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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number 001-40992

**SURGEPAYS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Nevada**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**98-0550352**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3124 Brother Blvd, Suite 104, Bartlett, TN**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**38133**

(Zip Code)

**847-648-7541**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class            | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Common Stock                   | SURG              | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC<br>(Nasdaq Capital Market) |
| Common Stock Purchase Warrants | SURGW             | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC<br>(Nasdaq Capital Market) |

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  
Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).  
Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of March 22, 2022 was 12,048,775 shares.

As of June 30, 2021, the aggregate market value of the shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$15,868,839 based on the \$6.00 closing price of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, on that date.

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### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Annual Report") contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements contained in this Annual Report, other than statements of historical fact, including statements regarding our future operating results and financial position, our business strategy and plans, potential growth or growth prospects, future research and development, sales and marketing and general and administrative expenses, and our objectives for future operations, are forward-looking statements. Words such as "believes," "may," "will," "estimates," "potential," "continues," "anticipates," "intends," "expects," "could," "would," "projects," "plans," "targets," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives, and financial needs. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those described in the "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report. Readers are urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made in this Annual Report and in other documents we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that disclose risks and uncertainties that may affect our business. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for us to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. In light of these risks, uncertainties, and assumptions, the future events and circumstances discussed in this Annual Report may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. The events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, performance, or achievements. In addition, the forward-looking statements in this Annual Report are made as of the date of this filing, and we do not undertake, and expressly disclaim any duty, to update such statements for any reason after the date of this Annual Report or to conform statements to actual results or revised expectations, except as required by law.

You should read this Annual Report and the documents that we reference herein and have filed with the SEC as exhibits to this Annual Report with the understanding that our actual future results, performance, and events and circumstances may be materially different from what we expect.

This Annual Report also contains or may contain estimates, projections and other information concerning our industry, our business and the markets for our products, including data regarding the estimated size of those markets and their projected growth rates. Information that is based on estimates, forecasts, projections or similar methodologies is inherently subject to uncertainties and actual events or circumstances may differ materially from events and circumstances reflected in this information. Unless otherwise expressly stated, we obtained these industry, business, market and other data from reports, research surveys, studies and similar data prepared by third parties, industry and general publications, government data and similar sources. In some cases, we do not expressly refer to the sources from which these data are derived.

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## PART I

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### Business Overview

SurgePays, Inc. ("SurgePays", "we", "our" or "the Company"), incorporated in Nevada on August 18, 2006, is a technology and telecommunications company providing essential financial services and prepaid products to the underbanked and underserved communities.

#### About SurgePays, Inc.

SurgePays, Inc. is a financial technology and telecom company focused on providing essential services to the underbanked community. The Company's blockchain fintech platform utilizes a suite of financial and prepaid products to convert corner stores into tech-hubs for underbanked neighborhoods. The Company's telecom subsidiaries provide mobile broadband, voice and SMS text messaging to both subsidized and direct retail prepaid customers.

#### SurgePhone Wireless and LocoRabbit Wireless

SurgePhone, a wholly owned subsidiary of SurgePays, is a mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) company with 2 branded channels of business. SurgePhone is licensed by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") to provide subsidized mobile broadband services to consumers qualifying under the federal guidelines of the Affordable Connectivity Program (the "ACP"). The ACP (the successor program, as of March 1, 2022 to the Emergency Broadband Benefit program) provides SurgePhone up to a \$100 reimbursement for the cost of each tablet device distributed and a \$30 per customer, per month subsidy for mobile broadband (internet connectivity) services. SurgePhone has received approval to offer subsidized mobile broadband in these 14 states: California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Texas.

LocoRabbit is the retail pure prepaid wireless offering with talk, text, and 4G LTE data at prices that are lower than other well-known prepaid competitors. Available nationwide, LocoRabbit is sold online direct to consumers through the nationwide network of convenience stores, gas stations, mini-marts, bodegas and tiendas connected to the SurgePays software platform. The SIM kits usually hang from a peg hook on the SurgePays gift card rack. Due to owning the payment platform, SurgePays is able to exclusively offer an industry high commission to the retailer for top-ups paid monthly at the client's store.

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#### SurgePays Fintech (ECS Business)

We refer to the collective operations of ECS Prepaid, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, Electronic Check Services, Inc., a Missouri corporation, and Central States Legal Services, Inc., a Missouri corporation, as "SurgePays Fintech." This was previously referred to as the "ECS Business."

SurgePays Fintech has been a financial technology tech and wireless top-up platform for over 15 years. Through a series of transactions between October 2019 and January 2020, we acquired the ECS Business primarily for the favorable ACH banking relationship; a fintech transactions platform processing over 20,000 transactions a day at approximately 8,000 independently owned retail stores. The goal was to incorporate our blockchain components into the existing ECS Business network. As of January 1, 2021, we believe the ECS Business platform has been successfully merged into our platform with secure ledger data backups and will continue to serve as the proven backbone for wireless top-up transactions and wireless product aggregation for the SurgePays nationwide network.

#### Surge Blockchain

SurgePays Blockchain Software is a back-office marketplace platform offering wholesale consumable goods direct to convenience stores, bodegas, minimarts, tiendas and other corner stores who are transacting on the SurgePays Fintech platform. The wholesale e-commerce platform is easily accessed through the secure app interface – similar to a website. We believe what makes this sales platform unique is that it also offers the merchant the ability to order wholesale consumable goods at a significant discount from traditional distributors with one touch ease. We are able to sell products at a significant discount by using on demand Direct Store Delivery (DSD). Our platform is connected directly to manufacturers, who ship products direct to the store while cutting out the middleman. The goal of the SurgePays Portal is to leverage the competitive advantage and efficiencies of e-commerce to provide as many commonly sold consumable products as possible to convenience stores, corner markets, bodegas, and supermarkets while increasing profit margins for these stores. These products include herbal stimulants, energy pills and shot drinks, dry foods, communication accessories, novelties, PPP products, bagged snacks, processed meats, automotive parts and many more goods, all in one convenient wholesale e-commerce platform.

#### LogicsIQ, Inc.

LogicsIQ, Inc. is a software development company providing marketing business intelligence ("BI"), lead generation, and case management solutions primarily to law firms in the mass tort industry. The company's CRM "Intake Logics" facilitates the entire life cycle of converting a potential lead into a signed retainer client integrated into the law firm's case management software. Our proven strategy of delivering cost-effective retained cases to our attorney and law firm clients means those clients are better able to manage their media and advertising budgets and reach targeted audiences more quickly and effectively when utilizing our proprietary data driven analytics dashboards. Our ability to deliver transparent results has bolstered our reputation as an industry leader and solidified a solid client base.

On February 14, 2022, we confidentially submitted an amended draft registration statement on Form S-1 with the SEC relating to an initial public offering of LogicsIQ's common stock. If, after the SEC completes its review process, and subject to market and other conditions, the registration statement is declared effective and the initial public offering closes, LogicsIQ will still remain majority owned by SurgePays.

#### Centercom

Since 2019, we have owned a 40% equity interest in Centercom Global, S.A. de C.V. ("Centercom"). Centercom is a bilingual operations center providing the Company with sales support, customer service, IT infrastructure design, graphic media, database programming, software development, revenue assurance, lead generation, and other various operational support services. Centercom is based in El Salvador.

As the Company announced on March 24, 2022 via the filing of a Current Report on Form 8-K, Anthony P. Nuzzo, Jr., the Company's President, a member of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), and the Chief Executive Officer of LogicsIQ, a subsidiary of which we own over 90%, died suddenly on March 18, 2022. The entire Company mourns this terrible loss.

Mr. Nuzzo owned 50% of Centercom.

The strategic acquisition of a bilingual operations hub has powered the Company's rapid growth and revenue. After acquiring ownership in Centercom, SurgePays has built out the infrastructure required to scale in synergy and efficiency to support the Company's hyper growth sales and customer growth.

### **Experienced Leadership Team**

Our management team consists of 3 executives with over 20 years in the prepaid wireless, underbanked and convenience store distribution industry while presiding over companies with a collective revenue run of over \$2 Billion. Our finance team is led by a CFO with a background in private equity backed, and publicly traded companies ranging from \$100 million to over \$1.3 billion in annual revenue while our software development team is led by a CTO who got his start in the early days of operating systems. We believe the combination of operating skills from our management team with the experience of successfully leading major multi-million-dollar, multinational companies give our organization a significant strength relative to most small- and medium-sized beverage companies.

### **Growth Strategies**

We have different strategies for each of our revenue drivers:

#### **SurgePays Fintech**

- Rollout a national sales team of in-house salespeople incentivized to add stores and sales per store.
- Acquire other companies offering prepaid products to an existing base of convenience stores to deploy our comprehensive fintech suite to maximize the value of the existing relationships.
- Continue to add value driven products such as digital currency to differentiate and offer a competitive advantage over single product companies.
- Integrate with companies to activate and load value onto cards (such as mass transit loadable cards) as we continue to become a cashless society.

#### **SurgePays Blockchain**

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- Acquire other companies offering prepaid products to an existing base of convenience stores to deploy our comprehensive fintech suite to maximize the value of the existing relationships.
- Integrate with more manufacturers of commonly sold consumable items to drive interest, sales and revenue.
- Increase efforts in rural America where many distributors do not have routes to deliver affordable wholesale goods.

#### **SurgePhone**

##### **Subsidized Mobile Broadband**

- Expand into all 50 states.
- Enhance our offering by adding devices such as smartphones.
- Increase the sales team nationally beyond.

##### **Retail Prepaid Wireless**

- Leverage the volume of buying power for wholesale carrier minutes/texts/data to build market low plans to offer customers using SIM kits in convenience stores transacting on the SurgePays network.
- Penetrate rural America where there is less competition.
- Offer incentivized family plans to the rapidly growing base of subsidized customer households.

#### **LogicsIQ**

- Hire regional salespeople nationwide.
- Rollout software products in the pipeline for law firms, investment funds and hedge funds.
- Expand target market of licensable software products to other industries beyond law firms.

### **Competition**

Many of our current and potential competitors are well established and have longer operating histories, significantly greater financial and operational resources, and name recognition than we have. Most traditional convenience store distributors are companies that have been in business for over 50 years and utilize the historical "manufacturing plant to truck to warehouse to truck to store" logistics model. However, we believe that with our diverse product line, better efficiencies resulting in lower wholesale cost of goods sold, we have the ability to obtain a large market share and continue to generate sales growth and compete in the industry. The principal competitive factors in all our product markets are technical features, quality, availability, price, customer support, and distribution coverage. The relative importance of each of these factors varies depending on the region. We believe using our direct store distribution model nationwide will open significant opportunities for growth.

There are many competitors in the prepaid wireless and mobile broadband industry. We feel what makes SurgePhone different is we are a grassroots company with our products placed in the neighborhood stores where the underbanked shop. We can offer wireless services, through the corner stores, at a lower price to customers since we own the transaction software processing the activations and top-ups.

The markets in which we operate can be generally categorized as highly competitive. In order to maximize our competitive advantages, we continue to expand our product portfolio to capitalize on market trends, changes in technology and new product releases. Based on available data for our served markets, we estimate that our market share of the convenience store sales business at this time is less than 1%. A substantial acquisition would be necessary to meaningfully and rapidly change our market share percentage.

Distributors generally do not have a broad set of product and service offerings or capabilities, and no single distributor currently provides all the top selling consumables while offering products and services to enhance the lifestyle of the underbanked such as prepaid wireless, gift cards, bill payment and reloadable debit cards. We believe this creates a significant opportunity for a dynamic paradigm shift to a nationwide wholesale e-commerce platform.

### **Nationwide Product Deployment**

The SurgePays Blockchain platform streamlines the process for bringing products directly to the retail store. Our sales protocols have been tested and proven transferable from one product offering to another while ultimately providing our network of stores with better pricing and a larger product selection.

### **Competitive Edge**

Our competitive edge is simple: we have the ability through our software platform, along with our relationships, capacity, efficiency, economies of scale and experience necessary to bring our financial services and prepaid products to the underbanked market in an effective and efficient manner to ensure success. Our sales protocols have been tested and proven transferable from one product offering to another while ultimately improving our target stores with better pricing and more product selection.

Our strategy for increasing revenues is based on developing, maintaining, and expanding our nationwide network of retail stores. Our relationship-driven approach to selling along with providing many of the top selling c-store products at a wholesale discount greater than traditional distributors gives management confidence of continued growth into the foreseeable future.

We have established relationships with distribution companies delivering significant sales per day for our subsidized mobile broadband product. This should increase as we add more states.

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### **Research and Development Activities**

We conduct research and development on an ongoing basis, including new and existing products to offer and software product development to ensure we are delivering the most efficient, secure, and fast transactions at the store level. The SurgePays software platform is housed on the Amazon Web Service Cloud for redundancy, stability, and reliability. Traditionally, convenience stores are high volume and fast paced stores where space at the register is at a premium, thus leaving no room for a computer so wireless top-ups or cell phone activations are done over a Verifone terminal traditionally used for processing credit cards. We believe that our future success will depend in part upon our ability to continue the enhancement of our software platform and application to transact via tablets and other smaller devices while developing new products that meet or anticipate such changes in our served markets. Many of the stores we serve are now connected to the internet. This has allowed us to innovate our software to be more adaptive to equipment that is more compatible with the space constraints of the register area in a store.

Much of the development for specific products we offer is done by the manufacturers and is dictated by market conditions. For example: When the iPhone 12 was released, we simply added iPhone 12 chargers and adapters to its suite of smartphone accessories. Our continuity is secure due to our ability to adapt through adding new products seamlessly.

### **Seasonality**

We experience some seasonality whereby the peak tax season months show a higher level of sales and consumption. However, the structure of our business and range of products in our portfolio mitigate any major fluctuations. Our revenue during the peak tax season months in the spring have historically been approximately 5% greater than the peak other months, and as our product portfolio continues to expand, the level of seasonal peaks we expect to diminish.

### **Employees**

As of March 22, 2022, our human capital resources consist of thirty-two (32) employees and approximately eight (8) independent contractors. Historically all salaries have been consolidated under SurgePays while contractor expenses are paid by the appropriate subsidiary. Since January 1, 2021, all salaries are allocated to the appropriate subsidiary.

We believe that our future success will depend in part on our continued ability to attract, hire and retain qualified personnel. Our human capital resources objectives include, as applicable, identifying, recruiting, retaining, incentivizing and integrating our existing and new employees, advisors and consultants. The principal purposes of our equity and cash incentive plans are to attract, retain and reward personnel through the granting of stock-based and cash-based compensation awards, in order to increase stockholder value and the success of our company by motivating such individuals to perform to the best of their abilities and achieve our objectives.

### **Closing of Underwritten Offering, Nasdaq Listing, and Reverse Stock Split**

On November 1, 2021, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement"), with Maxim Group LLC ("Maxim") who acted as the underwriter (the "Underwriter"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell to the Underwriter in a firm commitment underwritten public offering (the "Offering") an aggregate of 4,600,000 units, with each unit consisting of one share of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), and one warrant ("Warrants", and collectively with the Common Stock, the "Units"), each to purchase one share of Common Stock, at a public offering price of \$4.30 per Unit. The Warrants included in the Units are exercisable immediately, have an exercise price of \$4.73 per share, which represents 110% of the price per Unit sold in the Offering, and expire three years from the date of issuance. The Common Stock and the Warrants began trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbols SURG and SURGW, respectively, on November 2, 2021.

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The Units were offered and sold to the public pursuant to the Company's registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-233726), initially filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), on September 12, 2019, and declared effective on November 1, 2021 (the "Initial Registration Statement"), and a registration statement relating to the Initial Registration Statement, as amended, filed on November 1, 2021 pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act, and which became automatically effective upon filing (File No. 333-260672).

On November 4, 2021, the Company entered into a warrant agency agreement (the "Warrant Agency Agreement") with VStock Transfer, LLC, a California corporation ("VStock"), to serve as the Company's warrant agent for the Warrants.

The Offering closed on November 4, 2021. Upon the closing of the Offering, VStock issued the Warrants.

In this Annual Report, we refer to the Offering closing and the listing of the Common Stock and Warrants on the Nasdaq Capital Market collectively as the "Uplisting."

On November 4, 2021, pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company issued warrants to the Underwriter to purchase up to an aggregate of 230,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Underwriter's Warrants"). The Underwriter's Warrants are exercisable beginning on May 1, 2022, until November 1, 2026. The initial exercise price of Representative's Warrants is \$4.73 per share, which equals 110% of the public offering price per Unit in the Offering.

In addition, on November 4, 2021, the Underwriter partially exercised its over-allotment option by purchasing additional Warrants to purchase 690,000 shares of Common Stock.

On November 1, 2021, the Company filed a Certificate of Amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation, as amended, with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada in connection with a 1-for-50 reverse stock split of the Company's issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock (the "Reverse Split"). The Reverse Split became effective on November 2, 2021.

All references in this Annual Report, including in our financial statements, to our Common Stock, share data, per share data and related information has been adjusted to reflect the Reverse Split.

## Corporate Information

We were previously known as North American Energy Resources, Inc. and KSIX Media Holdings, Inc. Prior to April 27, 2015, we operated solely as an independent oil and natural gas company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties and the production of oil and natural gas through its wholly owned subsidiary, NAER. On April 27, 2015, NAER entered into a Share Exchange Agreement with KSIX Media whereby KSIX Media became a wholly-owned subsidiary of NAER and which resulted in the shareholders of KSIX Media owning approximately 90% of the voting stock of the surviving entity. While we continued the oil and gas operations of NAER following this transaction, on August 4, 2015, we changed its name to KSIX Media Holdings, Inc. On December 21, 2017, we changed its name to Surge Holdings, Inc. to better reflect the diversity of its business operations. We changed its name to SurgePays, Inc. on October 29, 2020.

Historically, we operated through these direct and indirect subsidiaries: (i) KSIX Media, Inc., incorporated in Nevada on November 5, 2014; (ii) KSIX, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company that was formed on September 14, 2011; (iii) Surge Blockchain, LLC, formerly Blvd. Media Group, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company that was formed on January 29, 2009; (iv) DigitizeIQ, LLC an Illinois limited liability company that was formed on July 23, 2014; (v) Surge Cryptocurrency Mining, Inc., formerly North American Exploration, Inc., a Nevada corporation that was incorporated on August 18, 2006 (this has been a dormant entity that does not own any assets since January 1, 2019); (vi) LogicsIQ, Inc., a Nevada corporation that was formed on October 2, 2018; (vii) True Wireless, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation (formerly True Wireless, LLC); (viii) Surge Payments, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; (ix) Surgephone Wireless, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and (x) SurgePays Fintech, Inc., a Nevada limited liability company. On January 22, 2021, the issued and outstanding equity securities of DIQ and KSIX were transferred to LogicsIQ and became wholly-owned subsidiaries of LogicsIQ.

On May 7, 2021, the Company disposed of its subsidiary True Wireless, Inc., however we retained \$1,097,659 in liabilities which consisted of \$1,077,659 in accounts payable and accrued expenses as well as \$20,000 in related party loans. In connection with the sale, the Company received an unsecured note receivable for \$176,851, bearing interest at 0.6%, with a default interest rate of 10%. The Company will receive 25 payments of principal and accrued interest totaling \$7,461 commencing in June 2023.

On January 30, 2020, the Company acquired ECS Prepaid, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, Electronic Check Services, Inc., a Missouri corporation, and Central States Legal Services, Inc., a Missouri corporation.

