



## NovaBay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Q2 about inline, and 2022 outlook remains positive. DERMAdoctor driving strong growth. Lowering P/T to \$3.75.

#### COMPANY UPDATE

#### **Rating: BUY**

| Ticker: | NBY        |
|---------|------------|
| Price:  | \$0.24     |
| Target: |            |
| (fro    | om \$4.00) |

**Q2 about inline:** NovaBay recently (on August 11) reported its Q2 (ending June) 2022 results. Revenue was \$3.0 million (+43% y-o-y), compared with our and consensus estimates of \$3.4 - 3.5 million. Net loss was \$2.2 million or EPS of \$(0.04) compared with our and consensus estimates of \$(0.03) - (0.04).

There was no company guidance.

**Avenova unit growth again:** Avenova sales were \$1.8 million. Avenova had continued year-over-year growth in online Avenova Spray unit sales.

**DERMAdoctor contribution:** DERMAdoctor product sales were \$0.6 million, and reflects the 2<sup>nd</sup> full quarter of sales since the acquisition closed near mid-November (in Q4). In September 2021, NovaBay announced the acquisition of privately held DERMAdoctor for ~\$12 million (in cash).

**DERMAdoctor**: DERMAdoctor produces and sells more than 30 products under lines that include Ain't Misbehavin', Calm Cool + Corrected, Kakadu C, KP Duty, and Wrinkle Revenge. Its products are designed to address acne, aging skin, dark spots, dry skin, eczema, and many other skin conditions. DERMAdoctor sells its products through major retailers such as Macy's, QVC, Costco, digital beauty retailers such as SkinStore and Amazon, as well as its own website. DERMAdoctor also has a large and growing network of international distributors and retailers. DERMAdoctor's management has joined the NovaBay management team.

**Stronger 2H 2022 growth:** The company did not update its prior 2022 revenue guidance of \$20 million (+138%). The company did state that "the majority of our growth in 2022 to come in the second half of the year" and that it expects a "significant order from a major U.S. retailer for our top-selling DERMAdoctor product".

**Slightly adjusting 2022 estimates:** We are adjusting our 2022 estimates for revenue to \$16 million, from \$18 million, and for EPS to \$(0.08) from \$(0.05). We are maintaining our 2023 estimates for revenue of \$25 million and EPS of \$(0.02).

**Management long term positive:** NovaBay is making good progress to market its Avenova product to the 41 million Americans (\$600 million market opportunity) who suffer from blepharitis and related eye symptoms. In addition, the acquisition of DERMAdoctor allows strong growth and synergy opportunities in the global market for cosmetic skincare products. NovaBay plans to launch a broad range of complementary eye and skin care products. The company also plans to leverage operational synergies and sales/distribution relationships.

We remain positive: Despite stock and financial results volatility, we believe that NovaBay is a compelling investment story. The company's focus in 2022 is to drive Avenova and DERMAdoctor sales to consumers by focusing on current products as well as new product launches.

**Balance sheet steady:** The company has \$4 million in cash and no debt. We believe the company has enough cash into 2023.

**Risk/reward positive:** Maintaining our BUY rating, but lowering our 12-month price target to \$3.75 from \$4.00, which is based on an NPV analysis. Although there are many variables in our valuation (many with high variabilities and risks), we believe this appropriately balances out the company's high risks with its high growth prospects and large upside opportunities.

#### **Company Description**

Based in Emeryville, CA, NovaBay Pharmaceuticals is a biopharmaceutical company focusing on commercializing and developing therapeutics for the anti-infective market.

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#### Stock Data

| Exchange:                            | NYSE          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 52-week Range:                       | \$0.17 – 0.77 |
| Shares Outstanding (million):        | 96            |
| Market cap (\$million):              | \$23          |
| EV (\$million):                      | \$19          |
| Debt (\$million):                    | \$0           |
| Cash (\$million):                    | \$4           |
| Avg. Daily Trading Vol. (\$million): | \$0.2         |
| Float (million shares):              | 43            |
| Short Interest (million shares):     | 1             |
| Dividend, annual (yield):            | \$0 (NA%)     |
|                                      |               |

#### **Revenues (US\$ million)**

|         | <u>2022E</u><br>(Cur.) | <u>2022E</u><br>(Old) | <u>2023E</u><br>(Cur.) | <u>2023E</u><br>(Old) |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Q1 Mar  | 3A                     |                       | 5E                     | 5E                    |
| Q2 Jun  | 3A                     | 3E                    | 5E                     | 5E                    |
| Q3 Sep  | 4E                     | 5E                    | 7E                     | 7E                    |
| Q4 Dec  | <u>6E</u>              | <u>7E</u>             | <u>8E</u>              | <u>8E</u>             |
| Total   | 16E                    | 18E                   | 25E                    | 25E                   |
| EV/Revs | 1.2x                   |                       | 0.8x                   |                       |

#### Earnings per Share (pro forma)

|        | <u>2022E</u><br>(Cur.) | <u>2022E</u><br>(Old) | <u>2023E</u><br>(Cur.) | <u>2023E</u><br>(Old) |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Q1 Mar | (0.00)A                | <u>(010)</u>          | (0.01)E                | (0.02)E               |
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| Q2 Jun | (0.04)A                | (0.03)E               | (0.01)E                | (0.02)E               |
| Q3 Sep | (0.03)E                | (0.02)E               | (0.01)E                | 0.00E                 |
| Q4 Dec | <u>(0.01)E</u>         | <u>0.00E</u>          | <u>0.01E</u>           |                       |
| Total  | (0.05)E                | (0.05)E               | (0.02)E                |                       |
| P/E    | N/A                    |                       | N/A                    |                       |

