

Research Report – Update

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Bridgeline Digital, Inc.

Rating: Speculative Buy

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BLIN \$2.85 — (NASDAQ)

	2019 A	2020 A	2021 E	2022 E
Total Revenue (in millions)	\$10.0	\$10.9	\$12.9	\$16.3
Earnings (loss) per share*	(\$8.16)	(\$0.59)**	(\$0.42)***	(\$0.12)

52-Week range	\$4.40 – \$1.41	Fiscal year ends:	September
Shares outstanding a/o 05/14/21	6.5 million	Revenue/shares (ttm)*	\$2.48
Approximate float	5.8 million	Price/Sales (ttm)	1.1X
Market Capitalization	\$18.5 million	Price/Sales (2022) E	1.3X
Tangible Book value/shr	(\$1.20)	Price/Earnings (ttm)	NMF
Price/Book	NMF	Price/Earnings (2022) E	NMF

*Reflects 1 for 50 reverse stock split in May 2019 **Includes a charge of (\$0.68) per share related to preferred dividends, a \$0.29 per share gain related to fair value of warrants, and \$0.27 per share gain related to government grant income. ***Includes an estimated (\$0.34) charge related to fair value of warrants.

Bridgeline Digital, Inc., headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts helps companies grow online revenues by increasing their traffic, conversion rate, and average order value with its eCommerce360 digital engagement offerings that include Celebros Search, Unbound, OrchestraCMS, Woorank, and HawkSearch.

Key Investment Considerations:

Maintaining Speculative Buy rating but decreasing our 12-month price target to \$5.25 per share from \$6.75 reflecting reductions in our FY22 sales per share forecast and sector valuation.

Brideline Digital has substantial growth potential for its eCommerce360 digital engagement offerings through its sales and marketing strategy that enables a streamlined and nearly virtual sales process via an artificial intelligence (AI) dashboard. Analysts project the customer experience management market growing 17.5% annually to approximately \$27 billion by 2028, up from \$7.5 billion in 2020.

Supporting the development of BLIN's eCommerce360 offerings was the acquisitions of Woorank (2Q21) and HawkSearch (3Q21). Woorank is delivering at least ten new customers per day and 1,500 qualified sales leads per month. HawkSearch's AI offerings assist online retailers to engage customers and convert more sales with its personalized site search and intelligent recommendations that will be integrated into BLIN's offerings.

In 2Q21, BLIN reported (on 05-17-21) a loss per share of (\$0.11) on revenue of \$2.9 million (\$136,000 increase from 2Q20). In 2Q20, EPS was \$0.18. Excluding one-time items, the loss per share was (\$0.01) in 2Q21 compared to a loss of (\$0.21) in 2Q20. We projected EPS of \$0.04 on sales of \$3 million.

For FY21, we project a loss per share of (\$0.42) on revenue growth of 18% to \$12.9 million (prior was \$12.2 million), which includes 28.7% growth in subscription revenue to \$9.6 million. We previously estimated a loss per share of (\$0.13). The increase in our sales forecast includes four months of HawkSearch sales. Our increased loss forecast reflects the operating costs stemming from the HawkSearch acquisition.

For FY22, we project a loss per share of (\$0.12) on revenue growth of 26.9% to \$16.3 million, driven by recurring subscription growth of 26.8% to \$13.3%. We previously projected EPS of \$0.17 on revenue of \$14.1 million. The change in our forecast reflects a full year of HawkSearch revenue and operating costs.

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Appreciation Potential

Maintaining Speculative Buy rating but decreasing our 12-month price target to \$5.25 per share from \$6.75 reflecting reductions in our FY22 sales per share forecast and sector valuation. Our aggregate total sales forecast increased to \$16.3 million (due primarily to the acquisition of HawkSearch) from our prior forecast of \$14.1 million; however, that increase should be more than offset by a 43% increase in average shares outstanding in FY22 to nearly 7.7 million stemming from common stock and convertible preferred offerings in May 2021.

Our rating reflects projected recurring revenue growth from the acquisitions of Woorank (2Q21) and HawkSearch (3Q21) and the integration of their offerings into BLIN's eCommerce360 offerings and sales and marketing initiatives. These acquisitions, once integrated, should enable BLIN's customers to increase their online revenue with stronger traffic, conversion and average order value. Woorank is delivering approximately ten new customers per day along with 1,500 qualified sales leads per month. Some of those qualified leads should convert into sales of the company's new HawkSearch offering. HawkSearch's artificial intelligence offerings assist online retailers to engage customers and convert more sales with personalized site search and intelligent recommendations that will be integrated into BLIN's offerings.

Our 12-month price target of \$5.25 per share implies shares could appreciate nearly 85% over the next twelve months. According to finviz.com (as of 06/03/21), the average trailing twelve month price-to-sales multiple for companies with similar market capitalizations in the Software Application/Infrastructure and Internet Content sectors is 3.1X (prior was 3.3X), compared to BLIN's trailing twelve month price-to-sales multiple of 1.1X (prior was 1.3X). We anticipate investors are likely to accord Bridgeline Digital, Inc. a multiple approaching that of the sector given our forecasted recurring subscription sales growth of 38.2% in FY22. We applied a price-to-sales multiple of 2.7X (prior 2.9X) to our FY22 sales per share forecast of \$2.12, discounted for execution risk, to obtain a year-ahead price target of approximately \$5.25 per share.

BLIN's valuation improvement is contingent upon consistent quarterly recurring-SaaS/perpetual software revenue growth, expense leverage, and cash earnings. We forecast the company generating annualized recurring-SaaS/perpetual software revenue growth of 31.7% to FY22 from FY19 and cash earnings of \$450,000 in FY22 compared to cash burn of \$500,000 in FY20.

We believe Bridgeline Digital, Inc. is most suitable for risk tolerant investors that seek exposure to a micro cap company providing digital engagement services through recurring revenue Apps and enterprise platform models for its customers.

Overview

Bridgeline Digital, Inc., headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts is a digital engagement company that assists customers in maximizing the performance of their digital experience from Websites and intranets, to online stores and marketing and promotional campaigns. The company's platform integrates Web content management, eCommerce, marketing automation, site search, authenticated portals, social media management, as well as translation and Web analytics to help organizations deliver enhanced digital experiences. The technology offerings of the Woorank and HawkSearch acquisitions in FY21 will be integrated into and broaden BLIN's existing offerings.

The Bridgeline platform powers Websites, online stores, portals and intranets for thousands of customers that range from small and medium-sized organizations to Fortune 1000 companies. The company's primary customer verticals are franchises, healthcare, manufacturing, finance, and primarily online retails.

Recent Developments

In 2Q21, Bridgeline acquired Woorank a Belgium-based company that helps companies increase their online traffic, leads, and sales with an artificial intelligence system that analyzes their Websites relative to their competitors and partners to make intelligent recommendations for optimizing search engine organic rankings.

