# 100 Stocks for the Clean Technology rEvolution

I coined the term "Flip It" many years ago, and it essentially is all about being contrarian and objective in your analysis of everything. One of the most important and profitable aspects of "Flipping It" is being willing and able to buy companies in sectors when they are truly hated. And likewise, to short companies in sectors when they are truly loved.

Long-time subscribers and readers of mine will recall that I wrote a series of newsletters and articles about how "Alternative Energy Is Doomed" back when government-backed, subsidized and completely unprofitable Clean and Green companies were coming public and trading at astronomical valuations. Indeed, we added Aone and other Clean Tech companies to the short side of the Revolution Investing portfolio and didn't cover it until it was close to a dollar, at which time I still declared it to be headed to bankruptcy. AONE's asset were just bought out of bankruptcy and shareholders got absolutely nothing.

Over the couple months, I've seen a bunch of random headlines, articles and analysis that now declare...wait for it..."Alternative Energy Is Dead." It's not quite my titles, but you get the point -- now is the time to "Flip It" when it comes to green energy. I'm no Warren Buffett fan, but you know about his legendary guts in buying contarian/hated sectors and guess what. The Oracle of Omaha is lately investing in Clean Tech.

I've got a stock research team that is the best in the business. Believe it or not, everybody who works for me right now, and most of my past employees too, have been long-time subscribers and readers of my services who reached out to me looking for an opportunity. We went to work on the entire Clean Tech Revolution Sector looking for investments, trades and even some short ideas still, especially near-term shorts. The Clean Tech Revolution Sector is indeed now consolidating at pennies on the dollar for both assets and entire companies. The survivors of this consolidation will likely see some huge gains for investors from these levels in years ahead.

The set-up right now for Clean Tech is probably a lot like it was for Telecom/Dot-com Tech back in about 2002. The Great Tech Bubble had popped in 2000 and most every dot-com and telecom stock was trading at a small fraction of where it had been just two years earlier. Cisco was at \$8 a share. Apple was at \$10. Amazon is up 10-fold since 2002. Google couldn't even consider coming public despite generating billions of dollars in revenues.

The companies that survived that crash truly became great investments for those willing to dive in after the crash. Indeed, I launched a tech hedge fun in October 2002 for the explicit reason of buying up tech stocks in the carnage.

I'm never planning on running other people's money again in such a manner, but if I were starting a hedge fund today, I'd sure be looking to figure out what companies will survive and then thrive and which are still doomed.

We've broken the book into a dozen sub-categories:

- Solar
- Wind
- Biofuels and Biomass
- Energy Storage and Batteries
- Utilities, Utility Suppliers and Smart Grid Suppliers
- Electric and Natural Gas Vehicles and Alternative Transportation
- Nuclear
- Pollution Control
- Energy Efficiency and LED Lighting
- Other, including HydroElectric, Hydrogen, Geothermal and Ocean Power

At the beginning of each category we give an overview of the sub-sector – including important trends and forecasts for global implementation. Then we provide our traditional Enterprise Value (EV) analysis for each company reviewed and rate the stock on a scale of 1 to 10 - 1 being a perfect short and 10 being a perfect long (note, there are no 1's or 10's because there are no perfect investments). Also, note that a rating of a "5" means we're neutral on the stock for now, but it's in our list because the company is on the cusp of doing something—making it big or falling apart. We want to keep an eye on those "5s" even if we don't buy or short them today.

Finally, we've also included an Appendix at the end of the book ranking all 100 companies by their Revolution Investing Score; within the score categories (all "7s" for example) the companies are ranked alphabetically. The CleanTech sector they're in is also listed here.

If you're serious about being a contrarian investor and trying to find the same kinds of gains I found when I first bought Apple for my hedge fund investors and subscribers back at \$7 a share, this is the book for you.

# Introduction

"CleanTech" has become a dirty word in investment circles over the past year or two, with stocks in sub-sectors like solar, wind and biofuels (i.e. ethanol)—just to name a few—getting hammered. Billions of dollars of equity cap has been lost and this has left a very bad taste in the mouths of many once-enthusiastic investors.

We've always been fans of contrarian indicators, however, and if you consider:

- 1) Governments world-wide are still hell-bent on reducing their reliance on fossil fuels and the Middle East;
- 2) Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, lending credence to the notion that global warming is a real phenomenon;
- 3) Global population continues to grow at a potentially unsustainable pace;
- 4) It just FEELS GOOD to be "green";

then you have to acknowledge that the pendulum is likely to swing back the other way at some point, bringing many of these beaten down issues back into the limelight—and making a lot of money for investors willing to commit a portion of their portfolio to some speculative names.

Make no mistake, a LOT of the former high-flyers in the CleanTech arena simply won't make it in their current configuration—the recent Chapter 11 filing by A123 and the subsequent auction of its assets is a perfect example. But what is also worthy of note here is that there was a lot of interest in the company's electric vehicle battery technology and there were several suitors chomping at the bit to buy its assets. In the end, it seems clear that A123's problems were due primarily to its balance sheet and its life cycle stage when the Great Recession hit—not a lack of interest in its product portfolio. There are other CleanTech companies trading today with out-of-whack balance sheets—and these will make for good short candidates.

We've spent some time studying the potential and the pitfalls of this admittedly broad category, and in this book we present our best 100 Stocks for the Clean Technology rEvolution—that's a Revolution that's Evolving. Some are long ideas, some we'd label speculative long and some are clear short candidates. Government meddling—or lack thereof—will continue to be a risk factor for investors, but President Obama talks about clean energy alternatives every chance he gets, and his victory probably bodes well for the sector. The ongoing trade disputes with China have also had a measurable impact on several CleanTech sub-sectors, but in the long run, the trend toward cleaner, greener energy can't be denied.

# **Introduction - Solar**

After years of being the "brightest star" in CleanTech investing, it's safe to say that solar, otherwise known as "photovoltaic, (PV)" has become one of the most beaten down of the sub-sectors we examined—and for good reason. Government-backed Chinese producers of solar equipment have flooded global markets over the past two years, leading to a supply glut and dramatically lower ASPs (Average Selling Price) for solar equipment. The price of solar panels has fallen from a peak of around \$4/watt to less than \$1/watt. The Department of Commerce took action in October to impose tariffs and anti-dumping duties on Chinese companies exporting solar equipment to the U.S., but the damage has already been done—witness the high profile flameout of Solyndra.

Also, solar is generally considered an alternative to marginal sources of electrical energy like coal and natural gas, and financing has been based on an assumption of flat or increasing energy prices. The advent of hydraulic natural gas fracturing (fracking) has turned that assumption upside down, at least for now.

And then there are financially strapped governments (at the national level across Europe and the U.S., as well as for U.S. states and cities), which have been forced to scale back their plans or extend their timelines for investment in and ultimately reliance upon solar energy as an alternative to carbon-based fuels.

As a result, many of the publicly traded solar companies have seen their top lines fall precipitously over a relatively short amount of time, collapsing both net income and share price. For some that downslide has reversed in recent weeks, but for others this downward spiral probably isn't over. Long run, however, the upside for solar remains substantial. Let's take a moment to consider a few factors that will impact the outlook for deployment and use of solar energy:

- China has publicly stated plans to generate 21 GW (gigawatts) of solar power by 2015;
- India's National Solar Mission has established solar energy generation targets through 2022; in the first phase India aims to commission 1000MW of grid-connected solar power projects by 2013;
- Australia hopes to generate 20% of its electricity via solar by 2020;
- The European Union countries have also set a 20% target for renewable energy as the source of its electricity consumption by 2020.

At the end of the day, governments are still supremely interested in developing alternative sources of power like solar, and we think we've found some winners in the group.

<b>Revolution Investing Rating: 7/10</b>	
Company:	STR Holdings, Inc
Symbol:	STRI

## **Balance Sheet:**

Cash and Cash Equivalents:	70.6	М	
Short Term Investments:	-	М	
Long Term Investments:	 -	Μ	
Total Cash:	70.6	Μ	
Total Debt:	 -	M	
Net Cash:	 70.6	M	
Outstanding Shares:	41.3	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$ 1.71		
Share Price:	\$ 2.69		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ 0.98		
Total Market Cap:	111.2	Μ	
Enterprise Value:	40.6	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:	27.0%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$ 0.09		
Forward Earnings Multiple	10.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple	0.3	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$ -	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:	84.9%		
% of Float Short:	24.7%		

#### **Summary**

STR Holdings, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, designs, develops, manufactures, and sells encapsulants for the solar industry worldwide. Its encapsulants protect the embedded semiconductor circuits of solar panels.

The company sells its products to crystalline silicon and thin-film solar module manufacturers like First Solar Inc. (FSLR), and SunPower Corporation (SPWR) and has seen its revenue plummet along with that of the manufacturers. The volatile Euro, a reduction in European solar subsidies and falling crystalline silicon prices are also of concern.

STR Holdings' balance sheet remains solid, despite the sales decline; at the end of the third quarter 2012, STR had \$70 million in cash on the books, or about \$1.71 per share, implying just \$0.98 per share in enterprise value. STR's cash burn has been modest as it has cut costs along with sales declines; it seems likely that its cash balance is high enough to help it survive the current environment—unless it's several years before solar sales rebound—and the stock is cheap. We're betting on STR to make it.

Company: Symbol:	Advanced Energy Industrie AEIS				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		151.0	М		
Short Term Investments:		22.6	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		-	M		
Total Cash:		173.7	Μ		
Total Debt:		49.6	_M		
Net Cash:		124.1	M		
Outstanding Shares:		37.8	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	3.28			
Share Price:	\$	14.09			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	10.81			
Total Market Cap:		532.7	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		408.7	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		7.5%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.00			
Forward Earnings Multiple		10.8	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.8	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		89.1%			
% of Float Short:		4.4%			

#### **Summary**

Advanced Energy is a global leader in reliable power conversion solutions used in thin-film plasma manufacturing processes and solar energy generation.

Advanced Energy participates in the solar industry via inverters, where it has good market share and has shown solid growth in recent quarters. But it also has heavy exposure to the ailing semiconductor capital equipment industry. Its most recent quarter showed a decline in revenue, although the declines were not as severe as for some of its competitors, and the top line did improve sequentially. The company has a healthy balance sheet and recently announced a \$25 million share buyback program, on the back of a \$75 million buyback in 2011. On a valuation basis the stock is less expensive than many in the solar sector.

Company: Symbol:	GT Advanced Technologies GTAT			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		332.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	_M	
Total Cash:		332.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		136.0	M	
Net Cash:		196.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		118.0	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.66		
Share Price:	\$	3.45		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	1.79		
Total Market Cap:		407.1	М	
Enterprise Value:		211.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		7.4%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:		N/A		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.2	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		101.3%		
% of Float Short:		29.8%		

## **Summary**

GT Advanced Technologies Inc. provides polysilicon production technology and crystalline ingot growth systems, and related photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing services for the solar industry worldwide. It also offers sapphire growth systems and material for the light emitting diode (LED) and other specialty markets.

GTAT makes the bulk of its money in solar, though management says that 45% of its business will come from the sapphire-based LED business in calendar year 2012 (GTAT's fiscal year ends in March). The stock got hammered in October after it warned that it would miss guidance for third quarter revenue and said that it was going to lay off 25% of its work force. Two things work in favor of GTAT, however, when compared with most of the solar stocks. First, it has \$1.66/ share of net cash on the balance sheet, or about half of its share price. Second, it priced \$205 million in 3% convertible senior notes (due 2017) in late September. Both the 3% yield as well as the \$7.71/share conversion rate indicate that bond investors must have been comfortable with the company's prospects. Proceeds will be used to "diversify beyond the struggling solar industry," which may mean strategic acquisitions are being considered.

GTAT is struggling today, but its balance sheet is healthy and the LED market has considerable upside. It trades for about 0.3x forward revenue, and the heavy short interest could make for a nice pop on any good news over the next few months. Speculative long.

Company: Symbol:	EMCORE Corporation EMKR			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		20.8	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		20.8	М	
Total Debt:		-	M	
Net Cash:		20.8	M	
Outstanding Shares:		24.1	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.87		
Share Price:	\$	4.71		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	3.84		
Total Market Cap:		113.3	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		92.5	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		29.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.26		
Forward Earnings Multiple		14.8	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.4	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		28.1%		
% of Float Short:		11.0%		

## **Summary**

EMCORE Corporation, together with its subsidiaries, provides compound semiconductor-based products for the broadband, fiber optics, satellite, and solar power markets. The company operates in two segments, Fiber Optics and Photovoltaics.

In addition to its solar industry exposure, EMCORE was hit hard by the flooding in Thailand a year ago, but recently the company reported that its production capacity has recovered. The floods affected inventory and production operations for a contract supplier, impacting product lines serving the telecommunications and cable TV markets. Management indicated that it would reach pre-flood production levels on all its continuing product lines by October 2012, and that it expected increased shipments as a result for its fiber optics segment in the quarters to come.

EMCORE's exposure to the fiber optic market helps to insulate it against the weak solar sector, and its balance sheet is clean. In October, EMCORE placed \$8.3 million worth of shares, or 1.59 million shares at \$5.46 per share. The amount of stock offered was increased after investors expressed strong demand. At 14.8x forward earnings, it's not cheap, but on the other hand, revenue is forecast to grow by 30% in 2013.

Company: Symbol:	Spire Corporation SPIR			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		7.9	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		2.6	M	
Total Cash:		10.5	Μ	
Total Debt:		0.0	M	
Net Cash:		10.5	M	
Outstanding Shares:		8.6	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.22		
Share Price:	\$	0.57		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	(0.65)		
Total Market Cap:		4.9	М	
Enterprise Value:		(5.6)	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		N/A		
2013 Earnings Estimate:		N/A		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		15.0%		
% of Float Short:		N/A		

#### **Summary**

Spire Corporation is a global solar company providing capital equipment and turn-key production lines to manufacture PV modules.

The company's revenue in the first half of 2012 was less than half of its 2011 levels, but at around \$0.57 per share, Spire is trading for less than cash on the books. Management has said, "Based on recent industry marketing forecasts, we expect the PV equipment market to begin to recover in late 2013 then potentially increasing in global demand extending through at least 2016. As this happens, we believe that we are positioned to capitalize on equipment re-tooling, the growth of regional PV module manufacturing and PV module supply chain transactions. During this quarter, we successfully introduced and delivered our first Spi-Sun SimulatorTM 5600SLP and anticipate sales of this new system to increase as module manufacturers replace older equipment, address measurement needs of high efficiency module technology and expand production."

That recovery may or may not happen in time for Spire, but at its current price we're inclined to look at the stock as an option on the recovery of the solar industry. Highly speculative long.

Company: Symbol:	First Solar, Inc. FSLR			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		614.7	М	
Short Term Investments:		102.3	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		717.0	М	
Total Debt:		529.7	M	
Net Cash:		187.3	M	
Outstanding Shares:		87.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	2.15		
Share Price:	\$	33.59		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	31.44		
Total Market Cap:		2,921.0	М	
Enterprise Value:		2,733.7	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		-1.5%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	3.99		
Forward Earnings Multiple		7.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.8	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		71.2%		
% of Float Short:		59.4%		

#### **Summary**

First Solar engages in the design, manufacture, and sale of solar modules using a thin-film semiconductor technology in the United States and internationally.

First Solar was hit hard by the contraction in solar panel sales in recent years, but thanks to its large-scale production capabilities it is has shown success in winning large scale power generation projects. This type of project accounted for 70% of revenue in the second quarter, when FSLR beat analyst expectations and raised earnings and revenue guidance. Well-known utilities such as Berkshire Hathaway's MidAmerican Energy subsidiary and Exelon Corporation have purchased solar system power generation projects from First Solar and the company also inked recent deals in Australia and India. On the down side, there have been concerns about the quality of First Solar's panels and the risk of fire hazard, and its third quarter earnings and guidance were disappointing and lower, respectively. Some of its ongoing projects were also hurt by Superstorm Sandy, which accounted for some of the reduced guidance for 4Q12. The shares have recently gained nearly 40% since last fall's lows, but on a valuation basis, remain relatively cheap.

Company: Symbol:	MEMC Electronic Material WFR				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		609.8	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		48.4	M		
Total Cash:		658.2	Μ		
Total Debt:		2,166.4	M		
Net Cash:		(1,508.2)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		230.9	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(6.53)			
Share Price:	\$	3.70			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	10.23			
Total Market Cap:		854.4	М		
Enterprise Value:		2,362.6	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		5.5%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.26			
Forward Earnings Multiple		39.4	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.8	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		83.7%			
% of Float Short:		10.5%			

#### Summary

MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. engages in the development, manufacture, and sale of silicon wafers for the semiconductor industry worldwide. The company operates in two segments, Semiconductor Materials and Solar Energy.

MEMC has undertaken a restructuring over the past year and reported revenue and earnings that handily beat analyst expectations for 3Q12. That said, the company did not provide revenue or earnings guidance for the fourth quarter "in light of the current uncertainty in the semiconductor and solar markets." Its solar system subsidiary, SunEdison, has done well winning projects to build solar energy plants, including a recent \$250 million contract for a South African plant, and the company says it has 2.9 Gigawatts of solar plant projects in its pipeline, down only slightly from a year ago. On the other hand, its solar wafer business has faltered and in September Conergy AG, a German solar manufacturer that is restructuring its operations, cancelled a \$600 million supply agreement for polysilicon wafers. The agreement was supposed to run through 2018.

MEMC has more than \$2 billion in long-term obligations and the shares are expensive based on projected 2013 earnings. Furthermore, the stock has surged more than 60% in the past two months. Bubblicious short.

Company: Symbol:	Trina Solar TSL			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		660.3		
Short Term Investments:		-	M	
Long Term Investments:		110.3	-	
Total Cash:		770.6	Μ	
Total Debt:		569.1	Μ	
Net Cash:		201.5	M	
Outstanding Shares:		70.0	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	2.88		
Share Price:	\$	4.92		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	2.04		
Total Market Cap:		344.4	М	
Enterprise Value:		142.9	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		16.8%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.73)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.1	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		57.1%		
% of Float Short:		N/A		

## **Summary**

Trina Solar Limited, an integrated solar-power products manufacturer, engages in the design, development, manufacture, and sale of photovoltaic (PV) modules worldwide.

Trina Solar is a Chinese company and it was specifically named in the Commerce Department's ruling last month related to Chinese "dumping" of solar products: Trina's crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells will be subject to duties of 16% and anti-dumping duties of 18% on the value of Trina Solar imports. Bottom line, Trina's going to find it tougher to sell its products in the U.S., although third party sourcing may help it get around some of the tariffs.

Based on its latest available financial data, Trina Solar's enterprise is currently valued at about \$2 per share, or about \$143 million—this for a company with about \$1.5 billion in sales. Trina may also be well positioned to benefit as the Chinese government moves forward with its aggressive solar plans. Net net, however, we don't really like to invest in a Chinese company where the recently imposed U.S. duties could impact its performance in the U.S., and similar action may also be taken by European governments in the near future. Furthermore, the share price has risen by 33% in the past two months. Avoid.

Company: Symbol:	Sunpower SPWR				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		377.1 M			
Short Term Investments:		10.8 M			
Long Term Investments:		- M			
Total Cash:		387.9 M			
Total Debt:		827.4 M			
Net Cash:		(439.6) M			
Outstanding Shares:		119.0 M			
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(3.70)			
Share Price:	\$	8.73			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	12.43			
Total Market Cap:		1,038.4 M			
Enterprise Value:		1,478.0 M			
2013e Sales Growth:		-1.6%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.17			
Forward Earnings Multiple		73.1 X			
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.6 X			
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M			
% Held by Institutions:		21.4%			
% of Float Short:		10.7%			

## **Summary**

SunPower Corporation, an integrated solar products and services company, designs, manufactures, and delivers solar electric systems for residential, commercial, and utility-scale power plant customers worldwide. It operates in two segments, Utility and Power Plants, and Residential and Commercial.

Sunpower disappointed investors in the third quarter as weakness in Europe dragged down its results, and in October the company announced that it was reducing its workforce by approximately 15% and idling a number of its manufacturing lines in the Philippines. The company says it is working toward reducing its cost per watt for solar panels to an industry leading \$0.75, but at this early stage in its restructuring, and given that continued European weakness will likely lower forward earnings estimates, SPWR looks expensive.

Company: Symbol:	Applied Materials Inc. AMAT			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		1,529.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		635.0	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		1,058.0	Μ	
Total Cash:		3,222.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		1,946.0	M	
Net Cash:		1,276.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		1,240.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.03		
Share Price:	\$	11.81		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	10.78		
Total Market Cap:		14,644.4	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		13,368.4	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		-2.5%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.74		
Forward Earnings Multiple		14.6	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.6	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.36	/	3.0%
% Held by Institutions:		77.5%		
% of Float Short:		1.6%		

## <u>Summary</u>

Applied Materials, Inc. provides manufacturing equipment, services, and software to the semiconductor, flat panel display, solar photovoltaic (PV), and related industries worldwide.