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#### **Exhibit 1: Company Strategy**

## NovaBay Overview

- Established Avenova<sup>®</sup> as the No. 1 antimicrobial lid and lash spray in the U.S. dry eye market
- Multi-pronged commercial distribution strategy
  - · Available direct-to-consumer without a prescription
    - Online channels like Amazon.com, Walmart.com, CVS.com, and Avenova.com
    - CVS Pharmacy stores across the U.S.
  - · Rx only available through pharmacies and physician offices
- Commercializing CelleRx<sup>®</sup> Clinical Reset<sup>™</sup> into the beauty market using the same pure, patented, FDA-cleared hypochlorous acid (HOCI)
  - · 40mL available direct-to-consumer without a prescription
  - Available on CelleRx.com

## Investment Highlights

- Avenova is established in the \$4 billion U.S. dry eye market with differentiated positioning and multiple product-specific features and benefits
- Avenova is the only commercial hypochlorous acid (HOCI) spray clinically proven to treat the underlying cause rather than the symptoms of bacterial dry eye
- Growing DTC channel for prescription-strength Avenova provides stable pricing and product accessibility
- Record Avenova OTC unit sales in 4 most recent consecutive quarters
- Consumer launch in 4Q'20 of CelleRx Clinical Reset, allowing NovaBay to enter the large beauty market
- New initiatives are underway to increase sales and expand customer base through refreshed digital marketing programs and brick-and-mortar presence
- Strong cash position of \$10.3 million as of June 30, 2021 supports expanded business initiatives
- Strategy to acquire or license complementary products to leverage competencies in the ophthalmic and skincare markets and drive profitable growth



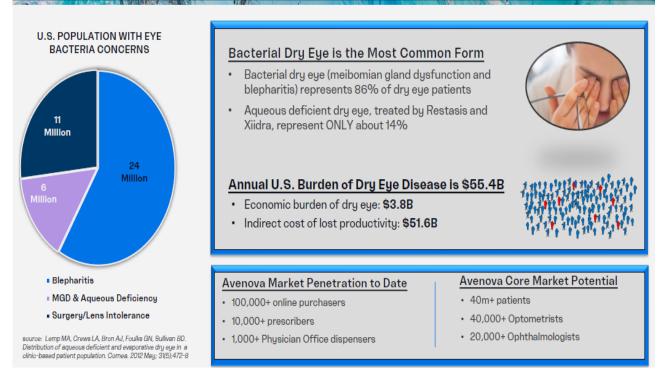
#### Exhibit 2: Avenova

## Avenova Advantages

- Clinical study confirms Avenova's ability to reduce bacteria on ocular surface by >90%, not merely treat the symptoms
- Kills >20 microorganisms connected to common eye infections within seconds; effective against a range of pathogens including Staphylococcus
- Stable formulation distributed in glass bottle to protect against HOCI breakdown

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## Avenova Market Opportunity





#### Exhibit 3: Strategic Plan

## Strategy for Growth

- Driving Avenova and CelleRx Clinical Reset sales to consumers
  - DTC channel presents the greatest opportunity for growth
  - Enhanced e-commerce, digital marketing and advertising programs, and refreshed branding
  - · Expanded online access and new brick-and-mortar availability
- Executing on strategy to target ophthalmic and skin care consumer product line extensions for acquisition or licensing opportunities
  - Leverage established commercial operations
  - · Capitalize on relationships with industry professionals

Source: Company report

Exhibit 4: Acquisition of DERMAdoctor (announced September 2021 & closed November 2021)

## NovaBay/DERMAdoctor Synergies & Transaction Terms

- Financial Benefits
  - · Acquisition is expected to be immediately accretive to NovaBay's bottom line
  - Acquisition has the potential to double topline revenue in 2022
  - Higher revenue and operational synergies expected to drive profitability
- DERMAdoctor products complement NovaBay's CelleRx Clinical Reset<sup>™</sup>
  Scientifically formulated to be highly effective yet gentle on skin
- Leverage NovaBay's expertise in digital direct-to-consumer sales
- Creates an equal presence in the eyecare and skincare markets
  - New products will diversify NovaBay's revenue
- Transaction
  - \$12 million in cash; \$3 million in earnouts based on meeting financial targets
  - Expected to close in Q4 2021, subject to closing conditions

### DERMAdoctor is an ideal fit to enhance shareholder value in very large and growing skincare market



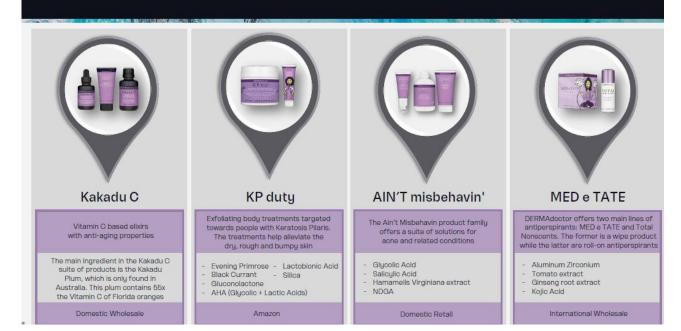
#### Exhibit 5: DERMAdoctor Overview

## **DERMAdoctor Overview**

- Privately held company selling skincare products developed by a board-certified dermatologist
- Brand portfolio encompasses several families of products
- Products focused on addressing dry skin, blemishes, keratosis pilaris and aging and are elegant, hypoallergenic, multitasking, problem-solving and highly effective.
- Products are marketed and distributed through various channels:
  - Online channels including Amazon.com, SkinStore.com and Dermadoctor.com
  - · Major retailers such as Macy's, QVC and Costco
  - International distribution in Asia and the Middle East



