# **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("**MD&A**") for UpSnap, Inc. ("**UpSnap**" or the "**Company**") should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements, and the accompanying notes, as at and for the period ended March 31, 2021, which have been filed with certain securities regulatory authorities in Canada and may be accessed through the SEDAR website at <u>www.sedar.com</u> (under UpSnap's profile). References in this MD&A to the Company's financial position and results of operations are presented on a consolidated basis and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, UpSnap USA Holdings, Inc., BTS Logic Europe ApS, Call Genie (Ontario) Inc., Call Genie Europe B.V., and VoodooVox Limited. The Company's consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, and the financial information presented in this MD&A have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**"). All amounts are stated in Canadian currency unless otherwise indicated. This MD&A is dated as of May 31, 2021. Whenever used in this MD&A, the term "**Common Shares**" means common shares in the capital of the Company.

The content of this MD&A has been approved by the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**" or "**Board of Directors**"), on the recommendation of its Audit Committee.

Further information concerning the Company and its business and operations may be obtained from continuous disclosure materials filed by the Company from time-to-time with certain securities regulatory authorities in Canada. These continuous disclosure materials are available through the Company's website at <u>www.UpSnap.com</u> or through the SEDAR website at <u>www.sedar.com</u> (under UpSnap's profile).

# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS AND DISCLAIMER

Certain information set out in this MD&A constitutes forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "hope", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "intend", "could", "might", "should", "scheduled", "believe" and similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements are based upon the opinions, expectations and estimates of management and, in some cases, information received from or disseminated by third parties, and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or outcomes to differ materially from those anticipated or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include such things as the Company's current stage of development, the lack of a track record with respect to the generation of revenues from performance-based arrangements with customers, its reliance on third parties and third party technology, the existence of competition, the availability of external financing, the inherent risks associated with research and development activities and commercialization of emerging technologies (such as lack of market acceptance), timing of execution of various elements of the Company's business plan, the availability of human resources, the emergence of competing business models, new laws (domestic or foreign), lack of acceptance by customers, management's estimates of project requirements being

incorrect, information received from third parties with respect to anticipated transaction volumes being incorrect, a lack of advertising sources for integration into the Company's platform, management's understanding of the competitive and regulatory environment being incorrect and the other risk factors noted below under the heading "Business Risks and Uncertainties". Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance upon the forward-looking information contained herein and the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A should not be considered or interpreted as guarantees of future outcomes or results.

The Company does not assume responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the forward-looking statements set out in this MD&A and, subject to applicable securities laws, does not undertake any obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances. UpSnap's forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statement.

#### **OVERVIEW**

UpSnap provides highly-targeted, data-driven advertising products to both large brands and small businesses. UpSnap offers its advertising services to national brands on a campaign basis and to small businesses on a monthly subscription basis.

UpSnap's advertising solutions for small businesses are unique, with products including video ads, social media ads and digitally retargeted direct mail ads that have traditionally only been affordable to large businesses. Small businesses typically pay a monthly fee in return for a fixed number of ads. The ads typically target a local area and are associated with a strong call to action such as "tap to call", "tap for directions", "tap for appointment", "tap for coupon", or "tap for website" in the case of mobile ads or an exclusive coupon in the case of direct mail ads. UpSnap generally sells these subscriptions through a reseller network.

UpSnap's Intentional Direct Mail ("**IDM**") service allows advertisers such as small businesses and brands to amplify their digital marketing by programatically mailing customized direct mail postcards to potential customers that engage with the advertiser's website or mobile ads. By adding IDM tracking pixels to an advertiser's website, UpSnap can automatically locate the website visitor and print and mail a customized direct mail postcard to the visitor's mailing address within 24 hours of the visit, thereby increasing the advertiser's engagement with its customers. UpSnap developed the software used by the IDM service in-house.

UpSnap's advertising solution for brands is based on establishing long-term relationships with advertisers either directly or indirectly through advertising agencies, resellers and other media companies. A typical arrangement begins with the signing of an insertion order. Each insertion order, which generally remains in effect for a limited time period and involves a limited budget, outlines the performance criteria under which UpSnap earns a fee. Generally mobile advertising fees are earned based on simple insertion or display of an ad into any advertising inventory slot. No action is required by the consumer in order to earn this type of fee.

