

## Research Report – Update

*Investors should consider this report as only a single factor in making their investment decision.*

### DecisionPoint Systems, Inc.

**Neutral**

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#### DPSI \$0.39 — (OTC BB)

	<u>2012A</u>	<u>2013A</u>	<u>2014E</u>	<u>2015E</u>
Revenues (millions)	\$71.5	\$60.7	\$62.3	\$65.6
Earnings (loss) per share	(\$0.61)	(\$0.80)	(\$0.13)	(\$0.10)

52-Week range	\$0.61 – \$0.26	Fiscal year ends:	December
Common shares out as of 10/31/14	12.7 million	Revenue per share (TTM)	\$5.07
Approximate float	8.1 million	Price/Sales (TTM)	0.1X
Market capitalization	\$5 million	Price/Sales (FY2015)E	0.1X
Tangible book value/share	NMF	Price/Earnings (TTM)	NMF
Price/tangible book value	NMF	Price/Earnings (FY2015)E	NMF

*DecisionPoint Systems, headquartered in Irvine CA, is a provider and integrator of business mobility and wireless systems. The company designs, deploys and supports mobile computing and wireless systems that enable customers to access enterprise data at various locations (i.e. the retail selling floor, warehouse loading dock or on the road making deliveries). ([www.decisionpt.com](http://www.decisionpt.com))*

#### Key investment considerations:

##### *Maintaining Neutral rating.*

*Global enterprise mobility, DPSI's target market, is projected to grow (MarketsandMarkets, April 2014) at a CAGR of 27% through 2019.*

*In October 2014, DecisionPoint restructured its board of directors, replacing five directors with new appointees.*

*In November 2014, DecisionPoint announced that incumbent director Robert Schroeder was elected chairman of the board and James DeSocio will serve as interim CEO.*

*We project an increase in 2014 revenue to \$62.3 million, driven by increased hardware sales. Our net loss projection of \$1.6 million or (\$0.13) per share has narrowed from a loss of \$7.8 million or (\$0.80) per share in 2013 due primarily to cost reductions (consolidations and reduced staffing levels).*

*We project 2015 revenue will increase 5% to \$65.6 million driven by a modest increase in hardware sales and an expanded customer base. Our net loss projection of \$1.3 million or (\$0.10) per share has narrowed from a loss of \$1.6 million or (\$0.13) per share in 2014 due primarily to margin improvement stemming from a more favorable product mix.*

*DecisionPoint reported (November 10, 2014) 3Q14 revenue decreased 20% to \$14.1 million. The loss per share was (\$0.07) versus (\$0.04) in 3Q13.*

***\*Please view our disclosures on pages 13 - 15.***

## ***Recommendation and Valuation***

We are reiterating our **Neutral** rating on DecisionPoint Systems, Inc. (DPSI).

DPSI currently trades at a multiple of 0.1X TTM sales. A comparison group of 20 business software and services companies with market values of up to \$100 million are trading at an average price to sales multiple of 1.4X. We believe the discount in DPSI's valuation relative to the comparison group's is due to the decline in the company's revenue over the past year (down 15% in 2013 versus a 12% increase for the industry). However, we project growth for the company in 2014 and 2015. If the company achieves organic sales growth the stock's multiple should expand. Applying a multiple of 0.2X sales, twice the current multiple, to our fiscal 2015 sales of \$1.84 per share (on a fully diluted basis of approximately 35.7 million shares), values the stock at approximately \$0.37 per share.

## ***Recent Developments***

DecisionPoint Systems Appoints Five New Directors, Announces New Chairman and Interim CEO - On October 6, 2014, DecisionPoint announced a restructuring of its board of directors, including the resignations of five former directors and the appointment of five new directors.

Effective as of the close of business on October 3, 2014, James DeSocio, was appointed to the board and five of the company's incumbent directors, Lawrence Yelin, Jay B. Sheehy, David M. Rifkin, Marc Ferland and Donald Dalicandro, resigned from the board, leaving incumbent director Robert Schroeder and Mr. DeSocio on the board. Thereafter, Mr. Schroeder and Mr. DeSocio appointed four additional new directors, Michael N. Taglich, John Guttilla, Stanley P. Jaworski, Jr. and Paul A. Seid. The board now consists of six directors.

On November 11, 2014, DecisionPoint announced that Robert Schroeder was elected chairman of the board of directors, and that director James F. DeSocio will serve as interim CEO, pending the selection of a new CEO pursuant to an executive search currently being conducted. Brief biographies of both Mr. Schroeder and Mr. DeSocio are listed below.

Robert Schroeder, Chairman - Elected to the board of directors of DecisionPoint on November 18, 2013. Vice president of investment banking at Taglich Brothers, Inc. Also served at Taglich Brothers as senior equity analyst. Been with Taglich Brothers since 1993. Prior to joining Taglich Brothers, served in various positions in the brokerage and public accounting industries. B.S. degree in accounting and economics from New York University. Currently serves on the board of directors of Air Industries Group, and Intellinetics, Inc. Became interim chairman of the board of DecisionPoint on October 3, 2014.

James F. DeSocio, Interim CEO - Director as of October 3, 2014. Was executive vice president of field operations at XRS Corporation. Prior to XRS, served as executive vice president of global sales and business development at Antenna Software. Also served as chief executive officer of Riskclick Inc. and held various roles with Lawson, now Infor, over a twelve-year period, including executive vice president of worldwide field operations. Business Administration degree from Rutgers University.

