                    | \$ —    | \$ —    |
| Restricted cash           | \$ 19             | \$ 19                                       | \$ —    | \$ —    |

**5. Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation expense was recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as follows:

|                                    | Three Months Ended March 31, |        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
|                                    | 2024                         | 2023   |
|                                    | (Unaudited - In thousands)   |        |
| General and administrative expense | \$ 72                        | \$ 292 |
|                                    | \$ 72                        | \$ 292 |

Stock-based compensation consists of time-based awards to employees, liability based awards to employees to be settled in stock, performance based awards to employees, other non-employee grants and liability based awards to Directors for quarterly and annual services. During the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company awarded 102 thousand and 28 thousand restricted stock awards, respectively to non-employee directors for compensation. Beginning January 1, 2024 the Company ceased stock-based compensation to directors and employees.

**6. Income Taxes**

The Company recorded no consolidated income tax benefit (expense) for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance to reduce its net deferred tax asset to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized in future years. Accordingly, the tax provision that would have been recognized in the three months ended March 31, 2024 was offset by changes in the valuation allowance. During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company had no material changes in uncertain tax positions.



**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**7. Net Income (Loss) Per Share**

The calculations of net income (loss) per share were as follows:

|                                                      | Three Months Ended March 31,                      |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                      | 2024                                              | 2023              |
|                                                      | (Unaudited - In thousands, except per share data) |                   |
| Basic:                                               |                                                   |                   |
| Net income (loss)                                    | \$ (2,011)                                        | \$ (3,484)        |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding           | 16,513                                            | 16,072            |
| Net income (loss) per share                          | <u>\$ (0.12)</u>                                  | <u>\$ (0.22)</u>  |
| Diluted:                                             |                                                   |                   |
| Net income (loss) for dilutive share computation     | <u>\$ (2,011)</u>                                 | <u>\$ (3,484)</u> |
| Number of shares used in basic per share computation | 16,513                                            | 16,072            |
| Unvested restricted stock and DSU's                  | —                                                 | —                 |
| Employee stock options                               | —                                                 | —                 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding           | <u>16,513</u>                                     | <u>16,072</u>     |
| Net income (loss) per dilutive share                 | <u>\$ (0.12)</u>                                  | <u>\$ (0.22)</u>  |

Basic and diluted average common shares outstanding for purposes of computing net income (loss) per share includes outstanding common shares and vested deferred stock units (DSUs).

If an equity method company has dilutive stock options, unvested restricted stock, DSUs or warrants, diluted net income (loss) per share is computed by first deducting from net income (loss) the income attributable to the potential exercise of the dilutive securities of the company from net income (loss). Any impact is shown as an adjustment to net income (loss) for purposes of calculating diluted net income (loss) per share.

Diluted income (loss) per share do not reflect the following potential shares of common stock that would have an anti-dilutive effect or have unsatisfied performance or market conditions:

- At March 31, 2024 and 2023, options to purchase 8 thousand and 8 thousand shares of common stock, respectively, a price of \$10.37, respectively, were excluded from the calculations.
- At March 31, 2024 and 2023, unvested restricted stock and performance-based stock units convertible into 0.2 million and 0.3 million shares of stock, respectively, were excluded from the calculations.

**8. Segment Reporting**

The Company operates as one operating segment based upon the similar nature of its technology-driven companies, the functional alignment of the organizational structure, and the reports that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of assessing performance and allocating resources.

As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, all of the Company's assets were located in the United States.

**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**9. Commitments and Contingencies**

In March 2019, the Company entered a sublease of its prior corporate headquarters office space beginning in June 2019. The term of the sublease is through April 2026, the same as the Company's underlying lease. Fixed sublease payments to the Company are escalating over the term of the sublease and are reported as a component of general and administrative expenses.

A summary of the Company's operating lease cash flows at March 31, 2024 follows:

|                                       | Operating lease payments   | Expected sublease receipts |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                       | (Unaudited - In thousands) |                            |
| 2024 (nine months ending December 31) | \$ 461                     | \$ 433                     |
| 2025                                  | 619                        | 590                        |
| 2026                                  | 207                        | 199                        |
| 2027                                  | —                          | —                          |
| 2028                                  | —                          | —                          |
| 2029                                  | —                          | —                          |
| Thereafter                            | —                          | —                          |
| Total future minimum lease payments   | 1,287                      | \$ 1,222                   |
| Less imputed interest                 | (154)                      |                            |
| Total operating lease liabilities     | <u>\$ 1,133</u>            |                            |

The Company and the companies in which it holds ownership interests are involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the current opinion of the Company, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations, however, no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these actions, and one or more adverse rulings could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations or that of its companies. The Company records costs associated with legal fees as such services are rendered.

The Company has provided a guarantee, which is fully funded by escrowed funds held by a third party, of \$3.8 million at March 31, 2024 which related to one of the Company's private equity fund interests.