## **DERMAdoctor Primary Products**



#### Exhibit 6: NovaBay and DERMAdoctor Market Opportunities (as of Q1 2022)

## Expansion Opportunities in the Skincare Market

- Increase NovaBay's presence in the skincare market with the addition of more than 30 DERMAdoctor products
- Products are highly complementary to CelleRx brand
- Combination of companies provide exceptional opportunities for future sales growth
- Dr. Audrey Kunin appointed as NovaBay's Chief Product Officer
  - As an industry trailblazer, Dr. Kunin will lead R&D efforts to create new products and establish new brands in both the skincare and eyecare markets



## Growing Into An Expanding Market

- Estimated global market for cosmetic skincare products to exceed \$145 billion in 2020 and reach \$185 billion by 2027
- Skincare, as a market segment, is growing faster than any other part of the beauty industry.
- This is our growth opportunity!
  - DERMAdoctor commercialize existing pipeline of new products
  - CelleRx develop complementary products
  - Luxury Brand X launch new innovative high-end line of skincare products designed to target the same market as Dr. Barbara Sturm, Augustinus Bader and Goop

#### 2022 Corporate Vision for Combined Companies

A combined company equally diversified across the eyecare and skincare markets

Total revenue in excess of \$20M 50% eyecare / 50% skincare

**Positive EBITDA** 



Exhibit 7: Q2 2022 and Recent Highlights

- Product revenue increased by 43% year-over-year, fueled by a growing product portfolio in the eyecare and skincare markets
- Continued year-over-year growth in online Avenova® Spray unit sales
- Launched seven new OTC Avenova and DERMAdoctor<sup>®</sup> products since the beginning of 2022

Source: Company report



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

| Exhibit 9: Co | nsensus Expectations    | (as of August | 11, 2022) |                            |              |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|
|               | Revenue (mils)<br>2022E | <u>2023E</u>  |           | <b>EPS</b><br><u>2022E</u> | <u>2023E</u> |
| Q1 Mar        | \$3A                    |               | Q1 Mar    | \$(0.00)A                  |              |
| Q2 Jun        | \$4E                    |               | Q2 Jun    | \$(0.04)E                  |              |
| Q3 Sep        | \$5E                    |               | Q3 Sep    | \$(0.03)E                  |              |
| Q4 Dec        |                         |               | Q4 Dec    |                            |              |
| Total         | \$17E                   | \$25E         | Total     | \$(0.07)E                  | \$(0.04)E    |