## ***Business***

DecisionPoint Systems, headquartered in Irvine CA, is a provider and integrator of mobility and wireless systems to business organizations. The company designs, deploys and supports mobile computing and wireless systems that enable customers to access employer's data networks at various locations (i.e. the retail selling floor, warehouse loading dock or on the road making deliveries via laptops, tablets, and smart phones).

The company also develops and integrates data capture equipment including bar code scanners and radio frequency identification (RFID) readers.

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As a value added reseller (VAR) for many hardware and software suppliers (table at right), DecisionPoint offers professional services such as integration, customization and consulting with the products it offers. The bulk of the company's resold products are primarily from Motorola Solutions, Inc. DecisionPoint's services include consulting, proprietary and third party software, and software customization. The company's supply chain systems integration offerings include warehouse management systems, transportation management systems, and enterprise resource planning systems.

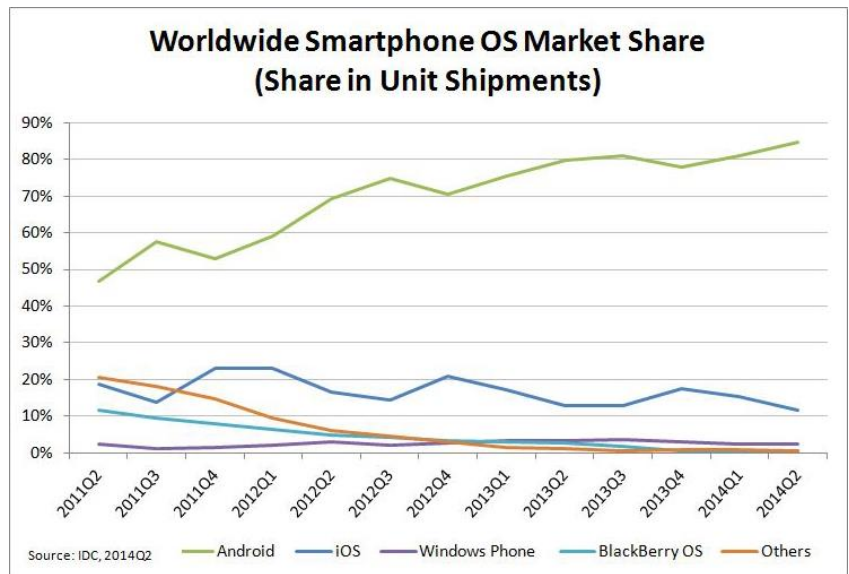
<u>Hardware Suppliers</u>	<u>Software Suppliers</u>
Apple	AirWatch
Intermec	Verifone GlobalBay Mobile Technologies
Motorola	XRS
Zebra Technologies	Wavelink
Datamax-O'Neil	

DecisionPoint offers businesses improved productivity and operational efficiencies through the implementation of industry-specific, enterprise wireless and mobile computing systems for front-line employees. The company is focused on markets such as retail, manufacturing, distribution, transportation and logistics. DecisionPoint serves customers throughout the US with offices in Irvine CA, Tulsa OK, and Alpharetta, GA.

### Projections

Software and services sales could eventually increase as the company has added (in 2H13) the Android and Apple operating systems to its family of APEXWare offerings. Apex revenue was approximately \$2.5 million or 12% of DPSI's software and services revenue in 2013.

The addressable market for APEXWare software applications from these additional operating systems has expanded from just 3% of the market (using Microsoft's Windows mobile operating system), to approximately 99% with the addition of the Android and Apple iOS operating systems (see chart at middle right). However, as software and services revenue declined by 4% in the first nine months of 2014, we have reduced our expectations for this segment in our forecast horizon. The projected effect on DPSI's revenue mix is shown in the table (below right).



We project 2014 revenue of \$62.3 million, a 3% improvement over 2013 driven by increased hardware sales. Our net loss projection of \$1.6 million or (\$0.13) per share has narrowed from a loss of \$7.8 million or (\$0.80) per share in 2013 due primarily to the cost reductions discussed below.

2014 gross margins are projected to improve to 21.7% versus 21% in 2013 as the company continues to control costs (i.e. consolidation of East Coast facility into larger California facility). SG&A expenses should decrease to

Revenue/Cost of Sales Model (in thousands \$)				
	2012A	2013A	2014E	2015E
Hardware and other sales	50,600	39,600	42,000	42,800
Software & services sales	20,900	21,100	20,300	22,800
Net sales	71,500	60,700	62,300	65,600
Cost of hardware and other sales	41,500	32,200	34,188	34,839
Cost of software & services sales	15,000	15,800	14,575	16,370
Cost of sales	56,500	48,000	48,763	51,210
Gross profit	15,000	12,700	13,537	14,390
Hardware and other gross margin	18.0%	18.7%	18.6%	18.6%
Software & services gross margin	28.2%	25.1%	28.2%	28.2%
Total gross margin	21.0%	21.0%	21.7%	21.9%

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

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\$13.3 million from \$18.3 million due primarily to a 29% reduction in staffing levels completed by 1Q14. We project SG&A expense margins will lower to 21.3% in 2014 from 30.2% in 2013. DecisionPoint should realize an operating profit of \$291,000 or 0.5% of sales versus an operating loss of \$4.8 million or 7.9% of sales in 2013. Interest expense is projected at \$0.9 million. We project virtually no taxes due to the company's large net operating loss carryforwards (\$10.7 million in 2013).

We project \$263,000 in cash from operations in 2014 from cash earnings of \$1.9 million and a \$1.6 million increase in working capital. The increase in working capital is primarily due to a decrease in unearned revenue. Cash from operations and higher borrowing will be insufficient to cover capital expenditures and debt repayments decreasing cash by \$300,000 to \$341,000 at December 31, 2014.