In 3Q21, the company acquired HawkSearch for approximately \$11.9 million total consideration. At closing, BLIN paid \$4.8 million in cash (plus certain working capital adjustments for a total of nearly \$5.8 million in total cash based consideration) and \$1.5 million of BLIN’s convertible preferred stock, and will make a payment of \$2 million before December 31, 2021, as well as up to \$2.6 million in an earn-out. The acquisition should accelerate BLIN’s reach in the e-commerce and enterprise site search market. HawkSearch’s AI technology offerings should drive online revenue for BLIN’s customers with enhanced merchandising capabilities, product recommendations, and personalization based on data rich search analytics. HawkSearch brings with it at least 300 customers and will also add more than 1,000 new Websites to Bridgeline’s existing family of Websites. We estimate HawkSearch should contribute approximately \$3.7 million to subscription (SaaS) revenue.

Platform Offerings

The company’s primary technology has evolved over the last five years into eCommerce360 AI powered technology offerings that have been strategically designed to bridge the gap between Web content management, eCommerce, eMarketing, and social and Web analytics by providing all of these components in one unified and deeply integrated platform. The technology platform provides professional services to customers that enable them to support their customers in driving lead generation, increased revenue, improved customer service and loyalty, as well as enhanced employee knowledge, and reduced operational costs.

The chart on the right shows the various components that the eCommerce360 offerings can accomplish. The offerings can be purchased through a cloud-based software-as-a-service (SaaS) recurring revenue model. BLIN has developed the platform with a flexible architecture that provides customers with state-of-the-art deployment, recurring maintenance, and daily technical operation and support. The offering can be purchased as a perpetual license in which the software resides on a dedicated infrastructure in either the customer’s facility or managed and hosted by BLIN via a cloud-based hosted services model. Regardless of which model is used by the customer, this offering will likely require customization, thus providing BLIN with digital engagement services revenue.



Recurring revenue is provided by its eCommerce360 franchise offering that empowers large franchises, healthcare networks, associations and chapters, as well as other multi-unit organizations to manage branded networks to unify, manage, scale and optimize a hierarchy of Web properties and marketing campaigns on a global, national and local level. The platform has an easy-to-use administrative console that enables corporate marketing to provide consistency in branding and messaging, as well as providing flexible publishing capabilities at the local-market level.

The eCommerce360 offerings is powered by the company’s Celebros Search technology platform that is sold and delivered through a cloud-based SaaS recurring revenue model that is primarily an out of the box offering that requires very little customization. The offering is primarily a commerce site search product that provides for Natural Language Processing with artificial intelligence to present very relevant search results based on long-tail keyword (search that is usually longer as they are more specific) searches in seven languages. Long-tail keyword searches tend to get less search traffic, but usually provide a higher conversion value of search terms. Celebros Search understands which word in the search query is a product, an attribute or an expression that is related to a price or product. The internal algorithms ensure that the customers receive the best results every time no matter the length or complexity of the search query. Over the past year, the company has developed Celebros Search plug-ins that can be utilized by Bridgeline’s Unbound Commerce offering in addition to many third-party Commerce platforms such as Magento, Shopify, Salesforce, etc.

HawkSearch, acquired in 3Q21, will enhance BLIN’s e-commerce and enterprise site search offerings as its AI technology is aimed at enhancing a customer’s merchandising capabilities, product recommendations, and

personalization based on data rich search analytics. Their offerings will be integrated into BLIN’s Celebros Search technology platform.

The Woorank offering assists companies increase their online traffic, leads, and sales with an artificial intelligence system that analyzes their website relative to their competitors and partners to make intelligent recommendations for optimizing search engine organic rankings.

Growth Strategy

In FY20, the company’s growth strategy evolved into eCommerce360 in which its sales organization is a combination of telephone sales, partnerships in online marketplaces, and artificial intelligence dashboards that provide touchless sales opportunities. This strategic shift is enabling BLIN to streamline its sales and marketing organization that should drive increasing sales and shorter sales cycles for higher margin subscription revenue.

The eCommerce360 technology offering sells and markets its Celebros Search, Woorank, HawkSearch, and Apps offerings (see table on the right) and will also drive the company’s research and development efforts. New offerings are likely to be based on expanding and integrating existing offerings. The overall measure of the company



executing on its strategy with higher margin out-of-the-box tools will be if customers can increase their site traffic, shopper conversion rate, and average order value. In 2Q21, the acquisition of Woorank increased BLIN’s customer base as well as enhanced its eCommerce360 opportunity to new customer leads.

A unique feature of Woorank’s and BLIN’s offerings is a dashboard powered by an artificial intelligence algorithm that provides existing customers with recommendations to purchase additional eCommerce360 offerings that can increase their return on investment. A small section of the Dashboard provides popups on what additional offerings should be purchased in order to improve a customers’ online sales, customer acquisition and retention performance.

Acquisitions

In FY19, the company acquired Celebros Search and OrchestraCMS. In FY21, BLIN acquired Woorank and HawkSearch. The company continues to evaluate strategic merger and acquisition opportunities to enhance the growth potential of its recurring eCommerce360 strategy. BLIN will target technology offerings that are established within an existing online marketplace, generate revenue of at least \$2 million, and are accretive to cash earnings. An acquired technology will be integrated into the company’s eCommerce360 offerings and artificial intelligence recommendation dashboard algorithm.

Industry Brief

Experience Management Market

In April 2021, consulting firm Grand View Research issued a report stating that the global customer experience management market generated revenue of \$7.5 billion in 2020. Grand View Research predicts annualized revenue growth of 17.5% to \$27 billion in 2028 due primarily to increasing demand for personalized experiences by customers across different industries. The report observes that customer experience management represents an evolving set of practices and technologies that make a continuous transformation within organizations in order to meet and exceed consumer expectations. Business organizations understand the importance of customer experience management (like BLIN’s eCommerce360 technology offerings) since it assists organizations in strengthening their brand presence, improves consumer loyalty, reduces consumer churn, and in turn, boosts business revenue.

In January 2021, Researchandmarkets published a Customer Experience Management Market report projecting 12% annualized growth to \$14.5 billion in 2025, up from an estimated \$8.2 billion in 2020. Supporting their growth forecast within the Customer Experience Management market is the continuing need to better understand customers in order to help organizations enhance their customer engagement strategies, as well as developing solutions that can reduce customer churn.

Projections

Basis of Forecast

We anticipate the primary growth drivers will be recurring revenue from HawkSearch (in 2Q21) that will incorporate the company's own Celebros Search offering, as well as recurring revenue sales from its acquisition of Woorank (in 2Q21) with additional sales coming from the company's portfolio of individual Apps to enhance each customer's content management experience and steady enterprise platform sales and associated digital engagement services.