Our executive offices are located at 3124 Brother Blvd, Suite 410, Bartlett, TN 38133, and our telephone number is (800) 760-9689. Our website is [www.surgepays.com](http://www.surgepays.com). Our website and the information contained in, or accessible through, our website will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Annual Report and does not constitute part of this Annual Report.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

*Investing in our securities involves a great deal of risk. Careful consideration should be made of the following factors as well as other information included in this Annual Report before deciding to purchase our securities. There are many risks that affect our business and results of operations, some of which are beyond our control. Our business, financial condition or operating results could be materially harmed by any of these risks. This could cause the trading price of our securities to decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. Additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we currently think are immaterial may also affect our business and results of operations.*

### Risks Related to Government Regulation and Legal Proceedings

*Changes in the regulatory framework under which we operate could adversely affect our business prospects or results of operations.*

Our operations are subject to regulation by the FCC and other federal, state and local agencies. These regulatory regimes frequently restrict or impose conditions on our ability to operate in designated areas and provide specified products or services. We are frequently required to maintain licenses for our operations and conduct our operations in accordance with prescribed standards. We are often involved in regulatory and other governmental proceedings or inquiries related to the application of these requirements. It is impossible to predict with any certainty the outcome of pending federal and state regulatory proceedings relating to our operations, or the reviews by federal or state courts of regulatory rulings. Without relief, existing laws and regulations may inhibit our ability to expand our business and introduce new products and services. Similarly, we cannot guarantee that we will be successful in obtaining the licenses needed to carry out our business plan or in maintaining our existing licenses. For example, the FCC grants wireless licenses for terms generally lasting ten (10) years, subject to renewal. The loss of, or a material limitation on, certain of our licenses could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*New laws or regulations or changes to the existing regulatory framework at the federal, state and local level, such as those described below, could restrict the ways in which we manage our wireline and wireless networks and operate our business, impose additional costs, impair revenue opportunities and potentially impede our ability to provide services in a manner that would be attractive to us and our customers.*

- **Privacy and data protection** - we are subject to federal, state and international laws related to privacy and data protection.
- **Regulation of broadband Internet access services** - On June 11, 2018, the repeal of the FCC's "net neutrality" rules took effect and returned to a "light-touch" regulatory framework. The prior rules were designed to ensure that all online content is treated the same by internet service providers and other companies that provide broadband services. Additionally, California and a number of other states are considering or have enacted legislation or executive actions that would regulate the conduct of broadband providers. We cannot predict whether the FCC order or state initiatives will be modified, overturned, or vacated by legal action of the court, federal legislation, or the FCC. With the repeal of net neutrality rules in effect, we could incur greater operating expenses, which could harm our results of operations.
- **"Open Access"** - we hold certain wireless licenses that require us to comply with so-called "open access" FCC regulations, which generally require licensees of particular spectrum to allow customers to use devices and applications of their choice. Moreover, certain services could be subject to conflicting regulation by the FCC and/or various state and local authorities, which could significantly increase the cost of implementing and introducing new services.

The further regulation of broadband, wireless and our other activities and any related court decisions could restrict our ability to compete in the marketplace and limit the return we can expect to achieve on past and future investments in our networks.

*We could be impacted by unfavorable results of legal proceedings, and may, from time to time, be involved in future litigation in which substantial monetary damages are sought.*

We are currently subject to a number of litigations as described under the heading "Legal Proceedings." In connection with certain of these litigations, we may be required to pay significant monetary damages. Defending against the current litigations is or can be time-consuming, expensive and cause diversion of our management's attention.

In addition, we may from time to time be involved in future litigation in which substantial monetary damages are sought. Litigation claims may relate to intellectual property, contracts, employment, securities and other matters arising out of the conduct of our current and past business activities. Any claims, whether with or without merit, could be time consuming, expensive to defend and could divert management's attention and resources. We may maintain insurance against some, but not all, of these potential claims, and the levels of insurance we do maintain may not be adequate to fully cover any and all losses.

With respect to any litigation, our insurance may not reimburse us, or may not be sufficient to reimburse us, for the expenses or losses we may suffer in contesting and concluding such lawsuit. The results of any future litigation or claims are inherently unpredictable and substantial litigation costs, including the substantial self-insured retention that we are required to satisfy before any insurance applies to a claim, unreimbursed legal fees or an adverse result in any litigation may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, cash from operating activities or financial condition.

### **Risks Related to Our Business, Industry and Operations**

*If we are not able to adapt to changes and disruptions in technology and address changing consumer demand on a timely basis, we may experience a decline in the demand for our services, be unable to implement our business strategy and experience reduced profits.*

Our industries are rapidly changing as new technologies are developed that offer consumers an array of choices for their communications needs and allow new entrants into the markets we serve. In order to grow and remain competitive, we will need to adapt to future changes in technology, enhance our existing offerings and introduce new offerings to address our customers' changing demands. If we are unable to meet future challenges from competing technologies on a timely basis or at an acceptable cost, we could lose customers to our competitors. We may not be able to accurately predict technological trends or the success of new services in the market. In addition, there could be legal or regulatory restraints on our introduction of new services. If our services fail to gain acceptance in the marketplace, or if costs associated with the implementation and introduction of these services materially increase, our ability to retain and attract customers could be adversely affected. Additionally, we must phase out outdated and unprofitable technologies and services. If we are unable to do so on a cost-effective basis, we could experience reduced profits. In addition, there could be legal or regulatory restraints on our ability to phase out current services.

### **Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Our Business**

Since March 2020 there has been, and there continues to be, a significant and growing volatility and uncertainty in the global economy due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic affecting all business sectors and industries. Broadly, negative global and national economic trends, such as decreased consumer and business spending, high unemployment levels and declining consumer and business confidence, pose challenges to our business and could result in declining revenues, profitability and cash flow.

The main specific impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business was on SurgePays Fintech. Its revenues went down by \$10,234,095 in 2021 as compared to 2020. This was partly related to the impact of COVID-19 on SurgePays Fintech. During the economic lock-down of 2020 and 2021, the inability of our independent representatives to visit existing stores and seek out new stores, limited our revenue growth, both existing and new revenue. Combined with a shift of prepaid wireless payments at stores to subsidized wireless expansion at the federal level, resulted in the lower revenue in 2021.

At this time, we cannot accurately predict whether there will be further effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business.

*Failure to develop new products, such as cross-media solutions, that are compelling for the marketplace in the expected time frame may adversely affect the combined company's future results.*

As the media and advertising industry looks to evaluate investments such as advertising campaigns across various forms of media, such as television, radio, online, and mobile, the ability to measure the combined size and composition of audiences across platforms is increasingly important and demanded. A primary strategic reason for this business combination is to allow our companies to more quickly and effectively develop cross-media capabilities using the combined talents and assets of the two companies to meet a growing market demand. The management of the combined company may face significant challenges in developing new products while integrating existing products and technologies. If the companies are not successful in developing credible products in the expected timeframe, the anticipated benefits of the merger may not be realized fully or at all or may take longer to realize than expected.

*We may expand through investments in, acquisitions of, or the development of new products with assistance from, other companies, any of which may not be successful and may divert our management's attention.*

In the past, we completed several strategic acquisitions. We also may evaluate and enter into discussions regarding an array of potential strategic transactions, including acquiring complementary products, technologies or businesses. An acquisition, investment or business relationship may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures. In particular, we may encounter difficulties integrating the businesses, technologies, products, personnel or operations of the acquired companies, particularly if the key personnel of the acquired company choose not to be employed by us, and we may have difficulty retaining the customers of any acquired business due to changes in management and ownership. Acquisitions may also disrupt our ongoing business, divert our resources and require significant management attention that would otherwise be available for ongoing development of our business. Moreover, we cannot assure you that the anticipated benefits of any acquisition, investment or business relationship would be realized timely, if at all, or that we would not be exposed to unknown liabilities. In connection with any such transaction, we may:

- encounter difficulties retaining key employees of the acquired company or integrating diverse business cultures;
- incur large charges or substantial liabilities, including without limitation, liabilities associated with products or technologies accused or found to infringe on third-party intellectual property rights or violate existing or future privacy regulations;
- issue shares of our capital stock as part of the consideration, which may be dilutive to existing stockholders;
- become subject to adverse tax consequences, legal disputes, substantial depreciation or deferred compensation charges;
- use cash that we may otherwise need for ongoing or future operation of our business;
- enter new geographic markets that subject us to different laws and regulations that may have an adverse impact on our business;
- experience difficulties effectively utilizing acquired assets;

- encounter difficulties integrating the information and financial reporting systems of acquired businesses, particularly those that operated under accounting principles other than those generally accepted in the U.S. prior to the acquisition by us; and
- incur debt, which may be on terms unfavorable to us or that we are unable to repay.

***Our business could be adversely affected if we fail to implement and maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting.***

If we are unable to maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures, or if there are identified significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the future, our ability to produce accurate and timely financial statements and public reports could be impaired, which could adversely affect our business and financial condition. In addition, investors may lose confidence in our reported information and the market price of our Common Stock may decline.

***Our success is substantially dependent on the continued service of our senior management.***

Our success is substantially dependent on the continued service of our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), Kevin Brian Cox and our Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), Anthony Evers. We do not carry key person life insurance on any of its management, which would leave us uncompensated for the loss of any of its management. The loss of the services of any of our senior management could make it more difficult to successfully operate our business and achieve our business goals. In addition, competition in our industry for senior management and other key personnel is intense. If we are unable to retain our existing personnel, or attract and train additional qualified personnel, either because of competition in our industry for such personnel or because of insufficient financial resources, our product development capabilities and customer and employee relationships growth may be harmed and overall growth may be limited.

***We may not have sufficient resources to effectively introduce and market our services and products, which could materially harm our operating results.***

Continuation of market acceptance for our existing services and products require substantial marketing efforts and will require our sales account executives and contract partners to make significant expenditures of time and money. In some instances, we will be significantly or totally reliant on the marketing efforts and expenditures of our contract partners, outside sales agents and distributors.

Because we currently have very limited marketing resources and sales capabilities, commercialization of our products, some of which require regulatory clearance prior to market entrance, we must either expand our own marketing and sales capabilities or consider collaborating with additional third parties to perform these functions. We may, in some instances, rely significantly on sales, marketing and distribution arrangements with collaborative partners and other third parties. In these instances, our future revenue will be materially dependent upon the success of the efforts of these third parties.

Should we determine that expanding our own marketing and sales capabilities is required, we may not be able to attract and retain qualified personnel to serve in our sales and marketing organization, to develop an effective distribution network or to otherwise effectively support our commercialization activities. The cost of establishing and maintaining a more comprehensive sales and marketing organization may exceed its cost effectiveness. If we fail to further develop our sales and marketing capabilities, if sales efforts are not effective or if costs of increasing sales and marketing capabilities exceed their cost effectiveness, our business, results of operations and financial condition would be materially adversely affected.

***Risks and uncertainties related to the Company's foreign operations could negatively impact the Company's operating results.***

Centercom, an entity that we own 40% of, operates in El Salvador. Doing business in El Salvador, and in Latin America generally, involves increased risks related to geopolitical events, political instability, corruption, economic volatility, property crime, drug cartel and gang-related violence, social and ethnic unrest including riots and looting, enforcement of property rights, governmental regulations, tax policies, banking policies or restrictions, foreign investment policies, public safety, health and security, anti-money laundering regulations, interest rate regulation and import/export regulations among others. As in many developing markets, there are also uncertainties as to how both local law and U.S. federal law is applied, including areas involving commercial transactions and foreign investment. As a result, actions or events could occur in El Salvador that are beyond the Company's control, which could restrict or eliminate the Company's ability to operate in El Salvador or significantly reduce customer traffic, product demand and the expected profitability of such operations.

***We operate in a highly competitive industry.***

We may encounter competition from local, regional or national entities, some of which have superior resources or other competitive advantages in the larger wireless services space. Intense competition may adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. These competitors may be larger and more highly capitalized, with greater name recognition. We will compete with such companies on brand name, quality of services, level of expertise, advertising, product and service innovation and differentiation of product and services. As a result, our ability to secure significant market share may be impeded.

***The report of our independent registered public accounting firm contains an explanatory paragraph regarding substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.***

We have incurred significant losses since our inception and have not demonstrated an ability to generate sufficient revenues from the sales of our products and services to achieve profitable operations. Our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 were prepared under the assumption that we would continue our operations as a going concern. Our independent registered public accounting firm has included a "going concern" explanatory paragraph in its report on our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021. We believe that we will continue to see increased revenues from the ACP that started in August of 2021 and that we will have net income in the coming months and throughout 2022 as our ACP related revenues increase. It is the expectation that the expansion will be the catalyst in the Company no longer having a "going concern" explanation in the notes to the unaudited financial statements to be filed in one or more Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q in calendar year 2022. There can be no assurance, however, that profitable operations could ever be achieved, or if achieved, could be sustained on a continuing basis.

**Risks Related to Our Securities**

***Our CEO and Chairman, Kevin Brian Cox, has significant control over shareholder matters and the minority shareholders will have little or no control over our affairs.***

Mr. Cox currently owns approximately 42% of our outstanding voting equity and, on a fully diluted basis, based on the conversion feature of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, approximately 39% of our shares outstanding. Subject to any fiduciary duties owed to our other stockholders under Nevada law, Mr. Cox is able to exercise significant influence over matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions, and will have some control over our management and policies. Mr. Cox may have interests that are different from yours. For example, Mr. Cox may support proposals and actions with which you may disagree. The concentration of ownership could delay or prevent a change in control of our Company or otherwise discourage a potential acquirer from attempting to obtain control of our Company, which in turn could reduce the price of our stock. In addition, Mr. Cox could use his voting influence to maintain our existing management and directors in office, delay or prevent changes in control of our Company, or support or reject other management and board proposals that are subject to stockholder approval, such as amendments to our employee stock plans and approvals of significant financing transactions.



***Sales of a significant number of shares of our Common Stock in the public market or the perception of such possible sales, could depress the market price of our Common Stock.***

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our Common Stock in the public markets, which include an offering of our preferred stock or Common Stock could depress the market price of our Common Stock and impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity or equity-related securities. We cannot predict the effect that future sales of our Common Stock or other equity-related securities would have on the market price of our Common Stock.

***Our share price could be volatile and our trading volume may fluctuate substantially.***

The price of our Common Stock has been and may in the future continue to be extremely volatile. Many factors could have a significant impact on the future price of our shares of Common Stock, including:

- our inability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, whether through the issuance of equity securities or debt;
- our failure to successfully implement our business objectives;
- compliance with ongoing regulatory requirements;
- market acceptance of our products;
- changes in government regulations;
- general economic conditions and other external factors including, as of March 22, 2022, the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine (which has resulted in various countries, including the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom, as well as the European Union, issuing broad-ranging economic sanctions against Russia) may have adverse effects on regional and global economic markets and lead to instability and lack of liquidity in capital markets, potentially making it more difficult for us to obtain additional funds and increasing the volatility of our share price;
- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our quarterly financial and operating results; and
- the degree of trading liquidity in our shares of Common Stock.

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***A decline in the price of our shares of Common Stock could affect our ability to raise further working capital and adversely impact our ability to continue operations.***

The relatively low price of our shares of Common Stock, and a decline in the price of our shares of Common Stock, could result in a reduction in the liquidity of our Common Stock and a reduction in our ability to raise capital. Because a significant portion of our operations has been and will continue to be financed through the sale of equity securities, a decline in the price of our shares of Common Stock could be especially detrimental to our liquidity and our operations. Such reductions and declines may force us to reallocate funds from other planned uses and may have a significant negative effect on our business plans and operations, including our ability to continue our current operations. If the price for our shares of Common Stock declines, it may be more difficult to raise additional capital. If we are unable to raise sufficient capital, and we are unable to generate funds from operations sufficient to meet our obligations, we will not have the resources to continue our operations.

The market price for our shares of Common Stock may also be affected by our ability to meet or exceed expectations of analysts or investors. Any failure to meet these expectations, even if minor, may have a material adverse effect on the market price of our shares of Common Stock.

***We currently do not intend to pay dividends on our Common Stock. As result, your only opportunity to achieve a return on your investment is if the price of our Common Stock appreciates.***

We currently do not expect to declare or pay dividends on our Common Stock. In addition, in the future we may enter into agreements that prohibit or restrict our ability to declare or pay dividends on our Common Stock. As a result, your only opportunity to achieve a return on your investment will be if the market price of our Common Stock appreciates and you sell your shares at a profit.

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***We could issue additional Common Stock, which might dilute the book value of our Common Stock.***

The Board has authority, without action or vote of our shareholders, to issue all or a part of our authorized but unissued shares. Such stock issuances could be made at a price that reflects a discount or a premium from the then-current trading price of our Common Stock. In addition, in order to raise capital, we may need to issue securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for our Common Stock. These issuances would dilute the percentage ownership interest, which would have the effect of reducing your influence on matters requiring shareholders vote and might dilute the book value of our Common Stock. You may incur additional dilution if holders of stock warrants or options, whether currently outstanding or subsequently granted, exercise their options, or if warrant holders exercise their warrants to purchase shares of our Common Stock.

***Future Issuance of Our Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Options and Warrants Could Dilute the Interests of Existing Stockholders.***

We may issue additional shares of our Common Stock, preferred stock, options and warrants in the future. The issuance of a substantial amount of Common Stock, options and warrants could have the effect of substantially diluting the interests of our current stockholders. In addition, the sale of a substantial amount of Common Stock or preferred stock in the public market, or the exercise of a substantial number of warrants and options either in the initial issuance or in a subsequent resale by the target company in an acquisition which received such Common Stock as consideration or by investors who acquired such Common Stock in a private placement could have an adverse effect on the market price of our Common Stock.

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**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

We presently occupy space at 3 locations: 3124 Brother Blvd, Suite 410, Bartlett, TN 38133 (this building is owned by an entity owned by Mr. Cox, our CEO and Chairman), 1375 E Woodfield Road, Schaumburg IL 60173 and 1615 S Ingram Mill, Building B, Springfield, Missouri 65804.

We will acquire additional office space as needed.

### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

- (1) On January 15, 2020, the Company and Carter Matzinger (formerly a member of the Board) (collectively, the "Surge Party"), and the former owners of the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, DigitizeIQ, LLC (collectively, the "DigitizeIQ Party" and, together with the Surge Party, the "Parties"), entered into a settlement agreement (the "DigitizeIQ Settlement Agreement") to settle any claims the Parties may have had against each other. The parties made claims against each other with regard to alleged breaches of an Exchange Agreement, a Non-Compete Agreement, and promissory notes issued by the Company to the DigitizeIQ Party (the "DigitizeIQ Promissory Notes"). Pursuant to the DigitizeIQ Settlement Agreement, the Parties, in addition to releasing all claims against each other, agreed to cooperate to ensure the complete transfer and assignment of the domain "digitizeiq.com" to the Company and agreed that the DigitizeIQ Promissory Notes are deemed terminated. As a result of the DigitizeIQ Promissory Notes being terminated, the Company reduced its liabilities by approximately \$580,000.
- (2) Regulatory matter before the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma (the "OCC"): Oklahoma Corporate Commission v True Wireless: Complaint Filed Feb 14, 2020. Compliance dispute. OCC has taken issue with some subscribers outside the designated service area. Seeking fines and other penalties up to an including revocation of license. Interim recommendation by ALJ is fine and revocation of license in OK. The May 7, 2021 sale of True Wireless took place subject to settlement of this matter with the OCC. The OCC and True Wireless' new owner have concluded a settlement of this matter on September 8, 2021.
- (3) Global Reconnect, LLC and Terracom, Inc. v. Jonathan Coffman, Jerry Carroll, True Wireless, & Surge Holdings: In the Chancery Court of Hamilton County, TN, Docket # 20-00058, Filed Jan 21, 2020. On January 21, 2020, a complaint was filed related to a noncompetition dispute. Terracom believes Mr. Coffman and Mr. Carroll are in violation of their non-compete agreements by working for us and True Wireless, Inc. Oklahoma and Tennessee state law does not recognize non-compete agreements and are not usually enforced in the state courts of these states, as such we believe True Wireless has a strong case against Terracom. The matter is entering the discovery process. Both Mr. Carroll and Mr. Coffman are no longer working for True Wireless in sales. Mr. Carroll is off the payroll and Mr. Coffman works for SurgePays, Inc., but not in wireless sales. The complaint requests general damages plus fees and costs for tortious interference with a business relationship in their prayer for relief. They have made no written demand for damages at this point in time. The Company believes this matter is simply an anti-competitive attempt by Terracom to cause distress to True Wireless.
- (4) Juno Financial v. AATAC and Surge Holdings Inc. AND Surge Holdings Inc. v. AATAC; Circuit Court of Hillsborough County, Florida, Case # 20-CA-2712 DIVA: Breach of Contract, Account Stated and Open Account claims against Surge by a factoring company. Surge has filed a cross-complaint against defendant AATAC for Breach of Contract, Account Stated, Open Account and Common Law Indemnity. Case is in discovery. Following analysis by our litigation counsel stating that there is a good defense, management has decided that a reserve is not necessary.

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- (5) On July 9, 2020, the Company entered into a settlement and release agreement with Unimax Communications, LLC ("Unimax"). The settlement is related to a complaint filed by Unimax alleging the Company is indebted pursuant to a purchase order and additional financing terms. The Company agreed to pay Unimax the total sum of \$785,000 over a 24-month period. The settlement amount is included accounts payable and accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheets. The balance was repaid in April 2021.
- (6) *Glen Eagles Litigation*

SurgePays, Inc., formerly named as Surge Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Glen Eagles Acquisition LP, a Delaware limited partnership, Defendant; District Court Clark County, Nevada; Case No.: A-21-831204-B

ALTCORP TRADING, LLC, a Costa Rica limited liability company; et al, Plaintiffs, vs. Surge Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation; VSTOCK Transfer, LLC, a California limited liability company, et al; District Court Clark County, Nevada; Case No.: A-20-823039-B

These two lawsuits involved AltCorp Trading, LLC, Stanley Hills, LLC, and Glen Eagles Acquisition LP (the "AltCorp Parties."). Each of these lawsuits were ultimately disputes relating to the total consideration the Company paid to GBT Technologies, Inc. ("GBT") to acquire all of the assets of the entities that comprise SurgePays Fintech (prior to the Company's January 2020 acquisition of the entities themselves).

On October 18, 2021, the AltCorp Parties, GBT, and the Company entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") to set up a framework for an attempt to settle the two lawsuits.

On December 22, 2021 (the "Effective Date"), pursuant to the framework in the MOU, the AltCorp Parties, Igor 1 Corp. (an entity related to the AltCorp Parties), the Company, ECS Prepaid, LLC ("ECS LLC"), and, in his individual capacity, Kevin Brian Cox (the Company's Chief Executive Officer), entered into a Resolution of Purchase, Mutual Release, and Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") to settle the two lawsuits and resolve all disputes related to the consideration paid by the Company to GBT. This Settlement Agreement was entered into pursuant to a resolution of the Board authorizing the negotiation of and entry into of such agreement.

As part of this agreement, the Company has acquired GBT's rights to a certain Master Distribution and Service Agreement between Interactive Communications International, Inc. and W.L. Petrey Wholesale Company, Inc., d/b/a UGO-HUB dated August 29, 2016 (the "MDA"), as amended. The MDA contains sales channel access to a variety of unique wholesale prepaid products with approximately \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000 in monthly revenue. The MDA is the subject of a lawsuit between GBT and Robert Warren Jackson, RWJ Advanced Marketing LLC, and Gregory Bauer int federal district court in Nevada (the "GBT Lawsuit").

If the result of the GBT Lawsuit is an assignment of the MDA to GBT or that GBT or an affiliate of GBT is the legal owner of the MDA, GBT or such affiliate will assign the MDA to Surge and GBT shall be entitled to receive the Escrow Amount. If the result of the GBT Lawsuit is a monetary judgment without the assignment or legal decree of ownership of the MDA, GBT shall be entitled to receive the Escrow Amount and shall assign and timely pay to the Company the first one million dollars (\$1,000,000) GBT recovers from the defendants in the GBT Lawsuit. In the event that GBT does not prevail in the GBT Lawsuit then it shall be entitled to release of the Escrow Amount but shall be responsible for any fees and costs obligation sought by the defendants in the GBT Lawsuit.

The Company agreed to make total payments of four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) to Stanley Hills, LLC on or prior to January 7, 2022. This \$4.2 million amount consists of a total of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) paid by the Company in November and December 2021, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be paid on or about January 4, 2022, and three million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,650,000) to be paid on or prior to January 7, 2022 of which three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000) will be held in escrow (the "Escrow Amount"). The last payment was made on January 7, 2022.

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In addition, Igor 1 Corp. as of the Effective Date, held one hundred ten thousand (110,000) shares of the Company's common stock that has a restrictive legend (the "Igor Shares"). The owner of Igor 1 Corp. will be responsible for and shall pay for attempting to have the restrictive legend from the Igor Shares removed (with the Company agreeing to

pay seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) to help pay for the legal opinion required). If Igor 1 Corp. is unable to have the legend removed prior to January 30, 2022, the Company will pay Igor 1 Corp. five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) within five (5) trading days to purchase the Igor Shares back and then cancel them. As of February 4, 2022 (five trading days after January 30<sup>th</sup>), the Company was not asked to pay Igor 1 Corp. any funds related to this possible share cancellation.

Glen Eagles and a related entity, as of the Effective Date, held three thousand (3,000) shares of the Company's common stock (the "Glen Eagles Shares"). The Glen Eagles shares shall be sold on the open market within thirty (30) days following the Effective Date. If for any reason the consideration for the Glen Eagles shares is less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), the Company will have the obligation to compensate Glen Eagles for the difference between the actual amount received and \$15,000. Such difference shall be paid within five (5) days of Glen Eagles providing written proof of the proceeds of the sale of the Glen Eagles Shares. Glen Eagles was paid \$8,552.25 on February 16, 2022 for full settlement of this difference.

The Settlement Agreement replaces all prior agreements between the parties. In addition, within three (3) trading days of the last payment related to the \$4.2 million payment to Stanley Hills being made, the parties shall make filings with the state District Court in Clark County, Nevada to dismiss both lawsuits, including, regarding the lawsuit filed by AltCorp Trading, LLC, the dismissal of the lawsuit as to VStock Transfer, LLC, to which the Company owed certain indemnification obligations. The parties agreed to a full mutual release of any disputes or claims between the parties. All matters were dismissed by stipulation of the parties on January 12, 2022.

- (7) Crystal Chapman, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, Plaintiff versus SurgePays, Inc., Defendant; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case No.: 1:21-cv-04272. On August 11, 2021, the plaintiffs filed a lawsuit alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act as a putative class action. The plaintiffs are seeking unspecified damages and an order enjoining the Company or their agents from making autodialed calls. The case alleges contact to consumer(s) whose telephone numbers are on the Federal Do Not Call list, without their consent. There are no other counts under the TCPA or any other statute or tort. The Company vigorously disputes the allegations in this complaint as the Company only contacts consumers who have provided express written consent to be contacted. The Company believes it uses the leading software in the industry for lead verification and believes it can prove consent for all called parties. This matter was resolved fully and amicably without any admission of fault. The Company paid attorney fees and an amount to Ms. Chapman that, in combination, was not material to the Company.
- (8) On December 17, 2021, Ambess Enterprises, Inc. v SurgePays, Inc., Blair County Pa. case number 2021 GN 3222. Plaintiff alleges breach of contract and prays for damages of approximately \$73,000.00, plus fees, costs and interest. Litigation counsel is managing the motion practice and discovery process.

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- (9) *Blue Skies Connections, LLC, and True Wireless, Inc. v. SurgePays, Inc., et. al.*: In the District Court of Oklahoma County, OK, CJ-2021-5327, filed on December 13, 2021. Plaintiffs' petition alleges breach of a Stock Purchase Agreement by SurgePays, SurgePhone Wireless, LLC, and Kevin Brian Cox, and makes other allegations related to SurgePays' consulting work with Jonathan Coffman, a True Wireless employee. Blue Skies believes the Defendants are in violation of their non-competition and non-solicitation agreements related to the sale of True Wireless from SurgePays to Blue Skies. Oklahoma state law does not recognize non-compete agreements and non-solicitation agreements in the manner alleged by Plaintiffs, as such we believe SurgePays, SurgePhone, and Mr. Cox have a strong defense against the claims asserted by Blue Skies and True Wireless. Mr. Coffman works for SurgePays, but not in wireless sales. The matter is in the early stages of the discovery process. Mr. Coffman is no longer working for True Wireless. The petition requests injunctive relief, general damages, punitive damages, attorney fees and costs for alleged breach of contract, tortious interference with a business relationship, and fraud. Plaintiffs have made a written demand for damages and the parties continue to discuss a potential resolution. The Company believes this matter is an anti-competitive attempt by Blue Skies and True Wireless to damage SurgePays, SurgePhone, and Cox.

#### ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

### PART II

#### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

##### Market Information

The Common Stock and the Warrants began trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbols SURG and SURGW, respectively, on November 2, 2021.

As of March 22, 2022, there were approximately 430 holders of record of our Common Stock. Since certain shares of our Common Stock are held by brokers and other institutions on behalf of stockholders, the foregoing number of holders of our Common Stock is not representative of the number of beneficial holders of our Common Stock.

The last reported sales price for our Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on March 22, 2022 was \$3.73.

##### Dividends

We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our Common Stock, and we do not anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends for the foreseeable future. We are not subject to any legal restrictions respecting the payment of dividends, except that we may not pay dividends if the payment would render us insolvent. Any future determination as to the payment of cash dividends on our Common Stock will be at the discretion of our Board and will depend on our financial condition, operating results, capital requirements and other factors that the Board considers to be relevant.

##### Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

None.

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##### *Preferred Stock*

###### Series "A" Preferred Stock

The Company, pursuant to the consent of the Board of Directors filed a Certificate of Designation with the Nevada Secretary of State which designated 13,000,000 shares of the Company's authorized preferred stock as Series "A" Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001. The Series "A" Preferred Stock has the following attributes:

- Ranks senior only to any other class or series of designated and outstanding preferred shares of the Company;
- Bears no dividend;
- Has no liquidation preference, other than the ability to convert to common stock of the Company;

- The Company does not have any rights of redemption;
- Entitled to same notice of meeting provisions as common stockholders;
- Protective provisions require approval of 75% of the Series "A" Preferred Shares outstanding to modify the provisions or increase the authorized Series "A" Preferred Shares; and
- Each ten Series "A" Preferred Shares can be converted into one share of common stock at the option of the holder.

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were 13,000,000 shares of Series A issued and outstanding. These shares are convertible into 1,300,000 shares of Common Stock.

While, voting rights were equal to ten shares of Common Stock for each share of Series "A" Preferred Stock held, the voting rights of the Series A were affected by the Reverse Split. The 13,000,000 Series A shares currently outstanding represent 2.6 million votes (130 million divided by 50) or 2/10s of a vote for each Series A share held.

#### Transfer Agent

The transfer agent of our Common Stock is VStock Transfer, LLC. Their address is 18 Lafayette Place, Woodmere, NY 11598.

#### Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

We have previously disclosed in our 10-Qs and 8-Ks filed in 2021 all 2021 sales of securities without registration under the Securities Act of 1933.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Not applicable.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

*The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report. In addition to historical information, this discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including but not limited to those set forth in "Part I – Item 1A. Risk Factors."*

#### Business Overview

We were incorporated in Nevada on August 18, 2006 and a technology and telecommunications company focused on the on underbanked and underserved communities.

SurgePhone wireless companies provide mobile broadband (internet connectivity) to low-income consumers nationwide. SurgePays Fintech platform utilizes a suite of financial and prepaid products to convert corner stores and bodegas into tech-hubs for underbanked neighborhoods. We are aggressively cornering the underbanked market directly to the consumer and in the stores they shop.

Please see the description in Item 1 of this Annual Report for a description of our SurgePhone Wireless, Surge Blockchain, SurgePays Fintech (ECS Business), LogicsIQ, and Centercom operations.

## COMPARISON OF YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

Revenues during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

|  | 2021                  | 2020                   |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue  | \$ 51,060,589         | \$ 54,406,788          |
| Cost of revenue (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) | (44,890,610)          | (51,938,111)           |
| General and administrative                                   | (12,162,547)          | (12,614,345)           |
| Loss from operations   | <u>\$ (5,992,568)</u> | <u>\$ (10,145,668)</u> |

Revenue decreased overall by \$3,346,199 (6%) from year ended December 31, 2020 to year ended December 31, 2021. The breakout was as follows:

SurgePhone Wireless revenues (inclusive of Surge Blockchain and Other revenues as detailed in Notes 2 and 10 of the financial statements) increased by \$6,686,251 related to the additional revenue stream generated by the Emergency Broadband Benefit and Affordable Connectivity programs (the "ACP") started in August of 2021. LogicsIQ revenues increased by \$1,416,641 related to the increase of focusing on the retained case revenue stream. SurgePays Fintech (ECS) revenues decreased by \$10,234,095 due to Covid-19 impact and the shifting of customers to the ACP from wireless prepaid services at our stores. True Wireless revenues decreased by \$1,214,996 as a result of the May 7, 2021 disposition.

Operating loss improved overall by \$4,153,100 (41%) from year ended December 31, 2020 to year ended December 31, 2021, primarily as a result of an increase in operating profit of \$1,785,104 in SurgePhone Wireless, and an increase in operating profit of \$636,895 in LogicsIQ, both a direct result of the increase in revenue year over year. The increase in operating profit of \$1,804,224 in True Wireless was a result of the disposition of the entity.

General and administrative during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

|                                     | 2021                 | 2020                 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Depreciation and amortization       | \$ 759,383           | \$ 1,173,369         |
| Selling, general and administration | 11,403,164           | 11,440,976           |
| Total                               | <u>\$ 12,162,547</u> | <u>\$ 12,614,345</u> |

The reduction in depreciation and amortization costs for 2021 is the result of assets becoming fully depreciated in 2020, reducing the cost in 2021 compared to 2020.

**Selling, general and administrative expenses during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:**

|                             | <u>2021</u>          | <u>2020</u>          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Contractors and consultants | \$ 2,284,135         | \$ 2,170,279         |
| Professional services       | 1,758,055            | 1,043,459            |
| Compensation                | 3,857,480            | 3,605,624            |
| Webhosting/internet         | 552,455              | 683,276              |
| Advertising and marketing   | 661,238              | 273,031              |
| Bad debt expense            | 4,287                | 1,750,239            |
| Other                       | 2,285,514            | 1,915,068            |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 11,403,164</u> | <u>\$ 11,440,976</u> |

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Selling, general and administrative costs (S, G & A) decreased by \$37,812 (.3%). The changes are discussed below:

- Contractors and consultants expense increased by \$113,856 or 5% from \$2,170,279 in 2020 to \$2,284,135 in 2021.
- Professional services increased \$714,596 in 2021 primarily due to an increase in legal fees of \$787,565. Legal proceedings and the Uplisting were the main reason for the increase year over year.
- Compensation increased from \$3,605,624 in 2020 to \$3,857,480 in 2021 primarily as a result of the increase in staff support positions to support the expected increase in revenue during 2021 in SurgePhone Wireless and LogicsIQ.
- Webhosting/internet costs decreased less than 19% to \$552,455 in 2021 from \$683,276 in 2020.
- Advertising and marketing costs increased to \$661,238 in 2021 from \$273,031 in 2020 primarily due to the Company increasing the expenditures related to marketing.
- Bad debt expense decreased to \$4,257 in 2021 from \$1,750,239 in 2020 primarily due to the Company's 2020 evaluation of the receivables generated during the initial rollout of the SurgePays portal and providing an appropriate allowance for bad debts.
- Other costs increased to \$2,285,514 in 2021 from \$1,915,068 in 2020 primarily due to an increase in the various insurance coverage of \$380,607.

**Other (expense) income during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:**

|   | <u>2021</u>           | <u>2020</u>         |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Interest, net                                   | \$ (3,840,616)        | \$ (4,801,520)      |
| Change in fair value of derivative liabilities` | 1,806,763             | 577,936             |
| Derivative expense                              | (1,775,057)           | (566,789)           |
| Gain on equity investment in Centercom          | 28,676                | 210,912             |
| Gain (loss) on settlement of liabilities        | 1,469,641             | 2,575,978           |
| Amortization of debt discount                   | (3,677,121)           | -                   |
| Gain on deconsolidation of True Wireless        | 1,895,871             | -                   |
| Settlement expense                              | (3,750,000)           | -                   |
| Warrant modification expense                    | (74,476)              | -                   |
| Other income                                    | 377,743               | 10,000              |
| Total other (expense) income                    | <u>\$ (7,538,576)</u> | <u>\$ (575,959)</u> |

Interest expense decreased to \$3,840,616 in 2021 from \$4,801,520 in 2020 primarily due to the payoff of various debt instruments in 2021 as a result of the cash raised from the Uplisting.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded a change in fair value of derivative liabilities of \$1,806,763 and \$577,936, respectively. These amounts reflect a mark to market adjustment recorded to the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. During the year ended December 31, 2021, in connection with the repayment of convertible notes which contained embedded conversion features, the related derivative liabilities ceased to exist.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the derivative liability measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) is as follows at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Derivative liability - December 31, 2019               | \$ 190,846       |
| Fair value at commitment date                          | 2,024,191        |
| Fair value mark to market adjustment                   | (577,936)        |
| Gain on derivative liability upon related debt settled | (279,573)        |
| Derivative liability - December 31, 2020               | <u>1,357,528</u> |
| Fair value at commitment date                          | 1,877,250        |
| Fair value mark to market adjustment                   | (1,806,763)      |
| Gain on derivative liability upon related debt settled | (1,428,015)      |
| Derivative liability - December 31, 2021               | <u>\$ -</u>      |

Changes in fair value of derivative liabilities are included in other income (expense) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded a derivative expense of \$1,775,057 and \$566,789, respectively.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded a gain of \$1,428,015 and \$279,573, respectively, related to the settlement of convertible debt which contained an embedded conversion feature and was separately bifurcated and classified as a derivative liability. The Company has recorded these gains in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations as a component of gain on settlement of liabilities.

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The gain on equity investment in Centercom decreased to \$28,676 in 2021 compared to \$210,912 in 2020.

In connection with the Uplisting, 433,017 warrants were repriced at a lower exercise price to better reflect the current market offering. No other terms had been modified. As a result, the Company recorded a warrant modification expense of \$74,476 in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations with an offsetting increase to additional paid in capital.

During 2021, the Company settled outstanding liabilities through the issuance of 17,500 shares of Common Stock and recorded a loss on settlement of \$481,187. During 2020, the Company settled outstanding liabilities through the issuance of 163,000 shares of Common Stock and recorded a gain on settlement of \$2,556,979.

