

Zacks Sell List Highlights: Andrx, Adams Respiratory, ADTRAN and Daktronics

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CHICAGO - (BUSINESS WIRE) - Sept. 7, 2006 - Zacks.com releases details on a group of stocks that are currently members of the exclusive Zacks #5 Rank List - Stocks to Sell Now. These stocks are currently rated as a Zacks Rank #5 (Strong Sell): Andrx Corp. (NASDAQ:ADRX) and Adams Respiratory Therapeutics Inc. (NASDAQ:ARXT). Further, Zacks announced #4 Rankings (Sell) on two other widely held stocks: ADTRAN Inc. (NASDAQ:ADTN) and Daktronics Inc. (NASDAQ:DAKT). To see the full Zacks #5 Rank List - Stocks to Sell Now visit: http://at.zacks.com/?id=92.

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Here is a synopsis of why ADRX and ARXT have a Zacks Rank of #5 (Strong Sell) and should most likely be sold or avoided for the next one to three months. Note that a #5 Strong Sell rating is applied to 5% of all the stocks in the Zacks Rank universe:

Andrx Corp. (NASDAQ:ADRX) has seen this year's earnings estimates drop 28 cents per share over the past two months. Next year's estimates have dropped 17 cents per share. Andrx reported second-quarter profits fell 82% from last year. The company has missed earnings estimates in each of the past four quarters. The company is in the process of merging with Watson Pharmaceuticals.

Adams Respiratory Therapeutics Inc. (NASDAQ:ARXT) has experienced a drop in analyst estimates. Earnings estimates for this year stand at \$1.80 per share, down 14 cents from 30 days ago. The stock fell last month after the company said an unnamed drug maker claimed to have filed an abbreviated new drug application to the Food and Drug Administration for a competitor to Adams' Mucinex expectorant.

Here is a synopsis of why ADTN and DAKT have a Zacks Rank of 4 (Sell) and should also most likely be sold or avoided for the next one to three months. Note that a #4 Sell rating is applied to 15% of all the stocks ranked by Zacks:

ADTRAN Inc. (NASDAQ:ADTN) has been the target of increasing bearishness by analysts. Over the past two months, full year estimates have declined over 12%. The new consensus estimate calls for \$1.16 per share this year. The company missed second-quarter estimates by a penny and guided lower for the third quarter as well. Current estimates call for 33 cents per share, down from 41 cents two months ago.

Daktronics Inc. (NASDAQ:DAKT) has seen its earnings estimates drop for this year. The current year's consensus estimate of 60 cents per share is 10 cents below the forecast of two months ago. The company missed fiscal first-quarter earnings estimates by 29%. Gross margins have been hurt at the company recently.

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