\*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**

| ncome Statement (\$ mils)                                | 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                             | Q1A               | Q2A               | Q3A               | Q4A       | FY-A       | Q1A               | Q2A       | Q3A       | Q4A        | FY-A       | Q1A               | Q2A          | Q3E               | Q4E      | FY-E       | Q1E               | Q2E               | Q3E               | Q4E        | FY-E             |
|  |                   |                   |                   |           |            |                   |           |           |            |            |                   |              |                   |          |            |                   |                   |                   |            | 1                |
| Sales Revenue  | 1.9               | 4.0               | 2.2               | 1.9       | 9.9        | 1.8               | 2.1       | 1.8       | 2.6        | 8.4        | 2.6               | 3.0          | 3.9               | 6.0      | 15.6       | 5.0               | 5.0               | 7.0               | 8.0        | 25.              |
| License/collaboration/distrib.                           |                   |                   |                   |           | 0.0        |                   |           |           |            | 0.0        |                   |              |                   |          | 0.0        |                   |                   |                   |            | 0.               |
| Other  |                   | 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              |
| Total Revenue  | 1.9               | 4.0               | 2.2               | 1.9       | 9.9        | 1.8               | 2.1       | 1.8       | 2.6        | 8.4        | 2.6               | 3.0          | 3.9               | 6.0      | 15.6       | 5.0               | 5.0               | 7.0               | 8.0        | 25.0             |
| Cost of Devenues   | 0.0               | 2.0               | 0.5               | 0.0       | 10         | 0.5               | 0.0       | 0.5       | 4.0        | 2.0        |                   | 4.5          |                   | 2.4      | 6.4        | 4.5               | 4.5               | 2.4               | 2.4        | -                |
| Cost of Revenues   | <u>0.6</u><br>1.3 | <u>2.0</u><br>1.9 | <u>0.5</u><br>1.6 | 0.8       | <u>4.0</u> | <u>0.5</u><br>1.3 | 0.6       | 0.5       | <u>1.2</u> | <u>2.8</u> | <u>1.1</u><br>1.5 | <u>1.5</u>   | <u>1.4</u><br>2.5 | 2.1      | <u>6.1</u> | <u>1.5</u><br>3.5 | <u>1.5</u><br>3.5 | <u>2.1</u><br>4.9 | <u>2.4</u> | <u>7.</u><br>17. |
| Gross Profit   | 1.3               | 1.9               | 1.6               | 1.1       | 6.0        | 1.3               | 1.5       | 1.3       | 1.4        | 5.6        | 1.5               | 1.6          | 2.5               | 3.9      | 9.5        | 3.5               | 3.5               | 4.9               | 5.6        | 17.8             |
| Research and development                                 | 0.0               | 0.1               | 0.1               | 0.0       | 0.3        | 0.0               | 0.0       | 0.0       | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0               | 0.0          | 0.2               | 0.2      | 0.5        | 0.2               | 0.2               | 0.2               | 0.2        | 0.8              |
| Selling and marketing                                    | 1.6               | 1.4               | 1.7               | 1.5       | 6.2        | 1.7               | 1.8       | 1.9       | 1.9        | 7.2        | 1.7               | 1.8          | 2.0               | 2.0      | 7.4        | 2.0               | 2.0               | 3.0               | 3.0        | 10.0             |
| General and administrative                               | 1.3               | 1.5               | 1.9               | 1.3       | 5.9        | 1.2               | 1.6       | 1.8       | 2.7        | 7.2        | 2.2               | 1.9          | 2.0               | 2.0      | 8.1        | 2.0               | 2.0               | 2.0               | 2.0        | 8.0              |
| Restructuring, litigation, and o                         | other             |                   |                   |           | 0.0        |                   |           |           |            | 0.0        |                   |              | 0.0               | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0        | 0.0              |
| Total operating expenses                                 | 2.8               | 3.0               | 3.7               | 2.8       | 12.4       | 2.9               | 3.4       | 3.6       | 4.6        | 14.5       | 3.9               | 3.7          | 4.2               | 4.2      | 16.0       | 4.2               | 4.2               | 5.2               | 5.2        | 18.8             |
| Operating income (loss)                                  | (1.5)             | (1.1)             | (2.1)             | (1.8)     | (6.4)      | (1.5)             | (1.9)     | (2.3)     | (3.2)      | (8.9)      | (2.4)             | (2.2)        | (1.7)             | (0.3)    | (6.5)      | (0.7)             | (0.7)             | (0.3)             | 0.4        | (1.:             |
| operating income (ioss)                                  | (1.3)             | (1.1)             | (2.1)             | (1.0)     | (0.4)      | (1.3)             | (1.3)     | (2.3)     | (3.2)      | (0.3)      | (2.4)             | (2.2)        | (1.7)             | (0.3)    | (0.3)      | (0.7)             | (0.7)             | (0.3)             | 0.4        |                  |
| Interest income (expense)                                |                   |                   |                   |           | 0.0        |                   |           |           |            | 0.0        |                   |              | 0.0               | 0.0      | 0.0        | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0        | 0.0              |
| Other income (expense)                                   | <u>(0.0)</u>      | <u>(3.4)</u>      | (1.2)             | 0.0       | (4.6)      | 0.0               |           |           | 2.3        | 2.3        | 2.3               | <u>(0.0)</u> | <u>0.0</u>        | 0.0      | 2.3        | <u>0.0</u>        | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0        | 0.0              |
| Income before income taxes                               | (1.6)             | (4.5)             | (3.2)             | (1.8)     | (11.0)     | (1.5)             | (1.9)     | (2.3)     | (0.9)      | (6.6)      | (0.1)             | (2.2)        | (1.7)             | (0.3)    | (4.2)      | (0.7)             | (0.7)             | (0.3)             | 0.4        | (1.:             |
| Income taxes   | 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              |
| Net income (loss)  | (1.6)             | (4.5)             | (3.2)             | (1.8)     | (11.0)     | (1.5)             | (1.9)     | (2.3)     | (0.9)      | (6.6)      | (0.1)             | (2.2)        | (1.7)             | (0.3)    | (4.2)      | (0.7)             | (0.7)             | (0.3)             | 0.4        | (1.:             |
| Nonrecurring/noncash adjustme                            | nts               |                   |                   |           | 0.0        |                   |           |           |            | 0.0        |                   |              |                   |          | 0.0        |                   |                   |                   |            | 0.0              |
| Net income (pro forma)                                   | (1.6)             | (4.5)             | (3.2)             | (1.8)     | (11.0)     | (1.5)             | (1.9)     | (2.3)     | (0.9)      | (6.6)      | (0.1)             | (2.2)        | (1.7)             | (0.3)    | (4.2)      | (0.7)             | (0.7)             | (0.3)             | 0.4        | (1.:             |
