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# Zynex, Inc.

# **Rating: Speculative Buy**

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ZYXI \$0.76 (ZYXI: 0	DTC)				November 14, 2012
	2011A	201	2E	2013E	2014E
Total revenues (in millions)	\$ 34.1	\$ 39	9.9	\$ 46.3	\$ 54.7
Earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.05	\$ <i>0</i> .	06	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.10
52 - Week range		\$1.01 - \$ 0.55	Fiscal year en	ids:	December
Shares outstanding as of Nov. 13,	, 2012	31.1 million	Revenue/shar	e (ttm)	\$1.24
Approximate float		12.0 million	Price/Sales (th	tm)	0.6X
Market Capitalization		\$23.7 million	Price/Sales (2	014)E	0.46X
Tangible Book value as of Sep. 30	0, 2012	\$0.36	Price/Earning	s (ttm)	13.7X
Price/Book		2X	Price/Earning	s (2014)E	7.8X

Zynex, Inc., based in Lone Tree, Colorado, manufactures a line of electrotherapy devices that relieve pain while reducing reliance on drugs, and speeds rehabilitation and recovery of i mobility. The company also produces diagnostic devices and distributes electrotherapy systems manufactured by others. A substantial portion of revenue is recurring – device rentals and the sale of electrodes and batteries sent to patients using rented or purchased units.

#### Key Investment Considerations:

Reiterating Speculative Buy with a \$1.10 (12-month) price target.

The rising prevalence of chronic pain associated with age-related illnesses should drive the growth in demand for Zynex's noninvasive electrotherapy technology, which treats a broad range of pain conditions.

The US electrotherapy market is projected to grow to \$820 million by 2016, up from \$600 million in 2012. By expanding its sales force, adding new products, and increasing the number of its electrotherapy systems in service, Zynex increased its sales 44% annually from 2007 to 2011, significantly outpacing the US medical device market's 14.2% growth during the same period.

That growth rate will moderate as the company expands, but continued market penetration, new products, recent acquisitions, and overseas expansion should drive annual revenue gains of 15%+ during the next two to three years.

Due partly to a large recurring high-margin revenue stream, Zynex's gross margin of 80%+ is exceptionally high. As the company achieves better control of its operating expenses, leverage should significantly improve profitability.

For 2012 we project EPS of \$0.06 on revenue of \$40 million. By 2014 we project EPS of \$0.10 on sales of \$54.7 million.

In 3Q12 (results released Nov. 7, 2012) Zynex earned a profit of \$358,000, or \$0.01 per share, on revenue of \$10.1 million. We projected EPS of \$0.02 per share on revenue of \$11.1 million.

By our estimates, the company's borrowing facility will have to be expanded by mid-2013, as growth will increase financing needs beyond the limit of its current lending agreement.

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#### Investment Recommendation

#### Reiterating Speculative Buy with a \$1.10 (12-month) price target.

ZYXI is trading at 12.9X trailing EPS vs. the medical device industry's P-E of 15.4X on trailing 12-month earnings. We believe that within the next year, the stock will trade at around the same multiple on forward (2014) earnings. A 12X multiple on our 2014 EPS estimate of \$0.10 per share, discounted by 7% to a year-ahead value, would value the stock at \$1.10, implying stock price appreciation of 40% within the next 12 months.

ZYXI is a high-growth company that offers potentially attractive investment returns. But in our view, the stock's small float and low trading volume, a high concentration of stock ownership and potential difficulties relating to reimbursement make it suitable mainly for highly risk-tolerant investors

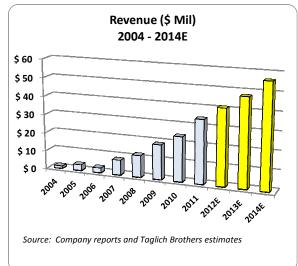
#### **Overview**

Zynex, Inc., headquartered in Lone Tree, Colorado, was founded in 1996 and became a publicly held company in 2004 through a reverse merger with a publicly held shell company. Zynex operated as a wholesaler of Europeanmade electrotherapy devices until its first medical device was cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1999. In 2003 Zynex's full line of electrotherapy devices and a stroke rehabilitation device were cleared by the FDA. In 2008 some of its major products were cleared for marketing in Europe.

Revenue has increased sharply, growing threefold in the last three years alone. Profitability, however, has been less consistent despite a gross margin that significantly exceeds the medical device industry's gross margin of 50%. Although Zynex has been profitable since 2007, net income has fluctuated widely due mainly to sharp swings in operating expenses.

By 2014, revenue should ramp to \$54.7 million, driving earnings growth an average of 21% annually to \$0.10 per share. Cash earnings through 2014 should remain strong but increases in working capital will require additional financing that, by 3Q13, is likely to exceed the limit of Zynex's current lending agreement.

Zynex manufactures a line of pain management neuromodulator devices that reduce reliance on drugs and



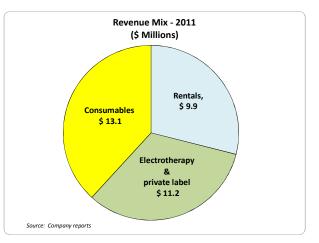
promotes rehabilitation and increased mobility. Zynex's non-invasive transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) and interferential current (IF) systems have been used to treat pain ranging from mild persistent problems such as sore muscles to acute postoperative pain.

The company's neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES) systems are used mainly by physical therapists to treat victims of trauma, stroke, or incidents that degrade muscle function, enabling stroke or spinal injury victims to regain lost mobility, functionality, speech, and memory.

In March 2012 Zynex expanded its product line with the acquisition a diagnostics business that manufactures electromyography (EMG) and photoelectric plethysmography (PPG) systems. The company's diagnostic devices are sold mainly overseas through distributors.

In addition to its own products, Zynex distributes private labeled electrical stimulation devices, electrodes and batteries produced by other US manufacturers. A substantial portion of revenue is recurring. Rentals and electrodes and batteries sold to patients using either rental or purchased units account for two-thirds of revenue.

Zynex's products are either purchased or rented on a monthly basis, mainly by patients, health care providers and distributors. Health insurers that cover patients generally determine, based on the anticipated time the device will be used, if devices will be rented or purchased. More than half of revenue consists of sales to patients covered by private health insurance plans. Patients also include Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. Returned rental units are refurbished and made available for future rentals. Rental margins and margins on consumables, typically around 80%, range significantly higher than the 50% margins on device sales.



At present, all of the company's revenue derives from

electrotherapy systems but products that could potentially expand and diversify the company's target patient populations are in development. Zynex is developing electromyography (EMG), electroencephalography (EEG), sleep pattern, auditory and nerve conductivity neurological diagnosis devices for use in hospitals and clinics. Cardiac monitoring systems are also in development.

