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Byrna Technologies Inc. (NASDAQ: BYRN)

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Buy: NY State Rifle & Pistol v. Bruen and the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

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The Supreme Court's decision in *NY State Rifle & Pistol v. Bruen* and passage in the Senate of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act could have a positive impact on Byrna's near-term growth trajectory. We expect the company's progress in expanding its product offering, increasing its distribution channel and repairing its supply chain will result in an acceleration in revenue growth in the second half of this year, accompanied by margin improvement, and believe these can lead to multiple expansion. We reiterate our Buy recommendation and \$12 target.

Byrna's line of handheld personal security devices are not directly impacted by either the Supreme Court's decision in [NY State Rifle & Pistol v. Bruen](#) or Senate passage of the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) but the focus on an individual's ability to own and carry firearms and personal security devices, we believe, will draw attention to Bryna's offerings, and bolster demand.

The Supreme Court's decision in *NY State Rifle & Pistol v. Bruen* is the Court's third major gun control decision since 2008. In 2008, in [DC v. Heller](#), the Court affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms. In 2010, in [McDonald v Chicago](#), the Court concluded the Second Amendment right cannot be infringed by states or local governments. In both cases, year-over-year applications for firearm purchases, as reported by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), accelerated 5 to 6 months after the decision.

We also believe gun control legislation can drive demand for firearms as consumers look to build inventory in front of potential purchase restrictions or hurdles. Passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act could drive this type of consumer behavior in the coming months.

Because the Byrna launchers do not use gunpowder or explosives to propel the projectiles, it is not classified as a firearm and faces far fewer regulatory burdens than handgun manufactures. However, we believe the demand for its devices is driven by similar factors that impact firearm demand, and thus could benefit from both the Bruen decision and the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

We expect revenue to increase this fiscal year to \$54 million, up 28% over fiscal 2021 and we forecast 40% growth in fiscal 2023, to \$76 million. We believe \$100 million in revenue is achievable in fiscal 2024/25. We expect faster growth in EBITDA with improvements in mix, lower shipping costs and better manufacturing efficiency. We estimate the company will exit this year with EBITDA margins exceeding 20%.

Valuation & Risks

Our price target of \$12 assumes an EV/Sales multiple of 3x on our fiscal 2023 revenue estimate of \$76 million. Risks to achieving our target includes slower growth from higher interest rates, continuing supply chain disruptions, changes in regulations to the personal safety and firearm industry and changes in consumer demand for personal safety devices.

Current Price		\$8.24	
Price Target		\$12.00	
Estimates	F2021A	F2022E	F2023E
Revenues (\$000s)	\$ 42,160	\$ 53,977 E	\$ 76,000
1Q February	\$ 8,893	\$ 7,977 A	\$ 15,000
2Q May	\$ 13,401	\$ 11,500 E	\$ 18,000
3Q August	\$ 8,703	\$ 15,000 E	\$ 20,000
4Q November	\$ 11,163	\$ 19,500 E	\$ 23,000
	F2021A	F2022E	F2023E
EBITDA (\$000s)	\$ 1,646	\$ 3,285 E	\$ 15,031
1Q February	\$ 370	(2,376)A	\$ 1,422
2Q May	\$ 3,005	(383)E	\$ 3,230
3Q August	\$ (687)	\$ 1,797 E	\$ 4,440
4Q November	\$ (1,042)	\$ 4,247 E	\$ 5,940
EV/Sales	NM	2.7 x	1.9 x
EV/EBITDA	NM	44.3 x	9.7 x
Stock Data			
52-Week Range	\$5.89	-	\$30.55
Shares Outstanding (mil.)	22.9		
Market Capitalization (mil.)	\$189		
Enterprise Value (mil.)	\$146		
Debt to Capital	2%		
Cash & Equivalents (mil.)	\$44.7		
Cash/Sh.	\$1.95		
Average Three Months Trading Volume (K)	163		
Insider Ownership	21.0%		
Institutional Ownership	29.2%		
Short interest (mil.)	5.6%		
Dividend / Yield	\$0.00/0.0%		



Outlook

We project revenue in fiscal 2022 of \$54 million, growing to \$76 million in fiscal 2023. In Q1 of fiscal 2022 the company posted gross margin of 58% and we expect incremental progress for the remaining quarters of the year as the company's efforts to reduce freight costs and return to a more orderly manufacturing cadence proceeds. We have the company exiting Q4 at a 60% gross margin and improving slightly in fiscal 2023 to 61%. Estimates can be impacted greatly by supply chain challenges and the current inflationary environment.

We estimate there is significant operating leverage as the company does not require a meaningful increase in operating expenses to support the revenue growth we have forecast. We have EBITDA margin improving as the year progresses, with the highest level in Q4 when sales are expected to be the highest for the year. For the full year we estimate EBITDA margin of 6.1% improving to 20% in fiscal 2023.

