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Business Valuation
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Dear Mr. Smith:
The appraisal assignment called for determining the Fair Market Value of your Company, Extreme Rafting as of December 31, 2013. The valuation is for a $100 \%$ controlling interest in the Net Worth of the Subject Company on a non-marketable basis.

The Market Approach was employed in the valuation using four different methods that produce a value referred to the Subject's Asset Sale Value. Each of the methods used developed different values for the Subject. This is a normal occurrence since each procedure focuses on different aspects of the Company's operations. Those methods that produced the highest regression R Squared factor are considered the strongest indicators of the Subject's value and, as such, are given the greatest weight in arriving at the final Conclusion of Value.

The value produced by these four methodologies (shown on Page 3) is referred to as an Asset Sale Value which is the most common format for a sale of a small business. The value includes only the company's Inventory, Fixtures and Equipment, and all its Intangibles. The seller would retain all Cash and Accounts Receivable and pay off all Liabilities. The calculated Asset Sale Value is:

## Asset Sale Value (Rounded): \$580,000

The Fair Market Value of the Net Worth of Extreme Rafting can then be reconciled by taking the Asset Sale Value of $\$ 580,000$ and adjusting it for the remaining assets and liabilities that are not included in a conventional Asset Sale.

In my opinion, using the accepted methodologies of valuation, and subject to the limiting conditions set forth in this report, the Fair Market Value of a $100 \%$ interest in the Net Worth of Extreme Rafting as of December 31, 2013 is :

## Reconciliation of Asset Sale Value to Net Worth Value:

(See notes to the Balance Sheet on Page 7 for additional information on the assets and liabilities below.)
Additional Assets as per Balance Sheet for December 31, 2013 :
Cash \$301,475
Prepaids, Deposits 0

Total Additional Assets 301,475
Additional Liabilities as per Balance Sheet for December 31, 2013:
Accruals \$8,425
Accounts Payable 0
Line of Credit 0
Long-Term Debt $\quad 0$
Total Additional Liabilities
$(8,425)$
Total Net Adjustments
Asset Sale Value (From Page 3) $\quad \underline{580,000}$

## Total Value of Net Worth (Rounded)

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## Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars

The above value is the Fair Market Value of a $100 \%$ interest the Subject's Net Worth as of December 31, 2013.

If the value of the above assets or liabilities change as of the day of transfer of ownership, the resulting increase or decrease in the Total Net Adjustments must be added to or subtracted from the Total Value of Net Worth above.

The statistical analysis of the comparables used in this report can be found on Page 3. A summary table of the comparables can be found on Page 4 with a detailed write up of each one beginning on Page 30.




* Companies with earnings that are negative or near zero, will have Cash Flow Multiples that are negative or extraordinarily high, causing data to be skewed inappropriately. Therefore, Companies with Cash Flow Multiples that are negative or greater than Bizcomps are ignored in this calculation.

Rejected Comparables (highlighted in Red above):
A Four Variable Regession Analysis was done to identify the comparables that were considered "outliers." These outlier comparables had actual selling prices that were too far above or below the prices predicted by the regression to be considered reasonable.



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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Accrual Basis |  |  | Accrual Basis |  |  | Accrual Basis |  |  |
| INCOME (d6) Recasting the P\&Ls | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec 31, } 2009 \\ 12 \text { Mos. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Add Backs Per P\&Ls |  | $\text { Sep 30, } 2013$ $6 \text { Mos. }$ | Add Backs Per P\&Ls |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep 30, } 2012 \\ 6 \text { Mos. } \end{gathered}$ | Add Backs Per P\&Ls |  |
| Rental Incom |  |  |  |  |  |  | 651,740 |  | 100.0\% |
|  | - | - | 0.0\% | - | - | 0.0\% | - | - | 0.0\% |
| TOTAL INCOME | 784,547 | - | 100.0\% | 848,068 | - | 100.0\% | 651,740 | - | 100.0\% |
|  |  | - |  |  | - |  |  | - |  |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purchases, Food | 46,474 |  | 5.9\% | 41,626 |  | 4.9\% | 41,674 |  | 6.4\% |
| Freight, Supplies | 20 |  |  | 717 |  | 0.1\% | 382 |  |  |
| Labor | 160,469 |  | 20.5\% | 169,878 |  | 20.0\% | 147,153 |  |  |
| Outside Services | 20,353 |  | 2.6\% | 14,353 |  | 1.7\% | 10,377 |  |  |
| User Fees | 84,970 |  | 10.8\% | 99,469 |  | 11.7\% | 73,183 |  |  |
| Payroll Taxes, Workman's Comp | 39,051 |  | 5.0\% | 39,700 |  | 4.7\% | 35,870 |  |  |
| Refunds | 7,809 | - | 1.0\% | 456 | - | 0.1\% | $(2,107)$ | - | 0.3\% |
| TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD | 359,146 | - | 45.8\% | 366,199 | - | 43.2\% | 310,746 | - | 47.7\% |
| GROSS PROFIT | 425,401 |  |  | 481,869 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 54.2\% |  |  | 56.8\% |  |  | 52.3\% |  |  |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gain on Sale of Assets |  |  | 0.0\% |  |  | 0.0\% |  |  | 0.0\% |
| Interest | 1,418 |  | 0.2\% | 91 |  | 0.0\% | 170 |  | 0.0\% |
|  | - | - | 0.0\% | - | - | 0.0\% | - | - | 0.0\% |
| TOTAL OTHER INCOME | 1,418 | - | 0.2\% | 91 | - | 0.0\% | 170 | - | 0.0\% |
| EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Officers Salary | (930) 135,000 | 135,000 | 17.2\% | 32,400 | 32,400 | 3.8\% | 30,000 | 30,000 | 4.6\% |
| Office Salaries | 42,050 | 6,000 | 5.4\% | 36,025 | 4,500 | 4.2\% | 25,000 | 4,500 | 3.8\% |
| Payroll Taxes | 11,000 | 12,690 | 1.4\% | 2,479 | 3,321 | 0.3\% | 435 | 3,105 | 0.1\% |
| Advertising and Promotion | 46,357 |  |  | 35,044 |  | 4.1\% | 44,550 |  | 6.8\% |
| Auto and Bus Expenses | 50,011 | 8,500 | 6.4\% | 51,967 | 4,250 | 6.1\% | 40,713 | 4,250 | 6.2\% |
| Bad Debt |  |  | 0.0\% |  |  | 0.0\% | 154 |  | 0.0\% |
| Computer and Internet Expenses |  |  |  | 337 |  | 0.0\% | 1,189 |  | 0.2\% |
| Equipment Rental | 77 |  |  | 265 |  | 0.0\% |  |  | 0.0\% |
| Insurance | 13,641 |  |  |  |  | 0.0\% |  |  | 0.0\% |
| Legal and Accounting | 9,475 |  |  | 5,959 |  | 0.7\% | 3,075 |  | 0.5\% |
| Office Supplies, Postage | 10,306 |  |  | 2,103 |  | 0.2\% | 6,139 |  | 0.9\% |
| Rent | 15,600 |  | 2.0\% | 6,000 | $(1,200)$ | 0.7\% | 7,200 |  | 1.1\% |
| Repairs and Maintenance |  |  | 0.0\% | 1,426 |  | 0.2\% | 1,876 |  | 0.3\% |
| Taxes and Licenses | 1,690 |  | 0.2\% | 2,525 |  | 0.3\% | 1,361 |  |  |
| Bank Charges | 20,603 |  | 2.6\% | 21,795 |  | 2.6\% | 15,991 |  | 2.5\% |
| Depreciation | 34,914 | 34,914 | 4.5\% | 3,147 | 3,147 | 0.4\% | 2,390 | 2,390 | 0.4\% |
| Employee Benefits | 19,240 | 14,600 | 2.5\% | 7,797 | 7,300 | 0.9\% | 9,111 | 7,300 | 1.4\% |
| State and Federal Taxes |  |  | 0.0\% | 1,027 | 1,027 | 0.1\% | 1,017 | 1,017 | 0.2\% |
| Interest | 302 |  | 0.0\% |  |  | 0.0\% | 91 | 91 | 0.0\% |
| Travel and Entertainment | 272 |  | 0.0\% | 216 |  | 0.0\% | 991 |  | 0.2\% |
| Telephone | 8,963 |  | 1.1\% | 4,610 |  | 0.5\% | 4,493 |  | 0.7\% |
| Utilities | 6,519 |  | 0.8\% | 4,358 | - | 0.5\% | 3,543 | - | 0.5\% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES / Total Add-Backs | 426,020 | 211,704 | 54.3\% | 219,480 | 54,745 | 25.9\% | 199,319 | 52,653 | 30.6\% |
| TOTAL NET INCOME (per Tax Return) = | 799 |  | 0.1\% | 262,480 |  | 31.0\% | 141,845 |  | 21.8\% |
| Total Add Backs = |  | 211,704 |  |  | 54,745 |  |  | 52,653 |  |
| Owner's Discretionary Cash Flow = |  | 212,503 |  |  | 317,225 |  |  | 194,498 |  |
|  |  |  | 27.1\% |  |  | 37.4\% |  |  | 29.8\% |
| BALANCE SHEET | Dec 31, 2009 | Adjusted |  | Sep 30, 2013 | Adjusted |  | Sep 30, 2012 | Adjusted |  |
| Accrual Basis Cash |  |  |  | 301,475 |  |  | 194,959 |  |  |
| Accounts Receivable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inventory |  |  |  | 72,184 |  | $\begin{array}{\|ll} 5.1 x & 72 \\ \text { days } & \end{array}$ | 59,328 |  |  |
| Misc Loans |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prepaids, Deposits | - - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |  |
| Total Current Assets / Total Adjusted | 0 | 0 |  | 373,659 | 373,659 |  | 254,287 | 254,287 |  |
| Fixtures \& Equipment |  |  |  | 340,574 |  |  | 331,824 |  |  |
| Depreciation |  |  |  | $(336,139)$ |  |  | $(330,386)$ |  |  |
| Tenant Improvements |  |  |  | 3,124 |  |  | 3,124 |  |  |
| Depreciation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits (Whitewater Companies) |  |  |  | 83,954 |  |  | 85,487 |  |  |
| Amortization | - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |  |
| Total Assets / Total Adjusted Assets |  | $\underline{0}$ |  | 465,172 | 465,172 |  | 344,336 | 344,336 |  |
| Accruals |  |  |  | 8,425 |  |  | 6,494 |  |  |
| Accounts Payable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Credit Card Debt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Line of Credit | - | - |  | - | - |  | 2,258 | - |  |
| Total Current Liabilities / Total Adjusted | - | - |  | 8,425 | 8,425 |  | 8,752 | 8,752 |  |
| Long-Term Debt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans From Stockholder | - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |  |
| Total Liabilities / Total Adjusted Liabilities | - | 0 |  | 8,425 | 8,425 |  | 8,752 | 8,752 |  |
| Net Worth / Adjusted Net Worth | 0 | $\underline{0}$ |  | 456,747 | 456,747 |  | 335,584 | 335,584 |  |
| Total Liabilities+Net Worth / Adjusted Total |  | 0 |  | 465,172 | 465,172 |  | 344,336 | 344,336 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Cell: D6
Comment: Recasting the Financial Statements
The "recasting" of a company's earnings serves two purposes. First, since the databases we use for comparables are a collection of all forms of business entities, we need to strip away the differences in accounting methods used by those different entity types. For example, sole proprietorships (SP) report earnings on the Schedule C of the owner's personal tax return. There is no owner's salary expense in an SP; the "bottom line" represents his total income and payroll taxes for that income appears on his 1040. However, corporations and partnerships include a deduction for an owner's salary expense including payroll taxes. Thus the bottom line for these entities is net of the owner's salary and payroll taxes. Health benefits are a deduction in corporations but not in SP's (benefits appear on the owner's 1040). Donations are a deduction in C-corporations but not in S-corporations (donations appear on the owner's K-1). Accelerated depreciation (IRC Section 179) and gains or losses from the sale of assets do not appear on an S-corporation tax return (they are on the owner's K-1) but do on a C-corporation and on an SP. State income taxes do not appear on an SP but do on a Corporation. SPs by definition have one owner, whereas corporations and partnerships may have multiple owners all with salaries that are expensed, thereby reducing the bottom line. Finally, since interest expense can vary greatly between similar companies, making direct comparisons of earnings can be difficult. Thus, it is also common practice to remove interest expense from the recast financials.