In the US, which accounts for most of its sales, the company sells its medical devices through a sales force of 200, two-thirds of whom are independent sales representatives. The remainder are in-house sales representatives, who have become an increasingly large proportion of the sales force. Overseas, Zynex has distributors in Canada, Australia, Southeast Asia, the United Arab Emirates, the Netherlands, and Germany. An international sales manager oversees distributors covering Asia and the Middle East.

#### Strategy

Zynex aims to increase market penetration by expanding its sales force, mainly through the recruitment of inhouse sales representatives. In the US, the company covers 38 states through 200 sales representatives, up from 100 in December 2010. In-house sales representatives presently make up one-third of the sales force. Sales representatives also play a customer service role. They maintain consigned inventory to ensure rapid delivery and visit patients to train them in the use of their purchased or rented electrotherapy devices.

Market penetration gains are based in part on increases in electrotherapy systems in service, raising the demand for high-margin consumables such as electrodes and batteries.

Zynex now has 22 international distributors in Canada, Australia, Asia and the Middle East. In February 2012, the company formed a European subsidiary to focus on the European market, where several products have received regulatory clearance (CE mark) that could facilitate entry into other developed markets. The company plans to expand into new markets by developing new neurodiagnostic and cardiac monitoring products, and by making accretive acquisitions. In March 2012, Zynex acquired a device used by clinicians and therapists for surface electromyography (sEMG) muscle monitoring and rehabilitation.

To respond more effectively to fluctuating volume, minimize capital expenditures, and spread the risk of quality deficiencies and supply interruptions, Zynex maximizes its use of contract manufacturers, of which there are a large number of qualified ones available in the US and overseas. Despite reliance mainly on contractors to process the bulk of the company's manufacturing requirements, Zynex has expanded its in-house production capability for certain TENS units.

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Most of the company's technology – TENS was developed 30 years ago – is not patent protected. To keep its product knowledge proprietary, Zynex internally develops software for all of its products. All products are tested in-house to ensure quality and patient safety, and reduce the cost of warranty expenses.

#### **Projections**

**Operations** By 2014, revenue should grow to an estimated \$54.7 million, driven by increased market penetration and sustained demand for electrical stimulation pain management and rehabilitation technology. Despite competitive pressure in a market segment with largely comparable electrotherapy products, Zynex should maintain a high growth rate, albeit a more moderate one than the company achieved during the past five years.

By establishing a rental business and manufacturing most of the products it markets, Zynex earns exceptional manufacturing margins that significantly exceed that of the industry. High gross margins are also supported by distribution of third-party manufacturers' consumables, mainly electrodes and batteries, that account for 40% of revenue (vs. 8% for the TENS segment of the neuromodulator market). But sales and marketing expenses have cut deeply into operating income. By using a large sales force rather than distributors, the company has achieved significantly better market penetration and rapid revenue gains but has done so at a high cost reflected in its sales and marketing expense margins.

Pricing pressure from competing products and resistance from health insurers could limit pricing flexibility, potentially narrowing margins. Sales and marketing expense margins have been persistently high and have widened in recent quarters, constraining profit gains. The company's difficulty in adapting to new electronic claims filing processes has resulted in some reimbursement losses and significantly slowed collections, increasing financing needs sharply during the past year and a half. But despite competitive pressure and reimbursement difficulties, revenue gains should drive strong earnings growth during the next two to three years.

For 2012 we project a profit of \$1.7 million, or \$0.06 per share, on revenue of \$39.9 million. Sales should rise 17%, led by product sales. The gross margin will widen to 80.2% from 78.4% due mainly to rental revenue gains and margin improvement. Sales and gross margin gains will increase gross profit by 19% to \$32 million. Operating expenses will increase an estimated 21% to \$28.8 million due mainly to a 51% rise in sales and marketing expenses to \$14.1 million. The operating expense margin will widen to 72.1% from 69.3%, compressing the operating margin to 8.1% from 9.1%. With no leveraging of operating expenses, operating income will rise only 4% to \$3.2 million.

Despite higher average debt balances in 2012, interest expense will drop 14% to \$397,000, due to easier comparisons with 2011 interest expense, which included a \$139,000 debt extinguishment charge. Excluding that 2011 charge, interest expense will increase an estimated 24%.

Pretax income will rise an estimated 6% to \$2.8 million, with net income and earnings per share showing a comparable growth rate.

For 2013 and 2014, we project revenue gains of 16% and 17%, respectively, to \$46.3 million and \$54.7 million. Gross margins will, by our estimates, remain largely flat but leveraging of operating expenses should increase operating income in 2013 and 2014 by 28% and 43 %, respectively. Operating margins should widen slightly, to 8.99% in 2013 and 10.8% in 2014, as sales and marketing expense margins narrow due to economies achieved as the proportion of higher-cost independent representatives in the sales force diminishes.

Due to heavier borrowing, 2013 interest expense will increase by 13% to \$450,000, and rise another 7% to \$480,000 in 2014. Pretax and net income will rise by 31% in 2013, and 47% in 2014, with EPS increasing at comparable rates.

By our estimates, in 3Q13 peak quarterly borrowings will slightly exceed the \$7 million lending limit under the agreement with Doral Healthcare Finance, requiring Zynex to ask for a waiver or an amendment before the agreement expires in December 2014.

<u>Finances</u> Trading asset turnover has been slow, requiring the use of increased bank borrowing. DSO has been around 115 for the past year and a half. In the same period, turnover of inventory (which includes units held for rental) has slowed from 1.6X to 1.2X. Inventory is generally high, as the independent sales representatives maintain supplies that enable them to rapidly fill orders. Inventory turnover slowed further in the aftermath of the September 2011 launch of NexWave, a pain management/muscle rehabilitation device which was placed in distribution channels in preparation for its release. Inventory turnover should increase during the next year as NexWave inventories are sold.

Estimated 2012 cash earnings of \$3 million will be offset by a \$3.5 million increase in working capital stemming from a rise in receivables and inventory, offset partly by increases in payables and accruals. Cash of \$515,000 used in operations and capital expenditures of \$1.6 million for rental equipment will be covered by \$3 million in additional borrowing. Cash will increase by \$502,000 to \$1.3 million at the end of 2012.

Cash earnings for 2013 and 2014 of \$2.7 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, will be offset, as in 2012, by increases in working capital driven mainly by increases in receivables and inventory. Cash from operations - \$1.7 million in 2013 and \$2.2 million in 2014 - will fall short of capital expenditures in both years. With additional borrowing of \$500,000 in 2013, cash will increase an estimated \$329,000 to \$1.6 million at the end of the year. In 2014 cash will increase by \$765,000 to \$2.4 million as an additional \$750,000 in borrowing is used to cover cash used in operations and capital expenditures.

#### 2012 Third Quarter and Nine-Month Results

In 3Q12, Zynex earned net income of \$358,000, or \$0.01 per share, on revenue of \$10.1 million. We projected earnings of \$0.02 per share on revenue of \$11.1 million.

