



# **Harvest Technology Group Limited**

# Interest level high and rising

Harvest Technology Group Limited (ASX:HTG) licenses its proprietary video compression and encryption technology for low-bandwidth, high-latency applications needing secure real-time streaming video communication. The company delivers solutions for data transfer from anywhere via satellite or congested networks. Harvest offers a solution which enables real-time monitoring of remote locations, real-time feedback for field technicians, and secure video conferencing. In 2022 Harvest launched two new product platforms with further product developments expected. The company raised \$6.78m in March 2022 via a private placement in preparation for an increase in sales tempo and customer numbers. Harvest's quarterly comments and announcements during Q3 FY23 emphasised high levels of interest in the Nodestream secure remote communications products from a range of potential and existing customers including defence and operators of aerial and sea-going drones. We remain of the view that cyber-security issues and the geo-political environment are supportive of increased take-up of Harvest's products. In Q3 Harvest has focused on cost minimisation while client scoping decisions progress.

## **Business model**

HTG offers products and solutions which enable real-time monitoring of remote locations, real-time feedback for field technicians, and secure video conferencing. HTG has two trademarked product platforms, Infinity Nodestream and Remote Inspection System (RiS). The company is on the verge of large-scale roll-out of the Infinity Nodestream secure video transmission product suite through reseller agreements with the major maritime satellite communications operators. It has also launched its own Remote Inspection System (RiS) and a US business focused on enabling remote field technician support via real-time video over low-bandwidth networks and satellite.

## Q3 slows, engagement builds, cash position improved

Harvest's Q3 FY23 result showed a decline in Q3 receipts to \$686k, still +25% higher than the pcp but a -29% decrease on the previous quarter. Operating cashflow improved \$830k vs Q2 FY23 through lower payments to suppliers and lower R&D outgoings. Net cash at the end of the quarter totalled \$2.15m after the (expected) receipt of a FY22 R&D rebate of \$1.6m from the ATO. This represented 9.4 quarters of funding at the Q3 rate of expenditure which supports our confidence that Harvest will succeed in converting high levels of interest and project scoping activity into actual sales.

## Valuation base case of \$130m (\$0.206/share)

Our valuation is based on a DCF using a Beta of 1.47x and risk-free rate of 3.5%. We have modelled three cases differentiated by customer conversion rates, cost of hardware manufacture and licence fees received. Our base case is now \$130m or \$0.206/share (previously \$0.27/share). Our downside case values HTG at \$74m, while we can estimate upside to \$297m. We have reduced our expectations (previous base case was \$167m) as conversion of the sales pipeline has slowed over the past six months due to economic and geo-political uncertainty. We retain our positive view of the technology and company but recognise the challenges in moving customer discussions to actual sales.

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Year end	Revenue	EBITDA reported	NPAT reported	EPS* (c)	EV/Sales (x)	Price / Book (x)
06/21	2.1	(4.4)	(13.4)	(2.0)	16.5	0.59
06/22	2.2	(11.2)	(15.3)	(2.5)	21.8	0.89
06/23e	4.0	(4.3)	(5.4)	(8.0)	4.7	1.02
06/24e	7.3	(3.6)	(5.7)	(0.9)	2.4	1.13

Source: Company data; RaaS estimates for FY23 to FY24. FY22 revenue from discontinued vessel operations is excluded

## Software & Services

## 4 May 2023



### Share Performance (12 months)



#### Upside Case

- Fast conversion of current leads
- Strong global defence sector take-up
- Inmarsat uses as part of key selling proposition for FleetXpress satellite service

## **Downside Case**

- Lower conversion
- Slower take-up due to economic / COVID issues
- Difficulty in scaling / supply of hardware

## **Board of Directors**

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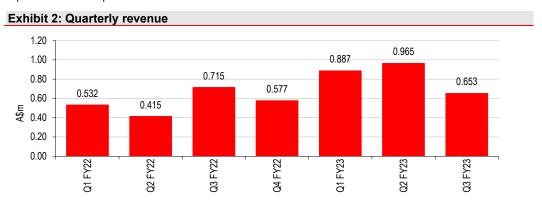
## Q3 FY23 Results Analysis