We project 2015 revenue will increase 5% to \$65.6 million driven by a 2% increase in hardware sales and an expanded customer base. Our net loss projection of \$1.3 million or (\$0.10) per share has narrowed from a loss of \$1.6 million or (\$0.13) per share in 2014 due primarily to margin improvement stemming from a favorable product mix.

2015 gross margins are projected at 21.9% versus 21.7% in 2014 as sales of higher margin software and services make up a greater percentage of total revenue (35% in 2015 versus 33% in 2014). SG&A expenses should increase 3% to \$13.6 million from \$13.3 million as the company focuses on controlling costs. We project SG&A expense margins will remain near 21% in 2015. DecisionPoint's operating profit should increase to \$0.8 million or 1.2% of sales in 2015 from \$291,000 or 0.5% of sales in 2014. Interest expense is projected at \$0.8 million. We project no taxes due to the company's large net operating loss carryforwards.

We project \$2.4 million cash provided by operations mainly from cash earnings. Cash provided by operations, largely offset by capital expenditures, \$1 million in debt repayments, and \$665,000 in dividend payments, will increase cash by \$0.6 million at December 31, 2015.

### ***Products and Services***

Mobile Applications	<i>Retail Store:</i> Stock locator, shelf price marking, markdowns, inventory control, physical inventory, merchandising, customer service and mobile point-of-sale ("POS").
	<i>Warehousing and Distribution:</i> Order shipping, order picking and packing, stock movement and replenishments, product receipt and put-away, labeling, physical inventory and cycle counts.
	<i>Transportation and Logistics:</i> Proof-of-delivery, commercial turn-by-turn directions, route optimization, cross-docking, returns and Department of Transportation driver hours of service and route logging.
	<i>Field Mobility:</i> Field service and repair or wireless work order management, enterprise asset management, inspection, preventative maintenance, surveys, rounds and readings.
Software	<i>APEXWare Field Service:</i> Field deployment of wireless handheld devices with integrated bar code scanners.
	<i>APEXWare Merchandising, Sales and Delivery:</i> Automates and streamlines merchandising, sales and delivery business functions.
	<i>APEXWare Warehouse Management System:</i> Transforms current warehouse operations to a paperless, real-time operation.
	<i>ContentSentral:</i> Content delivery system that enables mobile workers in virtually any industry to access corporate information.
	DecisionPoint provides mobile software tailored to meet customers' unique requirements.
Professional Services	i) business consulting - involves helping customers understand the benefits of implementing mobile computing or supply chain services, ii) technical consulting - helps customers determine the technology to be used and how it is to be implemented, and iii) technical development - software programming and configuration of the mobile computing application.
Supply Chain Services	Supply chain services include managing a customer's project from end-to-end (i.e. from pre-contract ROI targets to post-contract ROI analysis).

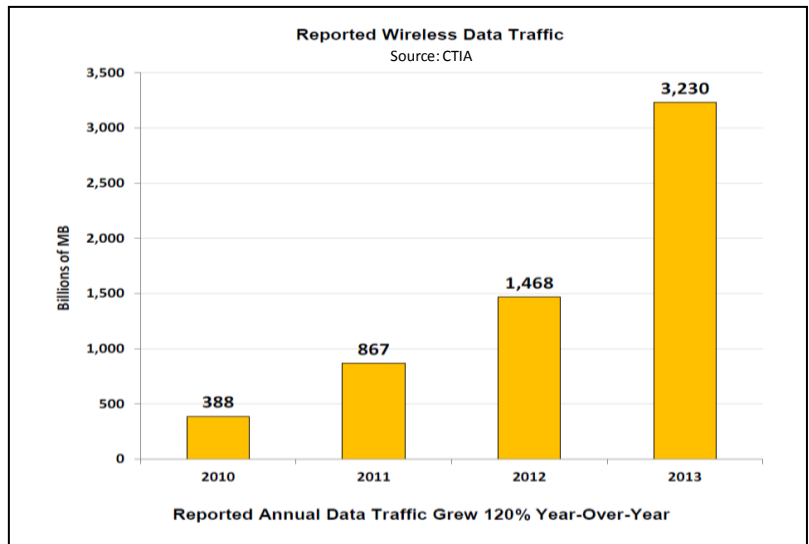
Deployment and Support Services	Implementing a solution into the customer’s computer systems infrastructure and replicating that implementation through all their operating locations. The company also remotely manages customers’ mobile computers and wireless networks as well as offer mobile software on a software as a service (SaaS) subscription basis.
Hardware	By bundling software and services with hardware, the company positions itself as a value-added reseller.
Consumables	The company offers bar code and RFID products such as RFID tags and printer ribbons.

**Enterprise Mobility Market**

An April 2014 report<sup>1</sup> by research firm MarketsandMarkets projects the global bring-your-own-device (BYOD) and enterprise mobility market to grow from \$72.3 billion in 2013 to \$284.7 billion by 2019, a 27% compound annual growth rate. Some of the key drivers of this growth are the emergence of the mobile user workforce, reduced hardware costs for enterprises, and an increase in smart phone penetration.

North America was cited by the MarketsandMarkets report as the largest market. Employees are using their own devices such as smart phones, tablets, and laptops, to be connected with the enterprise network, anytime, anywhere. DPSI’s operations are focused on this market.

