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# Aemetis, Inc.

Large Q2 upside, and maintained strong 5-year plan. Large product potential for renewable fuels makes stock attractive. Lowering P/T to \$30.

**Large Q2 upside:** Aemetis recently (on August 4) reported its fiscal Q2 2022 (ending June) results. Revenue was \$66 million (+20% y-o-y), compared to our estimate of \$61 million and consensus of \$59 million. EPS was \$(0.01), compared to our estimate of \$(0.41) and consensus of \$(0.36).There was no Q2 guidance. In Q2, the company received a grant of \$14 million from the USDA's Biofuel Producer Program which was recorded as Other Income.

**High ethanol and corn prices:** Ethanol prices were +13% (y-o-y), which were more than offset by higher corn prices (+27% y-o-y) resulting in continued weak margins and profitability.

**Q2 progress:** In 2022 so far, Aemetis assumed operational management of the 125-acre Riverbank Industrial Complex for its sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and renewable diesel plant, and signed \$3.8 billion for SAF with major airlines and \$3.2 billion for renewable diesel with a leading travel stop chain.

**Very strong financial plan:** Aemetis has maintained (though slightly revised it in 2/22) its strong 5-year financial plan to reach \$1 billion in revenue in 2025.

**Raising estimates:** We are raising our 2022 estimates for revenue to \$255 million, from \$245 million, and for EPS to \$(1.29) from \$(1.50).

**Good progress:** The company is making good progress on its key biogas and cellulosic ethanol production facility projects. The company has received various permits and contracts to expand the next phase of its biogas project from 2 dairies currently to 15 additional dairies in 2022. In addition, Aemetis has recently signed several major jet fuel sales agreements to deliver sustainable aviation fuel with Delta Air Lines and oneworld Alliance.

**Positive outlook:** While at first glance, Aemetis's operations and financials appear challenged (due to its history of losses and tight liquidity), we believe the company is near an inflection point to significantly improve its operations and outlook. Specifically we view a favorable outlook in 2022 for:

- 1) Pricing it receives for its products (ethanol and biodiesel).
- 2) Government mandates for usage of renewable fuels.
- 3) Debt financing (interest rates, ability to rollover/issue new debt).
- 4) Monetization of its India plant.
- 5) Value from its planned new cellulosic ethanol production facility.
- 6) Expansion of its Biogas project.
- 7) Improvements in economics/financials for its ethanol plant.
- 8) Carbon sequestration project.

We believe that an overall positive outcome to these items will significantly improve Aemetis operations and financial results.

**Key catalysts upcoming:** Key upcoming catalysts may drive the stock, including improved ethanol economics in 2022, resuming India plant, progress on its new cellulosic ethanol facility, improvements to its ethanol plant, carbon sequestration project, and its biogas project.

**Positive high risks vs. rewards:** While the company is still at early-stages in its financial goals to grow revenue and reach profitability, we believe that the current share price (even with its huge price volatility in the past year and reaching a high of \$27 in April 2021) represents great upside opportunity.

**Current valuation attractive:** Maintaining our BUY rating, but lowering our 12month price target to \$30.00 from \$33, which is based on a NPV analysis, representing significant upside from current share price. We believe this valuation appropriately balances out the company's high risks with the company's growth prospects and large upside opportunities.

#### **Company Description**

Based in Cupertino, CA, Aemetis is a renewable fuels company that develops, produces, and markets ethanol, biodiesel, and other low carbon fuels.

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#### Stock Data

Exchange: 52-week Range:	NasdaqGS \$4.45 – 23.33
Shares Outstanding (million):	35
Market cap (\$million):	\$302
EV (\$million):	\$561
Debt (\$million):	\$263
Cash (\$million):	\$4
Avg. Daily Trading Vol. (\$million):	\$7
Float (million shares):	29
Short Interest (million shares):	5
Dividend, annual (yield):	\$0 (NA%)

#### Revenues (US\$ million)

	<u>2022E</u> (Cur.)	<u>2022E</u> (Old)	<u>2023E</u> (Cur.)	<u>2023E</u> (Old)
Q1 Mar	52A		73E	
Q2 Jun	66A	61E	78E	85E
Q3 Sep	65E	59E	91E	82E
Q4 Dec	<u>72E</u>	<u>73E</u>	<u>88E</u>	<u>90E</u>
Total	255E	245E	330E	
EV/Revs	2.2x		1.7x	

#### Earnings per Share (pro forma)

	<u>2022E</u> <u>(Cur.)</u>	<u>2022E</u> (Old)	<u>2023E</u> (Cur.)	<u>2023E</u> (Old)
Q1 Mar	(0.54)A		(0.17)E	
Q2 Jun	(0.01)A	(0.41)E	(0.15)E	(0.14)E
Q3 Sep	(0.45)E	(0.34)E	(0.14)E	
Q4 Dec	(0.30)E	<u>(0.22)E</u>	<u>(0.09)E</u>	
Total	(1.29)E	(1.50)E	(0.55)E	
P/E	N/A		N/A	

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Ticker: AMTX Price: \$8.63

**Rating: BUY** 

Target: \$30.00 (from \$33)