In order to earn advertising fees, UpSnap must source publishers who have places to insert advertisements ("**Ad Traffic**"). The arrangements to purchase Ad Traffic can be either on a fixed fee or revenue share basis. Fixed fees have a higher risk/return profile as the amount paid to the publisher is fixed and UpSnap's revenues vary based on the effectiveness of the ad campaigns. Alternatively, the publisher arrangements can be revenue share based where the publisher earns a percentage of the advertising fees earned by UpSnap. This has lower risk to UpSnap, but costs are generally higher than a fixed fee.

In addition to its direct mail and mobile advertising services, UpSnap provides software and services that allow customers to perform voice and data searches on proprietary business directories. UpSnap expects that these legacy products will continue to generate software license and maintenance fees and consulting fees.

#### **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) a pandemic. To date, the Canadian and US governments as well as businesses have mandated various public health measures to combat COVID-19. Many small businesses that use the Company's advertising services have been required to close for an unknown time and the Company has seen a number of advertising campaigns reduced or paused in line with overall industry trends.

UpSnap has taken a number of steps to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 virus on its operations and to continue to operate in the normal course, including reducing all discretionary spending, suspending cash compensation for directors, and applying for government assistance. Although the Company's offices have been subject to government-mandated lockdowns for short periods, UpSnap's staff continue to perform their functions remotely without meaningful reductions in their ability to service customers.

Revenue for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 totalled \$306k compared to \$465k in 2020. The decrease in revenue is due mainly to small business advertising campaigns that were reduced or paused as a result of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

Operating costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, were \$374k compared to \$584k in 2020. The decrease is consistent with a decrease in revenue and UpSnap's efforts to reduce operating costs during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Net loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, was \$38k (or \$0.00 per share), compared to a loss of \$155k (or \$0.00 per share) in 2020. The smaller loss was primarily due to reduced operating costs.

#### **NON-IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES**

This MD&A includes certain measures which are not defined terms in accordance with IFRS. The term "Reseller costs" refers to a discount the Company offers on the list price of its advertising services in order to compensate a reseller for sourcing customers. The term "Revenue gross of reseller costs" refers to amounts the Company would charge customers at the list price for its advertising services if the Company was selling directly to the customers rather than selling through a reseller. The measures are used for internal management purposes as a way of accounting for the selling costs of the Company's advertising services.

"Reseller costs" and "Revenue gross of reseller costs" are not measures of performance under IFRS and should not be considered in isolation. These measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and are not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other companies.

#### SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

The following table sets out selected financial and share information of the Company as at March 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019 and for the periods then ended:

KEY FINANCIAL METRICS in 000's			
(except share amounts)	2021	2020	2019
Revenue			
- Advertising services			
Mobile advertising	157	170	180
Direct mail advertising	84	131	213
- Software licensing and support	65	164	63
Total revenue	306	465	456
Revenue gross of reseller costs*	506	621	651
Reseller costs*	(200)	(156)	(195)
Operating costs	(374)	(584)	(539)
Operating loss	(68)	(119)	(83)
Net loss	(38)	(155)	(119)
Total assets	508	839	865
Total long term liabilities	237	-	747
Loss per share – basic and fully			
diluted	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Common Shares outstanding			
- Basic	267,640,941	267,640,941	267,640,941

\* As defined in "Non-IFRS Financial Measures"

#### Revenues gross of reseller costs

The following table sets out a reconciliation of Revenue gross of reseller costs to Revenue for each period indicated:

	2021	2020	2019
Revenue	306	465	456
Reseller costs	200	156	195
Revenue gross of reseller costs*	506	621	651

# **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

<u>Revenues</u>

UpSnap operates in one segment, advertising software and services. Revenues for the period ended March 31, 2021, totalled \$306k compared to \$465 in 2020. The Covid-19 pandemic continues to have a large impact on the company's small business clients resulting in lower advertising revenue, particularly in the new IDM business. The following tables detail the company's revenues.

Year ended December 31,				
(in 000's)	2021	2020	Variance	% change
Mobile advertising	157	170	(13)	(8%)
Direct mail advertising	84	131	(47)	(36%)
Software licensing and support	65	164	(99)	(60%)
Total	306	465	(159)	(34%)

UpSnap continues to focus on servicing the small business market and looks to drive growth through improving its advertising offerings and expanding its reseller network. UpSnap's strategy is to provide unique targeted advertising solutions to small businesses that have traditionally only been affordable for large advertisers.

