



**KWESST MICRO SYSTEMS INC.**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Three and six months ended March 31, 2022

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

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All references in this management's discussion and analysis (the "MD&A") to "KWESST", "we", "us", "our", and the "Company" refer to KWESST Micro Systems Inc. and its subsidiaries as at March 31, 2022. This MD&A has been prepared with an effective date of May 27, 2022.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six months ended March 31, 2022 ("Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS") and the annual audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the year ended September 30, 2021 ("Fiscal 2021 FS"). The financial information presented in this MD&A is derived from these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). This MD&A contains forward-looking statements involves risk, uncertainties and assumptions, including statements regarding anticipated developments in future financial periods and our future plans and objectives. There can be no assurance that such information will prove to be accurate, and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. See "Forward-Looking Statements".

All references to \$ or dollar amounts in this MD&A are to Canadian currency unless otherwise indicated.

Additional information, including press releases, relating to KWESST is available for view on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## **NON-IFRS MEASURES**

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In this MD&A, we have presented earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") and EBITDA that has been adjusted for the removal of stock-based compensation, foreign exchange loss (gain) and any one-time, irregular and nonrecurring items ("Adjusted EBITDA") to provide readers with a supplemental measure of our operating performance and thus highlight trends in our core business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying solely on IFRS financial measures. Management also uses non-IFRS measures, in addition to IFRS financial measures, to understand and compare operating results across accounting periods, for financial and operational decision making, for planning and forecasting purposes, and to evaluate our financial performance. We believe that these non-IFRS financial measures enable us to identify underlying trends in our business that could otherwise be hidden by the effect of certain expenses that we exclude in the calculations of the non-IFRS financial measures.

Accordingly, we believe that these non-IFRS financial measures reflect our ongoing business in a manner that allows for meaningful comparisons and analysis in the business and provides useful information to investors and securities analysts, and other interested parties in understanding and evaluating our operating results, enhancing their overall understanding of our past performance and future prospects.

We caution readers that these non-IFRS financial measures do not replace the presentation of our IFRS financial results and should only be used as a supplement to, not as a substitute for, our financial results presented in accordance with IFRS. There are limitations in the use of non-IFRS measures because they do not include all the expenses that must be included under IFRS as well as they involve the exercise of judgment concerning exclusions of items from the comparable non-IFRS financial measure. Furthermore, other peers may use other non-IFRS measures to evaluate their performance, or may calculate non-IFRS measures differently, all of which could reduce the usefulness of our non-IFRS financial measures as tools for comparison.

## **GOING CONCERN**

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As an early-stage company, we have incurred significant losses and negative operating cash flows from inception that have primarily been funded from financing activities. KWESST's Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS have been prepared on the "going concern" basis which presumes that KWESST will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. Refer to Note 2(a) of the Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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Certain statements in this document constitute “forward-looking statements”. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, information with respect to our objectives and our strategies to achieve these objectives, as well as statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions. These forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of terms and phrases such as “may”, “would”, “should”, “could”, “expect”, “intend”, “estimate”, “anticipate”, “plan”, “foresee”, “believe”, or “continue”, the negative of these terms and similar terminology, including references to assumptions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these terms and phrases. Forward-looking statements are provided for the purposes of assisting the reader in understanding us, our business, operations, prospects and risks at a point in time in the context of historical and possible future developments and therefore the reader is cautioned that such information may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Forward-looking statements relating to us include, among other things, statements relating to:

- our expectations regarding our business, financial condition and results of operations;
- the future state of the legislative and regulatory regimes, both domestic and foreign, in which we conduct business and may conduct business in the future;
- our expansion into domestic and international markets;
- our ability to attract customers and clients;
- our marketing and business plans and short-term objectives;
- our ability to obtain and retain the licences and personnel we require to undertake our business;
- our strategic relationships with third parties;
- our anticipated trends and challenges in the markets in which we operate;
- governance of us as a public company; and
- expectations regarding future developments of products and our ability to bring these products to market.

Forward-looking statements are based upon a number of assumptions and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those that are disclosed in or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following risk factors, some of which are discussed in greater detail under the section “*Risk Factors*” in our annual MD&A dated November 23, 2021.

