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ResMed, Inc.

Company Description: ResMed develops, manufactures and distributes medical equipment for treating, diagnosing, and managing sleep-disordered breathing (SDB) and other respiratory disorders. The company markets its products to sleep clinics, home healthcare dealers and third party payors in 70 different countries Healthcare- Medical Devices January 25, 2013

The horse has plenty of puff – ResMed beats top- and bottom-line estimates (RMD - \$45.47) HOLD

Key Points

- ResMed reported Q2 FY2013 revenue of \$376.5 million versus our \$363.0 million estimate (\$363.8 million consensus); EPS came in at \$0.54 versus our Streethigh \$0.52 estimate (\$0.51 consensus).
- Positive mix shift, suggested by our survey last week, drove the outperformance.
- Raising numbers to reflect continuing positive mix shift driven by the rise in the home sleep testing (HST) to APAP diagnosis-treatment paradigm.
- Maintaining HOLD rating and raising price target to \$47.50 (12x FY2014 EV/EBITDA) from \$45.00.

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We are raising numbers to reflect continuing positive mix shift driven by the rise in the home sleep testing (HST) to APAP diagnosis-treatment paradigm. We have increased our estimates for Americas flow generator growth from ~7% on average over the next year and a half to ~9% over the same period. In addition, we raised our gross margin assumptions going forward. Combined, these changes increase our FY2013 EPS estimate by \$0.01 and FY2013 revenue by \$17 million. Our FY2014 revenue estimate increases by \$28 million and FY2014 EPS increases by \$0.15. Utilizing the same valuation multiple of 12x FY2014 EV/EBITDA, our target moves up to \$47.50 from \$45.00 and we maintain our HOLD rating. However, that said, on a forward EV/EBITDA basis over the past five years, ResMed has tended to peak at 15x, which would imply a mid-\$50s price level based on our estimates. ResMed's Americas flow generator comps become more difficult going forward and Americas masks and accessories have fallen off their consistent ~20% growth rates the past several quarters, which gives us some pause in assigning a higher multiple at present. While the Street seems quite preoccupied with competitive bidding, we are less worried based on ResMed's past experience as well as channel checks we have done with other industry participants as well as the relatively small portion of total sales (~12%) Medicare sales comprise. Please see important disclosures on pages 10 to 12.

| Mar\$349.1A\$391.7E\$433.6EJune\$371.9A\$414.8E\$459.0EFY\$1,369A\$1,523E\$1,685EP/Sales4.8x4.3x3.9x | <u>Rev(</u> mil) Sept Dec | 2012A \$314.5A \$332.7A | 2013E \$339.7A \$376.5A | 2014E \$375.4E \$417.2E |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| P/Sales 4.8x 4.3x 3.9x | June | \$371.9A | \$414.8E | \$459.0E |
| | P/Sales | 4.8x | 4.3x | 3.9x |

Financial Summary

| <u>EPS</u> | 2012A | 2013E | 2014E |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sept | \$0.35A | \$0.50A | \$0.58E |
| Dec | \$0.44A | \$0.54A | \$0.63E |
| Mar | \$0.46A | \$0.60E | \$0.71E |
| June | \$0.54A | \$0.63E | \$0.75E |
| FY | \$1.78A | \$2.28E | \$2.66E |
| P/E | 25.5x | 20.0x | 17.1x |

| Price: | \$45.47 |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 52-Week Range: | \$45.62 -\$26.46 |
| Target: | \$47.50 |
| Rating: | HOLD |
| Shares Outstanding: | 143.2 mil |
| Mkt. Capitalization: | \$6,511 mil |
| Ave. Volume: | 1,000,000 |
| Instit. Ownership: | 48% |
| BV / Share: | \$12.23 |
| Debt / Tot. Cap.: | 15% |
| Est. LT EPS Growth: | 15% |

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INVESTMENT THESIS

We rate ResMed a HOLD with a 12-month price target of \$47.50 (12x FY2014 EV/EBITA). ResMed is a medical device and diagnostics company focused on developing, manufacturing, and marketing products for the treatment of sleep-disordered breathing (SDB), including flow generators, masks, and sleep diagnostic equipment. We believe ResMed will grow revenue at a high-single digit or low-double digit rate for the foreseeable future and has the potential to grow earnings at a slightly faster rate.