## LIQUIDITY, CAPITAL RESOURCES AND GOING CONCERN

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, our current assets were \$13,892,681 and \$1,251,029, respectively, and our current liabilities were \$9,998,194 and \$15,660,748, respectively, which resulted in a working capital surplus of \$3,894,487 and working capital deficit of \$14,409,719, respectively. The increase in current assets is a result of the closing of the Offering, whereby the Company issued 4,600,000 units consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant and 690,000 over-allotment warrants. The units were sold at \$4.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$19,786,900 (\$19,780,000 from the sale of 4,600,000 units at \$4.30 and \$6,900 from the sale of 690,000 over-allotment warrants at \$0.01). The warrants are exercisable immediately at \$4.73/share and expire three (3) years from the issuance date. The decrease in current liabilities is the result of using some of the proceeds from the November 4 transaction to pay off all outstanding derivative liabilities. In addition, notes receivable increased to \$176,851 as of December 31, 2021, as a result of the disposition of True Wireless.

Total assets at December 31, 2021 and 2020 amounted to \$19,500,202 and \$7,325,071, respectively. The increase in total assets is a result of the closing of the Offering. The units were sold at \$4.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$19,786,900 (\$19,780,000 from the sale of 4,600,000 units at \$4.30 and \$6,900 from the sale of 690,000 over-allotment warrants at \$0.01). The warrants are exercisable immediately at \$4.73/share and expire three (3) years from the issuance. Total assets increased by \$12,175,131 from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021. At December 31, 2021, assets consisted of current assets of \$13,892,681, net property and equipment of \$200,448, net intangible assets of \$3,433,484, goodwill of \$866,782, equity investment in Centercom of \$443,288, notes receivable of \$176,851 and operating lease right of use asset of \$486,668, as compared to current assets of \$1,251,029, net property and equipment of \$236,810, net intangible assets of \$4,125,742, goodwill of \$866,782, equity investment in Centercom of \$414,612 and operating lease right of use asset of \$368,638 at December 31, 2020. The operating lease right of use increased related to a new lease acquired in the ECS assets purchase agreement.

At December 31, 2021, our total liabilities of \$15,948,881 decreased \$2,102,156 from \$18,051,037 at December 31, 2020. The proceeds from the closing of the Offering allowed the Company to repay all outstanding derivative liabilities.

At December 31, 2021, our total stockholders' surplus was \$3,551,321 as compared to a deficit of \$10,725,966 at December 31, 2020. The principal reason for the increase in stockholders' equity was the closing of the Offering.

We do not expect to incur net losses going forward and expect a positive cash flow from operations in the first quarter of 2022 and for the entire year. Revenue streams are expected to increase to cover the overall general and administrative expenses of the Company. We believe the ACP will continue to grow quarter over quarter in 2022. This revenue stream is expected deliver a positive net income as soon as the first quarter of 2022.

The following table sets forth the major sources and uses of cash for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

|   | <u>2021</u>         | <u>2020</u>       |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Net cash used in operating activities     | \$ (15,288,261)     | \$ (4,326,048)    |
| Net cash used in investing activities     | (376,724)           | 8,354             |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 21,274,486          | 4,645,649         |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents   | <u>\$ 5,609,501</u> | <u>\$ 327,955</u> |

As a result of increased financing activities in 2021, the cash increased in 2021 by \$5,609,501.

At December 31, 2021, the Company had the following material commitments and contingencies.

**Notes payable – related party** - See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Notes payable and long-term debt** - See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Convertible promissory notes** - See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Related party transactions** - See page F-25 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Cash requirements and capital expenditures** – At the current level of operations, the Company does not anticipate borrowing funds to meet basic operating costs. The Company may need to borrow funds to meet the hyper-growth expected to occur in the ACP in 2022.

**Known trends and uncertainties** – The Company is planning to acquire other businesses with similar business operations. The uncertainty of the economy may increase the difficulty of raising funds to support the planned business expansion.

Our independent registered public accounting firm has included a "going concern" explanatory paragraph in its report on our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021. We expect to continue to see increased revenues from the ACP that started in August of 2021 and we expect to show a positive net income in the coming months and throughout 2022 as our ACP related revenues increase. It is the expectation that the expansion could be the catalyst in the Company no longer having a "going concern" explanation in the notes to the unaudited financial statements the Company expect to file in one or more Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q in calendar year 2022.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not applicable.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page F-1 of this Annual Report.

## ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of December 31, 2021, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Management identified no material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by our board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and disposition of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorization of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our control over financial reporting based on the 2013 framework in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2021. During the year ended December 31, 2021, management identified no weaknesses.

Pursuant to Regulation S-K Item 308(b), as the Company is not an accelerated filer nor a large accelerated filer, this Annual Report does not include an attestation report of our company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated can provide only reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their cost.

#### c) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the year ended December 31, 2021, there were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting, which were identified in connection with our management's evaluation required by paragraph (d) of rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to have a materially affect, on our internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

We are reporting the following information in lieu of reporting on a Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 23, 2022, the Compensation Committee and Board approved the following one-time cash bonus payments to the following executives and members of the Board: (i) \$375,000 to Mr. Cox (our CEO and Chairman); (ii) \$126,000 to Mr. Evers (our CFO); (iii) \$116,000 to David C. Ansani (our Chief Administrative Officer); (iv) \$20,000 to David N. Keys (a member of the Board); (v) \$10,000 to David May (a member of the Board); and (vi) \$10,000 to Jay Jones (a member of the Board). These one-time cash bonus payments shall be paid on or prior to April 21, 2022.

In addition, on March 23, 2022, the Compensation Committee and Board approved the Company issuing the independent members of the Board on the first day of April each year that an independent director is then serving on the Board the number of options to purchase shares of Common Stock (the "Options") equivalent to \$60,000 with the number of Options to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the SurgePays, Inc. 2022 Omnibus Securities and Incentive Plan (the "2022 Plan").

The 2022 Plan will not come into effect until approved by shareholders. The Company expects that approval of the 2022 Plan will be one of the proposals to be voted on by shareholders at the Company's 2022 annual meeting of shareholders.

## PART III

### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The following table and biographical summaries set forth information, including principal occupation and business experience, about our directors and executive officers as of March 24, 2022:

| Directors and Executive Officers | Position/Title   | Age |
|----------------------------------|--|-----|
| Kevin Brian Cox                  | Chief Executive Officer and Chairman                       | 46  |
| Anthony Evers                    | Chief Financial Officer and acting Chief Operating Officer | 58  |
| David C. Ansani                  | Chief Administrative Officer                               | 57  |
| David N. Keys                    | Independent Director                                       | 65  |
| David May                        | Independent Director                                       | 53  |
| Jay Jones                        | Independent Director                                       | 44  |

**Kevin Brian Cox – Chief Executive Officer and a Director** – Mr. Cox has been Chief Executive Officer and a Director since July 2017. He also served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company from July 2017 to March 2018 and as President of the Company from July 2017 to February 2019. He was the majority owner of True Wireless from January 2011 through April 2018, when True Wireless became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Cox is an accomplished technology entrepreneur growing best-in-class and profitable companies for nearly 20 years. Through most of his career, he has focused on delivering telecom, broadband and financial services to the unbanked and underserved segments of society. He began his career in telecom in 2004 when he founded his first prepaid telephone company (CLEC) which through organic growth and acquisition, became

**David C. Ansani – Chief Administrative Officer** – Mr. Ansani has been Chief Administrative Officer since August 2017, and was a Director until February 2021. He was also appointed Secretary of the Company in February 2019. From 2010 to the present date, he has served as Chief Compliance Officer/Human Resources Officer/In-House Counsel for Glass Mountain Capital, LLC, a start-up financial services company specializing in the recovery of distressed assets. In this capacity, he reviews and evaluates compliance issues and concerns within the organization. The position ensures that management and employees are in compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations of regulatory agencies (FDCA, TCPA, GLB, CFPB, etc.); that company policies and procedures are being followed; and that behavior in the organization meets the company's standards of conduct. Ms. Ansani received his B.A. and MBA from the University of Chicago, and J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

**Anthony Evers – Chief Financial Officer** – Mr. Evers has been the Chief Financial Officer of the Company since May 1, 2020. Mr. Evers has also served as Chief Financial Officer of LogicsIQ since August 2021. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Evers served as Chief Financial Officer for Vista Health System from October 2019 to March 2020. Between June 2019 and October 2019, Mr. Evers served as CFO of Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital. Between 2015 and 2019, Mr. Evers served as CFO and CIO of KSB Hospital. Prior to that, he served as CFO of various organizations, including Norwegian American Hospital and Horizon Homecare and Hospice. During his career, Mr. Evers has been the financial lead in over 20 merger and divestiture transactions ranging from a single physician practice to multi-entity nursing homes. Throughout his career, Mr. Evers has served on numerous boards of directors, including Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, Covenant Healthcare, All Saints Health System, Rogers Hospital, and the Animal Shelter in Beaver Dam WI. He has also served as a member of the Dixon Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Evers has also served as the audit and finance committee chair at several of these organizations. Mr. Evers obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Masters of Science in Accounting from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Mr. Evers also successfully obtained his Certified Public Accountant and Certified Internal Auditor credentials.

**David N. Keys – Director** – Mr. Keys has been a director of the Company since July 2019. Mr. Keys began his career with Deloitte serving in the audit group in the Las Vegas and New York City executive offices. David was the Executive Vice President, CFO and member of the executive committee of the Board of Directors of American Pacific, a chemical company that was publicly traded on the NASDAQ for the entirety of the time he was a director and executive officer. Since 2004, Mr. Keys has been an independent financial and operations consultant. Mr. Keys currently serves as Chairman of the Board and Audit Committee of RSI International Systems Inc. (NEX: RSY.H), and on the Board of private companies, including Prosetta Biosciences Inc., Akonni Biosystems Inc. and Walker Digital Table Systems, LLC. He previously served on the Boards of Directors of AmFed Financial Inc., Norwest Bank of Nevada and Wells Fargo Bank of Nevada. Mr. Keys also served on the Advisory Board of Directors of FM Global, a leading provider of property and casualty insurance. Mr. Keys is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP), Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF), and Certified in Financial Management (CFM). David is a member of the National Roster of Neutrals of the American Arbitration Association. He received a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Oklahoma State University.

**David May – Director** – Mr. May has been a director of the Company since February 2021. Mr. May has been a banking professional since 1994. Throughout his career, he has established himself as one of the leading convenience store and convenience store wholesaler financiers in the Mid-South through his cultivation of personal relationships and service to members of this close-knit community. David has been Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking since 2007 with Landmark Community Bank, a Memphis based commercial bank with over a billion dollars in assets with offices in the Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee markets. He has been a bank officer for both community banks and large regional banks over his 27-year banking career. David is a graduate of the Southeastern School of Commercial Banking at Vanderbilt University and, in the past, served as Chairman of the Board for seven years for The Agency for Youth and Family Development, a residential treatment facility for adolescent males. He is also a founding owner of Global Defense Specialists, a military aircraft fleet sustainment company specializing in Lockheed F-16's and C-130's and Northrop F-5 jet fighters.

**Jay Jones – Director** – Mr. Jones has been a director of the Company since February 2021. During his nearly 30-year career in the telecom industry, Jay Jones has been involved in all facets of the business, including network engineering, application development, corporate development, management of mid-size organizations, product development, business operations, and strategy. He is currently CEO of 321 Communications Inc, a competitive local exchange carrier and wireless mobile virtual network operator providing telecom services to residential and business customers. Jay serves as an executive consultant to Paricus LLC, a business process outsourcing company that provides call center services, software development, and other telecom related services and has offices in Colombia and the United States. He is co-founder of software development companies Unavo Inc. and Kavocky Group, where his role is focused on strategic business strategies while also working closely with both companies' partners to assess new investment opportunities.

None of the above directors and executive officers has been involved in any legal proceedings as listed in Regulation S-K, Section 401(f) material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of any director or executive officer.

#### **Family Relationships**

There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

#### **Board Composition, Committees, and Independence**

**Audit Committee.** Our audit committee consists of David N. Keys, David May, and Jay Jones. Mr. Keys is chairman of the audit committee and he qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K.

The audit committee's duties are to recommend to our board of directors the engagement of independent auditors to audit our financial statements and to review its accounting and auditing principles. The audit committee will review the scope, timing and fees for the annual audit and the results of audit examinations performed by the internal auditors and independent public accountants, including their recommendations to improve the system of accounting and internal controls. The audit committee will at all times be composed exclusively of directors who are, in the opinion of our board of directors, free from any relationship which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment as a committee member and who possess an understanding of financial statements and generally accepted accounting principles.

**Compensation Committee.** Our compensation committee consists of David N. Keys, David May, and Jay Jones. Mr. May is chairman of the compensation committee.

In considering and determining executive and director compensation, the compensation committee reviews compensation that is paid by other similar public companies to its officers and takes that into consideration in determining the compensation to be paid to our officers. The compensation committee also determines and approves any non-cash compensation paid to any employee. We do not engage any compensation consultants to assist in determining or recommending the compensation to our officers or employees.

**Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.** Our nominating and corporate governance committee consists of David N. Keys, David May, and Jay Jones. Mr. Jones is chairman of the nominating and corporate governance committee.

The responsibilities of the nominating and corporate governance committee include the identification of individuals qualified to become Board members, the selection of nominees to stand for election as directors, the oversight of the selection and composition of committees of the Board, establishing procedures for the nomination process, oversight of possible conflicts of interests involving the Board and its members, developing corporate governance principles, and the oversight of the evaluations of the Board and management. The nominating and corporate governance committee has not established a policy with regard to the consideration of any candidates recommended by stockholders. If we receive any stockholder recommended nominations, the nominating and corporate governance committee will carefully review the recommendation(s) and



**Code of Ethics**

The Board adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to each officer, director, and employee of the Company. The full text of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is posted on our website at [www.surgepays.com](http://www.surgepays.com). We intend to disclose on our website any future amendments of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or waivers that exempt any principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, persons performing similar functions or our directors from provisions in the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

**Term of Office**

Our directors are appointed at the annual meeting of shareholders and hold office until the annual meeting of the shareholders next succeeding his or her election, or until his or her prior death, resignation or removal in accordance with our bylaws. Our officers are appointed by the Board and hold office until the annual meeting of the Board next succeeding his or her election, and until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, subject to earlier termination by his or her death, resignation or removal.

**Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers and persons who beneficially own 10% or more of a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act to file reports of beneficial ownership and changes in beneficial ownership with the SEC. Directors, executive officers and greater than 10% stockholders are required by the rules and regulations of the SEC to furnish us with copies of all reports filed by them in compliance with Section 16(a). To our knowledge, based solely on a review of reports furnished to it, our officers, directors and ten percent holders have made the required filings other than the following: (i) Mr. Jones has not yet filed a Form 3 following his appointment as a director; (ii) Mr. Cox did not timely file two Form 4s for acquisitions of shares. In addition, following the Uplisting, Mr. Cox received shares of Common Stock in November 2021 pursuant to the conversion of Series C Preferred Stock and conversion of a promissory note. Due to a miscommunication with outside counsel, Mr. Cox has not yet filed a Form 4 for this issuance of shares; (iii) and Mr. May did not timely file his Form 3 following his appointment as a director.

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION****Summary Compensation Table**

The following table shows the compensation for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 for our Chief Executive Officer and our two other executive officers whose total compensation exceeded \$100,000 in each year (the "Named Executive Officers"). In 2020, our Named Executive Officers were Kevin Brian Cox, Anthony Nuzzo, and David Ansani. In 2021, our Named Executive Officers were Kevin Brian Cox, Anthony Nuzzo, and Anthony Evers.

| Name and<br>Principal<br>Position               | Annual Compensation |               |              | Other Annual<br>Compensation<br>(5) | Long-Term Compensation <sup>(3)</sup> |                                     |                       |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Year                | Salary<br>(1) | Bonus<br>(2) |                                     | Restricted<br>Stock<br>Awards         | Securities<br>Underlying<br>Options | Total<br>Compensation |
| Kevin Brian Cox<br>CEO and Director             | 2021                | \$ 733,862    | \$ —         | \$ 38,231                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 772,093            |
|   | 2020                | \$ 251,382    | \$ —         | \$ 36,306                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 287,688            |
| David C. Ansani<br>Chief Administrative Officer | 2021                | \$ 251,422    | \$ —         | \$ 16,125                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 267,547            |
|   | 2020                | \$ 250,879    | \$ —         | \$ 21,435                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 272,314            |
| Anthony Evers <sup>(4)</sup><br>CFO             | 2021                | \$ 386,573    | \$ —         | \$ 24,635                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 411,208            |
|   | 2020                | \$ 225,092    | \$ —         | \$ 15,804                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 240,896            |
| Anthony P. Nuzzo<br>President and Director      | 2021                | \$ 579,157    | \$ —         | \$ 65,629                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 644,786            |
|   | 2020                | \$ 337,119    | \$ —         | \$ 26,779                           | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                | \$ 363,898            |

- (1) Management base salaries can be increased by our Board of Directors based on the attainment of financial and other performance guidelines set by our management.
- (2) Salaries listed do not include annual bonuses to be paid based on profitability and performance. These bonuses will be set, from time to time, by a disinterested majority of our Board of Directors. No bonuses will be set until such time as the aforementioned occurs.
- (3) We plan to adopt the SurgePays, Inc. 2022 Omnibus Securities and Incentive Plan (the "2022 Plan") for both management and strategic consultants which will take effect upon stockholder approval of the 2022 Plan. The 2022 Plan is expected to include incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, or stock bonuses. In addition, we anticipate executing long-term employment contracts with both senior management and strategic contractors, along with other members of the future management team, during the 2022 calendar year. It is anticipated these management agreements will contain compensation terms that could include a combination of cash salary, annual bonuses, insurance and related benefits, matching IRA contributions, restricted stock awards based upon longevity and management incentive stock options.
- (4) Mr. Evers joined us as Chief Financial Officer effective May 1, 2020.
- (5) Other annual compensation consists of paid medical insurance, auto allowances, and housing allowances.

**2022 Plan**

We plan to adopt, in 2022, the 2022 Plan to authorize the issuance of shares of Common Stock pursuant to options or shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to the 2022 Plan. The terms and conditions of any options granted, and the terms and conditions of any stock issued, including the price of the shares of Common Stock issuable on the exercise of vested options, will be governed by the provisions of the 2022 Plan and any agreements with the 2022 Plan participants.

Pursuant to the 2022 Plan, awards may be in the form of Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, or Stock Bonuses.

## Incentive Stock Options

All of our employees will be eligible to receive Incentive Stock Options pursuant to the 2022 Plan as may be determined by the Compensation Committee which, once established, will administer the 2022 Plan.

Options granted pursuant to the 2022 Plan terminate at such time as may be specified when the option is granted.

The total fair market value of the shares of Common Stock (determined at the time of the grant of the option) for which any employee may receive options which are first exercisable in any calendar year may not exceed \$100,000.

In the discretion of the Compensation Committee, once established, options granted pursuant to the 2022 Plan may include instalment exercise terms for any option such that the option becomes fully exercisable in a series of cumulating portions. The Compensation Committee may also accelerate the date upon which any option (or any part of any option) is first exercisable. However, no option, or any portion thereof may be exercisable until one year following the date of grant. In no event shall an option granted to an employee then owning more than 10% of our Common Stock be exercisable by its terms after the expiration of five years from the date of grant, nor shall any other option granted pursuant to the 2022 Plan be exercisable by its terms after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date of grant.