- limited operating history;
- failure to realize growth strategy;
- failure to complete transactions or realize anticipated benefits;
- reliance on key personnel;
- regulatory compliance;
- competition;
- changes in laws, regulations and guidelines;
- demand for our products;
- fluctuating prices of raw materials;
- pricing for products;
- ability to supply sufficient product;
- expansion to other jurisdictions;
- damage to our reputation;
- operating risk and insurance coverage;
- negative operating cash flow;

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- management of growth;
- product liability;
- product recalls;
- environmental regulations and risks;
- ownership and protection of intellectual property;
- constraints on marketing products;
- reliance on management;
- fraudulent or illegal activity by our employees, contractors and consultants;
- breaches of security at our facilities or in respect of electronic documents and data storage and risks related to breaches of applicable privacy laws;
- government regulations with regards to COVID-19, employee health and safety regulations;
- the duration and impact of COVID-19, and including variants of COVID-19, on our operations;
- regulatory or agency proceedings, investigations and audits;
- additional capital requirements to support our operations and growth plans, leading to further dilution to shareholders;
- conflicts of interest;
- litigation;
- risks related to United States' and other international activities;
- risks related to security clearances and risks relating to the ownership of KWESST common shares ("Common Shares") such as potential volatility of share price; and
- no assurance of active market for Common Shares.

Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what we believe are reasonable assumptions, investors are cautioned against placing undue reliance on this information since actual results may vary from the forward-looking statements. Certain assumptions were made in preparing the forward-looking statements concerning availability of capital resources, business performance, market conditions and customer demand.

## **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

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### ***Corporate Information***

We are an early commercial-stage defense technology company focused on the development and commercialization of next-generation technologies that deliver a tactical advantage for military, security forces, and personal defense.

We focus on the following three niche markets:

- (i) Public Safety: technology solutions with broad application for personal defense, public safety, and realistic training;
- (ii) Digitization: technology solutions for real-time situational awareness and targeting for ground forces, and
- (iii) Counter-Threat: technology solutions to defend against hostile drones, lasers and electronic detection.

For more details on KWESST products and markets, refer to the amended Annual Information Form dated April 15, 2021 (the "AIF"). This document and other information about KWESST are available on SEDAR under the Company's profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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***Major Highlights – Q2 Fiscal 2022***

The following is a summary of the major highlights that occurred during Q2 Fiscal 2022:

- As a result of acquiring Police Ordnance Company Inc. (“Police Ordnance”) in December 2021 (see *Acquisition* section of this MD&A), we shipped \$0.1 million of ARWEN™ products during the quarter. However, as most of the shipments related to open customer orders at acquisition date, these were not recorded as revenue during the quarter but rather as a reduction of intangible assets in accordance with IFRS.
- At the 2022 SHOT Show held in Las Vegas from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2022, we showcased our initial PARA OPS™ single shot device. Since this event, we have continued to make further improvements to this device based on positive feedback from the SHOT Show. As of the date of this MD&A, we have finalized the design of the single shot device and are in the process of producing small quantities for market testing prior to commercial launch this summer. We are also in the process of optimizing the design of our multi-shot device for market testing in June 2022 and commercial launch soon after. Our initial sales focus will be law enforcements (see below *Government Regulations Update*).
- On February 11, 2022, we filed U.S. patent application No. 17/669,420 claiming priority to a provisional patent serial 63/148,163 by the USPO for our PARA OPS™ system.
- On March 11, 2022, we closed a non-secured and non-convertible loan financing with a syndicate of lenders in an aggregate amount of \$1.8 million and an additional \$0.2 million on March 15, 2022, for a total of \$2.0 million (the “Unsecured Loans”). Our directors and officers participated in the amount of \$74,000. See *Liquidity and Capital Resources* section of this MD&A for further information.
- On March 29, 2022, the Common Shares commenced trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol “62U”. We believe this listing will provide us with the opportunity to further increase our investor base globally, improve our stock liquidity, and promote KWESST to the European financial markets.

The following is a summary of the major highlights that occurred since Q2 Fiscal 2022:

- We announced on April 4, 2022, with the war in Ukraine, that we are currently actioning a number of NATO and non-NATO country requests for quotations of our Phantom™ electronic decoy and laser detection products. While we are confident that this activity will generate sales orders before the end of Fiscal 2022, there is no assurance that we will be successful.
- On April 22, 2022, we issued 61,264 common shares to the selling shareholders of Police Ordnance as a result of achieving the performance milestone as defined in the share purchase agreement.
- On April 25, 2022, we announced that we engaged RedChip Companies (“RedChip”) to lead our investor relations efforts in the United States, in advance of our pending Nasdaq listing (refer to our press release dated November 23, 2021). Headquartered in Orlando, Florida, RedChip provides investor relations, financial media, and research for microcap and small-cap stocks.

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### ***Government Regulations Update***

#### **Public Safety Products**

In February 2022, we retained Orchid Advisors (“Orchid”) to assist us with the classification for our PARA OPS™ devices and compliance with the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”). Orchid is a Federal Firearms License (“FFL”) Compliance Solutions firm headquartered in Hartford, Connecticut.