In 2018, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company adopted a long-term incentive plan, which was amended in February 2019 and June 2020, known as the Amended and Restated Safeguard Scientifics Transaction Bonus Plan, (the "LTIP"). The purpose of the LTIP is to promote the interests of the Company and its shareholders by providing an additional incentive to employees to maximize the value of the Company in connection with the execution of the business strategy that the Company adopted and announced in January 2018. The June 2020 amendment lowered the level of the first threshold and the resulting bonus pool percentage as an incentive to employees to accelerate actions consistent with the business strategy. Under the LTIP, participants, which includes certain current and former employees, have received awards that may result in cash payments in connection with sales of the Company's ownership interests ("Sale Transaction(s)"). The LTIP provides for a bonus pool corresponding to (i) certain specified vesting thresholds (some of which have already been met and paid) or (ii) specified events. In the first case, the bonus pool will be an amount equal to 1.0% of incremental proceeds from the last threshold met and up to 1.3% at certain higher thresholds. In the second case, a minimum pool will be created and paid under specified circumstances. The bonus pool will be allocated and paid to participants in the LTIP based on the product of (i) the participant's applicable bonus pool percentage and (ii) the bonus pool calculated as of the vesting date, minus any previously paid portion of the bonus pool. Any portion of the bonus pool available as of the applicable vesting date that is reserved will be allocated in connection with each vesting date so that the entire bonus pool available as of such vesting date is allocated and payable to participants. Subject to the terms of the LTIP, payments under the LTIP will be paid in cash within 60 days of the applicable vesting date. All current officers and employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the LTIP. The Board, in its sole discretion, will determine the participants to whom awards are granted under the LTIP. The Company recorded zero compensation expense during each of the quarters ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Company did not make any payments during the three months ended March 31, 2024 or 2023 and has no amounts accrued under the LTIP as of March 31, 2024.

The Company has agreements with certain remaining employees that provide for severance payments to the employee in the event the employee is terminated without cause or an employee terminates his employment for "good reason." The maximum aggregate exposure under employment and severance agreements for remaining employees was approximately \$0.1 million at March 31, 2024.

In June 2011, the Company's former ownership interest, Advanced BioHealing, Inc. ("ABH") was acquired by Shire plc ("Shire"). Prior to the expiration of the escrow period in March 2012, Shire filed a claim against all amounts held in escrow related to the sale based principally upon a United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") false claims act investigation relating to ABH (the "Investigation"). In connection with the Investigation, in July 2015 the Company received a Civil Investigation Demand-Documetary Material ("CID") from the DOJ regarding ABH and Safeguard's relationship with ABH. Pursuant to the CID, the Company provided the requested materials and information. To the Company's knowledge, the CID was related to multiple qui tam ("whistleblower") actions, one of which was filed in 2014 by an ex-employee of ABH that named the Company and one of the Company's employees along with other entities and individuals as defendants. At this time, the DOJ has declined to pursue the qui tam action as it relates to the Company and such Company employee. In addition, in connection with the above matters, the Company and other former equity holders in ABH entered into a settlement and release with Shire, which resulted in the release to Shire of all amounts held in escrow related to the sale of ABH.

## 10. Equity

In July 2015, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the Company, from time to time and depending on market conditions, to repurchase up to \$25.0 million of the Company's outstanding common stock. The Company has not repurchased any shares under such authorization during 2023 or the three months ended March 31, 2024.

In March 2022, the Company's Board of Directors replaced a previously existing share repurchase plan that was authorized in May 2021 with a newly authorized \$3.0 million share repurchase plan using existing funds in accordance with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 and Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company completed the 2022 Plan in January 2023 by purchasing an additional 25,096 shares, resulting in an average price of \$4.09 for the 2022 Program.

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

### Business Overview

Historically, Safeguard has provided capital and relevant expertise to fuel the growth of technology-driven businesses. In many, but not all cases, we are actively involved, influencing development through board representation and management support, in addition to the influence we exert through our equity ownership. We also continue to hold relatively small equity interests in other enterprises where we do not exert significant influence and do not participate in management activities. In some cases, those ownership interests relate to residual interests from prior larger interests or from companies that acquired companies in which we had ownership interests.

In January 2018, Safeguard ceased deploying capital into new opportunities in order to focus on supporting the existing ownership interests and maximizing monetization opportunities to enable returning value to shareholders. We have considered and taken action on various initiatives including the sale of individual ownership interests, the sale of certain or all ownership interests in secondary market transactions as well as other opportunities to maximize shareholder value. In December 2019, we declared and paid a \$1.00 per share special dividend. In 2021, we repurchased 4.5 million shares through a combination of open market purchases and a tender offer for an aggregate of \$40.7 million resulting in an average price of \$8.95 per share. In 2022, we repurchased 711,481 shares for \$2.9 million at an average price of \$4.13 per share through subsequent open market repurchase plans. In December 2023, we declared and paid a \$0.35 per share special dividend.

### Results of Operations

We operate as one operating segment based upon the similar nature of our technology-driven companies, the functional alignment of the organizational structure, and the reports that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of assessing performance and allocating resources.

There is intense competition in the markets in which our companies operate. Additionally, the markets in which these companies operate are characterized by rapidly changing technology, evolving industry standards, frequent introduction of new products and services, shifting distribution channels, evolving government regulation, frequently changing intellectual property landscapes and changing customer demands. Their future success depends on each company's ability to execute its business plan and to adapt to its respective rapidly changing market.