## OVERVIEW

- Aemetis recently (on August 4) reported its fiscal Q2 2022 (ending June) results.
- Revenue was \$66 million (+20% y-o-y), compared to our estimate of \$61 million and consensus of \$59 million.
- EPS was \$(0.01), compared to our estimate of \$(0.41) and consensus of \$(0.36).
- EBITDA was \$10 million (vs. \$(1.0) million in Q2 2021), compared to our estimate of \$(3.3) million.
- There was no Q2 guidance.
- Aemetis updated its 5-year financial plan in February 2022. For 2022, the company expects revenue of \$294 million, EBITDA of \$25 million, and EPS of ~\$(0.68) (net loss of \$23 million and we estimate a share count of 34 million).
- We are raising our 2022 estimates for revenue to \$255 million, from \$245 million, and for EPS to \$(1.29) from \$(1.50).
- We are maintaining our 2023 estimates for revenue of \$330 million, and for EPS of \$(0.55).

## **ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- Revenue from North America was \$66 million (+20% y-o-y), vs. Q2 2021's \$55 million.
- Revenue from India was ~\$0 million (-100% y-o-y), vs. Q2 2021's \$0.2 million.
- Gross profit for the quarter was ~\$(0) million, compared with our estimate of \$1 million.
- Gross margin for the quarter was -0%, versus +7% last year and our expectation of +1%.
- Operating expenses were \$8 million, versus our expectation of \$7 million.
- Operating loss was \$7.7 million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$6.7 million.
- Net loss was \$0.2 million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$14.2 million.
- In Q2, the company received a grant of \$14 million from the USDA's Biofuel Producer Program which was recorded as Other Income.

On March 1, 2021 (as part of a presentation at an investor conference), Aemetis provided a 5-year financial plan to reach \$1 billion in revenue in 2025.

On February 28, 2022 (as part of a presentation at an investor conference), Aemetis provided an update to its 5-year financial plan (see exhibits) to reach \$1 billion in revenue in 2025 and \$1.5 billion in revenue in 2026.

The company's balance sheet remains highly leveraged with \$4 million in cash and \$263 million in debt, compared with \$6 million in cash and \$259 million in debt at the end of March. With the strong rise in its share price in 2021, the company had utilized its ATM (at-the-market) stock sale program (raised \$62 million in Q1, \$24 million in Q2, \$8 million in Q3, \$9 million in Q4). In Q2 2022, the company raised \$5 million from its ATM.



## Exhibit 1: Q2 2022 & Q4 2021 Production and Price Performance

# PRODUCTION AND PRICE PERFORMANCE (unaudited)

		Six months ended June 30,					
2022	2021	2022	2021				
15.2	15.2	29.9	30.8				
\$3.13	\$2.78	\$2.86	\$2.34				
111%	110%	109%	112%				
104.0	101.4	204.4	205.3				
\$146	\$105	\$130	\$106				
5.3	5.2	10.4	10.7				
\$10.21	\$8.04	\$9.50	\$7.44				
14.9	13.1	28.9	24.1				
	June 30 2022 15.2 \$3.13 111% 104.0 \$146 5.3 \$10.21	15.2 15.2   \$3.13 \$2.78   111% 110%   104.0 101.4   \$146 \$105   5.3 5.2   \$10.21 \$8.04	June 30,   June     2022   2021   2022     15.2   15.2   29.9     \$3.13   \$2.78   \$2.86     111%   110%   109%     104.0   101.4   204.4     \$146   \$105   \$130     5.3   5.2   10.4     \$10.21   \$8.04   \$9.50				

# PRODUCTION AND PRICE PERFORMANCE (unaudited)

	Three mon Decem		Year ended December 31,				
	2021	2020	2021	2020			
Ethanol and high grade alcohol							
Gallons sold (in millions)	15.2	15.4	59.8	60.3			
Average sales price/gallon	\$3.36	\$1.60	\$2.72	\$1.84			
Percent of nameplate capacity	111%	112%	109%	112%			
WDG							
Tons sold (in thousands)	105	101	404	393			
Average sales price/ton	\$103	\$90	\$103	\$81			
Delivered Cost of Corn							
Bushels ground (in millions)	5.4	5.3	20.9	21.1			
Average delivered cost/bushel	\$7.23	\$5.61	\$7.52	\$5.05			
Dairy Renewable Natural Gas							
MMBtu sold	13,361	9,388	53,041	9,388			
Biodiesel							
Metric tons sold (in thousands)	-	1.7	0.5	16.0			
Average sales price/metric ton	\$ -	\$879	\$1,024	\$863			
Percent of nameplate capacity	0%	5%	<1%	10%			



## **Exhibit 2: Aemetis Overview**

# Aemetis Overview

## Company:

- Founded 2006 in Cupertino, CA by former co-founder of \$1.6 billion revenues Pacific Ethanol (Nasdaq: ALTO)
- \$166 million revenues (2020) with \$300 million of assets (build cost)
- Experts in building and operating Low and "Below Zero" Carbon Intensity (CI) renewable fuels projects