The Australian Tax Office approved Harvest's R&D Tax Incentive Rebate for FY22 and HTG received \$1.6m in Q3. This confirmed HTG will have adequate capital to support operations as expected. Additionally, Mr Ross McKinnon has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director of HTG and invested \$0.5m in HTG at 6.5cps. Mr McKinnon brings broad experience in growing technology businesses. Harvest is currently assembling the staff and resources necessary to fulfil further orders from the EU Defence Force customer and we expect growth in revenue again in the current quarter.

Exhibit 1: Quarterly receipts from customers Q2 FY22 - Q3 FY23 1.001 0.965 1.00 0.80 0.686 0.591 0.500 0.60 ₩¥ 0.40 0.300 0.20 0.00 Q2 FY22 Q3 FY22 Q4 FY22 Q1 FY23 Q2 FY23

Source: Company reports.\*Q2 FY22 is adjusted for estimated continued operations cash receipts

Receipts from customers (Exhibit 1) show that HTG grew cash receipts in Q3 on a previous corresponding period basis and we expect will resume growth on a previous quarter basis in Q4. (We have adjusted Q2 FY22 and Q3 FY22 to remove the discontinued vessel operations.) Reviewing Harvest's revenue from continuing operations (Exhibit 2) provides a clearer view of the growth in sales of Nodestream-related products but highlights the project delays in Q3. Cost reduction has remained a focus which leaves the company in an improved cash-flow position.



Source: Company reports



Exhibit 3: Q3 FY23 versus previous quarters (in A\$m unless otherwise stated)									
	Q1 FY22*	Q2 FY22*	Q3 FY22	Q4 FY22	Q1 FY23	Q2 FY23	Q3 FY23		
Cash receipts	4.07	4.62	0.55	1.00	0.59	0.97	0.69		
Payments to suppliers	(1.53)	(1.21)	(3.43)	(2.10)	(2.19)	(1.86)	(1.76)		
R&D	(1.08)	(0.94)	(1.07)	(1.20)	(1.20)	(1.05)	(0.93)		
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Operating cash flow	(1.53)	(1.44)	(3.65)	(2.19)	(2.19)	(1.06)	(0.23)		
Free cash flow	(1.53)	(1.44)	(3.65)	(2.19)	(2.20)	(1.07)	(0.23)		
Net cash at the end of the period	4.01	5.17	6.96	4.51	2.17	1.46	2.38		
Monthly cash burn	(0.51)	(0.48)	(1.22)	(0.73)	(0.73)	(0.36)	(80.0)		
Quarters of cash on hand	3	4	2	2	1	1	9		

Source: Company data; \*As reported and including discontinued operations

## **Key Events in The Quarter**

## Events in the quarter included:

- Revenue grew 45% in the 12 months to March 2023;
- Net operating cash outflow for the quarter was reduced from \$1.1m in the December quarter to \$0.2m in the March quarter;
- Cash inflows included receipt of a \$1.6m R&D claim and \$1.25m raised from equity issues;
- Rising cost inflation and margin pressure in the offshore, energy and maritime sectors in the past 12 months has delayed Harvest's sales cycle in the short term while increasing sales opportunities for cost-reducing solutions for new customers;
- Harvest's sales pipeline continues to expand monthly despite these pressures;
- Customer churn remains at zero;
- Harvest continues to collaborate with its European Defence Force customer to determine a scope of work and implementation schedule for the technology across all assets and operations;
- TechnipFMC and Inpex renewed licensing contracts for Nodestream;
- Ocean Infinity ordered the next RiS systems to be installed on the next two 78m uncrewed surface vessels to be launched;
- The Beach Energy smart buoy project commenced a successful close-out in the quarter with monthly licensing fees due to commence from May 2023. Technical discussions continue with another global energy "major" for a potential buoy development programme;
- Fugro Australia added 12 more Nodecom audio conferencing systems and two encoders to its network;
   and
- Appointed Mr Ross McKinnon as a Non-Executive Director.



