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### Stock Rating:

**OUTPERFORM**

12-18 mo. Price Target	\$18.50
GNOM - NASDAQ	\$14.02

3-5 Yr. EPS Gr. Rate	NM
52-Wk Range	\$17.25-\$6.60
Shares Outstanding	26.0M
Float	12.9M
Market Capitalization	\$364.7M
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	145,883
Dividend/Div Yield	NM/NM
Fiscal Year Ends	Dec
Book Value	\$2.84
2011E ROE	NM
LT Debt	\$7.5M
Preferred	NM
Common Equity	\$74M
Convertible Available	No

EPS Diluted	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Mult.
2010A	--	--	(21.87)	(0.69)	(13.60)	NM
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2011E	(0.48)A	(0.53)	(0.51)	(0.33)	(1.84)	NM
Prior (E)	(0.52)	--	(0.50)	--	(1.88)	NM
2012E	--	--	--	--	(0.66)	NM

Revenue (\$/mil)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Mult.
2010E	--	--	4.2A	3.8A	9.4	37.0x
2010E	--	--	4.2A	3.8A	9.4	37.0x
2011E	6.8A	8.1	9.3	13.1	37.4	9.3x
Prior (E)	5.8	7.1	9.4	--	35.4	9.8x
2012E	--	--	--	--	90.0	3.9x

### HEALTHCARE/LIFE SCIENCE TOOLS & DIAGNOSTICS

## Complete Genomics, Inc.

### Gross Margin Surprise, Backlog Growth Continues

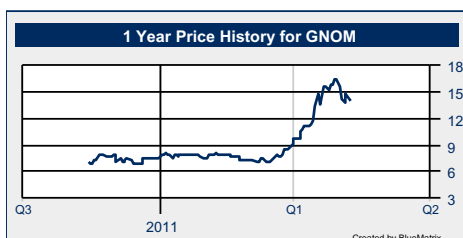
#### SUMMARY

Despite the pre-announcement for the delivery of over 600 genomes in 1Q11, GNOM delivered a surprise by recording a positive gross margin two quarters ahead of our expectations. The underlying strength in the company's service model has remained constant as indicated by the growing backlog and guidance for the delivery of more than 900 genomes in 2Q11. Moreover, GNOM continues to make technological advancements with its proprietary sequencing, which we believe is indicative of the company's ability to stay at the forefront of the NGS curve. We reiterate our Outperform rating and \$18.50 price target.

#### KEY POINTS

- **1Q gross margin surprise.** Revenue of \$6.8M beat our estimate of \$5.8M. Management did indicate a revenue benefit from two large, "ready to go" orders submitted in Dec. 2010. The real surprise however, came from the earlier than expected positive gross margin; 2Q's ahead of our original.
- **Backlog growth continues.** GNOM had an order backlog of over 2000 genomes at the end of 1Q11, corresponding to ~\$15M in revenue. Comparatively, the company's backlog stood at 1000 genome/\$10M at the end of 4Q10. We view the backlog growth as a sign of the underlying demand for GNOM's services.
- **Throughput leader.** GNOM added eight sequencing machines and increased capacity by 50%. Additional chemistry/imaging improvements should continue to add to sequencing efficiency. Management indicated that it remains on track to roll out a system capable of ten genomes per day by the end of 2012, a ten-fold improvement from today's systems.
- **Data release continues to generate traffic.** GNOM has made 69 whole human genomes available to the public. These genomes have attracted 750 unique IP address hits and over 50 terabytes of data downloads. We continue to believe this will be a positive driver for future revenue.
- **Adjusting estimates.** We are increasing our 2011 revenue estimate to \$37M from \$35M to reflect continued strength in GNOM's service business. We now forecast GNOM will deliver 4,425 genomes in 2011, up from 4,200 to reflect better than expected 2Q11 guidance for the delivery of at least 900 genomes.

#### Stock Price Performance



#### Company Description

Complete Genomics is a life sciences tools company that has developed and commercialized what is arguably the most powerful DNA sequencing platform in the industry. GNOM operates on a service model, offering its NGS technology as an innovative, end-to-end, outsourced service to provide customers with data that is immediately ready to be used for genome-based research.