3Q revenue increased 7% to \$10.1 million, driven by a 24% increase in prescriptions for the company's electrotherapy products and a 17% rise in consumables revenue to \$4 million. Consumables sales increased due to the rise in the number of electrotherapy systems in service. The increase in prescriptions was attributed to the strengthening of Zynex's largely contract sales force with direct sales representatives, who have improved market penetration. The increase in total revenue was offset in part by reimbursement adjustments and the adoption of provisions for Version 5010 of the electronic insurance claims processing system.

The gross margin for 3Q narrowed to 78.1% from 79.5% due mainly to compression in product sales margins to 77.9% from 79% attributed largely to charges against reserves that reduced revenue and receivables as adjustments relating to processing of electronic insurance claims with an updated (Version 5010) procedure. Due to gross margin compression, gross profit for 3Q increased only 5.3% despite the rise in revenue.

Operating expenses increased 12.3% to \$7.2 million, reflecting mainly a 24.4% increase in sales/marketing expenses to \$3.5 million and a 16.7% increase in reimbursement & billing expenses to \$2.4 million. Sales/marketing expenses were up due mainly to an increase in commission expenses. Reimbursement & billing increased due to increase in staff responsible for negotiating with and collecting from insurance carriers.

As the increase in operating expenses exceeded gross profit gains, operating income fell 35% to \$712,000 and the operating margin for 3Q narrowed to 7% from 11.7%. Non-operating expenses increased 43% to \$125,000, reflecting higher interest expenses. Between reduced operating income and higher non-operating expenses, pretax income fell 42% to \$587,000 and net income for the quarter dropped 39% to \$358,000.

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In the first nine months of 2012, the company earned a profit of \$1.2 million, or \$0.04 per share, on revenue of \$29.1 million. In the year-earlier period, ZYXI earned \$0.03 per share on revenue of \$24.5 million. Revenue increased 19% due to a 33% rise in sales of electrotherapy and other private-label products, and a 29% increase in sales of consumables. Those gains were offset in part by an 8% decline in rental revenue.

Sales growth was due mainly to a 38% increase in orders for electrotherapy products, and reimbursement trends that purchases treat more favorably than rentals. Consumables revenue was up due to an increase in the number of electrotherapy units in service. These revenue gains were driven in part by an increase in the number of sales representatives.

Revenue gains were curtailed to some extent by difficulties relating to HIPAA-mandated (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) adoption of revised codes used in reimbursement coding insurance claims, and a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) ruling

that requires processing of electronic health care insurance claims with an updated (Version 5010) processing procedure. The HIPAA standards require a higher level of detail and specificity that have proven difficult to adapt to. The conversion to Version 5010 has slowed processing of electronic claims and has added to the difficulty in obtaining reimbursement.

The nine-month gross margin widened slightly to 80% from 79.1%, driven mainly by a tilt in the revenue mix toward higher-margin consumables. Due to revenue and gross margin gains, gross profit for the nine months increased 20% to \$23.3 million.

SG&A expenses increased 21% to \$21.1 million due mainly to a 53% rise in sales and marketing expenses to \$10.4 million. The increase in sales and marketing reflects commissions paid on sharply increased sales and expansion of the sales force by recruitment of in-house sales representatives. G&A expenses increased 13% to

		Quarter end	ling Sep 30	:	Nine mo	nths ending	Sep 30:
(\$ Thousands)	2012A	2012E	2011	%+/-	2012	2012E	%+/-
Revenue							
Rental	2,281	2,854	2,482	(8.1%)	6,780	7,377	(8.1%)
Sales: electrotherapy/private label	3,783	3,851	3,501	8.1%	10,463	7,871	32.9%
consumables	4,038	4,359	3,444	17.2%	11,829	9,207	28.5%
Sales revenue	7,821	8,210	6,945	12.6%	22,292	17,078	30.5%
Total revenue	10,102	11,064	9,427	7.2%	29,072	24,455	18.9%
Cost of revenue							
Rental	279	428	465	(40.0%)	810	1,191	(32.0%)
Sales	1,937	1,888	1,470	31.8%	5,005	3,915	27.8%
Total	2,216	2,316	1,935	14.5%	5,815	5,106	13.9%
Gross profit	7,886	8,748	7,492	5.3%	23,257	19,349	20.2%
SG&A expenses							
Sales/marketing	3,497	3,651	2,812	24.4%	10,400	6,778	53.4%
Reimbursement & billing	2,425	2,323	2,078	16.7%	6,569	6,520	0.8%
G&A	1,099	1,328	1,068	2.9%	3,343	2,971	12.5%
Engineering & operations	153	387	431	(64.5%)	815	1,217	(33.0%)
Total SG&A	7,174	7,689	6,389	12.3%	21,127	17,486	20.8%
Operating income	712	1,058	1,103	(35.4%)	2,130	1,863	14.3%
Interest income						1	NM
Interest expense	(119)	(86)	(87)	36.8%	(293)	(225)	30.2%
Other income (expense)	(6)			NM	(13)	2	NM
Pretax income	587	972	1,016	(42.2%)	1,824	1,641	11.2%
Income tax	(229)	(428)	(425)	(46.1%)	(673)	(676)	(0.4%)
Net income	358	544	591	(39.4%)	1,151	965	19.3%
Average shares outstanding	31,317	31,500	30,374		31,203	30,978	
Earnings (loss) per share	0.01	0.02	0.02	(41.2%)	0.04	0.03	18.4%
Margin Analysis							
Gross margin - total	78.1%	79.1%	79.5%		80.0%	79.1%	
Rental	87.8%	85.0%	81.3%		88.1%	83.9%	
Sales	48.8%	51.0%	58.0%		52.2%	50.3%	
SG&A	71.0%	69.5%	67.8%		72.7%	71.5%	
Sales/marketing	34.6%	33.0%	29.8%		35.8%	27.7%	
Reimbursement & billing	24.0%	21.0%	22.0%		22.6%	26.7%	
G&A	10.9%	12.0%	11.3%		11.5%	12.1%	
Engineering & operations	1.5%	3.5%	4.6%		2.8%	5.0%	
Operating income	7.0%	9.6%	11.7%		7.3%	7.6%	
Net income	3.5%	4.9%	6.3%		4.0%	3.9%	
		(44.0%)	(41.8%)		(36.9%)	(41.2%)	

\$3.3 million due to higher administrative costs related to the increase in the volume of business and the addition of regulatory personnel. Increases in sales/marketing and G&A were offset in part by a 33% decline in engineering & operations expenses to \$815,000 due to the reclassification of some R&D expenses as cost of goods sold.