The amount of revenue generated from the Company's mobile advertising services will depend, to a significant degree, on the Company's ability to source relevant Ad Traffic and ads that prompt consumers to act in a manner that generates a measurable sales lead to a merchant. UpSnap expects its quarterly results will continue to vary, from quarter to quarter and year to year, sometimes significantly.

The decrease in software licensing and support revenue was due to software implementations of new versions of the directory software in the prior year that are not expected to recur. UpSnap expects that revenue from its legacy software products will remain flat or decrease as its existing contracts continue to expire. One contract with an annual billing of \$60k expired in March 2021.

Contract liabilities consist of deposits for future advertising campaigns. Contract liabilities was \$98k at March 31, 2021 compared to \$93k in 2020.

# **Operating Costs**

Operating costs for the period ended March 31, 2021, totalled \$374k compared to \$584k in 2020. The following tables detail the company's operating costs.

Year ended December 31,				
(in 000's)	2021	2020	Variance	% change
Network and publisher costs	105	166	(61)	(37%)
Labour costs	31	67	(36)	(54%)
Other operating costs	236	334	(98)	(29%)
Amortization	2	17	(15)	(88%)
Total	374	584	(210)	(36%)

#### Network and Publisher Costs

Network and publisher costs consist of non-labour costs directly incurred by the Company to provide hosted services and to acquire Ad Traffic from publishers. This includes network, data and operating charges required to support mobile advertising services as well as mailing services required to support the IDM product. The decreases were consistent with decreased revenue from advertising services. UpSnap expects its publisher costs to grow in proportion to the growth in its IDM and mobile advertising revenue.

#### Labour Costs

Labour costs consist of employee salaries, employee benefits and stock option compensation expense. The decrease was due primarily to a lower headcount. The average number of full time employees for the period ended March 31, 2021, was one compared to two in 2020. A number of key management positions are shared between UpSnap and User Friendly Media ("**UFM**"), a related party. UpSnap compensates UFM through a Shared Services Agreement. UpSnap contracts the majority of its software development to third parties. Additionally, UpSnap sells its small business subscriptions primarily through a reseller network, allowing the Company to increase revenue without significant increases in labour costs by leveraging its resellers' sales forces and customer relationships. UpSnap expects its labour costs to increase in proportion to the growth in its sales efforts.

#### **Other Operating Costs**

Other operating costs consist primarily of facility costs, professional services, telephone expenses, sales and marketing costs, travel costs and costs associated with operating as a public issuer. Other operating costs for the period ended March 31, 2021 totalled \$236k compared to \$334k in 2020. The decrease was primarily due to lower software development and audit costs, as well as a smaller loss from translating the Company's foreign currency balances to Canadian dollars. UpSnap expects other operating costs to increase in proportion to its sales and marketing and product development efforts.

The following table provides a breakdown of other operating costs:

Year ended December 31, (in 000's)	2021	2020
Consultants	98	107
Professional Fees	36	42
Marketing and Travel	48	56
Insurance, Interest and Bank Fees	36	25
Shareholder and Public Company Costs	4	29
Rent, Supplies and Postage	2	17
Foreign Exchange	12	58
Total	236	334

# **Operating Loss**

UpSnap's operating loss for the period ended March 31, 2021, was \$68k compared to \$119k in 2020. The smaller loss was due to lower operating costs, consistent with a decrease in revenue due the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

#### Interest and Accretion Expense

Interest and accretion expense for the period ended March 31, 2021, was \$28k compared to \$36k in 2020. The interest and accretion expenses relate to an \$800k debenture issued in October 2018.

#### <u>Net Gain or Loss</u>

UpSnap's net loss for the period ended March 31, 2021, was \$38k (\$0.00 per share) compared to \$155k (\$0.00 per share) in 2020.

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table sets out selected financial information of the Company for the quarters indicated.