The following is a listing of certain of our ownership interests as of March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The ownership percentages reflect the percentage of the vote we were entitled to cast at that date based on issued and outstanding voting securities (on a common stock equivalent basis), excluding the effect of options, warrants and convertible debt (primary ownership).

| Safeguard Primary Ownership as of March 31, |       |       | Accounting Method as of March 31, |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Company Name                                | 2024  | 2023  | 2024                              |
| Clutch Holdings, Inc.                       | 41.7% | 41.7% | Equity                            |
| InfoBionic, Inc.                            | *     | 25.2% | Other                             |
| MedCrypt, Inc.                              | *     | *     | Other                             |
| meQuilibrium                                | 30.2% | 31.3% | Equity                            |
| Moxe Health Corporation                     | 19.3% | 19.3% | Equity                            |
| Prognos Health Inc.                         | 18.9% | 28.4% | Equity                            |
| *minimal ownership interest                 |       |       |                                   |

Three months ended March 31, 2024 versus the three months ended March 31, 2023 (unaudited)

|                                    | Three Months Ended March 31, |                   |                 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                    | 2024                         | 2023              | Variance        |
|                                    | (In thousands)               |                   |                 |
| General and administrative expense | \$ (950)                     | \$ (1,185)        | \$ 235          |
| Other income (loss), net           | (26)                         | (9)               | (17)            |
| Interest income                    | 115                          | 274               | (159)           |
| Equity income (loss), net          | (1,150)                      | (2,564)           | 1,414           |
|                                    | <u>\$ (2,011)</u>            | <u>\$ (3,484)</u> | <u>\$ 1,473</u> |

*General and Administrative Expense.* Our general and administrative expenses consist primarily of employee compensation, stock-based compensation, insurance, office costs, and professional services. General and administrative expense includes stock-based compensation of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million for each of the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

*Other Income (loss), net.* Other income (loss), net decreased \$17 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to the prior year quarter.

*Interest Income.* Interest income decreased during the three months ended March 31, 2024 as compared to the prior year period primarily attributable to a lower average balance of advances to ownership interests.

*Equity Income (loss), net.* Equity income (loss), net increased \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to the prior year period. The components of equity income (loss), net for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

|                                                            | Three Months Ended March 31, |                   |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                                            | 2024                         | 2023              | Variance        |
|                                                            | (In thousands)               |                   |                 |
| Share of income (loss) of our equity method companies, net | \$ (1,150)                   | \$ (2,564)        | \$ 1,414        |
|                                                            | <u>\$ (1,150)</u>            | <u>\$ (2,564)</u> | <u>\$ 1,414</u> |

#### *Income Tax Benefit (Expense)*

Income tax benefit (expense) was \$0.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023. We have recorded a valuation allowance to reduce our net deferred tax asset to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized in future years. Accordingly, the income tax provision that would have been recognized in the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 was offset by changes in the valuation allowance.

#### *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

As of March 31, 2024, we had \$8.0 million of cash and cash equivalents.

In January 2018, Safeguard announced that we will not deploy any capital into new opportunities and will focus on supporting our existing ownership interests and maximizing monetization opportunities to return value to shareholders. In that context, we have, are and will consider initiatives including, among others: the sale of individual ownership interests, the sale of certain ownership interests in secondary market transactions, or a combination thereof, as well as other opportunities to maximize shareholder value.

In 2015, the Company's Board of Directors authorized us, from time to time and depending on market conditions, to repurchase up to \$25.0 million of the Company's outstanding common stock. During the year ended December 31, 2023 and the three months ended March 31, 2024, we did not repurchase any shares under this authorization. In March 2022, the Company's Board of Directors replaced a previously existing share repurchase plan that was authorized in May 2021 with a newly authorized \$3.0 million share repurchase plan using existing funds in accordance with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 and Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company completed the 2022 Plan in January 2023 by purchasing an additional 25,096 shares, resulting in an average price of \$4.09 for the 2022 Program.

We may consider additional stock repurchases or dividends in the future based on prevailing market conditions and other factors when and if additional liquidity becomes available.

Our ability to generate liquidity from transactions involving our ownership interests has been adversely affected from time to time by adverse circumstances in the U.S. capital markets and other factors, including the impact of COVID-19. We may be requested to provide additional capital to our companies, which may cause us to face liquidity issues that will constrain our ability to execute our business strategy and limit our ability to provide financial support to all of our existing companies in the amounts that we desire. The transactions we enter into in pursuit of our strategy could increase or decrease our liquidity at any point in time. As we seek to provide additional funding to existing companies where we have an ownership interest or commit capital to other initiatives, we may be required to expend our cash or incur debt, which will decrease our liquidity. Conversely, as we dispose of our interests in our ownership interests, we may receive proceeds from such sales, which could increase our liquidity. From time to time, we are engaged in discussions concerning acquisitions and dispositions which, if consummated, could impact our liquidity, perhaps significantly. Accordingly, the Company could also pursue other sources of capital in order to maintain its liquidity. The Company believes that its cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2024 will be sufficient to fund operations past one year from the issuance of these financial statements.