In order to develop some measure of earnings for all these different entities that are directly comparable to each other, the databases have removed all those accounting differences from their income statements. Accordingly, each entity's reported "earnings" is net of taxes, depreciation, health benefits, donations, capital gains, interest expense, and most importantly, net of just one owner's salary.

If a company has multiple owners (including working spouses of owners), the salary of the one owner who would most likely be replaced by a hypothetical buyer is added back to discretionary earnings (SDE). It is also assumed that the hypothetical buyer would have to replace all the other owners with hired employees. As a result, if the replacement cost for those hired employees is less than the compensation paid to those other owners, the difference is also added back to SDE. Conversely, if the replacement cost for those hired employees is more than the compensation paid to those other owners, the difference is deducted from SDE.

If the present owner is an absentee owner, the salary of the general manager is added back to SDE along with the owner's salary. The assumption here is that a hypothetical buyer will be an operating owner / manager, thereby replacing both the manager and the owner. In doing so he will earn the manager's salary and the owner's salary.

In developing SDE, interest, depreciation, and income taxes are also added back to cash flow. After applying all the appropriate adjustments, then we can directly compare the recast discretionary earnings of corporations to sole proprietorships etc. The resulting Seller's Discretionary Earnings (SDE) is the total cash flow a hypothetical owner has at his disposal for his salary and perquisites, his loan payments, and his capital expenditures. (The terms "Seller's Discretionary Earnings" and "Cash Flow" are used interchangeably in the following Market Approach discussion.)

The second purpose for recasting a company's earnings is to attempt to present a normalized view of the subject company's operations. The recast financials should serve as a proxy for the level of operations from which we may reasonably expect future revenues to evolve. Thus we select an earnings period that best represents the current level of operations (which may not be the current year's P\&Ls) and then we remove any non-operating income or expenses and any non-recurring
income or expenses. The result should be an income stream for the subject company that we can reasonably expect under normal circumstances. The normalized P\&L of the subject has now been properly recast and can be compared to the database guideline companies.

Cell: E7
Comment: History
NOTE: ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THIS REPORT ARE FICTITIOUS
Extreme Rafting (ER) was founded in 1979 by John Smith and has been owned and managed by Mr. Smith and his wife for the last 30 years.

The company operates recreational rafting excursions on five major rivers in the eastern mountain regions of Oregon The Klamath River, which has three forks, the North, Middle, and South Fork, are the most popular venues. These three rivers flow through Klamath Counties and empty into Crater Lake. The Company also operates on the Snake River in Lake County and Pawnee River in Mountain County. Various county, state, and federal agencies, as well as private interests control the permits and usage by rafting companies for these rivers. The North Fork and Middle Fork of the Klamath river are controlled by Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department. Snake River is controlled by the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Pawnee River is controlled by Mountain County. The South Fork of the Klamath River, 's largest operation, is controlled by Klamath County and several private landowners. The private landowners typically charge ER rent or usage fees to allow ER guests to use their facilities for day picnics or overnight camping while on rafting trips.

Permits and usage agreements from the various agencies and private interests must be re-applied for each year. Competition for the number of trips a rafting company will be allowed each week is fairly intense. The various agencies typically restrict the number of rafts that will be allowed each day on a given river during the rafting season. Each rafting company has a designated maximum limit of use based on their River Permits which are fixed. However, Middle Fork Klamath River is based on the historical use each season and an allocation is awarded the following season. The Middle Fork regulatory agency (Oregon Parks and Recreation Department), for example, looks at the prior six years of operation. South Fork is the exception where allocations are not locked in by a company's historical usage. Thus, if a company has a slow year, it may reduce its usage allocation for several years into the future. Usage restrictions typically affect Saturday and Sunday trip allocations, since those are the busiest days on the rivers. Thus, for one company to increase its allocation on weekends it must take it away from other rafting companies. Usage restrictions for Monday through Fridays are minimal. Consequently, if a rafting company wishes to increase its annual allocation of usage granted by the various agencies, increasing one's business on Monday through Friday is the easiest and quickest way to do it. The South Fork operation, ER's most profitable, is restricted to 113 trips per day on weekends and 80 trips on weekdays. Weekends are frequently sold out as are midweek days during July and August. Thus, it is difficult to increase business on the weekends since it is operating at its maximum capacity already. If weekday business were increased this year, then for the following year, the company would be granted higher usage limits on both weekends and weekdays.

The rafting season is from April 1 through October 15 each year. ER charges up to $\$ 120$ for half day trips and $\$ 200$ for all day trips during the weekends. Three day trips cost up to $\$ 500$. The rafting crews prepare picnic lunches or dinners at various stopping points along the rivers and overnight camping is provided at number of public or private facilities that operate on the river shores. The level of rafting business is affected by the amount of snow and rainfall during the prior winter season. During seasons of low snow and rainfall, the water agencies that control the river flows from the dams may operate at a reduced schedule releases for sufficient water for rafting. Such was the
case for the 2012 rafting season. Competition from other rafting companies will also affect the level of one's business. There are over 25 rafting companies that operate on the river systems throughout Oregpn. ER is probably the largest company. Weekend rafting is by far the most profitable days of operation. If a rafting company wishes to increase the number of trips it is allocated, it might consider promoting Monday through Friday trips at a loss, since those days are not restricted to usage. Then, for the following season the regulatory agency will grant that company more trips per week because of its increased business on Monday through Fridays. This will allow such companies more trips on the lucrative weekends which literally reduce the number of trips allocated to the other competing companies. Such was the case for the 2012 rafting season. A few competitors advertised weekday trips at half price on the Groupon.com website. The advertising significantly increased their weekday business. However, since Groupon.com keeps $25 \%$ of the trip fee for its commission, those rafting companies netted only $37 \%$ of their usual fee for the weekday trips that were sold. The companies that promoted rafting trips on Groupon.com lost heavily on the trips sold. However, those companies will now earn higher allocations from the agencies for the following year which will be sold at the full price.

Cell: E9
Comment: Revenues - 2013
For companies operating in recreational regions of the Oregon foothills, the effect of annual weather patterns on revenues is a way of life. From ski resorts, camp grounds and cabin rentals to restaurants and sporting equipment rentals, profits rise and fall with the snow and rain. ER is totally dependent on water flows which can come from rainfall or snowfall. Some of the rivers in the northern areas that ER operates on are dependent primarily on the spring snowpack. These rivers have no dams to hold water, hence, melting snow provides water for just a few short months in the late spring and early summer. Dry years are often cold years; thus, there may be below normal rainfall but ample snowpack. These rivers might enjoy a profitable spring business whereas at the same time other rivers that depend on rain are doing poorly. The Klamath Rivers that are ER's main markets have dams that hold water during the spring snow melt and release it later in the summer, providing for a much longer rafting seasons. However, when snow and rain is light in any year, the season can be much shorter. Such was the situation in the Spring of 2012.

The Spring of 2012 was a significant drought year for Oregon and Spring of 2013 was only slightly better. For 2012 the lack of rain and snowpack affected all rivers, driving business for ER down $20 \%$ for its fiscal 2013. The decline in business prompted intense competition as rafting companies tried to buy as much business as they could just to keep their crews busy. Thus, not only did ER's revenues decline in fiscal 2013 (Spring of 2012), but so did profit margins. For Spring 2013, snow and rain was slightly improved. However, there was a deferred level of demand from the slow prior year that rafting companies benefited from even though the current year's weather condition was also not good. Rafting companies that pursued predatory price cutting practices in the prior year let up in Spring 2013. Thus, for ER's September 2013 period revenues and profit margins returned to normal levels.

Cell: K12
Comment: Food Purchase - 2012
This expense is for the food that is served the patrons while on rafting trips.
Cell: K14
Comment: Labor-2012

All ER staff are seasonal and part time. About $75 \%$ of the crew returns each year.

Labor - $\$ 24,098$. Includes two staff who prepare food for trips plus two maintenance people who clean trucks.

Bus Drivers $-\$ 36,736$. Includes six part time drivers who earn $\$ 35$ for a $1 / 4$ day shift to $\$ 100$ for full day.

River Guides $-\$ 120,651$. Includes 14 full time (during the season only) and 24 part time guides. Each raft has a guide. They earn $\$ 80$ to $\$ 125$ per day.

Cell: K16
Comment: User fees -2012

These are fees charged by the county, state, and federal agencies and the private landowners. The largest fees are to a private camping operation on the South fork. The company charges $\$ 7$ per person per day. Total fees to this one source was $\$ 45,000$ in 2011-12.

Cell: K17
Comment: Workman's Comp Insurance - 2012
The Company has only had minor claims on its workman's compensation insurance over the last three years. Mr. Smith believes his MOD factor might be at or less than $100 \%$.

Cell: K24
Comment: Gains on Sale of Assets are considered non-recurring income that is deducted from cash flow.

Cell: E30
Comment: Officer Salary - 2013

Both wife and husband work full time at the business. Mrs. Smith was paid $\$ 41,000$ in 2013 which is included in Office Salaries. Mr. Smith estimated that it would cost $\$ 32,000$ base pay to replace her. Mr. Smith's salary of $\$ 58,800$ is added back. Mrs. Smith's excess salary of $\$ 9,000$ is added back to Office Salaries.

The payroll taxes associated with the payroll add back is also added back.