While operating income increased 14% to \$2.1 million, the operating margin narrowed to 7.3% from 7.6%. Operating income gains were offset in part by a 37% increase in non-operating expenses to \$306,000, reducing the nine-month pretax margin to 6.3% from 6.7%. Pretax income was up 11% to \$1.8 million but net income was up 19% due to a slight decline in the effective income tax rate

*Finances* Zynex is moderately leveraged, with approximately 47% of tangible assets financed with (tangible) stockholders' equity. The balance sheet is much less leveraged now. At the end of 2009, 63% of tangible assets were financed with stockholders' equity.

In 3Q12 cash earnings of \$827,000 were offset by a \$985,000 increase in working capital due to a rise in receivables and inventory, partly offset by an increase in payables. Cash of \$158,000 used in operations and capital expenditures were covered by an \$876,000 increase in bank borrowings which also increased cash by \$220,000 to \$843,000 at the end of the quarter.

In the first nine months of 2012 cash earnings of \$2.3 million were offset by a \$3.5 million increase in working capital stemming from increases in receivables and inventory. Cash of \$1.2 million used in operations and expenditures for an acquisition and equipment were largely offset by an additional \$2.8 million in bank borrowing. During the first nine months of the year, cash increased by \$54,000 to \$843,000 as of September 30, 2012.

<u>*Credit Facility*</u> Under a December 2011 loan agreement with Doral Healthcare Finance, Zynex has an assetbacked revolving credit facility of up to \$7 million at a variable interest rate equal to the LIBOR rate or 3% per annum + 3.75%, whichever is greater. The agreement matures on December 19, 2014.

The company may terminate the agreement at any time prior to the maturity date upon 30 days' notice and upon full payment of all outstanding obligations. If Zynex terminates the agreement after December 19, 2012 but before the maturity date, the company must pay a specified early termination fee. As of September 30, 2012, \$6.1 million was outstanding under the agreement and \$909,000 was available for borrowing.

As of September 30, 2012, the effective interest rate under the agreement was 8% (7% interest rate and 1% fees). The agreement contains restrictive and financial covenants for asset-backed credit facilities. As of September 30, 2012, the company was in compliance with the financial covenants.

#### The US Medical Device Market

The US medical device market is estimated by IBISWorld at \$64.7 billion in 2012, a figure projected to grow 6.5% a year to \$94 billion by 2018. Between 1998 and 2006 the industry grew at a snail's pace but growth accelerated sharply, averaging 16% a year through 2011. Future growth will be driven mainly by demographic trends, technological innovation and extension of health coverage by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to up to 36 million previously uninsured patients by 2019.

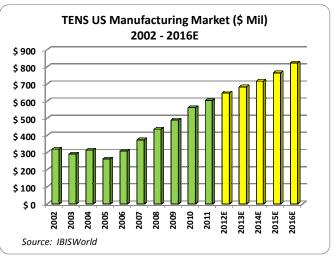
With the aging of the population, the prevalence of age-related disease – cancer, cardiovascular disorders, stroke, diabetes, and degenerative spinal disorders – is expected to rise significantly, increasing the demand for pharmaceutical- and device-based therapy. Technological advances in device design, as seen earlier in cardiac rhythm management, coronary revascularization devices, spinal implants, orthopedic prostheses, and neuromodulation systems, will also drive the growth in demand.

Gains could potentially be offset in part by more stringent regulatory 510(k) review mandated by the Food and Drug Administration Reform Act of 2012, and pressure on pricing and industry profits as the PPACA goes into effect. The law will require all medical device manufacturers to pay, starting in 2013, 2.3% of the sales price of a device as an industry fee. Because of the impact of recent legislation, and more restrictive reimbursement by public and private payors, growth is expected to slow to 6.5% a year through 2018, down from average annual growth of 16% from 2006 to 2011.

<u>Neromodulation Devices</u> This \$6.5 billion segment of the US medical device market encompasses a wide range of devices that intervene in neural pathways to reduce pain and disorders stemming from illness and trauma that have impaired the central nervous system in some fashion. The neuromodulation segment includes electrotherapeutic devices, which apply an electrical impulse to an affected part of the anatomy. TENS systems fall within this group (which also includes cardiac rhythm management devices and other devices).

By IBISWorld's estimates, the US market for TENS is \$602 million, a figure that will increase an average of 6.4% annually, the same growth rate it projects for the entire US medical device industry, to \$821 million by 2016. The US TENS market grew an average of 14% a year between 2006 and 2011.

The higher prevalence of age-related disease and health disorders stemming from the growth in the elderly segment of the population will result in an increase in the number of patients suffering from chronic pain, driving growth in the demand for minimally invasive electrotherapy. Growing demand will drive the increase in prescriptions written by physical therapists and other clinicians, while



Medicare and Medicaid coverage will ease patients' purchases of pain management devices.

Cost advantages to patients stemming from the wider availability of electrotherapy systems in the over the counter market and the reduced cost of smaller handheld systems should support the growth in patient demand. Over the counter purchases do not require a prescription, saving patients the expense of an office visit, and the lower cost of small units make them more attractively priced, provided they can deliver the same power of larger units. By IBISWorld's estimates, smaller and "mini' electrotherapy devices account for almost half of the TENS industry's sales.

#### Zynex's Electrical Nerve Stimulation Technology and its Product Line

Zynex's principal products include pain management, rehabilitation and diagnostic technologies, some of them bundled in combination systems. In addition to the electrical nerve stimulation and diagnostic systems (table on page 10) that it manufactures, the company manufactures private label systems such as an electrical stimulator that manages female urinary incontinence and an electronic drug delivery device. Single-use supplies such as electrodes and batteries account for a sizable proportion of revenue.

Electrotherapy devices are generally small, portable (hand-held in many cases), and relatively inexpensive. The TENS unit illustrated at right (not a Zynex product) is fairly typical. There are TENS systems that retail on the Internet for as little as \$29.



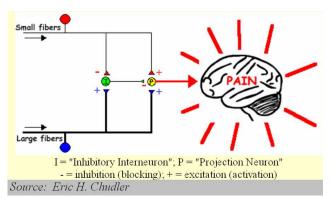
<u>**Pain Mangement</u>** Electrical stimulation systems, also known as neurostimulation devices, range from Medtronic's PrimeAdvanced® and Restore<sup>TM</sup> implantables to the ubiquitous TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation) system. TENS reduces pain by electrically stimulating nerve fibers that interfere with pain signals and by stimulating the production of pain-relieving endomorphins. Common pain relief applications for TENS include back and neck, RSD (complex regional pain syndrome), arthritis, shoulder pain, neuropathies, and other acute and chronic pain.</u>

TENS therapy is delivered through a small, external portable battery-powered generator from which electrical impulses are coursed through electrodes placed on the skin, either directly over the painful area or at certain points along the nerve pathway.

