

Quintiles Transnational Holdings Inc. (HOLD)

Q - Quick Alert: Quintiles Wins a Big One

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KEY INVESTMENT POINTS

Quintiles (Q- NYSE) announced a five- year strategic relationship with Biogen Idec (BIIB- NASDAQ) focused mainly on late stage (Phase II, III, and IV) clinical studies, as well as a select number of Phase I studies. In addition, it appears that Biogen will be deploying components of Quintiles's *Infosario* information technology system as well. Generally, we would assume that Quintiles has significant latitude selecting technologies in a strategic relationship.

In our view, Biogen would likely represent one of Quintiles's larger strategic relationships. Biogen is in the top 20 biopharmaceutical firms in terms of market capitalization, and Biogen reported \$1.4 billion of R&D expense in 2013 (and growing). This follows two other major strategic relationship wins in 2013 -- one with Merck Serono and one with an undisclosed biopharmaceutical firm.

Projects under this new strategic relationship with Biogen have started, but **the full bookings/backlog impact of this new strategic relationship will likely take multiple quarters to become visible.** (Management only reports bookings on projects as they occur.) CROs tend to be relatively quiet disclosing their relationships; however, we believe Quintiles likely already had some level of activity at Biogen for several years. This strategic relationship likely involved the replacement of other smaller CROs.

What's Next? Quintiles will release its 1Q14 results on the morning of Thursday, May 1, 2014, and will host a conference call for investors at 8AM ET. The dial in is 855-484-7367. We expect to hear more details regarding the Biogen relationship, as well as other strategic relationships that Quintiles has been able to develop in recent months (that have not otherwise been disclosed).

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