Cell: K30
Comment: Officer Salary - 2012
Both wife and husband work full time at the business. Mrs. Smith was paid $\$ 41,000$ which is included in Office Salaries. Mr. Smith estimated that it would cost $\$ 32,000$ base pay to replace her. Thus, we would add back to cash flow one owner's salary of $\$ 160,200$ and add back Mrs. Smith's excess salary of $\$ 9,000$ to replace her.

The payroll taxes associated with the payroll add back is also added back.

Cell: Q30
Comment: Officer Salary - 2010

Both wife and husband work full time at the business. Mrs. Smith was paid $\$ 38,000$ which is
included in Office Salaries. Mr. Smith estimated that it would cost $\$ 32,000$ base pay to replace her. Thus, we would add back to cash flow one owner's salary of $\$ 135,000$ and add back Mrs. Smith's excess salary of $\$ 6,000$ to replace her.

The payroll taxes associated with the payroll add back is also added back.
Cell: K32
Comment: Payroll Taxes - 2012
Payroll Taxes on the owner's salary are also added back to cash flow.
Cell: K33
Comment: Advertising and Promotion - 2012
ER advertises through its Website. Advertising costs include site optimizing and Google ad clicks.
The Company maintains a mailing list of all prior customers which it uses for direct mail advertising. ER also puts brochures in all the hotels and tourist places advertising its services.
In the past it has advertised at the
Magic Kingdom in Vallejo.
Cell: E34
Comment: Auto and Bus Expenses - 2013
Mr. Smith charges the company approximately $\$ 5,000$ for his personal auto expenses. This is considered part of his compensation and is added back to cash flow.
Mrs. Smith receives approximately $\$ 3,500$ in paid auto benefits. A hypothetical replacement for her would not receive any auto benefits.

Therefore, total auto add back is $\$ 8,500$.
Cell: K34
Comment: Auto and Bus Expenses - 2012
Mr. Smith charges the company approximately $\$ 5,000$ for his personal auto expenses. This is considered part of his compensation and is added back to cash flow.

Mrs. Smith receives approximately $\$ 3,500$ in paid auto benefits. A hypothetical replacement for her would not receive any auto benefits.

Therefore, total auto add back is $\$ 8,500$.
Cell: E41
Comment: Rent-2013
Mr. Smith and his partner own the property which includes the company office, an small building that is used as a commissary for the rafting operation, and two dwelling units. Total rent generated from the premises is $\$ 36,000$, including the rent that ER pays.

Mr. Smith estimates that the current $\$ 1,200$ monthly rent that Smith pays is what a buyer could expect to pay for the premises. The normalized rent, then, is $\$ 14,400$ per year. Therefore, $\$ 1,200$ is DEDUCTED from cash flow to reflect this hypothetical cost to a buyer.

Cell: E45

Comment: Depreciation and Interest Expense are added back to cash flow.
Cell: K45
Comment: Depreciation and Interest Expense are added back to cash flow.
Cell: E46
Comment: Employee Benefits - 2013
Includes company dinners for employees and health insurance for the Smiths.
Mr. Smith received approximately $\$ 10,000$ in health benefits, Mrs. Smith received approximately $\$ 9,000$ in benefits. However, a hypothetical replacement for Mrs. Smith would receive benefits costing $\$ 3,500$. Therefore, the $\$ 5,500$ excess portion of Mrs. Smith's benefits are added back along with Mr. Smith $\$ 10,000$ benefits.

Total add back is $\$ 15,500$
Cell: K46
Comment: Employee Benefits - 2012
Includes company dinners for employees and health insurance for the Smiths.
No employees receive health insurance benefits. They are mostly part time seasonal employees.
Mr. Smith received $\$ 9,656$ in health benefits which is considered part of his compensation. The benefits are added back to cash flow.

Mrs. Smith received approximately $\$ 8,000$ in health benefits. However, a hypothetical replacement for her would receive approximately $\$ 3,000$ in benefits. The $\$ 5,000$ excess benefit plus Mr. Smith's $\$ 9,656$ benefits are added back to cash flow.

Cell: E47
Comment: Income Tax Expense is added back to cash flow.
Cell: K47
Comment: Income Tax Expense is added back to cash flow.
Cell: K48
Comment: Depreciation and Interest Expense are added back to cash flow.
Cell: E64
Comment: Fixtures and Equipment - 2013
ER added a newer van for $\$ 9,000$ and five new rafts costing $\$ 16,500$ in 2012-13.

### 1.1 Databases Selected

The most commonly used databases in the Direct Market Data Method are Pratt's Stats, BIZCOMPS, BizBuySell, and the Institute of Business Appraisers (IBA) databases. For the most part, the data from these sources is obtained from business brokers who represented the buyer or the seller in the transaction. Very few of the transactions listed on the IBA database report the amounts of inventory or fixtures and equipment included in the sale. As such, this database will only be used if there are insufficient transactions in the other databases. BIZCOMPS reports the selling prices of a business excluding inventory. This database, however, does report the level of inventory separately, and therefore, we simply add inventory to the BIZCOMPS' reported selling price in order to be comparable to the other two databases. BIZCOMPS reports 17 data points for each transaction and claims to carefully review the quality of input to its database.

BIZCOMPS and IBA state that they calculate Seller's Discretionary Earnings slightly differently. (For example, IBA does not mention adding back depreciation into Discretionary Earnings.) However, this Appraiser has completed over 250 market approach analyses and has made a point of carefully reading the complete transaction reports for over 5,000 comparables from these databases. In instances where both databases reported the same transaction, the Appraiser has found that in a high percentage of the cases the selling price, gross revenues, and discretionary earnings were identical. One can attribute this to the fact that the same broker will report a transaction to all three databases, and will offer only one calculation for Seller's Discretionary Earnings (SDE). Brokers will typically follow the convention recommended by the IBBA (International Business Brokers Association) for calculating SDE, a convention that BIZCOMPS expressly follows and one that IBA appears to accept by default. Therefore, both databases will be considered similar enough in their respective construction to be grouped together. Shannon Pratt draws the same conclusion in The Market Approach to Valuing Businesses. ${ }^{[1]}$
"One may combine the data from the three databases into a single table. [However,] the analyst must be aware of and make certain adjustments to reflect that the three databases do not define the underlying financial variables in exactly

Pratt's Stats collects 69 data points for each transaction including a summary of the P\&L and balance sheet, a description of the terms of the deal, the type of consideration tendered, and whether it is a stock sale or an asset sale. Because of the extensive information available, reconciling Seller's Discretionary Cash flow or reconciling the actual selling price of the transaction is more reliable. Pratt's Stats calculates SDE similarly to BIZCOMPS and IBA; however, it is not uncommon to find discrepancies among all three. Careful analysis of all three databases will help avoid selecting incorrect transactional data. The greater detail offered by the Pratt's Stats database can help reduce errors in selecting the transactional data. Therefore, if there are any discrepancies arising among duplicate transactions reported by the three databases, the Pratt's Stats data will generally be used in the analysis.

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### 1.2 Timing of the Sale

The transactions used for business valuations are often several years old. Most of us exposed to real estate appraisals on private residences have been told that proximity to the subject house and timing of the comparable's sale are critical to the valuation. Business valuations, however, are not derived by looking at the actual selling price of the comparables. Instead, the Subject Company's financial ratios are compared with the ratios of the comparable businesses. Such financial ratios have a tendency to be fairly consistent over time.

Secondly, small-business investors base their investment decisions primarily on a long-term view of the market. Unlike purchasing stock, where the holding period may be weeks or months, buyers of small businesses expect to be invested for years. Therefore, when comparing businesses that sold several years ago, the effects of recessions or bull markets on the cash flow multiples of the business are somewhat minimalized. Again, by using financial-ratio comparisons, the relationship between selling price and gross sales or selling price and cash flow tends to be fairly stable over time. The time element that is so critical in real estate appraisals is not nearly as significant a factor in business appraisals.
The following research was discussed in the book by Gary Trugman, Understanding Business Valuation: ${ }^{[1]}$

Raymond C. Miles, C.B.A., A.S.A., executive director of the Institute of Business Appraisers, published a paper entitled, "In Defense of Stale Comparables," in which Miles examined the almost 10,000 entries in the database, and demonstrated that most industries are unaffected by the date of the transaction when smaller businesses are involved. Miles performed a study that examined the multiples across various industries and time periods to see if, in fact, the multiples changed. The conclusion reached was that the multiples do not appear time-sensitive, since inflation affects not only the sales prices, but also the gross and net earnings of the business. Therefore, this information can be used to provide actual market data.

More recently, similar results were cited by Jack Sanders, the creator of BIZCOMPS database.

Recently, the author [Jack Sanders] compared current study data with the data over ten years old. First the Gross Sales to Sales Price ratio was compared. In the current National Database that ratio was available in 6.748 out of 6,851 transactions. The arithmetic mean of this ratio was .46, while the median was .38. A similar analysis of 879 transactions out of 954 transactions older than ten years was made. The arithmetic mean was .44 and the median was .37. The same analysis was made of the Seller's Discretionary Earnings (SDE) to Sale Price ratio. The arithmetic mean for the current study was 1.95 while the median was 1.8. In the over 10 year-old data, the arithmetic mean was 2.0 and the median was 1.8. ${ }^{3}$

[^1]The search criteria used by the Appraiser when selecting Guideline Companies from the various databases, therefore, will not exclude transactions based on the timing of the sale.

### 1.3 Location

The location of a business can certainly have a significant impact on its value. For example, we often hear comments from business owners such as, "my restaurant has the best location in town and, therefore, deserves a much higher valuation." That observation would be true if that business were more profitable than its competitor. When applying the same Cash Flow Multiplier to the two different locations, the restaurant with the higher profits (and superior location) would earn a higher calculated value than the other. The superior location undoubtedly contributed to the company's higher profitability, and hence, its higher value. If the company at the supposed superior location generated the same level of profits as its competitor, one would have to seriously question the contention that the location is superior.

Selecting Guideline Companies from different states for comparison with the subject frequently raises challenges. The Appraiser researched the BIZCOMPS database to determine if there were compelling differences in the Market Value Multiples earned by companies from different states. The exhibit below shows the Cash Flow Margins (SDE \%) and Revenue and Cash Flow Multiples of companies sold in the major states throughout the country.

Tests were performed on the database to determine if various economic factors influenced the level of Market Value Multipliers earned by companies throughout the country. A regression analysis was performed comparing the population growth rate of a given state with the Gross Revenue Multiples earned by companies within that state. The hypothesis here is that high-growth areas must assuredly attract business buyers who are willing to pay a premium for access to that market. The regression produced an R-Square of 0.30 . The value, although not compelling, suggests that there is a modest tendency for high-growth areas to produce higher Gross Revenues Multiples than low-growth areas. (An R-Square of 1.0 means a perfect correlation between variables, whereas 0.0 means no correlation at all.) The table below was sorted by states with the lowest population growth on top and the highest population growth on the bottom. We can visually see that states with the lowest population growth typically have lower Median Revenue Multiples.