	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
(000's, except per share amounts)	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2021
Revenue								
Mobile advertising	149	157	156	170	141	235	155	157
Direct mail advertising	259	212	143	131	105	111	76	84
Software licensing and support	62	61	61	122	150	65	91	65
Software customization	-	-	-	-42	-	-	-	-
	470	430	360	465	396	411	322	306
Expenses								
Network and publisher costs	227	260	127	166	146	149	124	105
Labour costs	65	67	71	67	38	29	27	31
Other operating costs and								
foreign exchange	269	290	308	334	222	273	314	236
Amortization	11	17	22	17	18	17	17	2
	572	634	528	584	424	468	482	374
Operating gain (loss)	(102)	(204)	(168)	(119)	(28)	(57)	(160)	(68)
Gain on extinguishment of debt	-	-	-	-	65	-	65	58
Government grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	
Impairment of intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(183)	
Interest and accretion	(36)	(36)	(37)	(36)	(36)	(37)	(27)	(28)
Net gain (loss) for the period	(138)	(240)	(205)	(155)	1	(94)	(275)	(38)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The reported financial position of the Company presumes the realization of assets and discharge of liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. The Company has incurred accumulated losses of \$111.1 million since the Company commenced operations in 2000. As of March 31, 2021, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$2.4 million and a cash balance of \$84k.

Cash flows from operating activities primarily consist of the Company's gain or loss before income tax adjusted for certain non-cash items such as amortization, stock-based compensation, interest and accretion on debentures, gains on the settlement of liabilities and changes in working capital.

Cash flows used in operating activities for the period ended March 31, 2021 resulted in a cash loss of \$73k compared to a loss of \$54k in 2020. The difference was primarily due to unfavorable changes in working capital balances, mainly an increase in prepaid insurance premiums.

#### **GOING CONCERN AND COVID-19**

The Company's future operations are dependent upon its ability to secure additional funds or secure sales contracts (or both) or achieve profitable operations, which provide the Company with adequate funds to cover the cash flows projected for the next year. If the Company does not secure such contracts, cannot secure additional financing or renegotiate existing financing, the Company will have to consider additional strategic alternatives which may include, among other strategies, modification of planned operating expenditures or sale of the Company. It is not possible to predict whether the Company will be successful in securing new contracts, securing additional financing or renegotiating existing financing.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) a pandemic and actions taken to mitigate its spread have had, and are expected to continue to have, an adverse impact on both local and global economies and financial markets, including the geographical areas in which the Company operates. UpSnap has taken a number of steps to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 virus on its operations and to continue to operate in the normal course, including reducing all discretionary spending, suspending cash compensation for directors, and applying for government assistance.

Many small businesses that use the Company's advertising services have been required to close for an unknown time and the Company has seen a number of advertising campaigns reduced or paused in line with overall industry trends. Although the Company's offices have been subject to government-mandated lockdowns for short periods, UpSnap's staff continue to perform their functions remotely without meaningful reductions in their ability to service customers.

These factors raise significant doubt as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. In the meantime, the Company is reliant on financing and operational support from a shareholder, User Friendly Media, to continue operations. The consolidated financial statements do not include adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. Such adjustments could be material.

#### **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The following table sets out certain information concerning UpSnap's contractual obligations, including payments due for each of the next three years and thereafter.

	Payments Due by Year in 000's				
Contractual Obligations	Tatal	2021	2022	2022	After 3
as at December 31, 2020	Total	2021	2022	2023	years
Accounts payable and					
accrued liabilities	1,627	1,627	-	-	-
CEBA loan	30	-	30	-	-
Debentures	800	800	-	-	-
Total	2,457	2,427	30	-	-

The Company did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as of March 31, 2021. The Company did not have any commitments for capital expenditures as of March 31, 2021, nor any financing sources arranged, but not yet used.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

The Company holds various forms of financial instruments as follows:

<u>(In '000s)</u>	Designation	Mar 2021	Dec 2020
Cash and cash equivalents	Amortized cost	84	157
Accounts receivable (excluding commodity tax)	Amortized cost	269	329
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost	1,636	1,627
CEBA loan	Amortized cost	30	30
Debentures	Amortized cost	800	800

The nature of these financial instruments and the Company's operations expose UpSnap to a number of financial risks, including credit risk, liquidity risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. The Company manages its exposure to these risks by operating in a manner that minimizes its exposure to the extent practical.

Financial assets that are exposed to credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. At March 31, 2021, primarily all of the Company's cash and cash equivalents were held at two major Canadian and U.S. banks.

The Company's accounts receivable are subject to normal credit risks. Any amounts not provided for are considered fully collectible. The Company's receivables include \$6k in allowance for doubtful accounts.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will be unable to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Company manages liquidity risk through cash flow forecasting including anticipated investing and financing activities. See the section titled "Liquidity and Capital Resources" above for further discussion.