## Non-Qualified Stock Options

Our employees, directors and officers, and consultants or advisors will be eligible to receive Non-Qualified Stock Options pursuant to the 2022 Plan as may be determined by our Compensation Committee which, once established, will administer the 2022 Plan, provided however that bona fide services must be rendered by such consultants or advisors and such services must not be in connection with a capital-raising transaction or promoting our Common Stock.

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Options granted pursuant to the 2022 Plan shall terminate at such time as may be specified when the option is granted.

In the discretion of the Compensation Committee options granted pursuant to the 2022 Plan may include instalment exercise terms for any option such that the option becomes fully exercisable in a series of cumulating portions. The Compensation Committee may also accelerate the date upon which any option (or any part of any option) is first exercisable. In no event shall an option be exercisable by its terms after the expiration of ten years from the date of grant.

## Stock Bonuses

Our employees, directors and officers, and consultants or advisors will be eligible to receive a grant of our shares, provided however that bona fide services must be rendered by such consultants or advisors and such services must not be in connection with a capital-raising transaction or promoting our Common Stock. The grant of the shares rests entirely with our Compensation Committee which will administer the 2022 Plan. It will also be left to the Compensation Committee to decide the type of vesting and transfer restrictions which will be placed on the shares.

### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Option Awards</u>                                       |                      | <u>Option Exercise Price</u> | <u>Option Expiration Date</u> |
|---------------|--|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|               | <u>Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options</u> |                      |                              |                               |
|               | <u>Exercisable</u>   | <u>Unexercisable</u> |                              |                               |
| Anthony Evers | 3,401  | 13,603               | \$ 16.00                     | February 28, 2027             |

### Option Exercises and Stock Vested

| <u>Option Awards</u>                         |                                   | <u>Stock Awards</u>                         |                                  |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <u>Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise</u> | <u>Value Realized on Exercise</u> | <u>Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting</u> | <u>Value Realized on Vesting</u> |
| None.  |                                   |   |                                  |

## Employee Pension, Profit Sharing or other Retirement Plan

We do not have a defined benefit, pension plan, profit sharing or other retirement plan, although we may adopt one or more of such plans in the future.

## Compensation of Executive Officers

Effective May 1, 2020, we began to compensate Mr. Anthony Evers, as our Chief Financial Officer, an annual salary of \$270,000 paid in accordance with our standard employee payroll practices. We also paid the full cost of Mr. Evers' health insurance premiums. Effective August 1, 2021, we began to compensate Mr. Anthony Evers, as Chief Financial Officer of LogicsIQ, Inc., additional annual compensation of \$150,000 paid in accordance with our standard employee payroll practices and a monthly car allowance of \$500.

Effective August 20, 2020, we began to compensate Mr. Kevin Brian Cox, our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, an annual salary of \$750,000 paid in accordance with our standard employee payroll practices. We also provide Mr. Cox with a monthly car allowance of \$1,800.

Effective August 20, 2020, we began to compensate Mr. Anthony P. Nuzzo Jr., our President, Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board, an annual salary of \$550,000 paid in accordance with our standard employee payroll practices. We also provided Mr. Nuzzo with a monthly car allowance of \$1,800. Effective August 1, 2021, Mr. Anthony P. Nuzzo Jr., assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer of LogicsIQ with the same salary and car allowance. In addition, he received a \$10,000 monthly housing allowance.

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Our Company's executive compensation plan is based on attracting and retaining qualified professionals which possess the skills and leadership necessary to enable our Company to achieve earnings and profitability growth to satisfy our stockholders. We must, therefore, create incentives for these executives to achieve both Company and individual performance objectives through the use of performance-based compensation programs. No one component is considered by itself, but all forms of the compensation package are considered in total. Wherever possible, objective measurements will be utilized to quantify performance, but many subjective factors still come into play when determining performance.

As a growth stage company with a plan of action of both vertical and horizontal industry acquisitions (and potential retention of management of acquired businesses), the main elements of compensation packages for executives shall consist of a base salary, stock options under the proposed plan discussed above under this section, and bonuses (cash and/or equity) based upon performance standards to be negotiated.

As we continue to grow, both through acquisition or through revenue growth from existing business interests, and financial conditions improve, these base salaries, bonuses, and incentive compensation will be reviewed for possible adjustments. Base salary adjustments will be based on both individual and Company performance and will include both objective and subjective criteria specific to each executive's role and responsibility to us.

#### Compensation of Directors

We did not make any equity or other compensation payments to non-employee directors during fiscal year 2021.

On July 17, 2019, we entered into a Director Agreement with David N. Keys (the "Keys Director Agreement") whereby Mr. Keys is to be reimbursed for (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending any in-person meetings; and (ii) any costs associated with filings required to be made by Mr. Keys in regards to any beneficial ownership of securities.

In conjunction with the Keys Director Agreement, we entered into an Indemnification Agreement (the "Keys Indemnification Agreement") with Mr. Keys. The Keys Indemnification Agreement indemnifies to the fullest extent permitted under Nevada law for any claims arising out of or resulting from, amongst other things, (i) any actual, alleged or suspected act or failure to act by Mr. Keys in his capacity as a director or agent of the Company and (ii) any actual, alleged or suspected act or failure to act by Mr. Keys in respect of any business, transaction, communication, filing, disclosure or other activity of the Company. Under the Keys Indemnification Agreement, Mr. Keys is indemnified for any losses pertaining to such claims, provided, however, that the losses shall not include expenses incurred by Mr. Keys in respect of any claim as which he shall have been adjudged liable to us, unless the court having jurisdiction rules otherwise. The Keys Indemnification Agreement provides for indemnification of Mr. Keys during his directorship and for a period of six (6) years thereafter.

On February 13, 2021, we entered into Director Agreements and Indemnification Agreements with each of David May and Jay Jones that are substantially similar to the Keys Director Agreement and the Keys Indemnification Agreement.

#### Change of Control

There are no arrangements, known to us, including any pledge by any person of our securities, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of us.

#### ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The following sets forth information as of March 22, 2022, regarding the number of shares of our Common Stock beneficially owned by (i) each person that we know beneficially owns more than 5% of our outstanding Common Stock, (ii) each of our directors and executive officers and (iii) all of our directors and executive officers as a group.

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The amounts and percentages of our Common Stock beneficially owned are reported on the basis of SEC rules governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under the SEC rules, a person is deemed to be a "beneficial owner" of a security if that person has or shares "voting power," which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, or "investment power," which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has the right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days through the exercise of any stock option, warrant or other right, and the conversion of preferred stock. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of the same securities and a person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of securities as to which such person has no economic interest. Unless otherwise indicated, each of the shareholders named in the table below, or his or her family members, has sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares of our Common Stock. Except as otherwise indicated, the address of each of the shareholders listed below is: 3124 Brother Blvd, Suite 410, Bartlett, TN 38133.

| Name of Beneficial Owner <sup>(1)</sup>                            | Total<br>Common<br>Stock<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | % of<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(2)</sup> | Total<br>Series A<br>Preferred<br>Shares<br>Owned <sup>(3)</sup> | % of<br>Series A<br>Class <sup>(3)</sup> | Total % of<br>Votes<br>Outstanding<br>(4) |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Directors and Executive Officers:</b>                           |   |  |  |  |   |
| Kevin Brian Cox  | 5,131,142 <sup>(5)</sup>                                    | 39.17% <sup>(6)</sup>                  | 10,500,000 <sup>(7)</sup>  | 80.77%                                   | 42.20% <sup>(8)</sup>                     |
| Anthony Evers  | 10,672 <sup>(9)</sup> (10)                                  | *                                      | -  | -  | *   |
| David C. Ansani  | 140 <sup>(11)</sup>   | *                                      | -  | -  | *   |
| David N. Keys  | 17,043 <sup>(12)</sup>                                      | *                                      | -  | -  | *   |
| David May  | 106,344   | *                                      | -  | -  | *   |
| Jay Jones  | -   | -                                      | -  | -  | -   |
| <b>All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (6 persons)</b> | 5,265,341   | 40.20%                                 | 10,500,000   | 80.77%                                   | 43.11%                                    |
| <b>5% Shareholders:</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |
| Carter Matzinger <sup>(13)</sup>                                   | 486,160 <sup>(14)</sup>                                     | 1.96%                                  | 2,500,000 <sup>(15)</sup>  | 19.23%                                   | 5.03% <sup>(16)</sup>                     |

\* Less than one (1) percent

(1) The person named in this table has sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock reflected as beneficially owned.

(2) Based on 12,048,775 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 22, 2022.

(3) As of March 22, 2022, there were 13,000,000 shares of Series A issued and outstanding. These shares are convertible into 1,300,000 shares of Common Stock.

While, prior to the Reverse Split, voting rights were equal to ten shares of Common Stock for each share of Series "A" Preferred Stock held, the voting rights of the Series A were affected by the Reverse Split. The 13,000,000 Series A shares currently outstanding represent 2.6 million votes (130 million divided by 50) or 2/10s of a vote for each Series A share held.

- (4) Based on the (i) 12,048,775 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 22, 2022; plus (ii) the 2.6 million votes from the Series A Preferred Stock outstanding as of March 22, 2022, there are 14,648,775 votes outstanding.

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- (5) Includes (i) 3,519,384 shares owned by BLC Family Investments, (ii) 561,758 shares owned by SMDMM, LLC, a Tennessee liability company. Mr. Cox is a beneficial owner of both entities; and (iii) 1,050,000 shares of Common Stock that Mr. Cox's 10,500,000 Series A Preferred Stock shares are convertible into.
- (6) 5,131,142 divided by (i) 12,048,775 shares of Common Stock outstanding plus (ii) the 1,050,000 shares of Common Stock that Mr. Cox's 10,500,000 Series A Preferred Stock shares are convertible into.
- (7) Convertible into 1,050,000 shares of Common Stock and equals 2,100,000 votes.
- (8) 4,081,142 shares of Common Stock currently owned plus 2.1 million votes from the Series A Preferred shares divided by 14,648,775 votes outstanding
- (9) Includes 7,271 shares of Common Stock and 3,401 options that are currently exercisable.
- (10) The 7,271 shares of Common Stock owned are held in Mr. Evers' IRA.
- (11) Shares are held in Mr. Ansani's IRA.
- (12) Includes (i) 1,666 shares held in an IRA owned by Mr. Keys' wife, however, Mr. Keys shares investing and dispositive power over these holdings, (ii) 5,377 shares in total held by two different IRAs owned by Mr. Keys; and (iii) 10,000 shares are held by PCC Holdings LLC. Mr. Keys shares investing and dispositive power over these holdings.
- (13) Mr. Matzinger is an executive of the Company's subsidiary, LogicsIQ. Mr. Matzinger is no longer a Company executive or member of the Board.
- (14) Includes (i) 200,000 shares of Common Stock owned by Thirteen Nevada, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, of which Mr. Matzinger is a beneficial owner, (ii) 36,160 shares of Common Stock owned by Mr. Matzinger; and (iii) 250,000 shares of Common Stock that Mr. Matzinger's 2,500,000 Series A Preferred Stock shares are convertible into.
- (15) Convertible into 250,000 shares of Common Stock and equals 500,000 votes.
- (16) 236,160 shares of Common Stock currently owned plus 500,000 votes from the Series A Preferred shares divided by 14,648,775 votes outstanding

There are no arrangements, known to us, including any pledge by any person of our securities, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of us.

We are not aware of any arrangements that may result in "changes in control" as that term is defined by the provisions of Item 403(c) of Regulation S-K.

### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company had trade payables to Axia of \$163,583 and \$373,012, respectively. Axia is owned by our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Cox.

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company purchased telecom services and access to wireless networks from 321 Communications in the amount of \$843,000 and \$218,334, respectively. These costs are included in Cost of Revenue in the consolidated statements of operations. Mr. Cox is a minority owner of 321 Communications.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company had trade payables to 321 Communications of \$88,898 and \$25,336, respectively.

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The Company contracted with Centercom to provide customer service call center services, manage the sales process to include handling incoming orders, the collection and verification of all documents to comply with FCC regulations, monthly audit of all subscribers to file the USAC 497 form, yearly audit of all subscribers that have been active over one year to file the USAC 555 form (Recertification), information technology professionals to maintain company websites, sales portals and server maintenance. Billings for these services in the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$1,395,674 and \$2,558,041, respectively, and are included in Cost of Revenue in the consolidated statements of operations. Mr. Nuzzo had a 50% interest in Centercom.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company had trade payables to CenterCom Global of \$555,069 and \$1,252,331, respectively.

During 2021, CenterCom forgave \$429,010 of accounts payable owed by SurgePays to Centercom.

See Note 5 long-term debt due to related parties.

### Disclosure of SEC Position on Indemnification of Securities Act Liabilities

Our directors and officers are indemnified as provided by the Nevada corporate law and our bylaws. We have agreed to indemnify each of our directors and certain officers against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the provisions described above, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than our payment of expenses incurred or paid by our director, officer or controlling person in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

We have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act is against public policy as expressed in the Securities

Act, and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities is asserted by one of our directors, officers, or controlling persons in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our legal counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit the question of whether such indemnification is against public policy to a court of appropriate jurisdiction. We will then be governed by the court's decision.

#### ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

##### Fees Billed for Audit and Non-Audit Services

The following table presents for each of the last two fiscal years the aggregate fees billed in connection with the audits of our financial statements and other professional services rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm Rodefer Moss & Co, PLLC.

|                                    | 2021       | 2020       |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Audit Fees (1)                     | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 |
| Audit-Related Fees (2)             |            |            |
| Tax Fees (3)                       | -          | -          |
| All Other Fees (4)                 | -          | -          |
| Total Accounting fees and Services | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 |

- (1) *Audit Fees.* These are fees for professional services for the audit of our annual financial statements, and for the review of the financial statements included in our filings on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, and for services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.
- (2) *Audit-Related Fees.* These are fees for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the registrant's financial statements.
- (3) *Tax Fees.* These are fees for professional services rendered by the principal accountant with respect to tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning.
- (4) *All Other Fees.* These are fees for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported above.

#### PART IV

#### ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description   | Incorporated by Reference |         |             | Filed or Furnished Herewith |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------|
|                |   | Form                      | Exhibit | Filing Date |                             |
| 3.1            | <a href="#">Articles of Incorporation filed August 22, 2006</a>   | SB-2                      | 3.1     | 03/14/2007  |                             |
| 3.2            | <a href="#">Articles of Merger filed July 25, 2008</a>  | S-1/A                     | 3.2     | 10/21/2021  |                             |
| 3.3            | <a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation filed April 27, 2009</a>                        | 10-K/A                    | 3.1     | 05/14/2013  |                             |
| 3.4            | <a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation filed May 13, 2015</a>                          | 8-K/A                     | 3.1     | 12/11/2015  |                             |
| 3.5            | <a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation filed June 30, 2015</a>                         | S-1/A                     | 3.5     | 10/21/2021  |                             |
| 3.6            | <a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation filed October 10, 2017</a>                      | S-1/A                     | 3.6     | 10/21/2021  |                             |
| 3.7            | <a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation filed December 21, 2017</a>                     | S-1/A                     | 3.7     | 10/21/2021  |                             |
| 3.8            | <a href="#">Certificate of Amendment, filed November 1, 2021</a>  | 8-K                       | 3.1     | 11/5/2021   |                             |
| 3.9            | <a href="#">Certificate of Designation of Series A Preferred Stock</a>  | 8-K                       | 10.1    | 08/01/2016  |                             |
| 3.10           | <a href="#">Amendment to Certificate of Designation for Series A Convertible Preferred Stock</a>                  | S-1                       | 3.5     | 09/12/2019  |                             |
| 3.11           | <a href="#">Certificate of Designation for Series C Convertible Preferred Stock</a>                               | 8-K                       | 4.1     | 07/10/2018  |                             |
| 3.12           | <a href="#">Amendment to Certificate of Designation for Series C Convertible Preferred Stock</a>                  | S-1                       | 3.7     | 09/12/2019  |                             |
| 3.13           | <a href="#">Bylaws</a>  | SB-2                      | 3.2     | 03/14/2007  |                             |
| 3.14           | <a href="#">Amended Bylaws</a>  | 10-K/A                    | 3.2     | 05/14/2013  |                             |
| 3.15           | <a href="#">Amended Bylaws</a>  | 8-K/A                     | 3.2     | 12/11/2015  |                             |
| 4.1            | <a href="#">Warrant, dated March 8, 2021, issued to Evergreen Capital Management LLC</a>                          | 8-K                       | 4.2     | 03/16/2021  |                             |
| 4.2            | <a href="#">Form of Underwriter's Warrants</a>  | 8-K                       | 4.1     | 11/5/2021   |                             |
| 4.3            | <a href="#">Warrant Agency Agreement between SurgePays, Inc. and VStock Transfer, LLC, dated November 4, 2021</a> | 8-K                       | 4.2     | 11/5/2021   |                             |
| 4.4            | <a href="#">Description of Securities</a>   |                           |         |             | X                           |

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|-------|--|-------|-------|------------|--|
| 10.1+ | <a href="#">Consulting Agreement, dated September 25, 2017, by and between KSIX MEDIA HOLDINGS, INC. and David C. Ansani</a>               | S-1   | 10.2  | 09/12/2019 |  |
| 10.2+ | <a href="#">Director Agreement, dated July 17, 2019, by and between Surge Holdings, Inc. and David N. Keys</a>                             | 8-K   | 10.1  | 07/24/2019 |  |
| 10.3+ | <a href="#">Director and Officer Indemnification Agreement, dated July 17, 2019, by and between Surge Holdings, Inc. and David N. Keys</a> | 8-K   | 10.2  | 07/24/2019 |  |
| 10.4+ | <a href="#">Employment Agreement, dated March 1, 2020, by and between Surge Holdings, Inc. and Anthony Evers</a>                           | 10-K  | 10.21 | 05/12/2020 |  |
| 10.5  | <a href="#">Promissory Note, issued by Surge Holdings, Inc. to AN Holdings, LLC on April 24, 2020</a>                                      | 10-K  | 10.22 | 05/12/2020 |  |
| 10.6  | <a href="#">Paycheck Protection Program Note, dated April 18, 2020, issued to Bank 3</a>   | 10-Q  | 10.4  | 08/14/2020 |  |
| 10.7  | <a href="#">Office Lease, dated May 5, 2020, by and between Woodfield Financial Center LLC and Surge Holdings Inc.</a>                     | S-1/A | 10.31 | 02/16/2021 |  |
| 10.8  | <a href="#">Master Services Agreement by and between Surge Pays, Inc. and Glass Mountain BPO, dated January 1, 2021</a>                    | S-1/A | 10.32 | 02/16/2021 |  |
| 10.9  | <a href="#">Commercial Lease Agreement, dated July 10, 2019, by and between CardDawg Investments, LLC and Surge Holdings, Inc.</a>         | S-1/A | 10.35 | 02/16/2021 |  |
| 10.10 | <a href="#">Form of On Demand Promissory Note issued by the Company in favor of SMDMM Funding, LLC</a>                                     | S-1/A | 10.36 | 09/22/2021 |  |

|       |  |   |
|-------|--|---|
| 14.1  | <a href="#">SurgePays, Inc. Code of Ethics and Business Conduct</a>  | X |
| 21.1  | <a href="#">List of Subsidiaries</a>   | X |
| 31.1  | <a href="#">Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a> | X |
| 31.2  | <a href="#">Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a> | X |
| 32.1* | <a href="#">Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act 2002</a>         | X |
| 32.2* | <a href="#">Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act 2002</a>         | X |

|         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document                        | X |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema                | X |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase  | X |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase   | X |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase        | X |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase | X |

+ Management contracts or compensation plans or arrangements in which directors or executive officers are eligible to participate.

