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# August Business Update Closing the Gap to Profitability; Next Round of Initiatives Launched

**Sezzle Inc. (ASX:SZL) (Sezzle** or **Company)** // Purpose-driven installment payment platform, Sezzle, is pleased to provide the market with an update on key financial metrics for the month ended 31 August 2022.<sup>1</sup>

- Underlying Merchant Sales (UMS) for August 2022 increased 1.1% MoM to US\$142.8M (A\$208.3M<sup>2</sup>), with Total Income declining 4.8% MoM to US\$9.7M (A\$14.1M<sup>2</sup>), representing a 72bps YoY improvement as a percentage of UMS.
- Revenue and cost initiatives to date have had a positive effect on the Company's average monthly burn, defined as Total Income less Transaction Related Costs<sup>3</sup> less Adjusted Operating Expenses<sup>4</sup>. In the last twelve months, the average monthly burn declined from a peak average monthly pace of negative US\$8.1M in 4Q21 to negative US\$1.9M in 3Q22 (QTD through 31 August).
- The Company's key initiatives announced to date in 2022 are expected to generate US\$40.0 million in annualized revenue and cost savings. Those initiatives included:
  - offboarded or renegotiated rates with merchants and network partners (completed, but continue to monitor going forward),
  - reduction in workforce (completed),
  - scaled back efforts in Europe and Brazil (in process),
  - o ceased payment processing in India (completed),
  - reduced third-party spend (on going), and
  - the Sezzle Premium subscription product (launched).
- The Company is in the process of launching additional initiatives. These initiatives are expected to generate an incremental US\$20.0 million in annualized revenue and cost

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Results are unaudited.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  A\$ to US\$ exchange rate of \$0.68552 as of 31 August 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total Income less Transaction Related Costs is a non-GAAP financial measure equal to Total Income less the sum of Transaction Expense, Provision for Uncollectible Accounts, and Net Interest Expense.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Adjusted Operating Expense is a non-GAAP measure equal to the sum of Personnel (excluding equity-based compensation), third-party tech & data, marketing & tradeshows, adjusted general & administrative expense (excluding depreciation, amortization, impairments, and non-recurring expenses).

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savings. The initiatives include convenience fees and merchant pricing adjustments - expected to be fully rolled out in 4Q22.

"We are extremely excited about the current direction of Sezzle. Earlier in the year, we announced numerous initiatives that are expected to generate US\$40.0 million in annual revenue and cost savings. These initiatives are beginning to bear fruit and we are seeing it in our results," noted Charlie Youakim, Sezzle's Chairman and CEO. "That said, we are just getting started and are excited to announce we are embarking on another US\$20.0 million in annual revenue and cost saving initiatives. We are looking forward to the coming months and quarters as our initiatives progress."

## Key Activity During the Period:

• **UMS and Total Income.** UMS reached US\$142.8 million in August, representing a 1.1% increase over July 2022. The growth is primarily driven by increased volume from the Sezzle Premium and long-term programs.

Total Income declined 4.8% MoM to US\$9.7 million for August and represented 6.8% of UMS. Despite the sequential decline, Total Income increased 1.7% YoY and as a percentage of UMS improved 72bps. Recent initiatives elevated Total Income as a percentage of UMS, including offboarding unprofitable merchants and renegotiating merchant and network partner contracts.

"In 2022, we have not pursued growth for the sake of growth, and this has been reflected in our recent monthly results, which have shown YoY improvement in Total Income despite lower UMS," noted Mr. Youakim. "We have had opportunities to pursue significant growth that would be unprofitable, but we believe it is not the right time or environment for us to pursue such activities."

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Quarter to date through 31 August 2022, Total Income less Transaction Related Costs improved relative to 2Q22, driven by a shift towards ACH as the primary repayment method and a reduced Provision for Uncollectible Accounts resulting from refined underwriting strategies. Additionally, the Company lowered its Adjusted Operating Expense further via a decrease in General & Administrative, Marketing, Advertising, and Tradeshow expenses.

As a result, the Company has reduced its average monthly gap between Total Income less Transaction Related Costs and Adjusted Operating Expense to \$1.9 million in 3Q22 from \$3.7 million in 2Q22. The Company expects to continue to experience sequential improvement as it targets to eliminate monthly burn by year end.

- Sezzle Premium Update. The Company's new premium subscription offering (launched in June) has been well received by consumers, with over 82,000 active subscribers as of 20 September 2022. Subscribers' top destinations are Amazon, Instacart, and Walmart.
- **Payment Convenience Fee.** In September, Sezzle began implementing convenience fees in test markets for U.S. consumers that prefer to use a debit or credit card for installment payments 2-4 for the Company's core pay-in-four product. Convenience fees are expected to be fully rolled out during 4Q22.

This August business update has been approved by the Company's Executive Chairman and CEO, Charlie Youakim, on behalf of the Sezzle Inc. Board.

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