

# SurgePays, Inc.

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Strong Q1 revenue growth and maintained very strong 2022 guidance. We expect high growth and spin-off over the next year to be positive for stock. Raising P/T to \$8.50.

# COMPANY UPDATE

**Rating: BUY** 

Ticker: SURG

Price: \$4.93

Target: \$8.50

(from \$8.00)

Strong Q1 revenue growth: SurgePays recently (on May 16) reported its fiscal Q1 2022 (ending March) results. Revenue was \$21 million (+92% y-o-y), compared to our estimates of \$19 million and consensus of \$25 million. EPS was \$(0.10), compared to our estimate of \$(0.05) and consensus of \$(0.04).

**Strong growth in wireless:** The company currently has ~125,000 subscribers to its mobile wireless program, which is up significantly from 30,000 at the end of Q4, and 7,000 at the end of Q3.

Strong EBB growth: The company reported very strong Q1 revenues for its EBB program of ~\$14 million, which is up significantly from Q4 revenues of ~\$6 million. SurgePays's mobile broadband business has gone from zero to ~\$5 million in monthly revenue in about 9 months (when the program originally launched in August 2021). SurgePays expects strong EBB growth in 2022 with a goal of achieving over 200,000 subscriber activations (up from 30,000 subscribers at the end of December 2021). The recent acquisition of Torch Wireless allows SurgePays to sell its EBB program in all 50 states.

**Strong 2022 guidance:** The company maintained very strong 2022 guidance for revenue of \$130 million (+155%) and EBITDA of \$15 million.

Maintaining estimates: We are maintaining our 2022 estimates for revenue of \$130 million, and for EPS of \$1.02.

Focused on large growth opportunities: The company is meeting the needs of underserved markets by offering financial technology, telecommunications, and retail products for customers at local retailers in their communities. It offers prepaid wireless and underbanked financial products and services, along with popular consumer goods, to retail merchants (mainly operators of convenience stores (C-stores)) that address the needs of store customers nationwide.

Large market potential: There are ~68 million adults in the U.S. that are underbanked. Many of these adults are conveniently located near C-stores where they can shop and acquire telecom and fintech products. This represents a significant market opportunity for SurgePays's telecom and fintech products, as well as its distribution products.

**Spin-off to unlock value:** In February 2021, the company filed a Form S-1 registration statement with the SEC for the planned sale of ~25% of LogicsIQ shares to the public (IPO). LogicsIQ will remain a majority-owned subsidiary of SurgePays. The exact details and timing of the spinoff/IPO will be determined later though the company has stated that the process is progressing well.

**Positive risks versus rewards:** Overall, concerns outweighed by growth prospects and valuation. We believe the demand for SurgePays's retail and fintech products and services will grow fueled by continued strong industry growth and advances in these industries. We believe the "billion dollars market potentials presents high rewards for the risks.

**Valuation attractive:** We are maintaining our BUY rating, but raising our 12-month price target to \$8.50 from \$8.00, based on a NPV analysis, representing significant upside from the current share price. We believe this valuation appropriately balances out the company's risks with the company's high growth prospects and large upside opportunities.

## **Company Description**

SurgePays, based in Bartlett, TN, is a technology company that offers retail, telecom, and fintech products for retailers in the underbanked community.

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# Stock Data

Exchange:	NasdaqCM
52-week Range:	1.76 - 9.00
Shares Outstanding (million):	12
Market cap (\$million):	\$59
EV (\$million):	\$64
Debt (\$million):	\$8
Cash (\$million):	\$3
Avg. Daily Trading Vol. (\$million):	\$1
Float (million shares):	8
Short Interest (million shares):	0.4
Dividend, annual (yield):	\$0 (NA%)

#### Revenues (US\$ million)

	2022E	2022E	2023E	2023E
	(Cur.)	(Old)	(Cur.)	(Old)
Q1 Mar	21A	19E	51E	48E
Q2 Jun	27E	28E	45E	48E
Q3 Sep	36E		51E	
Q4 Dec	<u>46E</u>		<u>53E</u>	
Total	130E		200E	
EV/Revs	0.5x		0.3x	

#### Earnings per Share (pro forma)

	<u>2022E</u> (Cur.)	<u>2022E</u> (Old)	2023E (Cur.)	2023E (Old)
Q1 Mar	(0.10)A	(0.05)E	0.39E	0.36E
Q2 Jun	0.06E	0.14E	0.41E	0.43E
Q3 Sep	0.39E	0.33E	0.53E	
Q4 Dec	<u>0.65E</u>	<u>0.59E</u>	<u>0.57E</u>	<u>0.58E</u>
Total	1.02E		1.90E	
P/E	5x		3x	