The wireless industry association CTIA states that US mobile data usage more than doubled to 3.2 trillion megabytes (MB) of data in 2013 from the previous year (see chart at right). Projections are for data usage to increase eight times the 2013 number by 2018. Driving this increase in data usage is the prevalence of smartphones and tablets in the US. The number of smartphones more than doubled in the US over the last three years – from 78 million in 2010 to 175 million in 2013. Tablets have grown 86% in the US between 2010 (13.5 million) and 2013 (25.2 million). Many Americans now have two or more devices (such as a smart phone or tablet) with a wireless plan. According to CTIA’s June 2014 statistics, there are over 335 million wireless subscriber connections for 322.7 million people living in the US for a wireless penetration rate of 104%.



Although market projections are for strong growth, the company has not been realizing the market potential as evidenced by DPSI’s modest 3% year-to-date growth. We believe this is due to the highly competitive environment the company operates in.

**Competition**

DecisionPoint competes with other value added resellers (VARs) and system integrators/engineering organizations (SIs). However, as a Tier-1 reseller (a large and well known VAR in its field) for major equipment vendors including Motorola Solutions and Zebra, the company competes with fewer than ten competitive Tier-1 VARs and SIs. The company competes on the basis of price, product/system performance, product quality and availability of service.

<sup>1</sup> Bring-your-own-device (BYOD) & Enterprise Mobility Market [Mobile Device Management, Mobile Application Management, Telecom Expense Management, Content Management and Email Management] – Global Advancements, Market Forecast and Analysis (2014-2019).

Motorola Solutions has granted DecisionPoint price discounts which enable the company to price its services competitively.

Large system integrators are seeking to move further into the segment in which DecisionPoint competes. Competitors in this segment may also serve as subcontractors to large system integrators and are selected based on a number of competitive factors and customer requirements. To remain competitive, the company may partner with other system integrators.

The following companies are among the primary competitors in the VAR and SI spaces:

Stratix, Inc.	An enterprise mobile service provider and a substantial competitor of DecisionPoint. Their customer base includes large nationally based Tier-1 retailers, distributors, major commercial airlines and general manufacturers.
Agilysys, Inc.	A distributor of enterprise computer system solutions with \$103 million in TTM revenue. One of their divisions provides services similar to those offered by DecisionPoint.
Sedlak Management Consultants	A supply chain consulting firm specializing in distribution consulting.
Peak-Ryzex, Inc.	An integrator of automated identification and data collection equipment including wireless radio frequency (RF), network and enterprise resource planning (ERP) integration solutions, enterprise printing, bar code scanning, mobile computing, and terminal and software technologies.
Denali Advanced Integration	A full system integration company with services ranging from IT consulting, managed services and enterprise mobility solutions.

Other competitors in the US include certain catalog and online equipment resellers that offer end-users deeply discounted products. However, they typically offer limited or no maintenance support beyond the manufacturer's warranty (which generally results in slower repair turnaround time). Because end users have become increasingly dependent on VARs and SIs to provide platform design, integration and maintenance, they typically do not place major purchase orders with such resellers.

### **Strategy**

The company aims to enrich its revenue mix by increasing its higher-margin software and services offerings. Toward that end, DecisionPoint made three strategic acquisitions (logistics consulting and systems integrator CMAC in December 2010, wireless mobile work force software provider Apex Systems Integrators in June 2012, and mobile business applications developer and integrator Illume Mobile in July 2012.

In 2013, 35% of total revenue was derived from software and services with the remaining 65% from hardware sales. In 2012, 29% of total revenue was derived from software and services with the remaining 71% from hardware sales.

### **Economic Outlook**

In October 2014, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) lowered its global economic growth forecast to 3.3% in 2014, down from an earlier (July 2014) growth forecast of 3.4% to reflect setbacks such as high debt burdens and high unemployment in advanced economies during the first half of 2014. However, global growth is projected to increase 3.8% in 2015 driven by a recovery in both the advanced economies and emerging markets.

In November 2014, major foreign economies made moves to bolster economic growth in the face of a global slowdown. China's central bank cut interest rates, the European Central Bank said it was ready to step up stimulus for the 18-country Eurozone economy, and Japan's government delayed a tax increase after the country slipped back into recession.

The IMF's 2014 economic growth estimate for the US was revised upward to 2.2% from 1.7% (July 2014). The current projection is flat with US GDP growth of 2.2% in 2013. In November 2014, the US Bureau of Economic Analysis revised upward its 3Q14 GDP growth estimate to 3.9% from 3.5% in October 2014. The IMF's US growth estimate for 2015 remained unchanged at 3.1%. The IMF said that US employment growth has been strong and household balance sheets have improved amid favorable financial conditions and a recovering housing market.

As the company offers its products and services primarily in the US, a growing US economy should bode well for sales of the company's products as the rate of capital and software expenditures increase.

### ***3Q and Nine Months 2014 Financial Results***

***3Q14*** - Revenue decreased 20% to \$14.1 million primarily due to decreased hardware sales as orders by several large retail customers in 1H14 did not recur in 3Q14. Hardware sales decreased 26% to \$8.8 million while software and service sales fell 2% to \$5.1 million. Other revenue (consumables) decreased 20% to \$300,000. The net loss to common shareholders was \$0.9 million or (\$0.07) per share versus a net loss to common shareholders of \$390,000 or (\$0.04) per share.

Gross margins increased to 21.4% from 19.7% due primarily to product mix as software and service sales carry a higher gross margin than hardware sales. SG&A expenses decreased to \$3 million from \$4.5 million as the company reduced its overall workforce. Interest expense decreased to \$229,000 from \$241,000 as a result of decreased debt levels.