A second test was run comparing the growth rate of household income within a state with the Gross Revenue Multiples earned by companies sold in that state. The percentage change in median household income from 2000 to 2007 for each state was regressed against the median Gross Revenue Multiples earned by companies sold in that state. The hypothesis here is that communities enjoying surging income levels will attract buyers of businesses who perceive investment opportunities. The regression only produced an R-Square of 0.0006 ; i.e., there was virtually no correlation between rising incomes and the Gross Revenue Multiples earned in a given region. Therefore, that hypothesis is rejected.

However, a multiple regression analysis was performed combining the population growth rate and the income growth rate of a region and comparing them with the Gross Revenue Multiples. The combination produced an R-Square of 0.35 . The value suggests that communities enjoying
higher population growth and a higher growth in household income may produce transactions with higher Market Value Multiples

Exhibit I Market Value Multipliers by State


Given that population growth may have a positive effect on the Gross Revenue Multiples at the state level, we can draw the conclusion that high-growth communities within the state should also enjoy higher multiples than low-growth communities. Therefore, this report will research the growth rates of the community or market area that the Subject serves and compare it to the growth rate of the entire state or country.

From Exhibit I we can see that the population growth and growth in household income for California are about at the median level of other states. The research would then suggest that California businesses should also sell at Gross Revenue and Cash Flow Multiples that are near the median values found in other states, and in fact, the data bears this out. Both the Gross Revenue Multiples and Cash Flow Multiples of companies sold in California were exactly equal to the median values found in all major states.

The search criteria used for selecting comparables from the various databases, therefore, will include all transactions regardless of their location. However, an adjustment to the Gross Revenue Multiple will be made if the community or region that the Subject serves has a population growth rate and
income growth that is significantly above or below the median for the whole state.

### 1.4 Similarity of Comparables: the Principle of Substitution

As set forth in the Revenue Ruling 59-60, the value of an item can be determined by the cost of acquiring an equally desirable substitute. The Market Approach embodies this principle through the process of finding other similar businesses that have sold. The operative word "similar" often creates debate. A business owner is quick to point out the many unique characteristics of his company that make it distinctive in the marketplace and, therefore, should add to its value. The owner's customers will make those same distinctions, which is why they patronize the owner's business. A buyer however, typically does NOT make those distinctions. First and foremost, a buyer of a small business is "buying a job," a job that must support the lifestyle to which he is accustomed. We have actually seen a buyer submit an offer on a grocery store, but then subsequently buy an X-ray equipment servicing business instead. The reason he did not buy the grocery store was not because it didn't have eight foot high gondolas, or wasn't backed by the right franchisor, but rather, the X-ray equipment company simply just made more money. Clearly, a buyer's search criteria are just not detail oriented.

As we previously mentioned, the Market Approach is a buyer-driven analysis. Thus, in searching for comparable sales, it is not essential that the comparable be an exact match to the Subject Company. The ease with which Buyers choose between different types of businesses means that fairly broad classifications of businesses tend to exhibit similar value characteristics. The Buyer will simply not pay more for a business when there is an equally desirable substitute offered at a lower price.

### 1.5 Size of the Company

The size of a company, in terms of its Gross Revenues, has a direct bearing on its value. The Pratt's Stats Database of over 11,500 transactions was sorted by size of company. The results below show that, with few exceptions, smaller companies earn lower Cash Flow Multiples and Gross Income Multiples than larger ones.

Exhibit II Cash Flow Multipliers by Size of Company

|  | Total Sale |  | Cash | Flow Mu | tiplier |  | s Multiplie |  | Cash | ow Mar | (SDE\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Transactions | Sales Range | Median Sales | *Lower Quartile | Median | **Upper Quartile | *Lower Quartile | Median | **Upper Quartile | *Lower Quartile | Median | **Upper Quartile |
| 3,595 | \$0-\$500,000 | 241,197 | 1.38 | 2.11 | 3.33 | 0.34 | 0.50 | 0.74 | 15.4\% | 24.7\% | 38.5\% |
| 1,387 | \$500,000-\$1,000,000 | 693,701 | 1.63 | 2.51 | 3.61 | 0.29 | 0.44 | 0.65 | 11.4\% | 18.4\% | 27.5\% |
| 897 | \$1,000,001-\$2,000,000 | 1,375,624 | 1.86 | 2.77 | 4.07 | 0.26 | 0.44 | 0.67 | 9.3\% | 15.6\% | 25.6\% |
| 545 | \$2,000,001-\$5,000,000 | 3,097,922 | 1.84 | 2.96 | 4.55 | 0.22 | 0.45 | 0.69 | 7.8\% | 14.7\% | 26.9\% |
| 143 | \$5,000,001-\$8,000,000 | 6,305,046 | 2.70 | 3.95 | 5.94 | 0.26 | 0.53 | 0.99 | 7.3\% | 13.3\% | 23.8\% |
| 242 | \$8,000,001-\$25,000,000 | 13,856,490 | 3.33 | 4.87 | 6.92 | 0.37 | 0.66 | 1.17 | 8.5\% | 14.6\% | 24.2\% |
| 284 | \$25,000,001+ | 65,588,925 | 4.06 | 6.28 | 8.11 | 0.34 | 0.64 | 1.13 | 6.5\% | 11.4\% | 18.5\% |
| Overall Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7,144 | All Transactions | 772,200 | 1.58 | 2.50 | 3.99 | 0.31 | 0.48 | 0.73 | 11.9\% | 20.2\% | 32.7\% |
| Coefficient of Variation of Whole Database $=$ <br> * $25 \%$ of all Transaction w ill fall BELOW the Low er Quartile values. <br> $50 \%$ of all transactions w ill fall BETWEEN the Upper and Low er Quartile values <br> ** $25 \%$ of all transactions will fall ABOVE the Upper Quartile values. |  |  |  | $\text { Coefficient of Variation of Whole Database }=67.7 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Pratts Stats <br> The follow in <br> 1) Corpor <br> 2) Assets | abase conta ansactions Stock Sales ales where lia | d a total of re eliminated <br> ities w ere as | 3,991 trans from the abo <br> 3) Compa <br> 4) Compa | ions on 8-10 analysis to w with negat w wh Cash | id potential cash flow <br> w Multiplie | distortions: <br> $r 10.0$ |

For example, all companies in the table above generated a Median Cash Flow Multiplier of 2.50, whereas, those companies with revenues under $\$ 500,000$ earned only 2.11 . Thus, the smallest companies earned multiples of $2.11 \div 2.50$ or $84.4 \%$ of what the average sized companies earned when sold. Similarly, companies with revenues between $\$ 1,000,000$ and $\$ 2,000,000$ exhibited a median Cash Flow Multiple of 2.77 which was $10.8 \%$ higher than the average sized company.

The Subject Company generates Gross Revenues in the $\$ 800,000$ range. Accordingly, the "size criteria" used to select Guideline Companies were those businesses whose revenues fell roughly in the $\$ 300,000$ to $\$ 2,000,000$ range. Often it is difficult to find enough comparables within a given revenue range similar to the Subject. Therefore, in order to get a sample of reasonable size, it may be necessary to select somewhat larger or smaller Guideline Companies. In this case, it is important that the average revenue size of the whole sample be fairly close to the Subject's revenue history.

### 1.6 Other Filtering Criteria

The last filter criteria applied to the remaining database was to eliminate any transaction with negative or near zero earnings. Companies with earnings that are negative or near zero will produce Cash Flow Multiples that are negative or extraordinarily high, causing averages and Standard Deviations to be skewed inappropriately. By way of example: Selling price $=\$ 400,000$, Revenues $=\$ 1,000,000$, and Cash Flow $=\$ 25,000$. The resulting Cash Flow Multiple $=16(\$ 400,000 \div \$ 25,000)$. One would normally draw the conclusion from a Cash Flow multiple of 16, that the company sold for an extraordinarily high price. In this case, it was just the result of a very small denominator - Cash Flow.

Of the 6,279 transactions matching the initial search criteria in the Pratt's Stats database, 843 were found to have Cash Flow multiples that were greater than 10.0 or less than zero. The median Cash Flow Profit Margin (SDE \%) (Cash Flow $\div$ Total Revenue) for this group was only $4.4 \%$, whereas, the median for the entire Pratt's Stats database was $19.3 \%$. Thus, companies with Cash Flow multiples greater than ten are more than likely unprofitable companies. Since Cash Flow is the denominator in the Cash Flow Multiples equation, the high multiples earned for this group are clearly a function of a very low earnings level rather than a high price level. In addition, this group also yielded a very high Coefficient of Variation of $127.2 \%$. The 843 transactions in this group are, therefore, loaded with outliers with distorted multiples.

Thus, companies with Cash Flow Multiples that are negative or greater than ten will be rejected from the analysis.

### 1.7 Selection of Appropriate Comparable Data

The above six sections have set up the filtering process that will be applied when selecting comparable transactional data. These selected Guideline Companies are considered to possess a higher degree of similarity to the Subject's characteristics and, therefore, are directly comparable.

The Subject Company is classified under SIC Code 799*, 794*, 7999: . Companies listed under these classifications may not be identical to the subject; however, they may possess
many similar characteristics. From a buyer's perspective, then, most of the companies within this group would be equally desirable choices.

The search criteria used for selecting comparables from the three databases, therefore, began by searching SIC Code \#799*, 794*, 7999. A total of 400 comparables were found in the Pratt's Stats database, and, 349 were found in the BIZCOMPS database. The selection was further filtered to include just those companies whose revenues were between $\$ 300,000$ and $\$ 2,000,000$ with the transactions occurring after 2001 and whose description of operations was similar to the Subject (i.e. Outdoor Sports and Entertainment). A total of 10 comparables were found in the Pratt's Stats database, and 7 were found in the BIZCOMPS database.

Specific details on all of these companies can be found on Page 21.

### 1.8 Identifying Outliers in the Selected Sample of Comparables

### 1.8.1 Coefficient of Variation

After taking into consideration the filters described in the above six paragraphs we may find that the sample of comparables that we have selected may be as few as ten to twenty-five transactions. The risk in using a smaller sample of comparables is that one or more "outlying" comparables can significantly distort the ratio analysis of the entire sample. By "outlying" we mean that the Market Value Multipliers produced by the single Guideline Company are so far above or below the other observations that it caused the group's overall averages to be skewed. Thus, it is accepted practice when trying to measure where the market is to use the Median of a sample rather than its Average The Average of a sample will be affected more by a single outlier than the Median. Regardless, both measures are at risk of sampling error due to small sample size. For that reason, standard deviation and coefficient of variation tests will be run on the sample which will then be compared to the entire Pratt's Stats database of 11,500 companies.

