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Special Opportunity Dynergy Inc (NYSE) DYN \$4.73



Dynergy Inc is a major energy utility, which provides power generation, production and distribution of natural gas liquids and is the primary utility in Illinois through its Illinois Power subsidiary.

We view **Dynergy** as an attractive turnaround investment for the following reasons:

- The year 2002 was a disastrous year for **Dynergy** whereby it was a victim of the Enron debacle as well as the collapse of the energy trading business. As a consequence, the company registered a loss of \$2.3 billion and embarked on a restructuring plan.
- **Dynergy** reported a very strong first quarter 2003 results whereby the company earned \$147 million (\$0.17 per share) as compared with a net loss of \$247 million (\$0.91 per share) for the first quarter 2002.
- During the first quarter, debt was reduced by \$490 million, which was quiet impressive.
- As a result of these improved operating results and the fruits of the company's restructuring program, **Dynergy's** management has increased its earnings outlook for the remainder of 2003.
- From a financial viewpoint the company has over \$1.8 billion in liquidity and significant cash flow (over \$1.6 billion annually) to continue its debt reduction program. Currently, Dynergy has a book value of \$8.94 per share.

We consider Dynergy an attractive turnaround situation and have established a target price of \$8-\$9 per share.

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Fremont General, Corp. (NYSE) FMT \$9.16



Fremont General Corp., today, reported its first quarter results, which was outstanding. For the quarter, the company reported earnings of \$0.56 per share, which were 130% greater than the \$0.25 per share reported in the first quarter of 2002.

These earnings results were far better than our expectations of \$0.40-\$0.45 per share. Consequently we are raising our earnings estimate for 2002 t o\$2.00-\$2.10 per share, which is a 30% increase from our previous estimate of \$1.60-\$1.65 per share. Also, we are raising our target price from \$11.00 per share to \$14.00-\$14.50 per share.

We strongly suggest that positions be maintained.

Quote - The men who succeed are the efficient few. They are the few who have the ambition and will power to develop themselves. " ~ *Herbert N. Casson* ~