# Frédéric Dugré on why H20 Innovation's Q3 2021 Financial Results were "the best quarter ever announced"

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In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky speaks with Frédéric Dugré, President and CEO of <u>H2O Innovation Inc.</u> (TSXV: HEO | OTCQX: HEOFF) about how H2O's <u>Q3 2021 financial results</u> provided "...the best quarter ever announced" and why "...water is the right space to invest in".

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Frédéric also discusses the significance of H2O winning two <u>new</u> <u>projects</u> and four contract renewals in North America and how they are positioned to potentially benefit from President Biden's US\$111B <u>water infrastructure plan</u>. Further to his Q3 2021 update, Frédéric provides an update on how H2O has increased efforts in the North American water reuse market and is continuing to expand in Latin America. With 7 financial analysts following H2O, Frédéric shares more on how the ESG investment community benefits from investing in clean water.

To watch the full interview, <u>click here</u>

### About H20 Innovation Inc.

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on three main pillars. The first one is Water Technologies and Services and includes all types of projects as well as digital solutions (Intelogx<sup>™</sup> and Clearlogx<sup>®</sup>) to monitor and optimize water treatment plants. H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation's second pillar, *Specialty* **Products**, includes a complete line of maple equipment and products, specialty chemicals, consumables and specialized products for the water industry, through  $H_2O$  Innovation Maple, PWT, Genesys and Piedmont. The Corporation is now exporting his specialty products in more than 75 countries. Finally,  $H_20$ Innovation operates, maintains, and repairs water and wastewater treatment systems, distribution equipment and associated assets for all of its clients and ensures that water quality meets regulatory requirements, through the third pillar - **Operation** and Maintenance. Together, they employ nearly 470 employees for the operation of more than 275 utilities in two Canadian provinces and twelve US states, mainly on the US Gulf coast, Southeast, Northeast (New England) and the West Coast.

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# H2O Innovation looks set to potentially benefit from President Biden's US\$111B water infrastructure spending

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written by InvestorNews | May 25, 2021 Did you know that globally <u>1 in 3 people</u> do not have access to safe drinking water? And yes, mostly in the third world; however, there are also problems in the first world. As part of U.S President Biden's American Jobs & Infrastructure Plan, he intends to allocate <u>US\$111 billion</u> for water infrastructure. The Biden plan seeks to modernize aging drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater systems in the USA.

The White House Fact Sheet states:

"Across the country, pipes and treatment plants are aging and polluted drinking water is endangering public health....An estimated six to ten million homes still receive drinking water through lead pipes and service lines.....President Biden's plan will eliminate all lead pipes and service lines in our drinking water systems, improving the health of our country's children and communities of color."

Water treatment company <u>H2O Innovation Inc.</u> (TSXV: HEO | OTCQX: HEOFF) looks to be in the right place at the right time. H2O Innovation has been in the water treatment industry for over 20 years but the future has never looked so good.

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A summary of H2O Innovation's business

#### Source: <u>Company presentation</u>

#### H20 Innovation to grow their water reuse business

H20 Innovation is capitalizing on the momentum from the U.S plan to improve water infrastructure by developing a new digital marketing strategy that focuses on its globally recognized expertise in water reuse. The Company <u>recently hired Alejandro Sturniolo</u> to fulfill the role of Global Head of Water Reuse and Strategic Partnerships. Alejandro has been involved in the water industry for the past 22 years and he currently serves as Vice-President and board member for the International Desalination Association ("IDA") and Latin American Association of Desalination and Water Reuse ("ALADYR").

# H20 Innovation continues to win new contracts and renew existing ones

On May 12 they <u>announced</u>: "H2O Innovation wins two new projects and renews four operation and maintenance contracts in North America. These contracts, with a total value of \$3.3 million, bring the O&M backlog to \$77.3 million." The backlog refers to H2O Innovation's backlog of orders for their business and highlights the strength of demand for their services.