The mechanism of action of TENS is explained by the gate-control theory (Melzack and Wall, 1965), illustrated at the right, as follows: in the absence of stimuli, both large and small nerve fibers are quiet and the inhibitory interneuron (I) blocks the signal in the projection neuron (P) that connects to the brain. The "gate is closed", so there is no pain sensed.

With non-painful stimuli, mainly the large nerve fibers are activated. Activation of the large nerve fibers also activates the projection neuron (P), but it also activates the inhibitory interneuron (I) which then blocks the signal in the projection neuron (P) that connects to the brain. The gate remains closed so there is no pain sensed.

With pain stimulation, small nerve fibers become active, activating the projection neurons (P) and blocking the inhibitory interneuron (I). Because activity of the inhibitory interneuron is blocked, it cannot block the output of the projection neuron that connects with the



brain. So the gate is "open", and the brain senses pain. TENS aims to stimulate the large diameter nerve fibers, closing the gate and reducing pain.

The sensation produced by the electrical stimulation appears to "override" the pain messages and may stimulate the body to produce its own natural morphine-like substance, which minimizes pain.

Since it was developed more than 30 years ago TENS has been used to treat almost every type of pain, from mild persistent problems such as sore muscles to acute postoperative pain. Its most common use, however, has been in the treatment of chronic low-back pain, an application in which the American Academy of Neurology now says TENS is ineffective. Whether TENS suppresses or overrides pain signals, stimulates production of natural pain relieving chemicals, or is merely a placebo effect, it has provided pain relief in many cases. Its broad acceptance is based in part on its benign side effects profile. TENS is non-addictive, non-sedative, and can be used indefinitely without the problems associated with prolonged use of some pain medications.

Zynex's pain management technologies include interferential (IF) current, which manages pain by a mechanism similar to TENS. Low-frequency electrical impulses directed at affected tissues intersect below the skin and induce the secretion of endorphins. IF penetrates tissue more deeply than TENS, achieving greater patient comfort and increased circulation. IF is often used to treat spasms, ligament sprains and strained muscles.

**<u>Rehabilitation</u>** Neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES) systems deliver electrical impulses to the surface over targeted muscles through electrodes. These electrical impulses cause muscles to contract as a form of exercise or physical therapy. NMES is used mainly by physical therapist to treat victims of trauma, stroke, or incidents that degrade muscle function. NEMS is also to diagnose the performance of nerves and muscles, and measure improvement after treatment.

NEMS is used in cases of chronic neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, club foot and some nonprogressive myopathies. It is also applied to healthy muscle to strengthen or maintain muscle mass during periods of enforced inactivity, increase range of motion, improve voluntary muscle control, and temporarily reduce spasticity.

**Diagnostics** Electromyography (EMG) tests the electrical activity of muscles to assess their health and the nerves that control them. EMG is often performed in tandem with nerve conduction studies. Detecting abnormal electrical activity in the muscles or nerves can help clinicians diagnose injuries or other disorders, such as nerve compression or injury (as in carpal tunnel syndrome), nerve root injury, and others, including alcoholic neuropathy, cervical spondylosis, and femoral nerve dysfunction. A very thin needle electrode inserted through

TENS	TruWave ValuTENS (private label)
MNES	E-Wave
Combination:	
IF and NMES	IF 8000 and IF 8100
TENS, NMES and IF	NexWave, TruWave Plus
TENS and NMES	InWave
DIAGNOSTICS	
Electromyography	NM 900
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Photoelectric plethysmograph	MEDAC Sys/3 System
Source: Zynex, Inc.	

the skin into the muscle detects electrical activity, which is displayed on a monitor, and may be heard through a speaker.

Photoelectric plethysmography (PPG) measures the intensity of light reflected from the <u>skin</u> surface and the red cells below to determine the blood volume of the target. That measurement enables a physician to determine erythrocyte volume and oxygen saturation. The diagnostic procedure utilizes a photosensitive cell to measure light reflected or passed through the tissue segment where a monitor is positioned. In a common application, the PPG sensor is placed over a fingertip. With each heartbeat, a surge of blood is forced through the vascular system, expanding the capillaries in the finger, changing the amount of electrical current that is translated into a signal. PPG can be used to assess the condition of patients suffering from hypertension, migraine headache or Raynaud's Disease.

In another application, PPG measures and records ear opacity through a tiny phototube and lamp clipped to the ear, measuring of the fullness of blood vessels. A PPG can be worn by aircraft pilots during high-altitude flights to signal oxygen insufficiency.

#### **Competition**

Zynex's competitors include large broad-line medical device manufacturers with substantial neurostimulation businesses, including Medtronic and St. Jude Medical, which reported 2011 neuromodulation revenue of \$1.7 billion (FY ending April 2012) and \$418 million, respectively. DJO Global's Recovery Science business, which includes direct competitor EMPI, reported 2011 revenue of \$343 million.

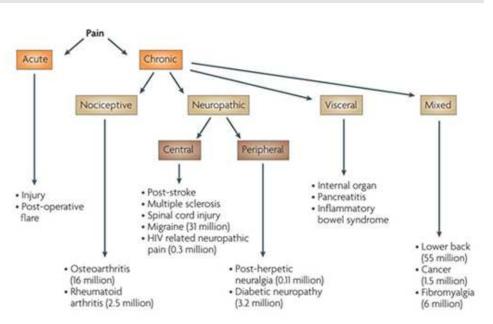
Neuromodulation revenue of Medtronic and St. Jude Medical, the high end of the market, were up 7% and 10% respectively. DJO's recovery science 2011 revenue was flat. Aside from the larger competitors in this industry segment, there are more than 40 US manufacturers of electrotherapy devices, most of which carry a wide variety of products sold to the physical therapy market. IBISWorld's TENS market data imply an average annual revenue of around \$15 million per TENS manufacturer, making Zynex among the largest in this niche.

Competition is based on price, which is important to patients, clinicians and insurers. As all TENS devices perform the same function, based on largely dated technology, and are produced by a large number of manufacturers, they increasingly trade as commodities. Differentiating technology can also be an advantage. Despite limited potential for innovation in TENS devices, manufacturers try to differentiate their products. TENS systems are commonly differentiated by being bundled with another pain management modality, just as Zynex

combines TENS with NMS and IF. Product innovations may make systems easier for untrained patients to use at home, or be mainly cosmetic, but in a commoditized market, novel features can underlie a slight competitive edge even if they do not enhance functionality.

#### **Huge Patient Population**

Patient population estimates the Neuropathic Pain by Network. MediZine and the American Cancer Society point to a combined US neuropathic and oncologic pain patient population of almost 8 million; we would estimate the worldwide figure twice that number at Discounting the estimated global total by 25% to account overlap for an between neuropathic and oncologic pain patients, the estimated market would be around 12 million worldwide.



The chart on the following

page, compiled by Nature Reviews (August 2010) using data from the CDC, National Center for Health Statistics, and a number of medical foundations, shows the magnitude and breakdown of the potential market for pain management treatments.