Applied Materials makes the equipment that makes chips, and chips—whether for PCs or solar equipment—are not in high demand these days. The company announced earlier this year it would cut 9% of its workforce, or about 1,000 jobs, but it is unlikely that these cuts will put profitability back on track in the near term. Intel is one of Applied Materials largest customers, and it's been in its own world of hurt recently—it isn't likely to place big new manufacturing equipment orders. On a valuation basis, and given these dynamics, Applied Materials looks expensive at 14.6x next-year's earnings.

Revolution Investing Rating: 3/10 Company: Symbol:	Canad CSIQ	ian Solar
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments: Long Term Investments: Total Cash:		329.7 M - M 10.0 M 339.6 M
Total Debt: Net Cash:		<u>136.3</u> M <b>203.4</b> M
Outstanding Shares:		43.2 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	4.71
Share Price: Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ <b>\$</b>	3.80 ( <b>0.91</b> )
Total Market Cap:		164.0 M
Enterprise Value:		(39.4) M
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	17.6% (0.51)
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X
Forward Revenue Multiple		(0.0) X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		24.2% 11.2%

#### **Summary**

Canadian Solar Inc., together with its subsidiaries, engages in the design, development, manufacture, and sale of solar power products in Canada and internationally. Its manufacturing assets are predominantly in China.

Canadian Solar is in trouble on two fronts: first, geographically, the majority of its revenue comes from Europe, followed by North America. Ongoing economic woes in these regions and low ASPs will continue to hurt Canadian Solar's revenue prospects. Second, it makes a good deal of its equipment in China, subjecting it to the recently imposed anti-dumping duties in the U.S. But it only sells about 15% of its products in Asia, so it doesn't have as much to gain from aggressive Chinese solar deployment plans as its Chinese competitors.

On a strict valuation basis, you are paying less for the stock right now than there is cash on the books—getting the underlying business for free. But through the first half of this year the company lost about \$50 million, and analysts have been reducing their forecasts for 2013—from negative to even more negative. It's too early in the eventual solar industry recovery to buy Canadian Solar.

Company: Symbol:	JinkoSolar Holding Co. JKS			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		73.4	М	
Short Term Investments:		98.8	М	
Long Term Investments:		1.1	М	
Total Cash:		173.3	М	
Total Debt:		43.3	Μ	
Net Cash:		130.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		22.2	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	5.86		
Share Price:	\$	6.59		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	0.73		
Total Market Cap:		146.2	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		16.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		17.6%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(2.25)	)	
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.0	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/ N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		N/A		
% of Float Short:		N/A		

## <u>Summary</u>

JinkoSolar Holding Co., Ltd., together with its subsidiaries, engages in designing, developing, producing, and marketing photovoltaic products in the People's Republic of China and internationally.

Jinko's enterprise value is next to nothing based on its current stock price and the most recently available financial statements—but that doesn't mean you're getting a good deal. First, Jinko is Chinese and was specifically named in the Department of Commerce's final determination of anti-dumping duties and countervailing duties. This could impair sales in 2013 and beyond, although it's possible Jinko will generate substantial revenue growth in China in coming years.

But revenue of more than \$1 billion in 2013 is not expected by analysts to translate into a profit—in fact, it's expected to lose more than \$2 per share next year, after losing nearly \$10 per share over the trailing 12 months. Negative outlook.

Company: Symbol:	Amtech Systems, Inc. ASYS			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		45.7	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		45.7	М	
Total Debt:		-	Μ	
Net Cash:		45.7	M	
Outstanding Shares:		9.5	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	4.82		
Share Price:	\$	3.90		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	(0.92)		
Total Market Cap:		37.0	М	
Enterprise Value:		(8.7)	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		16.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.51)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		(0.1)	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		36.1%		
% of Float Short:		2.5%		

#### **Summary**

Amtech Systems, Inc., through its subsidiaries, engages in the design, assembly, sale, and installation of capital equipment and related consumables used in the manufacture of wafers, primarily for the solar and semiconductor industries.

Here's another one that sells manufacturing equipment for the solar and semiconductor industries, and it's also another one that's selling for less than cash on the books—and also with reason. In late October, Amtech announced "preliminary revenue of \$81.5 million in fiscal 2012, including \$10.9 million for the fiscal fourth quarter ended September 30, 2012." In other words, fiscal fourth quarter revenue came in at less than half of the \$20-\$25 million it had generated in the first three quarters—which were in turn well below the \$60 million in sales posted in the September 2011 quarter. The press release in October also said, "Amtech expects to incur a significant loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2012." The company has been working on restructuring all year, and said that it is developing additional plans, which will be outlined in its year-end conference call in late November. Bottom line? This one just keeps getting uglier and that cash on the books isn't likely to last for too many more quarters of "restructuring."

Company: Symbol:	SunTech Power STP			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		709.0 M		
Short Term Investments:		- M		
Long Term Investments:		531.4 M		
Total Cash:		1,240.4 M		
Total Debt:		2,291.0 M		
Net Cash:		(1,050.6) M		
Outstanding Shares:		181.0 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(5.81)		
Share Price:	\$	1.87		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	7.68		
Total Market Cap:		338.4 M		
Enterprise Value:		1,389.0 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		9.5%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(1.52)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.7 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M		
% Held by Institutions:		23.9%		
% of Float Short:		N/A		

#### **Summary**

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd., a solar energy company, engages in the design, development, manufacture, and marketing of photovoltaic (PV) products. It is based in Wuxi, the Peoples Republic of China.

Suntech was named in the Dept. of Commerce's ruling on Chinese solar products, and is facing a 15% tariff to counter Chinese government subsidies as well as a nearly 32% anti-dumping duty. Ouch. It also has more than \$2 billion in debt and revenue in the second quarter was \$471 million, according to initial, unaudited figures presented in a press release. Actual financial statements from the June quarter have not been released because "In July, Suntech announced that it is conducting an investigation into a security interest the Company received in connection with its investment in Global Solar Fund, S.C.A., Sicar. Suntech is currently assessing the potential impact of the GSF investigation and its dispute with a supplier on its consolidated financial statements and is not in a position to provide additional financial data at this time. The Company intends to publish its consolidated financial statements once the financial assessment is complete later in 2012 and will continue to inform investors of any material developments in a timely manner." Considering 2011 revenue was more than \$3.1 billion, or an average of nearly \$800 million per quarter, it's clear the company is suffering. Sell, sell, sell!

Company: Symbol:	LDK Solar LDK			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments: Long Term Investments:		296.2	M M	
Total Cash: Total Debt: <b>Net Cash:</b>	3,	296.2 542.0 <b>245.8</b> )	M	
Outstanding Shares: Net Cash / Share:		133.5 <b>24.31</b> )		
Share Price: Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ \$	2.14 <b>26.45</b>		
Total Market Cap: Enterprise Value:		285.7 <b>531.5</b>		
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	17.8% (3.13)		
Forward Earnings Multiple Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M 2.1		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		N/A N/A		

## **Summary**

LDK Solar Co., Ltd., together with its subsidiaries, engages in the design, development, manufacture, and marketing of photovoltaic (PV) products; and development of power plant projects. The company is based in Xinyu City, the Peoples Republic of China.

LDK was trading for around \$0.70 per share in October but has spiked to more than \$2 per share recently—even though it sold stock to a new (partially state owned) Chinese investor for just \$0.86 in November. The company is dramatically overleveraged, and its losses are still growing, despite restructuring efforts and a new CEO. The company recently lost a solar wafer supply agreement with Sumitomo, for which it will receive a termination fee of \$33 million—a drop in the bucket next to \$3.5 billion in debt. The company has nothing but substantial losses on the horizon—and its recent stock price jump presents an excellent short opportunity.

Company: Symbol:	Enphase Energy, Inc. ENPH			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		41.7	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		41.7	Μ	
Total Debt:		23.8	M	
Net Cash:		17.9	M	
Outstanding Shares:		40.8	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.44		
Share Price:	\$	3.90		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	3.46		
Total Market Cap:		158.9	М	
Enterprise Value:		141.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		49.1%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.09)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.4	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		34.2%		
% of Float Short:		4.7%		

## **Summary**

Enphase Energy, Inc. designs, develops, and sells microinverter systems for residential and commercial solar system owners. Inverters are used to convert the DC power of a solar system into the AC power of the grid, or vice versa.

Enphase has experienced slowing growth in recent quarters and offered guidance of lower revenue in the fourth quarter than it posted in 3Q12. Analyst estimates of \$350+ million next year now seem wildly optimistic, as the company's run-rate top line is between \$55-\$60 million and competition in the microinverter space is growing. Cash burn is high and the company has announced that it will be tapping more credit in the near term. Furthermore, the newly announced sanctions against under-priced Chinese solar panels could stall overall panel sales, which will make it even more difficult for Enphase to grow its sales. Finally, where Siemens had been considered a potential buyer of Enphase in the past, the electronics giant recently announced it is exiting the solar business, making it unlikely that Enphase will be acquired. Short opportunity.

# **Introduction - Wind**

Wind power is one of the most prevalent forms of alternative energy in the world, accounting for an estimated 2%+ of the world's energy supply. That figure is predicted to hit 8% by 2018. Wind power is actually a form of solar power, since wind is the movement of air molecules from high pressure to low pressure, which is caused by the sun. The sun unevenly heats the surface of the earth, creating a massive variety of air pressures in different geographical locations.

One of the biggest attractions of wind is the fact that it is free once the equipment is installed; there are no further costs apart from maintenance and upkeep of the turbines. On the down side, wind turbines emit a great deal of noise and also, if the wind isn't blowing, they aren't generating any power. This can create problems for utilities which need to provide customers with a constant stream of power. Generally, analysts foresee difficulty in their models when more than 20% of U.S. energy comes from wind farms.

Wind power's output is measured in watts, and can often be quoted in kilowatts, megawatts, and gigawatts. As a reference point, one gigawatt of energy is equal to one billion watts. According to a 2007 report form the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average home uses 11,232 kilowatt hours of energy on an annual basis, though estimates vary. This means that one gigawatt is enough energy to power roughly 90,000 homes for a year, and the current 239 gigawatts throughout the world is enough to power roughly 21.5 million homes globally.

China is the world's top producer of wind power (63 GWs in 2011), followed by the U.S. (47 GW) and Germany (29 GW). India, Canada and most of the other major European countries round out the top ten. The price of wind energy production is affected by weather conditions, government subsidies, the pricing of crude oil and natural gas as an alternative and the cost of rare earth metals used in making wind turbines. China is responsible for 90% of the world's supply of rare earth metals.

The potential for growth in wind energy is great. A paper published in the science journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) estimates the total global wind energy potential to be about 40 times current worldwide consumption of electricity. The U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that worldwide demand for non-fossil fuel sources, such as solar and wind, will increase 22% over the next five years and 85% over the next 25 yeares.

The United States constructed more than 2,150 megawatts (MW) worth of new wind power in 2011, and over the last four years, the U.S. has been responsible for 35% of the world's new capacity. This growth in wind generation is second only to the growth in new natural gas generation, but it is more than nuclear and coal growth combined. Overall, scientists estimate that the U.S. has a total generation potential of 145,500,000 MW worth of both on- and offshore wind energy. Emerging markets like Brazil and India have also embraced wind and China continues to deploy substantial wind capacity.

Like solar, the wind energy industry has been highly dependent on government subsidies, and Chinese "dumping" and industry-wide overcapacity has impacted pricing. The Commerce Department has placed provisional duties on Chinese companies accused of selling below cost in the U.S. Perhaps more importantly, in the U.S. the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for wind energy is set to expire at the end of 2013. Congress renewed the credit as part of the fiscal cliff deal in early January, but only for one year. The PTC has been in place for most of the past two decades, but given the federal budget crisis, remains vulnerable after this year. That said, some in the industry believe wind it approaching the point where it won't be dependent upon the PTC. The long-term potential for wind energy generation remains great and the industry is ripe for consolidation, which could be a boon for investors in the strongest companies.

Company: Symbol:	General Electric, Inc. GE			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		74,295.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		47,931.0	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		122,226.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		230,000.0	M	
Net Cash:		(107,774.0)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		10,500.0	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(10.26)		
Share Price:	\$	21.20		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	31.46		
Total Market Cap:		222,600.0	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		330,374.0	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		3.0%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.71		
Forward Earnings Multiple		18.4	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.2	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.68	/	3.2%
% Held by Institutions:		52.5%		
% of Float Short:		0.6%		

#### **Summary**

General Electric Company operates as a technology and financial services company worldwide. The company's Energy Infrastructure segment offers wind turbines; gas and steam turbines and generators; integrated gasification combined cycle systems; aircraft engine derivatives; nuclear reactors, fuel, and support services; oil and gas extraction and mining motors and control systems; aftermarket services; water treatment solutions; power conversion infrastructure technology and services; and integrated electrical equipment and systems.

GE is one of the two largest wind turbine manufacturers worldwide, and is also well diversified. Its 3.2% dividend is nice and it's surely one of the safer ways to play the long-term potential of wind energy generation. At 18.4x forward earnings, however, and with just 3% sales growth forecast for 2013, the stock isn't super cheap.

Company: Symbol:	Trinity Industries TRN			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		294.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		294.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		2,900.0	Μ	
Net Cash:		(2,606.0)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		76.5	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(34.07)		
Share Price:	\$	36.66		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	70.73		
Total Market Cap:		2,804.5	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		5,410.5	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		6.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	3.60		
Forward Earnings Multiple		19.6	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.3	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.44	/	1.2%
% Held by Institutions:		81.3%		
% of Float Short:		3.6%		

#### **Summary**

Trinity Industries, Inc. provides products and services to the industrial, energy, transportation, and construction sectors primarily in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Singapore, and Sweden. The company's Rail Group manufactures and sells railcars. Its Energy division makes structural wind tower and tank containers.

Trinity has been enjoying strong growth in its inland barge, rail and energy equipment units. In the latest quarter the company's revenue grew 19% and the company is investing for increased capacity going forward. The company has a fair amount of debt, but it's not leveraged beyond its ability to service the debt. There's a small dividend, but the shares have been on a run. At nearly 20x earnings, we'd hold off on this one for now.

Company: Symbol:	Zoltek Companies, Inc. ZOLT			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		29.0	Μ	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		29.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		22.5	Μ	
Net Cash:		6.5	M	
Outstanding Shares:		34.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.19		
Share Price:	\$	8.24		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	8.05		
Total Market Cap:		280.2	М	
Enterprise Value:		273.7	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		3.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.57		
Forward Earnings Multiple		14.1	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.4	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		54.6%		
% of Float Short:		2.5%		

# **Summary**

Zoltek Companies, Inc., through its subsidiaries, develops, manufactures, and markets carbon fibers and technical fibers primarily in Europe, the United States, and Asia.

Carbon fiber is used in wind turbine blades to reduce their weight and allow them to spin faster. Recently, management indicated that "Wind turbine applications continue to represent our biggest near-term opportunity" and added that they expect the trend to accelerate with the development of off-shore wind farms. Off-shore turbines have longer blades which require carbon fiber. The company's revenue and earnings have shown growth over the past year, following two years of losses. Zoltek has also won a \$3.7 million grant from the U.S. Dept. of Energy for advanced carbon fiber research. This is another one that has had a big run recently—up 27% in two months. We'd watch for pullbacks before buying.

Company: Symbol:	Western Wind Energy Cor WNDEF			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		21.6		
Short Term Investments:		-	M M	
Long Term Investments: Total Cash:		21.6		
Total Debt:		320.0	M	
Net Cash:		(298.4)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		66.0	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(4.52)		
Share Price:	\$	2.81		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	7.33		
Total Market Cap:		185.5	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		483.9	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:		N/A N/A		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		N/A N/A	-	

#### **Summary**

Western Wind is a vertically integrated renewable energy production company that owns and operates wind and solar generation facilities with 165 net MW of rated capacity in production, in California and Arizona. Western Wind further owns substantial development assets for both solar and wind energy in the U.S.

Western Wind owns and operates three wind energy generation facilities in California, and one fully integrated combined wind and solar energy generation facility in Arizona. The three operating wind generation facilities in California are comprised of the 120MW Windstar, the 4.5MW Windridge facilities in Tehachapi, and the 30MW Mesa wind generation facility near Palm Springs. The facility in Arizona is the Company's 10.5MW Kingman integrated solar and wind facility. The Company is further developing wind and solar energy projects in California, Arizona, and Puerto Rico.

Western Wind is in the process of selling the company and said in late October that a number of bidders had moved to the second stage of due diligence. It's possible that investors might get upwards of \$3/share in a sale and the share price has been steadily moving higher. A \$3 per share buyout leaves some room for upside, but at the current price, it's only about 7%.—probably not enough to warrant the downside risk of no sale or a lower priced sale.

Company: Symbol:	Kaydon Corporation KDN			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		38.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	М	
Total Cash:		38.0	М	
Total Debt:		189.0	М	
Net Cash:		(151.0)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		31.0	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(4.87)		
Share Price:	\$	24.60		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	29.47		
Total Market Cap:		762.6	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		913.6	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		0.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.72		
Forward Earnings Multiple		17.1	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.80	/ 3.3%	
% Held by Institutions:		92.5%		
% of Float Short:		7.2%		

## **Summary**

Kaydon Corporation engages in the design, manufacture, and sale of custom engineered, performance-critical products in the United States, Germany, and internationally.

Kaydon's ball bearings are used in wind turbine production. The company announced a restructuring in October whereby it will close one of its production facilities devoted to the wind sector and take a roughly \$50 million (largely non-cash) writedown. Earlier this year Kaydon declared a special \$10.50 one time dividend, and the stock hasn't recovered since. Management said the uncertainty surrounding the PTC as well as weak global economies led to the restructuring. With flat revenue, the 17.1x multiple looks high, but on the other hand its dividend yield is 3.3% and there has been insider buying this year. Until the restructuring is completed and we see some evidence that other sectors can pick up where wind has fallen off, we'd be hesitant to buy the shares. Neutral.

Company: Symbol:	China Ming Yang Wind Power Group MY
Balance Sheet:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	164.4 M
Short Term Investments:	- M
Long Term Investments:	<u> </u>
Total Cash:	232.6 M
Total Debt:	M
Net Cash:	(15.3) M
Outstanding Shares:	120.6 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$ (0.13)
Share Price:	\$ 1.47
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ 1.60
Total Market Cap:	177.3 M
Enterprise Value:	192.6 M
2013e Sales Growth:	-24.0%
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$ (0.22)
Forward Earnings Multiple	N/M X
Forward Revenue Multiple	0.2 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$ - / N/M
% Held by Institutions:	13.1%
% of Float Short:	N/A

## **Summary**

China Ming Yang Wind Power Group Limited designs, manufactures, sells, and services megawatt-class wind turbines in China.

Ming Yang has seen its run-revenue decline by nearly 50% since its peak in 2011, but the company has recently announced a number of strategic partnerships to develop off-shore wind farms in southern China, as on-shore projects there have slowed. European companies like Vestas and Siemens have historically dominated in off-short wind projects, but the Chinese government is placing increasing focus on off-shore projects and Ming Yang will likely need to capture that growth in order to turn its fortunes around. The company also hopes to expand its growth internationally, although current anti-Chinese tariffs in the U.S. will impact growth in this country. The shares are cheap assuming the company can turn its revenue trend around, and its balance sheet is relatively clean, but the stock is unlikely to climb before a demonstrated reversal in its declining revenue.

Company: Symbol:	Broadwind Energy BWEN			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments:		2.7 M - M		
Long Term Investments: Total Cash:		- M 2.7 M		
Total Debt: Net Cash:		<u>20.7</u> M ( <b>18.0</b> ) M		
Outstanding Shares:		14.1 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(1.28)		
Share Price: Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ <b>\$</b>	2.43 <b>3.71</b>		
Total Market Cap:		34.3 M		
Enterprise Value:		52.3 M		
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	-19.5% (0.35)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.3 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M		
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		53.4% 1.3%		

## **Summary**

Broadwind Energy, Inc. provides products and services to the energy, mining, and infrastructure sector customers, primarily in the United States. The company's Towers and Weldments segment manufactures towers designed for two megawatt and larger wind turbines.

Broadwind has been working to reduce its dependence on the wind industry, although it believes it is benefitting to some degree by the fact that some of its competitors are leaving the sector in the face of regulatory uncertainty and slow global economies. The company has closed its European office and recently closed on a new \$20 million credit facility recently which it used to refinance debt. This is a turnaround story, and while recent revenue and cash flow trends were positive, Broadwind still has a ways to go before we'd be confident enough to buy the stock.

