

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 22, 2026

QuantumScape Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-39345

(Commission File Number)

85-0796578
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**1730 Technology Drive,
San Jose, California**
(Address of principal executive offices)

95110
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 452-2000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	QS	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 22, 2026, QuantumScape Corporation (the “Company”) announced its business and financial results for its first quarter of 2026, which ended March 31. A copy of the Company’s Shareholder Letter is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On April 22, 2026, the Company issued a press release announcing the release of its business and financial results. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in this Item 2.02 and in the accompanying Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits.**

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1*	Letter to Shareholders – Q1 Fiscal 2026 dated April 22, 2026
99.2*	Press Release dated April 22, 2026
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

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

QUANTUMSCAPE CORPORATION

Date: April 22, 2026

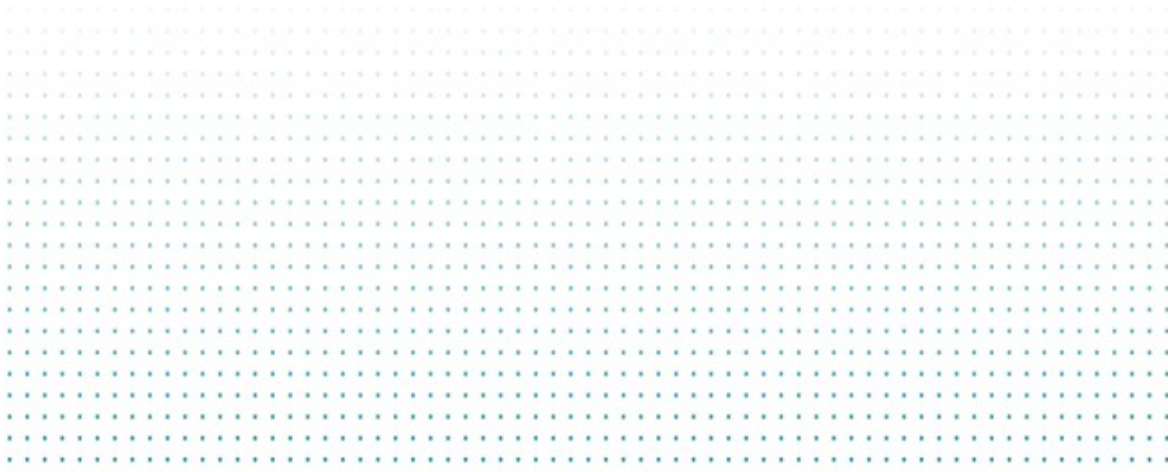
By: _____ /s/ Kevin Hettrich
Kevin Hettrich
Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)



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Letter to Shareholders

April 22, 2026



Dear shareholders,

We're excited to provide an update on our activities over the past quarter.

Eagle Line Update

Eagle Line is our highly automated pilot production line to demonstrate scalable production of our solid-state lithium-metal battery technology. In Q1, we completed installation of the Eagle Line and commenced start-up operations. We are producing initial volumes of QSE-5 cells, and we have been working to continuously improve all aspects of Eagle Line functionality, such as equipment uptime, line throughput, control systems, data integration and process stability.

We have been integrating advanced AI models into the Eagle Line, and we have seen **substantive progress on cell quality and reliability**. Combined with sophisticated in-line metrology, we have improved real-time control to enable enhanced cell performance. We believe that the increased capacity of the Eagle Line will help drive a virtuous cycle of higher data volume, more rapid learning cycles and increasing production quality.

In addition to demonstrating scalable production, Eagle Line will help enable customer shipments of QSE-5 cells. **In Q2 we plan to ramp QSE-5 cell production** to support customer programs across automotive and other applications.



Automated production equipment on the Eagle Line

Commercial Update

Automotive

Development work for EV applications remains our core focus and our largest source of customer billings. We continue to work closely with the Volkswagen Group's PowerCo as we advance through the phases of our automotive commercialization roadmap. The next phase is field testing: cells from the Eagle Line will be put through a demanding set of real-world test conditions, and the customer feedback will be used to learn and iterate.