#### **Important Disclosures**

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#### **OVERVIEW**

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- EPS was \$(0.10), compared to our estimate of \$(0.05) and consensus of \$(0.04).
- There was no Q1 guidance.
- The company maintained very strong 2022 guidance for revenue of \$130 million (+155%) and EBITDA of \$15 million.
- We are maintaining our 2022 estimates for revenue of \$130 million, and for EPS of \$1.02.
- We are maintaining our 2023 estimates for revenue of \$200 million, and for EPS of \$1.90.

#### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- Gross profit for the quarter was \$2.6 million, compared with our estimate of \$3.1 million.
- Gross margin for the quarter was 12%, versus our expectation of 16% and 10% last year.
- Operating expenses were \$3.7 million, versus our expectation of \$3.5 million.
- Operating loss was \$1.1 million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$0.4 million.
- Net loss was \$1.2 million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$0.7 million.
- In November 2021, the company's stock was uplisted to the Nasdaq Capital Market (from OTCQB).
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- In April, the company announced the acquisition of Torch Wireless, a provider of wireless broadband with the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) in a cash and limited royalties deal. The purchase price was ~\$800,000.

The company's balance sheet had \$3 million in cash and \$8 million in debt, compared with \$6 million in cash and \$7 million in debt at the end of December. In November 2021, the company raised \$20 million (selling 4.6 million shares at \$4.30/share).



# **Exhibit 1: SurgePays Overview**

# **Corporate Overview**

SurgePays is a technology and telecom company focused on underbanked and underserved communities.

SurgePhone and Torch wireless provide mobile broadband to over 100,000 low-income households nationwide producing *high margin* and recurring revenue – *Target* > *200,000 subscribers in 2022* 

SurgePays fintech platform utilizes a suite of financial and prepaid products to convert corner stores and bodegas into tech-hubs for underbanked neighborhoods.

Surge NASDAQ: S	
Share Price <sup>1</sup>	\$3.88
Market Cap <sup>1</sup>	\$47.0M
2021 Revenue	\$51.1M
Shares Outstanding <sup>3</sup>	12.1M
Float	6.8M
Insider Holdings	50%
Headquarters	Bartlett, TN

Source: Company reports.

### Exhibit 2: SurgePays's LogicsIQ and CenterCom



An enterprise software development company providing marketing business intelligence ("BI"), mass tort legal action client generation and case load management solutions for law firms. Intake Logics is our proprietary cloud-based customer relationship management (CRM) software built to deliver optimal results converting leaders to signed retainer cases.

Subsidiaries And Assets



Bilingual operations center providing sales support, customer service, IT support, graphic design, software development, revenue assurance, lead generation, and other various operational services. CenterCom creates a competitive advantage – namely, highly scalable and cost-efficient human capital while enabling Spanish-as-first language support for the exploding Hispanics store market.



## **Exhibit 3: SurgePays Investment Highlights**

# **Investment Highlights & Guidance**

- Revenue over \$130,000,000 annualized revenue for 2022 by Q4
- Mobile Broadband 2022: Over 200,000 subscribers with revenue of over \$75 million
  - Currently 100,000 subscribers @ \$30 reoccurring with 60% margin
- · Fintech: 8,000 stores currently transacting on the SurgePays platform
  - Building a national in-house sales team for adding stores
- "De-risked" investment: SurgePays is providing essential services to a segment not directly affected by inflation or recession
- CEO is largest shareholder.
- Significant growth expected in 2022 and beyond without a need for big dilution capital raises - not burning cash

Source: Company reports.