## Projects:

- Built, operating and now expanding -426 carbon intensity Dairy RNG project that replaces petroleum diesel
- Building 45 mgy "Carbon Zero" renewable diesel/jet fuel plants in California using cellulosic hydrogen
- Developing Carbon Capture & Sequestration (CCS) injection wells at the two biofuels plant sites in California
- Own, operating and upgrading 65 mgy biofuels plant in California to increase LCFS, RFS and 45Q values
- Built, operating and expanding 50 mgy low carbon biofuels plant in India using low CI feedstocks

# Aemetis at a Glance

# An integrated energy transition platform

## Key Highlights



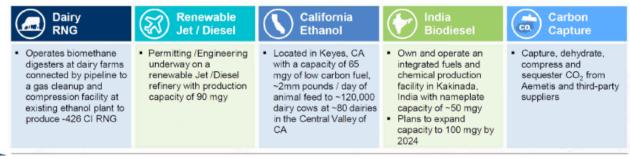
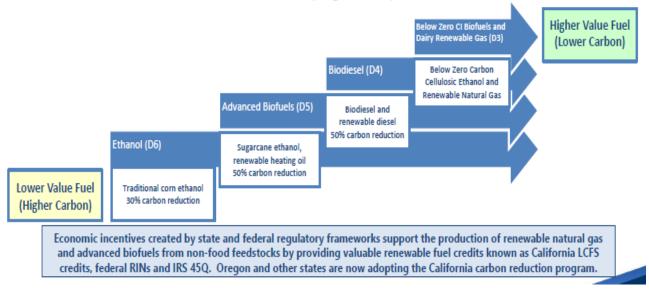




Exhibit 3: Aemetis Market Opportunity

# **Below Zero Carbon Intensity Market Opportunity**

- Federal and California low carbon renewable fuel standards require oil refiners and other obligated parties to blend increasing amounts of renewable fuels into transportation fuel sold in the United States.
- Renewable fuels with "below zero" carbon intensity, such as dairy biogas and cellulosic hydrogen from orchard waste, generate more revenues than traditional renewable fuels which have higher carbon intensity.
- The 2007 Federal Energy Independence and Security Act states military, economic and environmental reasons for increasing renewable fuels to 36 billion gallons per year in the US.
- The California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) is expected to generate deficits as the regulatory demand for credits continues to increase annually.
- The renewable diesel Blenders Tax Credit of \$1.00 per gallon is expected to increase for aviation fuel.

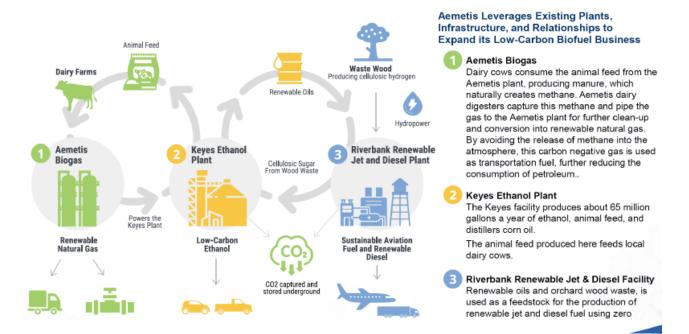




## **Exhibit 4: Aemetis Growth Plans**

# Aemetis Circular Bioeconomy

Integrated value chain supports growth while minimizing technology and execution risk



# **Aemetis Expansion Plans**

			2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	Total Dairy Renewable Na (dRNG) Digesters	atural Gas	10	24	37	51	66
1	dRNG Digesters Capacity (MMBtu/Year)		272,800	624,800	968,000	1,337,600	1,742,400
ñ	dRNG Production (MMBtu/Year)		49,941	327,800	651,200	1,016,400	1,392,600
	India Biodiesel (Gallons/Year)		13,878,324	29,279,683	43,965,455	57,155,091	74,301,619
83	SAF Jet / Renewable Dies (Gallons/Year)	iel				60,344,603	84,930,300
	Carbon Capture & Seque	stration				405.000	500.000
S	(Metric Tons)					125,000	500,000
•••		\$500.0	Aemetis Expa	ansion Capita (\$ in M			500,000
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## Exhibit 5: Aemetis Major Jet Fuel Agreements

## September 7, 2022

Aemetis Finalizes \$7 billion of Supply Contracts for 100% of Riverbank Plant Production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel and Renewable Diesel for up to 10 years

August 22, 2022

Aemetis to supply Aer Lingus and British Airways with Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) for flights from San Francisco International Airport

May 24, 2022

Aemetis Signs Agreement with Alaska Airlines to Supply 13 Million Gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel April 26, 2022

Aemetis Signs Agreement with JetBlue to Supply 125 Million Gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

March 25, 2022

Aemetis Signs Agreement with Finnair to Supply 17.5 Million Gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

March 15, 2022

Aemetis Signs Agreement with Qantas to Supply 35 Million Gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

February 9, 2022

Aemetis Signs Agreement with Japan Airlines to Supply 90 Million Gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

December 1, 2021

Aemetis Signs Agreement with American Airlines to Supply Sustainable Aviation Fuel