Based on Orchid’s interpretation of the ATF rules and regulations, we have self-classified the .67 caliber version of the PARA OPS™ devices as “Destructive Devices” (see below), providing us with the ability to go to market much sooner than waiting for ATF classification ruling. Under the ATF rules, a manufacturer must determine whether the device is a firearm and therefore be subject to ATF regulation and if it is a firearm whether it is subject to National Firearms Act of 1934 (“NFA”) regulations.

To be considered a regulated firearm in the United States, the device must be: (1) a weapon that (2) will or is designed to expel a projectile (3) by the action of an explosive. Although primers in ammunition cartridges are exempted from control under the explosives regulations as administered by ATF, they are still considered an “explosive” for the purposes of the firearm definition. Because we currently use primers in the ammunition cartridges for our PARA OPS™ devices, we have decided to self-classify our PARA OPS™ devices as a form of firearm pending any different eventual classification by the ATF.

As the PARA OPS™ is identified as a firearm, it must be determined whether an additional level of control is imposed by the NFA. Under NFA regulations, there are only two possible types of NFA firearm that PARA OPS™ could be defined as: (1) “any other weapon” (“AOW”) or 2) a “destructive device”. Sale of either of these to consumers is permissible but requires a lengthy approval process conducted by the ATF (the background check process on the consumer); whereas sale to law enforcement agencies, military bodies, or government agencies is a more expedient approval process (usually less than 7 days). Further, the AOW classification requires only a \$5 transfer tax to consumers whereas a destructive device classification results in a \$200 transfer tax to consumers (such tax being borne by the consumer). While the velocity for our PARA OPS™ projectile is well below lethal threshold, we have determined that the current version of our PARA OPS™ devices are destructive devices because the measurement of the bore of our device is currently in excess of the one-half inch in diameter (maximum size for AOW).

As a result, the initial sale of our PARA OPS™ devices are expected to come primarily from law enforcement agencies until we reduce the bore of our device to less than one-half inch in diameter, which is expected to be completed by August 2022. We expect to partner with an FFL manufacturer for the production of our PARA OPS™ in the United States by the end of our Q3 Fiscal 2022. We are currently developing a variant of our PARA OPS™ device to meet the AOW firearm classification in order to reduce the tax burden on a consumer purchasing the PARA OPS™ devices. We expect to commercially launch this AOW variant by summer 2022. The distribution of our PARA OPS™ products in the United States will be done directly with FFL distributors/firearm dealers for civilian sales. Today, all 50 states of the United States allow civilians to own a firearm subject to the firearm laws of the state (which vary by state). We expect the sales of our PARA OPS™ devices will position us well for significant recurring revenues through the sale of subsequent ammunition over the next 12 months.

### ***COVID-19 Update***

While COVID-19 has not had a material impact to our business to date, the following is a summary of what we believe may impact our future business given the persistence of COVID-19: disruptions to business operations resulting from quarantine of employees, customers, manufacturers and other third-party service providers in areas affected by the outbreak; disruptions to business operations resulting from travel restrictions, including travel to industry tradeshows; and uncertainty around the duration of the virus' impact.

Despite the global vaccination efforts underway, the extent to which COVID-19 could impact our operations, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows is highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. Negative financial results, uncertainties in the market, and a tightening of credit markets, caused by COVID-19, or a recession, could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and ability to obtain financing in the future.

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## **ACQUISITION**

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To accelerate our growth plans and respond to market opportunities, we made the following acquisition during the first quarter of Fiscal 2022.

### **Police Ordnance**

On December 15, 2021, we acquired 2720178 Ontario Inc., an Ontario (Canada) corporation, which owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of Police Ordnance Company Inc., an Ontario (Canada) corporation (together, "Police Ordnance"), herein referred as the "Police Ordnance Acquisition". Located in Bowmanville, Ontario, with ancillary operations in Florida, Police Ordnance owns all intellectual properties to the ARWEN product line of launchers, and a proprietary line of 37 mm cartridges designed for riot control and tactical teams. Police Ordnance has law enforcement customers across Canada, the United States, and abroad. The Police Ordnance Acquisition provides us with a strategic opportunity to leverage its law enforcement customer base to accelerate growth within our non-lethal public safety business.

The fair value of the purchase consideration was \$592,822, which comprised of: (i) 277,576 Common Shares, (ii) 200,000 Common Share purchase warrants exercisable at a price of \$1.72 per share and expiring on December 15, 2024; and (ii) 61,264 Common Shares contingent on fulfilment of a financial milestone which was achieved in April 2022 (refer to Note 4 of the Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS for further financial information). While this acquisition is expected to be accretive annually based on historical results, we do not expect it will have a material impact to our overall consolidated results of operations, financial condition, and/or cash flows over the next twelve months.

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**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following selected financial data has been extracted from Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS.

