## New Ventures BC

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## **Structuring for Success**

#### **Structuring to Win NVBC**

Hot space, huge potential and great story!

#### The Bootstrap Model- "Reality Check"

- 1 in 100 companies get VC financing
- 2 out of 10 VC financed companies make it
- Dragon's den is entertainment not to foster successful startups!
- Focus on solving a real problem and making a profit

## Top 10 words of wisdom...

- 1. Incorporate simple reverse vesting common shares
- 2. Raise your first \$25k from friends and family
- 3. Get good at expense reporting (separate self from Inc.)
- 4. Register immediately to get your HST back!
- 5. Build real SR&ED and optimize Proxy rules

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## Top 10 words of wisdom...

- 6. Register as an EBC (30% incentive for BC angel investors)
- 7. Leverage the NRC-IRAP and other Gov't programs
- 8. Angel circuit- links to customers and maybe even \$
- 9. Find "customers" who will "help" build your product
- 10. Build partnerships and networks early

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## **Financial Modeling**

#### What to include? (Historic + 3-5 years projected)

- Income Statement- Profit and Loss
- Balance Sheets- Assets, Liabilities & Equity
- Cash flows and Burn/Runway
- Opportunity Analysis
- List of Assumptions
- Capitalization table

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## **Financial Modeling**

#### Keep it Simple!

- Focus on Revenues
- Numbers instrumental in telling the story
- Believable... test using your network!
- Test the angel networks and VC's
- Costs should focus on R&D and S&M

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## **Business Modeling**

#### **Business Model (Revenue Model):**

- Who's going to buy what you're selling?
- What price are you going to charge?
- How does this compare to competitors?
- When do the sales happen?
- Customer acquisition costs?
- Customer support costs?

## **Business Modeling**

#### **Business Model (Eyeballs Model):**

- Who's going to visit your site and why?
- How fast is this going to grow?
- How does this compare to competitors?
- When do you get bought and by whom?
- Cost structuring for rapid growth?
- Customer support costs?



## **Business Modeling**

#### **Business Model (Technical Model):**

- What trend is hot?
- Who will acquire you and when?
- Need technical excellence!
- Need investors in your field and with connections
- \$1 Million per engineer

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## **Opportunity Analysis**

- Calculate the Size of your Target Market
  - ex. \$1 billion (US Census \* Your price)
- "Story to Market Take" Ratio
  - 5-10% of Target Market (How good is your story?)
- Rate of Growth Analysis
  - Key metrics- customer acquisition costs (Don't guess)
- Valuation Analysis- Support your value
  - Discounted cash flows 5x or 20% NPV (Risk)

## Case Study: QCDocs Systems Inc.

- Paperless Office Solution
- Streamline document capture, approval, processing & filing
- Enables anywhere bookkeeping & compliance systems
- Standardize back office processes and approvals (Expenses, PO's, SO's, vacation, time tracking, etc)
- Bookkeepers, Accounting Departments, Mortgage Conveyance

## **Opportunity Analysis**

#### **Employees**





## Be able to backup your numbers!

	# Employees	North American Market (In Thousands)	Monthly Subscription (Monthly/Annual)	Total Monthly Subscription	
Bookkeepers	0-4	3,854	\$10	39M	
		Annual:	\$120	463M	

Small Businesses	5-99	2,376	\$150	356M	
		Annual:	\$1,800	4,277M	

North American Annual Market Opportunity

\$4.7 Billion



## **Projections**

	Actual <b>2007</b>	Proforma 2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Customers	45	100	750	2,250	4,500	10,000	
<b>Revenues</b> Subscriptions	-	27	785 3,295		7,068	15,599	
Services	119	170	1,119	2,399	3,579	8,312	
	\$119	\$197	\$1,904	\$5,694	\$10,647	\$23,911	
<b>Expenses</b> S&M&I	24	183	1,621	3,113	4,365	7,244	
Net R&D	34	127	554	750	798	886	
G&A	47	107	339	564	717	849	
	105	417	2,514	4,427	5,880	8,979	
Profit (loss)	\$14	\$(220)	\$(615)	\$1,267	\$4,766	\$14,932	
Financing	\$ -	\$500	\$2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

## **Structure/Valuations Modeling**

			Fou	inders Shares	1st Round Shares		2nd Round Shares		3rd Round Shares	
CEO			50%	2,500,000	38%	2,500,000	29%	2,500,000	20%	2,500,000
сто			40%	2,000,000	30%	2,000,000	23%	2,000,000	16%	2,000,000
Advisors			10%	500,000	8%	500,000	6%	500,000	4%	500,000
F&F&F	\$160,000	\$0.10			24%	1,600,000	19%	1,600,000	13%	1,600,000
Angel	\$500,000	\$0.25					23%	2,000,000	16%	2,000,000
vc	\$2,000,000	\$0.50							32%	4,000,000
			100.0%	5,000,000	100%	6,600,000	100%	8,600,000	100%	12,600,000
Valuation- post money Pre-money					\$ 660,000 \$ 500,000		\$ 2,150,000 \$ 1,650,000		\$ 6,300,000 \$ 4,300,000	
Milestones: Options Pool		I	dea	Alpha 10% 660,000		Beta 15% 1,290,000		\$250,000 in Sales 20% 2,520,000		

## **Concluding Remarks**

- New Ventures- Listen and learn!
- Your financial model is a critical framework to build your business
- Focus on the customer and generating revenue

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Don't be afraid to fail!

# Questions

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