## **Forecasts and Valuation Impact**

Customer project delays have slowed conversion of interest and project scoping into contracts and sales but both the underlying geo-political and economic impetus for use of Harvest's technology remain strong. Nevertheless, achieved revenues have been slower than our expectations and we have scaled back the estimated revenue recognition contained in our original report for FY23 and FY24. This results in a 15% decline in our base valuation to \$130m from \$154m (\$0.26/share from \$0.27/share).

	FY23*	FY24*
Revenue \$m		
Previous	11.20	24.00
New	4.04	7.32
NPAT \$m		
Previous	(2.20)	4.40
New	(5.41)	(5.67)
Operating cash flow \$m		
Previous	(2.40)	4.90
New	(4.49)	(4.04)
Valuation base case \$m	, ,	,
Previous	154.0	
New	130.2	



Exhibit 5: Financial Summary

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Profit and Loss (A\$m) Y/E 30 June	FY20A	EV24A	EV22A	EV22E	FY24F	Interim (A\$m)	1H21 A	2H21 A	1 <b>H22 A</b> 0.9		1H23 A	2H23 E 2.2
T/E 30 Julie	FTZUA	FY21A	FY22A	FY23F	F 1 24F	Revenue EBITDA	1.0 (3.1)	1.1 (1.2)	(5.3)	1.3 (5.8)	1.9 (4.1)	(1.1)
Sales Revenue	11.6	2.1	2.2	4.0	7.3	EBIT	(6.6)	(2.8)	(11.5)	(12.7)	(4.1)	(1.1)
Gross Profit	4.6	1.9	1.5	2.9	6.4	NPAT (normalised)	(6.3)	(4.0)	(7.2)	(7.3)	(4.1)	(1.7)
EBITDA	(2.7)	(4.4)	(11.2)	(4.3)	(3.6)	Minorities	(0.5)	(4.0)	- (1.2)	- (7.5)	(4.0)	(1.7)
Depn	(2.7)	(2.8)	(0.6)	(0.4)	(0.8)	NPAT (reported)	(6.3)	(4.0)	(7.2)	(7.2)	(4.6)	(1.7)
Amort	(0.5)	(0.8)	(1.2)	0.0	0.0	EPS (normalised)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.00)	0.00	(0.28)
EBIT	(6.2)	(8.1)	(13.0)	(4.7)	(5.2)	EPS (reported)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(0.28)
Interest	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	Dividend (cps)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax	1.2	1.6	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	Imputation	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Operating cash flow	(3.5)	(5.5)	(3.1)	(5.9)	(3.2)	(1.3)
Equity accounted assoc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Free Cash flow	(3.4)	(5.3)	(2.5)	(5.7)	(3.2)	(1.0)
NPAT pre significant it		(10.2)	(14.5)	(5.2)	(5.7)	Divisions	1H21 A	2H21 A	1H22 A	2H22 A	1H23 A	2H23 E
Significant items	(0.7)	(3.2)	(0.8)	(0.2)	0.0	Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.3	1.9	1.8
NPAT (reported)	(6.8)	(13.4)	(15.3)	(5.4)	(5.7)	All Licenced Services ex [		Marine Ops				
Cash flow (A\$m)	(,	( ' '	( /	(- /								
Y/E 30 June	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23F	FY24F	COGS	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.7)	(0.5)
EBITDA	(2.7)	(4.4)	(11.2)	(4.3)	(3.6)	Employ ment	(2.7)	(3.2)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.1)	(1.0)
Interest	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	Technology, licence fees	(0.7)	(0.6)	(2.0)	(2.7)	(2.4)	(1.9)
Tax	1.2	1.6	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	Other costs	(0.5)	1.7	(1.0)	(1.2)	(0.8)	0.0
Working capital changes	1.0	(5.7)	2.9	0.3	0.0		` '		` '	` '	` '	
Operating cash flow	(1.1)	(9.0)	(9.0)	(4.5)	(4.0)	EBITDA	(3.1)	(1.2)	(5.3)	(5.8)	(4.1)	(1.1)
Mtce capex	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.8)	(0.3)	(0.8)		` ,	. ,	` ,	` ,	, ,	` ,
Free cash flow	(1.2)	(9.4)	(9.8)	(4.7)	(4.9)							
Growth capex	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0							
Acquisitions/Disposals	(3.2)	(0.7)	(0.8)	0.0	0.0	Margins, Leverage, Return	ıs	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23F	FY24F