Beyond our work with Volkswagen, **in Q1 we shipped cells to an automotive JDA partner for testing.** We continue to work through our two JDAs with Top-10 global automotive OEMs to bring our solid-state lithium-metal technology into their vehicle programs.

In addition, **this quarter we successfully completed our technology evaluation with another Top-10 global automotive OEM customer.** As part of this evaluation, their engineers performed hands-on evaluation of our technology and ran competitive benchmarking tests against other solid-state technology approaches. With the success of the technology evaluation, we are moving into the next phase of this engagement: joint development activities with the ultimate goal of deploying QS technology in their automotive and other applications.

QS Ecosystem

The QS ecosystem is the cornerstone of our capital-light business model. By teaming up with world-class companies across the value chain, we can bring our technology to global scale faster and more efficiently. These alliances are a force multiplier for our commercialization efforts as we distribute our technology know-how to trusted partners.

We continue to work closely with both Murata Manufacturing and Corning on scaling up production of our solid ceramic separator using our groundbreaking Cobra process. QS engineers are holding regular technical meetings with Murata and Corning across multiple parallel workstreams as we work to develop and build the global value chain necessary for GWh-scale production of QS technology to serve automotive and other customers.

Our ecosystem partners are also investing in QS-proprietary hardware and systems to produce our ceramic separator, and we see this as a clear sign of their commitment to our ecosystem as well as a source of customer billings. **In Q1 we recorded our first customer billings from our ecosystem.**



"We're optimistic that we can help customers deliver a better battery at a competitive price. That's huge – not just for EVs, but for consumer electronics, medical devices, military applications, and even grid storage applications. The demand for batteries is growing exponentially. We're excited to bring our solutions to the forefront."

- Jamie Huang-Chu,
Program Director of Energy Materials,
Corning Incorporated

New Markets

In addition to our automotive business, **we are ramping up our engagements in new markets**. We believe our high performance solid-state design has compelling attributes to address the evolving energy-storage needs of AI data centers, where conventional lithium-ion technology faces safety and performance limitations. Driven by massive compute demand, data centers are transitioning to 800V DC designs and adopting power systems architecture and technology from the electric vehicle industry. We see this as a natural fit for our no-compromise solid-state battery. In-rack energy storage and power delivery for AI data centers is a large and fast-growing market, and the higher energy density of our battery technology can enable increased compute density of AI data centers.

In addition, we have seen strong customer interest in our battery technology from global players in the military, aerospace and government sectors. Our battery technology unlocks step-change improvements to both energy density and power simultaneously; combined with the superior safety of our solid-state design, this is a highly attractive combination for these advanced applications. Our anode-free architecture also has supply-chain benefits. Conventional lithium-ion batteries require graphite that is almost exclusively sourced from China. In contrast, our battery design is graphite-free, eliminating a major pain point for defense applications.



Ross Niebergall

This quarter we welcomed experienced defense executive Dr. Ross Niebergall to our board of directors. He has decades of experience leading R&D and technology commercialization in defense applications for defense primes including L3Harris and Raytheon. He holds a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Notre Dame.

"QS technology has the potential to be a transformative force across many different applications. I'm excited to join the board and help guide the company through the next stages of its commercialization journey."



Mark Maybury

In addition, we added Dr. Mark Maybury, former Chief Scientist of the U.S. Air Force, to our strategic advisory board. He currently serves as Vice President, Commercialization at Lockheed Martin. He holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Cambridge with a focus on artificial intelligence.

"QuantumScape's battery technology offers compelling advantages for both industrial and defense applications – from superior energy density and faster charging to enhanced safety in demanding operational environments. I'm excited to join QuantumScape's advisory board and support the commercialization of its groundbreaking solid-state battery technology."

Financial Outlook

GAAP operating expenses and GAAP net loss in Q1 were \$109.2M and \$100.8M respectively. Adjusted EBITDA loss was \$63.2M in Q1, in line with expectations. For full-year 2026, we reiterate our Adjusted EBITDA loss guidance of between \$250M and \$275M. A table reconciling GAAP net loss and Adjusted EBITDA is available in the financial statement at the end of this shareholder letter.