Company: Symbol:	American Superconductor Corp AMSC			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		49.1	М	
Short Term Investments:		5.2	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		54.3	М	
Total Debt:		24.7	M	
Net Cash:		29.6	M	
Outstanding Shares:		52.6	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.56		
Share Price:	\$	2.90		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	2.34		
Total Market Cap:		152.6	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		123.0	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		54.7%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.68)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.8	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/ N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		33.5%		
% of Float Short:		32.8%		

#### **Summary**

American Superconductor Corporation, together with its subsidiaries, provides wind and power grid products and services worldwide. The company operates in two segments, Wind and Grid. The Wind segment designs, develops, and licenses onshore and offshore wind turbines; provides customer support and consulting services; supplies electrical control systems used in wind turbines; and sells power electronics and software-based control systems for the wind turbine manufactures, as well as offers products that enhance power quality for industrial operations under the Windtec Solutions brand name.

AMSC saw improved results in its most recent quarter, largely due to sales of Smart Grid products, but the company is mired in lawsuits with Sinovel Wind Group, China's second largest turbine maker, and is seeking more than \$1.2 billion in damages. The company claims that Sinovel stole its technology. Sinovel contributed about 70% of AMSC's revenue in fiscal 2010 before it stopped accepting shipments in March 2011. There's too much uncertainty here for us to get behind the stock, although a favorable ruling in the Sinovel lawsuit would certainly provide a catalyst for the shares.

Company: Symbol:	Vestas Wind Systems AS VWDRY			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		602.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		5.1	Μ	
Total Cash:		607.1	Μ	
Total Debt:		2,236.5	M	
Net Cash:		(1,629.4)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		611.7	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(2.66)		
Share Price:	\$	1.99		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	4.65		
Total Market Cap:		1,217.3	М	
Enterprise Value:		2,846.7	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		N/A		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	-		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M	Х	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		N/A		
% of Float Short:		N/A		

#### **Summary**

Vestas Wind Systems A/S engages in the manufacture and sale of wind turbines and wind power systems in Europe, Africa, the Americas, and the Asia Pacific. It also offers wind project planning, procurement, construction, and operation services; and after sale services, as well as sells spare parts.

Denmark-based Vestas has been restructuring for more than a year now and by the end of 2013 expects to have 21% fewer employees than it had at the end of 2011. It is also considering divestitures. While the share price got a bump recently after it said that it was in talks for "strategic cooperation" with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries regarding offshore wind projects, the stock plummeted following its most recent quarterly announcement. The CEO said in November that they see a dramatic decline in U.S. activity and that isn't expected to improve in 2013. Vestas is working on a new offshore turbine that will have blades that cover 538 feet (diameter), but that isn't scheduled for completion until 2014. The company also has substantial debt at this time. While a Mitsubishi partnership would be a positive, we'd say wait and see for now.

# Introduction -- Biomass and Biofuels (including Ethanol)

A biofuel is a type of fuel whose energy is derived from biological carbon fixation. Biofuels include fuels derived from biomass conversion, as well as solid biomass, liquid fuels and various biogases. Biofuels have garnered increased attention in recent years, driven by factors such as oil price hikes and the need for increased energy security. A 2007 U.S. law enacted under President George W. Bush, known as the Renewable Fuels Standard, or RFS, requires refiners to mix 13.2 billion gallons of renewable fuels, such as ethanol, with gasoline in 2012 and 15 billion gallons by 2015. As a result, numerous new entrants and stock IPOs in the sector have appeared.

Bioethanol is an alcohol made by fermentation, mostly from carbohydrates produced in sugar or starch crops such as corn or sugarcane. Cellulosic biomass, derived from non-food sources such as trees and grasses, is also being developed as a feedstock for ethanol production. Ethanol can be used as a fuel for vehicles in its pure form, but it is usually used as a gasoline additive to increase octane and improve vehicle emissions. Bioethanol is widely used in the USA (corn-based) and in Brazil (sugarcane-based).

Biodiesel is made from vegetable oils and animal fats. Biodiesel can be used as a fuel for vehicles in its pure form, but it is usually used as a diesel additive to reduce levels of particulates, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons from diesel-powered vehicles. Biodiesel is produced from oils or fats using transesterification and is the most common biofuel in Europe.

In 2010 worldwide biofuel production reached 105 billion liters (28 billion gallons US), up 17% from 2009, and biofuels provided 2.7% of the world's fuels for road transport, a contribution largely made up of ethanol and biodiesel. Global ethanol fuel production reached 86 billion liters (23 billion gallons US) in 2010, with the United States and Brazil as the world's top producers, accounting together for 90% of global production. The world's largest biodiesel producer is the European Union, accounting for 53% of all biodiesel production in 2010. As of 2011, mandates for blending biofuels exist in 31 countries at the national level and in 29 states/provinces. According to the International Energy Agency, biofuels have the potential to meet more than a quarter of world demand for transportation fuels by 2050.

In 2012, the combination of falling gas prices and rising corn prices due to a drought in the Midwest has resulted in sharp losses for corn ethanol producers, with the loss per gallon of corn ethanol averaging \$0.15-\$0.20. Years of high production compounded the problem, as existing inventory levels were already high. More recently inventories have begun to fall as ethanol producers have slowed production and in some cases idled plants. While it's too early to predict how the corn crop will turn out in 2013, it is clear that many of the pure-play corn ethanol producers have been severely impacted. Growing imports of less expensive Brazilian sugar-based ethanol have putting further pressure on American corn ethanol producers.

Biofuel is a broad category, but we're bearish on the more pure corn ethanol plays at this time. We did, however, find a few interesting companies in the biofuel and biomass space.

Company: Symbol:	Cosai CZZ	ı Ltd.
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		979.9 M
Short Term Investments:		- M
Long Term Investments:		715.8 M
Total Cash:		1,695.7 M
Total Debt:		2,553.9 M
Net Cash:		(858.2) M
Outstanding Shares:		264.7 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(3.24)
Share Price:	\$	17.81
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	21.05
Total Market Cap:		4,714.1 M
Enterprise Value:		5,572.4 M
2013e Sales Growth:		21.7%
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.63
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.9 X
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.3 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.29 / 1.6%
% Held by Institutions:		61.1%
% of Float Short:		N/A

## **Summary**

Cosan Limited engages in the energy, food, logistics, infrastructure, and farmland development and management businesses primarily in Brazil, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, and North America. The company is involved in the production and marketing of a range of products derived from sugar cane, including raw sugar, and anhydrous and hydrated ethanol; energy cogeneration from sugar cane bagasse; and distribution and marketing of fuels and lubricants under the Shell and Esso brands.

Sao Paulo, Brazil-based Cosan has seen its shares soar this year as it has shifted its business mix away from sugar and ethanol. In May it agreed to buy control of Brazil's largest natural gas distributor, Cia. De Gas de Sao Paulo. The diversification has stabilized the share price and the company recently affirmed its guidance for fiscal 2013 (March) results. Thanks to the newly diversified revenue base, Cosan could continue to enjoy multiple expansion; at 12.9x forward earnings, it is not expensive.

Company: Symbol:	FutureFuel Corp. FF			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		112.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		67.0	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		179.0	М	
Total Debt:		-	_M	
Net Cash:		179.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		41.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	4.37		
Share Price:	\$	12.22		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	7.85		
Total Market Cap:		501.0	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		322.0	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		-8.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.00		
Forward Earnings Multiple		7.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.0	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.40	/	3.3%
% Held by Institutions:		21.6%		
% of Float Short:		2.4%		

## **Summary**

FutureFuel Corp. engages in the manufacture and sale of diversified chemicals and bio-based products in the United States. The company operates in two segments, Chemicals and Biofuels.

FutureFuel is a producer of biodiesel. The production facilities in the Midwestern U.S. produce both biodiesel and specialty petroleum products derived from biodiesel. It is also developing methods to convert cellulosic biomass (woody plant matter) into biodiesel. Biodiesel is a good alternative fuel option because it is producible from a wide range of agricultural and industrial feedstock, including waste lipids (e.g. bacon fat), and algae; it has a wide range of end-uses including the production of petroleum-based chemicals and liquid fuel and it can be used as a complete substitute for diesel in any diesel-burning engine.

The company has weathered some declines in its chemicals business but the outlook for biodiesel is strong and with \$4.37 per share in cash, the business is selling for just 7.9x future earnings. It also pays a dividend of 3.3%. We like this one.

Company: Symbol:	Anders ANDE	ons Inc.		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		80.4	М	
Short Term Investments:		166.3	М	
Long Term Investments:		7.0	Μ	
Total Cash:		253.7	М	
Total Debt:		14.1	Μ	
Net Cash:		239.6	M	
Outstanding Shares:		18.5	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	12.92		
Share Price:	\$	43.95		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	31.03		
Total Market Cap:		814.8	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		575.2	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		4.0%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	3.99		
Forward Earnings Multiple		7.8	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.1	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.60	/	1.4%
% Held by Institutions:		73.6%		
% of Float Short:		4.9%		

## **Summary**

The Andersons, Inc. engages in the grain, ethanol, plant nutrient, railcar leasing and repair, turf products production, and general merchandise retailing businesses. It operates in six segments: Grain, Ethanol, Rail, Plant Nutrient, Turf & Specialty, and Retail.

The Andersons' exposure to the struggling ethanol market was partially offset last year by higher prices for corn, which led to a significant increase in revenue in its Grain group in the most recent quarter. The company has been aggressively acquisitive, announcing that it will acquire Green Plains Energy Solutions' agronomy business with 12 grain elevators as well as a 55 million gallon ethanol plant in Iowa and an Ohio-based agricultural nutrient company earlier this year. The balance sheet is solid and the company trades for a modest 7.8x forward earnings. There's also a small dividend. Thanks to its diversified set of businesses, the stock could be well positioned to rebound if the market for corn and ethanol normalizes in 2013.

Company: Symbol:	Bunge, Ltd. BG			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		690.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		282.0	M	
Total Cash:		972.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		4,456.0	M	
Net Cash:		(3,484.0)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		155.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(22.48)		
Share Price:	\$	74.47		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	96.95		
Total Market Cap:		11,542.9	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		15,026.9	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		6.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	7.54		
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.2	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	1.08	/	1.5%
% Held by Institutions:		33.9%		
% of Float Short:		2.6%		

#### **Summary**

Bunge Limited, through its subsidiaries, engages in the agriculture and food businesses worldwide. It operates in four segments: Agribusiness (soybeans and corn), Sugar and Bioenergy (sugar, energy and ethanol), Milling Products (wheat flours, corn meal and milled rice) and Fertilizer (nitrogen, phosphate liquid fertilizers and potash).

Bunge is huge, well diversified and has a finger in just about every biofuel pie available. Its most recent quarter saw solid results despite a writedown related to ethanol activity in the U.S. This looks like a reasonably safe way to participate in the upside of biofuels, though at 12.9x earnings it's not super cheap. Long-term buy.

Company: Symbol:	Renewable Energy Group REGI			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		87.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		87.0	М	
Total Debt:		159.2	M	
Net Cash:		(72.2)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		28.9	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(2.50)		
Share Price:	\$	6.82		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	9.32		
Total Market Cap:		197.3	М	
Enterprise Value:		269.5	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		27.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.75		
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.4	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.2	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		94.5%		
% of Float Short:		2.7%		

#### **Summary**

Renewable Energy Group, Inc. produces and markets biodiesel primarily in the United States and Canada. It is also involved in purchasing and reselling biodiesel and raw material feed stocks produced by third parties; providing toll manufacturing services to third parties; and selling glycerin, free fatty acids, and other co-products of the biodiesel production process.

REGI disappointed investors in its latest quarter when its risk management (hedging) activities resulted in negative EBITDA, instead of positive EBITDA that had been previously forecast. Top line growth is solid and the company has been investing in distribution, opening a sales terminal in New Mexico and it also obtained new terminal access in Long Beach, California. Management says it will continue to expand its distribution as it builds a national footprint. In late October, REGI acquired an offline biodiesel refinery in Texas and it is upgrading its plant in Minnesota. The top-line growth is forecast to remain strong for REGI but the mismanaged hedging activities give us pause. Long term we see potential here, but the balance sheet and valuation aren't as attractive as that of FutureFuel.

Company: Symbol:	Archer Daniels Midland ADM			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		1,235.0 M		
Short Term Investments:		507.0 M		
Long Term Investments:		3,625.0 M		
Total Cash:		5,367.0 M		
Total Debt:		6,815.0 M		
Net Cash:		(1,448.0) M		
Outstanding Shares:		658.6 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(2.20)		
Share Price:	\$	29.22		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	31.42		
Total Market Cap:		19,243.3 M		
Enterprise Value:		20,691.3 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		3.5%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.44		
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.9 X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.2 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.70 / 2.4%		
% Held by Institutions:		11.3%		
% of Float Short:		1.3%		

#### **Summary**

Archer Daniels Midland processes feedstuffs including oilseeds, cocoa, corn, and wheat. The company also manufactures vegetable oil and protein meal, corn sweeteners, flour, ethanol, biodiesel, and other food and feed ingredients. International growth is of growing importance to ADM, which currently makes just under half of its revenue internationally.

The company has been trying to acquire GrainCorp, Australia's largest grain handler, in order to capitalize on growing food demand in Asia. Its \$2.8 billion cash offer, however, is unlikely to get the deal done and GrainCorp is now courting other buyers. The company also announced the sale of its 23% stake in Gruma SAB. Gruma is the world's largest corn flour and tortilla producer; ADM is looking to raise cash in order to fund the GrainCorp. deal. ADM is in highly competitive markets, and the ethanol industry's difficulties aren't its only problem right now. It has no control over rising input prices (corn) and little room to raise consumer product prices without affecting demand. At 12.9x forward earnings, it's just not very attractive given the growth profile.

Company: Symbol:	Solazyı SZYM	me, Inc.
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		17.5 M
Short Term Investments:		178.0 M
Long Term Investments:		9.9 M
Total Cash:		205.3 M
Total Debt:		9.5 M
Net Cash:		<u>195.8</u> M
Outstanding Shares:		60.6 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	3.23
Share Price:	\$	8.41
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	5.18
Total Market Cap:		509.8 M
Enterprise Value:		314.0 M
2013e Sales Growth:		105.0%
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(1.28)
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X
Forward Revenue Multiple		3.2 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M
% Held by Institutions:		22.5%
% of Float Short:		12.1%

### **Summary**

Solazyme, Inc. engages in the production of renewable oil with a focus on chemicals and fuels, nutrition, and skin and personal care markets. The company's proprietary technology transforms a range of plant-based sugars into oils. Its renewable products could replace or enhance oils derived from petroleum, plants, and animal fats.

Solazyme is still an early-stage company with the accompanying risks. It has big plans for its technology, which basically creates specialized oils from bioengineered algae. In creating its oils, Solazyme can control carbon chain lengths, saturation levels and functional groups to create higher value oils with specific end uses in mind. It has entered into a joint venture with Bunge to produce oil from sugar and plans to open a \$145 million plant at Bunge's Moema (Brazil) sugar-cane mill in the fourth quarter of next year. The plant will produce 100,000 tons of its algal oil per year. Bulls point to the potential for a billion dollar business with 30% or better gross margins, but bears doubt the viability of Solzyme's model. There are big plans and patent applications, but revenue in 2012 is expected to be less than \$50 million.

The potential here is intriguing but the risk remains high. We'll sit on the sidelines for now.

Company: Symbol:	KiOR, KIOR	Inc.
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		74.3 M
Short Term Investments:		- M
Long Term Investments:		- <u>M</u>
Total Cash:		74.3 M
Total Debt:		123.2 M
Net Cash:		(48.9) M
Outstanding Shares:		104.8 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(0.47)
Share Price:	\$	6.97
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	7.44
Total Market Cap:		730.5 M
Enterprise Value:		779.3 M
2013e Sales Growth:		N/A
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.98)
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X
Forward Revenue Multiple		20.2 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M
% Held by Institutions:		76.1%
% of Float Short:		46.8%

#### Summary

KiOR, Inc., a development stage renewable fuels company, focuses on producing cellulosic gasoline and diesel from non-food biomass using its proprietary biomass-to-cellulosic fuel technology platform. The company intends to sell its products to refiners, terminal and rack owners, and fleet users for use in their vehicles.

KiOR brought its first wood-to-fuel plant in Columbus, Mississippi late last year, much to the relief of investors who were concerned that delays might result in a cash shortage at the startup. Venture capitalist Vinod Khosla is behind KiOR, which probably helped it get an IPO done earlier this year at \$15 per share. We like the technology—KiOR is taking wood waste and turning into crude oil which is then upgraded to cellulosic gasoline and diesel. It is planning another plant in Natchez, Mississippi. Early customers include FedEx, Hunt Refining and Catchlight Energy, which is a jv between Chevron and Weyerhaeuser Co. The new plant has already sold out of its first year of planned production.

This is another very interesting startup with some high profile backing. But with a 20x revenue multiple, we can't put our weight behind it just yet. We'll be watching, however. The longer-term potential is there.

Company: Symbol:	Amyri: AMRS	
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		44.4 M
Short Term Investments: Long Term Investments:		- M - M
Total Cash:		44.4 M
Total Debt:		105.4 M
Net Cash:		(61.0) M
Outstanding Shares:		58.7 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(1.04)
Share Price:	\$	3.52
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	4.56
Total Market Cap:		206.8 M
Enterprise Value:		267.7 M
2013e Sales Growth:		121.6%
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(1.61)
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.6 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		34.1% 19.4%

#### **Summary**

Amyris, Inc., an integrated renewable products company, provides alternatives to a range of petroleum-sourced products used in specialty chemical and transportation fuel markets worldwide.

Amyris uses genetically modified microorganisms to convert plant-sugars into farnesene, a hydrocarbon that can be processed into fuels (diesel and jets) or specialty chemicals used in cosmetics, flavors and lubricants. It's developing other applications such as fragrance oils, and in the latest quarter partner Kuraray Co. received its first order for a farnesene-derived polymer that can be used to make rubber for tires. The company's first commercial plant, at a Brazil site owned by Paraiso Bioenergia SA, is expected to begin production in 2013 and reach its capacity within three years; its next project, at a sugar mill owned by Sao Martinho SA, won't realize revenue until 2015.

Amyris exited the unprofitable ethanol business earlier this year, which led to a sharp decline in sales and revenue. In its most recent quarter it did better than expected, losing "only" \$20 million. The stock jumped on the results but we're not convinced Amyris is out of the woods. It needs to raise financing before the end of 2012, which could prove dilutive, and the company doesn't expect to be cash flow positive until 2014. The company is 21% owned by France's Total SA and backed by Kleiner Perkins' John Doerr. Given the fact that the company raised \$84 million last February and now is going back to the well, we're going to wait and see on this one too.

Company: Symbol:	Rentech RTK	l		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		238.5	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		238.5	Μ	
Total Debt:		32.4	M	
Net Cash:		206.1	M	
Outstanding Shares:		219.9	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.94		
Share Price:	\$	2.73		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	1.79		
Total Market Cap:		600.2	М	
Enterprise Value:		394.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		8.8%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.09		
Forward Earnings Multiple		19.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.7	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		53.3%		
% of Float Short:		5.6%		

### **Summary**

Rentech, Inc., through its subsidiaries, owns and develops technologies that enable the production of synthetic fuels and renewable power when integrated with third-party technologies in the United States. Its clean energy technology portfolio includes the Rentech-SilvaGas and the Rentech-ClearFuels biomass gasification technologies, which produce synthesis gas from biomass and waste materials for the production of renewable power and fuels.

Rentech has been investing in growing its fertilizer business while at the same time seeking to partner or license its renewable energy portfolio. Its technology allows for the utilization of both biomass and fossil fuels as syngas feedstock. The company recently shelved plans to build a commercial-scale coal-to-liquids facility in Mississippi, but it operates a demonstration-scale integrated natural gas- and biomass-to-liquids facility in Colorado. This is a turnaround story and it remains unclear to what extent Rentech will be able to monetize its renewable energy technology. The shares have more than doubled already this year, institutional interest is growing and the short interest has fallen recently, but we'd probably give it a little more time to prove its renewable energy strategy. Hold.

Company: Symbol:	Green Plains Renewable Energ GPRE			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		140.2	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		140.2	М	
Total Debt:		531.0	M	
Net Cash:		(390.8)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		29.7	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(13.17)		
Share Price:	\$	8.08		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	21.25		
Total Market Cap:		239.8	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		630.6	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		-7.6%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.44		
Forward Earnings Multiple		48.3	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.2	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		71.5%		
% of Float Short:		13.7%		

#### **Summary**

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. engages in the production, marketing, and distribution of ethanol, distillers grains, and corn oil in the United States.