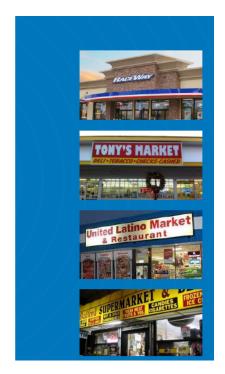
## **Exhibit 4: SurgePays Market Opportunity**

# **Market Opportunity**

## 100 Million Adults in the U.S. are Underbanked<sup>1</sup>

- · Residents of low-income neighborhoods visit c-stores five or more times per week due to proximity, convenience, and a lack of other stores in the neighborhood<sup>2</sup>
- · Underbanked generally rely on local retailers to fill the financial services gap that leaves many families operating on a cash basis
- · There are over 74,000,000 prepaid wireless subscribers in the U.S. with most paying for service (top-up) in person3
- · The Hispanic population has increased to more than 63.6 million representing over \$2 trillion in consumer spending4
- 30% of Florida (6.4M households) qualify for subsidized mobile broadband<sup>5</sup>







**Exhibit 5: SurgePays Wireless** 

# **B2C:** SurgePhone & Torch Wireless

### **Mobile Broadband Providers**

- Launched SurgePhone Mobile Broadband in August 2021
- Affordable Connectivity Program ("ACP") is a Federal program to help qualifying families and households to afford internet service
- Over 65,000 subscribers in 14 states = \$5 mil/month revenue
- Acquisition of Torch Wireless in April 2022 expanded availability to <u>all</u>
   <u>50 states</u>







 Program consists of reimbursing up to \$100 of the cost of LTE tablet and \$30 per month with a <u>lucrative 60% margin</u>

Month	Total Subscribers*	Revenue Generated	
August	800	\$115,212	
September	7,000	\$1,057,294	
October	13,000	\$1,369,872	
November	19,000	\$1,680,790	
December	30,000	\$2,901,100	
January	45,000	\$3,794,710	
February	63,000	\$5,041,240	

<sup>\*</sup>Rounded

April 19, 2022



# SurgePays Passes 100,000 Mobile Broadband Subscribers

### **Acquisition of Torch Wireless Expands Growth Potential**

BARTLETT, Tenn., April 19, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- SurgePays, Inc. (Nasdaq: SURG) ("SurgePays" or the "Company"), a technology and telecommunications company focused on the underbanked and underserved, announces continued growth in its mobile broadband subscriber business SurgePhone Wireless LLC ("SurgePhone"), the Company's wholly owned subsidiary.

"The acquisition of Torch Wireless is helping to kick our mobile wireless business growth into overdrive. We are now licensed to sell this program in all 50 states, and we believe the warmer spring months will provide even greater opportunities to sign up new customers. We have surpassed 100,000 subscribers since last August and expect the next 100,000 subscribers to sign up over a much shorter timeframe," said Chairman and CEO, Brian Cox.



# **Exhibit 6: SurgePays FinTech Suite**

# FinTech Suite

SurgePays fintech platform utilizes a suite of financial and prepaid products to convert corner stores and bodegas into tech-hubs for underbanked neighborhoods.

# **Dynamic Processing Solution Enables:**













Web based Portal or Verifone Terminal

Wireless Plan Payments Wholesale e-Commerce Platform Sell Bitcoin

Gift Cards

Debit Card Reload



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Check Cashing Software Load Amazon Cash Load iGaming Apps Activate Prepaid Wireless SIMs Utility Bill Payment Load Toll & Transit



## **Exhibit 7: SurgePays Growth Strategy**

# **Growth Strategies**

# Organic

- Enable stores to provide a full suite of financial services to the underbanked and underserved
- Increase mobile broadband subscriber base
- · Improve cash to digital conversion accessibility
- · Build national sales team to grow number of stores

# Acquisitions

- Acquire distributor networks with an existing footprint of independently owned stores to add to our national network of community stores
- Acquire companies with complimentary products to add to our suite of underbanked financial or prepaid products





Over 8,000 Stores on the SurgePays Network

# Organic

- Expanding our network of retail locations
- In-house national sales team
- Utilizing Independent Sales Organizations
- Increase SurgePhone
  Wireless national footprint

# **Acquisitions**

- Acquire existing fintech companies with an existing network of stores
- Acquire manufacturers of products that are either currently sold to our retail stores, or regionally established companies that we can take nationwide

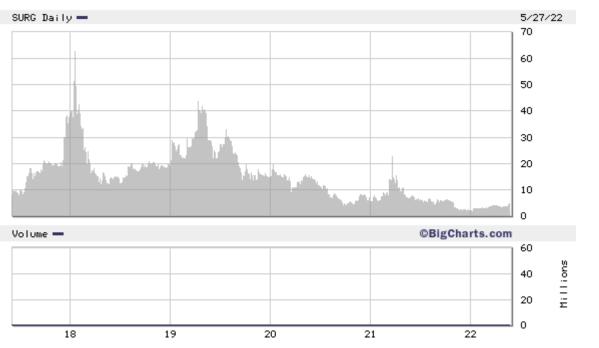
Source: Company reports.