Other	(0.6)	(0.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Cash flow pre financing	(5.0)	(10.4)	(10.6)	(4.7)	(4.9)	EBIT		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Equity	11.5	9.2	9.9	1.8	4.3	NPAT pre significant items		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Debt	2.4	(2.8)	(0.8)	(0.3)	0.0	Net Debt (Cash)		11.3	6.8	4.5	0.7	0.1
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net debt/EBITDA (x)	(x)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Net cash flow for year	8.9	(4.0)	(1.5)	(3.3)	(0.6)	ND/ND+Equity (%)	(%)	(858%)	(74%)	(65%)	(10%)	(1%)
Balance sheet (A\$m)						EBIT interest cover (x)	(x)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Y/E 30 June	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23F	FY24F	ROA		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Cash	11.3	6.8	4.5	1.2	0.7	ROE		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Accounts receivable	1.0	5.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	ROIC		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Inv entory	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.2	NTA (per share)	\$	0.01	0.01	0.00	n/a	n/a
Other current assets	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	Working capital		(0.3)	2.9	0.3	0.8	1.0
Total current assets	12.5	13.5	6.6	2.6	2.2	WC/Sales (%)		(3%)	136%	14%	20%	14%
PPE	3.4	0.5	2.9	2.4	2.4	Revenue growth		115500%	(82%)	3%	88%	81%
Intangibles and Goodwill	7.8	10.3	9.1	8.5	7.7	EBIT growth pa		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Pricing		FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23F	FY24F
Deferred tax asset	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No of shares (y/e)	(m)	463	527	574	612	650
Other non current assets	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	Weighted Av Dil Shares	(m)	463	507	574	635	631
Total non current assets	11.8	11.1	12.2	11.1	10.3							
Total Assets	24.3	24.6	18.8	13.7	12.5	EPS Reported	cps	(1.5)	(2.5)	(2.7)	(0.9)	(0.9)
Accounts payable	1.4	3.2	1.0	0.1	0.1	EPS Normalised/Diluted	cps	(1.3)	(2.0)	(2.5)	(0.8)	(0.9)
Short term debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	EPS growth (norm/dil)		n.a.	52%	25%	-68%	10%
Tax payable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	DPS	cps	-	-	-	-	-
Other current liabilities	3.4	2.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	DPS Growth		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total current liabilities	4.7	5.1	1.9	0.8	1.0	Dividend yield		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Long term debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	Dividend imputation		30	30	30	30	30
Other non current liabs	6.9	3.6	5.4	5.1	5.1	PE (x)		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total long term liabilities	6.9	3.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	PE market		16.0	16.0	16.2	16.5	16.5
Total Liabilities	11.7	8.8	7.3	6.1	6.3	Premium/(discount)		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Net Assets	12.7	15.8	11.4	7.59	6.2	EV/EBITDA		-8.1	-3.6	-2.4	-7.6	-10.6
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Share capital	22.4	33.7	48.7	45.9	50.1	Price/FCF share		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accumulated profits/losse	` '	(17.9)	(37.8)	(38.3)	(44.0)	Free Cash flow Yield		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reserves	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0							
Minorities	0.0	0.0 <b>15.8</b>	0.0	7. <b>59</b>	0.0 <b>6.2</b>	4						
Total Shareholder fund	12.6	13.8	11.4	1.09	0.2							

Source: Company data for actuals; RaaS analysis; FY22 Revenue excludes earnings from discontinued vessel operations



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