In late October Green Plains announced that it will sell 12 grain storage facilities in Tennessee and Iowa. The sale will help the company delever and increase its cash assets. The stock surged on the news, but nevertheless, Green Plains remains highly dependent on the ethanol market. Based on its valuation and difficult outlook, the shares aren't attractive at this time.

Company: Symbol:	Darling International, Inc. DAR				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		87.7			
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		54.4	-		
Total Cash:		142.1	Μ		
Total Debt:		250.2	M		
Net Cash:		(108.1)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		117.8	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(0.92)			
Share Price:	\$	16.47			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	17.39			
Total Market Cap:		1,939.6	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		2,047.7	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		3.7%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.40			
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.4	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.1	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		97.0%			
% of Float Short:		3.3%			

### **Summary**

Darling International Inc. is the largest and only publicly traded provider of rendering and bakery waste recycling solutions to the nation's food industry. The company recycles beef, pork and poultry waste streams into useable ingredients such as tallow, feed-grade fats, meat and bone meal, poultry meal and hides. The company also recovers and converts used cooking oil and commercial bakery waste into valuable feed and fuel ingredients.

Darling is getting into biodiesel via a joint venture with Valero Energy. The 137 MGY Diamond Green Diesel project is expected to become operational in 2013, but in the meantime its core business has suffered and the outlook remains weak. Recent performance was hurt by sluggish fat and grease prices, increased supplies of corn oil, a lagging export market and reduced biofuel demand. Assuming continued weak growth, we don't like this one at more than 12x forward earnings.

Company: Symbol:	REX American Resources Corj REX			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		64.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		59.0	M	
Total Cash:		123.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		102.0	M	
Net Cash:		21.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		8.2	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	2.56		
Share Price:	\$	20.52		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	17.96		
Total Market Cap:		168.3	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		147.3	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		64.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.28		
Forward Earnings Multiple		64.1	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.2	Х	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		56.4%		
% of Float Short:		3.4%		

# Summary

REX American Resources has interests in seven ethanol production facilities which in aggregate shipped approximately 710 million annualized gallons of ethanol over the twelve month period ended July 31, 2012. REX's current effective ownership of the trailing twelve month annualized gallons shipped (for the period ended July 31, 2012) by the ethanol production facilities in which it has ownership interests is approximately 253 million gallons.

As a pure play in the corn ethanol market, REX has seen its share price collapse this year as the drought forced corn prices to record high levels. At this time it remains unclear if or when ethanol production will become once again profitable. The stock has had a 22% run over the past two months and looks expensive for a pure ethanol play.

Company: Symbol:	Deltic Timber Corp. DEL				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments:		4.7 -	M M		
Long Term Investments: Total Cash:		63.5 68.2	-		
Total Debt: Net Cash:		53.6 <b>14.6</b>	-		
Outstanding Shares:		12.7	М		
Net Cash / Share: Share Price: Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ \$ \$	<ol> <li>1.15</li> <li>71.94</li> <li>70.79</li> </ol>			
Total Market Cap: Enterprise Value:		910.8 <b>896.2</b>			
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:		N/A N/A			
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.30	/ 0.49	%	
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		81.0% 4.6%			

#### **Summary**

Deltic Timber Corporation, a natural resources company, together with its subsidiaries, grows and harvests timber, as well as manufactures and markets lumber.

Deltic could benefit by growth in the use of wood waste to create biofuels—down the road. Today its fortunes are determined by the market and pricing for lumber. It also has real estate interests. Forward estimates weren't available, but based on 2012 year-to-date results, Deltic will earn somewhere around \$0.70 - \$0.80 per share in 2012. Even if that grew to \$1 in 2013, the shares look expensive until a real rebound in building occurs. Sell.

Company: Symbol:	Ceres, l CERE	nc.
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		67.7 M
Short Term Investments:		- M
Long Term Investments:		- <u>M</u>
Total Cash:		67.7 M
Total Debt:		0.3 M
Net Cash:		<u>67.5</u> M
Outstanding Shares:		24.5 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	2.76
Share Price:	\$	4.25
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	1.49
Total Market Cap:		104.1 M
Enterprise Value:		36.6 M
2013e Sales Growth:		-4.2%
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(1.35)
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X
Forward Revenue Multiple		7.0 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M
% Held by Institutions:		26.4%
% of Float Short:		2.8%

### **Summary**

Ceres, Inc.is an agricultural biotechnology company that markets seeds for energy crops used in the production of renewable transportation fuels, electricity and bio-based products.

Ceres specializes in selling seeds specifically geared towards the production of renewable bioenergy feedstocks. Through the use of innovative plant breeding and trait biotechnology, Ceres produces low-input dedicated energy crops that are capable of producing high yields per acre. Specifically, the company produces enhanced seeds that increase yields for crops that will one day be necessary for the advanced biofuels market. Such non-food based feedstocks are critical for the production of sugars without disrupting the market of consumed food. Ceres has also received grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development which it is using to improve rice yields in India and other Asian countries.

Ceres IPOed in early 2012 at \$13 per share and has fallen steadily since. Despite analyst support for the company, at 7x revenue and with negative revenue growth forecast for 2013, we can't get behind the stock at this time.

Company: Symbol:	Covanta Holding Corp. CVA			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		262.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		38.0	Μ	
Total Cash:		300.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		1,610.0	M	
Net Cash:		(1,310.0)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		131.7	M	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(9.95)		
Share Price:	\$	18.85		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	28.80		
Total Market Cap:		2,481.6	М	
Enterprise Value:		3,791.6	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		2.2%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.66		
Forward Earnings Multiple		43.6	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.3	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.60	/	3.2%
% Held by Institutions:		80.3%		
% of Float Short:		4.9%		

### **Summary**

Covanta Holding Corporation provides waste and energy services to municipal entities primarily in North America. The company engages in the disposal of waste and the generation of electricity, as well as the sale of ferrous and non-ferrous metals recovered during the energy-from-waste process. It operates and/or owns 45 energy-from-waste facilities; and 15 additional energy generation facilities, including other renewable energy production facilities in North America (wood biomass and hydroelectric). The company also owns and/or operates 13 transfer stations and 4 ash landfills in the northeast United States.

Apart from the 3.2% dividend yield, it's difficult to say what's been sending Covanta's shares higher this year. The company remains cautious in its outlook and trades at nearly 44x forward earnings—while revenue growth is projected to be in the low single digits. Don't go there.

Company: Symbol:	Codex CDXS	is, Inc.
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		25.6 M
Short Term Investments:		24.8 M
Long Term Investments:		3.6 M
Total Cash:		53.9 M
Total Debt:		4.0 M
Net Cash:		<u>49.9</u> M
Outstanding Shares:		37.1 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.35
Share Price:	\$	2.66
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	1.31
Total Market Cap:		98.6 M
Enterprise Value:		48.6 M
2013e Sales Growth:		-28.4%
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.92)
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.8 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M
% Held by Institutions:		34.5%
% of Float Short:		6.5%

#### **Summary**

Codexis, Inc. engages in the production of custom industrial enzymes for use in the manufacture of biofuels, chemicals, and pharmaceutical ingredients.

Codexis got a new CEO in 2012, has laid off workers and had its former partnership with Shell reconfigured. Revenue and profitability continues to decline and while there may be some upside in the company's forays into pharmaceuticals, its efforts in biofuel haven't shown results. There's next to no debt, so maybe new CEO John Nicols can turn this ship around—but it's too soon to buy the stock.

Company: Symbol:	BioFuel Energy Corp. BIOF			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		9.2 M		
Short Term Investments:		- M		
Long Term Investments:		- <u>M</u>		
Total Cash:		9.2 M		
Total Debt:		160.6 M		
Net Cash:		(151.4) M		
Outstanding Shares:		5.2 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(29.23)		
Share Price:	\$	4.63		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	33.86		
Total Market Cap:		24.0 M		
Enterprise Value:		175.4 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		N/A		
2013 Earnings Estimate:		N/A		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N	/ <b>M</b>	
% Held by Institutions:		21.6%		
% of Float Short:		23.2%		

### **Summary**

BioFuel Energy Corp. produces and sells ethanol and its co-products in the United States. The company offers dried and wet distillers grains with solubles, corn oil, and carbon dioxide. It operates 2 ethanol production facilities located in Wood River, Nebraska and Fairmont, Minnesota with a combined production capacity of approximately 220 million gallons per year.

Big debt, small cash, no analyst support and no diversification from the struggling ethanol business. This is a short.

# **Introduction -- Energy Storage and Batteries**

Companies involved in energy storage and batteries are increasingly focused on storage solutions for utilities which are working to integrate renewable energy into their grid. Renewable energy sources like solar and wind power are inherently intermittent and unreliable, making the long-term potential for growth of these energy forms dependent upon effective storage—otherwise utilities will be unwilling to make their grid reliant upon an undue amount of "new" energy sources, capping the potential for solar and wind.

Meanwhile, the growth in demand for electric car batteries has failed to meet expectations, as the uptake of electric vehicles has failed to meet forecasts, due in part to the global economic slowdown but also due to other factors like a relative lack of infrastructure for charging (in the case of pure electric vehicles). As such, many battery makers are turning their focus to large scale energy storage solutions.

In the lithium-ion battery sector manufacturers like Altair Nanotechnologies, A123 Systems and Ener1 are devoting substantial resources to renewables integration after ambitious expectations for electric vehicles proved to be overblown. In the lead-acid and advanced lead-acid battery sector, publicly held companies like Enersys, Johnson Controls, Exide Technologies and Axion Power International together with privately held companies like Ecoult and Xtreme Power are all working on demonstration projects.

The same is true in the flow-battery sector where publicly held ZBB Energy and privately held PrudentEnergy are conducting demonstrations. There is also intense activity from a number of private companies like Ambri, which is developing a low-cost liquid metal battery, Aquion Energy, which is developing a low-cost aqueous hybrid battery, and EOS Energy, which is developing a low-cost zinc-air battery. They won't all succeed, but they're all working very hard to bring cost-effective energy storage solutions to a highly cost-sensitive market.

Large-scale energy storage is still in its infancy, and at the same time the market for electrified vehicles is rapidly evolving, but it seems clear that the long term growth for effective and efficient energy storage will be strong.

Company: Symbol:	EnerSy ENS	s		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments: Long Term Investments:		212.3 - -	M M	
Total Cash: Total Debt:		212.3 228.0	M	
Net Cash: Outstanding Shares: Net Cash / Share:	\$	(15.7) 48.5 (0.32)	M	
Share Price: Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ \$	(0.32) 38.38 <b>38.70</b>		
Total Market Cap: Enterprise Value:		1,860.8 <b>1,876.4</b>		
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	7.3% 3.73		
Forward Earnings Multiple Forward Revenue Multiple		10.4 0.7		
<b>Dividend &amp; Yield:</b> % Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:	\$	- 13.2% 3.9%		N/M

### **Summary**

EnerSys, manufactures and distributes reserve power and motive power batteries, chargers, power equipment, and battery accessories to customers worldwide. Motive power batteries are utilized in electric forklift trucks and other commercial electric powered vehicles. Reserve power batteries are used in the telecommunication and utility industries, uninterruptible power supplies, and numerous applications requiring stored energy solutions including aerospace and defense systems.

EnerSys is involved in a variety of battery and energy storage fields, but one that may have substantial upside is its recently announced large-scale energy storage solution, OptiGrid Stored Energy Solutions. Analysts put the market size for large scale storage over the next one to two decades at between \$200 and \$600 billion. Large scale storage will allow utilities to better stabilize the grid and cope with issues like voltage regulation, frequency regulation, peak management and renewable power (i.e. wind and solar) integration.

There's a solid balance sheet, steady growth and good cost management here, we like it long-term.

Company: Symbol:	Johnson Controls JCI			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		265.0 M		
Short Term Investments:		- M		
Long Term Investments:		948.0 M		
Total Cash:		1,213.0 M		
Total Debt:		5,321.0 M		
Net Cash:		(4,108.0) M		
Outstanding Shares:		683.0 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(6.01)		
Share Price:	\$	31.39		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	37.40		
Total Market Cap:		21,439.4 M		
Enterprise Value:		25,547.4 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		2.7%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.60		
Forward Earnings Multiple		14.4 X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.6 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.72 / 2.3%		
% Held by Institutions:		79.5%		
% of Float Short:		2.5%		

### **Summary**

Johnson Controls, Inc. engages in building efficiency, automotive experience, and power solutions businesses worldwide. Its building efficiency business designs, produces, markets, and installs integrated heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, as well as building management systems, controls, and security and mechanical equipment.

Johnson Controls has a number of product lines, some of which rely heavily on both residential and commercial construction. It designs and manufactures integrated heating, air conditioning, and ventilation systems, building management systems, commercial and industrial refrigeration, energy efficiency systems for buildings, fire and safety solutions for buildings, etc. However, this company also manufactures automotive products, which include car batteries, car interiors and seating. This part of the company is seeing pressure in some areas since European car sales are weakening in many countries. Johnson Controls has also been involved in the A123 bankruptcy and tried to purchase the company's assets for \$125 million. A bankruptcy judge has now determined that an auction will take place December 6, 2012. The company sees 2013 earnings to be flat or slightly higher than the year ended September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Johnson Controls' fortunes are made and lost with the macro economy—construction and cars. We like the company but at 14.4x earnings, it's not yet time to buy. Neutral.

Company: Symbol:	Maxwell Technologies MXWL			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		20.1	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		20.1	М	
Total Debt:		9.9	M	
Net Cash:		10.2	M	
Outstanding Shares:		29.2	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.35		
Share Price:	\$	8.71		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	8.36		
Total Market Cap:		254.2	М	
Enterprise Value:		244.0	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		7.1%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.33		
Forward Earnings Multiple		25.3	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.4	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		72.6%		
% of Float Short:		8.5%		

### **Summary**

Maxwell Technologies, Inc. develops, manufactures, and markets energy storage and power delivery products, and microelectronic products worldwide. The company offers Ultracapacitors that are energy storage devices to provide energy storage and power delivery solutions for applications in transportation, automotive, information technology, renewable energy, and industrial electronics industries; and CONDIS high-voltage capacitors comprising grading and coupling capacitors, and capacitive voltage dividers used to ensure the safety and reliability of electric utility infrastructure and other applications involving transport, distribution, and measurement of high-voltage electrical energy.

There are some interesting long-term prospects for Maxwell, but for now the company appears stuck in a negative to flat growth environment. First, revenue growth in recent quarters was driven by ultracapacitor sales for hybrid buses and wind turbines, mostly in China. In its most recent earnings call, management expressed concerns about the impact that China's upcoming leadership change may have on the government's willingness to continue to subsidize deployment of these products. Then there's a mechanical issue that is affecting its hybrid bus ultracapacitators, and which will have an impact on sales for the next six months. And finally, Maxwell's "stop-start idle elimination" battery technology hasn't taken off with American carmakers and its two European partners, PeugeotCitroen and Lamborghini, are weathering the European economic crisis. With sales trends in question well into 2013, 25x earnings is simply too much to pay. We'll check back on this one in mid-2013.

Company: Symbol:	Graftech International, Ltd GTI				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		16.2	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		-	M		
Total Cash:		16.2	Μ		
Total Debt:		593.5	M		
Net Cash:		(577.3)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		134.2	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(4.30)			
Share Price:	\$	10.10			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	14.40			
Total Market Cap:		1,355.1	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		1,932.4	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		14.5%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.96			
Forward Earnings Multiple		15.0	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.4	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		82.2%			
% of Float Short:		7.1%			

### <u>Summary</u>

GrafTech International Ltd. engages in the manufacture and sale of synthetic and natural graphite and carbon based products worldwide. It operates in two segments, Industrial Materials and Engineered Solutions. The Industrial Materials segment manufactures and delivers graphite electrodes, which are used to produce steel and other non-ferrous metals; refractory products used in blast furnaces and submerged arc furnaces; and needle coke, a crystalline form of carbon used primarily in the production of graphite electrodes. The Engineered Solutions segment provides advanced graphite materials that are engineered synthetic graphite products used in the electronics, energy, transportation, defense, solar, metallurgical, chemical, oil, and gas exploration industries. This segment also offers natural graphite products, which enables thermal management solutions for the electronics industry; energy storage solutions for the transportation and power generation industries, as well as sealing materials.

GrafTech's core business is suffering along with the global economy as steel making has declined, but the company is also involved in energy storage, fuel cell technology and the solar industry. Until the global economy improves, we'd stay away. The 14.5% growth forecast for 2013 is partially due to acquisitions and the 15x multiple feels high. Weak short.

Company: Symbol:	Exide Technologies XIDE			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		74.3	М	
Short Term Investments:		- 1	М	
Long Term Investments:		]	Μ	
Total Cash:		74.3	M	
Total Debt:		754.1	Μ	
Net Cash:		( <b>679.8</b> ) ]	M	
Outstanding Shares:		77.2	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(8.81)		
Share Price:	\$	3.69		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	12.50		
Total Market Cap:		284.9	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		<b>964.7</b>	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		5.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.73		
Forward Earnings Multiple		17.1	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.3	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- /	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		70.3%		
% of Float Short:		5.8%		

#### Summary

Exide Technologies engages in the manufacture and supply of lead-acid batteries for transportation and industrial applications in the Americas, Europe, and rest of the world. It offers transportation batteries, including microhybrids. It also provides industrial energy products that consist of motive power batteries and offers network power batteries that are used for back-up power applications in telecommunications systems, data centers, hospitals, air traffic control, security systems, utilities, railway, and military.

Exide is in essentially the same lines of business as EnerSys, but where EnerSys has proven competent at managing its balance sheet and expenses, Exide is highly leveraged. Even after slumping following the most recent quarterly announcement, Exide trades at more than 17x forward earnings—short this name.

Company: Symbol:	Polypore International PPO			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		52.6	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		8.4	Μ	
Total Cash:		61.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		711.3	Μ	
Net Cash:		(650.3)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		46.6	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(13.96)		
Share Price:	\$	44.44		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	58.40		
Total Market Cap:		2,070.0	М	
Enterprise Value:		2,720.2	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		10.4%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.32		
Forward Earnings Multiple		25.2	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		3.4	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		111.1%		
% of Float Short:		34.6%		

### <u>Summary</u>

Polypore International, Inc., a technology filtration company, develops, manufactures, and markets specialized microporous membranes used in separation and filtration processes. It operates in two segments, Energy Storage and Separations Media.

Polypore's battery technology goes into electric vehicles, which is a growing trend overall, but which has suffered this year with economic woes in the U.S. and Europe. The company says the trend in Asia remains bright, but Polypore invested heavily for additional capacity before being hit with a global slowdown in both vehicle as well as consumer electronics sales this year. As a result, its cost structure is set up for higher sales levels that haven't yet materialized, especially after General Motors decided to idle production of the Chevrolet Volt, which runs on Polypore's lithium ion battery. Longer term, its other business lines show promise, including consumer electronics, water filtration, and healthcare. The company announced in October that it has retained Wells Fargo to advise it on strategic alternatives for its Daramic lead-acid battery separator facilities.

The stock's very expensive given the current environment and there's about \$14 per share of net debt there. Following a recent runup, PPO is clear short opportunity.

# Introduction -- Electric Utilities and Suppliers (including Smart Grid)

One hundred years after its inception, the electric utility industry is weathering a period of rapid change. Even as utilities have deployed smart grid technology like advanced meters and built increased intelligence into their grids, the demand for electricity is declining—but the need to shore up reliability and redundancy in the grid remains obvious, particularly in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

Electricity use in the U.S. fell 2% this year through September, and was down 3% from a year earlier, as consumers buy light bulbs that burn 25% fewer watts and install energy efficient appliances. According to the Energy Department, power and coal consumption has fallen 32% from 1981, and is now at record lows based on data collected since 1973. Consumers purchased 280 million energy-saving appliances in 2011, cutting their utility bills by \$23 billion according to the EPA.

The result is a margin squeeze for utilities, even as they're trying to upgrade their grids to incorporate more expensive green energy sources and deploy smart technology to help manage loads and help customers save money. According to Theodore Hesser, an analyst for Bloomberg New Energy Finance, utilities are expected to invest \$12.4 billion in smart meters and updated grids through 2015. Most analysts now expect annual growth in demand of just about 1% through 2030, compared with 1.7% growth between 1990 and 2011. This may lead utilities to seek more frequent rate hikes from regulators or delay capital investment.

