

# SUPPORTING WATER UTILITIES IN SECURING DRINKING WATER QUALITY DURING CLIMATE CHANGES

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# **PROBLEM** RANDOM WATER QUALITY CHECKS & MANUAL DATA ANALYSIS

Only 1 glass out of 60,000,000 glasses of water supplied daily is tested



Over 50% of drinking water quality failures are bacteriological

Failures are detected after consumers are exposed



Public health risk

37% of gastro illness cases originate in water networks. Ref3

Increasing regulatory fines for water utilities \$50M for a utility serving a 1M population. Mean UK case

Significant increase in utilities operational costs In the US, total opex to increase by 25%, 2018-2027. Ref 1

Diminishing consumer's trust in tap water quality Global bottled water market CAGR 8.3%, 2021-2027. Ref 4

## WHY NOW: 'Securing an adequate supply of clean water despite the damaging effects of climate change is one of the world's most urgent challenges.' World Economic Forum, 2022





Cyber-physical attacks





Stricter regulations



Rising customer expectations



Customer Affordability



## **SAFEGUARDING WATER IN REAL TIME** WATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SUPPORTED BY NOVEL SENSING + CUSTOMER DATA + RISK AND PREDICTIVE MODELS



Real-time anomaly detection and characterisation

Continuous real-time monitoring\*

\*Spectrofluorometry technology



Actionable advice. Predict and prevent water quality risks

# **CUSTOMER JOURNEY Aqua Alarms Solution Delivery**



duct / Solution	Customer Satisfaction &
Delivery	Retention
stallation	Significant cost savings
delivery	and follow-up plans
samplers are	A water utility serving 1 mil population <b>can save up to \$6M</b> <b>annually with Aqua Alarm charging 1.8Mn</b> of this in licence

fees.

The relation develops as the water utility observes how risk level varies and reaches out to Aqua Alarm again to search for understanding and solutions.

# **TRACTION NOW BREAKING THROUGH**



# **OECD market (BOTTOM-UP ESTIMATE)**

**SOM - OECD 2029** 

**Based on UK numbers** - projected to OECD

Scaling through partnering with international water industry tech providers wanting our software into their portfolio

Source: Dr Armand (2023) Analysis of the water utilities market in the UK.

\$2,4Bn

## **BUSINESS MODEL** VALUE-BASED PRICING

**B2B SaaS** 

# **\$1.8M**

# ARR per 1 million population served,

charged as a licence fee at 30% of savings or value delivered to utilities

Reduction in customer Opex and regulatory penalties

Our licence fee includes hardware & software

# \$240Mn

### ARR total 2029

Sales through 10 global channel partners

Serving 100 large water utilities worldwide



# **A STRONG BUSINESS MODEL SOUND ECONOMICS, QUICK GROWTH AND HIGH STICKINESS**

<b>Strong gross profit margin</b> for AI supported software alone.	70%	Lifet
<ul> <li>Hardware</li> <li>needed data for bacterial status</li> <li>increase our competitiveness</li> <li>central for stickiness</li> </ul>	-10%	TV for all customers
<ul> <li>Selling through water industry solution providers / channel partners</li> <li>needed for high growth, global scaling and \$1Bn value</li> </ul>	-25%	LTV for
Sum Gross profit margin	35%	



### time Values (LTV) quickly reach \$1Bn



# **Competition landscape WE SEE THE SOLUTION DIFFERENTLY**

*Low-cost, high-resolution monitoring is crucial, not specificity.* Management insight is what utilities need, not raw sensor data.

**Online microbial water gual** 

Specification & offerings	*Current culture-based manual lab analysis used by water utilities	**TLF (Aqua Alarm sensor)	Flow cytometry	***ATP	Enzyme- based	
Specificity <sup>1</sup>	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	
Time between two consecutive measurements (at best)	2-3 Days	Instant	30 mins	1 hour	1 - 20 hour	
Need for consumables and/or producing waste	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Capital cost of a unit (£) <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Low	High	High	High	
Operational cost of a unit in 1 year (£) <sup>3</sup>	High	Low	High	High	High	
Vendors offering advanced data analytics & software <sup>4</sup>	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	
Business model	N/A	SaaS	Sale or hire	Sale or hire	Sale or hire	
Fully automated measurements	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Suitable for online drinking water network monitoring	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	
1 Specificity: Low (no direct microbial measurements), Medium (microbiological activ no speciation), High (speciation like E. Coli) 2 Capital cost: Low (up to £5,000), Medium (up to £20,000), High (over £20,000)	** Tryptophan-like Fluorescer ***Adenosine triphosphate			$\approx$	QUA A	LA

3 Operational cost: Low (up to £5,000), Medium (up to £20,000), High (over £20,000)

4 Predictive/diagnostics analytics for drinking water supply system management

lity	<u>y monitoring</u>	technology

# **AQUA ALARM CORE TEAM HIGHLY EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT BUSINESS/TECHNICAL TEAM**



#### **HASSE STOREBAKKEN**

**CEO & Co-founder** 

Serial entrepreneur in safety and software solutions for international customers in oil & gas.