Capital expenditures in the first quarter were \$10.0M. Q1 capex was primarily composed of final payments related to the Eagle Line. For full-year 2026, we reiterate our capex guidance of between \$40M and \$60M.

Customer billings for Q1 were \$11.0M, representing a mix of customer development activities and ecosystem partner payments. Customer billings as a metric represents the total value of all invoices issued by QS to our customers and partners in the period, regardless of accounting treatment. As a reminder, customer billings may vary from quarter to quarter due to fluctuations in activity as we progress through various phases of engagement. "Customer billings" is a key operational metric meant to give insight into customer activity and future cash inflows. The metric is not a substitute for revenue under U.S. GAAP. We ended Q1 with \$904.7M in liquidity and will remain prudent with our strong balance sheet going forward.

As always, we encourage investors to read more on our financial information, business outlook, and risk factors in our quarterly and annual SEC filings on our investor relations website.

Strategic Outlook

Today, the world's energy system is experiencing rapid change. The way we produce, store and use energy is undergoing a once-in-a-century transformation. From electric vehicles and AI data centers to grid storage, drones and aerospace, the future of the world economy is being built on electrotech.

To give just one example: the speed of change and growth in the AI data center market is breathtaking. The technology of the past is struggling to keep up, and innovations in energy storage are essential to this transformational change. Thanks to our years of careful planning, consistent execution and constancy of vision, QS is in the middle of this electrotech story.

From geopolitical disruptions to the energy system and supply chain risks for critical materials to the explosive growth of electrification across the world economy, the tailwinds for our technology have never been stronger. We believe we have the differentiated technology, world-class team, ecosystem partners and customer relationships to capitalize on this revolution.

Even as we tackle the challenges still ahead, we are motivated by a market opportunity that is global in scale and growing every day. We look forward to updating you on our progress over the months to come.



Dr. Siva Sivaram
President, CEO and Director



Kevin Hettrich
CFO

QuantumScape Corporation
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)
(In Thousands)

	March 31, 2026	December 31, 2025
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 145,068	\$ 230,524
Marketable securities	759,636	740,283
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,178	10,835
Total current assets	915,882	981,642
Property and equipment, net	240,213	251,449
Right-of-use assets - operating lease	33,207	34,078
Right-of-use assets - finance lease	23,919	19,394
Other assets	15,870	21,593
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,229,091</u>	<u>\$ 1,308,156</u>
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,361	\$ 11,819
Accrued liabilities	15,417	14,521
Accrued compensation and benefits	12,463	26,969
Operating lease liability, short-term	4,852	4,653
Finance lease liability, short-term	3,675	3,584
Total current liabilities	43,768	61,546
Operating lease liability, long-term	33,337	34,481
Finance lease liability, long-term	27,320	28,282
Other liabilities	15,000	14,874
Total liabilities	119,425	139,183
Total stockholders' equity	1,109,666	1,168,973
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,229,091</u>	<u>\$ 1,308,156</u>

QuantumScape Corporation
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss (Unaudited)
(In Thousands, Except per Share Amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2026	2025
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	\$ 84,570	\$ 95,589
General and administrative	24,609	27,986
Total operating expenses	109,179	123,575
Loss from operations	(109,179)	(123,575)
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense	(478)	(528)
Interest income	8,890	9,769
Other income (expense)	(25)	80
Loss before income taxes	(100,792)	(114,254)
Income tax (provision) benefit	(7)	(169)
Net loss	(100,799)	(114,423)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(1,028)	(328)
Total comprehensive loss	(101,827)	(114,751)
Basic and Diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.21)
Basic and Diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding	611,013	548,006