Quarter Recap

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Home sleep testing (HST) continues to increase due to additional payors requiring prior authorization before a patient undergoes a sleep study in a sleep lab. This spring commercial payors amounting to 75% of covered lives will require prior authorization. ResMed expects HST's share of sleep tests to reach 50% (or higher) by the end of calendar 2013. As HST rises, ResMed's mix should continue to experience positive shifts as patients undergoing HST are far more likely to wind up on APAP flow generators which carry both a higher price point and gross margin. As CEO Peter Farrell noted on the call about this continued trend, "this horse has got plenty of puff."

Miscellaneous Conference Call Bullets

- Global growth in flow generators was driven by APAP, BiPAP and adaptive servo ventilation products.
- Management believes they continue to take share in the APAP space and regain share in BiPAP.
- A market research commissioned by ResMed and conducted by DVL Smith concluded that ResMed is the most preferred mask brand worldwide.
- ResMed plans on launching a new suite of masks during calendar 2013.
- France has begun requiring telemonitoring to track PAP compliance; management believes this bodes well for their data monitoring solutions.
- The Stellar line is doing quite well, especially in Germany and Japan.
- Approximately 60% of US commercially covered lives have preauthorization requirements for lab-based sleep studies, which will soon move to 75%.
- Around 40% of sleep laboratories now offer home sleep testing options.
- ResMed estimates the impact of the medical device tax to be less than \$1 million annually.
- Cash flow from operations was \$93.6 million, CapEx \$13.8 million, and depreciation and amortization \$19.3 million during the quarter.
- The company repurchased 1 million shares for consideration of \$40 million during the quarter and now has 7.6 million shares remaining on its current buyback program.
- The quarterly dividend was declared to by \$0.17 for the quarter.
- A couple of years remain before completion of the SERVE-HF study.
- Duke University and ResMed plan to carry out a study with six-minute walk, quality of life, ejection fraction and other metrics being the endpoints in cardio patients.
- Management noted the ratio of CPAP to APAP devices was 3:1 five to ten years ago, but has now declined to 5:4.
- Cushions replenished per year stands at a little less than two per year by managements reckoning.
- The company sees volume growth of 4%-6% in Europe, 6%-8% in the US, and 8%-10% in Asia-Pacific.
- Over 50% of manufacturing is now in Singapore and the company is heading to 75%.



| ResMed Q2 FY2013 | Variano | ce Anal | ysis |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | Estimates | Actual | Variance |
| Net revenues | 363.0 | 376.5 | 3.7% |
| Y/Y growth | 9.1% | 13.2% | |
| Q/Q growth | 6.8% | 10.8% | |
| Cost of sales | 139.1 | 143.8 | 3.4% |
| Gross profit | 223.8 | 232.7 | 4.0% |
| Gross margin | 61.7% | 61.8% | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 109.1 | 107.8 | -1.2% |
| % of sales | 30.1% | 28.6% | |
| Research and development | 29.5 | 30.3 | 2.8% |
| % of sales | 8.1% | 8.1% | |
| Amortization of acquired intangibles | 2.4 | 2.5 | 6.3% |
| Total operating expenses | 141.0 | 140.6 | -0.2% |
| Operating income | 82.9 | 92.1 | 11.1% |
| Operating margin | 22.8% | 24.5% | |
| EBITDA | 101.6 | 110.8 | 9.0% |
| Other income: | | | |
| Interest income, net | 9.3 | 8.5 | -8.8% |
| Other, net | 1.9 | (2.2) | |
| Total other income, net | 11.3 | 6.3 | -43.8% |
| Income before income taxes | 94.1 | 98.4 | 4.5% |
| Income taxes | 20.3 | 20.5 | 0.6% |
| Tax rate | 21.6% | 20.8% | |
| Net income | 73.8 | 77.9 | 5.6% |
| Basic EPS (GAAP) | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.54 | 5.2% |
| Diluted EPS (GAAP) | \$ 0.51 | \$ 0.53 | 5.1% |
| Diluted EPS (pro forma) | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.54 | 5.2% |
| Basic shares outstanding | 142.7 | 143.2 | 0.4% |
| Diluted shares outstanding | 146.1 | 146.7 | 0.4% |