**Analysis of Consolidated Cash Flows (unaudited)**

Cash flow activity was as follows:

|                                                     | Three Months Ended March 31, |                   |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                                                     | 2024                         | 2023              | Variance      |
|                                                     | (In thousands)               |                   |               |
| Net cash used in operating activities               | \$ (1,498)                   | \$ (928)          | \$ (570)      |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | —                            | (1,090)           | 1,090         |
| Net cash used in financing activities               | (9)                          | (305)             | 296           |
|                                                     | <u>\$ (1,507)</u>            | <u>\$ (2,323)</u> | <u>\$ 816</u> |

**Net Cash Used In Operating Activities**

Net cash used in operating activities increased for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to the prior year period. The activity during the three months ended March 31, 2024 was primarily the result of various non-cash adjustments to net loss, including \$1.2 million of equity loss. The activity during the three months ended March 31, 2023 was primarily the result of various non-cash adjustments to net loss, including \$2.6 million of equity loss.

**Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities**

Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities increased by \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to the prior year period. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company funded an aggregate of \$0.3 million to Trice Medical.

**Net Cash Used In Financing Activities**

Net cash used in financing activities decreased by \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to the prior year. The decrease was primarily the result of no share repurchases in 2024.

**Contractual Cash Obligations and Other Commercial Commitments**

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations and other commercial commitments as of March 31, 2024, by period due or expiration of the commitment.

|                                        | Payments Due by Period |                     |                  |                  |               |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                        | Total                  | 2024<br>(remainder) | 2025 and<br>2026 | 2027 and<br>2028 | After<br>2028 |
|                                        | (In millions)          |                     |                  |                  |               |
| Contractual Cash Obligations:          |                        |                     |                  |                  |               |
| Operating leases (a)                   | \$ 1.3                 | 0.5                 | 0.8              | —                | —             |
| Total Contractual Cash Obligations (b) | <u>\$ 1.3</u>          | <u>\$ 0.5</u>       | <u>\$ 0.8</u>    | <u>\$ —</u>      | <u>\$ —</u>   |

- (a) In 2015, we entered into an agreement for the lease of our former principal executive offices which expires in April 2026. In March 2019, we entered into a sublease for these offices which is expected to result in future aggregate sublease receipts of \$1.2 million through April 2026.
- (b) The maximum aggregate exposure under employment and severance agreements for remaining employees was approximately \$0.1 million at March 31, 2024 (not reflected in the table above). We are involved from time to time in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of any of these matters which are currently pending will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## **Factors That May Affect Future Results**

You should carefully consider the information set forth below. The following risk factors describe situations in which our business, financial condition and/or results of operations could be materially harmed, and the value of our securities may be adversely affected. You should also refer to other information included or incorporated by reference in this report.

***Our ability to obtain value from our companies and the return of such value to our shareholders are subject to factors beyond our control.***

In January 2018, we announced that we will not deploy any capital into new companies. We will instead focus on supporting, and maximizing monetization opportunities for, our existing company interests to return value to shareholders. In that context, we have considered and continue to consider monetization initiatives including, among others: the sale of our ownership interests, the sale of certain or all ownership interests in secondary market transactions, or a combination thereof, the sale of all of our ownership interests in a single transaction or a series of transactions, business combinations and other strategic transactions as well as other opportunities to maximize shareholder value. However, this strategic plan may require providing additional capital and operational support to such existing companies and we may not be able to complete any such transaction during any specific time frame or otherwise on desirable terms, if at all, and there can be no assurance as to how long this process will take or the results that this process will yield.

In addition, the formal strategic process that we undertook through 2023 is no longer in effect and there can be no assurance that any future exploration of a strategic transaction will result in any strategic change or outcome and disclosure of any developments related to such exploration may not be disclosed until required. Further, if one or more strategic or other transactions are identified and completed, we may be required to retain or reinvest additional amounts of our capital as part of such transaction.

There can also be no assurance as to whether we will realize the value of escrowed proceeds, holdbacks or other contingent consideration, if any, associated with any transaction. Additionally, there can be no assurance that we will be able to satisfy our liabilities during this process of supporting, and maximizing monetization opportunities for, our existing company interests to return value to shareholders. The method, timing and amount of any return of value to our shareholders will also be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and may depend on market and business conditions and our overall liabilities, capital structure and liquidity position.

***A disposition of one or more of our company interests may occur at a time that will yield less value than if we held such interests for a longer period of time.***

Our companies are at various stages in their lifecycles. The value of our interests in our companies at any point in time is highly dependent on the progress and success such companies have made at such time with respect to the development and marketing of their products and services and that value may fluctuate significantly. This could result in lower exit valuations and/or extended exit timelines for such companies. This, in turn, could negatively affect the amount and timing of the monetization opportunities for such companies and our ability to return value to shareholders.

***Our principal business strategy depends upon our ability to make good decisions regarding the deployment of capital into, and subsequent disposition of, our existing company interests and, ultimately, the performance of such companies, which is uncertain.***

If we make poor decisions regarding the deployment of capital into, and subsequent disposition of, our existing companies, our business strategy will not succeed. If such companies do not succeed, the value of our assets could be significantly reduced and require substantial impairments or write-offs and our results of operations and the price of our common stock would be adversely affected. The risks relating to our companies include:

- most of our companies have a history of operating losses and/or limited operating history;
- the intense competition affecting the products and services our companies offer could adversely affect their businesses, financial condition, results of operations and prospects for growth;
- the inability to adapt to changing marketplaces;
- the inability to manage growth;
- the need for additional capital to fund their operations, which we may not be able to fund or which may not be available from third parties on acceptable terms, if at all;
- the inability to protect their proprietary rights and/or infringing on the proprietary rights of others;
- that our companies could face legal liabilities from claims made against them based upon their operations, products or work;
- the impact of economic downturns on their operations, results and growth prospects;
- the inability to attract and retain qualified personnel;
- the existence of government regulations and legal uncertainties may place financial burdens on the businesses of our companies; and
- the inability to plan for and manage catastrophic events.