<u>Neuropathic Pain</u> The Neuropathic Pain Network estimates that 1.5% of the US population – 4.6 million people – suffers from neuropathic pain. Research firm WWMR estimates that by 2018, there will be six million people in the US suffering from major neuropathic pain, a complex, chronic pain state that frequently accompanied by tissue injury and characterized by numbness, a shooting, stinging or burning pain, and a tingling or shock-like sensation. With neuropathic pain, the nerve fibers themselves may be damaged, dysfunctional or injured, sending incorrect signals to other pain centers. The impact of nerve fiber injury includes a change in nerve function both at the site of injury and areas around the injury.

Neuropathic pain diagnoses can be difficult to confirm, as there are no objective means of determining pain source, location, duration and intensity. But widely recognized causes include alcoholism, amputation, fibromyalgia, back, leg, and hip problems, chemotherapy, diabetes, facial nerve problems (trigeminal neuralgia), HIV infection or AIDS, multiple sclerosis, shingles and spine surgery. Neuropathic pain often responds poorly to standard pain treatments and may become more intense over time, potentially causing serious disability.

<u>Oncologic Pain</u> MediZine's Healthcom-munities.com points to studies showing that 30% of all cancer patients experience pain, with severity increasing as the disease progresses. An estimated 90% of patients with advanced cancer suffer severe pain. The American Cancer Society reported US cancer prevalence at 11 million in 2006. Extrapolating from the number of 2009 US cancer deaths, we surmise that of those 11 million, at least 565,000 are advanced or late-stage cases, of whom 510,000 are suffering severe pain. Cancer-related pain is either acute or chronic, each type being either tumor- or therapy-related. Acute pain stemming from tumor growth is best relieved by removing or reducing the tumor surgically or with radiation. The duration and intensity of acute pain caused by cancer therapy is predictable, as it ends when the treatment is over.

Chronic pain caused by tumor growth worsens as the disease progresses. Efforts to reduce chronic pain include removal or reduction of the tumor, analgesic drugs, neurosurgical anesthetic blocks and behavioral management. Examples of chronic cancer pain associated with therapy are pain after mastectomies or limb amputation. An

increasing percentage of cancer patients suffer from chronic pain; an estimated one fourth of chronic cancer pain patients are referred to pain clinics.

#### A Wide Spectrum of Pain Treatments

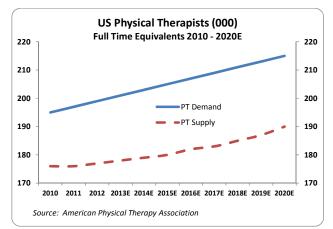
An August 2009 report by Global Market Research Information Network reported a worldwide 2008 pain management market of \$19.1 billion, of which pharmaceuticals accounted for \$17.6 billion. Devices accounted for \$1.48 billion. Both segments of the market are projected to grow at a CAGR of around 11.5% through 2013, at which point the market should total \$33 billion. A more recent report (2011) by research firm Global Industry Analysts projected the worldwide pain management market at \$60 billion by 2015.

The neuropathic and oncologic pain patient populations overlap to a degree but estimates of each run into the millions. For neuropathic pain, analgesics are always the first course of action, but generally neuropathic pain does not respond well to drug therapy. When pharmaceuticals are ineffective, pain specialists may attempt invasive or implantable device therapies to effectively manage the pain. Electrical stimulation of the nerves, a non-invasive approach, can offer significant relief.

Around 70% to 90% of a cancer patient's pain can be controlled using a combination of non-opiates, opiates, and adjuvant drugs (anticonvulsants and antidepressants). In 10% to 20% of cancer pain cases, anesthetics and neurosurgical procedures are used to manage somatic and visceral pain, both of which tend to be localized and well characterized. Cancer pain management procedures include neurostimulation, specifically transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation. Acupuncture, either traditional or more recent variants such as laser acupuncture and percutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (PENS), is also used for the relief of cancer pain. Less well known procedures include diathermy, the use of a high-frequency current to generate heat and stimulate blood flow in a specific part of the body, and cryotherapy, which dulls pain with cold, e.g. ice packs.

#### Physical Therapists – A Major Channel

IBISWorld estimates that one-third of the TENS device industry's sales are to physical therapists. Retail pharmacists and drugstores account for almost as large a market for the TENS industry. The physical therapy services industry is projected to grow from \$28 billion in 2012 to \$36.8 billion in 2018, its growth fueled by the same factors driving the demand for medical devices – demographic trends, a higher prevalence of chronic pain and debilitating conditions relating to age-related diseases, and the expansion in healthcare coverage. The spectrum of services rendered by the physical therapy industry applies largely to more vulnerable elderly patients; only 15% (sports and pediatric) clearly does not.



As the demand for physical therapy increases during the next eight years, so should the number of therapists. However, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) observes that barring a change in therapist attrition rates or greater demand driven by broader than expected health coverage, the number of physical therapists (full time equivalents) in practice will exceed the available number by around 12% during the years ahead, potentially a factor that could constrain electrotherapy device sales to this market. If current attrition rates abate through 2018, the number of physical therapists in practice should match the number needed. If PPACA extends healthcare coverage to more patients than the number currently estimated by APTA, demand for physical therapist is likely to exceed the number in practice by a wider margin.

#### Risks

In our view, these are the principal risks underlying the stock:

<u>*Regulatory/Legal*</u> Zynex's devices must be cleared for US marketing by the FDA, mostly through the 510(k) review process, a relatively low regulatory hurdle that requires the company to demonstrate that a product under review is substantially equivalent to a similar device on the market (predicate device) before 1976. Devices sold in in the European Union (EU) must be CE (Conformite Europeenne) marked, showing that it meets EU health, safety, and environmental requirements.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) of 2010, which must be fully implemented by 2019, contains provisions that will increase pressure on pricing and require medical device manufacturers to pay fees on their sales.

*Intervening Technology* Zynex's technology is protected by trademarks and trade secrets, rather than patents. While the company keeps it software proprietary by developing and maintaining it internally, competitors could potentially develop more effective devices.

<u>Reimbursement</u> Applications for reimbursement are subject to disputes which can result in carriers' requests for refunds of previously paid claims. Refunds are frequently offset after review of the billings in question, and the sums refunded have been largely immaterial. Potential for refunds underlies some revenue uncertainty. Potential for refunds underlies some revenue uncertainty.

Reimbursement requests filed electronically must meet the more detailed requirements of a new coding system and be submitted under a revised processing system. Difficulty in conforming to the new requirements could result in delays or failure to secure reimbursement for products sold to health insurance pan beneficiaries.

<u>Concentration of Receivables</u> One private health insurance carrier accounted for 27% of net accounts receivable as of September 30, 2012. If this carrier proved to be especially problematical, reimbursements might be lost or delayed.