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	Three months ended March 31,		Six months ended March 31,	
	2022	2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	2022	2021 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$ 166,251	\$ 447,684	\$ 183,716	\$ 594,033
Cost of sales	(142,012)	(331,472)	(167,491)	(403,036)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>24,239</b>	116,212	<b>16,225</b>	190,997
<i>Gross margin %</i>	<i>14.6%</i>	<i>26.0%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>32.2%</i>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
General and administrative	1,033,017	1,132,730	2,088,157	1,672,363
Selling and marketing	733,364	778,523	2,079,755	1,313,384
R&D	465,344	464,842	1,259,756	970,089
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>2,231,725</b>	2,376,095	<b>5,427,668</b>	3,955,836
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(2,207,486)</b>	(2,259,883)	<b>(5,411,443)</b>	(3,764,839)
<b>Other expenses</b>				
Net finance costs	(72,479)	(15,129)	(120,121)	(33,077)
Foreign exchange loss	(9,044)	(1,776)	(299)	(5,164)
Loss on disposals	(1,165)	-	(1,165)	-
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ (2,290,174)</b>	<b>\$ (2,276,788)</b>	<b>\$ (5,533,028)</b>	<b>\$ (3,803,080)</b>
<b>EBITDA loss</b>	<b>\$ (2,144,546)</b>	<b>\$ (2,225,348)</b>	<b>\$ (5,267,721)</b>	<b>\$ (3,694,958)</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA loss<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (1,711,406)</b>	<b>\$ (1,618,729)</b>	<b>\$ (3,915,796)</b>	<b>\$ (2,811,336)</b>
<b>Loss per share - basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.05)</b>	<b>\$ (0.05)</b>	<b>\$ (0.11)</b>	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>
<b>Weighted average common shares - basic</b>	<b>49,868,065</b>	42,141,523	<b>49,440,449</b>	41,813,109

(1) See Note 2(f) of the Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS.

(2) EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are non-IFRS measures. See "Non-IFRS Measures".

In the following table, we have reconciled EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to the most comparable IFRS financial measure.

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	Three months ended March 31,		Six months ended March 31,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>Net loss as reported under IFRS</b>	<b>\$ (2,290,174)</b>	\$ (2,276,788)	<b>\$ (5,533,028)</b>	\$ (3,803,080)
Net finance costs	72,479	15,129	120,121	33,077
Depreciation and amortization	73,149	35,018	145,186	75,045
<b>EBITDA loss</b>	<b>(2,144,546)</b>	(2,226,641)	<b>(5,267,721)</b>	(3,694,958)
<i>Other adjustments:</i>				
Stock-based compensation	422,931	604,773	1,350,461	878,458
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	9,044	1,776	299	5,164
Loss on disposals	1,165	-	1,165	-
<b>Adjusted EBITDA loss</b>	<b>\$ (1,711,406)</b>	\$ (1,620,092)	<b>\$ (3,915,796)</b>	\$ (2,811,336)

For Q2 and YTD Fiscal 2022, KWESST's net loss was \$2.3 million and \$5.5 million, respectively. While the results Q2 Fiscal 2022 remained consistent with the comparable prior period, the YTD Fiscal 2022 net loss increased by \$1.7 million



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over the comparable prior period, primarily due to lower revenue and higher operating expenses driven by higher headcount and related share-based awards, increased efforts in research and development of product and service offerings, investment in promoting and advertising our company and products, and to a lesser extent additional professional fees relating to our Nasdaq listing application and Registration Statement to be filed with the United States Securities Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

Share-based compensation accounted for most of the adjustments to EBITDA. The decrease in share-based compensation in Q2 Fiscal 2022 compared to the same quarter in Fiscal 2021 is mainly due to amortizing a higher volume of options at a higher fair value per option in Q2 Fiscal 2021 for recruiting and retaining directors, executives and key business consultants. However, we had an increase in share-based compensation for the YTD Fiscal 2022 compared to the same period in Fiscal 2021 primarily due to amortization on stock units issued to key business consultants in Q4 Fiscal 2021 and Q1 Fiscal 2022. On March 31, 2022, the independent directors of the Board (the “Independent Directors”) approved the grant of 600,000 performance stock units (“PSUs”) to each David Luxton (Executive Chairman) and Jeffrey MacLeod (President and CEO), for which the vesting of these PSUs is subject to achieving performance milestones as set by our Independent Directors. Amortization of these PSUs begins only when it is probable that the milestones will be achieved.