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## Complete Genomics Quarterly Income Statement (\$MMs except per share data)

	2009	3Q10	4Q10	2010	1Q11	2Q11E	3Q11E	4Q1E	2011E
System Sales	0.62	4.16	3.80	9.39	6.83	8.10	9.35	13.13	37.41
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>4.16</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>9.39</b>	<b>6.83</b>	<b>8.10</b>	<b>9.35</b>	<b>13.13</b>	<b>37.41</b>
COGS	5.03	6.01	4.90	19.90	6.58	8.10	8.30	9.27	32.25
General and Administrative	4.95	2.33	2.15	9.35	2.78	3.00	3.27	3.54	12.59
Sales and Marketing	1.80	1.59	1.98	6.11	2.70	3.32	3.65	4.59	14.26
R&D	22.42	4.95	5.64	21.69	6.81	7.13	7.20	7.22	28.35
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>(33.59)</b>	<b>(10.72)</b>	<b>(10.87)</b>	<b>(47.65)</b>	<b>(12.04)</b>	<b>(13.45)</b>	<b>(13.07)</b>	<b>(11.50)</b>	<b>(50.05)</b>
Interest Expense	(3.47)	(0.91)	(0.78)	(2.83)	(0.34)	(0.40)	(0.40)	(0.30)	(1.44)
Other, net	1.10	(9.23)	1.39	(7.61)	(0.08)	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.20
<b>Pre-Tax Income</b>	<b>(35.95)</b>	<b>(20.86)</b>	<b>(10.26)</b>	<b>(58.09)</b>	<b>(12.46)</b>	<b>(13.75)</b>	<b>(13.37)</b>	<b>(11.80)</b>	<b>(51.38)</b>
Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Rate	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	0.0%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(35.95)</b>	<b>(20.86)</b>	<b>(10.26)</b>	<b>(58.09)</b>	<b>(12.46)</b>	<b>(13.75)</b>	<b>(13.37)</b>	<b>(11.80)</b>	<b>(51.38)</b>
<b>Non-GAAP EPS</b>	<b>(\$386.56)</b>	<b>(\$21.87)</b>	<b>(\$0.69)</b>	<b>(\$13.60)</b>	<b>(\$0.48)</b>	<b>(\$0.53)</b>	<b>(\$0.51)</b>	<b>(\$0.33)</b>	<b>(\$1.84)</b>
Avg. Shares Out. - Fully Dil.	0.1	1.0	14.8	4.3	26.0	26.1	26.2	36.2	28.6
<b>Margin Analysis</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>3Q10</b>	<b>4Q10</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>1Q11</b>	<b>2Q11E</b>	<b>3Q11E</b>	<b>4Q1E</b>	<b>2011E</b>
COGS	NM	144.4%	128.9%	NM	96.3%	100.0%	88.8%	70.6%	86.2%
Gross Margin	NM	-44.4%	-28.9%	NM	3.7%	0.0%	11.2%	29.4%	13.8%
General and Administrative	NM	NM	NM	NM	40.7%	37.0%	35.0%	27.0%	33.7%
Sales and Marketing	NM	NM	NM	NM	39.5%	41.0%	39.0%	35.0%	38.1%
R&D	NM	NM	NM	NM	99.6%	88.0%	77.0%	55.0%	75.8%
Operating Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Net Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
<b>Growth Analysis</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>3Q10</b>	<b>4Q10</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>1Q11</b>	<b>2Q11E</b>	<b>3Q11E</b>	<b>4Q1E</b>	<b>2011E</b>
Revenue	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	124.7%	245.1%	298.4%
COGS	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	38.2%	89.1%	62.1%
Selling and Marketing	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	40.5%	64.6%	34.8%
Selling, General and Administrative	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	45.3%	28.0%	30.7%
Operating Income	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
EPS	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM

Source: Oppenheimer Estimates, Company Reports

## Investment Thesis

GNOM has developed a proprietary, innovative sequencing platform including robust bioinformatics tools in order to provide researchers with a complete outsourced human genome sequencing service. Initial data provided by GNOM and early users have demonstrated the company has produced high quality sequence data, validating the platform. Despite a rapidly expanding installed base of NGS instruments we believe demand from the research community and later from the clinical community will continue to outpace the total market sequencing capacity, thus creating an important niche for service providers like GNOM. Our \$18.50 target price assumes no terminal growth on an estimated EBITDA of \$111M in 2022.