Standard Deviation is a statistical tool that measures the spread between the multipliers of each individual comparable and the corresponding average for the entire sample of comparables. In other words, the Standard Deviation measures the

Exhibit III Example Coefficient of Variation

|  | Cash Flow Multiplers |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sample \#1 | Sample \#2 |
| Transaction \#1 | 4.6 |  |
| \#2 | 4.0 | 7.7 |
| \#3 | 4.4 | 2.0 |
| \#4 | 4.7 | 3.0 |
| \#5 | 5.7 | 9.0 |
| \#6 | 4.0 | 1.0 |
| Median | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| Average | 4.6 | 4.0 |
| Stand Deviation | 0.63 | 4.6 |
| Coef of Variation | $14 \%$ | 3.2 | degree of variability or dispersion within a sample. However, when comparing our small selection of comparables to the entire Pratt's Stats database, the Standard Deviations of the two samples, by itself, does not tell us which sample is more accurate. For that determination we use the Coefficient of Variation (CV). CV equals the Standard Deviation of the sample divided by its Average. The degree of dispersion within the sample is measured as a percentage of that sample's average. Thus, if a sample's average Cash Flow Multiplier were 5.0 and the standard

deviation is 1.5 , statistically the majority of all comparables would have a Multiplier that fell between 3.5 and $6.5(5.0+$ or -1.5$)$. The CV would indicate that the majority of comparables would lie within $30 \%$ of the average ( $1.5 \div 5.0$ ). Thus, the coefficient gives us a tool to compare different samples in terms of their respective variability. If one sample has a much lower CV than the second, we can assume that the second sample has one or two outlying observations that may be distorting its overall average and, thereby, giving us a false read of the market.

The best way of defining CV is through an example. Sample \#1 in Exhibit III contains the Cash Flow Multipliers of six sales transactions. The sample's median is 4.5 and the average is 4.6. Sample \#2 also contains the Cash Flow Multipliers of six transactions. This sample has an average of 4.6, the same that was found in Sample \#1. However, the median was a moderately lower 4.0. In choosing which sample is a more accurate measure of the market, we could simply look at the six observations in Sample \#1, and intuitively we know that 4.5 is a good guess of where that market is. When looking at Sample \#2, we have no clue as to what a good guess would be. Sample \#2's observations are all over the map and any guess may be way off the mark. The CVs for these two samples statistically tell us what we already gleaned from visual inspection. The CV for Sample \#1 was only $14 \%$, whereas \#2 was $63 \%$. Given the choice between the two samples, Sample \#1 produces, by far, a better indication of where the market is as evidenced by its much lower CV value.

As noted by Shannon Pratt in his Market Approach to Valuing Businesses, "All else being equal, multiples [derived from a sample database] exhibiting low Coefficients of Variation tend to more accurately reflect market consensus with respect to value." ${ }^{(4)}$ Mr. Pratt also notes, "When Market Value Multiples among companies are tightly clustered, this suggests that these are the multiples that the market pays most attention to in pricing companies ... in that industry." ${ }^{(5)}$

The appraiser might have occasion to adjust a Market Value Multiple up or down given the presence of other extenuating circumstances. Since the median value for a particular multiple describes where the general market is, there may be circumstances where the appraisal subject does not "fit the mold." According to Pratt, "Keep in mind that the two factors that influence the selection of multiples of operating variables the most are the growth prospects of the Subject Company relative to the Guideline Companies and the risk of the Subject Company relative to the Guideline Companies., ${ }^{(6)}$

Thus, if the growth rate of the subject or its profitability is greater than or less than the Guideline Companies as a whole, there would be justification to move the observed multiple upward or downward by a percentage, or, even go to the upper or lower quartile of the sample's range.

Three different Market Value Multipliers will be used in this report. Standard Deviations and Coefficients of Variation will be calculated for each sample which will then be compared to the entire Pratt's Stats database of 11,501 transactions. If either sample produces significantly higher

[^2]coefficients we will reduce its weighting, or eliminate it altogether when reconciling all the calculated values to obtain a single value conclusion.

### 1.8.2 Regression Analysis

We have now completed round one of the process of selecting a suitable sample of comparables. The second step is to try to identify if there are individual observations within that sample that might be so far out of alignment with the rest of the sample that it is distorting our view of where the market is.

Regression Analysis is a statistical tool that we will use that compares various key characteristics of each Guideline Company (Gross Revenues, Cash Flow, Inventory, Fixtures, and Cash Flow Profit Margin (SDE \%) with its selling price. If each of these key characteristics are plotted on a graph, the regression calculation produces a line that will be the "best fit" between those points versus the selling prices. The regression line, therefore, is the measurement representing the closest relationship between these key variables and the selling prices of all the observed companies in the sample.

Exhibit IV Outliers Identified by Standard Error


Those Guideline Companies whose actual selling price is radically different from the price calculated by the regression line (i.e. they are significantly out of alignment with the rest of the market) can now be easily identified. The Regression Analysis not only plots a line that best represents where the market is, but also calculates what is referred to as Standard Error lines. The Standard Error is a statistical measurement similar to Standard Deviation in that it calculates the upper and lower boundaries between which most of the comparables should theoretically fall. Those comparables that fall outside these boundaries are companies whose selling prices were so far above or below the rest of the market that the transactional data must be considered flawed. These "Outliers," as they are referred to, will be removed from our sample of comparables.

The example in Exhibit IV graphed the points of I/ comparables on a chart (13 green and 4 red). The regression analysis calculated a line (in green) that is the closest fit to all those points. The regression also calculated a Standard Error which indicates theoretical boundaries (in red) in which approximately $16 \%$ of all companies should fall above the upper boundary line and $16 \%$ should fall below the lower boundary line. Four observations (in red) fell outside these boundaries, and therefore are not considered renresentative
of the market. The observations that fall outside the Standard Error boundaries will be considered "Outliers."

After the Outliers have been removed from our initial sample of comparables, we end up with a sample that is even smaller. As noted above, smaller samples carry a greater risk that one or two observations may still skew the results and present a false read of the market. Therefore, we will apply the CV test described in Paragraph 7.2.8.1 above to the second, smaller sample. If the new smaller sample produces CV ratios that are lower than those observed in the original sample, we will conclude that the smaller sample is a more accurate read of the market.

### 2.0 Procedures Used in the Direct Market Data Method

Once a sample of comparables that statistically represents the market has been selected, we can now apply various procedures to it that will ultimately determine the value of our Subject.

The following are the four procedures that will be used in the Market Approach:

### 2.1 Gross Revenue Multiplier - (Selling Price $\div$ Gross Revenues)

This method is a simple ratio of a company's Selling Price divided by its total Gross Revenues. Companies within a specific industry classification have a tendency to exhibit similar relationships between their revenues and selling price. Selling Price and Gross Revenues of a company are readily obtainable, making this method easy to apply. However, it does not consider the company's profitability or asset valuation in the equation. Therefore, this method, if used by itself, may produce a misread of a company's potential value.

### 2.2 Cash Flow Multiplier - (Selling Price $\div$ Cash Flow)

This method is the ratio of a company's Selling Price divided by its Discretionary Cash Flow. It should be noted that the database sources used in the Direct Market Data Method calculate earnings differently than the way we calculated Net Cash Flow in the Income Approach. Earnings or "Owner's Discretionary Earnings" are calculated by removing all Owner's salaries and perquisites (such as health benefits, personal autos, etc.) from expenses. Interest, depreciation, income taxes, any one-time expense or income, and any non-operating expense or income are also removed from the income statement. The resulting Owner's Discretionary Earnings (also referred to as Owner's Discretionary Cash Flow) is that cash flow which the Owner has at his disposal for his salary and perquisites, his loan payments, and his Capital Expenditures.

However, the same problem with the Gross Revenue Multiplier exists with the Cash Flow Multiplier. That is, the ratio only focuses on one aspect of the company's operations, its Cash Flow. Therefore, if used by itself, this ratio may produce a misread of the company's value. For that reason the Market Approach typically includes both ratios to estimate the value of a business.

### 2.3 Enterprise Value + Inventory - (Selling Price - Inventory $\div$ Cash Flow)

Under certain circumstances, however, using the above two methodologies can still produce inaccurate results when valuing businesses that derive the bulk of their revenues from the sale of inventory. For example: it was determined that the average hardware store sells for .45 times its Gross Revenue and 3.30 times its Discretionary Cash Flow. In our search, we find two Guideline Companies, each doing $\$ 900,000$ in Gross Revenues and $\$ 125,000$ in Cash Flow; yet, one sold for $\$ 400,000$ and the second for $\$ 600,000$. The anomaly can probably be explained by the fact that the first store had $\$ 200,000$ in Inventory while the second had $\$ 400,000$.

The "Enterprise Value + Inventory" methodology deducts the volatile Inventory component from the selling price of the business. The difference is then divided by the company's Discretionary Cash Flow. The resulting ratio can be used to determine what is referred to as the "Enterprise Value" of the business; that is, the value of a business excluding its Inventory. By using this methodology in the two above examples, we find that Enterprise Value for both businesses was 1.60 [Store $\# 1=$ $(\$ 400,000-200,000) \div \$ 125,000 ;$ Store $\# 2=(\$ 600,000-400,000) \div \$ 125,000]$. We can then use this ratio to estimate the value of a third hardware store which generated, say, $\$ 1,450,000$ in Gross Revenues, $\$ 200,000$ in Cash Flow, and had $\$ 375,000$ in Inventory. Store \#3's Enterprise Value is $\$ 320,000(\$ 200,000 \times 1.60)$; its total value including inventory is, therefore, $\$ 320,000+\$ 375,000$, or $\$ 695,000$. The Cash Flow Multiplier by itself would have predicted only $\$ 660,000$ ( 3.30 x $\$ 200,000$ ) and the Gross Revenue Multiplier would have predicted $\$ 652,500(.45 \times \$ 1,450,000)$. When reconciling these three Market Value Multipliers to estimate the value of this third hardware store, we might consider giving additional weighting to the Enterprise Valuation because this store primarily generates its revenue from the sale of Inventory.

Exhibit V Example Regression Analysis


### 2.4 Four Regression Calculations to Be Used

We have discussed above how Regression Analysis helped us identify Outliers within our initial sample of comparables. The resulting smaller sample has now been "sanitized" and, therefore, should give us a more accurate read of the market. As was also noted, the Regression Analysis calculates a formula from which a line can be graphed that best represents that specific market. By plotting our Subject's actual variables on the chart, the Market Line will then enable us to determine the probable value of the Subject Company.