These and other risks are discussed in detail under the caption “Risks Related to Our Companies” below.

***As we execute against our strategy, a significant amount of our deployed capital may be concentrated in fewer companies. These remaining companies may also operate in the same or similar industries. This will limit our diversification and make us more susceptible to a single negative event.***

As we execute against our strategy, our capital deployments will be deployed in a decreasing number of companies. Further, our remaining companies could be concentrated in the same or similar industries. Fewer companies, as well as potential industry concentration, may cause us to be more susceptible to any single economic, regulatory or other occurrence affecting a single company or a particular industry than we would have otherwise been if we had a larger number of companies and our companies operated in more diversified industries.

***Our business model does not rely upon, or plan for, the receipt of operating cash flows from our companies. Our companies do not provide us with cash flow from their operations. We rely on cash on hand, liquidity events and our ability to generate cash from capital raising activities to finance our operations.***

We need capital to fund the capital needs of our existing companies. We also need cash to finance our corporate overhead and meet our existing funding commitments. As a result, we have substantial cash requirements. Our companies do not provide us with cash flow from their operations. To the extent our companies generate any cash from operations, they generally retain the funds to develop their own businesses. As a result, we must rely on cash on hand, company liquidity events and new capital raising activities to meet our cash needs. If we are unable to find ways of monetizing our holdings of company interests or raising additional capital on attractive terms, we may face liquidity issues that will require us to constrain our ability to execute our business strategy and limit our ability to provide financial support to our existing companies.

***We may be unable to obtain maximum value for our holdings or to sell our holdings on a timely basis.***

We hold significant positions in most of our companies. If we were to divest all or part of our holdings in a company, we may have to sell our interests at a relative discount to intrinsic value. For companies with publicly traded stock, we may be unable to sell our holdings at then-quoted market prices. The trading volume and public float in the common stock of a publicly traded company in which we have an interest may be small relative to our holdings. As a result, any significant open-market divestiture by us of our holdings in such a company, if possible at all, would likely have a material adverse effect on the market price of its common stock and on our proceeds from such a divestiture. Additionally, we may not be able to take our companies public as a means of monetizing our position or creating shareholder value. Registration and other requirements under applicable securities laws and contractual restrictions also may adversely affect our ability to dispose of our company holdings on a timely basis.

***We are managed by a third-party service provider and our success in executing our strategy is dependent on such service provider.***

As of December 31, 2023, our then serving Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer ceased serving us in such capacities, and we engaged Rock Creek Advisors, LLC (“Rock Creek”) to perform certain consulting and advisory services related to our financial and operational functions effective January 1, 2024. An employee of Rock Creek has been serving as our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary since January 1, 2024. Our success is dependent on Rock Creek’s ability to execute our strategy. If Rock Creek is unable to execute the strategy or elects to terminate the services agreement it entered into with us, which it may do with a 30-day notice to us, our business could experience a material adverse effect.

***Our business strategy may not be successful if valuations in the market sectors in which our companies participate decline.***

Our strategy involves creating value for our shareholders by helping our companies build value and, if appropriate, access the public and private capital markets. Therefore, our success is dependent on the value of our companies as determined by the public and private capital markets. Many factors, including reduced market interest, may cause the market value of our companies to decline. If valuations in the market sectors in which our companies participate decline, their access to the public and private capital markets on terms acceptable to them may be limited.

***Our companies could make business decisions that are not in our best interests or with which we do not agree, which could impair the value of our holdings.***

Although we currently own a significant, influential interest in some of our companies, we do not maintain a controlling interest in any of our companies. Acquisitions of interests in companies in which we share or have no control, and the dilution of our interests in or a further reduction of our control of companies, will involve additional risks that could cause the performance of our interests and our operating results to suffer, including:

- the management teams or other equity or debt holders of our companies having economic or business interests or objectives that are different from ours; and
- the companies not taking our advice with respect to the financial or operating issues they may encounter.

Our inability to control our companies also could prevent us from assisting them, financially or otherwise, or could prevent us from liquidating our interests in them at a time or at a price that is favorable to us. Additionally, our companies may not act in ways that are consistent with our business strategy. These factors could hamper our ability to maximize returns on our interests and cause us to incur losses on our interests in these companies.