November 30, 2021

Aemetis Signs MOU's with Eight Airline Members of the oneworld Alliance for 350 Million Gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

September 30, 2021

Aemetis Signs Offtake Agreement with Delta Air Lines for 250 Million Gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel



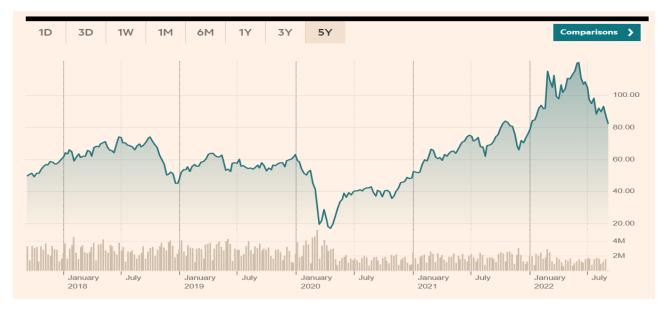
Exhibit 6: Aemetis 5-year Revenue and EBITDA Growth Plan (as of February 28, 2022)

# Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA Growth Plan

Projected Consolid	ated Revenu	ies and Adj	usted EBIT	DA <sup>1</sup>	
Revenues (millions)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
California Ethanol & Animal Feed	\$231.2	\$241.8	\$246.6	\$250.9	\$255.6
India Biodiesel & Glycerin	51.5	104.5	164.3	223.8	304.8
Dairy Renewable Natural Gas	9.5	61.9	106.2	161.9	216.8
Renewable Diesel/Sustainable Aviation Fuel	2.2	2.4	2.4	443.4	623.1
Carbon Capture & Sequestration	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.6	102.5
Total Revenues	\$294.3	\$410.6	\$519.6	\$1,105.6	\$1,502.9
Adjusted EBITDA (millions)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
California Ethanol & Animal Feed	\$31.9	\$30.8	\$33.1	\$31.8	\$33.2
India Biodiesel & Glycerin	3.1	8.1	14.2	20.1	30.3
Dairy Renewable Natural Gas	1.6	46.1	84.1	134.8	185.3
Renewable Diesel/Sustainable Aviation Fuel	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	99.8	147.2
Carbon Capture & Sequestration	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	20.3	81.9
Corporate	(11.0)	(13.1)	(15.2)	(17.0)	(17.0)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$25.2	\$71.6	\$115.9	\$289.8	\$461.0

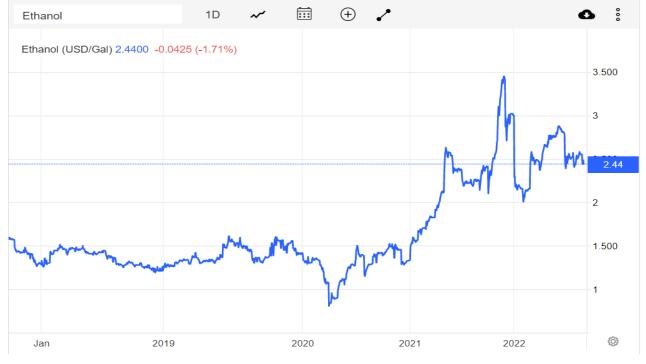


# Exhibit 7: Historical U.S. Crude Oil and Ethanol Prices



# End of day Commodity Futures Price Quotes for Crude Oil WTI (NYMEX)

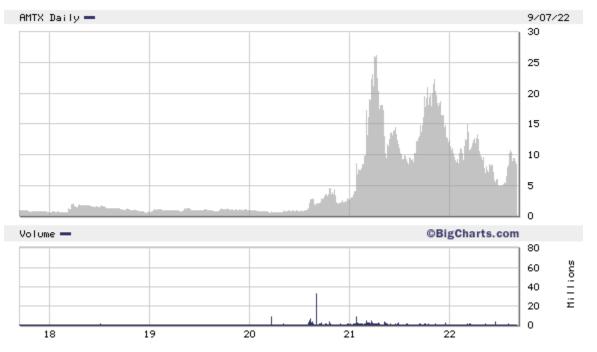
End of day Commodity Futures Price Quotes for Ethanol Futures



Source: <u>https://markets.ft.com/</u>, https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/ethanol