Our Market Approach will employ four different

Regression calculations. The first is referred to as a "Multiple Variable Regression Analysis." This statistical tool simultaneously compares four key variables of each comparable (Gross Revenues, Cash Flow, Inventory, and Fixtures) with its respective selling price. The regression produces a formula, then, in which we can input our subject's four actual variables and calculate its probable selling price. For demonstration purposes a simplified Regression Analysis is graphed in Exhibit V. The values for the Selling Price and the Gross Revenues of 17 comparables were plotted on the chart and a regression line was then calculated. The subject company's Gross Revenues of $\$ 700,000$ is then located on the horizontal X-Axis. By moving vertically from that point to the Regression Line we can then identify the probable selling price of $\$ 300,000$ from the vertical Y-Axis on the left side of the chart.

The remaining three Regression calculations to be used in this report will compare the Cash Flow Profit Margins (SDE \%) of the comparables against their respective Cash Flow Multipliers, Revenue Multipliers, and Enterprise Multipliers. These three tests are discussed in greater detail below.

Each of the four regression tests that will be undertaken will produce an R Squared factor which measures how close all the comparables fit to their respective Market Lines. An R Squared of 0.0 means that the calculated Market Line had no predictive value whatsoever. An R Squared of 1.0 means that the Market Line exactly predicted the selling price for each of the comparables. Thus, R Squared gives us a means to compare how good each regression was at predicting the Subject's value in much the same manner as the CV ratio did in the sampling tests done earlier in the report. Thus, in the final reconciliation at the end of this report, the predicted selling prices calculated by each of the four regression tests will be weighted using their respective R Squared factors as guidelines

Exhibit VI $\begin{gathered}\text { Cash Flow Profit Margin by Size } \\ \text { of Company }\end{gathered}$

| Total <br> Transactions | Sales Range | Median Cash <br> Flow Profit <br> Margin (SDE\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5,002 | $\$ 0-\$ 500,000$ | $24.7 \%$ |  |
| 897 | $\$ 500,000-\$ 1,000,000$ | $18.4 \%$ |  |
| 309 | $\$ 1,000,001-\$ 2,000,000$ | $15.6 \%$ |  |
| 231 | $\$ 2,000,001-\$ 5,000,000$ | $14.7 \%$ |  |
| 143 | $\$ 5,000,001-\$ 8,000,000$ | $13.3 \%$ |  |
| 242 | $\$ 8,000,001-\$ 25,000,000$ | $14.6 \%$ |  |
| 284 | $\$ 25,000,001+$ | $11.4 \%$ |  |
| Overall Totals |  |  |  |
| 7144 | All Transactions | $20.2 \%$ |  |

The follow ing transactions w ere eliminated from the above analy sis to avoid potential distortions:

1) Corporate Stock Sales
2) Assets Sales where liabilities were assumed.
3) Companies with negative cash flow
4) Companies with Cash Flow Multipliers over 10.0

Pratts Stats Database of 13998 transactions, 8/10/09.

### 2.5 Cash Flow Profit Margin (SDE \%) (Discretionary Earnings $\div$ Revenues)

IRS Ruling 59-60 instructs business appraisers to give considerable weighting to a company's profitability when determining its value. As such, we observe the Subject's Cash Flow growth over the previous several years and identify all the drivers that created that growth. We also look at the Subject's market and how it affects the Subject's Cash Flow and consider the prospects for its continued growth in the future. We then compared the Subject's Balance Sheet and P\&L ratios to a database of thousands of similar companies to determine the Subject's relative strength compared to its peer group. The questions is, then, once we have determined that our Subject is better than its peer group, what is the markey willing to pay for that?

When trying to make a direct comparison of the Subject to companies that have recently sold, the available databases of sold comparables do not provide us with much financial information. The only effective tool available is to compare each company's Cash Flow Profit Margins (SDE \%). This simple ratio, Discretionary Earnings divided by Gross Revenues, gives us the means to directly compare the relative performance of companies in terms of their profitability and how it affects the selling price of the business. Generally speaking, when comparing companies of similar size and SIC classification, those which have higher SDE \% tend to be the more dominant players within their markets. They can command higher prices for their products and services, and, they control expenses more efficiently than their competition.

Since this one measure of a company's profitability will be used extensively in the following Market Approach, it is important to understand all the subtleties behind it.

### 2.5.1 Size of a Company vs. its Cash Flow Profit Margin (SDE \%)

First, from Exhibit VI we can see that the larger the company is, the lower its SDE \%. This appears to be a direct contradiction to what we observed in the previous section above, i.e., the larger the company the higher its Cash Flow Multiplier. This apparent anomaly can be explained as follows:

In smaller companies under $\$ 500,000$ in revenue, the owner typically "wears all the hats." He is the salesman, marketing manager, HR manager, and bookkeeper. All the profits flow to the owner to compensate him for all these jobs. As we see from Exhibit II, companies that size generate cash flow at an average of $24.7 \%$ of every dollar of Revenue. For a $\$ 500,000$ company, then, that would translate to $\$ 123,500$ in Discretionary Earnings ( $\$ 500,000 \times 24.7 \%$ ). From Exhibit II we saw that a $\$ 500,000$ company would sell for 2.11 times its earnings, which in our example would be $\$ 260,585$ (\$123,500 x 2.11).

For this company to grow to $\$ 2$ million, however, the owner must now hire a bookkeeper, and HR manager and possibly a CFO. The company is now too big for the owner to do everything himself. A $\$ 2$ million company typically earns $\$ 312,000$ in Discretionary Earnings ( $\$ 2$ million x $15.6 \%$ (from Exhibit VI)). Thus, when a company grows from $\$ 500,000$ to $\$ 2$ million, the additional $\$ 1.5$ million in sales added $\$ 188,500$ in earnings which only yields a $12.6 \%$ SDE \% ( $\$ 188,500 \div \$ 1,500,000$ ).

Thus, the second company in the above example produced a higher level of Gross revenues yet earned a lower SDE \%. The importance of this peculiarity is that in using SDE \% to predict the value of a business, it becomes increasingly essential to select a sample of comparables that are as close in revenue size to the Subject as possible, and that are from similar SIC classifications. Otherwise, we might look at the $24.7 \%$ SDE \% of a $\$ 500,000$ company and draw the false conclusion that it deserves better Market Value Multipliers than the $\$ 2$ million which only produced an SDE $\%$ of 15.6\%.

Exhibit VII Predicting Multipliers Using SDE\%

2.5.2 The level of a Company's SDE \% vs. its Cash Flow Multiplier

A second oddity that one must be aware of when comparing the companies of similar size and SIC classification is that: the higher their Cash Flow Profit Margins (SDE \%), the lower their Cash Flow Multipliers tend to be. This seemingly contradicts everything we know about Market Approach science! We just presumed that highly profitable companies that enjoyed higher profit margins would also earn higher Cash Flow Multiples than their underperforming counterparts. This is not the case!

From Exhibit II we observed that larger companies generally earned higher Cash Flow Multipliers and Revenue Multipliers. Clearly, the size of a company is a major driver to the size of its Cash Flow Multiplier. However, if we look at companies within a narrow range of Sales we can see that there is a considerable range in their respective Multipliers. For example, companies with revenues in the $\$ 1$ million to $\$ 2$ million range earned a median 2.77 Cash Flow Multiplier which, on the average, was considerably higher than the 2.11 earned by $\$ 500,000$ companies. Yet, when we look at the range of multipliers for the $\$ 1$ to $\$ 2$ million group we find that the lower quartile only earned a 1.86 multiplier whereas, the upper quartile earned 4.07. This range of multipliers within a specific size grouping can largely be explained by the level of a company's SDE \%.

A statistical analysis of the Pratt's Stats database clearly shows this relationship.

A regression analysis was performed on the entire Pratt's Stats database of 11,500 sold transactions comparing each company's SDE \% with its corresponding Cash Flow Multiplier. ${ }^{(7)}$

[^3]The R Squared of the regression was only .18. Since this factor is low ( 0 means no correlation and 1.0 means perfect correlation), one could not conclude that SDE \% is a good indicator of a company's Cash Flow Multiplier. However, when we filter the Pratt's Stats Database further by including only companies near the same revenue level as the Subject and that are in similar SIC Classification, the resulting regression produces an R Squared significantly higher, usually from .40 to .70 or more. In other words, when we select a small sample of companies that have a similar revenue level and SIC Classification as the Subject, the Subject's SDE \% becomes a reasonably good predictor of its potential Cash Flow Multiplier. However, from the upper graph in Exhibit VII we note that the regression line is in a downward slope. This means that as a company's SDE $\%$ increases, we move to the right on the horizontal X-Axis. However, the Regression Market Line shows that we will also be moving downward on the vertical Y-Axis, indicating a decreasing Cash Flow Multiplier. Thus, for a given level of Revenue, those companies that are more profitable and therefore, have a higher SDE \%, will earn a lower Cash Flow Multiplier.

This oddity is easily explained by the example diagrammed in the upper half of Exhibit VII. Company A (diagrammed in red lines), with revenues of $\$ 500,000$ and Cash Flow of $\$ 24,000$, sold for $\$ 110,000$. Therefore, its SDE $\%$ is $\$ 24,000 \div \$ 500,000=4.8 \%$, and, its Cash Flow Multiplier is $\$ 110,000 \div \$ 24,000=4.6$. (Observe where the red lines cross the horizontal axis at $4.8 \%$ and vertical axis at 4.6.) Company B (diagrammed in blue), also with $\$ 500,000$ in revenues, but with $\$ 125,000$ in cash flow, sold for $\$ 300,000$. As we would expect, Company B sold for more money because it had higher earnings (in absolute dollar terms). However, Company B only produced a Cash Flow Multiplier of $2.4(\$ 300,000 \div 125,000)$, but had a high SDE \% of $25 \% ~(\$ 125,000 \div$ $\$ 500,000$ ). (Observe where the blue lines cross the horizontal axis at $25 \%$ and vertical axis at 2.4.) Company A's high Cash Flow Multiplier was not a function of a high selling price, but rather the function of a very low level of Cash Flow, the denominator of the equation.

Appraisers typically use the Median Cash Flow Multiplier for the whole sample of comparables to value a business. In the above example, the Median was 3.5. If we merely used the Median Multiplier to estimate Company A and B's probable selling prices we would have priced A at $\$ 84,000$ ( 3.5 x $\$ 24,000)$ and B at $\$ 437,500(3.5 \times \$ 125,000)$. We would have been way low on the first valuation and way high on the second. However, by using the regression formula and Subject's SDE \% to calculate its Cash Flow Multiplier, we would have determined that the company with a low SDE \% would have had a high multiplier (4.6), and the company with the high SDE \% would have had a low Multiplier (2.4). Thus, by using regression analysis the resulting predicted values of the two companies would be much more accurate.

When regressing the SDE \% against the Revenue Multipliers of a sample of comparables, the resulting R Squared factor is even more compelling than we found above when regressing SDE \% against the Cash Flow Multiplier. The R Squared factor typically rises as high as .80 or more, indicating that there is a very strong correlation between a company's SDE \% and its Revenue Multiplier. In addition, Revenue Multipliers follow a more logical pattern. From the graph at the bottom half of Exhibit VII we can see that companies with a higher SDE \% also earn higher Revenue Multipliers. Multiplier. In addition, Revenue Multipliers follow a more logical pattern. From the graph at the bottom half of Exhibit VII we can see that companies with a higher SDE \% also earn higher Revenue Multipliers.