So what does it all mean? For investors, the traditionally safe, high yielding electric utilities may not be as attractive as in years past. A small change in demand can have a significant impact on these businesses and their economics. Governments worldwide are going to push for better reliability and redundancy, and if that means higher electric rates, so be it. Utilities are also increasingly moving into higher profit services like installing programmable thermostats and retrofitting buildings with windows, insulation and roofing that use less energy—but these efforts could lead to even lower demand in the long run and a downward spiral for the utilities. On the other hand, an economic rebound is sure to bring higher consumption—to some degree. Should demand fall far enough, unregulated producers could find themselves in a situation where they can't charge enough for their business models. Regulated utilities, on the other hand, may find relief in rewritten rate-making formulas that base profitability on a rate of return model, much like regulated telephone companies. Variable pricing based on peak versus off-peak usage is also spreading.

For those supplying the equipment—whether old fashioned grid equipment that simply needs to be upgraded or newer smart technology—the dynamics are also changing. While grid reliability remains in the spotlight today, the drive for smart technology is slowing in North America, where advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) has already been widely deployed. The same is true in Europe, where the economy is even weaker. Still, opportunity exists on other continents: Africa, Central and South America and Asia still have room to grow in terms of smart grid deployment. Municipalities and cooperative utilities in the U.S. are also showing increased activity more recently.

At the end of the day the utilities and regulators will have to balance the need to be green with the need for utilities and their investors to make a reasonable return. And they will—but in the near-term the shifting dynamics mean that even the good old electric utilities aren't necessarily a great long-term buy unless you're already retired and want the dividend income. And don't forget, dividends are sometimes lowered or even eliminated if a company's economics change drastically.

Company: Symbol:	MYR Group Inc. MYRG			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		16.6	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		16.6	Μ	
Total Debt:		-	M	
Net Cash:		16.6	M	
Outstanding Shares:		20.5	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.81		
Share Price:	\$	21.70		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	20.89		
Total Market Cap:		445.5	М	
Enterprise Value:		428.9	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		6.4%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.76		
Forward Earnings Multiple		11.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.4	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		94.5%		
% of Float Short:		2.2%		

# **Summary**

MYR Group Inc., through its subsidiaries, operates as a specialty contractor serving the electrical infrastructure market in the United States. The company operates in two segments, Transmission and Distribution, and Commercial and Industrial.

MYR Group is benefitting by upgrades to the grid being undertaken by electric utilities worldwide, and the company expects that trend to remain strong for several years. Third quarter revenue, cash flow and earnings all grew handsomely compared with the prior year, and although the stock has already jumped up some on that news, we agree that the upgrade trend continues for years to come. At 11.9x forward earnings, MYRG is still well priced for growth and there's no debt on the balance sheet. Buy.

Company: Symbol:	Acorn Energy Inc. ACFN			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		31.7 M		
Short Term Investments:		- M		
Long Term Investments:		- <u>M</u>		
Total Cash:		31.7 M		
Total Debt:		0.0 M		
Net Cash:		<u>31.7</u> M		
Outstanding Shares:		18.0 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.76		
Share Price:	\$	7.96		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	6.20		
Total Market Cap:		143.3 M		
Enterprise Value:		111.6 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		93.0%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.43)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.7 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.14 / 1.8%		
% Held by Institutions:		48.9%		
% of Float Short:		26.6%		

#### **Summary**

Acorn Energy, Inc., through its subsidiaries, provides technology driven solutions for energy infrastructure asset management worldwide. It offers sonar and acoustic related solutions for energy, defense, and commercial markets with a focus on underwater site security for strategic energy installations and other acoustic systems, as well as develops and produces real-time embedded hardware and software.

Acorn is still an evolving digital energy company and its revenue is expected to nearly double next year to \$40 million. Recently it announced a 500 unit sale of its TransformerIQ advanced monitoring devices by a major California utility. The company said that unit sales with this utility could exceed 100,000 assuming successful integration, and it also believes that nationwide, the market for its Distribution Automation technology could number 30 million. Acorn said the inital sale is worth \$1 million, which implies a price of \$2,000 per unit, an eventual sales value with this one utility of \$200 million, although volume discounts might be expected. No need to even mention the potential of the overall market nationwide, we like the potential here, as well as the clean balance sheet and, guess what? There's a dividend too. Time to start collecting Acorns.

Company: Symbol:	Cisco Systems, Inc. CSCO			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		4,773.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		40,227.0	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		45,000.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		16,272.0	M	
Net Cash:		28,728.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		5,300.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	5.42		
Share Price:	\$	20.48		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	15.06		
Total Market Cap:		108,544.0	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		79,816.0	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		6.0%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.08		
Forward Earnings Multiple		7.2	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.6	Х	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.56	/	2.7%
% Held by Institutions:		69.2%		
% of Float Short:		1.0%		

# **Summary**

Cisco Systems, Inc. designs, manufactures, and sells Internet protocol (IP) based networking and other products related to the communications and information technology industries worldwide. It offers switching products, including fixed-configuration and modular switches, and storage products that provide connectivity to end users, workstations, IP phones, access points, and servers, as well as function as aggregators on local-area networks and wide-area networks; and routers that interconnects public and private IP networks for mobile, data, voice, and video applications.

We've included Cisco here because it's a leader in the Smart Grid technology arena, though its nearer-term fortunes will be dictated by broader networking industry issues. Despite the difficult environment in its core enterprise networking business, Cisco beat analyst projections in the latest quarter and grew revenue 6%. Despite a recent runup, at just 7.2x forward earnings, the stock is still cheap.

Company: Symbol:	Power-One, Inc. PWER			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		251.9	М	
Short Term Investments:		35.4	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		287.4	Μ	
Total Debt:		70.4	M	
Net Cash:		217.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		121.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.79		
Share Price:	\$	4.67		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	2.88		
Total Market Cap:		565.1	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		348.0	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		-6.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.45		
Forward Earnings Multiple		6.4	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.4	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		70.9%		
% of Float Short:		14.1%		

# Summary

Power-One, Inc. engages in the design, manufacture, sale, and service of power supply products for the renewable energy (RE), servers, storage and networking, telecommunications, industrials, and network power systems industries worldwide. Its products convert, regulate, purify, store, manage, or distribute electrical power for electronic equipment. The company provides RE inverters, which convert solar or wind energy into useable grid connected power for use in residential and commercial, and utility-grade solar panels, as well as wind turbine farms; and alternate current (AC)/direct current (DC) power supplies that convert AC into DC voltage used primarily in networking systems, network servers and storage, and industrial equipment.

Despite the difficult market for solar installations, Power-One has managed to grow its top line in 2012 and improve margins. The company shipped 1,007 MW of inverters in the third quarter, driven by strength in Europe, North America and Asia Pacific. It has also announced a number of new products, including inverters for utility scale power plants. Growth is expected to slow in coming quarters due to a slowdown in Europe, particularly in Germany and Italy, but Power-One appears to be doing well in terms of market share and is cheap on a valuation basis. This one's a buy.

Company: Symbol:	EMCOR Group, Inc. EME			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		474.4	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		4.7	M	
Total Cash:		479.1	Μ	
Total Debt:		156.0	M	
Net Cash:		323.1	M	
Outstanding Shares:		66.5	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	4.86		
Share Price:	\$	35.20		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	30.34		
Total Market Cap:		2,342.2	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		2,019.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		5.4%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.45		
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.4	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.3	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.20	/	0.6%
% Held by Institutions:		98.7%		
% of Float Short:		3.0%		

#### Summary

EMCOR Group, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, provides electrical and mechanical construction, and facilities services to commercial, industrial, utility, and institutional customers in the United States, the United Kingdom, and internationally.

EMCOR surprised to the upside in the third quarter and raised its outlook for full year 2012 revenue and earnings. Its project backlog grew and margins also expanded. Though its trading near its 52 week highs, the forward multiple is just 12.4x and there's nearly \$5 in cash per share. We like the outlook for EMCOR, particularly as the economy improves.

Company: Symbol:	AZZ I AZZ			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		68.7	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		68.7	Μ	
Total Debt:		196.4	Μ	
Net Cash:		(127.7)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		25.3	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(5.05)		
Share Price:	\$	39.49		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	44.54		
Total Market Cap:		999.5	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		1,127.2	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		13.5%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.67		
Forward Earnings Multiple		16.7	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.7	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.56	/	1.4%
% Held by Institutions:		81.8%		
% of Float Short:		2.4%		

#### **Summary**

AZZ incorporated manufactures and sells electrical equipment and components for power generation, transmission and distribution, and industrial markets primarily in the United States and Canada. It operates in two segments, Electrical and Industrial Products, and Galvanizing Services.

Like MYR Group, AZZ is benefitting from utility upgrades in general, and also by investor recognition of the need in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. AZZ has been making acquisitions, most recently of a galvanizing services company in Canada. In its most recent quarter, the company's profit surged by 65% and it boosted fiscal full year 2013 (ending February).

At 16.4x earnings, AZZ isn't as much of a bargain as MYR Group, but its growth profile and potential should support even more. This one's also a buy.

Company: Symbol:	Pacific Gas & Electric PCG				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		714.0	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		2,488.0	Μ		
Total Cash:		3,202.0	Μ		
Total Debt:		12,915.0	Μ		
Net Cash:		(9,713.0)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		428.0	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(22.69)			
Share Price:	\$	41.17			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	63.86			
Total Market Cap:		17,620.8	М		
Enterprise Value:		27,333.8	M		
2013e Sales Growth:		1.3%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.87			
Forward Earnings Multiple		22.3	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.8	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	1.82	/	4.4%	
% Held by Institutions:		76.2%			
% of Float Short:		0.9%			

# **Summary**

PG&E Corporation is a public utility company in northern and central California. It engages in electricity and natural gas distribution; electricity generation and transmission; and natural gas procurement, transportation, and transmission and storage operations. The company owns and operates electricity generation facilities, transmission and distribution lines, and substations; and an integrated natural gas transportation, storage, and distribution system, as well as has underground natural gas storage fields in California. It serves residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural customers; street and highway lighting; and other electric utilities. PG&E serves 5.2 million electricity customers and 4.3 natural gas customers.

PG&E has been aggressive with its smart grid deployments and represents a safe, defensive play in an uncertain market, thanks to its relative stability and 4%+ dividend yield.

Company: Symbol:	EnerNC ENOC	ЭС		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		93.2	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		93.2	Μ	
Total Debt:		-	Μ	
Net Cash:		93.2	M	
Outstanding Shares:		28.9	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	3.22		
Share Price:	\$	12.04		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	8.82		
Total Market Cap:		348.1	М	
Enterprise Value:		255.0	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		38.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.53		
Forward Earnings Multiple		16.6	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.7	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		51.5%		
% of Float Short:		9.0%		

#### **Summary**

EnerNOC, Inc. provides energy management applications, services, and products for the smart grid, which include demand response, data-driven energy efficiency, energy price and risk management, and enterprise carbon management. The company uses its network operations center and demand response application, DemandSMART, to remotely manage and reduce electricity consumption across a network of commercial, institutional, and industrial end-users of energy (C&I customers) sites, and electric power grid operator and utility customers.

EnerNOC monitors excess power at businesses and industrial customer sites and then sells the power back to the utilities and pays participating businesses, effectively creating a power plant of its own. The company now supports capacity of 8.3 GWs that can be used to support its grid. It recently completed a \$10 million project for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, where it installed its EfficiencySMART energy management software in more than 480 state-owned buildings. The company also recently raised its revenue guidance for both 2012 and 2013. We like the growth and analysts have recently doubled their earnings forecast for 2013. We rate ENOC a buy.

Company: Symbol:	Digi International DGII				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		60.2	М		
Short Term Investments:		58.4	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		2.0	Μ		
Total Cash:		120.6	М		
Total Debt:		-	Μ		
Net Cash:		120.6	M		
Outstanding Shares:		25.9	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	4.67			
Share Price:	\$	9.72			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	5.05			
Total Market Cap:		251.3	М		
Enterprise Value:		130.6	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		8.1%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.38			
Forward Earnings Multiple		13.3	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.6	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		92.9%			
% of Float Short:		5.2%			

# **Summary**

Digi International Inc. engages in the provision of machine to machine networking products and solutions to connect, monitor, and control of local or remote physical assets by electronic means. It offers a range of embedded products, including modules, single board computers, chips, satellite communication devices, and software and development tools; and non embedded products comprising cellular products, serial servers, console servers, universal serial bus connected products, serial cards, and wireless communication adaptors.

Despite the undoubted upside potential for M2M applications, especially for utilities, Digi has had some execution issues in 2012, with both revenue and earnings falling versus fiscal 2011 (year end September). To a certain extent, American consumers have resisted Smart Meters as an invasion of privacy, which has slowed sales in the U.S. versus Europe where Smart Meter deployment has been rapid. It also didn't help that Digi's former CFO was recently charged with securities fraud by the SEC, although the company wasn't named in the suit.

On the positive side, Digi has a clean balance sheet and just announced that it will buy Etherios, Inc., a Chicago based consulting and professional services organization that uses a cloud-based method for integrating machines into core business processes. We'd like to see execution improve before committing too much, but we rate it a weak long.

Company: Symbol:	Xcel Energy Inc. XEL				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		747.3	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		1,714.1	Μ		
Total Cash:		2,461.4	Μ		
Total Debt:		10,105.9	Μ		
Net Cash:		(7,644.6)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		487.6	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(15.68)			
Share Price:	\$	27.40			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	43.08			
Total Market Cap:		13,360.8	М		
Enterprise Value:		21,005.3	M		
2013e Sales Growth:		3.8%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.89			
Forward Earnings Multiple		22.8	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.9	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	1.08	/	3.9%	
% Held by Institutions:		64.3%			
% of Float Short:		1.1%			

### **Summary**

Xcel Energy is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.4 million electricity customers and 1.9 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. The company generates electricity using coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydro, solar, waste, biomass, oil, and wind energy sources.

Xcel recently asked the Minnesota PUC for a 10.7% rate hike, along with an interim hike to take effect in January. The company says it has been investing more than \$1 billion a year to meet the need for safe, reliable and clean energy. Xcel says it needs to upgrade its Monticello and Prairie Island nuclear plants and cover increased property taxes associated with investments in its system. If approved, the final rate hike would take place in 2014. Xcel also recently cut the ribbon on two new wind farms in Colorado, giving it the capacity for 2,100 MWs of wind power in the state.

Like other electric utilities, Xcel faces slow growth and heavy capital investment. We like the diversified mix of generation assets and the 4% dividend, but like many, it's multiple exceeds its growth prospects. Weak long.

Company: Symbol:	National Grid plc NGG				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		1,543.0	М		
Short Term Investments:		3,820.0	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		3,852.0	Μ		
Total Cash:		9,215.0	Μ		
Total Debt:		34,835.0	M		
Net Cash:		(25,620.0)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		713.9	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(35.89)			
Share Price:	\$	57.36			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	93.25			
Total Market Cap:		40,949.3	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		66,569.3	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		1.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	4.31			
Forward Earnings Multiple		21.6	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.9	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	4.03	/	7.0%	
% Held by Institutions:		N/A			
% of Float Short:		N/A			

#### **Summary**

National Grid plc engages in the transmission and distribution of electricity and gas in Great Britain and northeastern United States. National Grid's UK Transmission segment operates assets in the UK, Scotland and Wales along with cable network connections to Northern Europe. The UK Gas Distribution segment operates four networks of gas distribution pipelines, totaling 82,000 miles and covering the needs of 10 million people. The US Regulated segment owns gas and electric assets in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Upstate New York, and Long Island. Combined, NGG's US Regulated segment serves 3.5 million electrical and 3.5 million gas customers.

Over the next few years, NGG's major capital expansion will focus on its regulated UK Transmission business. Domestic UK electricity production is expected to increase with new alternative sources along with a new nuclear facility. In addition, expansion of undersea cable connections with Northern Europe will add to potential exports when domestic production exceeds domestic demand. The bulk of NGG's proposed capex budget of \$30 billion from 2012 to 2015 will be in these projects. US earnings are expected to get a boost in 2013 from about \$200 million in annual cost savings from its recent acquisition of Keyspan. The company has also filed rate increase requests in several of their service regions. Because NGG doesn't necessarily pay the same dividend quarterly as most American companies, the 7% yield reported Yahoo! Finance is misleading, but the yield has averaged about 5% historically. There's also a lot of debt but potentially higher growth ahead. This is a steady-as-she-goes long.

Company: Symbol:	Portland General Electric POR				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		156.0	Μ		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		-	M		
Total Cash:		156.0	М		
Total Debt:		1,736.0	Μ		
Net Cash:		(1,580.0)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		75.5	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(20.93)			
Share Price:	\$	28.07			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	49.00			
Total Market Cap:		2,119.3	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		3,699.3	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		1.8%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.92			
Forward Earnings Multiple		25.5	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.0	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	1.08	/	3.8%	
% Held by Institutions:		92.0%			
% of Float Short:		2.2%			

### **Summary**

Portland General Electric Company engages in the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution, and retail sale of electricity in the state of Oregon. It operates five thermal plants, seven hydroelectric plants, and a wind farm located in eastern Oregon; and approximately 1,100 circuit miles of transmission lines. The company also sells electricity and natural gas in the wholesale market to utilities, brokers, and power marketers in the United States and Canada, and serves more than 800,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the Portland/Salem Oregon area.

Portland General Electric has kept its earnings relatively stable this year despite a warmer winter which led to reduced deliveries. Lower cost natural gas prices helped reduce costs but this was partially offset by lower energy received from hydo and wind generating resources. PGE is implementing an Integrated Resource Plan and has requested proposals for numerous projects, including renewable generating sources. Negotiations will continue into 2013. Overall, PGE appears to be reasonably well positioned for a slow-growth utility, but its valuation is high and the 3.8% dividend only partially mitigates that fact. Neutral.

Company: Symbol:	WESCO International, Inc WCC				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	72.0	М			
Short Term Investments:	-	Μ			
Long Term Investments:	 -	M			
Total Cash:	72.0	Μ			
Total Debt:	 562.0	M			
Net Cash:	 (490.0)	M			
Outstanding Shares:	50.0	М			
Net Cash / Share:	\$ (9.80)				
Share Price:	\$ 69.00				
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ 78.80				
Total Market Cap:	3,450.0	М			
Enterprise Value:	3,940.0	Μ			
2013e Sales Growth:	8.4%				
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$ 5.25				
Forward Earnings Multiple	15.0	X			
Forward Revenue Multiple	N/M	X			
Dividend & Yield:	\$ -	/	N/M		
% Held by Institutions:	114.9%				
% of Float Short:	19.7%				

### <u>Summary</u>

WESCO International, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, engages in the distribution of electrical, industrial, and communications maintenance, repair, and operating (MRO) products; and original equipment manufacturers products and construction materials. It also provides supply chain management and logistics services.

WESCO has been growing by acquisitions and diversifying its business lines, which has helped it to weather the global slowdown and keep earnings growing. In October it announced it will acquire Canadian electrical supplier EECOL Electric Corp. of Calgary, Alberta, for \$1.16 billion. In the third quarter it closed on the buys of Trydor Industries (a Canadian utility supplier) and Conney Safety. WESCO will finance the EECOL deal with a new term loan, which will push debt up to about \$1.6 billion. Analysts believe the integration of its many acquisitions as well as a slowly strengthening global economy should lead to margin expansion at WESCO, but the growing debt and its own comment that orders in the fourth quarter are off to a slow start give us pause. A 15x earnings multiple implies growth, but until the acquisitions are absorbed, it's difficult to say how strong top line growth really is—leaving margin expansion the only way to justify the present valuation. Wait and see.

Company: Symbol:	Hubbell, Inc. HUB-B				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		605.6	М		
Short Term Investments:		9.0	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		38.0	M		
Total Cash:		652.6	Μ		
Total Debt:		596.6	M		
Net Cash:		56.0	M		
Outstanding Shares:		59.3	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.94			
Share Price:	\$	87.19			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	86.25			
Total Market Cap:		5,170.4	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		5,114.4	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		6.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	5.00			
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.6	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	1.64	/	1.9%	
% Held by Institutions:		N/A			
% of Float Short:		0.8%			

#### **Summary**

Hubbell Incorporated engages in the design, manufacture, and sale of electrical and electronic products in the United States and internationally. The company operates in two segments, Electrical and Power.

Hubbell is heavily involved in the construction market which has been, and is likely to continue, to be weak. It has continued to grow its top line and meet or beat analyst expectations, but is trading near its 52-week high. Forward estimates for earnings were not available, but based on its trailing earnings, the multiple exceeds 17.5x. Not a sell, but not a buy either at this price.

Company: Symbol:	Gener BGC	al Cable		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		438.8	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		19.0	Μ	
Total Cash:		457.8	М	
Total Debt:		918.2	M	
Net Cash:		(460.4)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		49.7	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(9.26)		
Share Price:	\$	31.91		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	41.17		
Total Market Cap:		1,585.9	М	
Enterprise Value:		2,046.3	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		13.1%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.99		
Forward Earnings Multiple		13.8	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.3	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		104.9%		
% of Float Short:		11.0%		

### **Summary**

General Cable Corporation engages in the development, design, manufacture, marketing, and distribution of copper, aluminum, and fiber optic wire and cable products for use in the energy, industrial, construction, specialty, and communications markets worldwide.