# Exhibit 8: Aemetis's Stock Price (5-Year)



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

# Exhibit 9: Consensus Expectations (as of August 4, 2022)

	Revenue			EPS	
	<u>2022E</u>	<u>2023E</u>		<u>2022E</u>	<u>2023E</u>
Q1 Mar	\$52A		Q1 Mar	\$(0.54)A	
Q2 Jun	\$59E		Q2 Jun	\$(0.36)E	
Q3 Sep	\$62E		Q3 Sep	\$(0.30)E	
Q4 Dec			Q4 Dec		
Total	\$241E	\$333E	Total	\$(1.56)E	\$(0.41)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
iscal 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
Total Revenue	39.5	47.8	40.9	37.3	165.6	42.8	54.9	49.9	64.4	211.9	52.0	65.9	64.9	72.2	255.0	72.9	78.1	90.8	88.3	330.1
Cost of Revenues	39.9	33.8	40.2	40.7	154.5	46.4	51.2	54.7	51.7	204.0	55.1	66.1	63.6	66.4	251.2	63.4	67.9	79.0	76.0	286.3
Gross Profit	(0.4)	14.1	0.8	(3.4)	11.0	(3.6)	3.6	(4.8)	12.7	7.9	(3.1)	(0.2)	1.3	5.8	3.8	9.5	10.2	11.8	12.4	43.8
Research and development	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Selling, general and administr	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.3	16.9	5.4	5.8	5.1	7.5	23.7	7.3	7.4	8.0	7.2	29.9	8.0	7.8	9.1	7.9	32.9
Restructuring and other					0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Total operating expenses	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.4	17.1	5.4	5.8	5.1	7.5	23.8	7.3	7.5	8.0	7.3	30.2	8.1	7.9	9.2	8.0	33.2
Operating income (loss)	(4.5)	10.0	(3.8)	(7.7)	(6.1)	(9.0)	(2.1)	(9.9)	5.2	(15.8)	(10.4)	(7.7)	(6.7)	(1.5)	(26.4)	1.4	2.3	2.6	4.3	10.6
Interest income (expense)	(6.9)	(6.9)	(7.6)	(6.6)	(27.9)	(7.2)	(9.0)	(7.7)	(5.9)	(29.8)	(7.9)	(8.2)	(7.9)	(7.9)	(31.8)	(6,6)	(6.6)	(6.6)	(6.6)	(26.3
Other income (expense)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.8)	(0.0)	(3.6)	(1.2)	0.6	0.0	(0.3)	(29.6)	0.0	(6.2)	(1.0)	(1.0)	13.7	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(20.
Income before income taxes	(12.3)	2.1	(12.2)	(15.3)	(37.6)	(18.1)	(10.6)	(17.6)	(1.0)	(47.3)	(18.3)	(0.2)	(15.6)	(10.4)	(44.5)	(6.1)	(5.2)	(4.8)	(3.2)	(19.3
Income taxes	(0.2)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.7)	(1.0)	0.0	(10.0)	(17.0)	(0.1)	(47.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income (loss)	(12.1)	2.2	(12.2)	(14.6)	(36.7)	(18.1)	(10.6)	(17.6)	(0.9)	(47.1)	(18.3)	(0.2)	(15.6)	(10.4)	(44.6)	(6.1)	(5.2)	(4.9)	(3.2)	(19.3
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Nonrecurring/noncash adjustme Net income (pro forma)	(12.1)	2.2	(12.2)	(14.6)	<u>0.0</u> (36.7)	(18.1)	(10.6)	(17.6)	(0.9)	<u>0.0</u> (47.1)	(18.3)	(0.2)	(15.6)	(10.4)	<u>0.0</u> (44.6)	(6.1)	(5.2)	(4.9)	(3.2)	<u>0.(</u> (19.:
Net income (pro forma)	(12.1)	2.2	(12.2)	(14.0)	(30.7)	(10.1)	(10.6)	(17.0)	(0.9)	(47.1)	(10.3)	(0.2)	(15.6)	(10.4)	(44.0)	(0.1)	(5.2)	(4.9)	(3.2)	(19.3
EBITDA	(3.0)	11.2	(2.5)	(6.3)	(0.7)	(6.7)	(1.0)	(8.2)	8.8	(7.2)	(7.0)	10.0	(4.1)	1.2	0.1	4.1	4.9	5.3	7.0	21.3
Shares, Basic	20.7	20.7	20.9	21.8	21.0	26.3	30.9	31.9	33.2	30.7	33.7	34.5	34.7	34.8	34.5	34.9	35.0	35.2	35.3	35.1
Shares, Diluted	20.7	21.2	21.2	21.8	21.2	26.3	30.9	31.9	33.2	30.7	33.7	34.5	34.7	34.8	34.5	34.9	35.0	35.2	35.3	35.1
EPS Basic (Pro forma)	(\$0.58)	\$0.11	(\$0.59)	(\$0.67)	(\$1.74)	(\$0.69)	(\$0.34)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.03)	(\$1.54)	(\$0.54)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.45)	(\$0.30)	(\$1.29)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.14)	(\$0.09)	(\$0.55
EPS Diluted (Pro forma)	(\$0.58)	\$0.10	(\$0.58)	(\$0.67)	(\$1.73)	(\$0.69)	(\$0.34)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.03)	(\$1.54)	(\$0.54)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.45)	(\$0.30)	(\$1.29)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.14)	(\$0.09)	(\$0.55
Margins																				
Gross margin	-1.1%	29.4%	1.9%	-9.0%	6.7%	-8.4%	6.6%	-9.6%	19.7%	3.7%	-5.9%	-0.3%	2.0%	8.0%	1.5%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	14.0%	13.39
Research and development	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	0.19
Selling, general and administr	10.0%	8.5%	11.2%	11.6%	10.2%	12.6%	10.5%	10.2%	11.6%	11.2%	14.0%	11.3%	12.3%	10.0%	11.7%	11.0%	10.0%		9.0%	10.09
Operating margin	-11.4%	20.9%	-9.4%		-3.7%	-21.1%	-3.9%		8.1%	-7.5%	-20.0%		-10.4%	-2.1%	-10.3%	1.9%	2.9%		4.9%	3.29
Tax rate, GAAP	1.7%	-2.6%	0.0%	4.7%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.3%	0.3%	0.0%	-1.5%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%		-0.1%	-0.19
Net margin	-30.5%	4.6%			-22.1%	-42.3%		-35.3%	-1.4%	-22.2%			-24.1%		-17.5%	-8.4%	-6.7%		-3.6%	-5.99
Y/Y % change																				
Total Revenue	-6%	-6%	-29%	-28%	-18%	8%	15%	22%	72%	28%	22%	20%	30%	12%	20%	40%	19%	40%	22%	299
Gross margin	23%	330%	-81%	-158%	-13%	733%	-74%		-476%	-28%	-14%	-106%	-127%	-54%	-52%		#######		114%	10589
Research and development	255%	-77%	0%	-16%	4%	-80%	0%	-41%	-42%	-59%	57%	143%	195%	228%	155%	102%	53%	40%	22%	479
Selling, general and administr		3%	1%	-8%	-3%	37%	42%	11%	72%	40%	36%	29%	57%	-3%	26%	10%	5%	14%	10%	10
Operating income (loss)	-3%	-1411%	556%	-845%	23%	101%	-121%	158%	-167%	161%	16%	261%	-32%	-129%	67%	-113%	-129%		-385%	-1409
	24%	-117%	93%	117%	3%	50%	-582%	44%	-94%	29%	1%	-98%	-11%	1082%	-6%		2394%	-69%	-70%	-57
Net income (loss)																				