By applying the data from the example above to the graph in the bottom half of Exhibit VII, we see that Company A only had a SDE\% of $4.8 \%$ and, as a result, the Regression Equation predicted a weak Revenue Multiplier of .22. Company B, however, had a strong SDE\% of $25 \%$ and, accordingly, earned an equally strong Revenue Multiplier of .60 . Again, if we only decided to use the sample's Median Revenue Multiplier of 0.40, the calculated value for both companies would have been the same - $\$ 200,000(.40 \times \$ 500,000)$. Simple logic would tell us that both companies are not worth the same; the second company earns five times as much cash flow! The Regression properly accounts for the difference in a company's profitability when calculating the Gross Revenue Multiplier, whereas, the Median of the sample does not.

From all the above statistical testing we can conclude that comparables within a narrow revenue range and in the same SIC classification behave in similar and predictable ways, a point appraisers have always contended. By using Regression Analysis we can tap into that similarity by using a company's SDE\% to predict its Revenue Multiplier, Cash Flow Multiplier, and Enterprise Multiplier.

Exhibit VIII Sold Comparables Analysis


The above sample of typical auto repair companies illustrates what we have been discussing. The sample was sorted by each company's SDE\% from the lowest to the highest. As you can see, when the SDE\% is lower the Revenue Multipliers also tend to be lower, whereas, the Cash Flow Multipliers tend to be higher.

### 3.0 Building the Sample to be Used in the Analysis

The Pratt's Stats, BIZCOMPS, databases were searched for transactions in same Standard Industry Classification code. The Comparables Analysis Table in the EXHIBIT X on Page 4 shows the operating ratios of all the businesses that were selected by using the filtering criteria discussed above..

All the transactions in the databases are presumed to be "Asset Sales," or, transactions that can be reconciled to Asset Sale Pricing; that is, their selling prices are comprised of Inventory, Fixtures, and Intangibles only. Those companies exhibiting very high Revenue Multiples often have either real estate, accounts receivable, or other non-operating assets included in their reported selling price, and, the transactional data neglected to disclose this fact. Many of the comparables with low Revenue Multiples may have reported their selling prices net of inventory, or, the buyer assumed some of the liabilities of the company, thereby reducing the price. Again, the transactional data may not have disclosed this fact. It only takes one or two comparables in a small sample with improper sales data to distort the Market Value Multiples.

A Multiple Regression Analysis was performed on the sample to pinpoint those outliers. The outliers were, then, removed leaving a smaller, more accurate sample. A second Multiple Regression was run on the second sample which calculated the value of the Subject Company (See Formula \#4 in Exhibit IX on Page 2) based on its gross revenues, cash flow (SDE), inventory, and fixtures and equipment. Formulas \#1 to \#3 calculate the Revenue Multiplier, Cash Flow Multiplier, and the Enterprise Multiplier based on the Subject's SDE\%. Each of these three multipliers is then applied to the Subject's revenues and cash flow to calculate values for the business.

When all four methodologies produce their respective values for the Company, each value is weighted by the size of its R Squared factor. Thus, the methodology with the highest R Squared will be given the highest weighting when determining the final value for the Subject.

The final value is an Asset Sale value which includes the Subject's Inventory, Fixtures and Equipment, and its Goodwill

## Extreme Rafting Sold Comparables

In order to make the various transactional data from each database directly comparable to each other, the following adjustments were made:

## I. PRATTS STATS DATABASE

## Selling Price:

Bizcomps and IBA report all transactions as Asset Sales, i.e. the value for inventory, fixtures and equipment, and goodwill only. Pratt's Stats, however, includes corporate Stock Sales in their list of transactions. Typically Stock Sales also include cash, accounts receivable, and some assumed liabilities. To make the selling price of a Stock Sale directly comparable to the selling price of an Asset Sale, we must make certain adjustments to the Stock Sale price. Pratts defines the selling price of a sold company as MVIC (Market Value of Invested Capital) which takes the total consideration paid (in cash, stock, or notes) plus assumed Interest-bearing debt and deducts any value allocated to earnouts and employment agreements. To convert Pratts Stat's Stock Sale price to be equivalent to Bizcomp's adjusted Asset Sale price described below, we must add to MVIC all other assumed non-interest bearing debt plus any value allocated to employment agreements and deduct any cash, accounts receivable, and all other assets except inventory, fixed assets and goodwill that might have been included in the sale. Thus, the resulting Asset Sale price, then, for both databases will be equal to the total consideration plus all assumed liabilities paid for the inventory, fixed assets, and goodwill of a company.

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Sample Stock Sale to Asset Sale Price**
Market Value of Invested Capital* \(\$ 850,000\)
Plus Employment Agreement Value \$50,000 Less any acquired Cash
Less acquired Accounts Receivable
Less Other Cur, Non-Cur Assets acquired Less interest-bearing Debt Assumed
Plus Total Liabilities Assumed
Adjusted Asset Sale Price
\((\$ 30,000)\)
\((\$ 220,000)\)
\$125,000
\$720,000
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** Asset Data field must indicate "Asset Data =
**Allocation**, or NOTES field indicates actual Allocation breakout.

| Sample Asset Sale Price |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| Market Value of Invested Capital* |  |
| Plus Employment Agreement Value | $\$ 850,000$ |
| Adjusted Asset Sale Price | $\underline{\$ 50,000}$ |
|  |  |
| MVIC (Market Value of Invested Capital) equals Total |  |
| Consideration paid Plus any assumed interest-bearing debt less |  |
| any value allocated to Earnouts and Employment Agreements |  |

Sample Asset Sale Price

Consideration paid Plus any assumed interest-bearing debt less any value allocated to Earnouts and Employment Agreements

## Seller's Discretionary Earnings (SDE):

Pratts Stats usually calculates SDE similarly to Bizcomps and IBA databases. However, they typically obtain more data from submitting brokers and therefore their calculated value for SDE may differ. However, the vast majority of the time, Pratts Stats' transactional data when applied to following formula yields the same or nearly the same value as Bizcomps and IBA.

| Sample SDE Calculation |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| Owner's Compensation | $\$ 75,000$ |
| Non-Cash Charges | $\$ 22,000$ |
| Operating Profit | $\underline{\$ 57,000}$ |
| Cash Flow (SDE) | $\underline{\$ 154,000}$ |

## II. BIZCOMPS DATABASE

Selling Price:
BIZCOMPS Database separates Inventory value from the Selling Price and Listing Price. To make BIZCOMPS' Selling Price and Listing Prices comparable to Pratts Stats and IBA databases, Inventory must be added back to the BIZCOMP selling price.

| Sample Selling Price Calculation |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| BIZCOMP Sale Price | $\$ 350,000$ |
| Inventory | $\$ 175,000$ |
| Adjusted Asset Sale Price | $\$ 525,000$ |


| Sample Listing Price Calculation |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BIZCOMP Ask Price | $\$ 420,000$ |  |
| Inventory | $\$ 175,000$ |  |
| Adjusted Listing Price | $\$ 595,000$ |  |

(= Inventory, Fixed Assets, and Goodwill)
(= Inventory, Fixed Assets, and Goodwill)

## III. IBA DATABASE

## Selling Price:

The IBA Database includes the Real Estate Value in the Selling Price of a Transaction. To make IBA's Selling Price comparable to Pratts Stats and BIZCOMPS databases, any Real Estate Value was subtracted from the Selling Price.
Sale Price $\quad \$ 950,000$

Real Estate $\quad(\$ 500,000)$
Adjusted Asset Sale Price $\quad \$ 450,000$ (= Inventory, Fixed Assets, and Goodwill)







| Transaction Details Comp \# 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SIC Code: 7993 Amusement and recreational services - . Amusement Arcades |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business Description: Amusement Games NOTES: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source: Bizcomps |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transaction Type: asset Sale $\quad$ No Additional Comments were Submitted |  |  |  |  |  |
| Location: Phoenix, AZ No Adational Comments were Submitted |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transaction Data |  |  | Adjusted Asset Sale Price: |  |  |
| Date of Sale 6/30/2006 |  |  |  | Sale Price \$345, |  |
| Days on the Market |  |  |  | Inventory |  |
| Asking Price $\quad \$ 554,000$ |  |  | Adjusted | Asset Sale Price \$345, |  |
| Adjusted Asset Sale Price $\$ 345,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent Down PaymentFranchise Royalty |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Franchise Royalty |  |  |
| Terms of Deal ${ }^{\text {No Terms were Submitted }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income Data |  | Asset Data |  | Liability Data |  |
| Annual Gross Sales | \$599,000 | Cash | \$0 | Assumed Int-Bear Debt | \$0 |
| Cash Flow (SDE) | \$195,000 | Accounts Receivable | \$0 | L-T Liabilities | \$0 |
|  |  | Other Current \& Non-Current Assets | \$0 | Total Liabilities | \$0 |
|  |  | Inventory | \$0 |  |  |
|  |  | Furniture Fixtures, and Equipment | \$285,000 |  |  |
|  |  | Intangibles | \$0 | Value of Real Estate | \$0 |
| Operating Ratios |  | Valuation Multiples |  |  |  |
| Cash Flow Margin (SDE\%): | 32.55\% | Revenue Multiplier | 0.58 |  |  |
| Rent/Annual Sales | 0.0\% | Cash Flow Multiplier | 1.77 |  |  |
|  |  | Enterprise Multiplier | 1.77 |  |  |



| Transaction Details Comp \# 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SIC Code: 7999 Amusement and recreational services |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business Description: Amusement Rides NOTES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source: <br> Bizcomps <br> Transaction Type: asset Sale Location: Florida <br> Number of Employees: 11 |  | No Additional Comments were Submitted |  |  |  |  |
| Transaction Data |  |  | Adjusted Asset Sale Price: |  |  |  |
| Date of Sale 10/18/2006 |  |  |  | Sale Price | \$585, |  |
| Days on the Market 524 |  |  |  | Inventory |  |  |
| Asking Price \$650,000 |  |  | Adjusted | sset Sale Price | \$587 |  |
| Adjusted Asset Sale Price \$587,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent Down Payment $23 \%$Franchise Royalty |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Terms of Deal 10 Yrs @ 8\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income Data Asset Data |  |  | Liability Data |  |  |  |
| Annual Gross Sales Cash Flow (SDE) | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 539,000 \\ & \$ 198,000 \end{aligned}$ | Cash | \$0 | Assumed Int-B | - Debt | \$0 |
|  |  | Accounts Receivable | \$0 | L-T Liabilities |  | \$0 |
|  |  | Other Current \& Non-Current Assets | \$0 | Total Liabilities |  | \$0 |
|  |  | Inventory | \$2,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Furniture Fixtures, and Equipment | \$313,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Intangibles | \$0 | Value of Real |  | \$0 |
| Operating Ratios |  | Valuation Multiples |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Flow Margin (SDE\%): <br> Rent/Annual Sales | 36.73\% | Revenue Multiplier | 1.09 |  |  |  |
|  | 22.0\% | Cash Flow Multiplier | 2.962.95 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Enterprise Multiplier |  |  |  |  |