General Cable has been growing via a slew of acquisitions which help its top line growth profile, but the business is subject to the ups and downs of metals pricing, the company has relatively high debt and, of greater concern, the company delayed its third quarter filing after announcing that it would be restating its financials going back to 2010, due to errors at three plants in Brazil and South Africa. The company also said, "prior financial statements should not be relied on."

That's all we needed to hear, until reliable financials are available, we'll stay away.

Company: Symbol:	ESCO Technologies ESE				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		34.2	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	М		
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Total Cash:		34.2	Μ		
Total Debt:		75.0	Μ		
Net Cash:		(40.8)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		26.7	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(1.53)			
Share Price:	\$	39.20			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	40.73			
Total Market Cap:		1,048.2	М		
Enterprise Value:		1,089.1	M		
2013e Sales Growth:		12.2%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.42			
Forward Earnings Multiple		16.8	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.4	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.32	/	0.8%	
% Held by Institutions:		94.6%			
% of Float Short:		4.0%			

#### Summary

ESCO Technologies Inc. produces and sells engineered products and systems for utility, industrial, aerospace, and commercial applications worldwide. Its Utility Solutions segment manufactures two-way power line communication systems comprising equipment, software, and support services for automatic meter reading, load control, interval data, outage assessment/restoration monitoring, remote service disconnect/connect, time-of-use data for critical peak pricing, tamper/theft detection, and pre-paid metering.

ESCO has a promising outlook in the Smart Grid arena, although it has faced some challenges in its Testing division, where it is in the process of restructuring and closing one plant. In its most recent earnings report, the company reported that it has now received \$135 million in orders from SoCalGas, which is deploying its Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) products. Management sees 10% revenue growth in 2013 (analysts forecast 12%), but that growth is weighted to the second half of the year. We're a little concerned that most of the growth seems to be coming from one customer (SoCalGas) and the valuation multiple may be high, particularly if it fails to meet its targets for first half earnings. We'll wait a while on this one.

Company: Symbol:	NextEra Energy, Inc. NEE				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		246.0	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		1,915.0	Μ		
Total Cash:		2,161.0	Μ		
Total Debt:		22,714.0	M		
Net Cash:		(20,553.0)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		423.2	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(48.56)			
Share Price:	\$	70.88			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	119.44			
Total Market Cap:		29,997.1	М		
Enterprise Value:		50,550.1	M		
2013e Sales Growth:		6.9%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	4.95			
Forward Earnings Multiple		24.1	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		3.1	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	2.40	/	3.4%	
% Held by Institutions:		69.5%			
% of Float Short:		2.5%			

#### **Summary**

NextEra Energy, Inc., through its subsidiaries, engages in the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric energy in the United States and Canada. The company is involved in the generation of renewable energy from wind and solar projects. It also generates electricity through natural gas, nuclear, oil and coal, and hydro power plants. The company serves approximately 8.9 million people through approximately 4.6 million customer accounts in the east and lower west coasts of Florida. In addition, it leases wholesale fiber-optic network capacity and dark fiber to telephone, wireless, Internet, and other telecommunications companies.

NextEra Energy is North America's largest producer of wind and solar power, which it sells to utilities. It recently completed two large wind farms for Xcel Energy in Colorado, and it is in the process of developing a 1,000 MW solar project in Riverside County, California (the Blythe project) which will be the world's largest solar farm when complete. Earnings in the most recent quarter came in slightly below expectations and the multiple remains somewhat high thanks in part to the 3.4% dividend NEE pays. NEE is also awaiting a ruling in a rate case with the Florida Public Service Commission, which could impact its Florida Power & Light results, and its Seabrook nuclear facility has been weak recently. We like the emphasis on solar and wind but the valuation looks rich. Neutral.

Company: Symbol:	Badger Meter, Inc. BMI				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		6.1	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	М		
Long Term Investments:		-	M		
Total Cash:		6.1	М		
Total Debt:		-	M		
Net Cash:		6.1	M		
Outstanding Shares:		14.3	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.42			
Share Price:	\$	49.47			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	49.05			
Total Market Cap:		707.4	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		701.4	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		6.4%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.25			
Forward Earnings Multiple		21.8	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.1	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.68	/	1.4%	
% Held by Institutions:		75.7%			
% of Float Short:		4.7%			

#### **Summary**

Badger Meter Inc. manufacturers and marketers flow measurement and control products to water and gas utilities, municipalities, and industrial customers worldwide. Its products are used in various applications, including water, oil, and lubricants. The company offers water meters, and related technologies and services for generating water and wastewater primarily in the United States, as well as for other water-based purposes comprising irrigation, water reclamation, and industrial process applications. It also provides meters, and related technologies and services for measuring various fluids in industries, such as food and beverage, pharmaceutical production, petroleum, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, and measuring and dispensing automotive fluids.

Badger posted solid results in the latest quarter thanks to the incorporation of Racine Federation and Cox Flow Measurement and Remag, which it acquired earlier this year. Margins also expanded thanks to the altered product mix. The stock looks pricey here, however, and Badger's newer products, geared toward struggling municipal bodies, are likely to need time to gain traction. The company also said that it is seeing "some uncertainty in the utility market related to the economy and municipal budgeting." We're just a little concerned that stock might be ahead of itself here, but might reconsider after any notable pullback.

Company: Symbol:	Pike E PIKE	nergy		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		1.3	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		1.3	Μ	
Total Debt:		207.5	M	
Net Cash:		(206.2)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		35.1	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(5.87)		
Share Price:	\$	9.71		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	15.58		
Total Market Cap:		341.0	М	
Enterprise Value:		547.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		29.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.69		
Forward Earnings Multiple		22.6	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.6	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		55.1%		
% of Float Short:		2.2%		

#### Summary

Pike Electric Corporation is a provider of energy solutions to over 300 investor-owned, municipal and cooperative utilities in the United States. The company's services include facilities planning and siting, permitting, engineering, design, installation, maintenance and repair of electric and communication infrastructure.

As the nation's electric utilities look to upgrade the grid, and with storm damage on the scale of Superstorm Sandy seeming to happen more frequently, Pike appears well-positioned to benefit. However, its lofty growth rate for 2013 is partially fueled by a recent acquisition, and at nearly 23x forward earnings, the stock may be getting ahead of itself, especially with no dividend. Neutral.

Company: Symbol:	AES Corporation AES				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		2,301.0	М		
Short Term Investments:		883.0	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		1,392.0	Μ		
Total Cash:		4,576.0	Μ		
Total Debt:		19,428.0	Μ		
Net Cash:		(14,852.0)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		748.0	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(19.86)			
Share Price:	\$	11.20			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	31.06			
Total Market Cap:		8,377.6	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		23,229.6	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		3.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.28			
Forward Earnings Multiple		24.3	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.3	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.16	/	1.4%	
% Held by Institutions:		76.0%			
% of Float Short:		0.6%			

#### **Summary**

The AES Corporation, a power company, operates a portfolio of electricity generation and distribution businesses. Its Generation business owns and/or operates power plants to generate and sell power to wholesale customers, such as utilities and other intermediaries. The company generates electricity through various sources, including coal, diesel, fuel oil, natural gas, and biomass, as well as renewable sources comprising hydroelectric power, wind, and solar.

AES is in the midst of a restructuring and while it has potential upside in Latin American and European ventures, its buy a year ago of DPS (parent of Dayton Power & Light) has underperformed and the company just announced new "market oriented" business units and one top exec is leaving. AES hopes to generate savings of \$145 million by 2014 under the plan. It will also take a nearly \$2 billion non-cash impairment on its DPL buy, due to lower electricity prices in Ohio last year, which compressed margins. The company reaffirmed its full year earnings expectations, but it has a boatload of debt and is trading at more than 24x earnings on an enterprise value basis. Neutral to weak short.

Company: Symbol:	Otter Tail Corp. OTTR				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		- M			
Short Term Investments:		- M			
Long Term Investments:		9.1 M			
Total Cash:		9.1 M			
Total Debt:		421.8 M			
Net Cash:		(412.8) M			
Outstanding Shares:		36.2 M			
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(11.42)			
Share Price:	\$	25.45			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	36.87			
Total Market Cap:		920.3 M			
Enterprise Value:		1,333.0 M			
2013e Sales Growth:		-7.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.40			
Forward Earnings Multiple		26.3 X			
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.4 X			
Dividend & Yield:	\$	1.19 / 4.7%			
% Held by Institutions:		29.7%			
% of Float Short:		3.4%			

#### <u>Summary</u>

Otter Tail is an electric utility with about 130,000 customers in rural parts of Minnesota and the Dakotas. It also owns several unregulated units, such as a metal stamping business, a wind energy company, and a plastics unit.

Otter Tail announced in September that it will sell its wind energy division, DMI Industries, to Trinity Industries for \$20 million, siting the continued uncertainty in the wind energy market and the fact that Congress hadn't yet renewed the production tax credit for wind. Otter tail has been selling assets for a few years now—it sold its sporting goods unit, a health technology company, and a potato farm. Unfortunately, what that leaves is a less diversified utility with negative trends. The dividend yield is nearly 5%, but at more than 26x forward earnings, it's too expensive.

Company: Symbol:	Edison International EIX				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		1,080.0	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		544.0	Μ		
Total Cash:		1,624.0	Μ		
Total Debt:		14,273.0	M		
Net Cash:		(12,649.0)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		325.8	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(38.82)			
Share Price:	\$	47.00			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	85.82			
Total Market Cap:		15,313.1	М		
Enterprise Value:		27,962.1	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		1.6%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.62			
Forward Earnings Multiple		32.8	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.2	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	1.30	/	2.8%	
% Held by Institutions:		79.6%			
% of Float Short:		0.8%			

#### **Summary**

Edison International engages in the generation and distribution of electric power. It operates in two segments, Electric Utility and Competitive Power Generation. The Electric Utility segment supplies electricity primarily to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, as well as public authorities through transmission and distribution networks. The Competitive Power Generation segment is involved coal-fired and natural gas-fired generating facilities, and renewable energy facilities, primarily wind projects.

Rosemeand, California-based Edison International is getting hurt on two fronts in California: First, the PUC in the state has delayed a ruling on Edison's efforts to raise rates; until it is allowed to charge higher rates, the investments it has made in infrastructure are hurting profitability. Second, its San Onofre nuclear plant is presently shut down and has cost the company \$317 million in severance and inspection and repair costs. It remains unclear whether Edison will be able to restart either of the two reactors there. Edison's third quarter earnings fell 55% compared with the year earlier. At nearly 33x projected earnings and with all of the regulatory uncertainty, Edison is unattractive in spite of its 2.8% dividend.

Company: Symbol:	Jinpan International, Ltd. JST				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments:		26.0	M M		
Long Term Investments:		-	M		
Total Cash:		26.0			
Total Debt:		15.4	Μ		
Net Cash:		10.6	M		
Outstanding Shares:		16.2	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.66			
Share Price:	\$	5.98			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	5.32			
Total Market Cap:		96.8	М		
Enterprise Value:		86.1	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		11.2%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.18			
Forward Earnings Multiple		4.5	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.4	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.14	/ 2.3%		
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		17.2% 0.4%			

#### **Summary**

Jinpan International Limited engages in designing, manufacturing, and marketing cast resin transformers and other power control and distribution products in the People's Republic of China, the United States, and Europe. Its cast resin transformers allow high voltage transmissions of electricity to be distributed to various locations in lower and more usable voltages.

Jinpan, over the past eight years, has grown its exposure to wind energy distribution products and entered into the OEM market for wind farm suppliers. This hurt the company in its most recent reported quarter: "Our business in the second quarter was negatively impacted by a change in the design of wind power products by our primary OEM customer, resulting in decreased international sales. We were also impacted by weaker than expected domestic orders in China due to a softer economic environment." Jinpan makes about 90% of its revenue in China, and over the long-term China's plans for wind energy expansion could make for an opportunity. But there's just one analyst covering the stock, so we don't necessarily trust the 2013 earnings estimate. Stay away.

Company: Symbol:	Ambient AMBT	Corp.		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		15.3	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		15.3	М	
Total Debt:		-	M	
Net Cash:		15.3	M	
Outstanding Shares:		16.7	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.92		
Share Price:	\$	3.25		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	2.33		
Total Market Cap:		54.1	М	
Enterprise Value:		38.9	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		N/A		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.06		
Forward Earnings Multiple		38.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		N/M	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		1.5%		
% of Float Short:		7.9%		

#### **Summary**

Ambient Corporation provides a smart grid communications platform that enables utilities to deploy, integrate, and communicate with multiple devices creating smart grid applications within the electric power distribution grid. The company's Ambient smart grid communications platform provides utilities with a secure, two-way, and open Internet protocol (IP) architecture that networks smart grid applications and various technologies within an application, and supports multiple communications technologies used by utilities, such as Wi-Fi, radio frequency, cellular technologies, power line communications, serial, and Ethernet.

Ambient's nascent revenue base was hit hard this year when its largest customer decided to modify its timeline for field installation of the Ambient Smart Grid solution. Revenue for the nine months ended in September fell by about 25%. The company has no debt, however, and has released a number of new products in recent months. The company said in its latest release, "Our marquee customer has placed orders for the new products, which we expect to deliver over the next six months." The company says it is working on expanding its customer base and it has made strategic additions to its sales organization. But until it has more than just one "marquee" customer, we're leery of the 39x multiple of earnings.

Company: Symbol:	Itron, Inc. ITRI			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		91.5 M		
Short Term Investments:		- M		
Long Term Investments:		29.9 M		
Total Cash:		121.3 M		
Total Debt:		421.3 M		
Net Cash:		(299.9) M		
Outstanding Shares:		39.2 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(7.65)		
Share Price:	\$	45.64		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	53.29		
Total Market Cap:		1,789.4 M		
Enterprise Value:		2,089.3 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		-2.8%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	3.70		
Forward Earnings Multiple		14.4 X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.0 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M		
% Held by Institutions:		89.7%		
% of Float Short:		4.5%		

#### Summary

Itron, Inc. provides metering solutions, meter data management software, and knowledge application solutions to electric, natural gas, and water utilities worldwide. The company offers electricity, natural gas, and water metering systems in three categories, including standard, advanced, and smart. Its standard meters measure electricity, natural gas, water, and thermal energy by mechanical, electromechanical, and electronic means. The company's advanced metering systems and technologies use a communication module embedded in the meter to collect and store detailed meter data, which is transmitted to handheld computers, mobile units, and fixed networks allowing utilities to collect the data for billing systems and analyze the meter data for resource management and operations. Its smart metering systems and technologies have two-way communication to automatically collect and transmit meter data to support various applications beyond monthly billings.

Itron's smart meter sales have been slowing as the rollout in North America becomes saturated and foreign economies continue to struggle. Revenue is expected to decline again in 2013, as large projects won a few years ago are now winding down, and the company's backlog from major projects has fallen to \$285 million from a high of nearly \$1 billion following the stimulus boom. Itron may see upside from its recently acquired cellular smart meter division (formerly SmartSynch), and there remains an opportunity with municipalities. Also, in October, Itron reported a 1.5 million gas meter win with Southern California Gas. At the end of the day, however, we're not motivated to pay 14.4x earnings for negative growth.

Company: Symbol:	Echelon Corporation ELON				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		18.7	М		
Short Term Investments:		44.0	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		18.7	M		
Total Cash:		81.4	Μ		
Total Debt:		18.7	Μ		
Net Cash:		62.7	M		
Outstanding Shares:		42.8	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.46			
Share Price:	\$	2.84			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	1.38			
Total Market Cap:		121.6	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		58.9	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		-11.5%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.32)			
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.5	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		27.3%			
% of Float Short:		2.9%			

#### **Summary**

Echelon Corporation develops, markets, and supports energy control networking solutions worldwide. Its solutions enable everyday devices, such as air conditioners, appliances, electricity meters, light switches, thermostats, and valves to be inter-connected; and energy control networking platform powers energy-savings applications for smart grid, smart cities, and smart buildings.

Smart meter and building controls networking technology vendor is in a world of hurt. It is in the final stages of completion of a major project with Duke Energy and its revenue has slumped as it has failed to garner new business. CEO Ron Sege said, "Unfortunately, smart grid tenders worldwide continue to be delayed." The company also said that worldwide demand for smart grid and smart meter products remains soft, limiting visibility. Longer-term, Echelon may see some growth later in 2013 from China, where it has a jv with Holley Metering, or Brazil, but right now we wouldn't bet money on it. Sell.

Company: Symbol:	Calpine Corp. CPN			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		1,097.0 M		
Short Term Investments:		- M		
Long Term Investments:		79.0 M		
Total Cash:		1,176.0 M		
Total Debt:		10,567.0 M		
Net Cash:		(9,391.0) M		
Outstanding Shares:		465.6 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(20.17)		
Share Price:	\$	18.09		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	38.26		
Total Market Cap:		8,422.0 M		
Enterprise Value:		17,813.0 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		8.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.73		
Forward Earnings Multiple		52.4 X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.6 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M		
% Held by Institutions:		77.0%		
% of Float Short:		2.4%		

#### **Summary**

Calpine Corporation, an independent wholesale power generation company, owns and operates natural gas-fired and geothermal power plants in North America. It operates natural gas-fired combustion turbines and renewable geothermal conventional steam turbines, as well as cogeneration power plants. The company sells wholesale power, steam, capacity, renewable energy credits, and ancillary services to utilities, independent electric system operators, industrial and agricultural companies, retail power providers, municipalities, and power marketers.

Calpine is the largest pure-play natural gas power generator in the U.S. and earlier this year the falling price of natural gas got investors and analysts excited. The stock ran hard before the realization that natural gas prices effectively set electric rates set in...what this means is that while Calpine's natural gas feedstock costs fell, the price it could demand for its electricity output also fell. The company just finished acquiring another natural gas-fired plant in Texas to the tune of \$432 million, but with no dividend (unlike most power production companies or utilities) and a forward P/E in excess of 52x, we don't like it. Additionally, its mark-to-market accounting makes it difficult to predict earnings, but the \$10.6 billion in debt (before the latest acquisition) is easy to read. Sell.

# Introduction – Fuel Efficient, Electric and Natural Gas Vehicles and Alternative Transportation

Electric cars were actually popular in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, before advances in internal combustion engines led to the rise of gas powered cars. It wasn't until the mid-2000s that electric cars once again became popular, thanks to advances in battery technologies and rising concern over oil dependency and global warming. There are pure electric cars now available, but generally hybrids, like the Toyota Prius, have been the most popular. Overall, sales of electric/hybrid cars have not grown as much as had been hoped a few years ago, due largely to their high cost. That said, battery (and thus car) prices are falling and expected to continue to come down in price. A lack of public/private charging infrastructure has also impacted sales.

Several governments have established policies and economic incentives to overcome existing barriers, to promote the sales of electric vehicles (EV), and to fund further development of electric vehicles, more cost-effective battery technology and their components. The U.S. has pledged \$2.4 billion in federal grants for electric cars and batteries. China has announced it will provide \$15 billion to initiate an electric car industry within its borders. Several national and local governments have established tax credits, subsidies, and other incentives to reduce the net purchase price of electric cars and other plug-ins.

Similarly, rising diesel costs combined with stricter emissions restrictions have boosted the demand for natural gas vehicles (NGV) in recent years. According to data from the Energy Information Administration, in 2011 the use of natural gas as a vehicle fuel in the U.S. has risen 7.1% year-over-year and nearly 40% since 2006. The present low cost of natural gas has also increased interest in NGVs.

There are currently 123,000 compressed natural gas vehicles, and 1,000 fueling stations in the U.S. One of the major obstacles preventing more widespread adoption has been the access to the necessary infrastructure. The Gas Technology Institute (GTI) and the Center for Electromechanics at the University of Texas at Austin are currently working together to develop a cost-effective at-home natural gas refueling system. The new system would reduce the cost of home fueling systems from \$4,000 to under \$2,000. The U.S. Department of Energy has provided a \$4 million grant to fund the project. State and local governments are also now showing interest in NGVs.

Company: Symbol:	Borg BWA	Warner		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		621.5	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	М	
Long Term Investments:		380.7	Μ	
Total Cash:		1,002.2	Μ	
Total Debt:		871.8	M	
Net Cash:		130.4	M	
Outstanding Shares:		117.0	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.11		
Share Price:	\$	73.79		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	72.68		
Total Market Cap:		8,636.2	М	
Enterprise Value:		8,505.8	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		13.5%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	6.55		
Forward Earnings Multiple		11.1	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.0	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		107.0%		
% of Float Short:		9.9%		

#### <u>Summary</u>

BorgWarner Inc is a leading supplier of highly engineered automotive systems and components, primarily for power train applications. The company has two prominent segments: Engine and DriveTrain. The Engine department manufactures turbochargers, emissions systems, thermal systems, diesel and gasoline ignition technology, and diesel cabin heaters. The DriveTrain segment is responsible for the production and transmission of components and systems.

