

Advanced Emissions Solutions, Inc.

Advancing Cleaner Energy

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Second Quarter Highlights

Consolidated Results

- Consumables revenue was \$24.7M compared to \$17.4M in 2021
- Consumables gross margin was 19.5% compared to 15.4% in 2021
- Net loss was \$0.3M compared to net income of \$16.6M in Q2 2021 due to the effect of Tinuum investments in the prior year
- Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of \$2.2M compared to \$21.2M in 2021
- Production volume exceeded internal expectations

Capital Allocation & Balance Sheet

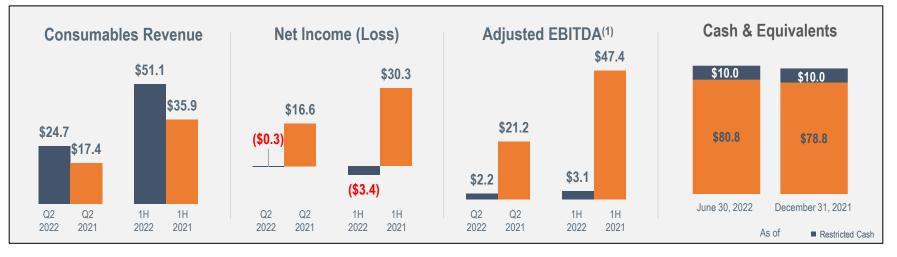
- Capital allocation priority remains with organic investment in our manufacturing capabilities
- Cash, including restricted cash, of \$90.8M at quarter-end compared to \$88.8M as of December 31, 2021
- Only remaining debt outstanding are finance liabilities totaling \$5.2M
- Pleased with progression and nature of strategic review process

Outlook

- Expect continued top-line strength
- Margin pressures expected to persist through 2022, though they are expected to be partially offset via price initiatives and product mix
- Inventory flexibility improving; average selling price expected to trend higher

(1) Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. See Appendix for definitions and reconciliations.

Financial Highlights



- Consumables revenue grew 42% compared to prior year period driven by increased sales volumes and higher average selling price
- Year-over-year variance in Net Income and Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ driven by the winddown of the Tinuum investment at the end of 2021
- Strong cash position and minimal liabilities offer us flexibility to invest organically in our manufacturing capabilities and navigate strategic review from a position of strength

Activated Carbon Opportunities

aggregate coal burn is expected to decline over time.

Power Generation Industrial and Water We are currently the North In response, we have American provider-of-choice in developed a solid market mercurv removal for coal-fired position for certain Industrial power generation. We leverage applications and Municipal our leading IP, manufacturing water - including markets that assets, technologies and the Red River plant did not relationships to maintain our previously serve – which has market position. However, this diversified our product and market is likely to remain customer mix. structurally more challenged as

Adjacent Markets



 We are developing more specialized applications, offering higher margin and higher growth commercial market opportunities. The quality of Red River plant offers us the asset base to pursue these adjacent markets.

Our goal is to continue be the provider-of-choice in the North American activated carbon market

We are well-positioned to capitalize on emerging opportunities; production capacity is significantly utilized; and we are selling into a more balanced mix of commercial markets

2022 Priorities

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ENHANCE LONG-TERM PROFITABILITY AT RED RIVER PLANT:

- Capitalize on highly efficient and low-cost, world class manufacturing facilities
- Pursue optimal customer mix to leverage enhanced value creation through new customer contracts
- Structurally upgrade customer contracting terms to minimize headwinds from increased cost pressures stemming from inventory build and supply chain challenges
- Accelerate diversification among product and customer mix through investment in new product development
- Remain vigilant for additional rationalization opportunities and supply agreements



ALLOCATE CASH FLOWS & ASSETS TO DRIVE SHAREHOLDER VALUE:

- Invest in Red River plant's strategic initiatives to solidify position as provider-ofchoice for activated carbon
- Conclude strategic alternatives review and ensure maximization of shareholder value



APPENDIX

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Appendix A: 10-Q Balance Sheet⁽¹⁾

		As of				
(in thousands, except share data)		June 30, 2022		December 31, 2021		
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash	\$	80,819	\$	78,753		
Receivables, net		12,659		12,622		
Receivables, related parties		—		2,481		
Inventories, net		12,109		7,850		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		7,441		6,661		
Total current assets		113,028		108,367		
Restricted cash, long-term		10,000		10,027		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$9,428 and \$7,684, respectively		31,149		30,171		
Other long-term assets, net		29,575		36,871		
Total Assets	\$	183,752	\$	185,436		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	14,150	\$	16,486		
Current portion of finance lease obligations		1,235		1,011		
Other current liabilities		5,202		5,124		
Total current liabilities		20,587		22,621		
Long-term finance lease obligations, net of current portion		3,998		3,152		
Other long-term liabilities		14,662		12,362		
Total Liabilities		39,247		38,135		
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)						
Stockholders' equity:						
Preferred stock: par value of \$.001 per share, 50,000,000 shares authorized, none outstanding		_		_		
Common stock: par value of \$.001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 23,693,208 and 23,460,212 shares issued, and 19,075,062 and 18,842,066 shares outstanding at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively		24		23		
Treasury stock, at cost: 4,618,146 and 4,618,146 shares as of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively		(47,692)		(47,692)		
Additional paid-in capital		102,668		102,106		
Retained earnings		89,505		92,864		
Total Stockholders' Equity		144,505		147,301		
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	183,752	\$	185,436		