\* Furnished herewith

#### ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

Not applicable.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### SurgePays, Inc.

Date: March 24, 2022

By: /s/ Kevin Brian Cox  
Name: Kevin Brian Cox  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u>                              | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Date</u>    |
|---|---|----------------|
| <u>/s/ Kevin Brian Cox</u><br>Kevin Brian Cox | Chief Executive Officer and Director<br>(Principal Executive Officer)                     | March 24, 2022 |
| <u>/s/ Anthony Evers</u><br>Anthony Evers     | Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | March 24, 2022 |
| <u>/s/ David N. Keys</u><br>David N. Keys     | Director  | March 24, 2022 |
| <u>/s/ David May</u><br>David May             | Director  | March 24, 2022 |
| <u>/s/ Jay Jones</u><br>Jay Jones             | Director  | March 24, 2022 |

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
SurgePays, Inc. & Subsidiaries  
Bartlett, Tennessee

**Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of SurgePays, Inc. & Subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' deficit and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2021 and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its consolidated operations and its consolidated cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2021, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**Critical Audit Matter**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

*Revenue Recognition**Description of the matter*

The Company generates revenue from the delivery of processing, service and product solutions. Revenue is measured based on consideration specified in a contract with a customer, and the Company recognizes revenue when it satisfies a performance obligation by processing the transaction, which is at a point in time. The Company's revenue consists of a significant volume of transactions sourced from systems and applications. The processing of such transactions and recording of the majority of revenue is system-driven and based on contractual terms with customers. The Company also has significant revenue in lead and case delivery to customers. Revenue is recognized when the services and products are delivered to the customers and control is transferred, which is at a point in time. The Company also has significant revenue from providing services and products under the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. Revenue is recognized after services and products have been delivered to a eligible customer based on contracts with the customer.

*How the Critical Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit*

Our audit procedures related to revenue recognition included the following, among others:

We obtained and understanding and evaluated management's significant accounting policies around revenue recognition for each of the company significant segments including management's assessment of when control of goods and services is transferred to customers.

For a sample of revenue transactions, we tested selected transactions by agreeing the amounts of revenue recognized to source documents and testing the mathematical accuracy of the recorded revenue. We also evaluated the source documents to determine whether terms that may impact revenue recognition were identified and properly considered by management.

**Substantial Doubt About the Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company incurred losses for 2021 and 2020, and at December 31, 2021 had an accumulated deficit. Further, in March of 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. COVID-19 could disrupt the economy, the Company's supply chain, and access to capital sources thus adversely affecting the Company's ability to continue its operations. Management's evaluation of the events and conditions and management's plans regarding those matters also are described in Note 1. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result should management be unable to successfully implement its plan. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

/s/ Rodefer Moss & Co, PLLC

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017  
Brentwood, Tennessee

**SurgePays, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

|  | <u>December 31, 2021</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                          |                          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>  |                          |                          |
| Cash   | \$ 6,283,496             | \$ 673,995               |
| Accounts receivable - net  | 3,249,889                | 180,499                  |
| Lifeline revenue - due from USAC   | -                        | 212,621                  |
| Inventory  | 4,359,296                | 178,309                  |
| Prepays  | -                        | 5,605                    |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>  | <b>13,892,681</b>        | <b>1,251,029</b>         |
| <b>Property and equipment - net</b>  | <b>200,448</b>           | <b>236,810</b>           |
| <b>Other Assets</b>  |                          |                          |
| Note receivable  | 176,851                  | -                        |
| Intangibles - net  | 3,433,484                | 4,125,742                |
| Goodwill   | 866,782                  | 866,782                  |
| Investment in Centercom - related party  | 443,288                  | 414,612                  |
| Operating lease - right of use asset - net   | 486,668                  | 368,638                  |
| Other  | -                        | 61,458                   |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>  | <b>5,407,073</b>         | <b>5,837,232</b>         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b>\$ 19,500,202</b>     | <b>\$ 7,325,071</b>      |
| <b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Deficit</b>   |                          |                          |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>   |                          |                          |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | \$ 6,602,577             | \$ 6,827,487             |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses - related party  | 1,389,798                | 1,753,837                |
| Deferred revenue   | 276,250                  | 443,300                  |
| Operating lease liability  | 49,352                   | 210,556                  |
| Line of credit   | -                        | 912,870                  |
| Loans payable - related parties  | 1,553,799                | 2,389,000                |
| Notes payable - SBA government   | 126,418                  | -                        |
| Notes payable - net  | -                        | 250,000                  |
| Convertible notes payable - net  | -                        | 1,516,170                |
| Derivative liabilities   | -                        | 1,357,528                |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>   | <b>9,998,194</b>         | <b>15,660,748</b>        |
| <b>Long Term Liabilities</b>   |                          |                          |
| Loans payable - related parties  | 4,507,017                | 1,100,440                |
| Notes payable - SBA government   | 1,004,767                | 1,134,682                |
| Operating lease liability  | 438,903                  | 155,167                  |
| <b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>   | <b>5,950,687</b>         | <b>2,390,289</b>         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>   | <b>15,948,881</b>        | <b>18,051,037</b>        |
| <b>Commitments and Contingencies (Note 8)</b>  |                          |                          |
| <b>Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)</b>  |                          |                          |
| Series A, Convertible Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 13,000,000 and 13,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | 260                      | 260                      |
| Series C, Convertible Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, 0 and 721,598 shares issued and outstanding, respectively               | -                        | 722                      |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized 12,063,834 and 2,542,624 shares issued and outstanding, respectively                            | 12,064                   | 2,543                    |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 38,662,340               | 10,862,708               |
| Accumulated deficit  | (35,123,343)             | (21,592,199)             |
| <b>Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)</b>  | <b>3,551,321</b>         | <b>(10,725,966)</b>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)</b>  | <b>\$ 19,500,202</b>     | <b>\$ 7,325,071</b>      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

**SurgePays, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**

| <u>For the Years Ended December 31,</u> |             |
|---|-------------|
| <u>2021</u>                             | <u>2020</u> |



|  |    |                     |    |                     |
|--|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>  | \$ | 51,060,589          | \$ | 54,406,788          |
| <b>Costs and expenses</b>                                    |    |                     |    |                     |
| Cost of revenue  |    | 44,890,610          |    | 51,938,111          |
| General and administrative expenses                          |    | 12,162,547          |    | 12,614,345          |
| <b>Total costs and expenses</b>                              |    | <u>57,053,157</u>   |    | <u>64,552,456</u>   |
| <b>Loss from operations</b>                                  |    | <u>(5,992,568)</u>  |    | <u>(10,145,668)</u> |
| <b>Other income (expense)</b>                                |    |                     |    |                     |
| Interest expense   |    | (3,840,616)         |    | (4,801,520)         |
| Derivative expense   |    | (1,775,057)         |    | (566,789)           |
| Change in fair value of derivative liabilities               |    | 1,806,763           |    | 577,936             |
| Gain on investment in Centercom - related party              |    | 28,676              |    | 210,912             |
| Gain on settlement of liabilities                            |    | 1,469,641           |    | 2,575,978           |
| Amortization of debt discount                                |    | (3,677,121)         |    | 1,417,524           |
| Gain on deconsolidation of True Wireless                     |    | 1,895,871           |    | -                   |
| Settlement expense   |    | (3,750,000)         |    | -                   |
| Warrant modification expense                                 |    | (74,476)            |    | -                   |
| Other income   |    | 377,743             |    | 10,000              |
| <b>Total other income (expense) - net</b>                    |    | <u>(7,538,576)</u>  |    | <u>(575,959)</u>    |
| <b>Net loss</b>  | \$ | <u>(13,531,144)</u> | \$ | <u>(10,721,627)</u> |
| <b>Loss per share - basic and diluted</b>                    | \$ | <u>(3.09)</u>       | \$ | <u>(5.02)</u>       |
| <b>Weighted average number of shares - basic and diluted</b> |    | <u>4,381,709</u>    |    | <u>2,134,417</u>    |

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**SurgePays, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

|  | Series A Preferred Stock |          | Series C Preferred Stock |          | Common Stock |          | Additional Paid-in Capital | Accumulated Deficit | Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit) |
|--|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | Shares                   | Amount   | Shares                   | Amount   | Shares       | Amount   |                            |                     |                                      |
| <b>December 31, 2020</b>   | 260,000                  | \$ 260   | 721,598                  | \$ 722   | 2,542,624    | \$ 2,543 | \$ 10,862,708              | \$ (21,592,199)     | \$ (10,725,966)                      |
| Stock issued for services rendered and recognition of share based compensation (\$5 - \$14.05/share) | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 13,411       | 13       | 3,562                      | -                   | 3,575                                |
| Conversion of Series C, preferred stock into common stock  | -                        | -        | (721,598)                | (722)    | 3,607,980    | 3,608    | (2,886)                    | -                   | -                                    |
| Stock issued for cash (\$4.30 - \$8/share)   | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 4,862,247    | 4,862    | 21,294,800                 | -                   | 21,299,662                           |
| Direct offering costs paid in connection with stock issued for cash                                  | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | -            | -        | (2,222,952)                | -                   | (2,222,952)                          |
| Stock and warrants issued with debt recorded as a debt discount                                      | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 18,000       | 18       | 2,645,872                  | -                   | 2,645,890                            |
| Conversion of debt (\$.05 - \$10.38/share)   | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 709,674      | 710      | 3,362,851                  | -                   | 3,363,561                            |
| Stock issued under make-whole arrangement (\$5.60 - \$6/share)                                       | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 15,147       | 15       | 90,386                     | -                   | 90,401                               |
| Stock issued in connection with debt modification (\$5.60 - \$8/share)                               | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 13,916       | 14       | 108,917                    | -                   | 108,931                              |
| Stock issued in settlement of liabilities (\$4.50 - \$15.99/share)                                   | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 276,702      | 277      | 1,997,700                  | -                   | 1,997,977                            |
| Stock issued for acquisition of membership interest in ECS (\$8.95/share)                            | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 2,000        | 2        | 17,898                     | -                   | 17,900                               |
| Exercise of warrants (\$0.001/share)   | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | 2,133        | 2        | (2)                        | -                   | -                                    |
| Warrant modification expense   | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | -            | -        | 74,476                     | -                   | 74,476                               |
| Forgiveness of accounts payable - Centercom - related party  | -                        | -        | -                        | -        | -            | -        | 429,010                    | -                   | 429,010                              |
| <b>Net loss</b>  | <u>-</u>                 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u>                 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u>     | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u>                   | <u>(13,531,144)</u> | <u>(13,531,144)</u>                  |

|                          |                |               |          |             |                   |                  |                      |                        |                     |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>December 31, 2021</b> | <u>260,000</u> | <u>\$ 260</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>12,063,834</u> | <u>\$ 12,064</u> | <u>\$ 38,662,340</u> | <u>\$ (35,123,343)</u> | <u>\$ 3,551,321</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|

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**SurgePays, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Deficit**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

|  | Series A Preferred Stock |               | Series C Preferred Stock |               | Common Stock     |                 | Additional Paid-in Capital | Accumulated Deficit    | Total Stockholders' Deficit |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | Shares                   | Amount        | Shares                   | Amount        | Shares           | Amount          |                            |                        |                             |
| <b>December 31, 2019</b>   | <b>260,000</b>           | <b>\$ 260</b> | <b>721,598</b>           | <b>\$ 722</b> | <b>2,043,872</b> | <b>\$ 2,042</b> | <b>\$ 6,167,933</b>        | <b>\$ (10,870,572)</b> | <b>\$ (4,699,615)</b>       |
| Recognition of share based compensation                            | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | 1,720            | 2               | 182,966                    | -                      | 182,968                     |
| Stock and warrants issued for cash (\$9.41/share)                  | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | 113,563          | 114             | 1,068,386                  | -                      | 1,068,500                   |
| Stock issued with debt recorded as a debt discount (\$17.18/share) | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | 57,840           | 58              | 993,722                    | -                      | 993,780                     |
| Stock issued for conversion of debt (\$8.51/share)                 | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | 268,534          | 269             | 2,284,771                  | -                      | 2,285,040                   |
| Make whole stock issued pursuant to SPA (\$4.74/share)             | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | 79,614           | 80              | 377,412                    | -                      | 377,492                     |
| Stock issued for modification of debt (\$7.05/share)               | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | 9,600            | 10              | 67,640                     | -                      | 67,650                      |
| Stock issued for acquisition (\$14.18/share)                       | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | 15,500           | 16              | 219,830                    | -                      | 219,846                     |
| Stock repurchased for cash (\$10.50/share)                         | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | (47,619)         | (48)            | (499,952)                  | -                      | (500,000)                   |
| Net loss   | -                        | -             | -                        | -             | -                | -               | -                          | (10,721,627)           | (10,721,627)                |
| <b>December 31, 2020</b>   | <b>260,000</b>           | <b>\$ 260</b> | <b>721,598</b>           | <b>\$ 722</b> | <b>2,542,624</b> | <b>\$ 2,543</b> | <b>\$ 10,862,708</b>       | <b>\$ (21,592,199)</b> | <b>\$ (10,725,966)</b>      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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**SurgePays, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

|  | For the Years Ended December 31, |                    |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|  | 2021                             | 2020               |
| <b>Operating activities</b>                                      |                                  |                    |
| Net loss   | \$ (13,531,144)                  | \$ (10,721,627)    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operations |                                  |                    |
| Bad debt expense   | 24,841                           | 1,750,239          |
| Depreciation and amortization                                    | 759,383                          | 1,173,369          |
| Amortization of right-of-use assets                              | 158,085                          | 197,381            |
| Amortization of debt discount                                    | 3,677,121                        | 2,016,764          |
| Recognition of share based compensation                          | 3,575                            | 182,968            |
| Change in fair value of derivative liabilities                   | (1,806,763)                      | (577,936)          |
| Derivative expense   | 1,775,057                        | 566,789            |
| Gain on settlement of liabilities                                | (1,443,016)                      | (2,644,960)        |
| Gain on equity method investment - Centercom - related party     | (28,676)                         | (210,912)          |
| Gain on forgiveness of PPP loan                                  | (371,664)                        | -                  |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiary (True Wireless)            | (1,895,871)                      | -                  |
| Warrant modification expense                                     | 74,476                           | -                  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities                      |                                  |                    |
| (Increase) decrease in   |                                  |                    |
| Accounts receivable  | (3,094,231)                      | 1,146,611          |
| Lifeline revenue - due from USAC                                 | 105,532                          | (151,831)          |
| Inventory  | (4,255,637)                      | (178,309)          |
| Prepays  | 5,605                            | 91,278             |
| Other  | 61,458                           | 4,999              |
| Increase (decrease) in   |                                  |                    |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                            | 4,056,812                        | 2,824,165          |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses - related party            | 757,429                          | -                  |
| Deferred revenue   | (167,050)                        | 405,260            |
| Operating lease liability  | (153,583)                        | (200,296)          |
| <b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>                     | <b>(15,288,261)</b>              | <b>(4,326,048)</b> |
| <b>Investing activities</b>                                      |                                  |                    |
| Purchase of property and equipment                               | (51,408)                         | (6,605)            |

|  |                     |                   |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cash disposed in deconsolidation of subsidiary (True Wireless)                       | (325,316)           | -                 |
| Repayment of notes receivable  | -                   | 14,959            |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>                           | <b>(376,724)</b>    | <b>8,354</b>      |
| <b>Financing activities</b>  |                     |                   |
| Proceeds from stock and warrants issued for cash                                     | 21,299,662          | 1,068,500         |
| Cash paid for direct offering costs  | (2,222,952)         | -                 |
| Repurchase of common stock   | -                   | (500,000)         |
| Proceeds from loans - related party  | 4,355,386           | 1,579,710         |
| Repayments of loans - related party  | (2,476,468)         | (295,710)         |
| Proceeds from notes payable  | 1,101,000           | 3,481,582         |
| Repayments on notes payable  | (1,377,257)         | (280,636)         |
| Proceeds from SBA notes  | 518,167             | -                 |
| Proceeds from convertible notes  | 2,550,000           | -                 |
| Repayments on convertible notes - net of overpayment                                 | (2,473,052)         | (245,797)         |
| Cash paid for debt issuance costs  | -                   | (162,000)         |
| <b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>                                     | <b>21,274,486</b>   | <b>4,645,649</b>  |
| <b>Net decrease in cash</b>  | <b>5,609,501</b>    | <b>327,955</b>    |
| <b>Cash - beginning of year</b>  | <b>673,995</b>      | <b>346,040</b>    |
| <b>Cash - end of year</b>  | <b>\$ 6,283,496</b> | <b>\$ 673,995</b> |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information</b>                              |                     |                   |
| Cash paid for interest   | \$ 866,684          | \$ 98,113         |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities</b>        |                     |                   |
| Debt discount/issue costs recorded in connection with debt/derivative liabilities    | \$ 2,748,084        | \$ 1,457,402      |
| Conversion of Series C, preferred stock into common stock                            | \$ 722              | \$ -              |
| Gain on forgiveness of Centercom AP - Related Party                                  | \$ 429,010          | \$ -              |
| Stock issued in settlement of liabilities  | \$ 1,997,977        | \$ -              |
| Conversion of debt into equity   | \$ 3,363,561        | \$ -              |
| Right-of-use asset obtained in exchange for new operating lease liability            | \$ 515,848          | \$ 355,203        |
| Termination of ECS ROU lease   | \$ 228,752          | \$ -              |
| Stock issued in connection with debt modification                                    | \$ 108,931          | \$ 67,650         |
| Stock issued under make-whole arrangement  | \$ 90,401           | \$ 165,000        |
| Stock issued for acquisition of membership interest in ECS                           | \$ 17,900           | \$ -              |
| Reclassification of accrued interest - related party to note payable - related party | \$ 692,458          | \$ -              |
| Deconsolidation of subsidiary (True Wireless)  | \$ 2,434,552        | \$ -              |
| Stock issued for acquisition   | \$ -                | \$ 210,794        |
| Stock and warrants issued with debt recorded as a debt discount                      | \$ -                | \$ 993,780        |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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**SURGEPAYS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

**Note 1 - Organization and Nature of Operations**

**Organization and Nature of Operations**

SurgePays, Inc. ("SurgePays," "SP," "we," "our" or "the Company"), and its operating subsidiaries, is a technology-driven company building a next generation supply chain software platform that can offer wholesale goods and services more cost efficiently than traditional and existing wholesale distribution models.

The parent (SurgePays, Inc.) and subsidiaries are organized as follows:

| Company Name                        | Incorporation Date | State of Incorporation |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| SurgePays, Inc.                     | August 18, 2006    | Tennessee              |
| KSIX Media, Inc.                    | November 5, 2014   | Nevada                 |
| KSIX, LLC                           | September 14, 2011 | Nevada                 |
| Surge Blockchain, LLC               | January 29, 2009   | Nevada                 |
| Injury Survey, LLC                  | July 28, 2020      | Nevada                 |
| DigitizeIQ, LLC                     | July 23, 2014      | Illinois               |
| Surge Logics, Inc.                  | October 2, 2018    | Nevada                 |
| Surge Payments, LLC                 | December 17, 2018  | Nevada                 |
| Surgephone Wireless, LLC            | August 29, 2019    | Nevada                 |
| SurgePays Fintech, Inc.             | August 22, 2019    | Nevada                 |
| True Wireless, Inc.                 | October 29, 2020   | Oklahoma               |
| ECS Prepaid, LLC                    | June 9, 2009       | Missouri               |
| Central States Legal Services, Inc. | August 1, 2003     | Missouri               |
| Electronic Check Services, Inc.     | May 19, 1999       | Missouri               |

\* Entity was disposed of on May 7, 2021. See below.

