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Crown Electrokinetics Corp. (NASDAQ: CRKN)

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Neutral: Cash Needs Still Exigent.

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In an SEC filing, Crown indicated it had raised over \$700 thousand from its ATM in Q3. However, cash needs are still exigent for the company, and we expect additional capital raises with onerous terms and additional cost-cutting measures to conserve cash. With enterprise value close to zero, this could offer some support for the shares.

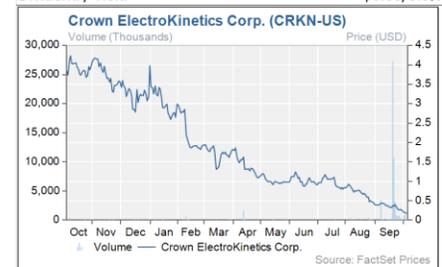
In an [SEC filing](#) yesterday, Crown indicated it has sold 1.7 million shares for \$711 thousand (before fees) in Q3. Combined with the \$855 thousand received for the sale of 1.25 million shares and warrants, the company has raised \$1.6 million to add to its cash balance at the end of Q2 of almost \$1 million.

The company requires additional cash to meet operational needs and capital equipment purchases. We expect this will come with onerous terms and result in significant share issuances over the coming months. We also expect further cost-cutting measures to conserve cash.

We expect the Fed's rapid and significant tightening will create a headwind for Crown and the smart glass industry. Higher interest rates will have a negative impact on growth, employment, office occupancy rates, renovations, and new construction. Higher interest rates will result in increased unemployment, reduced demand for office space, pressuring cash flows of owners of office space and negatively impacting the ability to fund renovations, such as smart glass. This is coming at a time when demand for office space was already weak.

We recently lowered our recommendation of Crown to Neutral as the company's cash needs are exigent and market conditions are challenging. We expect this combination will likely result in onerous terms and continued pressure on the shares. However, since enterprise value is close to zero, this could offer some support for the shares.

Current Price	\$0.19		
Price Target	NA		
Estimates	F2021A	F2022E	F2023E
Revenues (\$000s)	\$ -	\$ 500 E	\$ 500
1Q March	\$ -	\$ - A	\$ -
2Q June	\$ -	\$ - A	\$ -
3Q September	\$ -	\$ 500 E	\$ -
4Q December	\$ -	\$ - E	\$ 500
	F2021A	F2022E	F2023E
EBITDA (\$000s)	\$ (9,933)	\$ (11,852)E	\$ (11,350)
1Q March	\$ (1,753)	\$ (3,377)A	\$ (2,900)
2Q June	\$ (2,991)	\$ (2,900)A	\$ (2,900)
3Q September	\$ (2,479)	\$ (2,675)E	\$ (2,900)
4Q December	\$ (2,710)	\$ (2,900)E	\$ (2,650)
EV/Sales	NM	6.1 x	6.1 x
EV/EBITDA	NM	(0.3) x	(0.3) x
Stock Data			
52-Week Range	\$0.19	-	\$4.48
Shares Outstanding (mil.)	17.1		
Market Capitalization (mil.)	\$3		
Enterprise Value (mil.)	\$3		
Debt to Capital	22%		
Cash (mil.)	\$2.5		
Cash/Sh.	\$0.14		
Average Three Months Trading Volume (K)	14		
Insider Ownership	33.3%		
Institutional Ownership	14.7%		
Short interest (mil.)	0.2%		
Dividend / Yield	\$0.00/0.0%		



		Price	EPS	P/E	TEV	Sales	EV/ Sales	EBITDA	EV/ EBITDA
APOG-US	Apogee Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 41.99	\$ 3.90	10.8	\$ 1,197.3	\$ 1,450.1	0.83	\$ 165.7	7.2
PGTI-US	PGT Innovations, Inc.	23.06	1.99	11.6	1,991.4	1,515.2	1.31	258.6	7.7
PPG-US	PPG Industries, Inc.	119.15	7.70	15.5	35,031.9	18,380.9	1.91	2,877.9	12.2
REFR-US	Research Frontiers Incorporated	2.24			69.6				
SGO-FR	Compagnie de Saint-Gobain SA	€ 38.00	€ 5.74	6.6	€ 29,383.9	€ 49,606.8	0.59	€ 6,583.5	4.5
WNDW-US	SolarWindow Technologies, Inc.	2.12			104.1				
VIEW-US	View Inc. Class A	1.34	(1.01)	(1.3)	216.7	185.2	1.17	(172.7)	(1.3)
	Median			10.8			1.17		7.2
CRKN-US	Crown ElectroKinetics Corp.	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.06)	(3.4)	\$ 3.0	\$ 0.8	4.00	\$ (12.8)	(0.2)

Source: Dawson James Securities estimates and Factset

Exhibit 1. Income Statement

(\$ in 000's) (except per share data)	31-Dec-20 2020A	31-Dec-21 2021A	31-Mar-22 Q1 22 A	30-Jun-22 Q2 22 A	30-Sep-22 Q3 22 E	31-Dec-22 Q4 22 E	31-Dec-22 2022 E	31-Dec-23 2023 E
Revenue	0	0	0	0	500	0	500	500
COGS	160	0	0	0	275	0	275	250
Gross Profit	(160)	0	0	0	225	0	225	250
R&D	2,906	3,401	1,096	1,473	1,473	1,473	5,515	5,892
SG&A	12,650	18,724	3,471	3,002	3,002	3,002	12,477	12,008
Opex	15,556	22,126	4,567	4,475	4,475	4,475	17,992	17,900
Operating Income	(15,716)	(22,126)	(4,567)	(4,475)	(4,250)	(4,475)	(17,767)	(17,650)
Interest expense and other	(6,668)	(15,035)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(9)	(8)
Pretax Income	(22,384)	(37,160)	(4,570)	(4,477)	(4,252)	(4,477)	(17,776)	(17,658)
Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	(22,384)	(37,160)	(4,570)	(4,477)	(4,252)	(4,477)	(17,776)	(17,658)
Basic Shares	6,893	14,056	15,856	16,420	15,245	29,737	19,315	76,187
Basic EPS	\$ (3.25)	\$ (2.64)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.92)	\$ (0.23)
Depreciation & Amortization	76	271	107	127	127	127	488	508
Stock Compensation	11,445	11,921	1,083	1,448	1,448	1,448	5,427	5,792
EBITDA	(4,195)	(9,933)	(3,377)	(2,900)	(2,675)	(2,900)	(11,852)	(11,350)