***Revenue and Gross Profit***

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	Three months ended March 31,		Change	Six months ended March 31,		Change
	2022	2021	%	2022	2021	%
Digitization and counter-threat systems	\$ 139,975	\$ 444,208	-68%	\$ 156,615	\$ 583,141	-73%
Public safety product sales	10,492	-	N/A	10,492	-	N/A
Training and services	15,674	-	N/A	15,674	-	N/A
Other	110	3,476	-97%	935	10,892	-91%
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 166,251</b>	<b>\$ 447,684</b>	<b>-63%</b>	<b>\$ 183,716</b>	<b>\$ 594,033</b>	<b>-69%</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 24,239</b>	<b>\$ 116,212</b>		<b>\$ 16,225</b>	<b>\$ 190,997</b>	
<i>Gross margin</i>	<i>14.6%</i>	<i>26.0%</i>		<i>8.8%</i>	<i>32.2%</i>	

Total revenue declined by 63% and 69% during Q2 Fiscal 2022 and YTD Fiscal 2022, respectively, compared to same period in Fiscal 2021. The above revenue table excludes \$0.1 million for deliveries of public safety products in relation to open customer orders at the closing of the Police Ordnance Acquisition which were recognized as a reduction of intangible assets. Revenue for Digitization and Counter-Threat product lines declined by 68% and 73% for Q2 Fiscal 2022 and YTD Fiscal 2022, respectively, primarily due to the timing of expected contracts and a smaller contract awarded by General Dynamic Mission Systems Canada in Q1 Fiscal 2022, compared to the US\$0.8 million contract awarded by a US military customer in the same quarter in Fiscal 2021 delivered throughout Fiscal 2021.

We expect revenue to ramp up over the next few quarters with new anticipated military contracts, coupled with the pending commercial launch of our PARA OPS™, with low-rate initial production (“LRIP”) shipments of the PARA OPS products expected to commence in July 2022. We anticipate transitioning from LRIP to full production with strategic manufacturing and distribution partners by the end of summer 2022.

Gross margin was lower for the three and six months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the same prior periods, primarily due to negative gross margin earned on training and services on ARWEN™ products provided to law enforcement agencies during Q2 Fiscal 2022 to drive business development for future sales opportunities, which resulted in additional orders during Q3 Fiscal 2022. Excluding the impact of this negative margin on training and services on the ARWEN™ products, our gross margin would have been 40% and 31% for Q2 Fiscal 2022 and YTD Fiscal 2022, respectively. Our gross profit will continue to fluctuate from quarter-to-quarter with the anticipated new product mix and sales volume.

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**Operating Expenses (OPEX)**

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	Three months ended March 31,		Change %	Six months ended March 31,		Change %
	2022	2021 <sup>(1)</sup>		2022	2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	
General and administrative	\$ 1,033,017	\$ 1,132,730	-9%	\$ 2,088,157	\$ 1,672,363	25%
Selling and marketing	733,364	778,523	-6%	2,079,755	1,313,384	58%
Research and development	465,344	464,842	0%	1,259,756	970,089	30%
Total operating expenses	\$ 2,231,725	\$ 2,376,095	-6%	\$ 5,427,668	\$ 3,955,836	37%

(1) See Note 2(f) of the Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS.

Total OPEX decreased by 6% or \$0.1 million for the current quarter over the comparable prior period. Excluding the change in share-based compensation expense, total OPEX for the quarter was virtually the same as prior period.

Total OPEX increased by 37% or \$1.5 million for YTD Fiscal 2022 over the comparable prior period, including \$0.5 million of additional share-based compensation (non-cash item) or 12.3 percentage points of the total increase. The increase was driven by the following factors:

- G&A increased by 25% or \$0.4 million primarily due to augmenting the senior management team with two full-time executives and recruiting independent directors and other staff, which led to an increase in total personnel costs including \$0.1 million of additional share-based compensation over YTD Fiscal 2021. Additionally, we incurred \$0.2 million in professional fees in connection with our Nasdaq listing application and the preparation of a Registration Statement to be filed with the SEC.
- S&M increased by 58% or \$0.8 million primarily due to making a significant investment in promoting and increasing awareness about us and our product offerings, including attending two investor conferences in the United States and engaging strategic advisors during Fiscal 2022. This included The Officer Tatum LLC who joined us in July 2021 as our strategic advisor and advocate for our PARA OPS™ product line for law enforcement and personal defense in the United States; the engagement of STRYK Group in September 2021 to assist us with the commercialization of our PARA OPS™ product line up to January 2022; the engagement of AMW Public Relations in November 2021 to lead our United States public relations, brand strategy and media communications initiatives; and the engagement of Orchid Advisors to assist us with ATF compliance for our PARA OPS™ product line. The increase in S&M includes \$0.2 million of additional share-based compensation in lieu of cash consideration to certain strategic advisors.
- R&D increased by 30% or \$0.3 million primarily due to an increase in headcount to accelerate product development. The increase in personnel costs included \$0.4 million of additional share-based compensation.