As of the end of Q1 Byrna had \$45 million in cash. Inventory levels are elevated in order to protect itself from further supply chain disruptions and we have assumed inventory turns do not return to normal until the end of fiscal 2023. Increased inventory turns will contribute to less investment in working capital and improved cash flow generation. With strong cash flow generation and an ample cash balance the company is in an enviable position to add to its product portfolio with acquisitions.

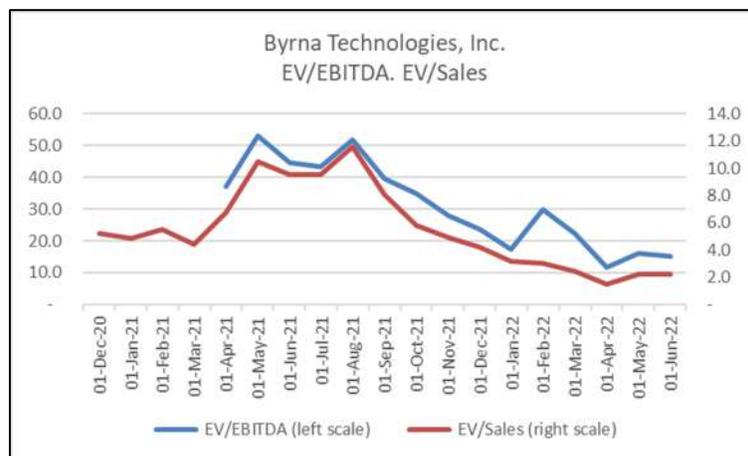
Valuation

Firearm manufacturers like Smith & Wesson Brands and Sturm, Ruger trade at low multiples of sales while the rest of the comp group serving the personal safety and law enforcement markets trades at an average of 4x sales. Our price target for Byrna assumes a 3x multiple, a substantial discount to the sub-group. This results in a target of \$12 using our fiscal 2023 revenue estimate of \$76 million.

		Price	EPS	P/E	TEV	Sales	EV/ Sales	EBITDA	EV/ EBITDA
AOUT-US	American Outdoor Brands, Inc.	\$ 10.48	\$ 1.96	5.3	\$ 142.5	\$ 272.2	0.52	\$ 40.0	3.6
POWW-US	AMMO Inc	4.15	0.38	10.8	460.5	312.1	1.48	107.2	4.3
AXON-US	Axon Enterprise Inc	91.03	2.12	43.0	6,018.2	1,171.0	5.14	223.6	26.9
SSTI-US	ShotSpotter, Inc.	27.07	0.05	538.2	324.0	88.0	3.68	18.3	17.7
SWBI-US	Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc.	14.36	2.10	6.8	589.5	665.0	0.89	163.6	3.6
RGR-US	Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc.	64.31	5.62	11.4	925.0	593.0	1.56	160.4	5.8
VTSI-US	VirTra, Inc.	4.58	0.36	12.7	37.5	26.8	1.40	6.0	6.2
WRAP-US	Wrap Technologies, Inc.	1.87	(0.45)	(4.2)	47.0	15.0	3.13	(13.3)	(3.5)
	Median			11.1			1.52		5.0
BYRN-US	Byrna Technologies Inc.	\$ 8.24	\$ 0.30	27.5	\$ 145.7	\$ 66.5	2.19	\$ 9.5	15.3

Source: FactSet and Dawson James Securities estimates

EV/Sales and EV/EBITDA have declined sharply over the past few months and we believe current valuation is attractive, particularly in front of projected accelerating revenue and EBITDA growth in the coming quarters.



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Risks

Risk Analysis: Risks to achieving our target includes slower growth from higher interest rates, continuing supply chain disruptions, changes in regulations to the personal safety and firearm industry and changes in consumer demand for personal safety devices.

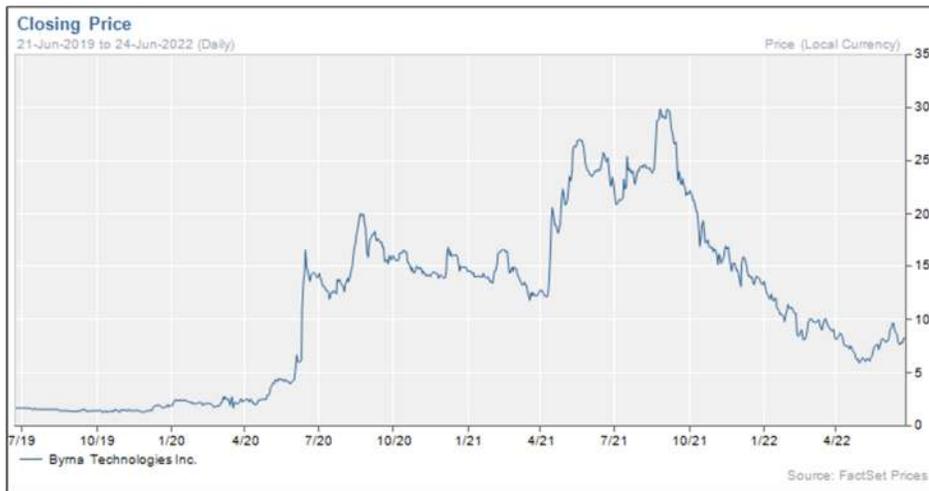
Exhibit 1. Income Statement (\$ in 000's except per share data)