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| Income Statement (millions) | 2011 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | 2012 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3E | Q4E | 2013E | Q1E | Q2E | Q3E | Q4E | 2014E |
| | | 9/30/2011 | 12/31/2011 | 3/31/2012 | 6/30/2012 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net revenues | \$ 1,243.1 | \$ 314.8 | \$ 332.7 | • • • | \$ 371.9 | | \$ 339.7 \$ | | • • • | | \$ 1,522.7 | \$ 375.4 | | | \$ 459.0 | \$ 1,685.1 |
| Y/Y growth | 13.8% | 11.6% | 8.7% | 11.4% | 8.8% | 10.1% | 7.9% | 13.2% | 12.2% | 11.5% | 11.3% | 10.5% | 10.8% | 10.7% | 10.7% | 10.7% |
| Q/Q growth | | -7.9% | 5.7% | 4.9% | 6.5% | | -8.7% | 10.8% | 4.0% | 5.9% | | -75.3% | 11.1% | 3.9% | 5.9% | |
| Cost of sales | 501.8 | 129.7 | 134.0 | 138.6 | 145.5 | 547.8 | 131.1 | 143.8 | 150.2 | 160.8 | 585.9 | 144.5 | 160.8 | 167.0 | 176.9 | 649.2 |
| Gross profit | 741.3 | 185.1 | 198.7 | 210.5 | 226.5 | 820.7 | 208.6 | 232.7 | 241.5 | 254.0 | 936.8 | 230.9 | 256.4 | 266.6 | 282.0 | 1,035.9 |
| Gross margin | 59.6% | 58.8% | 59.7% | 60.3% | 60.9% | 60.0% | 61.4% | 61.8% | 61.7% | 61.2% | 61.5% | 61.5% | 61.5% | 61.5% | 61.5% | 61.5% |
| Operating expenses: | | | | | | | | | | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Selling, general and administrative | 371.3 | 94.2 | 100.6 | 101.0 | 105.9 | 401.6 | 98.3 | 107.8 | 108.5 | 115.4 | 430.0 | 106.1 | 116.5 | 116.7 | 124.2 | 463.5 |
| % of sales | 29.9% | 29.9% | 30.2% | 28.9% | 28.5% | 29.3% | 28.9% | 28.6% | 27.7% | 27.8% | 28.2% | 28.3% | 27.9% | 26.9% | 27.1% | 27.5% |
| Research and development | 92.0 | 26.2 | 27.2 | 28.4 | 27.9 | 109.7 | 27.2 | 30.3 | 30.6 | 31.7 | 119.9 | 29.1 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 33.7 | 127.8 |
| % of sales | 7.4% | 8.3% | 8.2% | 8.1% | 7.5% | 8.0% | 8.0% | 8.1% | 7.8% | 7.7% | 7.9% | 7.8% | 7.8% | 7.5% | 7.3% | 7.6% |
| Donations to research foundations | 1.0 | - | - | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| In-process R&D charge | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Amortization of acquired intangibles | 10.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 14.0 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 9.7 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 5.9 |
| Restructuring expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total operating expenses | 474.4 | 124.2 | 131.5 | 133.9 | 136.7 | 526.3 | 128.2 | 140.6 | 141.4 | 149.4 | 559.6 | 137.2 | 150.6 | 150.5 | 159.0 | 597.3 |
| Operating income | 266.9 | 60.9 | 67.3 | 76.5 | 89.7 | 294.4 | 80.5 | 92.1 | 100.1 | 104.5 | 377.2 | 93.7 | 105.8 | 116.1 | 123.1 | 438.6 |