## Impact of COVID-19

The ongoing COVID-19 global and national health emergency has caused significant disruption in the international and United States economies and financial markets. In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The spread of COVID-19 has caused illness, quarantines, cancellation of events and travel, business and school shutdowns, reduction in business activity and financial transactions, labor shortages, supply chain interruptions and overall economic and financial market instability. The COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to significantly impact the Company's supply chain, distribution centers, or logistics and other service providers.

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In addition, a severe prolonged economic downturn could result in a variety of risks to the business, including weakened demand for products and services and a decreased ability to raise additional capital when needed on acceptable terms, if at all. As the situation continues to evolve, the Company will continue to closely monitor market conditions and respond accordingly.

We have implemented adjustments to our operations designed to keep employees safe and comply with international, federal, state, and local guidelines, including those regarding social distancing. The extent to which COVID-19 may further impact the Company's business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence. In response to COVID-19, the United States government has passed legislation and taken other actions to provide financial relief to companies and other organizations affected by the pandemic.

The ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's operations is unknown and will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence, including the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak, new information which may emerge concerning the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, and any additional preventative and protective actions that governments, or the Company, may direct, which may result in an extended period of continued business disruption, reduced customer traffic and reduced operations.

Any resulting financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time but is anticipated to have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

To date, the Company has not experienced any significant negative economic impact due to COVID-19.

### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

### **Liquidity, Going Concern and Management's Plans**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business.

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As reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements, for the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company had:

- Net loss of \$13,531,144; and
- Net cash used in operations was \$15,288,261

Additionally, at December 31, 2021, the Company had:

- Accumulated deficit of \$35,123,343
- Stockholders' equity of \$3,551,321; and
- Working capital of \$3,894,487

We manage liquidity risk by reviewing, on an ongoing basis, our sources of liquidity and capital requirements. The Company has cash on hand of \$6,283,496 at December 31, 2021.

The Company has incurred significant losses since its inception and has not demonstrated an ability to generate sufficient revenues from the sales of its products and services to achieve profitable operations. There can be no assurance that profitable operations will ever be achieved, or if achieved, could be sustained on a continuing basis. In making this assessment we performed a comprehensive analysis of our current circumstances including: our financial position, our cash flows and cash usage forecasts for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021, and our current capital structure including equity-based instruments and our obligations and debts.

The Company may explore obtaining additional capital financing and the Company is closely monitoring its cash balances, cash needs, and expense levels. See Notes 5 and 9 for debt and equity capital raises.

The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis that assumes the Company will continue as a going concern and which contemplates the realization of assets and satisfaction of liabilities and commitments in the ordinary course of business.

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Management's strategic plans include the following:

- Continue the hyper growth of the Affordable Connectivity Program revenue stream, Execution of business plan and significant revenue growth from prior period,
- Pursuing a line of credit to achieve the hyper growth of the Affordable Connectivity Program,
- Expand product and services offerings to a larger surrounding geographic area,
- Continuing to explore and execute prospective partnering or distribution opportunities; and
- Identifying unique market opportunities that represent potential positive short-term cash flow.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Principles of Consolidation**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

**Business Combinations**

The Company accounts for business acquisitions using the acquisition method of accounting, in accordance with which assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their respective fair values at the acquisition date.

The fair value of the consideration paid, including contingent consideration, is assigned to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their respective fair values. Goodwill represents excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

Significant judgments are used in determining fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as well as intangibles. Fair value and useful life determinations are based on, among other factors, estimates of future expected cash flows, and appropriate discount rates used in computing present values. These judgments may materially impact the estimates used in allocating acquisition date fair values to assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as well as the Company's current and future operating results. Actual results may vary from these estimates which may result in adjustments to goodwill and acquisition date fair values of assets and liabilities during a measurement period or upon a final determination of asset and liability fair values, whichever occurs first. Adjustments to fair values of assets and liabilities made after the end of the measurement period are recorded within the Company's operating results.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, goodwill was \$866,782, respectively. There were no impairment losses for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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**Deconsolidation of Subsidiary**

In accordance with ASC Topic 810-10-40, a parent company must deconsolidate a subsidiary as of the date the parent ceases to have a controlling interest in that subsidiary and recognize a gain or loss in net income at that time.

On May 7, 2021, the Company disposed of its subsidiary True Wireless, Inc. ("TW"), however we retained \$1,097,659 in liabilities which consisted of \$1,077,659 in accounts payable and accrued expenses as well as \$20,000 in related party loans. During 2021, the \$20,000 was forgiven. In connection with the sale, the Company received an unsecured note receivable for \$176,851, bearing interest at 0.6%, with a default interest rate of 10%. The Company will receive twenty-five (25) payments of principal and accrued interest totaling \$7,461 commencing in June 2023. Payments are scheduled as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

|  |                                    |                   |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2022                               | -                 |
|  | 2023                               | 52,227            |
|  | 2024                               | 89,532            |
|  | 2025                               | 44,766            |
|  |                                    | <u>186,525</u>    |
|  | Less: amount representing interest | (9,674)           |
|  | Total                              | <u>\$ 176,851</u> |

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As a result of the sale, we deconsolidated our entire ownership interest in TW from our consolidated financial statements on May 7, 2021, the effective date of the sale agreement, and recognized a gain on deconsolidation of \$1,895,871 as follows:

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Consideration  |                   |
| Note receivable  | \$ <u>176,851</u> |
| Fair value of consideration received   | 176,851           |
| Recognized amounts of identifiable assets sold and liabilities assumed by buyer: |                   |
| Cash   | 325,316           |
| Lifeline revenue due from USAC   | 74,650            |
| Inventory  | 107,089           |
| Property and equipment - net   | 20,645            |
| Operating lease - right of use asset - net                                       | <u>10,981</u>     |

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Total assets sold                        | 538,681          |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses    | 1,183,850        |
| Line of credit                           | 912,870          |
| Note payable - SBA government            | 150,000          |
| Operating lease liability                | 10,981           |
| Total liabilities assumed by buyer       | <u>2,257,701</u> |
| Total net liabilities assumed by buyer   | <u>1,719,020</u> |
| Gain on deconsolidation of True Wireless | <u>1,895,871</u> |

### Business Segments and Concentrations

The Company uses the "management approach" to identify its reportable segments. The management approach requires companies to report segment financial information consistent with information used by management for making operating decisions and assessing performance as the basis for identifying the Company's reportable segments. The Company manages its business as multiple reportable segments.

Customers in the United States accounted for 100% of our revenues. We do not have any property or equipment outside of the United States.

See Note 10 regarding segment disclosure.

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### Use of Estimates

Preparing financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and those estimates may be material.

Significant estimates during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, include, allowance for doubtful accounts and other receivables, inventory reserves and classifications, valuation of beneficial conversion features in convertible debt, valuation of loss contingencies, valuation of derivative liabilities, valuation of stock-based compensation, estimated useful lives related to intangible assets and property and equipment, implicit interest rate in right-of-use operating leases, uncertain tax positions, and the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets.

### Risks and Uncertainties

The Company operates in an industry that is subject to intense competition and change in consumer demand. The Company's operations are subject to significant risk and uncertainties including financial and operational risks including the potential risk of business failure.

The Company has experienced, and in the future expects to continue to experience, variability in sales and earnings. The factors expected to contribute to this variability include, among others, (i) the cyclical nature of the industry, (ii) general economic conditions in the various local markets in which the Company competes, including a potential general downturn in the economy, and (iii) the volatility of prices in connection with the Company's distribution of the product. These factors, among others, make it difficult to project the Company's operating results on a consistent basis.

### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company accounts for financial instruments under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements*. ASC 820 provides a framework for measuring fair value and requires disclosures regarding fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, based on the Company's principal or, in absence of a principal, most advantageous market for the specific asset or liability.

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The Company uses a three-tier fair value hierarchy to classify and disclose all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as well as assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, in periods subsequent to their initial measurement. The hierarchy requires the Company to use observable inputs when available, and to minimize the use of unobservable inputs, when determining fair value.

The three tiers are defined as follows:

- Level 1—Observable inputs that reflect quoted market prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Level 2—Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly in the marketplace for identical or similar assets and liabilities; and
- Level 3—Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market data, which require the Company to develop its own assumptions.

The determination of fair value and the assessment of a measurement's placement within the hierarchy requires judgment. Level 3 valuations often involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity. Level 3 valuations may require the use of various cost, market, or income valuation methodologies applied to unobservable management estimates and assumptions. Management's assumptions could vary depending on the asset or liability valued and the valuation method used. Such assumptions could include estimates of prices, earnings, costs, actions of market participants, market factors, or the weighting of various valuation methods. The Company may also engage external advisors to assist us in determining fair value, as appropriate.

Although the Company believes that the recorded fair value of our financial instruments is appropriate, these fair values may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of

future fair values.

The Company's financial instruments, including cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses, and accounts payable and accrued expenses – related party, are carried at historical cost. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, the carrying amounts of these instruments approximated their fair values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

ASC 825-10 "Financial Instruments" allows entities to voluntarily choose to measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value ("fair value option"). The fair value option may be elected on an instrument-by-instrument basis and is irrevocable unless a new election date occurs. If the fair value option is elected for an instrument, unrealized gains and losses for that instrument should be reported in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The Company did not elect to apply the fair value option to any outstanding financial instruments.

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**Cash and Cash Equivalents and Concentration of Credit Risk**

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid instruments with a maturity of three months or less at the purchase date and money market accounts to be cash equivalents.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, the Company did not have any cash equivalents.

The Company is exposed to credit risk on its cash and cash equivalents in the event of default by the financial institutions to the extent account balances exceed the amount insured by the FDIC, which is \$250,000. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company did not experience any losses on cash balances in excess of FDIC insured limits.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding customer balances. Credit is extended to customers based on an evaluation of their financial condition and other factors. Interest is not accrued on overdue accounts receivable. The Company does not require collateral.

Management periodically assesses the Company's accounts receivable and, if necessary, establishes an allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts based upon a review of the outstanding accounts receivable, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. Accounts determined to be uncollectible are charged to operations when that determination is made.

Allowance for doubtful accounts was \$137,218 and \$116,664 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded a bad debt expense of \$24,841 and \$1,750,239.

Bad debt expense (recovery) is recorded as a component of general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

**Inventory**

Inventory consists primarily of tablets and sim cards (at December 31, 2021), as well as masks, hand sanitizer and other miscellaneous items (at December 31, 2020). Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) valuation method. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company had inventory of \$4,359,296 and \$178,309, respectively.

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**Impairment of Long-lived Assets**

Management evaluates the recoverability of the Company's identifiable intangible assets and other long-lived assets when events or circumstances indicate a potential impairment exists, in accordance with the provisions of ASC 360-10-35-15 "Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." Events and circumstances considered by the Company in determining whether the carrying value of identifiable intangible assets and other long-lived assets may not be recoverable include but are not limited to significant changes in performance relative to expected operating results; significant changes in the use of the assets; significant negative industry or economic trends; and changes in the Company's business strategy. In determining if impairment exists, the Company estimates the undiscounted cash flows to be generated from the use and ultimate disposition of these assets.

If impairment is indicated based on a comparison of the assets' carrying values and the undiscounted cash flows, the impairment to be recognized is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets.

There were no impairment losses for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Expenditures for repair and maintenance which do not materially extend the useful lives of property and equipment are charged to operations. When property or equipment is sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts with the resulting gain or loss reflected in operations.

Management reviews the carrying value of its property and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable.

There were no impairment losses for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**Right of Use Assets and Lease Obligations**

The Right of Use Asset and Lease Liability reflect the present value of the Company's estimated future minimum lease payments over the lease term, which may include options that are reasonably assured of being exercised, discounted using a collateralized incremental borrowing rate.

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Typically, renewal options are considered reasonably assured of being exercised if the associated asset lives of the building or leasehold improvements exceed that of the initial lease term, and the performance of the business remains strong. Therefore, the Right of Use Asset and Lease Liability may include an assumption on renewal options that have not yet been exercised by the Company. At September 30, 2021, the Company's operating leases contained renewal options for periods ranging from three to five years that expire at various dates with no residual value guarantees. Future obligations relating to the exercise of renewal options is included in the measurement if, based on the judgment of management, the renewal option is reasonably certain to be exercised. Factors in determining whether an option is reasonably certain of exercise include, but are not limited to, the value of leasehold improvements, the value of the renewal rate compared to market rates, and the presence of factors that would cause a significant economic penalty to the Company if the option is not exercised. Management reasonably plans to exercise all options, and as such, all renewal options are included in the measurement of the right-of-use assets and operating lease liabilities.

As the rate implicit in leases are not readily determinable, the Company uses an incremental borrowing rate to calculate the lease liability that represents an estimate of the interest rate the Company would incur to borrow on a collateralized basis over the term of a lease within a particular currency environment. See Note 8.

**Derivative Liabilities**

The Company analyzes all financial instruments with features of both liabilities and equity under FASBASC Topic No. 480, ("ASC 480"), "*Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*" and FASBASC Topic No. 815, ("ASC 815") "*Derivatives and Hedging*". Derivative liabilities are adjusted to reflect fair value at each period end, with any increase or decrease in the fair value being recorded in results of operations as adjustments to fair value of derivatives. The Company uses a binomial model to determine fair value.

Upon conversion of a note where the embedded conversion option has been bifurcated and accounted for as a derivative liability, the Company records the shares at fair value, relieves all related notes, derivatives, and debt discounts, and recognizes a net gain or loss on extinguishment. Equity instruments that are initially classified as equity that become subject to reclassification under ASC Topic 815 are reclassified to liabilities at the fair value of the instrument on the reclassification date.

The Company has adopted ASU 2017-11, "*Earnings per share (Topic 260)*", provided that when determining whether certain financial instruments should be classified as liability or equity instruments, a down round feature no longer precludes equity classification when assessing whether the instrument is indexed to an entity's own stock.

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The guidance simplifies the accounting for certain equity-linked financial instruments and embedded features with down round features that reduce the exercise price when the pricing of a future round of financing is lower. This allows the company to treat such instruments or their embedded features as equity instead of considering them as a derivative liability. If such a feature is triggered the value is measured pre-trigger and post-trigger. The difference in these two measurements is treated as a dividend, reducing income, which will reduce the income available to common stockholders.

If a down round feature on the conversion option embedded in the note is triggered, the Company will evaluate whether a beneficial conversion feature exists, the Company will record the amount as a debt discount and will amortize it over the remaining term of the debt.

**Convertible Notes with Fixed Rate Conversion Options**

The Company may enter into convertible notes, some of which may contain fixed rate conversion features, whereby the outstanding principal and accrued interest may be converted, by the holder, into common shares at a fixed discount to the price of the common stock at the time of conversion. The Company measures the fair value of the notes at the time of issuance, which is the result of the share price discount at the time of conversion and records the premium to interest expense on the note issuance date.

**Beneficial Conversion Features**

For instruments that are not considered liabilities under ASC 480 or ASC 815, the Company applies ASC 470-20 to convertible securities with beneficial conversion features that must be settled in stock. ASC 470-20 requires that the beneficial conversion feature be valued at the commitment date as the difference between the effective conversion price and the fair market value of the common stock (whereby the conversion price is lower than the fair market value) into which the security is convertible, multiplied by the number of shares into which the security is convertible limited to the amount of the loan. This amount is recorded as a debt discount and amortized to interest expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**Debt Issue Cost**

Debt issuance cost paid to lenders, or third parties are recorded as debt discounts and amortized to interest expense in the consolidated statements of operations, over the life of the underlying debt instrument.

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**Revenue Recognition**

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with ASC 606 to align revenue recognition more closely with the delivery of the Company's services and will provide financial statement readers with enhanced disclosures. In accordance with ASC 606, revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of promised services. The amount of revenue recognized reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled to receive in exchange for these services. To achieve this core principle, the Company applies the following five steps:



#### Identify the contract with a customer

A contract with a customer exists when (i) the Company enters into an enforceable contract with a customer that defines each party's rights regarding the services to be transferred and identifies the payment terms related to these services, (ii) the contract has commercial substance and, (iii) the Company determines that collection of substantially all consideration for services that are transferred is probable based on the customer's intent and ability to pay the promised consideration. The Company applies judgment in determining the customer's ability and intention to pay, which is based on a variety of factors including the customer's historical payment experience or, in the case of a new customer, published credit and financial information pertaining to the customer.

#### Identify the performance obligations in the contract

Performance obligations promised in a contract are identified based on the services that will be transferred to the customer that are both capable of being distinct, whereby the customer can benefit from the service either on its own or together with other resources that are readily available from third parties or from the Company, and are distinct in the context of the contract, whereby the transfer of the services is separately identifiable from other promises in the contract. To the extent a contract includes multiple promised services, the Company must apply judgment to determine whether promised services are capable of being distinct and distinct in the context of the contract. If these criteria are not met the promised services are accounted for as a combined performance obligation.

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#### Determine the transaction price

The transaction price is determined based on the consideration to which the Company will be entitled in exchange for transferring services to the customer. To the extent the transaction price includes variable consideration, the Company estimates the amount of variable consideration that should be included in the transaction price utilizing either the expected value method or the most likely amount method depending on the nature of the variable consideration. Variable consideration is included in the transaction price if, in the Company's judgment, it is probable that a significant future reversal of cumulative revenue under the contract will not occur. None of the Company's contracts as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, contained a significant financing component.

#### Allocate the transaction price to performance obligations in the contract

If the contract contains a single performance obligation, the entire transaction price is allocated to the single performance obligation. However, if a series of distinct services that are substantially the same qualifies as a single performance obligation in a contract with variable consideration, the Company must determine if the variable consideration is attributable to the entire contract or to a specific part of the contract. For example, a bonus or penalty may be associated with one or more, but not all, distinct services promised in a series of distinct services that forms part of a single performance obligation. Contracts that contain multiple performance obligations require an allocation of the transaction price to each performance obligation based on a relative standalone selling price basis unless the transaction price is variable and meets the criteria to be allocated entirely to a performance obligation or to a distinct service that forms part of a single performance obligation. The Company determines standalone selling price based on the price at which the performance obligation is sold separately. If the standalone selling price is not observable through past transactions, the Company estimates the standalone selling price taking into account available information such as market conditions and internally approved pricing guidelines related to the performance obligations.

#### Recognize revenue when or as the Company satisfies a performance obligation

The Company satisfies performance obligations either over time or at a point in time. Revenue is recognized at the time the related performance obligation is satisfied by transferring a promised service to a customer.

The following reflects additional discussion regarding our revenue recognition policies for each of our material revenue streams. For each revenue stream we do not offer any returns, refunds or warranties, and no arrangements are cancellable. Additionally, all contract consideration is fixed and determinable at the initiation of the contract. Performance obligations for TW and LogicsIQ are satisfied when services are performed. Performance obligations for ECS and SB are satisfied at point of sale. For each revenue stream we only have a single performance obligation.