**Net Finance Costs**

Total finance costs for Q2 Fiscal 2022 and YTD Fiscal 2022 were \$72,479 and \$120,121 respectively, a 379% and 263% increase over the comparable prior periods primarily due to the accretion and interest costs relating to the Unsecured Loans (see *Business Overview* section of this MD&A), and the accretion of the discounted royalties payable to DEFSEC Corporation for the acquisition of the technology known at the time as the Low Energy Cartridge system, now branded as PARA OPS™.

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**SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

The following tables summarize selected results for the eight most recent completed quarters to March 31, 2022 (unaudited).

<i>(\$ in thousands, except per share)</i>	June 2021 (Q3 FY21)	September 2021 (Q4 FY21)	December 2021 (Q1 FY22)	March 2022 (Q2 FY22)
Revenue	\$ 522	\$ 160	\$ 17	\$ 166
Cost of sales	\$ 315	\$ 80	\$ 25	\$ 142
Gross profit	\$ 207	\$ 80	\$ (8)	\$ 24
Gross margin %	39.6%	49.7%	-45.9%	14.6%
Operating expenses	\$ 2,798	\$ 2,925	\$ 3,196	\$ 2,231
Operating loss	\$ (2,591)	\$ (2,845)	\$ (3,204)	\$ (2,207)
Other income (expenses)	\$ (37)	\$ (38)	\$ (39)	\$ (83)
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ 2,628</b>	<b>\$ 2,883</b>	<b>\$ 3,243</b>	<b>\$ 2,290</b>
Net finance costs	\$ 28	\$ 19	\$ 48	\$ 72
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 13	\$ 53	\$ 72	\$ 73
<b>EBITDA loss</b>	<b>\$ 2,587</b>	<b>\$ 2,811</b>	<b>\$ 3,123</b>	<b>\$ 2,145</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA loss</b>	<b>\$ 2,017</b>	<b>\$ 1,831</b>	<b>\$ 2,204</b>	<b>\$ 1,712</b>
<b>Loss per share - basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.06)</b>	<b>\$ (0.06)</b>	<b>\$ (0.07)</b>	<b>\$ (0.05)</b>
Weighted average common shares - basic	46,016,645	47,745,525	49,022,129	49,868,065

<i>(\$ in thousands, except per share)</i>	June 2020 (Q3 FY20)	September 2020 (Q4 FY20)	December 2020 (Q1 FY21)	March 2021 (Q2 FY21)
Revenue	\$ 600	\$ 213	\$ 146	\$ 448
Cost of sales	\$ 144	\$ 95	\$ 72	\$ 332
Gross profit	\$ 456	\$ 118	\$ 74	\$ 116
Gross margin %	76.1%	55.1%	55.1%	26.0%
Operating expenses	\$ 1,048	\$ 2,392	\$ 1,580	\$ 2,376
Operating loss	\$ (626)	\$ (2,274)	\$ (1,506)	\$ (2,260)
Other income (expenses)	\$ (186)	\$ 248	\$ (21)	\$ (17)
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ 812</b>	<b>\$ 2,026</b>	<b>\$ 1,527</b>	<b>\$ 2,277</b>
Net finance costs	\$ 91	\$ (45)	\$ 18	\$ 15
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 69	\$ 15	\$ 39	\$ 35
<b>EBITDA loss</b>	<b>\$ 652</b>	<b>\$ 2,056</b>	<b>\$ 1,470</b>	<b>\$ 2,227</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA loss</b>	<b>\$ 392</b>	<b>\$ 573</b>	<b>\$ 1,193</b>	<b>\$ 1,627</b>
<b>Loss per share - basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.03)</b>	<b>\$ (0.07)</b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>	<b>\$ (0.05)</b>
Weighted average common shares - basic	30,393,359	33,024,736	41,392,149	42,141,523

Note: due to preparing the table in thousands, there may be rounding differences.

*Quarterly Results Trend Analysis*

There is no material change to our quarterly results trend from our disclosure in our annual MD&A dated November 23, 2021, except that we expect further volatility with our quarterly revenue during Fiscal 2022 due to the Police Ordnance Acquisition, pending commercial launch of PARA OPS™ products, and anticipated new military contracts. Additionally, we have significantly reduced OPEX in the current quarter compared to prior quarters mainly due to reduction in share-based compensation expense and promotional spend; however, we expect the promotional spend will increase in future quarters with the commercial launch of PARA OPS™ in the United States.