Growth

**Strategies** 







Source: https://bigcharts.marketwatch.com/

Exhibit 9:	Consensus	<b>Expectations</b>	(as of Ma	y 16, 2022)
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	Revenue (mils) 2022E	2023 <u>E</u>		<b>EPS</b> 2022E	2023E
Q1 Mar	\$25E		Q1 Mar	\$(0.04)E	
Q2 Jun	\$29E		Q2 Jun	\$0.15E	
Q3 Sep			Q3 Sep		
Q4 Dec			Q4 Dec		
Total	\$130E	\$177E	Total	\$1.19E	\$2.91E

<sup>\*</sup>Quarterly estimates may not add to annual estimates due to variations in contributing estimates and rounding.

Source: Company report, Refinitiv, and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



# **FINANCIAL MODEL**

SurgePays Inc.

ncome Statement (\$ mils)	2018	2019	Mar-20			Dec-20	2020		Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	2021			Sep-22		2022			Sep-23	Dec-23	2023
iscal Year End: December 31	FY-A	FY-A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	FY-A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A*	FY-A	Q1A	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY-E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY-E
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Total Revenue	15.2	25.7	15.8	14.5	12.8	11.3	54.4	11.0	11.4	14.5	14.2	51.1	21.1	26.5	36.3	46.0	130.0	51.2	45.1	50.9	52.9	200.
Cost of Revenues	8.6	20.3	15.1	14.4	11.2	11.3	51.9	9.9	10.1	12.6	12.3	44.9	18.5	21.7	27.6	33.4	101.2	37.9	32.9	36.6	37.6	145.
Gross Profit	6.7	5.4	0.7	0.1	1.6	0.0	2.5	1.1	1.3	1.9	1.8	6.2	2.6	4.8	8.7	12.7	28.8	13.3	12.2	14.2	15.3	55.
Gloss Front	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.1	1.0	0.0	2.0		1.0	1.5	1.0	0.2	2.0	4.0	0.7	12.7	20.0	10.0	12.2	14.2	10.0	55.
Depreciation and amortization	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.2				0.2					0.0					0.
Selling, general and administr	8.1	13.0	3.2	3.9	2.9	1.4	11.4	3.0	2.7	2.3	3.9	11.9	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.1	15.2	8.2	6.8	7.1	7.6	29
Restructuring and other							0.0					0.0					0.0					0
Total operating expenses	8.2	13.2	3.5	4.2	3.2	1.7	12.6	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.9	12.2	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.1	15.2	8.2	6.8	7.1	7.6	29
Operating income (loss)	(1.5)	(7.8)	(2.8)	(4.0)	(1.6)	(1.7)	(10.1)	(2.1)	(1.4)	(0.4)	(2.1)	(6.0)	(1.1)	1.1	5.1	8.5	13.6	5.1	5.4	7.1	7.8	25
Interest income (expense)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.5)	(0.7)	(1.2)	(1.0)	(3.4)	(1.3)	(2.1)	(1.2)	(2.9)	(7.5)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(1.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0
Other income (expense)	0.2	(0.5)	0.2	2.3	0.3	0.0	2.8	(1.4)	3.3	(0.0)	(1.9)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<u>c</u>
Income before income taxes	(1.5)	(8.4)	(3.1)	(2.4)	(2.5)	(2.7)	(10.7)	(4.8)	(0.2)	(1.7)	(6.8)	(13.5)	(1.2)	0.8	4.8	8.2	12.6	4.9	5.2	6.9	7.5	24
