

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

November 28, 2023

Par Chadha Executive Chairman Exela Technologies, Inc. 2701 E. Grauwyler Rd. Irving, TX 75061

> Re: Exela Technologies, Inc. Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 Response dated November 15, 2023 File No. 001-36788

Dear Par Chadha:

We have reviewed your November 15, 2023 response to our comment letter and have the following comments.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe a comment applies to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to this letter, we may have additional comments. Unless we note otherwise, any references to prior comments are to comments in our October 16, 2023 letter.

## Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

<u>Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>
<u>Note Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures, page 51</u>

1. We note your response to prior comment 1. Please quantify for us the amounts that represent process improvement and/or strategic initiatives from the amounts that represent integration costs from actions such as the merger of software platforms included in what you refer to as "Optimization" in the response and the "Transaction and integration costs" and "Contract costs" line items in your reconciliation on page 52. Please further explain to us the nature of the amounts for the years presented addressing why these costs are not critical to your operations, revenue generating activities and business strategy and thus represent normal, recurring, cash operating expenses necessary to operate your business. Also, operating expenses that occurs repeatedly or occasionally, including at irregular intervals, are considered recurring. Refer to Question 100.01 of the Non-GAAP

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Financial Measures Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations. To the extent you are using Adjusted EBITDA as a liquidity measure in accordance with your debt agreements, please tell us your consideration of beginning your reconciliation with cash flows from operating activities and including the disclosures in Question 102.09 of the Non-GAAP Financial Measures Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations where you present this measure.

- 2. We note your response to prior comment 2. Please explain in further detail the nature of the related "indirect costs."
- 3. We note your response to comment 2 in our letter dated September 6, 2023. Please explain the nature of the costs included in the "Employee severance and retention bonus" line item. Address whether the costs relate to a formal restructuring plan or acquisition. Please explain the nature of the costs included in the "System establishment and integration/transition costs" line item. Please quantify for us the amounts that represent process improvement and/or strategic initiatives from the amounts that represent integration costs from actions such as the merger of software platforms. For all the items addressed in this comment, please further explain to us why these costs are not critical to your operations, revenue generating activities and business strategy and thus represent normal, recurring, cash operating expenses necessary to operate your business. Refer to Question 100.01 of the Non-GAAP Financial Measures Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations.

Please contact Tony Watson at 202-551-3318 or Adam Phippen at 202-551-3336 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters.

Sincerely,

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