| Operating margin | 21.5% | 19.3% | 20.2% | 21.9% | 24.1% | 21.5% | 23.7% | 24.5% | 25.6% | 25.2% | 24.8% | 24.9% | 25.4% | 26.8% | 26.8% | 26.0% |
| EBITDA | 337.5 | 81.3 | 88.2 | 96.5 | 110.2 | 376.2 | 99.2 | 111.4 | 119.4 | 123.8 | 453.8 | 112.4 | 124.5 | 134.8 | 141.8 | 513.4 |
| Other income: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest income, net | 26.0 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 29.1 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 36.1 | 11.4 | 8.9 | 13.4 | 14.1 | 47.9 |
| Other, net | 10.7 | (1.3) | 8.5 | (0.2) | 1.5 | 8.5 | 1.9 | (2.2) | - | - | (0.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total other income, net | 36.8 | 5.6 | 15.7 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 37.5 | 10.4 | 6.3 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 35.9 | 11.4 | 8.9 | 13.4 | 14.1 | 47.9 |
| Income before income taxes | 303.7 | 66.5 | 82.9 | 84.0 | 98.5 | 331.9 | 90.9 | 98.4 | 109.3 | 114.5 | 413.1 | 105.0 | 114.7 | 129.5 | 137.2 | 486.5 |
| Income taxes | 76.7 | 16.0 | 20.1 | 19.4 | 21.7 | 77.1 | 19.6 | 20.5 | 22.7 | 23.8 | 86.6 | 22.0 | 24.0 | 27.2 | 28.8 | 102.0 |
| Tax rate | 25.3% | 24.0% | 24.2% | 23.1% | 22.0% | 23.2% | 21.6% | 20.8% | 20.8% | 20.8% | 21.0% | 21.0% | 21.0% | 21.0% | 21.0% | 21.0% |
| Net income | 227.0 | 50.5 | 62.9 | 64.6 | 76.8 | 254.8 | 71.3 | 77.9 | 86.5 | 90.7 | 326.5 | 83.0 | 90.6 | 102.4 | 108.5 | 384.5 |
| Basic EPS (GAAP) | \$ 1.49 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 0.43 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.54 | \$ 1.75 | \$ 0.50 \$ | \$ 0.54 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 2.28 | \$ 0.58 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.76 | \$ 2.69 |
| Diluted EPS (GAAP) | \$ 1.44 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.53 | \$ 1.71 | \$ 0.49 \$ | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.59 | \$ 0.62 | \$ 2.23 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.62 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.74 | \$ 2.62 |
| Diluted EPS (pro forma) | \$ 1.49 | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.46 | \$ 0.54 | \$ 1.78 | \$ 0.50 \$ | \$ 0.54 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 2.28 | \$ 0.58 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.75 | \$ 2.66 |
| Basic shares outstanding | 152.4 | 150.4 | 146.4 | 144.0 | 142.8 | 145.9 | 142.7 | 143.2 | 143.2 | 143.2 | 143.1 | 143.1 | 143.1 | 143.1 | 143.1 | 143.1 |
| Diluted shares outstanding | 157.2 | 154.1 | 149.5 | 147.2 | 146.1 | 149.3 | 146.1 | 146.7 | 146.7 | 146.7 | 146.5 | 146.5 | 146.5 | 146.5 | 146.5 | 146.5 |