<u>*Competition*</u> The market for electrotherapy devices is fragmented and highly competitive. TENS and interferential current technologies have been on the market for more than 30 years and these devices increasingly tend to trade as commodities with limited pricing flexibility.

<u>Concentration of stock ownership</u> Thomas Sandgaard owns 57% of ZYXI shares. This concentration of ownership gives him disproportionate influence over management actions, potentially leading to decisions that may not be in the best interest of the stockholders at large.

<u>Potential Dilution</u> The sale of common shares to raise capital would dilute the ownership interests of current shareholders.

<u>Microcap Concerns</u> Shares of ZYXI have risks common to the stocks of other microcap (which we define as market capitalizations of \$250 million or less) companies. These risks often underlie stock price discounts from the valuations of larger-capitalization stocks. Liquidity risk, typically caused by small trading floats and very low trading volume, can lead to large spreads and high volatility in stock price. The company has approximately 12 million shares in the float. Average daily volume is 5,500 shares.

<u>Miscellaneous Risks</u> The company's financial results and equity values are subject to other risks and uncertainties known and unknown, including but not limited to competition, operations, financial markets, regulatory risk, and/or other events. These risks may cause actual results to differ from expected results.

#### Annual Income Statements (\$ 000) 2009A -2014E

	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E	2014E
Revenue					
Rental	8,533	9,892	9,672	11,123	12,792
Sales	15,552	24,256	30,225	35,210	41,891
Total	24,085	34,148	39,897	46,333	54,683
Cost of revenue					
Rental	802	1,842	1,244	1,598	1,900
Sales	4,400	5,529	6,671	7,576	8,842
Total	5,202	7,371	7,915	9,174	10,742
Gross profit	18,883	26,777	31,982	37,159	43,941
SG&A expenses					
Sales/marketing	6,331	9,340	14,078	16,107	18,877
Reimbursement & billing	6,261	7,969	8,779	9,730	10,937
G&A	3,246	4,278	4,708	5,560	6,449
Engineering & operations	1,484	2,089	1,194	1,622	1,772
Total SG&A	17,322	23,676	28,759	33,018	38,035
Operating income	1,561	3,101	3,224	4,141	5,906
Interest income	5	1			
Interest expense	(215)	(460)	(397)	(450)	(480)
Other income (expense)	(16)	2	(13)		
Pretax income	1,335	2,644	2,814	3,691	5,426
Income tax	(985)	(1,080)	(1,089)	(1,476)	(2,171)
Net income	350	1,564	1,725	2,215	3,256
Average shares outstanding	30,705	30,978	31,338	32,375	33,375
Earnings (loss) per share	0.01	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.10
Margin Analysis					
Gross margin - total	78.4%	78.4%	80.2%	80.2%	80.4%
Rental	90.6%	81.4%	87.1%	85.6%	85.1%
Sales	71.7%	77.2%	77.9%	78.5%	78.9%
SG&A					
Sales/marketing	26.3%	27.4%	35.3%	34.8%	34.5%
Reimbursement & billing	26.0%	23.3%	22.0%	21.0%	20.0%
G&A	13.5%	12.5%	11.8%	12.0%	11.8%
Engineering & operations	6.2%	6.1%	3.0%	3.5%	3.2%
Total SG&A	71.9%	69.3%	72.1%	71.3%	69.6%
Operating income	6.5%	9.1%	8.1%	8.9%	10.8%
Net income	1.5%	4.6%	4.3%	4.8%	6.0%
Tax rate	(73.8%)	(40.8%)	(38.7%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)

Source: Company reports and Taglich Brothers estimates

	1Q12A	2Q12A	3Q12A	4Q12E	2012E	1Q13E	2Q13E	3Q13E	4Q13E	2013E	1Q14E	2Q14E	3Q14E	4Q14E	2014E
Revenue Rental	2,062	2,437	2,281	2,892	9,672	2,371	2,803	2,623	3,326	11,123	2,727	3,223	3,017	3,825	12,792
Sales: electrotherany/private label pdts	3.058	3.622	3.783	3.669	14.132	3.670	4.346	4.540	4.402	16.958	4.404	5.216	5.448	5.283	20.349
consumables	3,824	3,967	4,038	4,264	16,093	3,927	4,647	4,656	5,023	18,253	4,635	5,485	5,502	5,920	21,542
Total sales	6,882	7,589	7,821	7,933	30,225	7,596	8,993	9,195	9,426	35,210	9,038	10,701	10,949	11,203	41,891
Total revenue	8,944	10,026	10,102	10,825	39,897	9,967	11,796	11,819	12,752	46,333	11,765	13,924	13,966	15,028	54,683
Cost of revenue															
Rental	258	273	279	434	1,244	356	364	446	432	1,598	382	483	422	612	1,900
Sales	1,555	1,513	1,937	1,666	6,671	1,595	1,979	2,023	1,979	7,576	1,943	2,247	2,299	2,353	8,842
Total	1,813	1,786	2,216	2,100	7,915	1,951	2,343	2,469	2,412	9,174	2,325	2,731	2,722	2,965	10,742
Gross profit	7,131	8,240	7,886	8,725	31,982	8,017	9,453	9,350	10,340	37,159	9,440	11,193	11,244	12,063	43,941
SG&A expenses															
Sales/marketing	3,095	3805	3,497	3,681	14,078	3,489	4,105	4,101	4,412	16,107	4,071	4,804	4,818	5,185	18,877
Reimbursement & billing	2,034	2047	2,425	2,273	8,779	2,093	2,477	2,482	2,678	9,730	2,353	2,785	2,793	3,006	10,937
G&A	1,183	1127	1,099	1,299	4,708	1,196	1,415	1,418	1,530	5,560	1,412	1,671	1,676	1,691	6,449
Engineering $\&$ op erations	333	329	153	379	1,194	349	413	414	446	1,622	412	453	419	488	1,772
Total SG&A	6,645	7,308	7,174	7,632	28,759	7,127	8,410	8,415	9,066	33,018	8,248	9,712	9,706	10,369	38,035
Operating income	486	932	712	1,094	3,224	890	1,043	935	1,273	4,141	1,193	1,481	1,538	1,694	5,906
Interest income															
Interest expense Other income (expense)	(93)	(81) (7)	(119) (6)	(104)	(397) (13)	(109)	(109)	(113)	(117)	(450)	(117)	(119)	(119)	(123)	(480)
Pretax income	393	844	587	066	2,814	780	933	821	1,156	3,691	1,075	1,362	1,418	1,571	5,426
Income tax	(73)	(371)	(229)	(416)	(1,089)	(312)	(373)	(329)	(462)	(1,476)	(430)	(545)	(567)	(628)	(2,171)
Net income	320	473	358	574	1,725	468	560	493	694	2,215	645	817	851	942	3,256
Average shares outstanding	31,037	31,249	31,317	31,750	31,338	32,000	32,250	32,500	32,750	32,375	33,000	33,250	33,500	33,750	33,375
Earnings (loss) per share	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.10
Margin Analysis															
Gross margin - total	79.7%	82.2%	78.1%	80.6%	80.2%	80.4%	80.1%	79.1%	81.1%	80.2%	80.2%	80.4%	80.5%	80.3%	80.4%
Rental	87.5%	88.8%	87.8%	85.0%	87.1%	85.0%	87.0%	83.0%	87.0%	85.6%	86.0%	85.0%	86.0%	84.0%	85.1%
Sales	77.4%	80.1%	75.2%	79.0%	77.9%	%0°6L	78.0%	78.0%	79.0%	78.5%	78.5%	79.0%	79.0%	79.0%	78.9%
SG&A	74.3%	72.9%	71.0%	70.5%	72.1%	71.5%	71.3%	71.2%	71.1%	71.3%	70.1%	69.8%	69.5%	69.0%	69.6%
Sales/marketing	34.6%	38.0%	34.6%	34.0%	35.3%	35.0%	34.8%	34.7%	34.6%	34.8%	34.6%	34.5%	34.5%	34.5%	34.5%
Reimbursement & billing	22.7%	20.4%	24.0%	21.0%	22.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
G&A	13.2%	11.2%	10.9%	12.0%	11.8%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	11.3%	11.8%
Engineering & op erations	3.7%	3.3%	1.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	3.2%
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l ax rate	(18.6%)	(44.0%)	(39.0%)	(42.0%)	(38.7%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)	(40.0%)

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#### Annual Balance Sheets (\$ 000) 2009A –2014E

	2010A	2011A	3Q12A	2012E	2013E	2014E
ASSETS						
Current assets						
Cash + equivalents	602	789	843	1,291	1,620	2,386
Accts receivable	7,309	10,984	12,252	12,745	14,801	17,468
Inventory	3,641	4,556	6,731	6,596	6,796	7,673
Prepaid expenses	145	293	210	211	246	290
Deferred tax asset	794	1,384	1,489	1,732	2,040	2,404
Other	41	42	6	50	50	50
Total	12,532	18,048	21,531	22,625	25,553	30,271
Fixed assets (net)	2,906	3,422	3,914	4,317	5,590	6,996
Deposits	174	170	169	175	175	175
Deferred financing fees	89	145	110	150	150	150
Intangibles			218	206	158	110
Goodwill			251	251	251	251
TOTAL ASSETS	15,701	21,785	26,193	27,725	31,877	37,953
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Current liabilities						
Line of credit	1,270	3,289	6,077	6,250	6,750	7,500
Notes & other obligations - curr	93	131	143	140	140	140
Accts pay	1,313	2,189	2,453	2,638	3,058	3,581
Accruals	1,552	2,276	2,505	2,567	2,953	3,414
Income taxes payable	1,103	1,567	1,301	1,415	1,919	2,822
Deferred rent	221	296	352	325	325	325
Contingencies - curr			21	25	25	25
Total	5,552	9,748	12,852	13,361	15,171	17,807
Notes & other obligations (less curr)	327	258	149	200	200	200
Deferred rent	1,452	1,156	877	1,000	1,000	1,000
Deferred tax liability	188	483	538	500	500	500
Warranty liability			20	20	20	20
Contingencies - less curr			128	120	120	120
Shareholders' equity	8,182	10,140	11,629	12,524	14,867	18,306
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	15,701	21,785	26,193	27,725	31,878	37,953

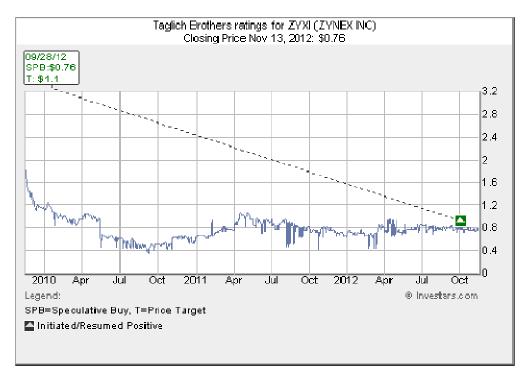
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#### Annual Cash Flow Statements (\$ 000) 2009A -2014E

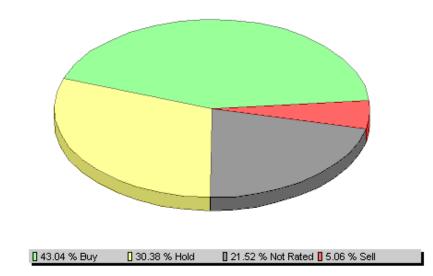
	2010A	2011A	3Q12A	2012E	2013E	2014E
Operating activities		(q	uarter only)			
Net Income	350	1,564	358	1,725	2,215	3,256
Depreciation/ amortization	774	806	215	753	502	644
Accretion of contingency consideration			8	14		
Provision for losses - accts rec	317	1,190	167	405	320	320
Amortization of intangibles			15	45	48	48
Amortization - financing fees	71	91	13	37		
Stock based compensation - employees	267	267	60	195	180	180
Stock based compensation for services	79	79	20	20		
Provision for obsolete inventory	23	149	38	228		
Deferred rent	1,129	(221)	(74)	(297)	(300)	(300)
Net loss - disposal of equipment	18					
Deferred tax benefit	(281)	(295)	7	(110)	(240)	(240)
Gain on value of derivative liability						
Changes in working capital	(3,412)	(3,992)	(985)	(3,530)	(980)	(1,702)
Net cash from operations	(665)	(362)	(158)	(515)	1,744	2,205
Investing activities						
Deposits						
Proceeds on lease termination	108					
Cash paid for domain name				(18)		
Cash paid for acquisition				(245)		
Expenditures for rental equip/inventory	(672)	(1,267)	(464)	(1,557)	(1,775)	(2,050)
Net - investing activities	(564)	(1,267)	(464)	(1,820)	(1,775)	(2,050)
Financing activities						
Decrease in overdraft						
Net change - line of credit	1,270	2,019	876	2,961	500	750
Deferred financing fees	(120)	(147)		(2)		
Payments - capital lease obligations	(182)	(104)	(34)	(132)	(140)	(140)
Proceeds - issuance of stock		48		10		
Repayment of shareholder loans						
Net cash from financing	968	1,816	842	2,837	360	610
Net change in cash	(261)	187	220	502	329	765
Cash - beginning	863	602	623	789	1,291	1,620
Cash - ending	602	789	843	1,291	1,620	2,386

Source: Company reports and Taglich Brothers estimates





# **Taglich Brothers Current Ratings Distribution**



Investment Banking Services fo	r Companies Cover	ed in the Past 12 Months
Rating	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>
Buy	1	4
Hold		
Sell		
Not Rated		

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