We anticipate Woorank continuing to deliver approximately ten new customers per day along with 1,500 qualified sales leads per month. A portion of those monthly leads are likely to convert to the HawkSearch/Celebros Search offering as the combined offering should provide customers with enhanced merchandising capabilities, product recommendations, personalization, and data rich search analytics.

In FY21 (ended September 30), we anticipate gross margin expansion to 65.1% compared to 58.7% in FY20. Gross margin expansion stems from the product mix shift to higher margin subscription and perpetual license revenue that should account for 75% of total sales compared to 68.7% in FY20. We forecast gross margin improving to 66.6% in FY22 due primarily to increased sales of higher margin subscription and perpetual license revenue that should account for 81.6% of total sales by September 30, 2022.

Our forecast does not include changes in the fair value of warrant liabilities or income tax expense until reported by the company. At September 30, 2020, BLIN had federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$37 million.

Economy

In April 2021, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised its global economic growth estimates to an increase of 6% for 2021 and 4.4% for 2022. In January 2021, the IMF predicted GDP growth of 5.5% for 2021 and 4.2% for 2022. The upward revision primarily reflects expectations that the COVID-19 vaccine should enable a strengthening of economic activity later in the year.

The IMF revised its economic growth estimate for the US to an increase of 6.4% for 2021 and 3.5% for 2022. In January 2021, the IMF projected US economic growth of 5.1% for 2021 and 2.5% for 2022. The IMF increased their forecast due primarily to the US stimulus package enacted in 2021 and progress in vaccinating the population.

Operations – FY21

We project 18% total revenue growth to \$12.9 million (prior was \$12.2 million) driven by 28.7% sales growth in recurring subscription and perpetual licenses to \$9.6 million. Partly offsetting total sales growth is a decrease in digital engagement services revenue to \$3.2 million compared to \$3.4 million in FY20 reflecting the ongoing shift to sales of out of the box ready recurring revenue licenses that require less customization services. The increase in our revenue forecast reflects a four month contribution from HawkSearch (acquired in 3Q21).

We forecast gross profit increasing 31% to \$8.4 million compared to \$6.4 million in FY20 due primarily to sales growth and gross margin expanding to 65.1% from 58.7% in FY20. We project an operating loss of \$463,000 compared to a loss of \$1.6 million in FY20. The narrowing of our operating loss forecast reflects revenue growth, gross margin expansion, and operating margin expense improving to 68.7% from 73.8% in FY20. We forecast operating expenses increasing to \$8.8 million compared to \$8 million in FY20. The increase reflects costs associated with the operation of Woorank (acquired in 2Q21) and HawkSearch (acquired in 3Q21) and increases in research and development technology spending on integrating the acquisitions offerings into BILN's offerings, partly offset by a reduced headcount in 1H21, as well as the streamlining of the company's sales and support programs that is

becoming more automated. We anticipate sales and marketing expense increasing to \$2.8 million from \$2.6 million in FY20 due to higher spending in 2H21 stemming from the Woorank and HawkSearch acquisitions. R&D expense should increase to \$2.5 million compared to \$1.6 million due primarily to technology spending on product integration. We anticipate G&A expense decreasing to \$2.3 million compared to \$2.5 million due to reduced headcount in 1H21. We anticipate D&A expense at \$972,000 compared to \$968,000 in FY20. The year-ago period includes approximately \$366,000 in restructuring charges compared to \$294,000 in acquisition related expenses in the current period.

We project non-operating expense of \$1.8 million due primarily to the change in fair value of warrant liabilities compared to income of nearly \$2 million due to the change in fair value of warrant liabilities and government grant income in FY20.

We project a net loss of \$2.3 million or (\$0.42) per share compared to a loss of \$2.1 million or (\$0.59) per share. Excluding the fair value of warrant liabilities, restructuring and/or acquisition related expenses, as well as dividends on convertible stock, we estimate a loss per share of (\$0.05) in FY21 compared to EPS of \$0.09 in FY20. The loss per share forecast reflects average shares outstanding of 5.4 million, up from 3.5 million in FY20.

Finances – 2021

We project cash earnings of \$797,000 and an \$896,000 decrease in working capital resulting in cash from operations of \$1.7 million. The decrease in working capital was due primarily to increases in deferred revenue, payables and accruals. Cash from operations and over \$7 million of net proceeds from a common stock and preferred offerings should more than cover capital expenditures including cash paid to acquire HawkSearch and Woorank. We estimate cash increasing by \$801,000 to nearly \$1.7 million at September 30, 2021.

Operations – FY22

We project 26.9% total revenue growth \$16.3 million (prior was \$14.1 million) from an estimated \$12.9 million in FY21 due primarily to 38.2% growth in recurring subscription (SaaS) and perpetual licenses revenue to \$13.3 million, up from an estimated \$9.6 million in FY21. Partly offsetting total sales growth is a decrease in digital engagement services revenue to \$3 million compared to an estimated \$3.2 million in FY21 reflecting the ongoing shift to sales of out of the box ready recurring revenue licenses that require less customization services. The increase in our forecast reflect a full year of operations from HawkSearch and Woorank.

We forecast gross profit increasing 29.7% to nearly \$10.9 million compared to an estimated \$8.4 million in FY21 due primarily to sales growth and gross margin expanding to 66.6% from an estimated 65.1% in FY21. We project an operating loss of \$905,000 from an estimated \$463,000 in FY21. Our operating loss growth forecast reflects an increase in operating margin expense to 72.1% from an estimated 68.7%, partly offset by revenue growth and gross margin expansion.

We project an increase in operating expenses to \$11.8 million compared to an estimated \$8.8 million in FY21. The increase reflects costs to support marketing initiatives and technology improvements related to the company's acquisitions of Woorank in 2Q21 and HawkSearch in 3Q21. We anticipate sales and marketing and G&A expenses (combined) increasing to nearly \$6.8 million compared to an estimated \$5.1 million in FY21 due primarily to a \$1.4 million increase in sales and marketing expense stemming from the hiring of staff to support marketing initiatives and a \$267,000 increase in G&A costs to support the two acquisitions in FY21. We anticipate an increase in D&A expense to \$1 million compared to an estimated \$972,000 in FY21. R&D expense should increase to \$4 million from \$2.5 million reflecting costs associated with the integration of Woorank's and HawkSearch's software offerings into the company's eCommerce360 Dashboards artificial intelligence recommendation algorithm.

We project non-operating expense of \$40,000 related to interest expense compared to \$1.8 million due primarily to the change in fair value of warrant liabilities.

We project a net loss of \$945,000 or (\$0.12) per share on average shares outstanding of nearly 7.7 million. We previously forecast net income of nearly \$915,000 or \$0.17 per share on 5.4 million average shares outstanding. The

swing to a loss from our prior income forecast reflects higher than anticipated expenses from the two FY21 acquisitions that should support revenue growth beyond our forecast period.