QuantumScape Corporation
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)
(In Thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2026	2025
Operating activities		
Net loss	\$ (100,799)	\$ (114,423)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	14,760	18,335
Amortization of right-of-use assets and non-cash lease expense	2,554	2,046
Accretion of discounts on marketable securities	(4,498)	(5,048)
Stock-based compensation expense	30,509	40,639
Other	454	40
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets and other assets	(412)	472
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and accrued compensation and benefits	(880)	(1,532)
Operating lease liability and other liabilities	(1,199)	(1,278)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(59,511)</u>	<u>(60,749)</u>
Investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(9,980)	(5,835)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	231,953	281,220
Purchases of marketable securities	(247,836)	(213,352)
Other	174	—
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(25,689)</u>	<u>62,033</u>
Financing activities		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	614	11,182
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs paid	—	1,007
Principal payment for finance lease	(870)	(784)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(256)</u>	<u>11,405</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(85,456)	12,689
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	244,179	158,914
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	<u>\$ 158,723</u>	<u>\$ 171,603</u>
Supplemental disclosure		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 478	\$ 528
Purchases of property and equipment, not yet paid	\$ 3,905	\$ 4,624
Common stock issuance costs, not yet paid	\$ —	\$ 110

Net Loss to Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP supplemental measure of operating performance that does not represent and should not be considered an alternative to operating loss or cash flow from operations, as determined by GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) before interest expense, income tax expense, non-controlling interest, revaluations, impairments, stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization expense, and other non-recurring charges. We use Adjusted EBITDA to measure the operating performance of our business, excluding specifically identified items that we do not believe directly reflect our core operations and may not be indicative of our recurring operations. Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures provided by other companies due to potential differences in methods of calculations. A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net loss is as follows:

(\$ in Thousands) (unaudited)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2026	2025
GAAP net loss attributable to Common Stockholders	\$ (100,799)	\$ (114,423)
Interest expense (income), net	(8,412)	(9,241)
Other expense (income), net	25	(80)
Income tax provision (benefit)	7	169
Stock-based compensation	30,509	40,639
Non-GAAP operating loss	\$ (78,670)	\$ (82,936)
Depreciation and amortization expense(1)	15,425	18,376
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (63,245)	\$ (64,560)

(1) Depreciation and amortization expense for the three months ended March 31, 2026 includes immaterial accelerated depreciation and write-off of property and equipment no longer in use.

Management's Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This letter includes certain non-GAAP financial measures as defined by SEC rules. These non-GAAP financial measures are in addition to, and not a substitute for or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. There are a number of limitations related to the use of these non-GAAP financial measures versus their nearest GAAP equivalents. For example, other companies may calculate non-GAAP financial measures differently or may use other measures to evaluate their performance, all of which could reduce the usefulness of our non-GAAP financial measures as tools for comparison. We urge you to review the reconciliations of our non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures set forth in this letter, and not to rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.

Forward-Looking Statements

This letter contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the federal securities laws based on management’s current expectations, assumptions, and available information about future events as of the date of this letter. All statements, other than historical facts, including those about the Company’s anticipated commercial and operational milestones, financial outlook, and strategic objectives, particularly concerning its battery technology development, benefits and performance, collaborations and partnerships, market expansion and goals, including the scaling of the Eagle Line and Cobra process, automotive and licensing commercialization strategies, expansion into new applications, including AI data centers, military, aerospace, and government applications, and the 2026 technology roadmap, among others, are forward-looking statements. Words like “may,” “will,” “can,” “estimate,” “permit,” “expect,” “plan,” “believe,” “designed to,” “seek,” “allow,” “focus,” “potential,” “target,” “forecast,” “should,” “would,” “could,” “continue,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “enable,” “work toward,” “prospective,” “future,” “up to,” “outlook,” and the negative of such terms and other similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, though not all forward-looking statements include these words.