BorgWarner said this month that it sees \$2.3 billion in new business over the next three years, with half of that coming from Asia. CEO Tim Manganello said, "We have outpaced the growth of the industry by developing fuelefficient technologies that meet the needs of the global market. We expect this trend to continue. The European market accounts for 30% of our expected new business compared with 45% in the previous three-year net new business...Approximately 32% of our expected new business is in China as our sales to the world's fastest growing market continue to accelerate. The top twenty-five customers of our three-year net new business include seven Chinese domestic original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs"). Approximately 20% of the anticipated new business over the three years is in the Americas including 11% with the North American domestic OEMs." Analysts have upped their expectations for next year dramatically. The stock has risen 18% over the past two months, but is still relatively cheap based on the growth expectations and debt is less than cash. BorgWarner is a long-term buy.

Company: Symbol:	Fuel Systems Solutions FSYS				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		54.6	М		
Short Term Investments:		11.6	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		7.4	Μ		
Total Cash:		73.7	М		
Total Debt:		0.4	M		
Net Cash:		73.3	M		
Outstanding Shares:		20.0	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	3.66			
Share Price:	\$	15.64			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	11.98			
Total Market Cap:		313.1	М		
Enterprise Value:		239.8	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		8.6%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.67			
Forward Earnings Multiple		17.9	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.6	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		58.9%			
% of Float Short:		8.0%			

#### **Summary**

Fuel Systems Solutions, Inc. engages in the design, manufacture, and supply of alternative fuel components and systems for use in the transportation, industrial, and power generation markets worldwide. Its components and systems control the pressure and flow of gaseous alternative fuels, such as propane and natural gas used in internal combustion engines.

Like Westport Innovations, Fuel Systems Solutions is in the natural gas vehicle (NGV) business. Unlike Westport, however, Fuel Systems has generated positive earnings. The company also has \$3.66 per share in net cash. Here too, the long-term potential will be dependent on greater availability of refueling for natural gas vehicles, and that has been slower to deploy in the U.S. than previously hoped. But if you're bullish on the sector overall, Fuel Systems Solutions, with its positive earnings, is probably a safer play that WPRT. Buy.

Company: Symbol:	AeroVironment, Inc. AVAV			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		53.2	М	
Short Term Investments:		69.5	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		57.0	Μ	
Total Cash:		179.6	Μ	
Total Debt:		-	Μ	
Net Cash:		179.6	M	
Outstanding Shares:		21.9	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	8.19		
Share Price:	\$	22.63		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	14.44		
Total Market Cap:		496.3	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		316.6	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		1.7%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	1.48		
Forward Earnings Multiple		9.8	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.9	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		66.2%		
% of Float Short:		8.0%		

#### **Summary**

AeroVironment is a technology solutions provider that designs, develops, produces, operates and supports an advanced portfolio of electric transportation solutions and electric-powered Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). AeroVironment's comprehensive electric vehicle (EV) charging solutions include EV home charging, public charging, fast charging, data collection, grid-integrated communications and complete installation, training and support services for consumers, automakers, utilities, government agencies and businesses. AeroVironment's industrial electric vehicle charging systems support thousands of electric materials handling vehicles in mission-critical supply chains for Fortune 500 enterprises. AeroVironment's power cycling and test systems provide EV developers and EV battery manufacturers with market-leading simulation and cycling capabilities. Agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense and allied military services use the company's electric-powered, hand-launched unmanned aircraft systems to provide situational awareness to tactical operating units through real-time, airborne reconnaissance, surveillance and communication.

This company has its fingers in a lot of pies, including unmanned drones, but it's in our list because of its electric vehicle charging solutions. At 9.6x forward earnings, it doesn't look expensive, but growth has been slow and the stock often moves with defense related stocks due to its drone business, which could fall off as the Obama administration winds down the war in Afghanistan. Interesting, if speculative, buy.

Company: Symbol:	Westport Innovations Inc. WPRT			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		257.9	М	
Short Term Investments:		36.8	М	
Long Term Investments:		11.0	Μ	
Total Cash:		305.7	Μ	
Total Debt:		81.7	M	
Net Cash:		224.1	M	
Outstanding Shares:		55.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	4.07		
Share Price:	\$	28.83		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	24.76		
Total Market Cap:		1,585.7	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		1,361.6	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		28.4%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(1.07)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		3.0	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		53.5%		
% of Float Short:		27.5%		

#### **Summary**

Westport Innovations Inc., together with its subsidiaries, engages in the provision of low-emission engine and fuel system technologies that enable light, medium, heavy-duty, and high-horsepower petroleum-based fuel engines to use natural gas and alternative fuels. The company designs, produces, and sells alternative fuel engines, systems, and components for automotive and industrial markets. It also designs, engineers, and produces natural gas engines for the urban buses, refuse collection trucks, and conventional trucks and tractors, as well as for specialty vehicles.

WPRT is a pure play on the adoption of natural gas as an alternative fuel. The company manufactures natural gas engines, but has struggled as the natural gas switching rate that has been much slower than what the market had anticipated after natural gas prices fell dramatically. But the company announced that it will begin shipping long haul engines in 2013 and management believes that fuel stations will begin to offer natural gas in coming years. In China, where the government has made natural gas vehicles a priority, the take up rate has been stronger.

Analysts lowered their forecasts following a disappointing third quarter, but the stock jumped on word that longhaul engines will begin shipping next year. The company has \$4 per share in net cash and we like the promise—but we can't call it a sure thing. Speculative long.

Company: Symbol:	Clean Energy Fuels CLNE				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		238.1 M			
Short Term Investments:		33.3 M			
Long Term Investments:		16.5 M			
Total Cash:		287.9 M			
Total Debt:		289.4 M			
Net Cash:		(1.5) M			
Outstanding Shares:		87.6 M			
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(0.02)			
Share Price:	\$	13.73			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	13.75			
Total Market Cap:		1,202.1 M			
Enterprise Value:		1,203.6 M			
2013e Sales Growth:		27.4%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.58)			
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M X			
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.9 X			
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M			
% Held by Institutions:		34.4%			
% of Float Short:		28.8%			

#### **Summary**

Clean Energy Fuels Corp., together with its subsidiaries, provides natural gas as an alternative fuel for vehicle fleets in the United States and Canada. The company designs, builds, operates, and maintains fueling stations, as well as supplies compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) fuel for medium and heavy-duty vehicles. Its CNG is used in automobiles, light to medium-duty vehicles, refuse trucks, and transit buses as an alternative to gasoline and diesel.

Clean Energy Fuels is building "America's Natural Gas Highway." T. Boone Pickens owns nearly 30% of the company. The shares surged this month on word that GE struck a deal with Clean Energy to sell the company two liquefied natural gas (LNG) systems which will provide LNG for 70 fueling stations. Clean Energy hopes to have 150 fueling stations next year. GE also said that it expects natural gas liquefying equipment to become a \$1 billion market over the next five years—this implies that GE anticipates strong up take of NGVs. In the most recent quarter, Clean Energy delivered 51 million gallons of LNG, up from 41 a year ago. Also, Chesapeake Energy Corp. said this month that it is developing a \$500 home fueling appliance, along with GE and Whirlpool.

The stars seem to be aligning for NGVs, and the long-haul vehicles will need Clean Energy's natural gas highway. Still speculative, with no earnings and trading at nearly 3x revenue, but we like the sector. Go long.

Company: Symbol:	Zipcar, ZIP	Inc.
Balance Sheet:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		43.4 M
Short Term Investments:		21.5 M
Long Term Investments:		17.5 M
Total Cash:		82.4 M
Total Debt:		<u>133.4</u> M
Net Cash:		(50.9) M
Outstanding Shares:		40.0 M
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(1.27)
Share Price:	\$	12.21
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	13.48
Total Market Cap:		488.5 M
Enterprise Value:		539.5 M
2013e Sales Growth:		12.3%
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.20
Forward Earnings Multiple		67.4 X
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.7 X
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M
% Held by Institutions:		N/A
% of Float Short:		N/A

#### **Summary**

Zipcar is the world's leading car sharing network with more than 767,000 members and 10,000 vehicles in urban areas and college campuses throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Spain and Austria. Zipcar offers more than 30 makes and models of self-service vehicles by the hour or day to residents and businesses looking for an alternative to the high costs and hassles of owning a car.

We like the business model here and how it jives with the Millenial mentality. We like the global expansion and the targeting of college campuses. We also like Steve Case's backing—after all, this is the guy that invented AOL and then sold it to Time Warner at the very top of the Internet bubble—and he's done it again. Zipcar announced in early January that it would sell to Avis for 12.25 per share (it was in the \$8 per share range prior to the announcement). We had labeled it a buy prior to the news, but the horse has already left the barn. Neutral.

Company: Symbol:	Kandi Technologies Corp. KNDI					
Balance Sheet:						
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		4.0	М			
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ			
Long Term Investments:		0.2	M			
Total Cash:		4.2	Μ			
Total Debt:		-	M			
Net Cash:		4.2	M			
Outstanding Shares:		29.8	М			
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.14				
Share Price:	\$	3.93				
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	3.79				
Total Market Cap:		117.3	М			
Enterprise Value:		113.1	Μ			
2013e Sales Growth:		N/A				
2013 Earnings Estimate:		N/A				
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X			
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.3	X			
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M		
% Held by Institutions:		0.9%				
% of Float Short:		5.1%				

#### **Summary**

Kandi Technologies, Corp., through its subsidiaries, engages in the design, development, manufacture, and commercialization of all-terrain vehicles, go-karts, and specialized automobiles. It also offers various utility vehicles, mini cars, three-wheeled motorcycles, and refitted cars. Kandi Technologies sells its products through trading companies in China, North America, and Europe.

Chinese mini electric vehicle maker has made a number of announcements recently regarding contracts in China for thousands of its electric vehicles, but questions have been raised about the company's relationships with the buyers as well as its ability to actually make the 20,000 EVs touted in the press releases. There's very little cash on the balance sheet and major questions regarding the transparency of its statements. Should the company actually deliver on its promised sales, the impact could be significant. Stay away at least until actual units are delivered and revenue is on the books.

Company: Symbol:	Tesla Motors, Inc. TSLA				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		85.7 M			
Short Term Investments:		- M			
Long Term Investments:		- <u>M</u>			
Total Cash:		85.7 M			
Total Debt:		465.0 M			
Net Cash:		(379.4) M			
Outstanding Shares:		113.8 M			
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(3.33)			
Share Price:	\$	34.40			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	37.73			
Total Market Cap:		3,914.0 M			
Enterprise Value:		4,293.4 M			
2013e Sales Growth:		311.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.16			
Forward Earnings Multiple		235.8 X			
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.6 X			
Dividend & Yield:	\$	- / N/M			
% Held by Institutions:		67.0%			
% of Float Short:		62.5%			

#### **Summary**

Tesla Motors, Inc. designs, develops, manufactures, and sells electric vehicles and electric vehicle powertrain components. The company offers Tesla Roadster, an electric sports car. It markets and sells its vehicles through corporate events; and directly to consumers through the phone and Internet, as well as its network of Tesla stores. The company has operations in North America, Europe, and Asia.

With a market cap of nearly \$4 billion, luxury electric vehicle maker Tesla is one of the more controversial of the "green" stocks we examined. Tesla recently began shipping its Model S, and is racing to bring production up to 400 cars per week. The company received a \$465 million loan from the government for development of its high-end EVs, which will cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000. In its most recent quarter, CEO Elon Musk reassured investors that the company is on track to meet its goal of running cash flow positive in 2012 and to be profitable in 2013. The company has already taken pre-orders for 13,200 units, and analysts expect revenue of \$1.6 billion next year, up from around \$400 million this year.

This one's scary. Tesla is repaying its government loan at an accelerated pace and appears to be meeting its targets. But the valuation, and the demand for \$50,000+ luxury EVs, make us nervous. We're going to stay away for now.

### **Introduction – Nuclear**

After decades of relative stability, the nuclear business is facing new challenges today. The low cost of natural gas has reduced the cost of wholesale electricity to the point where needed capital upgrades at plants are now being reconsidered, and several nuclear plants have been shut down in recent years. Political opposition to some plants also remains fierce, particularly in the wake of the Fukushima disaster in 2011.

Most of the U.S.' 104 operable reactors date from the 1980's or earlier, and utilities have broken ground on just four new units over the past several years. The high cost of pollution control equipment and other capital maintenance means that "an asset that might have been worth a couple of billion dollars is now worthless," according to one consultant. As a result of these changing industry dynamics, nuclear decommissioning has become a large and growing market. Funds set aside for decommissioning nuclear power plants are estimated to exceed \$4 billion today.

#### **Revolution Investing Rating: 5/10**

Company: Symbol:	Global Power Equipment GLPW				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments: Long Term Investments: Total Cash:		33.7 - - 33.7	M M		
Total Debt: Net Cash:		7.0 <b>26.8</b>	_		
Outstanding Shares: Net Cash / Share:	\$	17.2 <b>1.56</b>	=		
Share Price: Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ \$	17.19 15.63			
Total Market Cap: Enterprise Value:		295.7 <b>268.9</b>			
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	12.7% 1.29			
Forward Earnings Multiple Forward Revenue Multiple		12.1 0.5			
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.36	/ 2.1%		
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		84.3% 5.5%			

#### **Summary**

Global Power Equipment Group Inc. and its subsidiaries designs, engineers, and manufactures gas turbine auxiliary equipment; and provides routine and specialty maintenance services to customers in the utility and industrial sectors. Through its Services Division, the Company provides on-site specialty support and outage management services for commercial nuclear reactors in the United States and maintenance services to fossil and hydroelectric power plants

and other industrial operations. Through its Products Division, the Company designs, engineers and manufactures a comprehensive portfolio of equipment for gas turbine power plants and power-related equipment for industrial operations.

Global Power has made some acquisitions recently in its Products division, but it has underperformed in terms of revenue and earnings. Management says that it is working to streamline its processes and deepen its talent pool. Several new executives were named recently, but it may take a few more quarters for the company to get back on track. The balance sheet is healthy, but the longer-term outlook in its main business lines is iffy. The 2.1% dividend is better than nothing but there's probably more downside than upside in the near term.

#### **Revolution Investing Rating: 3/10**

Company: Symbol:	Exelon Corp. EXC			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		1,602.0	М	
Short Term Investments:		98.0	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		1,700.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		17,050.0	M	
Net Cash:		(15,350.0)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		853.6	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(17.98)		
Share Price:	\$	30.27		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	48.25		
Total Market Cap:		25,837.6	M	
Enterprise Value:		41,187.6	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		6.9%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	2.56		
Forward Earnings Multiple		18.8	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.6	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	2.10	/	6.9%
% Held by Institutions:		60.5%		
% of Float Short:		1.3%		

#### **Summary**

Exelon Corporation, a utility services holding company, engages in the energy generation and distribution business in the United States. It is involved in the generation of electricity from nuclear, fossil, hydro, and renewable energy sources; and wholesale and retail customer supply of electric and natural gas products and services, including renewable energy products, risk management services, and natural gas exploration and production activities.

Exelon is the largest operator of nuclear power plants in the U.S. As a regulated utility, its dividend has been a stabilizing factor for the shares, but in the company's most recent conference call management indicated that if the

market for power doesn't improve to anticipated levels, lowering the dividend might be considered. This knocked the stock down to 52-week lows. Add in the fact that Hurricane Sandy is likely to have an impact on Exelon's Philadelphia and Baltimore operations, Exelon's ComEd utility reported underwhelming results in the latest quarter despite record heat and the Midwest drought, and management has also lowered its expected growth in commercial volume between 2011 and 2014 to 9%, down from 20% earlier this year, and we see too much near-term risk. Add in the longer-term troubles facing the nuclear side of the business, and Exelon's forward multiple of nearly 19x, and it's not pretty.

### **Pollution Control**

#### **Revolution Investing Rating: 8/10**

Company: Symbol:	Fuel Te FTEK	ch, Inc.		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		24.5	М	
Short Term Investments:		0.1	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	M	
Total Cash:		24.5	Μ	
Total Debt:		-	M	
Net Cash:		24.5	M	
Outstanding Shares:		22.2	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.11		
Share Price:	\$	4.50		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	3.39		
Total Market Cap:		99.8	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		75.3	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		15.5%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.28		
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.1	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.7	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		34.8%		
% of Float Short:		1.9%		

#### **Summary**

Fuel Tech, Inc. provides engineered solutions for the optimization of combustion systems in utility and industrial applications worldwide. The company offers air pollution control technologies, such as low and ultra low nitrogen oxide (NOx) burners, over-fire air systems, NOxOUT and HERT selective non-catalytic reduction systems, and

advanced selective catalytic reduction systems to reduce NOx emissions in flue gas from boilers, incinerators, furnaces, and other stationary combustion sources.

Fuel Tech makes large scale equipment to cut down on the pollution being spewed by factories and coal-fired plants. This should be a growth business in the near term and the company has received growing orders from the Asia Pacific and South America. Should the reelected Obama administration raise the bar on carbon emission regulations, further upside could lie ahead. The balance sheet is clean and the forward earnings multiple is still favorable compared with growth expectations. We like this one.

#### **Revolution Investing Rating: 7/10**

Company: Symbol:	CECO Environmental Corp. CECE				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		24.5			
Short Term Investments: Long Term Investments:		-	M M		
Total Cash:		24.5			
Total Debt:		8.8	М		
Net Cash:		15.7	Μ		
Outstanding Shares:		14.6	M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.08			
Share Price:	\$	10.41			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	9.33			
Total Market Cap:		151.9	М		
Enterprise Value:		136.2	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	16.9% 0.75			
Forward Earnings Multiple		12.4	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.8	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.18	/ 1.7%		
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		40.1% 1.5%			

#### **Summary**

CECO Environmental Corp. provides air-pollution control technology products and services worldwide. The company offers engineered equipment, cyclones, scrubbers, dampers, diverters, regenerative thermal oxidizers, component parts, and monitoring and managing services.

CECO reported flat sales in its latest period, but margins, profitability and bookings all improved. In addition, the company recently raised its dividend and management indicated that it is looking for acquisition opportunities. Analysts expect solid top line growth next year, which could add to its margin and profitability momentum. Solid, if not through the roof, buy.

Company: Symbol:	GreenHunter Energy, Inc. GRH				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		0.3	Μ		
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		-	M		
Total Cash:		0.3	Μ		
Total Debt:		6.9	M		
Net Cash:		(6.6)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		28.1	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(0.24)			
Share Price:	\$	1.53			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	1.77			
Total Market Cap:		43.0	М		
Enterprise Value:		49.6	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		104.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.05)			
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.3	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		1.8%			
% of Float Short:		2.0%			

#### <u>Summary</u>

GreenHunter Energy, Inc., a development stage company, engages in water resource management business. It provides water management products and services for the oil and gas industry under the Total Water Management Solutions brand name. The company offers hydraulic fracturing services; fluids handling, hauling, and logistics services; and equipment and tank rentals, as well as owns, operates, and develops commercial salt water disposal wells and associated facilities.

GreenHunter's water handling business is growing as the practice of fracking grows. Unconventional drilling uses a lot of water, which has to be sourced and transported to the well site to frack the well; that water then comes back contaminated and has to be transported to an injection well and either injected into the ground or recycled. The company has six disposal wells on-line and about 100 tanks and 30 trucks. It is also developing a new tank design, called the "MAG Tank," which will be more portable and fit better on well site spaces in constrained locations.

An institutional investor in GreenHunter converted nearly \$10 million in convertible preferred stock at a conversion price of \$4 per share in late August, more than twice the current share price. Highly speculative, but interesting story.

Company: Symbol:	EnergySolutions, Inc. ES				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		87.9	М		
Short Term Investments:		144.5	М		
Long Term Investments:		478.0	Μ		
Total Cash:		710.4	Μ		
Total Debt:		814.6	Μ		
Net Cash:		(104.2)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		90.2	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(1.15)			
Share Price:	\$	3.44			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	4.59			
Total Market Cap:		310.4	М		
Enterprise Value:		414.6	M		
2013e Sales Growth:		-0.2%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.28			
Forward Earnings Multiple		16.4	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.2	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		58.5%			
% of Float Short:		5.7%			

#### **Summary**

EnergySolutions engages in the safe recycling, processing and disposal of nuclear material, it provides innovations and technologies to the U.S. Department of Energy, commercial utilities, medical and research facilities. In the United Kingdom, it operates and provides nuclear decommissioning services for 22 nuclear power plants.