| Transaction Details | Comp \# 11 |  |  |  |  | Page 36 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SIC Code: 7999 | 9 Amusement | and recreational services |  |  |  |  |
| Business Description: Amusement Park |  | NOTES: |  |  |  |  |
| Source: <br> Bizcomps <br> Transaction Type: asset Sale Location: Manitoba <br> Number of Employees: 34 |  | No Additional Comments were Submitted |  |  |  |  |
| Transaction Data |  | Adjusted Asset Sale Price: |  |  |  |  |
| Date of Sale | 3/16/2010 |  |  | Sale Price | \$740,000 |  |
| Days on the Market | 246 |  |  | Inventory | \$10,000 |  |
| Asking Price | \$800,000 |  | Adjusted Asset Sale Price |  | \$750,000 |  |
| Adjusted Asset Sale Price | \$750,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent Down Payment | 83\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Franchise Royalty |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Terms of Deal 3 Yrs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income Data |  | Asset Data | Liability Data |  |  |  |
| Annual Gross Sales | \$785,000 | Cash | \$0 | Assumed Int-B | Debt | \$0 |
| Cash Flow (SDE) | \$298,000 | Accounts Receivable | \$0 | L-T Liabilities |  | \$0 |
|  |  | Other Current \& Non-Current Assets | \$0 | Total Liabilities |  | \$0 |
|  |  | Inventory | \$10,000 | Value of Real Estate |  |  |
|  |  | Furniture Fixtures, and Equipment | \$650,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Intangibles | \$0 |  |  | \$0 |
| Operating Ratios | Valuation Multiples |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Flow Margin (SDE\%): | 37.96\% | Revenue Multiplier | 0.96 |  |  |  |
| Rent/Annual Sales | 0.0\% | Cash Flow Multiplier | 2.52 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Enterprise Multiplier | 2.48 |  |  |  |






| Transaction Details Comp \# 16 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SIC Code: 7999 Amusement and recreational services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business Description: Two Masted Top Sail Schooner for Charter NOTES: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source: Bizcomps <br> Transaction Type: asset Sale Location: Florida Number of Employees: 5 |  | No Additional Comments were Submitted |  |  |  |
| Transaction Data |  |  | Adjusted Asset Sale Price: |  |  |
| Date of Sale 4/17/2009 |  |  |  | Sale Price \$500, |  |
| Days on the Market |  |  |  | Inventory |  |
| Asking Price $\$ 980,000$ |  |  | Adjusted | sset Sale Price \$500, |  |
| Adjusted Asset Sale Price $\$ 500,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent Down Payment $\quad 20 \%$Franchise Royalty |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Terms of Deal 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income Data |  | Asset Data | Liability Data |  |  |
| Annual Gross Sales | \$517,000 | Cash | \$0 | Assumed Int-Bear Debt | \$0 |
| Cash Flow (SDE) | \$380,000 | Accounts Receivable | \$0 | L-T Liabilities | \$0 |
|  |  | Other Current \& Non-Current Assets | \$0 | Total Liabilities | \$0 |
|  |  | Inventory | \$0 |  |  |
|  |  | Furniture Fixtures, and Equipment | \$400,000 |  |  |
|  |  | Intangibles | \$0 | Value of Real Estate | \$0 |
| Operating Ratios |  | Valuation Multiples |  |  |  |
| Cash Flow Margin (SDE\%): | 73.5\% | Revenue Multiplier | 0.97 |  |  |
| Rent/Annual Sales | 2.4\% | Cash Flow Multiplier Enterprise Multiplier | 1.32 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1.32 |  |  |

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Experience:
1971 to 1975 - Business Analyst and Commercial Loan Officer at Union Bank in th San Francisco and Los Angeles headquarters offices. The first year involved a management training program that included nine months (at 40 hours per week) of financial analysis and legal environment of business lending, followed by three months of in-the-field appraisal training.

1975 to 1978 - Purchased and operated a retail hardware company in Portola Valley, California.

1977 to 1981 - Served on the Board of Directors and functioned as the CFO for Bay Cities Wholesale Hardware Company, a dealer-owned co-operative comprised of 350 stores in Northern California. Dealt with many union problems, a warehouse relocation from San Francisco to Manteca, and a complete computerization of operations.

1978 to 2002 - Built a ground up retail hardware and lumber company in Pine Grove, California. The company went through four major expansions during this period. By 2002 the store grew to $\$ 5,000,000$ in annual revenues and 30 employees. From 1987 to 2002 I completely automated the company at all levels and networked together a dozen workstations. I personally wrote scores of computer programs that involved every aspect of the operations, including inventory control, general ledger bookkeeping, accounts receivable, accounts payable control, and a complex payroll program.

2002 to 2005 - Business Broker and Business Analyst for Sunbelt Business Advisors of Sacramento and Reno. During this period successfully completed the course work for business appraisals offered by the IBA (Institute of Business Appraisers) and received the designation of CBA.
2005 to 2009 - Managing partner of Compass Point Capital, specializing in mergers and acquisitions of smaller mid-sized companies ranging in revenues from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 25$ million.

2003 to Present - Wrote business valuations for over 400 companies. During this time I regularly presented lectures on business valuation techniques to a number of professional organizations in Northern California. I presented classes on valuations, accounting, and taxes at the Annual Murphy Business and Financial Convention in Florida. Attendees included brokers, bankers, and accountants.

I have written approximately 50 appraisals involving marriage dissolutions and partnership breakups which often required presenting and defending the findings to both parties and their attorneys. Approximately 50 appraisals were done at the request of several SBA Banks for the loan applicants. Those banks include Bank of the West, Plumas Bank, Northern Nevada Bank, Temecula Bank, Comerica, Bridge Bank, River City Bank, Five Star Bank, First Community Bank, and Cornerstone Community Bank.

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| Steve Crow <br> Reno, NV | Robert Treanur <br> Sparks, NV |
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| El Dorado, CA |  |


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| Paul Wesseler | Pete Kohler |
| Pine Grove, CA | Reno, NV |
| Davenport Lumber | Tender Touches Spa |
| Doug Allen | Barbara Brown |
| Davenport, WA | Sequim, WA |
| Columbia Nursery \& Florist | Twin Cities Bike and Repair |
| Janet Ofstad | Rick Elia |
| Columbia, CA | Yuba City, CA |
| Applied Control Electronics | Mark Bailey Plumbing |
| Terrence Burke | Lisa Bailey |
| Placerville, CA | Susanville, CA |
| Imperial Steel \& Tube | Wood Rat Productions |
| Rick Stamper | Dennis McKee |
| Perris, CA | Murrietta, CA |
| Thrillworks Extreme Eng. | Outhouse Collection |
| Jeff Wilson | Jeanette Skaff |
| Newcastle, CA | Arnold, CA |
| Ameritech Propeller | Auction City Flea Market |
| Kerry Dawes | Emil Magovac |
| Redding, CA | Sacramento, CA. |
| Bill-Rite Mgmt Services | California Movers Express |
| Lorrie Bosick | Michael Szura |
| Newcastle, CA | Hayward, CA |
| Chamois Car Wash | Claypool's Market |
| Mark Gambardella | Fred Claypool |
| Danville, CA | Pine Grove, CA |
| Empire Stores | Great Shape of America |
| Kim Deol | Steve Lubarksy |
| San Leandro, CA | Los Angeles, CA |

## Appraiser's Certification

## I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the assumptions and conditions stated.
2. The reported analyses, opinions and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions and are my personal, unbiased, and professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions.
3. I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, nor is my compensation dependent upon the value of this report or contingent upon producing a value that is favorable to the client.
4. I have no personal bias with respect to the parties involved or have made a full disclosure of any such bias.
5. This appraisal is a Calculation Valuation only and is not prepared in conformity with USPAP, the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. This Report is not to be used as an exhibit or supporting document in any legal action.
6. No person except the undersigned participated in the preparation of this report.

C. Frederick Hall III, MBA, CBA, CVA

October 15, 2014
Date

## By accepting this report, the client agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. The appraisal report will not be given to any other party without the Appraiser's approval.
2. You agree to indemnify and hold the Appraiser, Amador Appraisals and Acquisitions, and their officers and employees harmless against and from any and all losses, claims, actions, damages, expenses, or liabilities, including reasonable attorney's fees, to which we may become subject in connection with this engagement. You will not be liable for our negligence.
3. You agree that, in the event we are judicially determined to have acted negligently in the execution of this engagement, damages shall be limited to an amount not to exceed the fee received by us for this engagement.
4. Our liability for injury or loss, if any, arising from the services we provide to you shall not exceed $\$ 5,000$ or our fee, whichever is greater. There shall be no punitive damages. Increased liability limits may be negotiated upon your written request, prior to commencement of our services, and your agreement to pay an additional fee.
5. Your obligation for indemnification and reimbursement shall extend to any controlling person of Amador Appraisal and Acquisitions, Inc., including any director, officer, employee, subcontractor, affiliate or agent.
6. If in the future the Appraiser is called upon to testify in court or at deposition regarding the written report, the Appraiser will be paid $\$ 150.00$ per hour to cover professional time, the gathering of materials, reviewing the case, and preparing for testimony along with other expenses incurred.
7. If called upon to defend this report to any other party, the Appraiser's expenses and hourly rate will be billed on a monthly basis or as incurred.
8. The client will shoulder the responsibility of legal costs incurred by the Appraiser when defending this appraisal.
9. Client agrees that the Limiting Conditions as stated in the report will be acceptable with the level of work and detail of work to be performed.
10. In the unlikely event of a dispute, the parties under the terms of this agreement shall be subject to arbitration. Arbitration shall be conducted in Amador County, California.

[^0]:    ${ }^{[1]}$ Shannon Pratt, The Market Approach to Valuing Businesses, (John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2001), p. 68

[^1]:    ${ }^{(2)}$ Gary Trugman, Understanding Business Valuations: A Practical Guide to Valuing Small to Medium Sized Businesses, (New York: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988), p. 150

[^2]:    ${ }^{(4)}$ Shannon Pratt, The Market Approach to Valuing Businesses, (John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2001), p. 212
    ${ }^{(5)}$ Ibid., p. 134
    ${ }^{(6)}$ Ibid., p. 134

[^3]:    ${ }^{(7)}$ The database was first filtered by removing all transactions where Cash Flow Multipliers were greater than 10 or less than 0 , and all corporate stock transfers. There were 4811 transactions in this filtered sample.