***We may have to buy, sell or retain assets when we would otherwise not wish to do so in order to avoid registration under the Investment Company Act.***

The Investment Company Act of 1940 regulates companies which are engaged primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities. Under the Investment Company Act, a company may be deemed to be an investment company if it owns investment securities with a value exceeding 40% of the value of its total assets (excluding government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis, unless an exemption or safe harbor applies. We refer to this test as the “40% Test.” Securities issued by companies other than consolidated companies are generally considered “investment securities” for purposes of the Investment Company Act, unless other circumstances exist which actively involve the company holding such interests in the management of the underlying company. We are a company that partners with growth-stage companies to build value; we are not engaged primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities. We are in compliance with the 40% Test. Consequently, we do not believe that we are an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

We monitor our compliance with the 40% Test and seek to conduct our business activities to comply with this test. It is not feasible for us to be regulated as an investment company because the Investment Company Act rules are inconsistent with our strategy of actively helping our companies in their efforts to build value. In order to continue to comply with the 40% Test, we may need to take various actions which we would otherwise not pursue. For example, we may be limited in the manner or timing in which we sell our interests in a company. Our ownership levels also may be affected if our companies are acquired by third parties or if our companies issue stock which dilutes our ownership interest. The actions we may need to take to address these issues while maintaining compliance with the 40% Test could adversely affect our ability to create and realize value at our companies.

***Non-performance by the subtenant of our previous office space could adversely affect us.***

In March 2019, we entered into a sublease of our prior corporate headquarters office space beginning in June 2019. The term of the sublease is through April 2026, the same as our underlying lease. Fixed sublease payments to us are escalating over the term of the sublease. We remain obligated under the original lease for such office space and, in the event the subtenant of such office space fails to satisfy its obligations under the sublease, we would be required to satisfy our obligations directly to the landlord under such original lease.

**Risks Related to Our Companies**

***Most of our companies have a history of operating losses and/or limited operating history and may never be profitable.***

Most of our companies have a history of operating losses and/or limited operating history, have significant historical losses and may never be profitable. Many have incurred substantial costs to develop and market their products, have incurred net losses and cannot fund their cash needs from operations. We expect that the operating expenses of certain of our companies will increase substantially in the foreseeable future as they continue to develop products and services, increase sales and marketing efforts, and expand operations.

***Our companies face intense competition, which could adversely affect their business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects for growth.***

There is intense competition in the technology marketplaces, and we expect competition to intensify in the future. Our business, financial condition, and results of operations will be materially adversely affected if our companies are not able to compete successfully. Many of the present and potential competitors may have greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources than those of our companies. This may place our companies at a disadvantage in responding to the offerings of their competitors, technological changes or changes in client requirements. Also, our companies may be at a competitive disadvantage because many of their competitors have greater name recognition, more extensive client bases and a broader range of product offerings. In addition, our companies may compete against one another.

***The success or failure of many of our companies is dependent upon the ultimate effectiveness of newly-created technologies, medical devices, healthcare diagnostics, etc.***

Our companies' business strategies are often highly dependent upon the successful launch and commercialization of an innovative technology or device, including, without limitation, technologies or devices used in healthcare or digital media. Despite all of our efforts to understand the research and development underlying the innovation or creation of such technologies and devices before we deploy capital into a company, sometimes the performance of the technology or device does not match our expectations or those of such company. In those situations, it is likely that we will incur a partial or total loss of the capital which we deployed in such company.

***Our companies may fail if they do not adapt to changing marketplaces.***

If our companies fail to adapt to changes in technology and customer and supplier demands, they may not become or remain profitable. There is no assurance that the products and services of our companies will achieve or maintain market penetration or commercial success, or that the businesses of our companies will be successful.

The technology marketplaces are characterized by:

- rapidly changing technology;
- evolving industry standards;
- frequent introduction of new products and services;
- shifting distribution channels;
- evolving government regulation;
- frequently changing intellectual property landscapes; and
- changing customer demands.

Our future success will depend on our companies' ability to adapt to these evolving marketplaces. They may not be able to adequately or economically adapt their products and services, develop new products and services or establish and maintain effective distribution channels for their products and services. If our companies are unable to offer competitive products and services or maintain effective distribution channels, they will sell fewer products and services and forego potential revenue, possibly causing them to lose money. In addition, we and our companies may not be able to respond to the marketplace changes in an economically efficient manner, and our companies may become or remain unprofitable.



***Our companies may grow rapidly, including through acquisitions of other businesses, and may be unable to manage their growth.***

Some of our companies may grow rapidly, including through acquisitions of other businesses. Such growth often places considerable operational, managerial, integration and financial strain on a business. To successfully manage such growth, our companies must, among other things:

- improve, upgrade and expand their business infrastructures;
- successfully integrate and operate any newly acquired businesses;
- scale up production operations;
- develop appropriate financial reporting controls;
- attract and retain qualified personnel; and
- maintain appropriate levels of liquidity.

If our companies are unable to manage their growth successfully, their ability to respond effectively to competition and to achieve or maintain profitability will be adversely affected. Further, a material weakness in any of our companies' internal controls over their financial reporting could result in material misstatements in our Consolidated Financial Statements. These misstatements could result in a restatement of our Consolidated Financial Statements, cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations and/or cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, leading to a decline in our stock price.