Finances – 2022

We project cash earnings of \$450,000 and a \$904,000 decrease in working capital resulting in cash from operations of nearly \$1.4 million. The decrease in working capital was due primarily to increases in deferred revenue. Cash from operations should cover capital expenditures and repayment of debt related to the acquisition of Woorank, increasing cash by \$727,000 to nearly \$2.4 million at September 30, 2022.

2Q21 and 1H21 Results

2Q21

The company reported a 5% increase in total net revenue to nearly \$2.9 million from \$2.7 million in the year-ago period. Subscription and perpetual license sales increased 8.2% to nearly \$2 million compared to \$1.8 million in 2Q20 due primarily to multi-year license renewals and the inclusion of one month of Woorank revenue. Offsetting subscription and perpetual license sales growth was a \$14,000 reduction in digital engagement service sales to \$885,000.

Gross profit increased 16.3% to \$1.8 million from \$1.5 million in the year-ago period. The increase reflects gross margin expansion to 62.9% from 56.2% in the year-ago period due primarily to a reduced headcount and a shift in the product mix toward higher margin recurring license revenue. Operating expenses decreased to \$1.9 million (excludes \$84,000 in acquisition related charges) from \$2.2 million (excludes \$367,000 in acquisition related charges) in 2Q20. Sales and marketing expense decreased to \$524,000 from \$786,000 due to reduced headcount and less travel. G&A expense decreased to \$608,000 from \$721,000 in the year-ago period reflecting reduced headcount and personnel expenses. R&D and D&A expenses were \$479,000 and \$240,000, respectively compared to \$426,000 and \$249,000, respectively in the year-ago period.

BLIN's operating loss narrowed to \$127,000 (includes \$84,000 in acquisition related charges) from a loss of \$1 million (includes \$367,000 in acquisition related charges) in 2Q20 due primarily to sales growth, gross margin expansion, and reduced operating expenses.

Non-operating expense was \$422,000 compared to income of \$1.8 million. Non-operating expense included a negative change in the fair value of warrant liabilities of \$418,000 and interest expense of \$4,000. In 2Q20, non-operating income was almost exclusively related to a gain in the change in fair value of warrant liabilities.

The net loss was \$556,000 or (\$0.11) per share compared to net income of \$795,000 or \$0.18 per share. The current period included income tax expense of \$7,000 compared to none in 2Q20. The year-ago period included preferred dividends of \$27,000 compared to none in the current period. Excluding one-time items in each period, net loss was approximately \$54,000 or (\$0.01) per share compared to a net loss of approximately \$658,000 or (\$0.21) per share. We projected EPS of \$0.04 on sales of \$3 million.

1H21 Results

BLIN reported a 2.5% increase in total net revenue to \$5.7 million from nearly \$5.6 million in the year-ago period due to an 11.6% increase in subscription and perpetual license sales to nearly \$4 million, partly offset by a 13.7% decrease in digital engagement service sales to \$1.7 million.

Gross profit increased 21.8% to \$3.7 million from \$3 million in the year-ago period. The increase reflects gross margin expansion to 64.6% from 54.3% in the year-ago period. Operating expenses decreased to \$3.3 million (excludes \$294,000 in acquisition

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Total Revenue	\$ 5,710	\$ 5,570	2.5%
Cost of sales	2,023	2,543	(20.4%)
Gross Profit	3,687	3,027	21.8%
Total Operating Expenses	3,635	4,985	(27.1%)
Operating Income (loss)	52	(1,958)	NMF
Total Other Income (Expense)	(1,769)	2,920	
Pre-Tax Income (loss)	(1,717)	962	NMF
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	1	3	NMF
Dividends & deemed dividends preferred	-	(2,420)	
Net Income (loss)	\$ (1,718)	\$ (1,461)	NMF
EPS (loss)	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.49)	NMF
Avg Shares	4,707	2,960	
Margins			
Gross Margins	64.6%	54.3%	
Operating Margin	0.9%	(35.2%)	
Selling expense	55.5%	70.5%	
General and Administrative expense	58.7%	90.8%	
Tax Rate	(0.1%)	0.3%	

Source: company reports

related charges) from \$4.6 million (excludes \$372,000 in acquisition and restructuring related charges) in 1H20. Sales and marketing expense decreased to \$969,000 from \$1.8 million due to reduced headcount and less travel. G&A expense decreased to \$1.1 million from \$1.5 million in the year-ago period reflecting reduced headcount and personnel expenses. R&D and D&A expense was \$828,000 and \$471,000, respectively compared to \$815,000 and \$507,000, respectively in the year-ago period.

BLIN reported an operating profit of \$52,000 (includes \$294,000 in acquisition related charges) from a loss of nearly \$2 million (includes \$372,000 in acquisition and restructuring related charges) in 1H20 due primarily to sales growth, gross margin expansion, and reduced operating expenses.

Non-operating expense was \$1.8 million compared to income of \$2.9 million. Non-operating expense included a negative change in the fair value of warrant liabilities of \$1.9 million, interest income of \$2,000, and grant income of \$88,000. In 1H20, non-operating income was almost exclusively related to a gain in the change in fair value of warrant liabilities.

The net loss was \$1.7 million or (\$0.36) per share compared to a net loss of \$1.5 million or (\$0.49) per share. The current period included income tax expense of \$1,000 compared to \$3,000 in 1H20. The year-ago period included preferred and deemed dividends of \$2.4 million compared to none in the current period. Excluding one-time items in each period, net income was approximately \$347,000 or \$0.07 per share compared to a net loss of approximately \$1.6 million or (\$0.54) per share.

Finances

In 1H21, cash earnings of \$614,000 and a \$411,000 increase in working capital resulting in cash from in operations of \$203,000. Cash from operations and the issuance of common stock more than offset the cost of software development, purchase of property and equipment, and repayment of debt. Cash increased \$2.6 million to nearly \$3.5 million at March 31, 2021.

Capital Structure

At March 31, 2021 the company had total debt of \$2.1 million and a cash balance of nearly \$3.5 million. Total outstanding debt reflects the assumption of a Woorank note to one of the selling shareholders. The short-term portion of long-term debt was \$659,000.

In February 2021, BLIN sold 880,000 shares of its common stock to certain institutional and accredited investors at \$3.10 per share in a registered direct offering. Net proceeds were approximately \$2.5 million and will be used for general corporate purposes.

On August 13, 2020, BLIN entered into an arrangement with an investment banking firm to sell up to approximately 3.8 million shares of common stock (an At-The-Market offering - ATM). The company will pay a 2.5% fee to the manager based on the gross sales price of shares sold. The ATM offering will expire on August 13, 2021 or upon written notice of termination by either the company or the manager. If proceeds are raised using the ATM offering, they will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes. In December 2020, BLIN provided notice to Roth Capital Partners that it was suspending all offers and sales under the agreement, during which time the company will not make any sales of placement shares. Other than the suspension of the ATM offering, the agreement remains in full force and effect during the suspension period. As of March 31, 2021, there have been no shares of common stock sold under the ATM offering.