***Nine-months 2014*** - Revenue increased 3% to \$47.4 million primarily due increased hardware sales driven by large orders from retail customers in 1H14. Hardware sales increased 6% to \$30.7 million while software and service sales fell 4% to \$15.6 million. Other revenue (consumables) increased 2% to \$1.1 million. The net loss to common shareholders was \$1.7 million or (\$0.14) per share versus a net loss to common shareholders of \$4 million or (\$0.44) per share.

Gross margins increased to 21.9% from 21.4% due primarily to reductions in service personnel. SG&A expenses decreased to \$10.2 million from \$14 million as the company reduced its overall workforce. Interest expense decreased 9% to \$0.7 million as a result of decreased debt levels.

	Nine Months Ended (in thousands \$)	
	9/14A	9/13A
Net sales	47,365	46,067
Cost of sales	36,989	36,216
Gross profit	10,376	9,851
Adjustment to earn-out obligations	-	(820)
SG&A	10,161	13,981
Operating income (loss)	215	(3,310)
Interest expense	658	723
Adjustment of warrant liabilities	(254)	(166)
Other (income) expense	(12)	(16)
Income (loss) before taxes	(177)	(3,851)
Income taxes	519	(466)
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>(696)</u>	<u>(3,385)</u>
Cumulative preferred stock dividends	(1,002)	(661)
Net income (loss) to common	<u>(1,698)</u>	<u>(4,046)</u>
EPS	<u>(0.14)</u>	<u>(0.44)</u>
Shares Outstanding	12,342	9,118
<b><u>Margin Analysis</u></b>		
Gross margin	21.9%	21.4%
SG&A	21.5%	30.3%
Operating margin	0.5%	(7.2)%
Source: Company filings		

***Liquidity*** - As of September 30, 2014, current liabilities exceeded current assets by \$10 million and the company's current ratio was 0.6X versus 1.2X for the business services industry. By our forecasts, the company will need to raise approximately \$1 million by the end of 2014 to meet its operational needs for the next twelve months.

Cash provided by operations in the first nine months of 2014 was \$2.2 million consisting of cash earnings of \$0.6 million and a \$1.6 million decrease in working capital. The decrease in working capital was primarily due to a decrease in accounts receivable and inventory offset in part by a decrease in accounts payable and unearned revenue. Cash provided by operations covered capital expenditures, debt repayments and dividends, increasing cash by \$0.8 million to \$1.5 million at September 30, 2014.

The company has a \$10 million line of credit and term loans extended by Silicon Valley Bank. As of September 30, 2014 the outstanding balances were \$3.8 million on the line of credit and \$0.5 million on the term loans. The line of credit is due February 2015, carries an interest rate of 7% and had an available balance of \$0.7 million as of September 30, 2014. The term loans mature in March 2016 and carry an interest rate of 7.5%. As of September 30, 2014, the company was in compliance with the covenants of the Silicon Valley Bank line of credit and term loan.

DecisionPoint also has a \$0.6 million term loan with Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and a \$1.5 million term loan with BDC Capital. The RBC loan matures June 2015, is secured by the assets of Apex (acquired June 2012) and carries an interest rate of 7%. The BDC loan matures June 2016 and carries an interest rate of 12%. As of September 30, 2014, the company was in compliance with the covenants of the BDC term loan. However, the company was not in compliance with the RBC term loan. Should RBC not waive the covenant requirements, DecisionPoint could be deemed to be in default and immediate repayment could be demanded leading to a foreclosure of certain company assets (Apex acquisition).

## **Risks**

In our view, these are the principal risks underlying the stock.

Going concern issues – In its latest annual report, the company’s auditors have raised doubts about its ability to continue as a going concern. Among other factors, the company’s history of losses, working capital deficit and minimal liquidity have contributed to the auditors’ determination.

Limited operating history - DecisionPoint has a limited operating history which makes it difficult to evaluate its business on the basis of historical operations. Uncertainties related to its lack of historical operations may limit its ability to anticipate and adapt to changes in sales, product costs or expenses.

Acquisition risk – Recent business combinations and acquisition transactions may not be successful. Integration of new businesses or technologies may exhibit difficulty in transitioning customers and other business relationships.

Competition – DecisionPoint competes primarily with well-established companies, many of which have greater resources than the company. Barriers to entry are not significant and start-up costs are relatively low which could lead to increased competition.

Dilution – DecisionPoint has a significant amount of potentially dilutive securities (options, warrants, and convertible preferred stock). This could result in additional dilution to existing investors should this stock be sold in the open market or the warrants and convertible securities get converted to common stock.

Reliance on a limited number of customers – DecisionPoint derived approximately 18% of its revenue from two customers in 2013. The loss of a significant customer would likely have an adverse impact on financial results.

Lack of IP protection – The company has not sought patent protection for its products and services, relying instead on its technical know-how and ability to design solutions tailored to its customers’ needs.

Liquidity risk - Shares of DecisionPoint have risks common to those of the microcap segment of the market. Often these risks cause microcap stocks to trade at discounts to their peers. The most common of these risks is liquidity risk, which is typically caused by small trading floats and very low trading volume and can lead to large spreads and high volatility in stock price. There are 8.1 million shares in the float and the average daily volume is approximately 6,000 shares.

Miscellaneous risk - The company's financial results and equity values are subject to other risks and uncertainties including competition, operations, financial markets, regulatory risk, and/or other events. These risks may cause actual results to differ from expected results.