***Based on our business model, some or all of our companies will need to raise additional capital to fund their operations at any given time. We may not be able to, or decline to, fund some or all of such amounts and such amounts may not be available from third parties on acceptable terms, if at all. Further, if our companies do raise additional capital from third parties, either debt or equity, such capital may rank senior to, or dilute, our interests in such companies.***

We cannot be certain that our companies will be able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms when needed, if at all. We may not be able to, or decline to, provide our companies with sufficient capital resources to enable them to reach a cash-flow positive position or a sale of the company. General economic disruptions and downturns may also negatively affect the ability of some of our companies to fund their operations from other stockholders and capital sources. We also may fail to accurately project the capital needs of companies. If our companies need capital, but are not able to raise capital from us or other outside sources, or our companies are unable to service their debt obligations, they may need to, or be forced to, cease or scale back operations. In such event, our interest in any such company will become less valuable. If our companies raise additional capital from third parties, either debt or equity, such capital may be dilutive, making our interests less valuable or if such capital ranks senior to the capital we have deployed, such capital may entitle its holders to receive returns of capital before we are entitled to receive any return of our deployed capital. Also, in the event of any insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of one or more of our companies, holders of such company's instruments that rank senior to our deployed capital will typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any return of our deployed capital. After returning such senior capital, such company may not have any remaining assets to use for returning capital to us, causing us to lose some or all of our deployed capital in such company.

***Economic disruptions and downturns may negatively affect our companies' plans and their results of operations.***

Many of our companies are largely dependent upon outside sources of capital to fund their operations. Disruptions in the availability of capital from such sources will negatively affect the ability of such companies to pursue their business models and will force such companies to revise their growth and development plans accordingly. Any such changes will, in turn, negatively affect our ability to realize the value of our capital deployments in such companies.

In addition, downturns in the economy as well as possible governmental responses to such downturns and/or to specific situations in the economy could affect the business prospects of certain of our companies, including, but not limited to, in the following ways: reduced business and/or consumer spending; and/or systemic changes in the ways the healthcare system operates in the United States.

***Some of our companies may be unable to protect their proprietary rights and may infringe on the proprietary rights of others.***

Our companies assert various forms of intellectual property protection. Intellectual property may constitute an important part of our companies' assets and competitive strengths. Federal law, most typically copyright, patent, trademark and trade secret laws, generally protects intellectual property rights. Although we expect that our companies will take reasonable efforts to protect the rights to their intellectual property, third parties may develop similar intellectual property independently. Moreover, the complexity of international trade secret, copyright, trademark and patent law, coupled with the limited resources of our companies and the demands of quick delivery of products and services to market, create a risk that our companies' efforts to prevent misappropriation of their technology will prove inadequate.

Some of our companies also license intellectual property from third parties and it is possible that they could become subject to infringement actions based upon their use of the intellectual property licensed from those third parties. Our companies generally obtain representations as to the origin and ownership of such licensed intellectual property. However, this may not adequately protect them. Any claims against our companies' proprietary rights, with or without merit, could subject the companies to costly litigation and divert their technical and management personnel from other business concerns. If our companies incur costly litigation and their personnel are not effectively deployed, the expenses and losses incurred by our companies will increase and their profits, if any, will decrease.

Third parties have and may assert infringement or other intellectual property claims against our companies based on their patents or other intellectual property claims. Even though we believe our companies' products do not infringe any third party's patents, they may have to pay substantial damages, possibly including treble damages, if it is ultimately determined that they do. They may have to obtain a license to sell their products if it is determined that their products infringe on another person's intellectual property. Our companies might be prohibited from selling their products before they obtain a license, which, if available at all, may require them to pay substantial royalties. Even if infringement claims against our companies are without merit, defending these types of lawsuits takes significant time, is expensive and may divert management attention from other business concerns.

***Certain of our companies could face legal liabilities from claims made against their operations, products or work.***

Because the manufacture and sale of certain company products entail an inherent risk of product liability, certain of our companies maintain product liability insurance. Although none of our current companies have experienced any material losses in this regard, there can be no assurance that they will be able to maintain or acquire adequate product liability insurance in the future and any product liability claim could have a material adverse effect on a company's financial stability, revenues and results of operations. In addition, many of the engagements of our companies involve projects that are critical to the operation of their clients' businesses. If our companies fail to meet their contractual obligations, they could be subject to legal liability, which could adversely affect their business, operating results and financial condition. Our companies' contracts typically include provisions designed to limit their exposure to legal claims relating to their services and products. However, these provisions may not protect our companies or may not be enforceable. Also, some of our companies depend on their relationships with their clients and their reputation for high-quality services and integrity to retain and attract clients. As a result, claims made against our companies' work may damage their reputation, which in turn could impact their ability to compete for new work and negatively impact their revenue and profitability.

***Our companies' success depends on their ability to attract and retain qualified personnel.***

Our companies depend upon their ability to attract and retain senior management and key personnel, including trained technical and marketing personnel. Our companies also will need to continue to hire additional personnel as they expand. Although our current companies have not been the subject of a work stoppage, any future work stoppage could have a material adverse effect on their respective operations. A shortage in the availability of the requisite qualified personnel or work stoppage would limit the ability of our companies to grow, to increase sales of their existing products and services, and to launch new products and services.

***Government regulations and legal uncertainties may place financial burdens on the businesses of our companies.***

Manufacturers of medical diagnostic devices and operators of laboratory facilities are subject to strict federal and state regulation regarding validation and the quality of manufacturing and laboratory facilities. Failure to comply with these quality regulation systems requirements could result in civil or criminal penalties or enforcement proceedings, including the recall of a product or a "cease distribution" order. The enactment of any additional laws or regulations that affect healthcare insurance policy and reimbursement (including Medicare reimbursement) could negatively affect some of our companies. If Medicare or private payers change the rates at which our companies or their customers are reimbursed by insurance providers for their products, such changes could adversely impact our companies.