In May 2021, BLIN sold nearly 1.1 million shares of its common stock at \$2.28 per share. Additionally, the company sold to certain institutional investors 2,700 shares of newly designated series D convertible preferred stock at a price of \$1,000 per share and warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 592,105 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.51 per share. The company received net proceeds from the private placement of common stock on convertible preferred stock of approximately \$4.6 million. Joseph Gunnar & Co. acted as the lead placement agent and Taglich Brothers, Inc. acted as the co-placement agent. The proceeds from this combined offering will be used in connection with the acquisition of HawkSearch.

The series D preferred stock is convertible into nearly 1.2 million shares of common stock at a conversion price of \$2.28 per share. Our forecast assumes that the company will obtain shareholder approval to provide for mandatory conversion of all the series D preferred stock. We estimate shares outstanding after the conversion of nearly 7.7 million, compared to approximately 6.5 million as of May 14, 2021.

Competitive Landscape

The markets for BLIN's products and services that include software for Web content management, eCommerce platform software, eMarketing software, Web analytics software, Apps, and digital engagement services are highly competitive, fragmented, and rapidly changing. The barriers to entry are relatively low with the markets being significantly affected by new product introductions. Competition can be intense with the introduction of new technologies and market participants. The industry is constantly evolving and competition is likely to increase in the future. The primary competitive factors within the industry include platform integration, product functionality, ease of use, scalability, open architecture, cost of ownership, integration with third-party applications and data sources, and name recognition and brand reputation.

While competitors typically offer their Web application software as a single point of entry type, BLIN's eCommerce360 offerings provides enterprise customers integrated software with an architecture that is flexible and capable of being deployed in either a Cloud/SaaS or dedicated server environment.

Some competitors within the industry that likely have greater financial resources than BLIN include HubSpot, Constant Contact, Shopify, SAP, Adobe, Unbx, and Nosto.

Risks

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

Accumulated Deficit

At March 31, 2021, the company's accumulated deficit was \$75.3 million, up from \$61.8 million in FY17 (ended September 30). However, Bridgeline Digital, Inc. had its first operating profits of \$150,000 and \$164,000 in 3Q20 and 4Q20, respectively, with an operating profit in 1H21 of \$52,000. While we anticipate operating losses through the balance of our forecast period, we anticipate FY21 and FY22 cash earnings (combined) of over \$1.2 million. If operating profits are larger than anticipated or cash earnings do not occur, it could result in the company's inability to execute its growth strategy and diminish its operations.

Dilution

The company has an open At-The-Market offering (ATM) arrangement with an investment banking firm to sell up to approximately 3.8 million shares of its common stock that expires in August 2021. The common stock offerings made in February 2021 and May 2021 increased common shares outstanding to nearly 6.5 million from 4.4 million at September 30, 2021.

The expectation is that the convertible preferred stock issued in May 2021 will be converted into common stock in FY22 and increase the common stock by over 1.2 million.

The company has warrants and options that could be exercised into shares of common stock of 3.6 million and 573,000, respectively.

COVID-19 Global Pandemic

A disruption of US economic conditions lies in the global spread of COVID-19. Any global disruptions of economic activity could adversely impact corporate operating results.

Customer Concentration

In 2Q21, BLIN had one customer account for 10% of total revenue compared to 13% in 2Q20. In 2Q21, two customers accounted for 46% of accounts receivable compared to two customers accounting for 32% in 2Q20.

Intellectual Property

The company relies on a combination of copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as licensing agreements, third-party non-disclosure agreements and other contractual measures to protect its intellectual property rights. These protections may not be adequate to prevent competitors from copying or reverse-engineering BLIN's products or competitors independently developing technologies that are similar or superior to its technology. To protect trade secrets and other proprietary information, employees, consultants, advisors and collaborators are required to enter into confidentiality agreements.

Policing unauthorized use of the company's products may be difficult and litigation could become necessary in the future to enforce its intellectual property rights. Any litigation could be time consuming and result in substantial diversion of management's attention and resources that could diminish operations and finances.

Hosting Services

The company hosts its cloud Software-as-a-Service and manages hosting customers via a third-party, Amazon Web Services. Any interruptions in its services might reduce revenue, as well as cause customer credits and or refunds to be issued. These issues could reduce the company's customer renewal rate.

Cyber Security

Security breaches could expose the company to a risk of loss of its customers' information, litigation and possible liability. While security measures are in place, they may be breached as a result of third-party action, including intentional misconduct by computer hackers, employee error or malfeasance and result in someone obtaining unauthorized access to BLIN's information technology systems, customers' or its own data, including intellectual property and other confidential business information.

While BLIN relies on encryption and authentication technology from third parties, the technologies used may not be sufficient to protect transmission of confidential data. Any liability issues not covered by insurance or that is in excess of insurance coverage could harm BLIN's reputation, business, and operating results.

Integration of Acquisitions

Since 2000, the company has acquired multiple businesses. Future acquisitions could involve substantial investment of funds or financings, as well as resulting in related expenses and also the potential to either dilute the interests of existing shareholders or result in the issuance or assumption of debt. Future acquisitions may require management's time and effort to generate revenues and operating profits that could take away from existing operations.

Shareholder Control

Officers and directors and two institutions collectively own approximately 13.7% of the company's outstanding voting stock (includes Michael Taglich – Director and President of Taglich Brothers, Inc.) as of the company's May 28, 2021 S-3 filing. Collectively this ownership could potentially greatly influence the outcome of matters requiring stockholder approval. These decisions may or may not be in the best interests of the other shareholders.

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.

Trading Volume

In 2020, average daily volume was approximately 524,000. Average daily volume decreased over the last three months (ending June 7, 2021) to approximately 170,000. BLIN has a float of approximately 5.8 million shares and outstanding shares of 6.5 million.

