Coms PLC

Sales Desk Note

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Key Statistics

Code : COMS Listing : AIM

Sector : Software & Computer Services

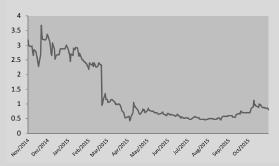
 Market Cap
 : £11.8m

 Share in issue
 : 1,390m

 Current Price
 : 0.85p

 12 month High/Low:
 : 3.675p/0.425p

Stock Performance



Source: Fidessa

Company description

COMS is committed to be a market leader, extending its Smart Building services to bring client experience and control of their buildings to a new level, utilising the IP network and collaboration between disparate building systems on an integrated platform. The Company intends to capitalise on accelerating growth in the construction industry and, in particular, the fast growing Smart Buildings sector where Redstone has already delivered strong referenceable solutions to a number of landmark projects. The potential in these markets as they go through both structural and technological change is enormous. Redstone is well positioned to service this opportunity and its focus is to develop this capability through a combination of product development, organic growth acquisitions. The Group also owns Darkside Studios, which has a cutting edge studio producing world class animation as well as CGI, 2D and 3D animation projects.

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There is not much in the way of actual coms left at Coms following the disposal of the loss making telecoms business in H1 this year for £2.5m. That is not the only change. The Board has been substantially refreshed with a new CEO, CFO and Non-Executive Director. The company has realised £360k of annual cost savings on property costs, with potentially more to come.

The foundation on which the Board plans to rebuild the business is Redstone, the UK's largest IT networking & intelligent buildings systems integrator.

The Group is now profitable having made EBITDA of £1.1m from continuing operations and £0.7m after central costs in H1. The property rationalisation should help to close this gap going forward.

Opportunities for growth

- To leverage Redstone's excellent reputation for quality of service in order to take further market share and bring on selective acquisitions in this fragmented market.
- To further develop the company's IP particularly in the intelligent buildings (aka internet of things) space. Within Redstone sits OneSpace, a product which enables organisations to better manage building occupancy, thereby improving productivity and reducing costs.

If H1 is an indicator of H2 then COMS is on track to generate over £42m of annual revenue. On that basis it is on just a 0.3x EV/sales multiple, with the wider sector priced at ten times that level. What's more when stripping out non cash and exceptional items the company has a 3% operating margin before it implements its self help and expansion programme so plenty of potential profit growth. With net debt of £0.1m and a £2m facility the company has no pressing financial constraints but we believe it would seek to maximise its listing once due diligence on acquisition targets is complete.

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Income Statement

	Six months to 31 July 2015	Six months to 31 July 2014	Year ended 31 January 2015
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£000	£000	£000
Continuing operations			
Revenue	21,322	15,493	30,567
Cost of sales	-17,715	-12,867	-24,946
Gross profit	3,607	2,627	5,621
Administrative expenses	-2,948	-2,159	-6,237
Adjusted EBITDA/(LBITDA)*	659	468	-616
Integration and transactional costs included within administrative expenses	-326	-	39
Depreciation	-230	-256	-474
Amortisation	-27	-23	-58
Share based payment charge	-28	-26	-54
Impairment charge	_	-	-71
Operating profit/(loss)	48	163	-1,234
Net finance costs/(income)	38	-43	239
Profit/(loss) for the period before tax	10	206	-1,473
Taxation	_	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the period after tax	10	206	-1,473
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	-1,212	-421	-13,597
Loss for the period	-1,202	-215	-15,070
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributed to equity holders	-1,202	-215	-15,070
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share			
Continuing operations	0.00p	0.02p	(0.15)p
Discontinued operations	(0.11)p	(0.04)p	(1.42)p
Total	(0.11)p	(0.02)p	(1.57)p

Source: RNS announcements

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balance Sheet	31 July 2015	31 July 2014	ى ر January
		Unaudited	2015 Audited
ASSETS	£0	£0	£0
Non-current assets			
Goodwill	9,074	19,372	9,651
Other intangible assets	112	1,959	1,718
Property, plant and equipment	1,068	2,336	1,797
Deferred tax asset	-	204	_
	10,254	23,871	13,166
Current assets			
Inventories	204	654	305
Trade and other receivables	12,346	13,870	10,658
Cash and cash equivalents	879	974	492
	13,429	15,498	11,455
Total assets	23,683	39,369	24,621
EQUITY and LIABILITIES Capital and reserves attributed to equity sh	areholders		
Share capital	3,432	3,008	3,015
Share premium	29,430	27,764	27,816
Merger reserve	1,911	1,911	1,911
Reverse acquisition reserve	(4,236)	(4,236)	(4,236)
Accumulated deficit	(20,702)	(4,701)	(19,528)
Total equity	9,835	23,746	8,978
Current liabilities			
Overdraft	996	-	878
Trade and other payables	11,909	15,623	13,602
Provisions	943	-	878
	13,848	15,623	15,358
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax	-	-	285
Total liabilities	13,848	15,623	15,643
Total equity and liabilities	23,683	39,369	24,621
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Cash flows from operating activities	Unaudited £000	Unaudited £000	Audited
Cash flows from operating activities			£000
Loss before taxation		(456)	(14,898)
Depreciation	301	536	820
Amortisation	113	-	373
Share based payments	28	26	54
One off reorganisation costs	-	(797)	-
Release of deferred consideration	-	-	(1,294)
Net finance costs	39	-	245
Intangible asset impairment	-	9	1,360
Property, plant and equipment impairment	-	-	416
Goodwill impairment	-	-	6,907
Movement in provisions	65	(275)	878
Loss on sale of fixed assets	24	-	21
Loss on sale of discontinued operation, net of tax	99	-	-
Operating cash flows before movements in working		(957)	(5,118)
capital	(818)		
Decrease in inventories	0	29	101
Increase in receivables	8	(3,765)	(325)
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(Decrease)/increase in payables	(1,222)	823	1,944
	(1,437)		
Net cash used in operating activities		(3,870)	(3,398)
	(4,183)		
Cook flows from investing activities			
Cash flows from investing activities	2 500		
Disposal of Telephony Services business and assets	2,500	-	-
Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	-	(2,938)	(3,770)
Acquisition of intangibles assets	-	(88)	(15)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	23	_	54
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Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(1,072)	(2,206)
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Net cash used in investing activities	2,459	(4,098)	(5,937)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issues of share capital (net of issue	2 021	7,943	8 003
costs)	2,031	7,943	8,003
Net finance costs		_	(53)
	(38)		
Net cash from financing activities	1,993	7,943	7,950
Not increased/degreess \in cash and and an increased to	000	(05)	(4.005)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	269	(25)	(1,385)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period		999	999
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	-117	974	(386)

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