Chief Strategy Officer of H2O Innovation, Gregory Madden, <u>stated</u>: "The contract renewals show a commitment to the H2O Innovation Playbook concept that we win by creating value and delighting our customers. We have great relationship with our customers which is shown in our industry leading contract renewal rates. In Western Canada, we started with our first O&M contract in the region only three years ago, and we are now operating more than 15 facilities."

#### H20 Innovation is expanding in Latin America

In news released on May 3, 2021, H20 Innovation <u>announced</u> that in addition to their acquisition of Genesys Membrane Products, which added an office for the Corporation in Santiago, Chile; H20 Innovation plans to strengthen existing and generate new relationships with original equipment manufacturers in Latin America, a high growth potential market. Their subsidiary, Piedmont, has recently signed Pavax as a new distributor in Brazil, and now has over 20 distributors in Latin America.

#### Growing revenues, margins, and profits

H20 Innovation's combined strategy of acquisition and organic growth has resulted in a steady increase in revenues over the past years, to the point where they are forecast to be profitable in 2021. Net profits are forecast to reach C\$4 million in 2021 (on C\$147 million revenue, 3.03% net margin), C\$5 million in 2022 (on C\$156 million revenue, 3.42% net margin), and C\$7 million in 2023 (on C\$167 million revenue, 4.47% net margin). This equates to a forecast 2021 PE of 43.5 and a 2022 PE of 35.1.

Looking at <u>the latest financial results</u> from Q3 in the 2021 financial year, where net earnings amounted to C\$2.1 million (up from a net loss of C\$3.1 million YoY), H20 Innovation looks to be on track to exceed the above forecasts. Another nice bonus was that net debt fell to C\$3.3 million at the end of the quarter, compared to a net debt of C\$10.5 million as at June 30, 2020.

H20 Innovation President & CEO Frédéric Dugré <u>stated</u>: "Once again we are extremely proud to present a strong financial performance for our Q3 results. The sustained free cash generated from our operations combined with constant margin improvement testifies to the work of the last months, even years."

#### Closing remarks

H20 Innovation has been successfully growing their business to the point where the company reached profitability last quarter and has also dramatically reduced their debt. Additionally, the company has a huge order backlog of business and rising recurring revenues. A great achievement. Not surprisingly the stock price is up 147% over the past year.

Looking ahead the outlook continues to brighten, notably more so if the Congress passes President Biden's American Jobs & Infrastructure Plan (containing the water infrastructure US\$111 billion plan). H20 Innovation's expansion into Latin America should potentially be another winner.

H20 Innovation trades on a market cap of C\$192 million. A great company and having a great year.

#### Appendix

President Biden's plan to ensure clean water and to upgrade wastewater and support clean water infrastructure

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Source: <u>White House Fact Sheet</u>

# H20 Innovation's Frédéric

# Dugré on the \$800B+ water market they are 'tapping' into

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In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky speaks with Frédéric Dugré President and CEO of H2O Innovation Inc. (TSXV: HEO | OTCQX: HEOFF) about H2O Innovation's recent news about securing an engineering contract from the largest electric vehicle manufacturer in the US, a 90% reoccurring revenue model and rising interest from the market in water treatment technologies.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Frédéric said, "It provides us the opportunity to design a new equipment that we are going to deliver them. This first purchase order is actually just for the engineering portion of the work." He continued, "A customer of this profile will lead us to additional opportunities…"

Frédéric also provided an update on the Company's 3-year strategic plan aligning its long-term vision with key strategic objectives. "Not only we are going to grow the business, but we are going to move the EBITDA performance from a 9.4% to above 11% in the next few years," Frédéric said. Speaking on the competitive advantages of H2O Innovation, Frédéric commented, "We are the only and the largest Canadian pure water play on the TSXV. We have built a business where we have 90% of our sales that are recurring in nature. Not only we are in the right space, but we also have the right business model."