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**FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY, AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

***Financial Condition***

The following table summarizes our financial position:

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	September 30, 2021
<b>Assets</b>		
Current	\$ 2,497,103	\$ 4,055,697
Non-current	5,155,557	4,662,149
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,652,660</b>	<b>\$ 8,717,846</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current	\$ 1,589,525	\$ 1,159,490
Non-current	3,002,363	1,434,628
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,591,888</b>	<b>2,594,118</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,060,772</b>	<b>\$ 6,123,728</b>
<b>Working capital <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 907,578</b>	<b>\$ 2,896,207</b>

(1) Working capital is calculated as current assets less current liabilities.

Our working capital was \$0.9 million at March 31, 2022, a decrease of \$2.0 million from September 30, 2021. This decrease was mainly driven by our net operating loss for YTD Fiscal 2022, which was partially offset by the net proceeds from the Unsecured Loans and net assets assumed from the Police Ordnance Acquisition.

Total assets decreased by \$1.1 million from September 30, 2021, mainly due to \$1.6 million decrease in current assets driven by the \$2.9 million net use of cash to fund our operating activities, partially offset by the net current assets assumed in the Police Ordnance Acquisition. Additionally, the total decrease was partially offset by an increase of \$0.5 million in non-current assets, largely due to the increase in intangible assets from capitalized development costs for our Phantom™ and PARA OPS™ systems and acquired intangible assets from Police Ordnance.

Total liabilities increased by \$2.0 million from September 30, 2021, mainly due to the Unsecured Loans financing in March 2022 (see below).

***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

**Overview**

Our primary sources of capital to date have been from security offerings, exercise of stock options and warrants, and, to a lesser extent, pre-commercial revenue. At March 31, 2022, our cash position was \$1.5 million, a decrease of \$1.2 million since September 30, 2021 primarily due to incurring a net operating loss for YTD Fiscal 2022, offset primarily by an increase in cash from the net proceeds of the Unsecured Loans financing in March 2022.

While we are confident we will be awarded additional customer contracts in Fiscal 2022, we expect additional capital will be required to initially fund these potential contracts, our commercialization efforts in the United States for the launch of the PARA OPS™ system, R&D activities and our working capital requirements over the next twelve months. Potential sources of capital may include additional equity and/or debt financings, Canadian ITCs for SR&ED activities, and other government funding such as Innovation Solutions Canada. Based on management's current projection, the minimum additional funding required to remain in business for at least the next 12 months is approximately \$6.5 million, excluding any potential new

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customer contracts. While we are currently in active discussions with current and prospective investors, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain the capital sufficient to meet any or all of our needs. In our view, the availability of capital will be affected by, among other things, capital market conditions, the success of our PARA OPS™ system commercialization efforts, timing for winning new customer contracts, potential acquisitions, and other relevant considerations. In the event we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, our existing shareholders will likely experience dilution, and any additional incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased debt service obligations and could require us to agree to operational and financial covenants that could further restrict our operations. Any failure to raise additional funds on terms favorable to us or at all may require us to significantly change or curtail our current or planned operations in order to conserve cash until such time, if ever, that sufficient proceeds from operations are generated, and could result in us not being in a position to advance our commercialization strategy or take advantage of business opportunities.

**Cash Flows**

Our approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, to the extent possible, that we always have sufficient liquidity to meet our liabilities as they come due. We regularly perform cash flow forecasts to ensure that we have sufficient cash to meet our operational needs while maintaining sufficient liquidity. At this time, we do not use any derivative financial instruments to hedge our currency risk.

The following table summarizes our consolidated statements of cash flows for the respective periods:

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	<b>Six months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	2021
<b>Total cash provided by (used in):</b>		
Operating activities	\$ (2,880,326)	\$ (3,093,889)
Investing activities	(332,997)	(61,250)
Financing activities	2,042,380	829,147
<b>Net cash outflows</b>	<b>\$ (1,170,943)</b>	<b>\$ (2,325,992)</b>
Cash, beginning of period	2,688,105	3,073,760
<b>Cash, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 1,517,162</b>	<b>\$ 747,768</b>

*Cash used by operating activities*

As previously noted, we have funded our operating activities primarily from additional equity and debt financing for both periods in Fiscal 2022 and 2021. For the six months ended March 31, 2022, total cash flow used in operating activities decreased by 7% compared to the same period in Fiscal 2021; however, we expect this to reverse for the next couple quarters as we increase our investment for the launch of PARA OPS™ in the United States and build inventories across all three business lines.

*Cash used by investing activities*

Cash flow used in investing activities increased in YTD Fiscal 2022 compared to YTD Fiscal 2021 mainly due to \$0.4 million in capitalized development costs and \$0.1 million in additions to capital assets, net by \$0.2 million net cash acquired from the Police Ordnance Acquisition.

