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Soluna Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: SLNH)

Continued Evolution at Soluna as John Belizaire Appointed CEO; Dorothy Energization Imminent

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KEY POINTS

- **Soluna announced the promotion of John Belizaire to CEO of Soluna Holdings**, with Michael Toporek stepping up to become Executive Chairman. John Belizaire will remain as CEO of Soluna Computing, the operating company he founded prior to its acquisition by Soluna Holdings' predecessor Mechanical Technology Inc. (MTI).
- **We view this as a logical step given the energization of Project Dorothy will be transformative for the company.** Going forward, we expect to see more of a focus on operating its data centers as well as looking to grow new opportunities. The appointments should also better align the functions of the holding and operating companies on their path to profitability post-Dorothy energization.
- **Energization of Project Dorothy scheduled for the month of April, pending approval from ERCOT.** Soluna recently announced \$7.5 million in funding from existing project investor Spring Lane Capital (SLC) that will be used to complete the final energization of Dorothy and support corporate expenses. SLC's stake in the 25 MW Dorothy 1A increases to ~85% from 32%, but Soluna retains the right to 50% of 1A's profits after SLC achieves an 18% IRR hurdle. Soluna continues to own 100% of the 25 MW Dorothy 1B as well as the 50 MW Dorothy 2.
- **Soluna is now at inflection point.** This financing is the final piece to get the project energized and able to generate revenues. The company expects its hosting customers to realize ~\$28 million in annual revenues for the first 50 MW phase.
- **Soluna's data centers provide a solution that helps support the growth of renewable energy.** By purchasing electricity that would have otherwise been unsold, Soluna helps improve project economics for renewable power and further its growth on the grid. Moreover, data centers can easily ramp down their power use to help balance the grid in times of extreme power demand.

KEY STATISTICS

Price	\$0.27
52-Week Range	\$0.25-11.92
Average Daily Trading Volume (30-Day)	356,578
Shares Outstanding (MM)	20.25
Market Capitalization (\$MM)	\$5.4
Enterprise Value (\$MM)	\$32.7
Fiscal Year-End	December

Source: YCharts, as of March 20, 2023

OUR INSIGHTS

The Opportunities

Soluna is on the cusp of a major jump in its revenue and size with the start-up of its delayed flagship Project Dorothy. Low energy costs and renewable power sources give the company a competitive advantage to grow the profitability of its Bitcoin mining and expand its customer base into batchable, GPU cloud computing. With recent competitor bankruptcies, there is an opportunity for lower-cost miners or hosting customers that seek new low-cost plugs.

The Obstacles

Soluna is subject to multiple factors that are outside of its control, mainly the timing of approvals from transmission operators, such as the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), and Bitcoin pricing/hash rate. The company has executed on what is in its control and has proved adept at reacting to these challenges, but they have slowed progress and forced Soluna to raise additional capital. As the company grows and brings on more projects, we expect portfolio diversification will help minimize the impact of individual project risk on corporate results.

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