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| | Number of | Percent | Number of | Percent of |
| Rating | Stocks | of T otal | Stocks | Rating category |
| SB/Buy | 40 | 65% | 0 | 0% |
| Hold | 20 | 32% | 0 | 0% |
| Sell | 2 | 3% | 0 | 0% |
| | 62 | 100% | 0 | 0% |



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| 02/19/10 | 06/30/11 SB Target: \$40.40 | 12/20/11 SB Target: \$35.00 | 07/19/12 HOLD Target: \$35.75 | 08/06/12 HOLD Target: \$40.00 | 01/18/13 HOLD Target: \$45.00 | 01/25/13 HOLD Target: \$47.50 | 11/23/12 |

| Date | Nature of Report | Rating | Price Target |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------------|
| 06/30/11 | Initiation@\$30.64 | StrongBuy | \$40.40 |
| 07/06/11 | ResMed acquires BiancaMed and new AASM sleep testing legislative effort. | StrongBuy | \$40.40 |
| 07/07/11 | BiancaMed acquisition smart move, despite near-term dilution. | StrongBuy | \$40.40 |
| 07/18/11 | UnitedHealthcare: Go home, use APAP – New coverage policy positive for ResMed | StrongBuy | \$40.40 |
| 08/02/11 | Survey data and currency movements suggest modest Q4 upside | StrongBuy | \$40.40 |
| 08/05/11 | "King of the Castle": Strong US mask sales drive \$0.03 EPS outperformance | StrongBuy | \$40.40 |
| 10/20/11 | Q1 2012 preview: FX, buyback imply outperformance | StrongBuy | \$40.40 |
| 10/25/11 | Leaving money on the table, ResMed meets on EPS, misses on revenue | Buy | \$39.10 |
| 12/20/11 | Take a deep breath: ResMed undervalued, upgrading to STRONG BUY | StrongBuy | \$35.00 |
| 01/17/12 | Feltl CPAP Project 2005-2011: 4,400+ patient survey | Buy | \$33.15 |
| 03/28/12 | Quantifying the Medicare CPAP supplier "widespread prepayment review" | Hold | \$33.15 |
| 04/27/12 | ResMed beats handily, margin expansion continues, raising rating and PT | Buy | \$38.00 |
| 06/17/12 | Q2 CY2012 Feltl CPAP Project 2005-2012: 10,000+ patient survey | Hold | \$35.75 |
| 08/06/12 | ResMed blows away expectations, raising price target to \$40.00 | Hold | \$40.00 |
| 01/18/13 | Q4 CY2012 Feltl CPAP Project 2005-2012: 11,000+ patient survey | Hold | \$45.00 |



| 01/25/13 | The horse has plenty of puff – ResMed beats top- and | Hold | \$47.50 | |
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| | bottom-line estimates | | | |

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Valuation and Price Target Methodology:

We derive our price target of \$47.50 based upon an EV/EBITDA methodology. We believe an 12x forward EV/EBITDA multiple is an appropriate multiple to value ResMed based upon historical multiples the company has enjoyed. We believe this is reasonable based upon our estimates for ResMed's revenue growth over the 2011 through 2013 period being similar to the growth the company achieved from 2009 through 2011.

Risks to Achievement of Estimates and Price Target:

- Currency fluctuations can negatively impact earnings. ResMed manufactures its products in Australia and Singapore and has substantial operations in Australia, but sells the vast majority of its products in the US and Europe. While the company does hedge some of its supply chain and manufacturing costs, currency movements can negatively impact earnings. Increases in the value of the Australian dollar versus the US dollar hit gross and operating margin particularly hard. Decreases in the Euro versus the US dollar negatively impact revenues.
- Price competition. ResMed's products are considered higher end and its competitors are willing to compete on price. ResMed has cited mid-single digit annual price declines as being standard for the industry.
- Medicare competitive bidding. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) competitive bidding program, which set new reimbursement rates in 9 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) for 2011 resulted in a 34% decline in average CPAP device reimbursement. An additional 91 MSAs were to face competitive bidding rate setting to take effect July 1, 2013. However, the competitive bidding auction structure has come under fire by both politicians and academics and it is likely the structure may be changed prior to taking effect.
- New devices or medical procedures could hurt PAP demand. A number of companies are developing devices for the treatment of sleep apnea. A variety of different approaches are being tackled, including pharmaceuticals, implantable nerve stimulators, palatal stiffening, and expiratory positive airway pressure (EPAP). Most of these technologies are several years away from market introduction and may not be medically or cost effective, but new treatment options will continue to be introduced.
- Product recall risk. In 2007, ResMed voluntarily recalled approximately 300,000 S8 flow generators due to a potential for the devices to short circuit costing the company nearly \$60 million. We believe the company is proactive in addressing such design defects, there can be no guarantee that a current or future product will not be recalled at significant expense to the company.

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