Source: Crown Electrokinetics Corp. and Dawson James Securities estimates

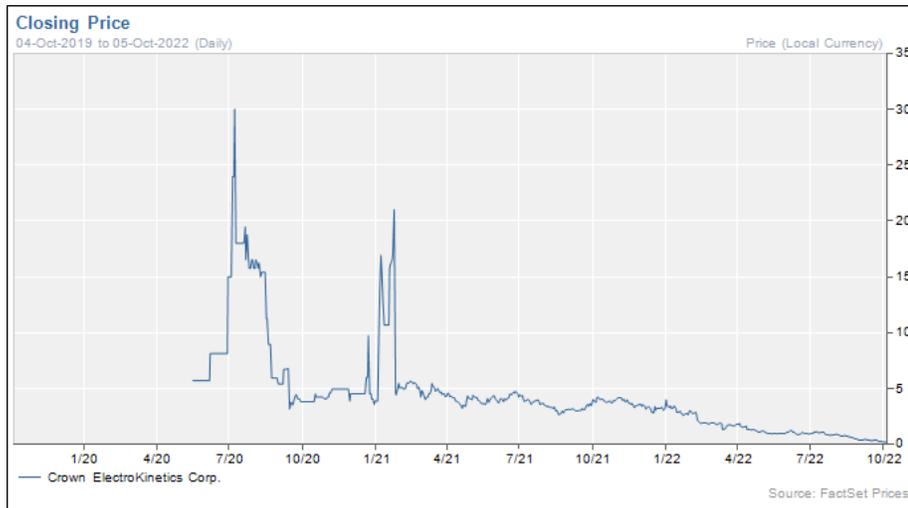
Exhibit 2. Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement

	31-Dec-20 FY2020	31-Dec-21 FY2021	31-Dec-22 2022 E	31-Dec-23 2023 E
(\$ in 000's)				
Cash & Equivalents	36	6,130	1,970	396
A/R	0	0	0	103
Inventory	0	0	0	51
Prepaid & other assets	254	687	1,300	1,300
Current Assets	\$ 290	\$ 6,817	\$ 3,270	\$ 1,850
PP&E	148	895	1,204	8,644
Intangible assets	205	1,761	1,591	1,355
Right of use asset	0	0	2,097	2,097
Other assets	0	179	403	403
Total Assets	\$ 642	\$ 9,652	\$ 8,565	\$ 14,349
A/P	1,183	358	1,599	1,599
Accrued expenses	356	298	221	221
Lease liability	0	0	378	378
Accrued interest	465	0	0	0
Shares liability	0	0	0	0
Notes payable	2,843	8	8	8
Warrant liability	2,542	0	0	0
Related party payable	25	0	0	0
Current Liabilities	\$ 7,414	\$ 664	\$ 2,206	\$ 2,206
Lease Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,815	\$ 9,315
Equity	(6,771)	8,988	4,544	2,828
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 642	\$ 9,652	\$ 8,565	\$ 14,349
	31-Dec-20 FY2020	31-Dec-21 FY2021	31-Dec-22 2022 E	31-Dec-23 2023 E
Net Income	(22,384)	(37,160)	(17,776)	(17,658)
D&A	76	271	488	508
Stock Comp.	11,445	11,921	5,427	5,792
Other	6,786	15,152	291	0
Working Capital	190	(1,700)	295	(154)
Operating CF	\$ (3,888)	\$ (11,516)	\$ (11,275)	\$ (11,512)
CapEx	(82)	(629)	(506)	(7,713)
Other	(25)	(1,714)	(61)	0
Investing Activities	\$ (107)	\$ (2,343)	\$ (567)	\$ (7,713)
Equity	1,149	19,692	7,682	10,150
Debt	2,882	261	0	7,500
Financing	\$ 4,030	\$ 19,953	\$ 7,682	\$ 17,650
Change in Cash	\$ 36	\$ 6,094	\$ (4,160)	\$ (1,575)

Source: Crown Electrokinetics Corp. and Dawson James Securities estimates

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Initiated – Buy – August 3, 2021 – Price Target \$8.50
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 Update – Buy – November 15, 2021 – Price Target \$8.50
 Update – Buy – December 27, 2021 – Price Target \$8.50
 Price Target Change – Buy – March 18, 2022 – Price Target Price Target changed from \$8.50 to \$4.25
 Update – Buy – March 31, 2022 – Price Target \$4.25
 Price Target Change – Buy – May 16, 2022 – Price Target Price Target changed from \$4.25 to \$1.50
 Update – Buy – July 21, 2022 – Price Target \$1.50
 Update – Buy – August 9, 2022 – Price Target \$1.50
 Update – Buy – August 16, 2022 – Price Target \$1.50
 Rating Change – Neutral – September 20, 2022 – Price Target NA
 Update – Neutral – September 28, 2022 – Price Target NA
 Update – Neutral – October 5, 2022 – Price Target NA

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Market Perform (Neutral)	4	13%	1	25%
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