**DR HOOMAN ARMAND** 

**CTO & Co-founder** 

Chartered Water and Environmental Manager with PhD in smart water networks and +15 years experience in the water industry.









**KETIL A. WIIG** 

#### **Finance and strategy**

35 years of int. experience in strategy, business modelling, & deal structure. 9 years in Silicon Valley. Has been top level manager in Deloitte Norway.

Deloitte



#### **THRON BERG**

#### Chairman

Investment advisor at Startup Norway. Retired from Accenture as Partner/Managing Director.

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# **THE ASK SHORTLY STARTING - SEED INVESTMENTS AND SERIES A PRESCRIPTIONS**



### 2025-6 - Series A

Scale Up **Capital Raise:**\$10-40M Soft Funding: \$2.5M Revenue: \$11-45M

# **USE OF PROCEEDS** PREPARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SCALING

65% Pilots preparing for commercial contracts25% From Freedom to Operate to Patent10% Sales

### **EUROPE**

Select & run x2 more deliveries with high commercialisation potential (negotiations ongoing)

#### BRAZIL

Run a short pilot at a water utility serving 11 Mn consumers

Delivery through an international channel partner

With a **\$3Mn ARR** potential for technology roll-out after the pilot



### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Run a part paid pilot at a water utility serving 3Mn consumers

With a **\$3.5Mn ARR** potential for technology roll-out after the pilot



## EARLY EXIT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH CHANNEL PARTNERS FOR MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS



We are in dialogue with 5 of these and expect they will buy out minority shareholders in 3-4 years.

### Established software solution providers









# Join us in providing the world with safe tap water

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**LinkedIn** 

- Urgent global problem
- Defendable and unique solution
- Has a viable scaling strategy
- A strong core team
- Impressive traction, customers and channel partner

Aqua Alarm will be a major international actor in the water industry!

### **APPENDIX**

# **Aqua Alarm ESG potential** Our solutions contribute into 7 of UN sustainable development goals

# Environment

### **Carbon Footprint**

Reduce greenhouse gas emission related to asset shutdowns and investigations of water quality failures

#### **Resource Management**

Reduce disinfectant chemical use and treated water waste due to failures

#### **Plastic Reduction**

Reduce bottled water consumption by increasing public trust in tap water quality

#### **Climate Adaptability**

Understand & reduce risk of water quality failures imposed by climate change (e.g. changes in water source quality, rise in temperature, increased asset failures)

### Governance

**Regulatory Compliance** Enable risk assessment & proactive management, leading to increased compliance & reduced regulatory penalties



### **Public Health and** Satisfaction

Protect public health from naturally-occurring or un/intentional

contamination incidents





#### Key Financials, Profit & Loss Statement in \$

Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
ARR Pilot Projects						
UK Water Utility I	190 000	120 000	900 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000
UK utility II	140 000	120 000	900 000	2 400 000	3 300 000	6 300 000
Wavin Channel partner Brazil I and II	245 000	430 000	1 295 000	2 940 000	6 940 000	8 940 000
Estimated ARR from new Channel Partners	350 000	2 440 000	7 880 000	35 000 000	70 000 000	220 000 000
Consultancy to Channel partners	45 000	55 000	230 000	2 300 000	2 300 000	2 300 000
Total Revenue	970 000	3 165 000	11 205 000	46 140 000	86 040 000	241 040 000
Total Cost of Goods Sold	938 000	1 700 000	2 800 000	11 000 000	17 000 000	41 000 000
Operating Expenses						
General and Administrative	55 600	650 000	3 831 600	8 469 000	11 469 000	12 469 000
Research & Development	346 000	800 000	2 154 400	2 459 000	2 959 000	3 459 000
Sales & Marketing	55 000	55 000	55 000	55 000	55 000	55 000
Total Operating Expenses	1 394 600	3 205 000	8 841 000	21 983 000	31 483 000	56 983 000
Operating Profit -	424 600 -	40 000	2 364 000	24 157 000	54 557 000	184 057 000
Liquidity Covered by						
Private Placement	2 000 000		20 000 000			
Norwegian Gvt Guaranteed Bankloan		500 000				
R&D funding / Grants	500 000	500 000	500 000			
Central KPI's						
Headcount	15	25	40	50	60	55
Number of channel partners	4	8	10	11	12	12
Number of end customers / water utilities	6	15	60	80	90	100
Number of utilities in our Channel partners	750	1 200	2 000	2 300	2 800	2 800
Life Time Value (ARRx15)	15M	46M	0.2Bn	0.7Bn	1,3Bn	3.8B

# **Early Exit Opportunities**

## Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR) in millions



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