Income taxes	0.1						0.0					0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<u>c</u>
Net income (loss)	(1.5)	(8.4)	(3.1)	(2.4)	(2.5)	(2.7)	(10.7)	(4.8)	(0.2)	(1.7)	(6.8)	(13.5)	(1.2)	0.8	4.8	8.2	12.6	4.9	5.2	6.9	7.5	24
Nonrecurring/noncash adjustme Net income (pro forma)	nts (1.5)	(8.4)	(3.1)	(2.4)	(2.5)	(2.7)	0.0 (10.7)	(4.8)	(0.2)	(1.7)	(6.8)	0.0 (13.5)	(1.2)	0.8	4.8	8.2	0.0 <b>12.6</b>	4.9	5.2	6.9	7.5	24
Net income (pro forma)	(1.5)	(0.4)	(3.1)	(2.4)	(2.3)	(2.1)	(10.7)	(4.0)	(0.2)	(1.7)	(0.0)	(13.3)	(1.2)	0.0	4.0	0.2	12.0	4.5	3.2	0.5	1.5	_ ~
EBITDA	(1.2)	(7.2)	(2.4)	(3.6)	(1.2)	(0.9)	(8.1)	(1.8)	(1.2)	(0.2)	(0.7)	(3.9)	(0.9)	1.3	5.3	8.7	14.4	5.3	5.6	7.3	8.0	26
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Shares, Basic	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	8.7	4.4	12.1	12.2	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	12
Shares, Diluted	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.3	8.7	4.4	12.1	12.2	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	12
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EPS Basic (pro forma)	(\$0.94)	(\$4.39)	٠, ,		(\$1.09)	. ,	(\$5.02)	**	,	(\$0.51)	(\$0.79)	(\$3.09)	(\$0.10)	\$0.06	\$0.39	\$0.65	\$1.02	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.53	\$0.57	\$1.
EPS Diluted (pro forma)	(\$0.94)	(\$4.39)	(\$1.47)	(\$1.14)	(\$1.09)	(\$1.15)	(\$5.02)	(\$1.85)	(\$0.07)	(\$0.51)	(\$0.79)	(\$3.09)	(\$0.10)	\$0.06	\$0.39	\$0.65	\$1.02	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.53	\$0.57	\$1.
Margins																						
Gross margin	44%	21%	5%	1%	12%	0%	5%	10%	12%	13%	13%	12%	12%	18%	24%	28%	22%	26%	27%	28%	29%	2
Selling, general and administr	53%	50%	20%	27%	23%	13%	21%	27%	24%	16%	28%	23%	17%	14%	10%	9%	12%	16%	15%	14%	14%	1
Operating margin	-10%	-30%	-18%	-28%	-13%	-15%	-19%	-19%	-12%	-3%	-15%	-12%	-5%	4%	14%	19%	10%	10%	12%	14%	15%	1
Tax rate, GAAP	-6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Net margin	-10%	-33%	-19%	-17%	-20%	-24%	-20%	-44%	-2%	-11%	-48%	-27%	-6%	3%	13%	18%	10%	10%	11%	14%	14%	1
Y/Y % change																						
Total Revenue		69%					111%	-30%	-22%	14%	25%	-6%	92%	133%	150%	225%	155%	142%	70%	40%	15%	
Gross margin		-19%					-55%	55%	898%	20%	8579%	150%	133%	260%	358%	600%	366%	405%	155%	63%	21%	3
Selling, general and administr	ative	61%					-12%	-6%	-29%	-22%	170%	4%	22%	36%	59%	6%	27%	122%	82%	96%	83%	
Operating income (loss)		406%					31%	-24%	-65%	-77%	22%	-41%	-50%	-175%	-1454%	-505%	-327%	-587%	410%	40%	-9%	١
Net income (loss)		448%					27%	58%	-91%	-34%	150%	26%	-75%	-462%	-390%	-220%	-193%	-503%	569%	44%	-8%	9
EPS Diluted (pro forma)		365%					14%	26%	-94%	-53%	-32%	-39%	-95%	-192%	-176%	-183%	-133%	-484%	538%	37%	-12%	8
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Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates.