Foreign currency risk arises from the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates relative to the Canadian dollar. The Company sells software and services in both Canadian and foreign currencies. The sale of software and services in foreign currencies gives rise to the risk that the Company's income and cash flows may be adversely impacted by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. Certain purchases of services and equipment are also made in non-Canadian currencies. The Company does not actively manage this risk and uses its natural hedge to mitigate, to the extent possible, the impact of foreign exchange fluctuations.

The most significant foreign exchange exposure arises from U.S. dollar revenue and costs. The Company may experience transaction exposure because of volatility in the exchange rate between the Canadian and U.S. dollar.

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and debenture approximate their fair values due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

# **BUSINESS RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The business of the Company is subject to numerous risk factors, including those more particularly described below. An investment in or ownership of Common Shares should be considered highly speculative due to the nature of the Company's business, its current stage of development and the potential requirement for additional financing.

# Substantial Capital Requirements; Liquidity; Going Concern

Because of the costs associated with further development of UpSnap's technology and business, and the fact that UpSnap's ability to generate revenue will depend on a variety of factors (including the ability of UpSnap to meet its development schedule and consumer and merchant acceptance of UpSnap technologies), additional funds are required to support UpSnap's business. UpSnap has accumulated a substantial deficit and continues to have operating losses. These conditions indicate the existence of material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Additional funds (whether through additional equity financing, debt financing or other sources) may not be available (at all or on terms acceptable to UpSnap) or may result in significant dilution to UpSnap shareholders or significant interest obligations. The inability to obtain additional funds in the short term will have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations, and financial condition and could result in the Company ceasing operations.

# No Record of Profit

UpSnap has incurred significant losses to date, and there can be no assurance that the future business activities of UpSnap will be profitable. Since its organization, UpSnap has incurred costs to develop and enhance its technology, to establish strategic relationships, to acquire complementary technologies and to build administrative support systems. UpSnap has incurred negative operational cash flow to date. UpSnap incurred losses of \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2019, \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, \$4.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, \$12.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, \$11.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, \$13.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, \$8.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, \$12.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, \$20.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, \$12.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$6.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. UpSnap's ability to operate profitably and generate positive cash-flow in the future will be affected by a variety of factors (including its ability to further develop and test its technology on schedule and on budget, the pace at which it secures additional customers, the time and expense required for the roll-out of its products, its success in marketing its solutions and services to consumers and merchants, the intensity of the competition experienced by UpSnap and the availability of additional capital to pursue its business plan, including development of new solutions and services). An inability to generate sufficient funds from operations will have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### **Developing Market**

UpSnap is engaged in the development and marketing of solutions and services that are relatively new and, as such, the primary market for UpSnap's solutions and services is underdeveloped and continues to evolve. As is typical in the case of a new evolving industry segment, the demand for the Company's solutions and services is subject to a high level of uncertainty. If the markets for the UpSnap solutions and services fail to develop, develop more slowly than expected or become saturated with competitors, or if the Company's solutions and services do not achieve and maintain market acceptance, the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition will be materially adversely affected.

# Current Enterprise Value assigned by the Market; Liquidity

The actions of all stakeholders in the business may be adversely affected by the current market capitalization of the Company. These stakeholders include customers, potential customers, competitors, channel delivery counterparties, technology counterparties, and current or prospective employees. These stakeholders may ascribe a higher business risk to the Company due to its relatively low market capitalization, and any perception of higher risks may have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results and financial condition.

# Third Party Technology

In providing its solutions and services, UpSnap is, and will continue to be, dependent on technologies and infrastructure that are beyond UpSnap's control, including landline and cellular telephone networks, directory databases and cloud computing services. There can be no assurance that, if weaknesses or errors in third party software or hardware are detected, UpSnap will be able to correct or compensate for such weaknesses or errors. If UpSnap is unable to address weaknesses or errors and the Company's solutions and services are therefore unable to meet consumer or merchant needs or expectations, UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition will be materially adversely affected. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Company will continue to have access to required third-party technology on terms acceptable to UpSnap. If UpSnap is unable to obtain third party technology on acceptable terms, UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition will be materially adversely affected.