This is the company working to clean up the mess in Fukushima, Japan, but hopefully disasters of that magnitude remain rare. New management is in place at EnergySolutions and the team has determined that the company will work toward four key goals: selling assets and using the proceeds to reduce debt, lowering SG&A costs, and pursuing growth in its core competencies. Nuclear decommissioning is a growing market and EnergySolutions has decided to pursue the business via partnerships rather than competing directly for large projects. It believes it can become more profitable under this model.

Recent results were encouraging and the longer-term demand for nuclear decommissioning appears strong. That said, until the new management team can implement its plans and reduce debt and costs, the 16.4x enterprise value multiple looks high. Watching and waiting on ES.

## **Introduction - Energy Efficiency and LED Lighting**

#### **Revolution Investing Rating: 7/10**

Company:	Cree Inc.
Symbol:	CREE

#### **Balance Sheet:**

Cash and Cash Equivalents:	816.3	М	
Short Term Investments:	-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:	 -	Μ	
Total Cash:	816.3	Μ	
Total Debt:	 20.0	M	
Net Cash:	 796.3	M	
Outstanding Shares:	116.3	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$ 6.85		
Share Price:	\$ 34.36		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$ 27.51		
Total Market Cap:	3,995.5	Μ	
Enterprise Value:	3,199.2	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:	17.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$ 1.67		
Forward Earnings Multiple	16.5	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple	2.1	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$ -	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:	89.1%		
% of Float Short:	16.7%		

#### **Summary**

Cree, Inc. develops and manufactures lighting-class light emitting diode (LED) products, lighting products, and semiconductor products for power and radio-frequency (RF) applications. Its LED products include blue and green LED chips that are used in various applications, including video screens, gaming displays, function indicator lights, and automotive backlighting.

While Cree has been a very volatile stock this year, and the short percentage remains fairly high, we like the long-term outlook for LED lighting. Boulder, Colorado-based Pike Research recently projected the number of LED street light shipments to rise from 3 million in 2012 to more than 17 million in 2020, and just this month Cree announced a deal to sell its LED light bulbs in Best Buy stores. Finally, Cree has nearly \$7 in net cash per share and a better than 17% growth in sales outlook for next year. We're buyers here.

Company: Symbol:	Acuity Brands, Inc. AYI			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		284.5 M		
Short Term Investments:		- M		
Long Term Investments:		- <u>M</u>		
Total Cash:		284.5 M		
Total Debt:		353.5 M		
Net Cash:		(69.0) M		
Outstanding Shares:		41.0 M		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(1.68)		
Share Price:	\$	69.22		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	70.90		
Total Market Cap:		2,837.3 M		
Enterprise Value:		2,906.3 M		
2013e Sales Growth:		6.3%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	3.53		
Forward Earnings Multiple		20.1 X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.4 X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.52 /	0.8%	
% Held by Institutions:		97.4%		
% of Float Short:		4.3%		

#### **Summary**

Acuity Brands, Inc., through its subsidiaries, engages in the design, production, and distribution of lighting solutions and services in North America and internationally. The company's lighting solutions include devices, such as luminaires, lighting controls, power supplies, prismatic skylights, light-emitting diode lamps, and integrated lighting systems for commercial, institutional, industrial, infrastructure, and residential applications.

Acuity's LED segment is growing well, but off of a very small base, and the company remains largely dependent on non-residential construction cycles. It may benefit from retrofitting opportunities in 2013-2014, but for now the growth remains too sluggish to warrant more than 20x earnings. There's a small dividend, but there are also better ways to deploy your capital today. Neutral.

Company: Symbol:	Ameres AMRC	co		
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		26.3	М	
Short Term Investments:		110.2	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		136.5	Μ	
Total Debt:		208.0	Μ	
Net Cash:		(71.5)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		44.7	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(1.60)		
Share Price:	\$	9.97		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	11.57		
Total Market Cap:		445.4	М	
Enterprise Value:		516.8	M	
2013e Sales Growth:		9.1%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.66		
Forward Earnings Multiple		17.5	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.7	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		39.6%		
% of Float Short:		3.7%		

#### **Summary**

Ameresco, Inc. provides energy efficiency solutions for facilities in North America. The company engages in the design, engineering, development, and installation of projects that reduce the energy, and operations and maintenance costs of its customers' facilities.

This story just keeps going from bad to worse. The company is failing to convert backlog into revenue and in the latest quarter, revenue fell by 28%. The company reduced guidance, saying that sales it previously expected to book this year would now come in next year. Analyst estimates for both revenue and earnings per share in 2013 have been reduced dramatically, and it still trades for more than 17.5x forward earnings. While its backlog of awarded contracts rose to an all-time high in the last quarter, until Ameresco demonstrates that it can convert that backlog into revenue, this is a short.

Company: Symbol:	Rubicon Technology RBCN				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		7.6	М		
Short Term Investments:		36.6	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ		
Total Cash:		44.2	Μ		
Total Debt:		-	M		
Net Cash:		44.2	M		
Outstanding Shares:		22.5	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	1.96			
Share Price:	\$	6.57			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	4.61			
Total Market Cap:		148.0	М		
Enterprise Value:		103.9	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		55.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.25			
Forward Earnings Multiple		18.4	Х		
Forward Revenue Multiple		1.0	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		68.2%			
% of Float Short:		32.8%			

#### **Summary**

Rubicon Technology, Inc. develops, manufactures, and sells monocrystalline sapphire and other crystalline products for light-emitting diodes (LED), radio frequency integrated circuits (RFICs), blue laser diodes, optoelectronics, and other optical applications. Rubicon Technology sells its products primarily to wafer polishing companies and semiconductor device manufacturers in Asia, North America, and Europe.

Rubicon's shares were hammered after it reported its latest quarter results and gave cautious guidance for coming periods. Revenue in six inch sapphire wafer sales has been growing thanks to demand from both the LED and the Silicon-on-Sapphire markets, but industry pricing in its "two through four inch core products" has been low and the company has curtailed sales as a result. Management was also cautious on the outlook for the LED market and analysts have slashed their estimates for 2013. We'll stay away from this one until the company has improved visibility into the outlook for its markets.

### Other - Hydrogen, Wave Generated Power, Geothermal, Desalination and Hydroelectric

**Revolution Investing Rating: 8/10** 

Company: Symbol:	LSB Industries, Inc. LXU			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Short Term Investments: Long Term Investments:		133.8 - 2.1	Μ	
Total Cash:		135.9	-	
Total Debt:		73.6	M	
Net Cash:		62.3	M	
Outstanding Shares:		22.0	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	2.83		
Share Price:	\$	36.49		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	33.66		
Total Market Cap:		802.8	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		740.5	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth: 2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	5.6% 4.25		
Forward Earnings Multiple		7.9	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		0.9	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions: % of Float Short:		73.9% 3.2%		

#### **Summary**

LSB Industries is a manufacturing and marketing company with principal business activities that consist of the manufacture and sale of commercial and residential climate control products, such as geothermal and water source heat pumps, hydronic fan coils, modular chillers and large custom air handlers. The company is also engaged in the manufacture and sale of chemical products for the agriculture, mining and industrial markets.

LSB's climate control business has been soft this year due to the slow recovery in construction. On the chemical side of the business, an explosion at LSB's El Dorado, Arkansas nitric acid plant in May lowered profits in the latest quarter by \$9 million, but this is expected to be recouped by insurance proceeds. Maintenance downtime at the company's Pryor ammonia plant also cut into third quarter results, but the company is installing a single large Kellogg ammonia converter to replace six small converters, and believes the single large converter will allow for significantly increased ammonia output in 2013. Finally, the company announced recently that it acquired a stake in a natural gas operation in order to hedge the potential future rise in natural gas prices. LSB uses natural gas as a feedstock for several of its chemicals. Recent difficulties have knocked the shares down, but the balance sheet is

strong and LSB appears to be well positioned for growth ahead, particularly once construction recovers. At just 8x forward earnings, the stock's a bargain.

#### **Revolution Investing Rating: 5/10**

Company: Symbol:	Energy Recovery, Inc. ERII			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		18.3	М	
Short Term Investments:		5.2	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		3.7	M	
Total Cash:		27.2	Μ	
Total Debt:		2.2	Μ	
Net Cash:		25.0	M	
Outstanding Shares:		50.9	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	0.49		
Share Price:	\$	3.42		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	2.93		
Total Market Cap:		174.1	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		149.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		19.6%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.03)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		3.0	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		38.2%		
% of Float Short:		6.2%		

#### **Summary**

Energy Recovery, Inc. develops, manufactures, and sells energy recovery devices, and high-pressure and circulation pumps primarily for use in seawater desalination in the United States and internationally. Its energy recovery devices comprise PX pressure exchanger devices and turbochargers; and pumps include high-pressure feed, circulation, and booster pumps.

After years as the market share leader in saltwater desalination, Energy Recovery has suffered through a contraction in the global market for desalination as well as loss of market share. The down-trend began to reverse this year and while the company isn't out of the woods, it has won a number of new contracts for mega desalination as well as intriguing initiatives in the Gas & Oil arena. The company also plans a rebranding campaign later this year, we suspect related to its gas and oil initiatives. The longer term outlook is promising, and there's no debt on the books. The stock has recovered from its May lows of under \$2 per share, but remains speculative given that positive earnings aren't expected in the coming year. We like the story but following a 26% jump in two months, we're holding off. Buy on pullbacks for a speculative long.

Company: Symbol:	Ocean Power Technologie OPTT				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		5.1	М		
Short Term Investments:		23.0	Μ		
Long Term Investments:		-	M		
Total Cash:		28.1	Μ		
Total Debt:		0.3	M		
Net Cash:		27.8	M		
Outstanding Shares:		10.3	Μ		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	2.70			
Share Price:	\$	2.09			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	(0.61)			
Total Market Cap:		21.5	Μ		
Enterprise Value:		(6.3)	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		216.0%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.60)			
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		(0.3)	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M	
% Held by Institutions:		16.7%			
% of Float Short:		5.5%			

#### **Summary**

Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. engages in the development and commercialization of proprietary systems that generate electricity by harnessing the renewable energy of ocean waves. The company offers utility PowerBuoy system to supply electricity to a local or regional electric power grid; and autonomous PowerBuoy system that is designed to generate power for use independent of the power grid in remote locations. It operates in west coast of North America, the west coast of Europe, the coasts of Australia, and the east coast of Japan. Making an investment in Ocean Power takes a leap of faith, and perhaps a penchant for gambling.

The company has been around since 1984, but just now appears to be getting some traction for its products. On the energy front, Ocean Power recently secured a license to build out its 1.5 MW wave generated power plant in Reedsport, Oregon, and it is also working with Lockheed Martin on a 19 MW project in Australia. The Australian government has granted \$65 million for the project. Ocean Power also recently made an announcement with Japan's Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding for a trial in Japan. Finally, on the defense front, Ocean Power is working with the Department of Homeland Security to test its Autonomous PowerBuoy for surveillance purposes. Historically, however, revenue has run between \$1-\$2 million per quarter. The stock trades for less than cash value, but we'd rather see some significant revenue growth before committing.

Company: Symbol:	Ormat Technologies Inc. ORA			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		37.5	М	
Short Term Investments:		3.0	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		3.5	Μ	
Total Cash:		44.0	Μ	
Total Debt:		970.5	Μ	
Net Cash:		(926.5)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		45.4	М	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(20.39)		
Share Price:	\$	19.96		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	40.35		
Total Market Cap:		906.8	М	
Enterprise Value:		1,833.2	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		4.8%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	0.74		
Forward Earnings Multiple		54.5	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		3.5	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	0.16	/	0.8%
% Held by Institutions:		23.3%		
% of Float Short:		9.0%		

#### **Summary**

Ormat Technologies, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, engages in the geothermal and recovered energy power business in the United States and internationally. The company operates in two segments, Electricity and Product. The Electricity segment develops, builds, owns, and operates geothermal and recovered energy-based power plants; and sells the electricity. The Product segment designs, manufactures, and sells power units for geothermal and recovered energy-based electricity generation; fossil fuel powered turbo-generators; and heavy duty direct-current generators.

Ormat has aggressively invested in geothermal power generation, and makes money both by selling generated electricity to utilities as well as by selling equipment in the sector. Geothermal is a promising green energy source, but is very expensive up front in terms of exploration and construction. This is evidenced by Ormat's very high debt levels, and there are seven more plants under construction. Also, tax breaks and grants from governments available today may not always be there, and Ormat is aggressively expanding overseas. Finally, it can be expensive to transmit energy from remotely located geothermal plants.

The lofty leverage and P/E multiple makes us nervous. We'll wait and see on Ormat.

Company: Symbol:	Air Products & Chemica APD				
Balance Sheet:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		454.4	М		
Short Term Investments:		-	М		
Long Term Investments:		1,175.7	М		
Total Cash:		1,630.1	М		
Total Debt:		4,658.3	М		
Net Cash:		(3,028.2)	M		
Outstanding Shares:		211.9	М		
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(14.29)			
Share Price:	\$	86.71			
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	101.00			
Total Market Cap:		18,373.8	М		
Enterprise Value:		21,402.0	Μ		
2013e Sales Growth:		8.8%			
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	5.74			
Forward Earnings Multiple		17.6	X		
Forward Revenue Multiple		2.0	X		
Dividend & Yield:	\$	2.56	/ 3.0%		
% Held by Institutions:		86.0%			
% of Float Short:		1.2%			

#### Summary

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. provides atmospheric gases, process and specialty gases, performance materials, equipment, and services worldwide.

Air Products & Chemicals is the world's largest hydrogen producer and operates pipelines which serve the oil and gas industries. Its Gulf Coast Connection Pipeline (GCCP) project, the world's largest hydrogen plant and pipeline supply network, came online last month. Hydrogen is widely used in petroleum refining processes to remove impurities found in crude oil such as sulfur, olefins and aromatics to meet the product fuels specifications. Removing these components allows gasoline and diesel to burn cleaner and thus makes hydrogen a critical component in the production of cleaner fuels needed by modern, efficient internal combustion engines.

The company's third quarter results were disappointing, and worse, management said that it won't be able to provide a new target for delayed 2015 financial targets until it can better forecast the economy. Air Products said on Oct. 19 it won't reach an operating margin of 20 percent and returns on capital of 15 percent by 2015, targets it had established in June 2011. McGlade said the company is restructuring its photovoltaics business and operations in Europe. Although one analyst recently upgraded the stock as a play on a global economic recovery, we think it looks expensive right now. Sell.

Company: Symbol:	China Hydroelectric Corp. CHC			
Balance Sheet:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		8.4	М	
Short Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Long Term Investments:		-	Μ	
Total Cash:		8.4	Μ	
Total Debt:		215.4	Μ	
Net Cash:		(207.0)	M	
Outstanding Shares:		54.0	Μ	
Net Cash / Share:	\$	(3.83)		
Share Price:	\$	1.52		
Enterprise Value / Share:	\$	5.35		
Total Market Cap:		82.1	Μ	
Enterprise Value:		289.1	Μ	
2013e Sales Growth:		-15.4%		
2013 Earnings Estimate:	\$	(0.05)		
Forward Earnings Multiple		N/M	X	
Forward Revenue Multiple		3.5	X	
Dividend & Yield:	\$	-	/	N/M
% Held by Institutions:		22.8%		
% of Float Short:		N/A		

#### Summary

China Hydroelectric Corporation, through its subsidiaries, engages in the acquisition, ownership, development, construction, operation, and financing of hydroelectric power projects in the People's Republic of China. It owns 23 operating hydroelectric power projects and a controlling interest in 3 additional operating hydroelectric power projects in the provinces of Zhejiang, Fujian, Yunnan, and Sichuan.

CHC has had a liquidity crisis, a proxy fight, nearly lost its listing on the NYSE and has named new Directors all in the past few months. Though the stock jumped when it announced the sale of one of its Chinese hydro plants for \$44 million, this company is far from being out of the woods. Short.

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ating	Company	CleanTech Sector
8	Acorn Energy Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
8	Cisco Systems, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
8	Cosan Ltd.	Biofuel/Biomass
8	Fuel Tech, Inc.	Pollution Control
8	FutureFuel Corp.	Biofuel/Biomass
8	LSB Industries, Inc.	Other-Geothermal
8	MYR Group Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
7	Andersons Inc.	Biofuel/Biomass
7	AZZ Incorporated	Utility/Smart Grid
7	BorgWarner	Alternative Transportation
7	Bunge, Ltd.	Biofuel/Biomass
7	CECO Environmental Corp.	Pollution Control
7	Cree Inc.	Energy Efficiency
7	EMCOR Group, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
7	EnerNOC	Utility/Smart Grid
7	EnerSys	Energy Storage
7	Fuel Systems Solutions	Alternative Transportation
7	General Electric, Inc.	Wind
7	Pacific Gas & Electric	Utility/Smart Grid
7	Power-One, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
7	STR Holdings, Inc	Solar
6	Advanced Energy Industries	Solar
6	AeroVironment, Inc.	Alternative Transportation
6	Clean Energy Fuels	Alternative Transportation
6	Digi International	Utility/Smart Grid
6	EMCORE Corporation	Solar
6	First Solar, Inc.	Solar
6	GreenHunter Energy, Inc.	Pollution Control
6	GT Advanced Technologies	Solar
6	National Grid plc	Utility/Smart Grid
6	Renewable Energy Group	Biofuel/Biomass
		Solar
6	Spire Corporation	
6	Westport Innovations Inc.	Alternative Transportation
6	Xcel Energy Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Acuity Brands, Inc.	Energy Efficiency
5	Amyris, Inc.	Biofuel/Biomass
5	Archer Daniels Midland	Biofuel/Biomass
5	Badger Meter, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Energy Recovery, Inc.	Other-Desalinization
5	EnergySolutions, Inc.	Pollution Control
5	ESCO Technologies	Utility/Smart Grid

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lating	Company	<b>CleanTech Sector</b>
5	General Cable	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Global Power Equipment	Nuclear
5	Hubbell, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Johnson Controls	Energy Storage
5	Kandi Technologies Corp.	Alternative Transportation
5	Kaydon Corporation	Wind
5	KiOR, Inc.	Biofuel/Biomass
5	Maxwell Technologies	Energy Storage
5	NextEra Energy, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Ocean Power Technologies Inc.	Other-Ocean Power
5	Ormat Technologies Inc.	Other-Geothermal
5	Pike Energy	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Portland General Electric	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Rentech	Biofuel/Biomass
5	Solazyme, Inc.	Biofuel/Biomass
5	Tesla Motors, Inc.	Alternative Transportation
5	Trinity Industries	Wind
5	WESCO International, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
5	Western Wind Energy Corp.	Wind
5	Zipcar, Inc.	Alternative Transportation
5	Zoltek Companies, Inc.	Wind
4	AES Corporation	Utility/Smart Grid
4	Air Products & Chemicals	Other-Hydrogen
4	Ambient Corp.	Utility/Smart Grid
4	China Ming Yang Wind Power Group	Wind
4	Darling International, Inc.	Biofuel/Biomass
4	Edison International	Utility/Smart Grid
4	Graftech International, Ltd.	Energy Storage
4	Green Plains Renewable Energy	Biofuel/Biomass
4	Itron, Inc.	Utility/Smart Grid
4	Jinpan International, Ltd.	Utility/Smart Grid
4	Otter Tail Corp.	Utility/Smart Grid
4	REX American Resources Corp.	Biofuel/Biomass
3	Ameresco	Energy Efficiency
3	American Superconductor Corp.	Wind
3	Applied Materials Inc.	Solar
3	Broadwind Energy	Wind
3	Calpine Corp.	Utility/Smart Grid
3	Canadian Solar	Solar
3	Ceres, Inc.	Biofuel/Biomass
3	China Hydroelectric Corp.	Other-Hydroelectic
3	Codexis, Inc.	Biofuel/Biomass
3	Covanta Holding Corp.	Biofuel/Biomass

# Appendix - Ranking by Revolution Investing Score - Cont.

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Rating	Company	<b>CleanTech Sector</b>	
3	Deltic Timber Corp.	Biofuel/Biomass	
3	Echelon Corporation	Utility/Smart Grid	
3	Exelon Corp.	Nuclear	
3	Exide Technologies	Energy Storage	
3	JinkoSolar Holding Co.	Solar	
3	MEMC Electronic Materials	Solar	
3	Rubicon Technology	Energy Efficiency	
3	Sunpower	Solar	
3	Trina Solar	Solar	
3	Vestas Wind Systems AS	Wind	
2	Amtech Systems, Inc.	Solar	
2	BioFuel Energy Corp.	Biofuel/Biomass	
2	Enphase Energy, Inc.	Solar	
2	LDK Solar	Solar	
2	Polypore International	Energy Storage	
2	SunTech Power	Solar	

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