\*Reflects a 1-for-50 reverse stock split in November 2021.



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Balance Sheet (\$ mils)	Dec-18	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22		Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-2
iscal Year End: December 31	Q4A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4
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Assets			0.4	0.0	0.4	0.7	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	45.0	00.0	00.0	40.0	54.0	
Cash and cash equivalents	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.6	0.6	0.6	6.3	3.4	8.8	15.9	26.3	38.6	42.0	51.0	5
Short term investments		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.5	0.0	4.7	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Accounts receivable, net	0.2	3.1	3.7	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.7	3.2	5.6	2.9	4.0	5.1	5.7	5.0	5.7	
Lifeline revenue due from USAC	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2											
Inventory	1.4			0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	4.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	;
Deferred income taxes												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	•
Prepaid expenses and other	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Total current assets	3.1	3.6	4.5	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.6	1.3	2.8	13.9	12.4	15.2	23.4	35.0	47.9	50.5	60.2	6
Property and equipment, net	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(0.9)	(
Note receivable								0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	(
Intangibles, net	0.1	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	
Goodwill	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	(
Investment in Centercom		0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	(
Deferred income tax												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
<u>Other</u>	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	9
Total assets	4.1	10.0	11.3	8.2	7.7	7.3	8.8	7.4	8.6	19.5	17.8	20.4	28.4	39.9	52.5	55.0	64.5	7:
Liabilities and stockholders' equity																		
Accounts payable and accrued exper	3.1	3.6	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.6	4.5	5.8	4.2	6.6	5.6	7.1	9.7	12.3	14.8	13.1	14.8	15
Accounts payable and accrued exper	0.1	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.6	0.4	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	2.4	3.0	8.2	7.2	8.1	
Credit card liability	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
Deferred revenue	0.1		0.7	0.3		0.4	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	(
Deferred income tax												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
Warrant liabilities	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.7	1.5	1.6			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
Other	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
Short term debt	1.0	1.6	1.3	2.0	2.9	5.6	4.8	5.3	2.9	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	
Total current liabilities	4.8	7.1	10.6	11.1	12.0	15.3	15.0	13.6	11.2	10.0	8.9	10.7	14.0	17.2	24.9	22.2	24.8	2
Deferred income taxes												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
Warrant liabilities												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other long term liabilities	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Deferred revenue		- 1										0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
Long term debt	0.7	6.6	6.4	2.9	3.4	1.7	2.8	2.6	7.5	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	
Total other liabilities	1.3	7.6	7.6	4.1	4.6	2.7	4.2	3.1	7.9	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	(
Preferred stock	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Common stock	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	
Additional paid-in capital	0.3	6.1	6.9	9.3	9.8	10.7	15.8	17.1	17.8	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7	38.7	3
Retained earnings	(2.4)	(10.9)	(13.9)	(16.4)	(18.9)	(21.6)	(26.4)	(26.6)	(28.4)	(35.1)	(36.3)	(35.6)	(30.8)	(22.5)	(17.6)	(12.5)	(5.6)	
Minority Interest	(=: +)	()	()	(10.4)	(.0.0)	(20)	(20.4)	(20.0)	(20.4)	(55.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(
Accumulated other comprehensive in	come										(5.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	,
Total stockholders' equity	(2.0)	(4.7)	(6.9)	(7.0)	(8.9)	(10.7)	(10.4)	(9.3)	(10.5)	3.6	2.4	3.1	7.9	16.2	21.1	26.3	33.2	4
Total stockholders' equity and liabil	4.1	10.0	11.3	8.2	7.7	7.3	8.8	7.4	8.6	19.5	17.8	20.4	28.4	39.9	52.5	55.0	64.5	7

Balance Officer Brivers																		
	Dec-18	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23
	Q4A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E
Prepaid as % of total rev	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
A/P and accrued exp as % of total rev	20%	14%	34%	36%	43%	49%	41%	51%	29%	47%	27%	27%	27%	27%	29%	29%	29%	29%
A/P and accrued exp related as % of total	1%	4%	8%	11%	13%	16%	15%	4%	16%	10%	6%	6%	6%	6%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Activity Ratios																		
A/R Days Sales Outstanding	1	11	21	5	2	1	4	5	10	21	24	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Book & Cash Value (per share)																		
Book Value per Share (diluted)	-\$1.22	-\$2.44	-\$3.31	-\$3.28	-\$3.88	-\$4.51	-\$3.99	-\$3.02	-\$3.23	\$0.41	\$0.20	\$0.26	\$0.64	\$1.29	\$1.66	\$2.06	\$2.56	\$3.09
Cash per Share (diluted)	\$0.27	\$0.19	\$0.22	\$0.17	\$0.18	\$0.28	\$0.62	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.72	\$0.29	\$0.73	\$1.29	\$2.10	\$3.05	\$3.29	\$3.93	\$4.51
Net cash per Share (diluted)	-\$0.74	-\$4.12	-\$3.50	-\$2.11	-\$2.57	-\$2.79	-\$2.31	-\$2.37	-\$2.99	-\$0.10	-\$0.35	\$0.10	\$0.67	\$1.49	\$2.45	\$2.69	\$3.34	\$3.93

Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



SurgePays Inc.