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,		
(in thousands, except per share data)	2022 2021		021	2022		2021	
Revenues:							
Consumables	\$	24,739	\$	17,408	\$ 51,141	\$	35,949
License royalties, related party				3,657			7,723
Total revenues		24,739		21,065	51,141		43,672
Operating expenses:							
Consumables cost of revenue, exclusive of depreciation and amortization		19,910		14,732	41,417		28,716
Payroll and benefits		2,519		2,908	5,145		5,377
Legal and professional fees		1,555		1,431	3,727		3,234
General and administrative		1,869		1,593	3,795		3,508
Depreciation, amortization, depletion and accretion		1,588		1,904	3,094		4,010
Loss (gain) on change in estimate, asset retirement obligation		34		(1,942)	34		(1,942)
Total operating expenses		27,475		20,626	57,212		42,903
Operating (loss) income		(2,736)		439	(6,071)		769
Other income (expense):							
Earnings from equity method investments		2,389		21,437	3,222		39,749
Interest expense		(90)		(493)	(176)		(1,330)
Other		111		150	(334)		571
Total other income		2,410		21,094	2,712		38,990
(Loss) income before income tax expense		(326)		21,533	(3,359)		39,759
Income tax expense				4,943			9,432
Net (loss) income	\$	(326)	\$	16,590	\$ (3,359)	\$	30,327
(Loss) earnings per common share (Note 1):							
Basic	\$	(0.02)		0.91	\$ (0.18)		1.66
Diluted	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.90	\$ (0.18)	\$	1.65
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:							
Basic		18,473		18,271	18,409		18,219
Diluted		18,473		18,398	18,409		18,356

Appendix B: 10-Q Income Statement⁽¹⁾

(1) See complete, unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes related thereto within the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2022.

Appendix C: 10-Q Cash Flow⁽¹⁾

	Six Months Ended June 30,				
(in thousands)	2022		2021		
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net (loss) income	\$	(3,359) \$	30,327		
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation, amortization, depletion and accretion		3,094	4,010		
Earnings from equity method investments		(3,222)	(39,749)		
Operating lease expense		1,300	912		
Stock-based compensation expense		948	987		
Deferred income tax expense		_	6,817		
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs		_	945		
Loss (gain) on change in estimate, asset retirement obligation		34	(1,942)		
Other non-cash items, net		449	(319)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Receivables and related party receivables		2,444	1,362		
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(779)	(723)		
Inventories, net		(4,079)	1,327		
Other long-term assets, net		2,942	(2,746)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(2,509)	(447)		
Other current liabilities		(450)	(1,468)		
Operating lease liabilities		1,999	2,048		
Other long-term liabilities		649	(2,334)		
Distributions from equity method investees, return on investment		2,297	19,144		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	1,758 \$	18,151		

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Appendix C: 10-Q Cash Flow (continued)⁽¹⁾

Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2021				
16 \$	\$ 24				
89)	(4				
26)	(
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94)	(
85)	(
45)					
_	(16				
24)	(17,				
39	21				
80	35				
19 \$	\$ 57				
41 \$	\$				
73 \$	\$				
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Appendix D: Non-GAAP Financial Measure & Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation to Net (Loss) Income

Note on Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement the Company's financial information presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, this investor presentation includes non-GAAP measures of certain financial performance. The non-GAAP measures include Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA. The Company included non-GAAP measures because management believes that they help to facilitate comparison of operating results between periods. The Company believes the non-GAAP measures provide useful information to both management and users of the financial statements by excluding certain expenses that may not be indicative of core operating results and business outlook. These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative to, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. In addition, these non-GAAP measures are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. These measures should only be used to evaluate the Company's results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures.

The Company has defined Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA as net (loss) income, adjusted for the impact of the following items that are either non-cash or that the Company does not consider representative of its ongoing operating performance: depreciation, amortization, depletion and accretion, amortization of upfront customer consideration, interest expense, net, income tax expense; then reduced by the non-cash impact of equity earnings from equity method investments and increased by cash distributions from equity method investments and loss (gain) on change in estimate, asset retirement obligation and loss on early settlement of Norit receivable. The Company believes that the Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA measure is less susceptible to variances that affect the Company's operating performance.

The Company presents the non-GAAP measures because the Company believes they are useful as supplemental measures in evaluating the performance of the Company's operating performance and provide greater transparency into the results of operations. The Company's management uses Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA as a factor in evaluating the performance of its business. The adjustments to Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA in future periods are generally expected to be similar. Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider these measures in isolation or as a substitute for analyzing the Company's results as reported under GAAP.

Appendix E: Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation to Net (Loss) Income

		Three Months	Six Months Ended June 30,		
(in thousands)		2022	2021	2022	2021
Net (loss) income	\$	(326)	\$ 16,590	\$ (3,359)	\$ 30,327
Depreciation, amortization, depletion and accretion		1,588	1,904	3,094	4,010
Amortization of Upfront Customer Consideration		127	127	254	254
Interest expense, net		54	434	118	1,163
Income tax expense		_	4,943		9,432
Consolidated EBITDA		1,443	23,998	107	45,186
Cash distributions from equity method investees		3,100	20,625	5,613	43,876
Equity earnings		(2,389)	(21,437)	(3,222)	(39,749)
Loss (gain) on change in estimate, asset retirement obligation		34	(1,942)	34	(1,942)
Loss on early settlement of Norit Receivable				535	
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA	\$	2,188	\$ 21,244	\$ 3,067	\$ 47,371