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Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(in thousands \$)

	2011A	2012A	2013A	9/13A	2014E	2015E
Cash	366	1,103	641	1,471	341	943
Accounts receivable	15,393	12,287	10,504	6,860	10,785	11,353
Due from related party	-	202	188	-	-	-
Inventory	706	811	1,533	642	1,559	1,637
Deferred costs	3,469	3,955	3,809	3,667	3,667	3,667
Deferred tax assets	-	48	49	47	47	47
Prepaid expenses and other	408	302	188	463	463	463
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>20,342</b>	<b>18,708</b>	<b>16,912</b>	<b>13,150</b>	<b>16,861</b>	<b>18,110</b>
Net property and equipment	99	179	136	137	133	131
Intangible assets	2,214	6,023	3,907	2,523	2,314	957
Goodwill	5,539	8,571	8,395	8,295	8,295	8,295
Deferred costs	1,800	2,124	1,807	1,406	1,406	1,406
Other assets	175	205	165	131	131	131
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>30,169</b>	<b>35,810</b>	<b>31,322</b>	<b>25,642</b>	<b>29,140</b>	<b>29,030</b>
Accounts payable	8,947	11,080	9,774	7,910	9,937	10,435
Accrued expenses and other	2,505	2,895	2,976	3,658	3,056	3,217
Line of credit	4,024	3,430	3,883	4,046	4,046	4,046
Current portion of debt	1,000	1,800	1,474	878	878	878
Due to related parties	872	1	77	152	152	152
Accrued earn out consideration	-	1,186	319	90	90	90
Warrant liability	-	-	803	549	549	549
Unearned revenue	6,756	7,409	7,481	5,824	5,824	5,824
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>24,104</b>	<b>27,801</b>	<b>26,787</b>	<b>23,107</b>	<b>24,531</b>	<b>25,191</b>
Unearned revenue	2,509	2,883	2,481	2,037	2,037	2,037
Long-term debt	970	2,922	1,961	1,655	2,655	1,655
Accrued earn out consideration	-	159	149	-	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	18	1,078	740	703	703	703
Other long-term liabilities	60	80	77	66	66	66
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>27,661</b>	<b>34,923</b>	<b>32,195</b>	<b>27,568</b>	<b>29,992</b>	<b>29,652</b>
Preferred stock*	6,320	7,370	12,193	12,735	13,801	15,409
Common stockholders' equity (deficit)	(3,812)	(6,483)	(13,066)	(14,661)	(14,653)	(16,031)
<b>Total stockholders' equity (deficit)</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>(873)</b>	<b>(1,926)</b>	<b>(852)</b>	<b>(622)</b>
<b>Total liabilities &amp; stockholders' equity</b>	<b>30,169</b>	<b>35,810</b>	<b>31,322</b>	<b>25,642</b>	<b>29,140</b>	<b>29,030</b>

\* Includes accrued dividends of \$1.6 million in 2014 and 2015

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

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Income Statements for the Fiscal Years Ended  
(in thousands \$)

	<u>2011A</u>	<u>2012A</u>	<u>2013A</u>	<u>2014E</u>	<u>2015E</u>
Net sales	58,359	71,501	60,692	62,316	65,600
Cost of sales	<u>46,368</u>	<u>56,458</u>	<u>47,965</u>	<u>48,763</u>	<u>51,210</u>
Gross profit	11,991	15,043	12,727	13,553	14,390
Adjustment to earn-out obligations		-	(820)	-	-
SG&A	<u>13,597</u>	<u>18,152</u>	<u>18,338</u>	<u>13,262</u>	<u>13,600</u>
Operating income (loss)	(1,606)	(3,109)	(4,791)	291	790
Interest expense	1,160	998	959	858	800
Adjustment of warrant liabilities			-	(255)	-
Other (income) expense	<u>2,302</u>	<u>(116)</u>	<u>(333)</u>	<u>(12)</u>	<u>-</u>
Income (loss) before taxes	(5,068)	(3,991)	(5,417)	(300)	(10)
Income taxes / (benefit)	<u>100</u>	<u>(125)</u>	<u>(199)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	<u>(5,168)</u>	<u>(3,866)</u>	<u>(5,218)</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>(10)</u>
Imputed conversion of pref. stock	-	-	(1,343)	-	-
Dividends	<u>(486)</u>	<u>(954)</u>	<u>(1,240)</u>	<u>(1,327)</u>	<u>(1,320)</u>
Net income (loss) to common	<u>(5,654)</u>	<u>(4,820)</u>	<u>(7,801)</u>	<u>(1,627)</u>	<u>(1,330)</u>
EPS	<u>(0.94)</u>	<u>(0.61)</u>	<u>(0.80)</u>	<u>(0.13)</u>	<u>(0.10)</u>
Shares Outstanding	6,020	7,901	9,803	12,439	13,150
<u>Margin Analysis</u>					
Gross margin	20.5%	21.0%	21.0%	21.7%	21.9%
SG&A	23.3%	25.4%	30.2%	21.3%	20.7%
Operating margin	(2.8)%	(4.3)%	(7.9)%	0.5%	1.2%
Pretax margin	(8.7)%	(5.6)%	(8.9)%	(0.5)%	(0.0)%
Tax rate	(2.0)%	3.1%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Year / Year Growth</u>					
Total Revenues	3.8%	22.5%	-15.1%	2.7%	5.3%
Net Income	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF
EPS	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

DecisionPoint Systems, Inc.