Bridgeline Digital, Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets – Ending September 30
FY2019A – FY2022E
(in thousands)

	FY19A	FY20A	2Q21A	FY21E	FY22E
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 296	\$ 861	\$ 3,497	\$ 1,662	\$ 2,389
Accounts receivables, net	979	665	717	858	961
Prepaid expenses	351	268	394	359	464
Other current assets	49	111	537	213	213
Total current assets	<u>1,675</u>	<u>1,905</u>	<u>5,145</u>	<u>3,092</u>	<u>4,026</u>
Property and equipment, net	299	238	240	255	260
Operating lease assets	-	294	584	584	584
Intangible assets, net	3,509	2,617	3,856	3,856	3,331
Goodwill	5,557	5,557	8,018	13,685	13,685
Other assets	115	49	86	80	80
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,155</u>	<u>\$ 10,660</u>	<u>\$ 17,929</u>	<u>\$ 21,552</u>	<u>\$ 21,966</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Operating lease liabilities	-	96	191	191	191
Accounts payable	1,740	1,311	1,236	1,496	1,213
Accrued liabilities	835	599	701	898	1,092
Debt	-	88	659	625	461
Contingent consideration payable	-	-	2,006	2,006	2,006
Deferred revenue	1,262	1,511	1,666	2,300	3,500
Total current liabilities	<u>3,837</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>6,459</u>	<u>7,516</u>	<u>8,463</u>
Long-term debt, net	-	-	1,461	1,299	838
Operating lease liabilities, net	-	198	393	393	393
Warrant liabilities	3,514	2,486	4,205	4,205	4,205
Other liabilities	8	15	22	462	1,187
Total long-term liabilities	<u>3,522</u>	<u>2,699</u>	<u>6,081</u>	<u>6,359</u>	<u>6,623</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 7,359</u>	<u>\$ 6,304</u>	<u>\$ 12,540</u>	<u>\$ 13,875</u>	<u>\$ 15,086</u>
Stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 1,000,000 authorized					
Series C convertible preferred stock, 11,000 shares authorized	-	-	-	-	-
Series A convertible preferred stock	-	-	-	-	-
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares	3	4	5	5	5
Additional paid-in capital	75,620	78,316	81,125	85,676	86,064
Retained earnings (loss)	(71,489)	(73,583)	(75,301)	(77,564)	(78,749)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(338)	(381)	(440)	(440)	(440)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>3,796</u>	<u>4,356</u>	<u>5,389</u>	<u>7,677</u>	<u>6,880</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 11,155</u>	<u>\$ 10,660</u>	<u>\$ 17,929</u>	<u>\$ 21,552</u>	<u>\$ 21,966</u>
Shares Outstanding - Common Stock	2,798	4,420	5,392	6,500	7,675
Series C convertible preferred stock - outstanding	441	350	350	-	-
Series A convertible preferred stock - outstanding	262,300	-	-	-	-

Source: Company reports and Taglich Brothers estimates

Bridgeline Digital, Inc.
Annual Income Statement – Ending September 30
FY2019A – FY2022E
(in thousands)

	FY2019A	FY2020A	FY2021E	FY2022E
Digital engagement services	\$ 4,117	\$ 3,409	\$ 3,222	\$ 3,000
Subscription (SaaS) / Perpetual licenses	<u>5,835</u>	<u>7,498</u>	<u>9,648</u>	<u>13,330</u>
Total revenue	9,952	10,907	12,870	16,330
Cost of sales -- Digital engagement services	2,261	1,831	1,668	1,640
Cost of sales -- Subscription - Licenses	<u>3,099</u>	<u>2,676</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>3,820</u>
Total cost of revenue	5,360	4,507	4,488	5,460
Total Gross Profit	4,592	6,400	8,382	10,870
Operating Expenses:				
Sales and Marketing	4,824	2,614	2,768	4,150
General and Administrative	3,246	2,455	2,333	2,600
Research and Development	2,185	1,641	2,478	4,025
Depreciation and amortization	620	968	972	1,000
Impairment of goodwill	3,732	-	-	-
Restructuring and acquisition related expenses	<u>1,053</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operating Expenses	15,660	8,044	8,845	11,775
Operating Income (loss)	(11,068)	(1,644)	(463)	(905)
Interest expense and other , net	(304)	(7)	(28)	(40)
Amortization of debt discount	(231)	-	-	-
Warrant liability expense	(11,272)	-	-	-
Government grant income	-	960	88	-
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	11,272	1,028	(1,859)	-
Other income (expense), net	2,133	-	-	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	<u>1,598</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>(1,799)</u>	<u>(40)</u>
Pre-Tax Income (loss)	(9,470)	337	(2,262)	(945)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Income (loss)	<u>\$ (9,474)</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>	<u>\$ (2,263)</u>	<u>\$ (945)</u>
Dividends on convertible preferred stock	(308)	(2,420)	-	-
Net Income (loss) - to common shareholders	<u>\$ (9,782)</u>	<u>\$ (2,094)</u>	<u>\$ (2,263)</u>	<u>\$ (945)</u>
EPS (loss) - to common shareholders	<u>\$ (8.16)</u>	<u>\$ (0.59)</u>	<u>\$ (0.42)</u>	<u>\$ (0.12)</u>
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	1,199	3,555	5,424	7,688
EBITDA	\$ (5,353)	\$ (116)	\$ 1,042	\$ 495
Margins				
Gross Margin -- Digital engagement services	45.1%	46.3%	48.2%	45.3%
Gross Margin -- Subscription - Licenses	46.9%	64.3%	70.8%	71.3%
Total Gross Margin	46.1%	58.7%	65.1%	66.6%
Operating Margin	(111.2%)	(15.1%)	(3.6%)	(5.5%)
Sales & Marketing	48.5%	24.0%	21.5%	25.4%
General & Administrative	32.6%	22.5%	18.1%	15.9%
Research and Development	22.0%	15.0%	19.3%	24.6%
Operating expense	157.4%	73.8%	68.7%	72.1%
Pre-Tax Margins	(95.2%)	3.1%	(17.6%)	(5.8%)
Tax rate	(0.0%)	3.3%	(0.0%)	0.0%
YEAR / YEAR GROWTH				
Total Revenues	(26.7%)	9.6%	18.0%	26.9%
Subscription (SaaS) / Perpetual licenses	(12.3%)	28.5%	28.7%	38.2%

Source: Company reports and Taglich Brothers estimates

Bridgeline Digital, Inc.
Income Statement Model – Ending September 30
Quarters FY2020A – 2022E
(in thousands)