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Cash Flow Statement (\$ mils)	2018	2019	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	2020	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	2021	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	2022	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	2023
Fiscal Year End: December 31	FY-A	FY-A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	FY-A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	FY-A	Q1A	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY-E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY-E
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Cash flow from operating activit	ies																					ĺ
Net income	(1.5)	(8.4)	(3.1)	(2.4)	(2.5)	(2.7)	(10.7)	(4.8)	(0.2)	(1.7)	(6.8)	(13.5)	(1.2)	0.8	4.8	8.2	12.6	4.9	5.2	6.9	7.5	24.5
Depreciation	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8
Amortization		0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0				0.0					0.0
Debt related amortization expens	se	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.7	3.7					0.0					0.0
Dividend							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Stock comp	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred rent							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
A/R and inventory reserves		1.0				1.8	1.8				0.0	0.0					0.0					0.0
Deferred income taxes							0.0					0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in fair value of warrant I	0.0	(0.0)	0.3	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.0)	1.5	(0.6)	0.2	(1.0)	0.0					0.0					0.0
Writedowns and impairments							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Other gains/losses	0.0	0.4	(0.6)	(2.2)	0.0	(0.0)	(2.9)	(0.1)	(2.6)	(0.1)	1.0	(1.8)	0.0				0.0					0.0
Other		(0.0)					0.0				(1.9)	(1.9)					0.0					0.0
Changes in operating assets and li	abilities																					ĺ
Accounts receivable	(0.1)	(3.6)	(0.7)	2.9	0.5	(1.6)	1.1	(0.3)	(0.1)	(1.1)	(1.6)	(3.1)	(2.4)	2.7	(1.1)	(1.1)	(1.9)	(0.6)	0.7	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.8)
Lifeline revenue due from USAO	0.3	0.8	(0.1)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	(0.2)	(0.0)	0.1			0.1					0.0					0.0
Inventory	(8.0)	1.4		(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.3)	(3.9)	(4.3)	1.3				1.3					0.0
Prepaid expenses & other curre	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.5)	0.0	0.1	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Income tax							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Other assets	(0.1)	0.0	0.1		(0.1)		0.0	(0.0)	0.0	0.1		0.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	0.9	1.5	1.8	0.2	0.5	0.4	2.9	(0.9)	1.4	0.2	4.1	4.8	(1.0)	1.4	2.6	2.6	5.7	2.6	(1.8)	1.7	0.6	3.1
Accrued expenses							0.0					0.0	(0.0)	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.6	5.2	(1.0)	0.9	0.3	5.5
Deferred revenue	(0.2)	(0.1)	0.7	(0.4)	(0.3)	0.4	0.4	0.3	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.0	(0.2)	0.0				0.0					0.0
Other liabilities	0.1	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash (used in) provided by	(1.0)	(6.5)	(1.0)	(1.2)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(4.3)	(3.4)	(1.4)	(2.3)	(8.1)	(15.3)	(3.3)	5.4	7.1	10.5	19.6	12.3	3.4	9.0	8.4	33.1
Cash flow from investing activiti	es																					İ
Purchases of property and equi	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)
Purchases of short-term investr	(0.2)	(0.0)			0.0		0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Acquisitions	0.2	0.2					0.0		(0.3)			(0.3)					0.0					0.0
Other							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Net cash used in investing activ	(0.3)	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	(0.4)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.4)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)
Cash flow from financing activiti	es																					İ
Issuance of debt	3.1	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.0	5.1	4.3	0.9	2.4	0.9	8.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayment of debt	(2.6)	(1.0)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(1.0)	(1.5)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(4.7)	(6.3)	(0.0)		2.0	2.0	(0.0)		2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
Issuance of stock	` -7	3.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.6	1.5	(- )	Ç- 17	17.6	19.1	(- 7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds from stock option exer	cises					***	0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Other							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Dividends and distributions							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Cash provided by (used in) fina	0.5	6.5	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	4.6	4.4	0.8	2.4	13.8	21.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effect of exchange rate on cash							0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(0.8)	(0.1)	0.1	(0.1)	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	(1.0)	0.1	5.6	5.6	(2.8)	5.4	7.1	10.4	20.1	12.3	3.4	9.0	8.4	33.0
Beginning cash and equivalents	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	6.3	3.4	8.8	15.9	6.3	26.3	38.6	42.0	51.0	26.3
Ending cash and equivalents	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.6	0.6	0.6	6.3	6.3	3.4	8.8	15.9	26.3	26.3	38.6	42.0	51.0	59.4	59.4
Source: Company reports and Associ				ctimates	0.4	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	3.4	0.0	10.9	20.3	20.3	30.0	42.0	31.0	33.4	35.4

Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



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