Quarterly Income Statements 2013A -2015E  
(in thousands \$)

	3/13A	6/13A	9/13A	12/13A	2013A	3/14A	6/14A	9/14A	12/14E	2014E	3/15E	6/15E	9/15E	12/15E	2015E
Net sales	13,772	14,721	17,575	14,625	60,692	16,709	16,514	14,143	14,950	62,316	15,200	16,000	16,800	17,600	65,600
Cost of sales	10,948	11,155	14,113	11,749	47,965	13,135	12,731	11,123	11,774	48,763	11,881	12,495	13,110	13,724	51,210
Gross profit	2,824	3,566	3,462	2,876	12,727	3,574	3,783	3,020	3,176	13,553	3,319	3,505	3,690	3,876	14,390
Adjustment to earn-out obligations	-	-	(820)	-	(820)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SG&A	5,033	4,464	4,485	4,357	18,338	3,717	3,417	3,028	3,100	13,262	3,250	3,350	3,450	3,550	13,600
Operating income (loss)	(2,209)	(898)	(203)	(1,481)	(4,791)	(143)	366	(8)	76	291	69	155	240	326	790
Interest expense	226	256	241	236	959	207	222	229	200	858	200	200	200	200	800
Adjustment of warrant liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	(251)	84	(88)	-	(255)	-	-	-	-	-
Other (income) expense	(6)	(8)	(168)	(151)	(333)	(8)	(21)	17	-	(12)	-	-	-	-	-
Income (loss) before taxes	(2,429)	(1,146)	(276)	(1,566)	(5,417)	(91)	81	(166)	(124)	(300)	(131)	(45)	40	126	(10)
Income taxes / (benefit)	(327)	(30)	(109)	267	(199)	22	100	397	(519)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income / (Loss)	(2,102)	(1,116)	(167)	(1,833)	(5,218)	(113)	(19)	(563)	395	(300)	(131)	(45)	40	126	(10)
Imputed conversion of pref. stock	-	-	-	(1,343)	(1,343)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	(220)	(218)	(223)	(579)	(1,240)	(329)	(334)	(334)	(330)	(1,327)	(330)	(330)	(330)	(330)	(1,320)
Net income (loss) to common	(2,322)	(1,334)	(390)	(3,755)	(7,801)	(442)	(353)	(897)	65	(1,627)	(461)	(375)	(290)	(204)	(1,330)
EPS	(0.27)	(0.15)	(0.04)	(0.32)	(0.80)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.07)	0.01	(0.13)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.10)
Shares Outstanding	8,621	8,699	10,019	11,835	9,803	12,314	12,342	12,370	12,730	12,439	13,000	13,100	13,200	13,300	13,150
<u>Margin Analysis</u>															
Gross margin	20.5%	24.2%	19.7%	19.7%	21.0%	21.4%	22.9%	21.4%	21.2%	21.7%	21.8%	21.9%	22.0%	22.0%	21.9%
SG&A	36.5%	30.3%	25.5%	29.8%	30.2%	22.2%	20.7%	21.4%	20.7%	21.3%	21.4%	20.9%	20.5%	20.2%	20.7%
Operating margin	(16.0)%	(6.1)%	(1.2)%	(10.1)%	(7.9)%	-0.9%	2.2%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.4%	1.9%	1.2%
Pretax margin	(17.6)%	(7.8)%	(1.6)%	(10.7)%	(8.9)%	(0.5)%	0.5%	(1.2)%	(0.8)%	(0.5)%	(0.9)%	(0.3)%	0.2%	0.7%	(0.0)%
Tax rate	13.5%	2.6%	39.5%	(17.0)%	3.7%	-24.2%	123.5%	-239.2%	418.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Year / Year Growth</u>															
Total Revenues	-22.7%	-17.1%	-5.3%	-15.7%	-15.1%	21.3%	12.2%	-19.5%	2.2%	2.7%	-9.0%	-3.1%	18.8%	17.7%	5.3%
Net Income	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF
EPS	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

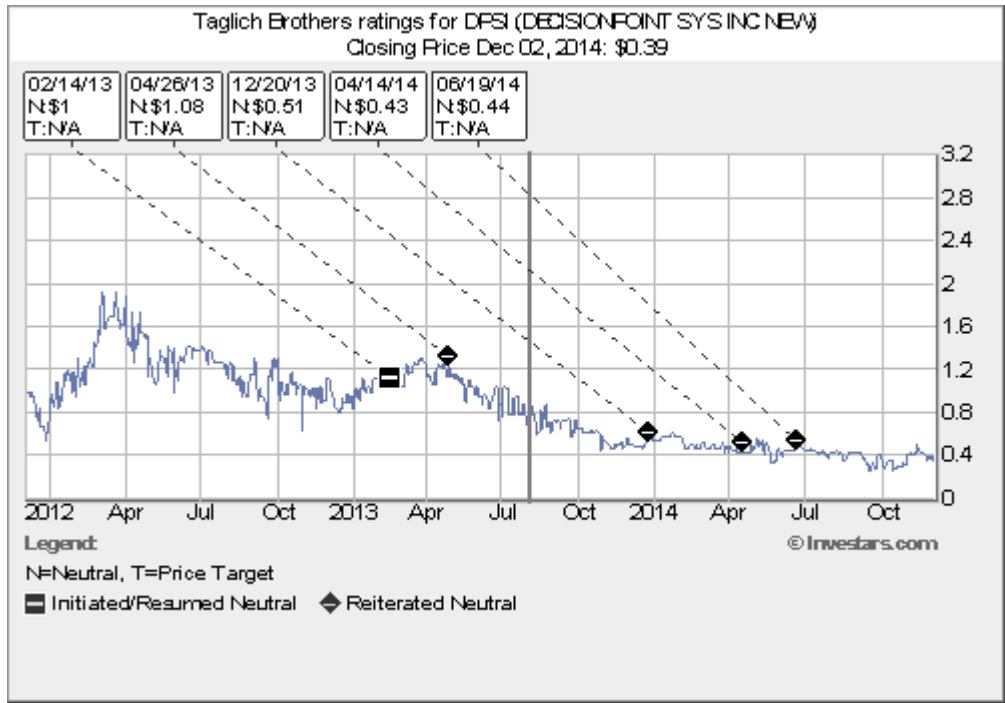
DecisionPoint Systems, Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows for the Periods Ended  
(in thousands \$)