# Rapid Technological Change

The technology industry is subject to rapid change, and the inability of UpSnap to adapt to such change may have an adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition. The effect of new developments and technological changes on the business sector in which UpSnap is active cannot be predicted. Such developments would include, but are not limited to, change in how mobile advertising is delivered by advertisers and transacted with potential consumers, declining paid directory assistance transactions and resulting advertising opportunities arising on a global basis, a change in the success rate on the application of analytics in advertising, consumer backlash resulting from the collection and use of demographic intelligence, clients' ability to execute and industry consolidation. UpSnap's failure to adapt to any of the above could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

# **Competition**

UpSnap is subject to competition from other organizations (many of which have substantially greater human and financial resources) and there can be no assurance that UpSnap will be able to compete effectively in its target markets. Technologies exist that are competitive with the Company's product suite. Certain organizations with substantially greater financial and human resources than the Company have active research and development initiatives involving the development and implementation of voice search capabilities, workstation applications, analytics and ad network arrangements. The inability of UpSnap to preserve existing customers and secure additional customers due to competitive technologies will have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, advances in communications technology as well as changes in the marketplace and the regulatory environment are constantly occurring and any such change could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap.

#### Need for Research and Development

To achieve its business objectives and obtain market share and profitability, UpSnap will need to continually research, develop and refine the Company's various technologies. Many factors may limit UpSnap's ability to develop and refine required technologies or to create, acquire or negotiate access to new technologies. UpSnap may also be exposed to marketplace resistance to new technology and services. Any failure of UpSnap to develop new technologies or refine its existing technologies, or offer new solutions and services could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Patents and Other Intellectual Property

While UpSnap has applied for patents for certain elements of its technology, there can be no assurance that such applications will result in the granting of patent protection. Competitors may have filed patent applications or hold issued patents relating to services or processes competitive with those of UpSnap. Any patents covering elements of the UpSnap technology granted to third parties (or the inability of UpSnap to successfully challenge such patents) may impair UpSnap's ability to do business in a particular area including in key markets. Others may independently develop similar services or duplicate unpatented elements of the Company's technologies.

UpSnap's success will be largely dependent upon its ability to protect its proprietary technologies. UpSnap relies upon copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets to protect its intellectual property. Where appropriate, UpSnap also enters into non-disclosure agreements with persons to whom it reveals proprietary information. Any failure or inability on the part of UpSnap to protect its intellectual property could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

UpSnap may be required to engage in litigation in the future to enforce or protect its intellectual property rights or to defend against claims of invalidity and UpSnap may incur substantial costs as a result. Any claims or litigation initiated by UpSnap to protect its intellectual property could result in significant expense to UpSnap and diversion of the efforts of UpSnap's technical and management resources, whether or not the claims or litigation are determined in favor of UpSnap.

# Ability to Manage Growth

Responding to consumer and merchant demands, expansion into other geographical markets and targeted growth in UpSnap's business has placed, and is likely to continue to place, significant strains on UpSnap's administrative and operational resources and increased demands on its management, internal systems, procedures and controls. If UpSnap experiences rapid acceptance of its solutions and services, the need to manage such growth will add to the demands on UpSnap's management, resources, systems, procedures and controls. There can be no assurance that UpSnap's administrative infrastructure, systems, procedures and controls will be adequate to support UpSnap's operations or that UpSnap's officers and personnel will be able to manage any significant expansion of operations. If UpSnap is unable to manage growth effectively, UpSnap's business, operating results and financial condition will be materially adversely affected.

# Personnel Resources

UpSnap is (and will continue to be) reliant upon its management and technical personnel in all aspects of its business, including to anticipate and address consumer and merchant demands in areas such as software development, customer service, marketing, finance, strategic planning and management. There can be no assurance that qualified management or technical personnel will be available to UpSnap in the future. The loss of services of any of the Company's management or technical personnel could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Potential Fluctuations in Quarterly Operating Results

UpSnap expects to be exposed to significant fluctuations in quarterly operating results caused by many factors, including changes in the demand for the Company's solutions and services, the introduction of competing technologies, market acceptance of enhancements to the Company's solutions and services, delays in the introduction of enhancements to the Company's solutions and services, changes in UpSnap's pricing policies or those of its competitors, the mix of solutions and services sold, foreign currency exchange rates and general economic conditions. Such fluctuations could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

# **Risk of Industry Consolidation**

UpSnap's customers include carriers, telecommunication providers, yellow pages providers, directory assistance providers, publishers, publisher aggregators, advertisers, advertising aggregators, agencies, directory data providers, mobile application and service providers, ad networks, in-call media, and search engines. Each of these industries is characterized by constant change, restructuring and consolidation. As a result, UpSnap may have established working relationships with one such customer undermined by a business combination or other transaction with another business in the marketplace. This could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial conditions.