## Price Target Calculation

We value GNOM by a discounted cash flow (DCF) analysis. Our \$18.50 target price assumes a WACC of 9.6% and a terminal growth rate of 2.5% on an estimated EBITDA of \$111M in 2022.

## Key Risks to Price Target

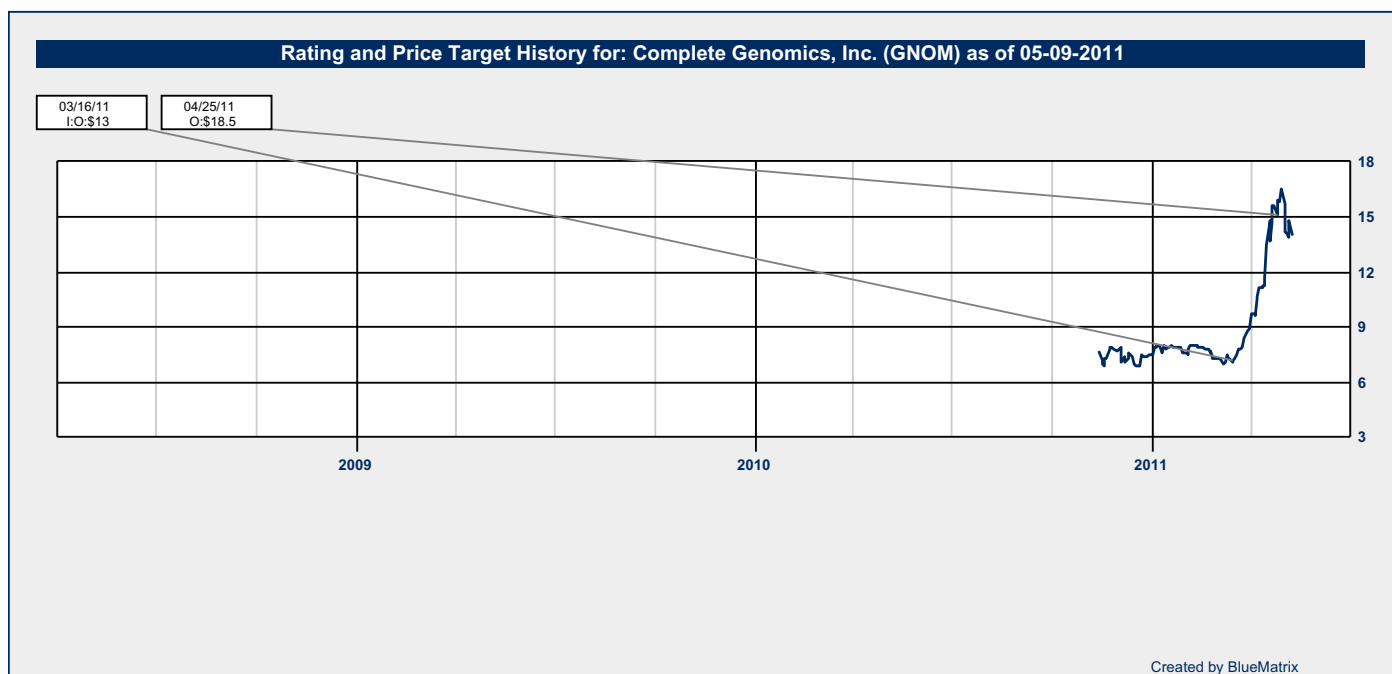
These include: 1) competition from the high throughput NGS installed base, 2) uncertainty over research funding, 3) technology obsolescence, 4) competition from other service providers, 5) the clinical market perhaps taking time to develop, and 6) financing risk.

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