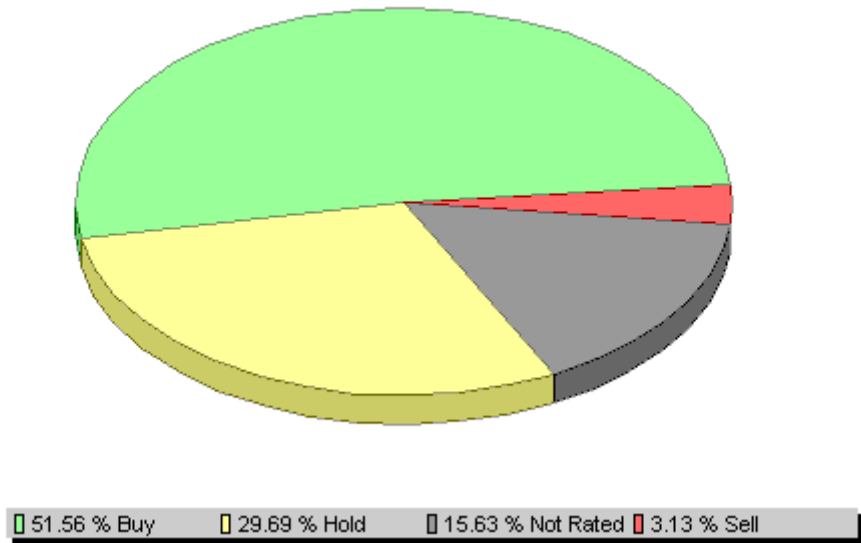
	2011A	2012A	2013A	9mos14A	2014E	2015E
Net income (loss)	(5,168)	(3,866)	(5,218)	(696)	(300)	(10)
Depreciation & amortization	560	1,510	1,967	1,331	1,957	1,956
Amortization of deferred financing costs	140	183	181	117	156	156
Employee stock-based compensation	200	52	76	89	120	120
Non-employee stock-based compensation	283	514	-	-	-	-
Non-cash interest expense (income)	80	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on debt extinguishment	2,269	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	4	-	13	2	2	-
Acquisition earn-out adjustment	-	-	(820)	-	-	-
Change in fair value of warrants	-	-	(296)	(254)	(254)	-
ESOP compensation expense	125	132	138	37	50	50
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	108	142	(30)	142	142
Other income related to collection of note receivable	(405)	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred taxes	73	(256)	(270)	(9)	-	-
Cash earnings (loss)	(1,839)	(1,623)	(4,087)	587	1,873	2,414
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>						
Accounts receivable	(1,221)	1,801	1,615	3,669	(281)	(568)
Due from related party	-	147	-	184	184	-
Inventory	193	(98)	(723)	891	(26)	(78)
Deferred costs	(291)	(810)	462	543	543	-
Prepaid expenses and other	80	182	126	(251)	(275)	-
Other assets	(33)	(37)	(18)	11	34	-
Accounts payable	(39)	946	(1,296)	(1,854)	163	499
Accrued expenses and other	(258)	506	(104)	447	80	161
Due to related parties	(735)	-	76	69	69	-
Unearned revenue	1,701	705	(284)	(2,085)	(2,101)	-
(Increase) decrease in working capital	(603)	3,342	(146)	1,624	(1,610)	13
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operations</b>	<b>(2,442)</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>(4,233)</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>2,427</b>
Acquisitions, net	(2,205)	(5,051)	-	-	-	-
Collection of note and other receivables	555	-	-	-	-	-
Capital expenditures	(49)	(64)	(45)	(42)	(60)	(60)
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by investing</b>	<b>(1,699)</b>	<b>(5,115)</b>	<b>(45)</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(60)</b>
(Repayments) borrowings from line of credit	(340)	(594)	459	165	165	-
Proceeds from issuance of debt	4,000	4,033	1,000	-	1,000	-
Cash received in reverse capitalization	1,985	1,500	-	-	-	-
Borrowing under long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of debt	(1,000)	(1,393)	(2,082)	(819)	(819)	(1,000)
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of convertible preferred stock	-	7,042	4,090	-	-	-
Paid preferred stock financing costs	-	(1,020)	(597)	-	-	-
Redemption of convertible preferred stock	-	(4,529)	-	-	-	-
Issuance of common stock	-	-	403	-	-	-
Purchase of treasury stock	(250)	-	-	-	-	-
Paid financing costs	(109)	(270)	(119)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Holding share liability	(4)	-	-	-	-	-
Warrants classified as liability	-	-	1,099	-	-	-
Payments for contingent acquisition liability	-	-	-	(84)	(84)	-
Dividends paid	(90)	(651)	(423)	(499)	(665)	(665)
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing</b>	<b>4,192</b>	<b>4,118</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>(1,337)</b>	<b>(503)</b>	<b>(1,765)</b>
Foreign currency translation	-	15	(14)	(2)	-	-
<b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>(462)</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>602</b>
<b>Cash - Beginning of Period</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Cash - End of Period</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>943</b>

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**Price Chart**



**Taglich Brothers' Current Ratings Distribution**



Investment Banking Services for Companies Covered in the Past 12 Months		
Rating	#	%
Buy	2	8
Hold	1	20
Sell		
Not Rated		

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