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# Soluna Holdings, Inc.

In-line 2Q; Look for Improving Results in 2H and Beyond as New Projects Contribute to EBITDA

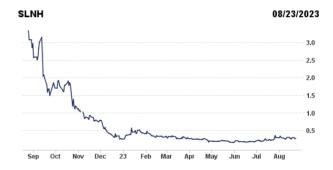
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# **KEY POINTS**

- Reported in-line 2Q results. As expected, revenues of \$2.1 million were down from 1Q23 and 2Q22, as the company shifted to hosting contracts at its data centers rather than proprietary Bitcoin mining where it recognized both higher revenues and costs. G&A expenses declined sequentially and Y/Y from ongoing cost structure rationalization efforts. We note that 2Q23 did include higher legal costs related to the multiple project signings in the quarter.
- Significantly improved balance sheet position. Cash balance stood at \$7.5 million, up from \$1.1 at YE22 due to inflows from partnerships in new projects along with ongoing cost control measures. In 2Q23, the company extended the maturity of its convertible notes to July 2024 and has been selling off older mining rigs that were used for proprietary mining.
- Contributions from existing projects are expected to ramp up in 2H23 and into 2024. During 2Q23, Soluna signed a new hosting contract at Project Sophie and also began energizing the initial phases at its flagship Project Dorothy. The 25 MW at Project Dorothy Phase 1A is now fully deployed in a hosting contract with Compass Mining and another strategic miner, while the 25 MW at Phase 1B (a propriety Bitcoin mining JV with Navitas Global) is partially energized with construction almost complete and more than 5,700 miners deployed. The company expects these projects alone to contribute more than \$10 million in annual project-level EBITDA.
- Progressing on the 50 MW Phase 2 at Project Dorothy. The
  company noted that it is in discussions with potential partners for
  the 50 MW Phase 2 of Project Dorothy. Importantly, ERCOT
  approval has already been received for these 50 MW, making it a
  very attractive project that is shovel ready and will allow the
  company to move quickly to monetize its assets as contracts are
  finalized. Soluna has stated that each 25 MW (100% owned) can
  contribute \$6-7 million in annual project-level EBITDA.
- The 166 MW Project Kati is gaining investor interest and moving through the ERCOT approval process. The company is meeting with prospective investors at the project, which we expect will be developed in multiple phases similar to Project Dorothy. The project has already cleared the first of the three required ERCOT interconnection studies in the planning phase. We note that Soluna was selected for Project Kati from more than 20 other players, and in particular the wind farm owners were impressed with Soluna's proprietary Maestro operating software as well as its unique and highly efficient Modular Data Centers that operate without liquid cooling or water.

#### **KEY STATISTICS** Ticker: Exchange SLNH:NASDAQ **Current Price** \$0.28 52-Week Range \$0.14-\$3.47 Average Volume (30-Day) 675,537 Shares Outstanding (MM) 35.7 Market Cap (\$MM) \$10.0 **Enterprise Value (\$MM)** \$19.9 Fiscal Year-End December

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