*Cash provided by financing activities*

The \$1.2 million increase in cash provided by financing activities in YTD Fiscal 2022 over YTD Fiscal 2021 was primarily driven by the closing of Unsecured Loans in Q2 Fiscal 2022, net of debt offering costs. The net increase was also partially offset by the lower aggregate proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants in the current period.

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**Capital Management**

Our objective in managing our capital is to safeguard KWESST's ability to continue as a going concern and to sustain future development of the business. KWESST senior management is responsible for managing the capital through regular review of financial information to ensure sufficient resources are available to meet operating requirements and investments to support its growth strategy. The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing this process. From time to time, we could issue new common shares or debt to maintain or adjust our capital structure. We are not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements or restrictions.

KWESST's capital is composed of the following:

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	September 30, 2021
<b>Debt:</b>		
Lease obligations	\$ 307,698	\$ 307,909
Borrowings	1,660,949	53,251
<b>Equity:</b>		
Share capital	18,336,409	17,215,068
Contingent shares	83,319	-
Warrants	1,919,253	1,848,389
Contributed surplus	3,637,720	2,458,211
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	6,048	(8,991)
Accumulated deficit	(20,921,977)	(15,388,949)
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>\$ 5,029,419</b>	<b>\$ 6,484,888</b>

At March 31, 2022, our contractual obligations and commitments were as follows:

<b>Payment due:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Within 1 Year</b>	<b>1 to 3 years</b>	<b>3 to 5 years</b>
Minimum royalty commitments	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 2,350,000
Borrowings	2,090,000	30,000	2,060,000	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,279,148	1,279,148	-	-
Lease obligations	374,400	93,600	187,200	93,600
Short-term rental obligations	17,944	17,944	-	-
Other commitments	12,496	12,496	-	-
<b>Total contractual obligations</b>	<b>\$ 6,273,988</b>	<b>\$ 1,433,188</b>	<b>\$ 2,397,200</b>	<b>\$ 2,443,600</b>

**YTD Fiscal 2022 Common Share and Warrant Activities**

During YTD Fiscal 2022, we issued 1,000,000 bonus common shares related to the Unsecured Loans (see below) and 1,130,000 common shares as a result of exercise of warrants. During Fiscal 2022, we also issued 277,576 common shares and 200,000 warrants exercisable at \$1.72 each to the selling shareholders of Police Ordnance. These warrants will expire on December 15, 2024. Additionally, we issued 250,000 common shares in connection with the exercise of 250,000 warrants issued as part of the GhostStep technology acquisition in Fiscal 2020. This was a cashless exercise to settle the annual fee payable on December 31, 2021, to SageGuild LLC (the seller of the GhostStep technology).

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***Debt Offerings***

Since September 30, 2021, we conducted the following offering:

On March 11, 2022, we closed a non-secured and non-convertible loan financing with various lenders in an aggregate amount of \$1.8 million, which was upsized to \$2.0 million on March 15, 2022. The Unsecured Loans bear interest at a rate of 9.0% per annum, compounded monthly and not in advance, and have a maturity of thirteen months, with us having the option to repay the whole or any part of the Unsecured Loans, without penalty or premium, at any time prior to the close of business on the maturity date. The principal amount is due only at maturity. As part of the terms of the Unsecured Loans, we issued an aggregate of 1 million common shares to the lenders as a bonus. These common shares were issued pursuant to prospectus exemptions of applicable securities laws and therefore subject to a four-month plus one day trading restriction. The use of proceeds was for working capital purposes.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

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We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on our results of operations, financial condition, revenues or expenses, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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Refer to Note 9 of Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS for disclosure about KWESST's related party transactions conducted in the normal course of business.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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We recognize financial assets and liabilities when we become party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. On initial recognition, financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the financial assets and liabilities, except for financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit and loss, whereby the transactions costs are expensed as incurred.

Refer to Note 16 of the Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS for further disclosure on KWESST's financial instruments.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

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Refer to Note 2(g) of the Fiscal 2021 audited consolidated financial statements and Note 2(g) of the Q2 Fiscal 2022 FS for a discussion of the accounting policies and estimates that are critical to the understanding of our business operations and the results of our operations.

**OUTSTANDING SHARE INFORMATION**

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At March 31, 2022, KWESST's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares with no stated par value. There were 51,484,343 outstanding and issued common shares as at March 31, 2022.

**DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

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Disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") are intended to provide reasonable assurance that material information is gathered and reported to senior management to permit timely decisions regarding public disclosure. Internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") are intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS accounting principles.

TSX Venture-listed companies are not required to provide representations in their annual and interim filings relating to the establishment and maintenance of DC&P and ICFR, as defined in Multinational Instrument MI 52-109. In particular, the CEO and CFO certifying officers do not make any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of (a)

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controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation, and (b) processes to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's GAAP.