***Some of our companies may be subject to significant environmental, health, data security and safety regulation.***

Some of our companies may be subject to licensing and regulation under federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment and human health and safety, including laws and regulations relating to the handling, transportation and disposal of medical specimens, infectious and hazardous waste and radioactive materials, as well as to the safety and health of manufacturing and laboratory employees. In addition, some of our companies are subject to federal, state and local financial securities and data security regulations, including, without limitation, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, the California Consumer Privacy Act and the European General Data Protection Regulation, which impose varying degrees of additional obligations, costs and risks upon such companies, including the imposition of significant penalties in the event of any non-compliance. Further, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration has established extensive requirements relating to workplace safety. Compliance with such regulations could increase operating costs at certain of our companies, and the failure to comply could negatively affect the operations and results of some of our companies.

***Catastrophic events may disrupt our companies' businesses.***

Some of our companies are highly automated businesses and rely on their network infrastructure, various software applications and many internal technology systems and data networks for their customer support, development, sales and marketing and accounting and finance functions. Further, some of our companies provide services to their customers from data center facilities in multiple locations. Some of these data centers are operated by third parties, and the companies have limited control over those facilities. A disruption or failure of these systems or data centers in the event of a natural disaster, telecommunications failure, power outage, cyber-attack, war, terrorist attack or other catastrophic event could cause system interruptions, reputational harm, delays in product development, breaches of data security and loss of critical data. Such an event could also prevent the companies from fulfilling customer orders or maintaining certain service level requirements, particularly in respect of their SaaS offerings. While certain of our companies have developed certain disaster recovery plans and maintain backup systems to reduce the potentially adverse effect of such events, a catastrophic event that resulted in the destruction or disruption of any of their data centers or their critical business or information technology systems could severely affect their ability to conduct normal business operations and, as a result, their business, operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

We cannot provide assurance that our companies' disaster recovery plans will address all of the issues they may encounter in the event of a disaster or other unanticipated issue, and their business interruption insurance may not adequately compensate them for losses that may occur from any of the foregoing. In the event that a natural disaster, terrorist attack or other catastrophic event were to destroy any part of their facilities or interrupt their operations for any extended period of time, or if harsh weather or health conditions prevent them from delivering products in a timely manner, their business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected.

## PART II

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. *Legal Proceedings*

On June 21, 2023 Hilary Musser filed a complaint in the Court of Common Pleas in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The lawsuit names the Company, Bonfield VII, Ltd. And Robert E. Keith, a former director of the Company, as defendants. The lawsuit alleges, among other things, that in the early 2000s, in the midst of divorce proceedings between the claimant and Warren Musser and other litigation involving the Mussers and the Company, the defendants and Mr. Musser acted together to deprive the claimant of certain assets. The claimant is seeking compensatory damages, including interest, costs and punitive and delay damages. We believe that the claims set forth in the complaint are without merit. The final outcome of this matter, however, cannot be predicted with complete certainty, and our failure to successfully defend against these allegations could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operation.

#### Item 2. *Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds*

The following table provides information about purchases of equity securities by the Company and affiliated purchasers of the Company, during the quarter ended March 31, 2024, which equity securities are registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"):

| Period                               | Total Number<br>of Shares<br>Purchased | Average<br>Price Paid<br>Per Share | Total Number of Shares<br>Purchased as Part of<br>Publicly Announced<br>Plan (b) | Maximum Number (or<br>Approximate Dollar Value) of<br>Shares that May Yet Be Purchased<br>Under the Plan (a) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 1, 2024 - January 31, 2024   | —                                      | \$ —                               | —                                                                                | \$ 14,636,135                                                                                                |
| February 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024 | —                                      | \$ —                               | —                                                                                | \$ 14,636,135                                                                                                |
| March 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024       | —                                      | \$ —                               | —                                                                                | \$ 14,636,135                                                                                                |
| Total                                | —                                      | \$ —                               | —                                                                                |                                                                                                              |

- (a) In July 2015, our Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase shares of its outstanding common stock with an aggregate value of up to \$25.0 million. These repurchases may be made in open market or privately negotiated transactions, including under plans complying with Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act, based on market conditions, stock price, and other factors. In March 2022, the Company's Board of Directors replaced a previously existing share repurchase plan that was authorized in May 2021 with a newly authorized \$3.0 million share repurchase plan using existing funds in accordance with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 and Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The share repurchase programs does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares. The Company completed the 2022 Plan in January 2023 by purchasing an additional 25,096 shares, resulting in an average price of \$4.09 for the 2022 Program.

#### Item 3. *Defaults Upon Senior Securities*

None.

#### Item 4. *Mine Safety Disclosures*

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. *Other Information*

None.

**Issuer's Certifications**

I, Mark R. Dow, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly disclosure statement of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this disclosure statement 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 disclosure statement; and
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included or incorporated by reference in this disclosure statement, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the issuer as of, and for, the periods presented in this disclosure statement.

Date: May 12, 2024

  
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Mark R. Dow  
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer