Protech Home Medical (PTQ – V) Major Step to Securing Stolen Money



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- PTQ announced yesterday that it has obtained a default judgment against the perpetrator of its cybercrime. The Hong Kong Court has frozen the perpetrator's bank account bank account, which contains ~\$8.6 million of the \$9.2 million that was stolen. It is expected that the bank will release the \$8.6 million to the company upon receipt of a final Garnishee Order Absolute from the Court in Hong Kong. Such garnishee proceedings are expected to take several months.
- We believe such a major step in securing the stolen money should give investors confidence that such money will be returned. Not only would such a return of capital improve the balance sheet, but more importantly would re-initiate its M&A program. Recall that prior to the cybercrime, the company had announced LOI's that had to be put on hold.
- With this positive news, we believe investors should re-focus on the fundamental outlook for the company, which is very positive. On a TTM basis, PTQ has generated \$83.2 million in revenue and \$17 million in EBITDA (20% margin) with its last reported quarter +17% y/y on a revenue basis. The company is coming off its seasonally weakest quarter (March 31) and as such, we would expect some incremental growth its June quarter (Q3).
- If we assume that PTQ can recover the stolen money in the next few months, FY20 will not only benefit from the aging demographic trend, which should drive organic growth of ~5-7% but also the aforementioned M&A program.
- From a valuation perspective, PTQ remains incredibly undervalued. Based on its TTM results, the stock is trading at 4.3x EBITDA, which based on our FY20 forecast, it is at 3.6x. Any accretive acquisitions that are not factored into our model would imply the stock is even cheaper than that. The healthcare service peer group, which is also benefiting from the aging demographic trend is trading at 8-12x. Consequently, the stock could double and still be at the lowend of the valuation peer group.
- Recall that prior to the announcement of the cybertheft, the stock was trading at \$0.95 or a 12% higher than where the stock closed yesterday. If the fundamental value of the company does not get recognized by the market, we believe it could get taken private (private equity) or acquired by another industry player. As such, we continue to believe the risk-return of the shares at current prices is exceptional.
- We maintain our Buy recommendation and target price of \$2.50.

Update			
BUY (Unch)	\$2.50	(Unch)	
Recent/Closing Price		\$0.84	
12-month Target Price		\$2.50	
Potential Return		198%	
52 Week Price Range		\$0.50 - \$1.07	

Estimates				
YE: Sept. 30	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	
Revenue (\$MM)	\$76.9	\$88.7	\$104.1	
EBITDA (\$MM)	\$12.6	\$16.9	\$20.8	
Adj EPS	-\$0.05	\$0.09	\$0.14	
Valuation				
	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	
EV/Sales	1.0x	0.8x	0.7x	

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ev/ebitda	6.0x	4.5x	3.6x
P/E	-	9.8x	5.8x
Stock Data (MM)			

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Sh	ares Outstanding	
Basic	84	
FD	107	
٨	Market Cap (C\$)	
Basic	\$70	
FD	\$90	
Net Debt	\$5	
EV (C\$)	\$75	
About the Company		

PTQ is focused on a highly fragmented and developing market of small privately-held US companies servicing chronically ill patients with multiple disease states. PTQ is actively working to identify and evaluate profitable, annuity-based companies to acquire their patient databases and technical expertise at favorable prices. PTQ's post acquisition organic growth strategy is to increase annual revenue per patient by offering multiple services to the same patient, consolidating the patient's services and making life easier for the patient.

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As at May 31, 2019	#Stocks	Distribution	
BUY	68	70.1%	BUY
Speculative Buy	14	14.4%	Speculative Buy
Hold	8	8.2%	Hold
Sell	0	0.0%	Sell
Under Review	5	5.2%	Under Review
Tender	2	2.1%	Tender
Total	97	100%	

Total 12-month return expected to be > 15%

Potential 12-month return is high (>15%) but given elevated risk, investment could result in a material loss Total 12-month return is expected to be between 0% and 15%

Total 12-month return is expected to be negative

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