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alance Sheet (\$ mils)	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-2
scal Year End: December 31	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3E	Q4E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E
Assets																
	0.0			0.6	45.0	7.2		7.0			00.0	8.3	(7.0)	(04.0)	(40.0)	(50
Cash and cash equivalents	0.3	3.4	0.1	0.6	15.8	1.2	6.4	7.8	5.5	3.6	22.9 0.0	8.3 0.0	(7.2)	(34.3)	(42.0)	(56. 0
Short term investments															0.0	
Accounts receivable, net	1.6	5.2	3.2	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.7	1.3	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.3	5.0	4
Inventory	5.2	7.3	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.9	7.6 0.0	8.0 0.0	7.6 0.0	8.2	9.5 0.0	9
Deferred income taxes	0.7		<b>5</b> 4		0.5				5.0	<b>F</b> 0						
Prepaid expenses and other Total current assets	<u>2.7</u> 9.9	<u>2.0</u> 17.9	<u>5.4</u> 13.5	<u>2.3</u> 8.7	<u>2.5</u> 24.2	<u>5.5</u> 19.0	<u>4.1</u> 17.0	<u>6.2</u> 20.7	<u>5.2</u> 16.2	<u>5.3</u> 15.0	<u>3.2</u> 37.4	<u>3.6</u> 23.9	<u>3.6</u> 8.1	<u>3.9</u> (17.9)	4.5	<u>4</u> (38
Total current assets	9.9	17.9	13.5	8.7	24.2	19.0	17.0	20.7	10.2	15.0	37.4	23.9	8.1	(17.9)	(23.0)	(38
Long term securities/investments											0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	C
Property and equipment, net	90.6	98.5	103.1	109.9	113.1	119.2	124.9	135.1	145.2	156.8	164.9	176.7	188.4	200.1	211.9	223
Intangibles, net											0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Deferred income tax											0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	3.3	<u>5.7</u>	5.6	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.4</u>	5.2	<u>5.1</u>	5.0	<u>5.1</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.6</u>	9
Total assets	103.8	122.2	122.2	125.1	143.7	143.3	147.0	160.8	166.5	178.5	208.9	207.2	203.1	188.8	195.5	191
Liabilities and stockholders' equity																
Accounts payable	16.9	16.4	15.0	20.7	17.6	16.0	13.9	16.4	18.8	19.1	32.4	36.1	36.4	31.2	36.3	3
Accrued expenses	17.5	16.8	18.2	18.7	12.3	12.6	6.8		1.3	1.0	32.4	36.1	36.4	31.2	36.3	3
Deferred revenue				-							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Deferred income tax											0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other					4.8	7.0	18.1	19.2	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	1
Short term debt	26.5	26.9	62.6	62.8	31.7	27.3	35.9	29.8	30.7	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.8	28
Total current liabilities	61.0	60.0	95.8	102.2	66.4	62.9	74.6	65.3	62.7	60.4	105.1	112.5	113.1	102.7	112.9	110
Deferred income taxes																
Other long term liabilities	7.5	6.3	6.4	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.1	4.8	4.6	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	
EB-5 notes	36.5	36.0	34.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32
GAFI secured and revolving notes	30.8	31.3	0.0								0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Long term debt	134.7	152.8	161.0	169.6	177.8	166.6	166.9	178.5	195.3	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202
Minority Interest											0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total other liabilities	209.5	226.4	201.9	207.6	215.7	204.4	204.5	215.7	232.3	240.8	240.8	240.8	240.8	240.8	240.8	240
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	,
Common stock	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.7	4.1	5.4	6.8	
Additional paid-in capital	87.3	87.6	88.1	93.4	157.9	183.0	192.5	205.3	215.4	221.9	221.9	221.9	221.9	221.9	221.9	22
Retained earnings	(249.5)		(259.5)	(274.1)	(292.2)	(302.7)	(320.3)	(321.2)	(339.5)	(339.7)	(355.4)	(365.8)	(371.9)	(377.1)	(381.9)	(38
Accumulated other comprehensive in	(249.5) (4.5)	(247.3)	(259.5) (4.2)	(274.1) (4.1)	(292.2) (4.1)	(302.7)	(320.3)	(321.2)	(339.5) (4.5)	(339.7) (4.9)	(355.4) (4.9)	(365.8) (4.9)	(371.9)	(377.1)	(361.9)	(30)
Other	(4.5)	(4.5)	(7.2)	( 1)	()	(4.3)	()	(+)	(4.3)	(4.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(
Total stockholders' equity	(166.7)	(164.2)	(175.6)	(184.7)	(138.4)	(124.0)	(132.1)	(120.2)	(128.6)	(122.7)	(137.0)	(146.1)	(150.8)	(154.7)	(158.2)	(16
Total stockholders' equity and liabil	103.8	122.2	122.2	125.1	143.7	143.3	147.0	160.8	166.5	178.5	208.9	207.2	203.1	188.8	195.5	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
	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3E	Q4E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E
Prepaid as % of total rev	7%	4%	13%	6%	6%	10%	8%	10%	10%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Accounts payable as % of total rev	43%	34%	37%	56%	41%	29%	28%	26%	36%	29%	50%	50%	50%	40%	40%	40%
Inventories as % of cost of rev	13%	22%	12%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	9%	7%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%
Accrued expenses as % of total rev	44%	35%	45%	50%	29%	23%	14%	0%	2%	1%	50%	50%	50%	40%	40%	40%
Activity Ratios																
A/R Days Sales Outstanding	4	10	7	4	4	3	3	2	1	2	5	5	5	5	5	5
Inventory Turnover	30.4x	18.5x	33.3x	41.0x	44.1x	44.8x	45.0x	40.3x	45.4x	53.9x	33.3x	33.3x	33.3x	33.3x	33.3x	33.3x
A/P Days Payable	38	44	34	46	34	28	23	29	31	26	46	49	52	41	41	42
Book & Cash Value (per share)																
Book Value per Share (diluted)	-\$8.07	-\$7.76	-\$8.28	-\$8.46	-\$5.26	-\$4.01	-\$4.15	-\$3.62	-\$3.81	-\$3.55	-\$3.94	-\$4.19	-\$4.32	-\$4.41	-\$4.49	-\$4.53
Cash per Share (diluted)	\$0.01	\$0.16	\$0.00	\$0.03	\$0.60	\$0.23	\$0.20	\$0.23	\$0.16	\$0.10	\$0.66	\$0.24	-\$0.21	-\$0.98	-\$1.19	-\$1.61
Net cash per Share (diluted)	-\$11.05		-\$12.17	-\$12.10	-\$8.60	-\$7.09	-\$7.18	-\$7.01	-\$7.50	-\$7.51	-\$6.91	-\$7.31	-\$7.73	-\$8.48	-\$8.65	-\$9.05
Source: Company reports and Ascendia	nt Capital M	arkets es	timates													