| EBITDA   | (1.5)             | (0.9)             | (1.7)             | (1.6)     | (5.6)      | (1.3)             | (1.5)     | (2.0)     | (2.7)      | (7.6)      | (2.1)             | (1.9)        | (1.3)             | 0.1      | (5.2)      | (0.4)             | (0.4)             | 0.0               | 0.7        | 0.1              |
| Shares, Basic  | 28.0              | 30.4              | 40.0              | 41.8      | 35.1       | 41.8              | 42.6      | 44.9      | 45.3       | 43.7       | 50.1              | 52.7         | 53.5              | 53.6     | 52.5       | 53.7              | 53.8              | 53.9              | 54.0       | 53.9             |
| Shares, Diluted  | 28.0              | 30.4              | 40.0              | 41.8      | 35.1       | 41.8              | 42.6      | 44.9      | 45.3       | 43.7       | 50.1              | 52.7         | 53.5              | 53.6     | 52.5       | 53.7              | 53.8              | 53.9              | 54.0       | 53.9             |
| EPS Basic (Pro forma)                                    | (\$0.06)          | (\$0.15)          | (\$0.08)          | (\$0.04)  | (\$0.31)   | (\$0.04)          | (\$0.04)  | (\$0.05)  | (\$0.02)   | (\$0.15)   | (\$0.00)          | (\$0.04)     | (\$0.03)          | (\$0.01) | (\$0.08)   | (\$0.01)          | (\$0.01)          | (\$0.01)          | \$0.01     | (\$0.0)          |
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| EPS Diluted (Pro forma)                                  | (\$0.06)          | (\$0.15)          | (\$0.08)          | (\$0.04)  | (\$0.31)   | (\$0.04)          | (\$0.04)  | (\$0.05)  | (\$0.02)   | (\$0.15)   | (\$0.00)          | (\$0.04)     | (\$0.03)          | (\$0.01) | (\$0.08)   | (\$0.01)          | (\$0.01)          | (\$0.01)          | \$0.01     | (\$0.02          |
|  |                   |                   |                   |           |            |                   |           |           |            |            |                   |              |                   |          |            |                   |                   |                   |            |                  |
| Margins  | 000/              | 400/              | 750/              | 570/      | 60%        | 750/              | 740/      | 700/      | E 40/      | 67%        | 500/              | 540/         | 65%               | 65%      | 61%        | 70%               | 70%               | 70%               | 70%        | 70               |
| Gross margin (for product re<br>Research and development | 69%<br>0%         | 49%<br>3%         | 75%<br>6%         | 57%<br>2% | 3%         | 75%<br>0%         | 71%<br>1% | 73%<br>1% | 54%<br>0%  | 1%         | 58%<br>1%         | 51%<br>1%    | 5%                | 3%       | 3%         | 4%                | 4%                | 3%                | 3%         | 3                |
|  |                   |                   |                   |           | 62%        |                   |           |           |            | 86%        |                   |              |                   |          | 48%        |                   |                   |                   |            | 409              |
| Sales and marketing                                      | 82%               | 36%               | 78%               | 79%       | 62%        | 93%               | 84%       | 101%      | 72%        | 86%        | 64%               | 58%          | 51%               | 33%      | 48%<br>52% | 40%               | 40%               | 43%<br>29%        | 38%        | 329              |
| General and administrative                               | 67%               | 37%               | 87%               | 69%       |            | 66%               | 74%       | 96%       | 103%       |            | 83%               | 63%          | 51%               | 33%      |            | 40%               | 40%               |                   | 25%        |                  |
| Operating margin   | -81%              | -27%              | -95%              | -93%      | -65%       | -85%              | -87%      | -124%     | -121%      | -105%      | -91%              | -71%         | -43%              | -5%      | -42%       | -14%              | -14%              | -4%               | 5%         | -5               |
| Tax rate, GAAP   | 0%                | 0%                | 0%                | 0%        | 0%         | 0%                | 0%        | 0%        | 0%         | 0%         | 0%                | 0%           | 0%                | 0%       | 0%         | 0%                | 0%                | 0%                | 0%         | 0                |
| Net margin   | -84%              | -113%             | -148%             | -93%      | -111%      | -85%              | -87%      | -124%     | -34%       | -78%       | -4%               | -71%         | -43%              | -5%      | -27%       | -14%              | -14%              | -4%               | 5%         | -5               |
| Y/Y % change   |                   |                   |                   |           |            |                   |           |           |            |            |                   |              |                   |          |            |                   |                   |                   |            | 1                |
| Total Revenue  | 27%               | 123%              | 34%               | 11%       | 51%        | -5%               | -46%      | -15%      | 40%        | -15%       | 46%               | 43%          | 112%              | 127%     | 85%        | 90%               | 64%               | 79%               | 33%        | 619              |
| Gross margin   | 14%               | 40%               | 35%               | -3%       | 23%        | 3%                | -22%      | -18%      | 33%        | -5%        | 13%               | 2%           | 88%               | 173%     | 68%        | 131%              | 126%              | 93%               | 44%        | 84               |
| Research and development                                 | -89%              | 259%              | 155%              | 100%      | 55%        | -44%              | -82%      | -92%      | -75%       | -84%       | 460%              | 90%          | 1900%             | 2122%    | 940%       | 614%              | 400%              | 0%                | 0%         | 719              |
| Sales and marketing                                      | -56%              | -7%               | 10%               | -31%      | -30%       | 8%                | 26%       | 10%       | 27%        | 17%        | 0%                | -2%          | 8%                | 5%       | 3%         | 19%               | 14%               | 50%               | 50%        | 34               |
| General and administrative                               | -20%              | 23%               | 41%               | 11%       | 12%        | -7%               | 6%        | -6%       | 109%       | 22%        | 84%               | 22%          | 13%               | -26%     | 12%        | -8%               | 5%                | 0%                | 0%         | -1               |
| Operating income (loss)                                  | -62%              | -22%              | 20%               | -21%      | -32%       | -1%               | 74%       | 11%       | 82%        | 38%        | 56%               | 16%          | -27%              | -91%     | -27%       | -71%              | -67%              | -82%              | -233%      | -80              |
| Net income (loss)  | -62%              | 79%               | 1042%             | -50%      | 6%         | -4%               | -59%      | -29%      | -49%       | -41%       | -93%              | 16%          | -27%              | -66%     | -36%       | 531%              | -68%              | -82%              | -233%      | -69              |
| EPS Diluted (Pro forma)                                  | -77%              | 6%                | 389%              | -67%      | -36%       | -36%              | -70%      | -37%      | -53%       | -52%       | -94%              | -6%          | -39%              | -72%     | -46%       | 488%              | -68%              | -82%              | -232%      | -70              |

Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates.



#### NovaBay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

| Balance Sheet (\$ mils)              | Mar-20     | Jun-20     | Sep-20  | Dec-20     |            |            | Sep-21     |            | Mar-22     | Jun-22     | Sep-22     | Dec-22     | Mar-23     | Jun-23     | Sep-23     | Dec-2      |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Fiscal Year End: December 31         | Q1A        | Q2A        | Q3A     | Q4A        | Q1A        | Q2A        | Q3A        | Q4A        | Q1A        | Q2A        | Q3E        | Q4E        | Q1E        | Q2E        | Q3E        | Q4E        |
| •                                    |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Assets                               |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 5.7        | 8.8        | 13.4    | 12.0       | 10.5       | 10.3       | 9.0        | 7.5        | 5.6        | 3.9        | 1.9        | 1.6        | 0.9        | 0.2        | (0.1)      | 0.3        |
| Short term investments               |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Accounts receivable, net             | 1.0        | 1.4        | 1.1     | 1.1        | 1.0        | 1.2        | 0.8        | 1.7        | 2.3        | 1.1        | 1.1        | 1.1        | 1.1        | 1.1        | 1.1        | 1.1        |
| Inventory                            | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.8     | 0.6        | 0.9        | 0.7        | 1.0        | 3.2        | 3.8        | 3.8        | 3.8        | 3.8        | 3.8        | 3.8        | 3.8        | 3.8        |
| Prepaid expenses and other           | 0.7        | <u>1.1</u> | 0.7     | <u>0.6</u> | <u>0.8</u> | <u>0.6</u> | <u>0.7</u> | <u>0.8</u> | <u>0.8</u> | <u>0.6</u> |
| Total current assets                 | 7.9        | 11.9       | 16.0    | 14.2       | 13.1       | 12.8       | 11.5       | 13.2       | 12.5       | 9.5        | 7.5        | 7.2        | 6.5        | 5.8        | 5.5        | 5.9        |
| Property and equipment, net          | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.1     | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.2        | 0.2        | 0.2        | 0.2        | 0.2        | 0.2        | 0.2        | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| Intangibles                          |            |            |         |            |            |            |            | 9.7        | 9.6        | 9.5        | 9.5        | 9.5        | 9.5        | 9.5        | 9.5        | 9.5        |
| <u>Other</u>                         | <u>1.5</u> | 1.3        | 1.0     | 0.9        | 0.8        | 0.7        | 0.6        | 0.9        | 2.5        | 2.4        | 2.4        | <u>2.4</u> | 2.4        | <u>2.4</u> | 2.4        | 2.4        |
| Total assets                         | 9.5        | 13.3       | 17.1    | 15.2       | 14.1       | 13.6       | 12.2       | 24.0       | 24.8       | 21.5       | 19.6       | 19.3       | 18.6       | 17.9       | 17.6       | 18.0       |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Accounts payable                     | 0.6        | 1.3        | 0.8     | 0.3        | 0.8        | 0.2        | 1.4        | 1.0        | 1.6        | 0.9        | 0.9        | 0.9        | 0.9        | 0.9        | 0.9        | 0.9        |
| Accrued expenses                     | 2.1        | 1.9        | 2.1     | 2.5        | 1.9        | 2.2        | 1.5        | 2.3        | 2.8        | 2.3        | 2.3        | 2.3        | 2.3        | 2.3        | 2.3        | 2.3        |
| Deferred revenue                     | 0.6        | 0.5        |         |            | 0.4        |            |            |            |            |            | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Other                                |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        |
| Short term debt                      | 2.2        | 0.5        | 0.1     |            |            |            |            | 0.1        |            |            | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Total current liabilities            | 5.5        | 4.3        | 3.0     | 2.8        | 3.1        | 2.4        | 2.9        | 3.4        | 4.8        | 3.7        | 3.7        | 3.7        | 3.7        | 3.7        | 3.7        | 3.7        |
| Deferred revenue                     |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Other long term liabilities          | 0.4        | 0.3        | 0.2     | 0.1        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.8        | 2.3        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        |
| Warrant liabilities                  | 3.9        | 7.7        |         |            |            |            |            | 9.6        |            |            | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Long term debt                       |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Total other liabilities              | 4.3        | 8.0        | 0.2     | 0.1        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 10.4       | 2.3        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        |
| Preferred stock                      |            |            |         |            |            |            |            | 0.7        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        |
| Common stock                         | 0.3        | 0.3        | 0.4     | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        |
| Additional paid-in capital           | 126.0      | 131.7      | 147.8   | 148.0      | 148.1      | 150.2      | 150.6      | 150.9      | 158.6      | 158.8      | 158.8      | 158.8      | 158.8      | 158.8      | 158.8      | 158.8      |
| Retained earnings                    | (126.6)    |            | (134.3) | (136.1)    | (137.6)    | (139.4)    | (141.7)    | (141.9)    | (142.0)    | (144.2)    | (145.8)    | (146.1)    | (146.8)    | (147.5)    | (147.8)    | (147.4     |
| Accumulated other comprehensive in   |            |            | /       |            |            |            |            |            | [```'      |            |            |            |            | /          | /          |            |
| Other                                |            |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | (0.3)      | (0.3)      | (0.3)      | (0.3)      | (0.3)      | (0.3       |
| Total stockholders' equity           | (0.3)      | 1.0        | 13.9    | 12.3       | 11.0       | 11.2       | 9.4        | 10.2       | 17.7       | 15.7       | 13.8       | 13.5       | 12.8       | 12.1       | 11.8       | 12.2       |
|                                      | ( )        |            |         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Total stockholders' equity and liabi | li 9.5     | 13.3       | 17.1    | 15.2       | 14.1       | 13.6       | 12.2       | 24.0       | 24.8       | 21.5       | 19.6       | 19.3       | 18.6       | 17.9       | 17.6       | 18.0       |