	1Q20A	2Q20A	3Q20A	4Q20A	FY2020A	1Q21A	2Q21A	3Q21E	4Q21E	FY2021E	1Q22E	2Q22E	3Q22E	4Q22E	FY2022E
Digital engagement services	\$ 1,096	\$ 899	\$ 713	\$ 701	\$ 3,409	\$ 837	\$ 885	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 3,222	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 3,000
Subscription (SaaS) / Perpetual licenses	1,736	1,839	1,919	2,004	7,498	1,999	1,989	2,500	3,160	9,648	3,230	3,280	3,375	3,445	13,330
Total revenue	2,832	2,738	2,632	2,705	10,907	2,836	2,874	3,250	3,910	12,870	3,980	4,030	4,125	4,195	16,330
Cost of sales -- Digital engagement services	568	459	400	404	1,831	374	474	410	410	1,668	410	410	410	410	1,640
Cost of sales -- Subscription - Licenses	790	740	672	474	2,676	583	592	730	915	2,820	935	940	965	980	3,820
Total cost of revenue	1,358	1,199	1,072	878	4,507	957	1,066	1,140	1,325	4,488	1,345	1,350	1,375	1,390	5,460
Total Gross Profit	1,474	1,539	1,560	1,827	6,400	1,879	1,808	2,110	2,585	8,382	2,635	2,680	2,750	2,805	10,870
Operating Expenses:															
Sales and Marketing	1,032	786	312	484	2,614	444	524	800	1,000	2,768	1,000	1,025	1,050	1,075	4,150
General and Administrative	751	721	464	519	2,455	465	608	610	650	2,333	665	625	635	675	2,600
Research and Development	390	426	402	423	1,641	349	479	750	900	2,478	950	1,000	1,025	1,050	4,025
Depreciation and amortization	258	249	224	237	968	232	240	250	250	972	250	250	250	250	1,000
Restructuring and acquisition related expenses	5	367	1	(7)	366	210	84	-	-	294	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	2,436	2,549	1,403	1,656	8,044	1,700	1,935	2,410	2,800	8,845	2,865	2,900	2,960	3,050	11,775
Operating Income (loss)	(962)	(1,010)	157	171	(1,644)	179	(127)	(300)	(215)	(463)	(230)	(220)	(210)	(245)	(905)
Interest expense and other, net	-	(1)	(2)	(4)	(7)	6	(4)	(15)	(15)	(28)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(40)
Government grant income	-	-	-	960	960	88	-	-	-	88	-	-	-	-	-
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	1,101	1,820	(1,843)	(50)	1,028	(1,441)	(418)	-	-	(1,859)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	1,101	1,819	(1,845)	906	1,981	(1,347)	(422)	(15)	(15)	(1,799)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(40)
Pre-Tax Income (loss)	139	809	(1,688)	1,077	337	(1,168)	(549)	(315)	(230)	(2,262)	(240)	(230)	(220)	(255)	(945)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	3	-	6	2	11	(6)	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income (loss)	\$ 136	\$ 809	\$ (1,694)	\$ 1,075	\$ 326	\$ (1,162)	\$ (556)	\$ (315)	\$ (230)	\$ (2,263)	\$ (240)	\$ (230)	\$ (220)	\$ (255)	\$ (945)
Dividends on convertible preferred stock	(2,393)	(27)	-	-	(2,420)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income (loss) - to common shareholders	\$ (2,257)	\$ 782	\$ (1,694)	\$ 1,075	\$ (2,094)	\$ (1,162)	\$ (556)	\$ (315)	\$ (230)	\$ (2,263)	\$ (240)	\$ (230)	\$ (220)	\$ (255)	\$ (945)
EPS (loss) - to common shareholders	\$ (0.81)	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.59)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.12)
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	2,798	4,413	3,877	4,527	3,555	4,420	5,000	5,775	6,500	5,424	7,680	7,685	7,690	7,695	7,688
EBITDA	\$ (669)	\$ (344)	\$ 435	\$ 462	\$ (116)	\$ 672	\$ 235	\$ 25	\$ 110	\$ 1,042	\$ 120	\$ 130	\$ 140	\$ 105	\$ 495
Margins															
Gross Margin -- Digital engagement services	48.2%	48.9%	43.9%	42.4%	46.3%	55.3%	46.4%	45.3%	45.3%	48.2%	45.3%	45.3%	45.3%	45.3%	45.3%
Gross Margin -- Subscription - Licenses	54.5%	59.8%	65.0%	76.3%	64.3%	70.8%	70.2%	70.8%	71.0%	70.8%	71.1%	71.3%	71.4%	71.6%	71.3%
Total Gross Margin	52.0%	56.2%	59.3%	67.5%	58.7%	66.3%	62.9%	64.9%	66.1%	65.1%	66.2%	66.5%	66.7%	66.9%	66.6%
Operating Margin	(34.0%)	(36.9%)	6.0%	6.3%	(15.1%)	6.3%	(4.4%)	(9.2%)	(5.5%)	(3.6%)	(5.8%)	(5.5%)	(5.1%)	(5.8%)	(5.5%)
Sales & Marketing	36.4%	28.7%	11.9%	17.9%	24.0%	15.7%	18.2%	24.6%	25.6%	21.5%	25.1%	25.4%	25.5%	25.6%	25.4%
General & Administrative	26.5%	26.3%	17.6%	19.2%	22.5%	16.4%	21.2%	18.8%	16.6%	18.1%	16.7%	15.5%	15.4%	16.1%	15.9%
Research and Development	13.8%	15.6%	15.3%	15.6%	15.0%	12.3%	16.7%	23.1%	23.0%	19.3%	23.9%	24.8%	24.8%	25.0%	24.6%
Operating expense	86.0%	93.1%	53.3%	61.2%	73.8%	59.9%	67.3%	74.2%	71.6%	68.7%	72.0%	72.0%	71.8%	72.7%	72.1%
Pre-Tax Margins	4.9%	29.5%	(64.1%)	39.8%	3.1%	(41.2%)	(19.1%)	(9.7%)	(5.9%)	(17.6%)	(6.0%)	(5.7%)	(5.3%)	(6.1%)	(5.8%)
Tax rate	2.2%	0.0%	(0.4%)	0.2%	3.3%	0.5%	(1.3%)	0.0%	0.0%	(0.0%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
YEAR / YEAR GROWTH															
Total Revenues	19.2%	24.7%	(2.3%)	0.6%	9.6%	0.1%	5.0%	23.5%	44.5%	18.0%	40.3%	40.2%	26.9%	7.3%	26.9%
Subscription (SaaS) / Perpetual licenses	33.3%	43.1%	21.8%	19.8%	28.5%	15.1%	8.2%	30.3%	57.7%	28.7%	61.6%	64.9%	35.0%	9.0%	38.2%

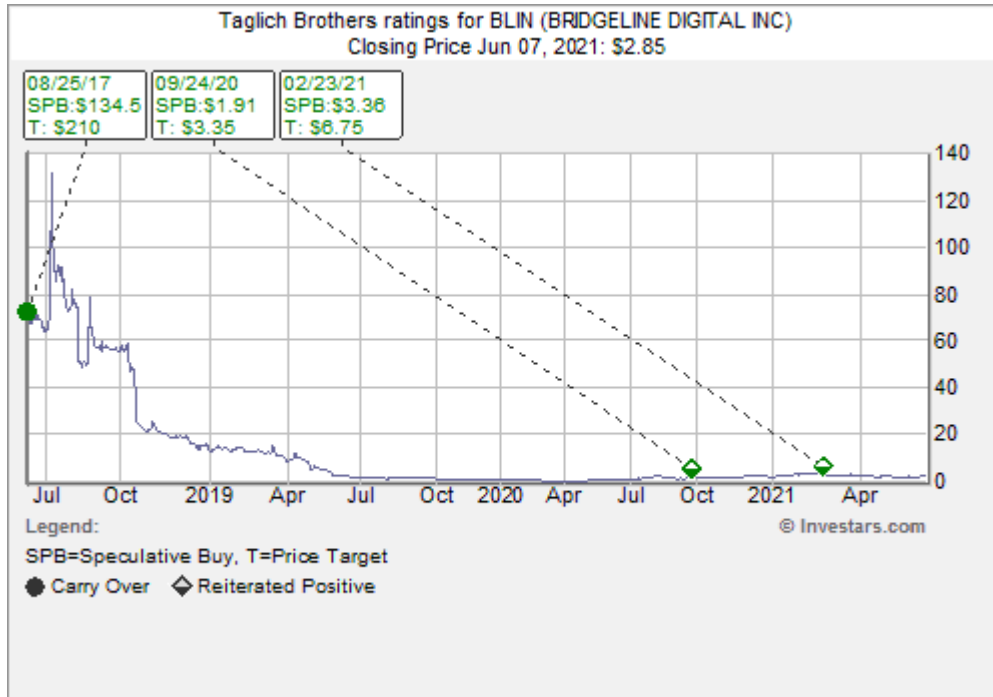
Source: Company reports and Taglich Brothers estimates