# **Government Regulation**

The marketplace within which UpSnap operates is in constant flux in relation to government regulation. Areas being regulated include regulation relating to call handling, privacy, and opt-in requirements for mobile application. Regulation is also being considered for use and application of consumer demographic information for mobile advertising purposes and other areas impacting on mobile advertising. The consequences of such regulation or changes to such regulation could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

# Costs Associated with Compliance with Securities Laws

UpSnap is a publicly traded corporation and is subject to all of the obligations imposed on "reporting issuers" under applicable securities laws and all of the obligations applicable to a listed company under stock exchange rules. Direct and indirect costs associated with public company status have increased in recent years and regulatory initiatives under consideration may further increase the costs of being public in Canada and could have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition. If UpSnap is unable to generate significant revenues from business operations, the cost of complying with applicable regulatory requirements will represent a significant financial burden to UpSnap and may have a material adverse effect on UpSnap's business, results of operations and financial condition.

# **Risks Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Company's operations are subject to a range of external factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic that are not within the Company's control. The Company has taken precautionary measures intended to minimize the risk of the spread of the virus to its employees, partners and customers, and the communities in which it operates. A wide range of governmental restrictions has also been imposed on the Company's employees', customers' and partners' physical movement to limit the spread of COVID-19. There can be no assurance that precautionary measures, whether adopted by the Company or imposed by others, will be effective, and such measures could negatively affect the Company's sales, marketing, and customer service efforts, delay and lengthen the Company's sales cycles, decrease its employees' or customers' or partners' productivity, or create operational or other challenges, any of which could harm the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

The economic uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has made and may continue to make it difficult for the Company to forecast revenue and operating results and to make decisions regarding operational cost structures and investments. The Company's business depends on the overall demand for advertising and on the economic health of its customers that benefit from the Company's platform. Economic downturns or unstable market conditions may cause the Company's customers to decrease their advertising budgets, which could reduce usage of the Company's platform and adversely affect its business, operating results and financial condition. The duration and extent of the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic depend on future developments that cannot be accurately predicted at this time, and if the Company is not able to respond to and manage the impact of such events effectively, its business may be negatively impacted. Such future developments may include, among others, the duration and spread of the outbreak, new information that may emerge concerning the severity of COVID-19 and government actions to contain COVID-19 or treat its impact, the level of relief efforts designed to help businesses and consumers, including any declines in such levels, and the impact that COVID-19 will have on the Company's customers and suppliers.

# **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

The Company's outstanding share capital consists of Common Shares. The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares. At March 31, 2021, 267,640,941 Common Shares were outstanding, unchanged from the prior year.

As at March 31, 2021, the Company had 8,100,000 stock options outstanding and exercisable with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.05.

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

User Friendly Media ("UFM"), a private media company, owns approximately 49% of UpSnap's issued and outstanding common shares. UpSnap bills UFM under a reseller

agreement for small business advertising subscriptions. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, UpSnap recorded \$155k (2020 – \$167k) in revenue under this agreement. Included in accounts receivable at March 31, 2021 are \$107k (Dec 2020 – \$47k) in receivables from UFM. Included in contract liabilities at March 31, 2021 are \$70k (Dec 2020 – \$71k) in deposits from UFM for future advertising services.

UFM bills UpSnap under a shared services agreement for management and support services, which include shared office space and key management roles including the Chief Executive Officer, Vice President of Operations and Vice President of Product and Technology. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, total amounts billed under this agreement, excluding disbursements, totalled \$8k (2020 – \$8k). Included in accounts payable at March 31, 2021 are \$694k (Dec 2020 – \$645k) in payables to UFM for fees and disbursements and \$275k (Dec 2020 – \$247k) for accrued interest on an \$800k debenture.

# **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The Company's consolidated financial statements as at and for the period ended March 31, 2021, were prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). Please refer to Note 2 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for a detailed discussion regarding the significant accounting policies relied upon in the preparation of the financial statements, the application of critical estimates and judgements in the preparation of the financial statements and recent accounting pronouncements.