#### Balance Sheet Drivers

|                                | 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 |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                | Q1A     | Q2A    | Q3A    | Q4A    | Q1A    | Q2A    | Q3A    | Q4A    | Q1A    | Q2A    | Q3E    | Q4E    | Q1E    | Q2E    | Q3E    | Q4E    |
| Book & Cash Value (per share)  |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Book Value per Share (diluted) | -\$0.01 | \$0.03 | \$0.35 | \$0.29 | \$0.26 | \$0.26 | \$0.21 | \$0.22 | \$0.35 | \$0.30 | \$0.26 | \$0.25 | \$0.24 | \$0.22 | \$0.22 | \$0.23 |
| Cash per Share (diluted)       | \$0.20  | \$0.29 | \$0.34 | \$0.29 | \$0.25 | \$0.24 | \$0.20 | \$0.17 | \$0.11 | \$0.07 | \$0.04 | \$0.03 | \$0.02 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.01 |
| Net cash per Share (diluted)   | \$0.13  | \$0.27 | \$0.33 | \$0.29 | \$0.25 | \$0.24 | \$0.20 | \$0.16 | \$0.11 | \$0.07 | \$0.04 | \$0.03 | \$0.02 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.01 |

Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



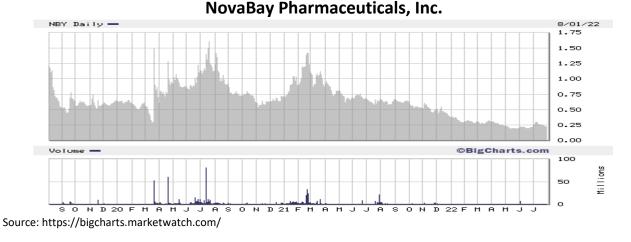
#### NovaBay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

| Cash Flow Statement (\$ mils)            |               | Jun-20 |       | Dec-20       | 2020         | Mar-21       | Jun-21       | Sep-21       | Dec-21 | 2021         | Mar-22 |              |       |       | 2022  | Mar-23 | Jun-23 |       | Dec-23 | 2023       |
|--|---------------|--------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|------------|
| Fiscal Year End: December 31             | Mar-20<br>Q1A | Q2A    | Q3A   | Q4A          | FY-A         | Q1A          | Q2A          | Q3A          | Q4A    | FY-A         | Q1A    | Q2A          | Q3E   | Q4E   | FY-E  | Q1E    | Q2E    | Q3E   | Q4E    | FY-E       |
|  |               |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Cash flow from operating activities      |               |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Net income                               | (1.6)         | (4.5)  | (3.2) | (1.8)        | (11.0)       | (1.5)        | (1.9)        | (2.3)        | (0.2)  | (5.8)        | (0,1)  | (2.2)        | (1.7) | (0.3) | (4.2) | (0.7)  | (0.7)  | (0.3) | 0.4    | (1.3       |
| Depreciation and amortization            | 0.0           | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0          | 0.1          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.1    | 0.1          | 0.1    | 0.1          | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.4   | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.1   | 0.1    | 0.4        |
| Stock comp                               | 0.1           | 0.1    | 0.4   | 0.2          | 0.8          | 0.2          | 0.3          | 0.2          | 0.4    | 1.2          | 0.2    | 0.2          | 0.3   | 0.3   | 0.8   | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.3   | 0.3    | 1.0        |
| Other gains/losses                       |               |        |       | (0.1)        | (0.1)        |              |              |              |        | 0.0          |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Reserve                                  |               |        |       |              | 0.0          |              |              |              |        | 0.0          |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Warrant revaluation                      | (0.1)         | 3.8    | 1.6   | (0.0)        | 5.2          |              |              |              | (4.6)  | (4.6)        | (2.1)  |              |       |       | (2.1) |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Amortization of debt                     | 0.1           | 0.0    | (0.0) | 0.0          | 0.1          |              |              |              |        | 0.0          |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Other                                    |               |        | (0.1) | 0.1          | 0.0          |              |              |              |        | 0.0          | (0.2)  |              | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.7) | (0.3)  | (0.3)  | (0.3) | (0.3)  | (1.0       |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilit | ties:         |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Accounts receivable                      | 0.1           | (0.6)  | 0.3   | (0.1)        | (0.3)        | 0.1          | (0.2)        | 0.4          | 0.2    | 0.5          | (0.6)  | 1.2          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.6   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0        |
| Inventory                                | (0.1)         | (0.1)  | (0.2) | 0.2          | (0.1)        | (0.2)        | 0.2          | (0.3)        | 0.1    | (0.2)        | (0.6)  | (0.0)        | 0.0   | 0.0   | (0.6) | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0        |
| Prepaid expenses & other current as      | 0.2           | (0.5)  | 0.4   | 0.1          | 0.3          |              | 0.0          | (0.1)        | 0.0    | (0.1)        | 0.0    | 0.1          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0        |
| Other assets                             | 0.2           | 0.2    | 0.3   | 0.1          | 0.8          | (0.1)        | 0.3          | 0.1          | (0.2)  | 0.0          | (1.9)  | 0.1          |       |       | (1.8) |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Accounts payable                         | (0.2)         | 0.6    | (0.1) | (0.0)        | 0.3          | 0.3          | (0.6)        | 0.6          | (0.4)  | (0.2)        | 1.2    | (1.1)        | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0        |
| Accrued expenses                         |               | (0.5)  | 0.5   |              | 0.0          |              |              |              |        | 0.0          |        |              | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0        |
| Deferred revenue                         | 0.6           | (0.4)  | (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        |
| Other liabilities                        | <u>(0.2)</u>  | 0.7    | (1.2) | <u>(0.1)</u> | <u>(0.8)</u> | <u>(0.1)</u> | <u>(0.1)</u> | <u>(0.1)</u> | 0.3    | <u>(0.1)</u> | 1.9    | <u>(0.1)</u> |       |       | 1.8   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Net cash (used in) provided by oper      | (0.9)         | (1.0)  | (1.4) | (1.4)        | (4.721)      | (1.4)        | (2.0)        | (1.5)        | (4.3)  | (9.2)        | (2.1)  | (1.7)        | (1.6) | (0.2) | (5.5) | (0.6)  | (0.6)  | (0.2) | 0.5    | (0.9       |
|  |               |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Cash flow from investing activities      |               |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Purchases of property and equipmer       | nt            |        | (0.0) | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (0.0)  | (0.1)        | (0.0)  | (0.0)        | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.2) | (0.1)  | (0.1)  | (0.1) | (0.1)  | (0.4       |
| Purchases of short-term investments      |               |        |       |              | 0.0          |              |              |              |        | 0.0          |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Acquisitions                             |               |        |       |              | 0.0          |              |              |              | (12.0) | (12.0)       |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| <u>Other</u>                             |               |        |       |              | <u>0.0</u>   |              |              |              |        | 0.0          |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | <u>0.0</u> |
| Net cash used in investing activities    | 0.0           | 0.0    | (0.0) | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (0.0)        | (12.0) | (12.0)       | (0.0)  | (0.0)        | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.2) | (0.1)  | (0.1)  | (0.1) | (0.1)  | (0.4       |
| Cash flow from financing activities      |               |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Issuance of debt                         | (0.6)         | (1.6)  | (0,4) | 0.0          | (2.6)        |              |              |              | 0.1    | 0.1          | (0.1)  |              |       |       | (0.1) |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Issuance of stock                        | (0.0)         | 5.2    | (0.4) | 0.0          | 5.2          |              | 1.8          | 0.2          | 14.7   | 16.7         | (0.1)  |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Proceeds from stock option exercise      | 0.2           | 0.5    | 6.4   | 0.0          | 7.1          |              | 1.0          | 0.2          | 14.7   | 0.0          |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
| Other                                    | 0.2           | 0.5    | 0.4   | 0.0          | 0.0          |              |              |              |        | 0.0          |        |              |       |       | 0.0   |        |        |       |        | 0.0        |
|  |               |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Cash provided by (used in) financing     | (0.4)         | 4.1    | 6.0   | 0.0          | 9.8          | 0.0          | 1.8          | 0.2          | 14.8   | 16.8         | (0.1)  | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | (0.1) | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0        |
| Effect of exchange rate on cash          |               |        |       |              |              |              |              |              |        |              |        |              |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |            |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and      | (1.2)         | 3.1    | 4.6   | (1.5)        | 5.0          | (1.4)        | (0.2)        | (1.3)        | (1.5)  | (4.4)        | (2.2)  | (1.7)        | (1.7) | (0.3) | (5.9) | (0.7)  | (0.7)  | (0.3) | 0.4    | (1.3       |
| Beginning cash and equivalents           | 6.9           | 5.7    | 8.8   | 13.4         | 6.9          | 12.0         | 10.5         | 10.3         | 9.0    | 12.0         | 7.5    | 5.3          | 3.6   | 1.9   | 7.5   | 1.6    | 0.9    | 0.2   | (0.1)  | 1.6        |
| Ending cash and equivalents              | 5.7           | 8.8    | 13.4  | 12.0         | 12.0         | 10.5         | 10.3         | 9.0          | 7.5    | 7.5          | 5.3    | 3.6          | 1.9   | 1.6   | 1.6   | 0.9    | 0.2    | (0.1) | 0.3    | 0.3        |