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Cash Flow 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
Cash flow from operating activ	ities																			
Net income	(12.1)	2.2	(12.2)	(14.6)	(36.7)	(18.1)	(10.6)	(17.6)	(0.9)	(47.1)	(18.3)	(0.2)	(15.6)	(10.4)	(44.6)	(6.1)	(5.2)	(4.9)	(3.2)	(19.3)
Depreciation	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	4.9	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	5.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.3
Amortization	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
Stock comp	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.3	2.5	3.9	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	6.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.4
Provision for bad debts			0.6	0.6	1.3	0.1	1.9	(1.9)	1.0	1.2					0.0					0.0
Deferred income taxes	(0.2)	(0.0)		(0.7)	(1.0)					0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt related amortization exper	n 2.3	2.0	2.4	1.4	8.1	3.2	2.6	5.2	0.7	11.6	3.5	3.2			6.7					0.0
Change in fair value of warrant	liability				0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Other gains/losses					0.0		(1.1)			(1.1)		0.8			0.8					0.0
Other					0.0					0.0		(1.4)			(1.4)					0.0
Changes in operating assets and	liabilities	:																		
Accounts receivable	0.4	(3.6)	1.3	0.8	(1.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9	(0.6)	(2.3)	(0.4)	(2.4)	(0.0)	(0.3)	(0.7)	0.1	(0.9)
Inventory	1.1	(2.1)	2.6	0.9	2.4	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(1.3)	(2.2)	0.3	(0.1)	(2.7)	(0.3)	(2.9)	0.4	(0.5)	(1.3)	0.4	(1.1)
Prepaid expenses & other curre	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.4	(0.0)	0.0	(1.4)	(3.0)	1.5	(2.0)	(4.8)	2.5	(0.3)	2.1	(0.4)	3.8	(0.0)	(0.3)	(0.6)	0.1	(0.8)
Other assets	0.4	1.1	0.1	(1.4)	0.3	1.4	1.2	(0.1)	(0.1)	2.4	0.3	(1.9)	0.0	0.0	(1.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	1.1	(0.4)	(0.4)	1.1	1.4	(1.8)	(0.9)	(1.9)	(0.6)	(5.2)	0.8	(0.4)	13.3	3.7	17.4	0.3	(5.2)	5.1	(1.0)	(0.8)
Accrued expenses					0.0					0.0			31.4	3.7	35.1	0.3	(5.2)	5.1	(1.0)	(0.8)
Accrued interest expense	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.7	21.7	0.6	3.8	4.9	5.2	14.5	4.7	3.9			8.5					0.0
Deferred revenue					0.0					0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities	0.9	(1.2)	0.3	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	0.7	6.6	<u>(6.6)</u>	0.7	<u>(6.1)</u>	<u>(3.9)</u>	0.0	0.0	(10.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash (used in) provided by	0.6	4.2	2.2	(4.6)	2.5	(14.1)	(4.1)	(1.8)	(0.7)	(20.6)	(8.2)	1.7	28.8	(1.5)	20.8	(2.5)	(14.0)	5.3	(1.8)	(13.0)
Cash flow from investing activi	ties																			
Purchases of property and equi	(2.4)	(6.2)	(6.3)	(4.4)	(19.3)	(6.6)	(6.4)	(5.8)	(7.9)	(26.7)	(9.5)	(13.1)	(9.5)	(13.1)	(45.0)	(13.1)	(13.1)	(13.1)	(13.1)	(52.2)
Purchases of short-term investr	nents		(3.7)	3.7	0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Acquisitions				2.0	2.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Other					0.0	<u>1.2</u>	0.0		2.5	<u>3.8</u>	1.5	4.7			<u>6.1</u>					0.0
Net cash used in investing activ	(2.4)	(6.2)	(10.0)	1.3	(17.3)	(5.369)	(6.342)	(5.836)	(5.347)	(22.9)	(8.0)	(8.4)	(9.5)	(13.1)	(38.9)	(13.1)	(13.1)	(13.1)	(13.1)	(52.2)
Cash flow from financing activi	ties																			
Issuance of debt	5.1	9.7	8.9	2.7	26.4	3.1				3.1	18.5	12.1	0.0	0.0	30.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayment of debt	(3.6)	(4.6)	(5.0)	(4.1)	(17.3)	(32.1)	(22.0)	(1.1)	(2.2)	(57.4)	(4.8)	(12.4)			(17.2)					0.0
Issuance of stock				5.1	5.1	62.4	23.9	7.9	9.4	103.6		5.1	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repurchase of common stock					0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Proceeds from stock option exe	ercises		0.3	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.2	0.0			0.2					0.0
Other			0.3		0.3	0.1				0.1					0.0					0.0
Dividends and distributions					0.0					0.0					0.0					0.0
Cash provided by (used in) fina	ı 1.4	5.1	4.4	3.8	14.8	34.6	1.9	6.8	7.4	50.7	13.9	4.8	0.0	0.0	18.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effect of exchange rate on cash	(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
Net increase (decrease) in cash	n (0.4)	3.1	(3.3)	0.5	(0.1)	15.2	(8.6)	(0.8)	1.4	7.2	(2.3)	(1.9)	19.3	(14.6)	0.6	(15.5)	(27.1)	(7.7)	(14,9)	(65.3)
Beginning cash and equivalents		0.3	3.4	0.1	0.7	0.6	15.8	7.2	6.4	0.6	7.8	5.5	3.6	22.9	7.8	8.3	(7.2)	(34.3)	(42.0)	
Ending cash and equivalents	0.3	3.4	0.1	0.6	0.6	15.8	7.2	6.4	7.8	7.8	5.5	3.6	22.9	8.3	8.3	(7.2)	(34.3)	(42.0)	· · · · ·	(56.9)

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	Report Date		Price
Report	Date	Rating	Target
1	3/5/2018	В	2.00
2	3/29/2018	В	3.00
3	5/10/2018	В	3.25
4	8/9/2018	В	3.00
5	11/8/2018	В	2.50
6	2/19/2019	В	2.75
7	3/18/2019	В	2.50
8	5/10/2019	В	2.25
9	8/9/2019	В	2.00
10	11/15/2019	В	2.25
11	3/23/2020	В	2.00
12	5/17/2020	В	2.25
13	8/17/2020	В	4.50
14	11/14/2020	В	4.25
15	3/18/2021	В	30.00
16	5/16/2021	В	24.00
17	8/22/2021	В	20.00
18	9/25/2021	В	33.00
19	11/30/2021	В	34.00
20	3/29/2022	В	35.00
21	6/5/2022	В	33.00

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Total return is defined as price appreciation plus dividend yield.

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			Count	Percent
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