	30-Nov-19 FY2019	30-Nov-20 FY2020	30-Nov-21 FY2021	28-Feb-22 FQ1 22A	31-May-22 FQ2 22E	31-Aug-22 FQ3 22E	30-Nov-22 FQ4 22E	30-Nov-22 FY2022E	30-Nov-23 FY2023E
Revenue	\$ 924	\$ 16,566	\$ 42,160	\$ 7,977	\$ 11,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 19,500	\$ 53,977	\$ 76,000
COGS	775	9,058	19,270	3,363	4,830	6,150	7,800	22,143	29,980
Gross Profit	149	7,508	22,890	4,614	6,670	8,850	11,700	31,834	46,020
	16%	45%	54.3%	58%	58%	59%	60%	59%	61%
Opex	3,438	11,817	26,181	8,023	8,100	8,100	8,500	32,723	35,177
Operating Income	\$ (3,289)	\$ (4,309)	\$ (3,291)	\$ (3,409)	\$ (1,430)	\$ 750	\$ 3,200	\$ (889)	\$ 10,843
Interest & Other, total	(1,121)	(7,952)	(152)	68	25	25	25	142	100
Pretax Income	(4,410)	(12,261)	(3,443)	(3,341)	(1,405)	775	3,225	(747)	10,943
Taxes	0	293	(160)	(120)	(70)	39	161	10	547
Net Income	\$ (4,410)	\$ (12,553)	\$ (3,283)	\$ (3,221)	\$ (1,335)	\$ 736	\$ 3,064	\$ (757)	\$ 10,396
Preferred Dividends	\$ -	\$ -	1,043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0
Net to Common	\$ (4,410)	\$ (12,553)	\$ (4,326)	\$ (3,221)	\$ (1,335)	\$ 736	\$ 3,064	\$ (757)	\$ 10,396
Basic Shares	10,354	12,679	19,610	23,790	23,290	22,953	23,028	23,265	23,215
Diluted Shares	10,354	12,679	19,610	23,790	23,290	23,053	23,128	23,265	23,315
Basic EPS	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.98)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.45
Diluted EPS	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.98)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.45
D&A	54	242	487	175	235	235	235	880	940
Stock Comp	218	1,252	3,150	812	812	812	812	3,248	3,248
Other	0	0	1,300	46	0	0	0	46	0
EBITDA	(3,016)	(2,814)	1,646	(2,376)	(383)	1,797	4,247	3,285	15,031
Margin	-332.6%	-17.0%	3.9%	-29.8%	-3.3%	12.0%	21.8%	6.1%	19.8%
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FQ1 22A	FQ2 22E	FQ3 22E	FQ4 22E	FY2022E	FY2023E
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
COGS	83.9%	54.7%	45.7%	42.2%	42.0%	41.0%	40.0%	41.0%	39.4%
Gross Profit	16.1%	45.3%	54.3%	57.8%	58.0%	59.0%	60.0%	59.0%	60.6%
Opex	371.9%	71.3%	62.1%	100.6%	70.4%	54.0%	43.6%	60.6%	46.3%
Operating Income	-355.7%	-26.0%	-7.8%	-42.7%	-12.4%	5.0%	16.4%	-1.6%	14.3%
Interest & Other, total	-121.3%	-48.0%	-0.4%	0.9%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Pretax Income	-477.0%	-74.0%	-8.2%	-41.9%	-12.2%	5.2%	16.5%	-1.4%	14.4%
Tax Rate	0.0%	-2.4%	4.6%	3.6%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	-1.3%	5.0%
Net Income	-477.0%	-75.8%	-7.8%	-40.4%	-11.6%	4.9%	15.7%	-1.4%	13.7%
EBITDA	-326.3%	-17.0%	3.9%	-29.8%	-3.3%	12.0%	21.8%	6.1%	19.8%
Y/Y									
Revenue	269.4%	1692.1%	154.5%	-10.3%	-14.2%	72.4%	74.7%	28.0%	40.8%
Opex	61.7%	243.8%	121.6%	55.8%	46.2%	21.0%	-3.4%	25.0%	7.5%
Operating Income	57.7%	31.0%	-23.6%	729.4%	-170.7%	-141.6%	-203.3%	-73.0%	-1319.7%
Net Income	-104.8%	-184.7%	73.8%	-1084.2%	-165.5%	140.0%	195.5%	76.9%	1473.7%

Source: Byrna Technologies, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates

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Price Chart:



Price target and ratings changes over the past three years:

Initiated – Buy – April 26, 2022 – Price Target \$12

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