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| Report Date |  | Price  |
|-------------|--|--------|
| Date        | Rating   | Target |
| 3/21/2018   | В  | 6.00   |
| 5/11/2018   | В  | 5.00   |
| 8/8/2018    | В  | 4.50   |
| 11/16/2018  | В  | 2.50   |
| 1/19/2019   | В  | 2.50   |
| 3/31/2019   | В  | 2.25   |
| 5/10/2019   | В  | 1.75   |
| 8/9/2019    | В  | 2.00   |
| 11/8/2019   | В  | 1.50   |
| 1/29/2020   | В  | 1.75   |
| 3/29/2020   | В  | 1.50   |
| 5/12/2020   | В  | 3.00   |
| 8/7/2020    | В  | 3.25   |
| 11/14/2020  | В  | 3.50   |
| 4/4/2021    | В  | 3.75   |
| 5/11/2021   | В  | 3.25   |
| 8/18/2021   | В  | 3.50   |
| 11/30/2021  | В  | 4.00   |
| 4/11/2022   | В  | 4.25   |
| 5/19/2022   | В  | 4.00   |
|             | Date<br>3/21/2018<br>5/11/2018<br>8/8/2018<br>11/16/2018<br>1/19/2019<br>3/31/2019<br>5/10/2019<br>8/9/2019<br>11/8/2019<br>11/8/2019<br>11/8/2020<br>3/29/2020<br>5/12/2020<br>8/7/2020<br>11/14/2021<br>4/12022<br>5/19/2022 |        |

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|        |       |         |       | Banking Services<br>.2 months |
|--------|-------|---------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Rating | Count | Percent | Count | Percent                       |
| Buy    | 41    | 98%     | 15    | 37%                           |
| Hold   | 0     | 0%      | 0     | 0%                            |
| Sell   | 1     | 2%      | 0     | 0%                            |
| Total  | 42    | 100%    | 15    | 36%                           |

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