Bridgeline Digital, Inc.
Cash Flow Statement – Ending September 30
FY2019A – FY2022E
(in thousands)

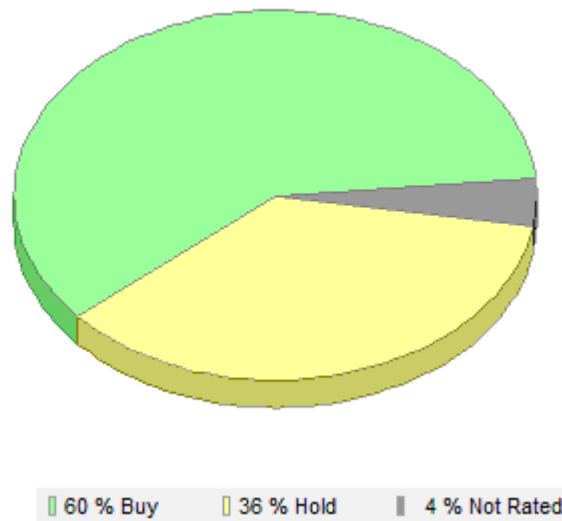
	FY2019 A	FY2020 A	5 Mos. 21A	FY2021 E	FY2022 E
<i>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</i>					
Net Income (loss)	\$ (9,474)	\$ 326	\$ (1,718)	\$ (2,263)	\$ (945)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	9	-	-	-	-
Amortization of intangibles	544	891	-	-	-
Depreciation	66	61	441	935	1,000
Other amortization	39	16	24	48	45
Goodwill impairment	3,732	-	-	-	-
Amortization of debt discount	231	-	6	6	-
Warrant liability expense	11,272	-	-	-	-
Government grant income	-	(960)	(88)	(88)	-
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(13,404)	(1,028)	1,859	1,859	-
Stock-based compensation	249	194	90	300	350
Cash earnings (burn)	<u>(6,736)</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>797</u>	<u>450</u>
<i>Changes In:</i>					
Accounts receivables	1,306	630	(49)	(193)	(103)
Prepaid expenses	127	89	(112)	(91)	(105)
Other current assets and other assets	116	(21)	(129)	(102)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	448	(585)	(254)	484	(88)
Deferred revenue	478	(75)	126	789	1,200
Other liabilities	58	(36)	7	9	-
(Increase)/decrease in Working Capital	<u>2,533</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(411)</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>904</u>
Net cash Provided by (Used in) Operations	<u>(4,203)</u>	<u>(498)</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>1,354</u>
<i>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</i>					
Purchase of property and equipment	(11)	-	(27)	(35)	(40)
Software development	(20)	-	(30)	(30)	-
Acquisition of Woorank - cash acquired net of cash paid	-	-	404	404	-
Cash paid to acquire HawkSearch	-	-	-	(7,700)	-
Acquisition of businesses	(5,668)	-	-	-	-
Net cash used in Investing	<u>(5,699)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>(7,361)</u>	<u>(40)</u>
<i>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</i>					
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	4,757	-	2,462	4,862	-
Proceeds from stock option and warrant exercises	-	-	19	38	38
Proceeds from convertible preferred to acquire HawkSearch, net	-	-	-	2,160	-
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, net	9,049	-	-	-	-
Borrowing on bank line of credit	75	-	-	-	-
Proceeds received under paycheck protection program	-	1,048	-	-	-
Payment on long-term debt	-	-	(377)	(573)	(625)
Payments on bank line of credit	(2,156)	-	-	-	-
Payments on term notes from Montage Capital	(922)	-	-	-	-
Payments on promissory term notes	(941)	-	-	-	-
Cash dividends paid on Series A convertible preferred stock	(315)	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by Financing	<u>9,547</u>	<u>1,048</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>6,487</u>	<u>(587)</u>
Exchange rate	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in Cash	(348)	565	2,636	801	727
Cash Beginning of Period	<u>644</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>1,662</u>
Cash End of Period	<u>\$ 296</u>	<u>\$ 861</u>	<u>\$ 3,497</u>	<u>\$ 1,662</u>	<u>\$ 2,389</u>

Source: Company reports and Taglich Brothers estimates

Price Chart



Taglich Brothers Current Ratings Distribution



Investment Banking Services for Companies Covered in the Past 12 Months		
Rating	#	%
Buy	3	16
Hold		
Sell		
Not Rated		

Important Disclosures

As of the date of this report and May 28, 2021 S-3 filing, Taglich Brothers, Inc. and/or its affiliates own or have controlling interests in approximately 1% of BLIN common stock. Michael Taglich, President of Taglich Brothers, Inc. owns or has a controlling interest in 50,355 shares of BLIN common stock and owns or has a controlling interest in 173,363 shares of common stock underlying warrants and options issued and 350 shares of convertible Series C Preferred Stock (into approximately 39,000 common shares). Robert Taglich, Managing Director of Taglich Brothers, Inc., owns or has a controlling interest in approximately 118,203 shares of common stock underlying warrants issued. Robert Schroeder, Vice President of Investment Banking at Taglich Brothers, Inc., owns or has a controlling interest in 2,823 shares of BLIN common stock and an estimated 25,996 shares of common stock underlying warrants issued. Doug Hailey, Director of Investment Banking at Taglich Brothers, Inc., owns or has a controlling interest in an estimated 8,283 warrants. Richard Oh, Managing Director of Taglich Brothers, Inc., owns or has a controlling interest in an estimated 8,016 warrants. Other employees at Taglich Brothers, Inc. also own or have controlling interests in 31,128 of BLIN warrants. Taglich Brothers, Inc. had an investment banking relationship with the company mentioned in this report. Prior to FY19, Taglich Brothers was the Placement Agent for many of BLIN's private offerings and debt issuances. In February 2021 and May 2021, Taglich Brothers Inc. acted as co-placement agent for a registered direct common stock (convertible preferred) offerings for which it received a fee and placement agent warrants.

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