These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties, and assumptions, including but not limited to, the following: **Technological development risks**, including significant delays or technical challenges replicating and scaling performance from earlier low-volume sample cells, achieving the quality, consistency, reliability, safety, cost, and throughput required for commercial production, developing a cell architecture meeting all technical requirements and customer expectations, or achieving further advancements beyond the QSE-5 platform or meeting the requirements of our technology roadmap; **Production risks**, including encountered or potential delays, unforeseen technical issues, and other obstacles in developing, acquiring, installing, and operating new equipment for automated or continuous flow processes like Cobra and the Eagle Line, including vendor delays, supply chain disruptions, and challenges in demonstrating scalable cell output on the Eagle Line or achieving the efficiencies necessary to support customer integration; **Personnel risks**, including potential delays and cost overruns in hiring and retaining the talent needed to expand development and production, including under the amended Collaboration Agreement with PowerCo; **Infrastructure and supply chain risks**, including challenges building out or scaling the Eagle Line and establishing supply relationships for required materials, components, or equipment, including in contract manufacturing relationships; **Commercialization risks**, where delays in increasing sample production have previously slowed our development, and such delays could affect our sample delivery and delay or prevent successful demonstration, commercialization of our products, field testing, tailored product solutions for vehicle programs, entry into the IP License Agreement with PowerCo, or engagement with new partners across the battery value chain; **Risks related to our relationship with Volkswagen and PowerCo**, which could adversely affect our business and future prospects, including potential delays, difficulties, and technical challenges collaborating to industrialize our battery technology; **Milestone and licensing risks**, including delays or difficulties meeting technical milestones, particularly those linked to program payments or required to trigger entry into the IP License Agreement and royalty prepayment, or difficulties in achieving the performance, quality, consistency, reliability, safety, cost and throughput required for commercial production and sale, scaling up the Eagle Line as a manufacturing blueprint to enable licensing partners to successfully bring our technology to gigawatt-hour scale in their own facilities, or readying our technology platform for transfer to prospective licensees, any of which could cause prospective customers and partners not to purchase cells or license our technology; **Operational and commercial restrictions**, as certain agreements and relationships currently or may in the future restrict our operations, commercialization, and revenue; **Partnership and collaboration risks**, as while our collaboration with Murata Manufacturing, Corning Incorporated, and other partners across the battery value chain could accelerate industrialization of our solid-state battery technology, there is no assurance these engagements, including investment in QS-proprietary hardware and systems, will progress beyond initial phases or achieve intended outcomes; **Cost control risks**, including the inability to control costs tied to our operations and the components needed to build solid-state battery cells at competitive prices; **Financial risks**, including exceeding current spend expectations, requiring additional fundraising, including in public markets, which may dilute our investors’ ownership, or related to our customer billings, such as disputes or delays in payments and the consistency of billings; **Market and economic risks**, including the inability to successfully adapt our technology for or penetrate new high-value markets beyond the automotive sector, including AI data centers, military, aerospace, and government applications, many of which remain at an early stage of customer engagement, with no assurance that customer interest will convert to development agreements, purchase commitments, or revenue, difficulties from changes in our economic and financial conditions, market conditions affecting demand for our technology, regulatory changes or changes to broader economic conditions, among other factors, potentially hindering success in the battery industry or undermining confidence in our long-term business among partners and customers; **Competition risks** from major manufacturers, automotive OEMs, and new entrants, including conventional lithium-ion battery suppliers, in developing and commercializing solid-state battery technology; and **Intellectual property risks**, where the inability to protect or assert our intellectual property could harm our business and competitive position.

The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their date. Except as required by law, we disclaim any duty to update forward-looking statements. If assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and projections could differ materially from those in forward looking statements. Additional information about these and other factors that could materially affect our actual results can be found in our SEC filings, available at www.sec.gov.

QuantumScape Reports First Quarter 2026 Business and Financial Results

SAN JOSE, Calif. – April 22, 2026 – QuantumScape Corporation (NASDAQ: QS), a global leader in next-generation solid-state lithium-metal battery technology, today announced its business and financial results for the first quarter of 2026, which ended March 31.

The company posted a letter to shareholders on its Investor Relations website, ir.quantumscape.com, that details first-quarter financial results and provides a business update.

QuantumScape will host a live webcast today at 2 p.m. Pacific Time (5 p.m. Eastern Time), accessible via its IR Events page. Siva Sivaram, chief executive officer, and Kevin Hettrich, chief financial officer, will participate on the call.

An archive of the webcast will be available shortly after the call for 12 months.

About QuantumScape Corporation

QuantumScape is on a mission to revolutionize energy storage to enable a sustainable future. The company's next-generation batteries are designed to enable greater energy density, faster charging and enhanced safety to support the transition away from legacy energy sources toward a lower carbon future. For more information, visit www.quantumscape.com.

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