To watch the full interview, <u>click here</u>

About  $H_20$  Innovation

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# Frédéric Dugré on H20 Innovation's Q1 results and winning the Water Company of the Year award

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In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Peter Clausi speaks with Frédéric Dugré, President and CEO of <u>H2O Innovation Inc.</u> (TSXV: HEO | OTCQX: HEOFF), about H2O Innovation's First Quarter 2021 Results. "We started the year very strongly with showing revenue growth from previous year at 24%." Frédéric started. "We have now reached \$35 million in revenue for Q1." In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Frédéric went on to say that the company reported 90% of their revenue recurring in nature adding stability and predictablity to their cash flow. Frédéric also commented on winning the Water Company of the Year award at the 2020 Global Water Awards. "We have won the best and the largest category and we were against pretty big competitors out there."

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# H2O Innovation awarded more contracts on the heels of record FY2020 fourth quarter results

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In a news just <u>released</u> last week <u>H20 Innovation Inc.</u>'s (TSXV: HE0 | OTCQX: HEOFF) ('H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation') subsidiary, Utility Partners, was awarded a new 3 year operation and maintenance ('0&M') contract in Florida and a 1 year renewal of an existing contract in New York State. Equally as significant is that these contracts, with a total value of C\$5.1m, bring the 0&M backlog to C\$84.9m. That's a rather impressive sign of demand, especially relative to the size of H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation, which achieved C\$133.6 million in FY 2020 revenue.

Utility Partners is US-based and specializes in the operation of water and wastewater plants operating more than 200 utilities in two Canadian provinces and twelve US states, for all of its municipal customers.  $H_2O$  Innovation acquired Utility Partners in 2016 for <u>C\$22.5m</u>. Over the years  $H_2O$  Innovation has delivered

more than 15 membrane filtration projects to Florida, but this is the very first 0&M contract. Utility Partners services include operations, maintenance, and management of public works, water, wastewater, and utility billing systems. On December 1, 2020, Utility Partners will change name to  $H_2O$  Innovation. Although the name of the operator will change, the organization and staff will remain the same.

VP of Operations Bill Douglass <u>said</u>:

"We are very proud to have been awarded this major contract in Florida. In addition to entering a new territory, we will also be able to take advantage of **cross-selling opportunities and synergies** with the projects carried out in this State, by  $H_2O$  Innovation, over the past few years."

H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation specializes in all types of water treatment with a focus on North America

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#### <u>Source</u>

And who is <u>H20 Innovation Inc.</u>?  $H_20$  Innovation designs and provides state-of-the-art, custom-built and integrated water treatment solutions based on membrane filtration technology.  $H_20$ Innovation provides multiple water solutions in the areas of drinking water, wastewater, water reuse and recycling, desalination, and water solutions for the oil & gas industry.

### H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation's financials and forecast financials

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<u>Source</u>

As we all know water, food and air are our three most valuable commodities. Water in particular is in short supply in many countries and regions around the world. This means  $H_2O$  Innovation has plenty of runway for potential growth ahead.

#### The world has an ever growing demand for clean water

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### <u>Source</u>

The company's just released results for fiscal 2020 (June 30 year-end) showed significant revenue growth, with "top-line revenue of \$133.6 million was up more than \$15 million from \$118 million the previous fiscal year."  $H_2O$  Innovation offers cleantech and technology driven investors exposure to the growing water treatment sector.

# Dugré on H2O Innovation FY2020 Results, \$133.6M in Revenue and a 20th Anniversary

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In an InvestorIntel interview that can also be viewed on our <u>InvestorIntel YouTube channel</u>, Peter and Frédéric discussed

H20 Innovation's recently announced financial results which reported \$133.6 million in revenues. "85% of our sales rely on recurring revenues," Frédéric explains, and with a backlog of orders at \$125 million, he said it adds "predictability to our business." He also explains the unique aspects of the company's business model that have allowed it to navigate through the COVID-19 crisis in a "remarkable way" and have helped strengthen its balance sheet through acquisitions and organic growth.

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