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#### True Wireless (TW)

TW is licensed to provide wireless services to qualifying low-income customers in five states. Revenues are recognized when a lifeline application is completed and accepted. Each month we reconcile subscriber usage to ensure the service was utilized. A monthly file is submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company for review and approval, at which time we have completed our performance obligation and recognize accounts receivable and revenue. Revenues are recorded in the month when services were rendered, with payment typically received on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. If the subscriber did not utilize the Lifeline service during the month, we have 15-days to cure usage. If not cured, the subscriber is de-enrolled from the lifeline program at day 45. This process to verify usage and de-enrollment has been temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, we have had an insignificant amount of subscribers de-enrolled.

TW was sold in May 2021 and has been deconsolidated as of the disposal date.

#### ECS and Surge Blockchain (SB)

Revenues are generated through the re-sale of telecommunication products such as mobile phones, wireless top-up refills, and other mobile related products. At the time in which our products are sold through our online web portal (point of sale), our performance obligation is considered complete. At point of sale, our web portal platform initiates an automated clearing house transaction (ACH) resulting in the recording revenue.

#### Surge Phone Wireless (SPW)

SPW is licensed to provide subsidized mobile broadband services through the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to qualifying low-income customers in fourteen states. Revenues are recognized when an ACP application is completed and accepted. Each month we reconcile subscriber usage to ensure the service was utilized. A monthly file is submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company for review and approval, at which time we have completed our performance obligation and recognize

accounts receivable and revenue. Revenues are recorded in the month when services were rendered, with payment typically received on the 28th of the following month.

### **LogicsIQ**

LogicsIQ is an enterprise software development company providing marketing business intelligence ("BI"), plaintiff generation and case load management solutions for law firms representing plaintiffs in Mass Tort legal cases. Revenues are earned from our lead generation and retained services offerings.

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Lead generation consist of sourcing leads, which requires us to drive traffic to our landing pages for a specific marketing campaign. We also achieve this in certain marketing campaigns by using third-party preferred vendors to meet the needs of our clients. Revenues are recognized at the time the lead is delivered to the client. If payment is received in advance of the delivery of services, it is included in deferred revenue, and subsequently recognized once the performance obligation has been completed.

Retained service offerings consist of turning leads into a retained legal case. To provide this service to our customers, we qualify leads through verification of information collected during the lead generation process. Additionally, we further qualify these leads using a client questionnaire which assists in determining the services to be provided. The qualification process is completed using our call center operations.

If payment is received in advance of the delivery of services, it is included in deferred revenue, and subsequently recognized once the performance obligation has been completed. At the time of delivery of leads and the creation of retained cases (customers are qualified at this point), our performance obligation has been completed and revenues are recognized. Arrangements with customers do not provide the customer with the right to take possession of our software or platform at any time. Once the advertising is delivered, it is non-refundable.

### **Contract Liabilities (Deferred Revenue)**

Contract liabilities represent deposits made by customers before the satisfaction of performance obligation and recognition of revenue. Upon completion of the performance obligation(s) that the Company has with the customer based on the terms of the contract, the liability for the customer deposit is relieved and revenue is recognized.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company had deferred revenue of \$276,250 and \$443,300, respectively.

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The following represents the Company's disaggregation of revenues for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

| Revenue               | Years Ended December 31, |               |                      |               |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                       | 2021                     |               | 2020                 |               |
|                       | Revenue                  | % of Revenues | Revenue              | % of Revenues |
| ECS                   | \$ 24,627,796            | 48.23%        | \$ 34,861,891        | 64.08%        |
| LogicsIQ, Inc.        | 17,846,698               | 34.95%        | 16,430,057           | 30.20%        |
| Surge Pays, Inc.      | 7,281,839                | 14.26%        | -                    | 0.00%         |
| True Wireless         | 1,157,981                | 2.27%         | 2,372,977            | 4.36%         |
| Surge Blockchain, LLC | 138,106                  | 0.27%         | 535,315              | 0.98%         |
| Other                 | 8,169                    | 0.02%         | 206,548              | 0.38%         |
| <b>Total Revenues</b> | <b>\$ 51,060,589</b>     | <b>100%</b>   | <b>\$ 54,406,788</b> | <b>100%</b>   |

### **Cost of Revenues**

Cost of revenues primarily consists of purchased telecom services and access to wireless networks.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income tax using the asset and liability method prescribed by ASC 740, "Income Taxes". Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates that will be in effect in the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The Company records a valuation allowance to offset deferred tax assets if based on the weight of available evidence, it is more-likely-than-not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The effect on deferred taxes of a change in tax rates is recognized as income or loss in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company follows the accounting guidance for uncertainty in income taxes using the provisions of ASC 740 "Income Taxes". Using that guidance, tax positions initially need to be recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not the position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, the Company had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions in other expense. No interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions were recorded for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. As of December 31, 2021, tax years 2018-2020 remain open for IRS audit.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") was signed into law in March 2020. The CARES Act lifts certain deduction limitations originally imposed by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("2017 Tax Act"). Corporate taxpayers may carryback net operating losses (NOLs) originating between 2018 and 2020 for up to five years, which was not previously allowed under the 2017 Tax Act. The CARES Act also eliminates the 80% of taxable income limitations by allowing corporate entities to fully utilize NOL carryforwards to offset taxable income in 2018, 2019 or 2020. Taxpayers may generally deduct interest up to the sum of 50% of adjusted taxable income plus business interest income (30% limit under the 2017 Tax Act) for 2019 and 2020. The CARES Act allows taxpayers with alternative minimum tax credits to claim a refund in 2020 for the entire amount of the credits instead of recovering the credits through refunds over a period of years, as originally enacted by the 2017 Tax Act.

In addition, the CARES Act raises the corporate charitable deduction limit to 25% of taxable income and makes qualified improvement property generally eligible for 15-year cost-recovery and 100% bonus depreciation. The enactment of the CARES Act did not result in any material adjustments to our income tax provision for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### **Investment – Related Party**

On January 17, 2019, we announced the completion of an agreement to acquire a 40% equity ownership of CenterCom Global, S.A. de C.V. ("CenterCom"). CenterCom is a dynamic operations center currently providing sales support, customer service, IT infrastructure design, graphic media, database programming, software development, revenue assurance, lead generation, and other various operational support services. Our CenterCom team is based in El Salvador. Anthony N. Nuzzo, a director and officer and the holder of approximately 10% of our voting equity has a controlling interest in CenterCom Global. CenterCom also provides call center support for various third-party clients.

The strategic partnership with CenterCom as a bilingual operations hub has powered our growth and revenue. CenterCom has been built to support the infrastructure required to rapidly scale in synergy and efficiency to support our sales growth, customer service and development.

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We account for this investment under the equity method. Investments accounted for under the equity method are recorded based upon the amount of our investment and adjusted each period for our share of the investee's income or loss. All investments are reviewed for changes in circumstance or the occurrence of events that suggest an other than temporary event where our investment may not be recoverable.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, our investment in CenterCom was \$443,288 and \$414,612, respectively.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, we recognized a gain of \$28,676 and \$210,912, respectively.

During 2021, CenterCom forgave \$429,010 of accounts payable owed by SurgePays to CenterCom. As a result of this debt forgiveness, occurring with a related party, accordingly, there is no gain that is recorded, the Company has increased additional paid in capital.

#### **Advertising Costs**

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs are included as a component of general and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company recognized \$661,238 and \$273,031 in marketing and advertising costs during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### **Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company accounts for our stock-based compensation under ASC 718 "Compensation – Stock Compensation" using the fair value-based method. Under this method, compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized over the service period, which is usually the vesting period. This guidance establishes standards for the accounting for transactions in which an entity exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services. It also addresses transactions in which an entity incurs liabilities in exchange for goods or services that are based on the fair value of the entity's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of those equity instruments.

The Company uses the fair value method for equity instruments granted to non-employees and use the Black-Scholes model for measuring the fair value of options. The stock based fair value compensation is determined as of the date of the grant or the date at which the performance of the services is completed (measurement date) and is recognized over the vesting periods.

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When determining fair value, the Company considers the following assumptions in the Black-Scholes model:

- Exercise price,
- Expected dividends,
- Expected volatility,
- Risk-free interest rate; and
- Expected life of option

In September 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-07, "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting." ASU No 2018-07 expands the scope of Topic 718 to include share-based payment transactions for acquiring goods and services from nonemployees. The guidance also specifies that Topic 718 applies to all share-based payment transactions in which a grantor acquires goods or services to be used or consumed in a grantor's own operations by issuing share-based payment awards.

#### **Common Stock Awards**

The Company may grant common stock awards to non-employees in exchange for services provided. The Company measures the fair value of these awards using the fair value of the services provided or the fair value of the awards granted, whichever is more reliably measurable. The fair value measurement date of these awards is generally the date the performance of services is complete. The fair value of the awards is recognized on a straight-line basis as services are rendered. The share-based payments related to common stock awards for the settlement of services provided by non-employees is recorded in accordance with ASU 2018-07 (September 2018) on the consolidated statement of operations

in the same manner and charged to the same account as if such settlements had been made in cash.

## Stock Warrants

In connection with certain financing, consulting and collaboration arrangements, the Company may issue warrants to purchase shares of its common stock. The outstanding warrants are standalone instruments that are not puttable or mandatorily redeemable by the holder and are classified as equity awards. The Company measures the fair value of the awards using the Black-Scholes option pricing model as of the measurement date. Warrants issued in conjunction with the issuance of common stock are initially recorded at fair value as a reduction in additional paid-in capital of the common stock issued. All other warrants are recorded at fair value as expense over the requisite service period or at the date of issuance if there is not a service period.

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## Basic and Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share and Reverse Stock Split

Pursuant to ASC 260-10-45, basic earnings (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the periods presented.

Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock, common stock equivalents and potentially dilutive securities outstanding during the period. Potentially dilutive common shares may consist of common stock issuable for stock options and warrants (using the treasury stock method), convertible notes and common stock issuable. These common stock equivalents may be dilutive in the future. In the event of a net loss, diluted loss per share is the same as basic loss per share since the effect of the potential common stock equivalents upon conversion would be anti-dilutive.

The following potentially dilutive equity securities outstanding as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

|  | <u>December 31, 2021</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Convertible notes payable and related accrued interest (1) | -                        | 736,260                  |
| Warrants (2)   | 5,852,984                | 154,178                  |
| Stock options (3)  | 3,401                    | 17,004                   |
| Series A, convertible preferred stock (4)                  | 26,000                   | 26,000                   |
| Series C, convertible preferred stock (5)                  | -                        | 3,607,980                |
| Total common stock equivalents                             | <u>5,882,385</u>         | <u>4,541,422</u>         |

- 1 - exercise prices variable
- 2 - weighted average exercise price - \$8.68/share and \$32.50/share, respectively
- 3 - weighted average exercise price - \$16/share and \$16/share, respectively
- 4 - each share converts to 1/10 of a share of common stock
- 5 - each share converts to 250 shares of common stock

The convertible notes contain exercise prices that had a discount to market ranging from 70% - 75% of the 10 or 20 days (See Note 5). As a result, the amount computed for common stock equivalents could have changed given the quoted closing trading price at each reporting period.

Warrants and stock options included as common stock equivalents represent those that are vested and exercisable.

Based on the potential common stock equivalents noted above at December 31, 2021, the Company has sufficient authorized shares of common stock (500,000,000) to settle any potential exercises of common stock equivalents.

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## Related Parties

Parties are considered to be related to the Company if the parties, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, control, are controlled by, or are under common control with the Company. Related parties also include principal owners of the Company, its management, members of the immediate families of principal owners of the Company and its management and other parties with which the Company may deal with if one party controls or can significantly influence the management or operating policies of the other to an extent that one of the transacting parties might be prevented from fully pursuing its own separate interests.

## Recent Accounting Standards

Changes to accounting principles are established by the FASB in the form of ASU's to the FASB's Codification. We consider the applicability and impact of all ASU's on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, stockholders' deficit, cash flows, or presentation thereof. Management has evaluated all recent accounting pronouncements as issued by the FASB in the form of Accounting Standards Updates ("ASU") through the date these financial statements were available to be issued and found no recent accounting pronouncements issued, but not yet effective accounting pronouncements, when adopted, will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 - Financial Instruments-Credit Losses-Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses, have been released in November 2018 (2018-19), November 2019 (2019-10 and 2019-11) and a January 2020 Update (2020-02) that provided additional guidance on this Topic. This guidance replaces the current incurred loss impairment methodology with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. For SEC filers meeting certain criteria, the amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. For SEC filers that meet the criteria of a smaller reporting company (including this Company) and for non-SEC registrant public companies and other organizations, the amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption will be permitted for all organizations for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company is currently in the process of its analysis of the impact of this guidance on its financial statements and does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, "Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes." This guidance, among other provisions, eliminates certain exceptions to existing guidance related to the approach for intraperiod tax allocation, the methodology for calculating income taxes in an interim period and the recognition of deferred tax liabilities for outside basis differences. This guidance also requires an entity to reflect the effect of an enacted change in tax laws or rates in its effective income tax rate in the first interim period that includes the enactment date of the new legislation, aligning the timing of recognition of the effects from enacted tax law changes on the effective income tax rate with the effects on deferred income tax assets and liabilities. Under existing guidance, an entity recognizes the effects of the enacted tax law change on the effective income tax rate in the period that includes the effective date of the tax law. ASU 2019-12 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. We adopted this pronouncement on January 1, 2021; however, the adoption of this standard did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Based on the Company's history of immaterial credit losses from trade receivables, management does not expect that the adoption of this standard will have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-06, "Debt – Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging – Contracts in Entity's Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40): Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity", to reduce complexity in applying GAAP to certain financial instruments with characteristics of liabilities and equity. ASU 2020-06 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2023, with early adoption permitted. We adopted this pronouncement on January 1, 2021; however, the adoption of this standard did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Reclassifications**

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the consolidated results of operations, stockholders' deficit, or cash flows.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, on the consolidated balance sheets, the Company separated its various types of debt into more distinct categories. Certain accounts payable were reclassified from non-current to current.

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, on the consolidated statements of operations, the Company reclassified certain expenses amongst general and administrative and cost of revenues.

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**Note 3 – Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

| <u>Type</u>                     | <u>December 31, 2021</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> | <u>Estimated Useful Lives (Years)</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Computer equipment and software | \$ 283,484               | \$ 273,256               | 3 - 5                                 |
| Furniture and fixtures          | 82,752                   | 47,526                   | 5 - 7                                 |
| Leasehold improvements          | -                        | 21,512                   | 15                                    |
|                                 | <u>366,236</u>           | <u>342,294</u>           |                                       |
| Less: accumulated depreciation  | (165,788)                | (105,484)                |                                       |
| Property and equipment - net    | <u>\$ 200,448</u>        | <u>\$ 236,810</u>        |                                       |

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$67,125 (including \$5,019 of depreciation from TW prior to deconsolidation) and \$64,413, respectively.

These amounts are included as a component of general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In connection with the deconsolidation of TW, the Company disposed of property and equipment with a net carrying amount of \$20,645.

**Note 4 – Intangibles**

Intangibles consisted of the following:

| <u>Type</u>                    | <u>December 31, 2021</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> | <u>Estimated Useful Lives (Years)</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Proprietary Software           | \$ 4,286,402             | \$ 4,286,402             | 7                                     |
| Tradenames/trademarks          | 617,474                  | 617,474                  | 15                                    |
| ECS membership agreement       | 465,000                  | 465,000                  | 1                                     |
| Noncompetition agreement       | 201,389                  | 201,389                  | 2                                     |
| Customer Relationships         | 183,255                  | 183,255                  | 5                                     |
|                                | <u>5,753,520</u>         | <u>5,753,520</u>         |                                       |
| Less: accumulated amortization | (2,320,036)              | (1,627,778)              |                                       |
| Intangibles - net              | <u>\$ 3,433,484</u>      | <u>\$ 4,125,742</u>      |                                       |

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ECS has been a financial technology and wireless top-up platform for over 15 years. On October 1, 2019, we acquired ECS primarily for the favorable ACH banking relationships and a fintech transactions platform (proprietary software) processing over 20,000 transactions a day at approximately 8,000 independently owned retail stores. The goal was to incorporate our blockchain components into the existing ECS network (proprietary software). After a year of development and integration, we believe the ECS platform has been successfully merged into our platform with secure ledger data backups and will continue to serve as the proven backbone for wireless top-up transactions and wireless product aggregation. The majority of the purchase price was allocated to the "Proprietary Software" category being amortized straight-line over seven years.

Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$692,258 and \$1,108,375, respectively.

Estimated amortization expense for each of the five (5) succeeding years and thereafter is as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31,

|            |    |                  |
|------------|----|------------------|
| 2022       | \$ | 653,508          |
| 2023       |    | 653,508          |
| 2024       |    | 653,508          |
| 2025       |    | 653,508          |
| Thereafter |    | 819,452          |
| Total      | \$ | <u>3,433,484</u> |

**Note 5 – Debt**

The following represents a summary of the Company's notes payable – SBA government, loans payable – related parties, notes payable and convertible notes, key terms, and outstanding balances at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively:

**Notes Payable – SBA government**

**(1) Paycheck Protection Program - PPP Loan**

Pertaining to the Company's eighteen (18) month loan and in accordance with the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") and Conditional Loan Forgiveness, the promissory note evidencing the loan contains customary events of default relating to, among other things, payment defaults, breach of representations and warranties, or provisions of the promissory note. The occurrence of an event of default may result in the repayment of all amounts outstanding, collection of all amounts owing from the Company, and/or filing suit and obtaining judgment against the Company.

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Under the terms of the PPP loan program, all or a portion of this Loan may be forgiven upon request from Borrower to Lender, provided the Loan proceeds are used in accordance with the terms of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the "Act" or "CARES"), Borrower is not in default under the Loan or any of the Loan Documents, and Borrower has provided documentation to Lender supporting such request for forgiveness that includes verifiable information on Borrower's use of the Loan proceeds, to Lender's satisfaction, in its sole and absolute discretion.

**(2) Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL")**

This program was made available to eligible borrowers in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the negative economic impact on the Company's business. Proceeds from the EIDL are to be used for working capital purposes.

Installment payments, including principal and interest, are due monthly (beginning twelve (12) months from the date of the promissory note) in amounts ranging from \$109 - \$751/month. The balance of principal and interest is payable over the next thirty (30) years from the date of the promissory note. There are no penalties for prepayment. Based upon guidance issued by the SBA on June 19, 2020, the EIDL Loan is not required to be refinanced by the PPP loan.

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| Terms                       | PPP<br>SBA   | EIDL<br>SBA | EIDL<br>SBA | PPP<br>SBA | Total        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Issuance dates of SBA loans | April 2020   | May 2020    | July 2020   | March 2021 |              |
| Term                        | 18 months    | 30 Years    | 30 Years    | 5 Years    |              |
| Maturity date               | October 2021 | May 2050    | July 2050   | March 2026 |              |
| Interest rate               | 1%           | 3.75%       | 3.75%       | 1%         |              |
| Collateral                  | Unsecured    | Unsecured   | Unsecured   | Unsecured  |              |
| Conversion price            | N/A          | N/A         | N/A         | N/A        |              |
|                             |              |             |             |            | <b>Total</b> |
| Principal                   | \$ 498,082   | \$ 150,000  | \$ 486,600  | \$ 518,167 | \$ 1,652,849 |
| Balance - December 31, 2019 | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            |
| Gross proceeds              | 498,082      | 150,000     | 486,600     | -          | 1,134,682    |
| Balance - December 31, 2020 | 498,082      | 150,000     | 486,600     | -          | 1,134,682    |

|                                      |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Gross proceeds                       | -                 | -                 | -                 | 518,167           | 518,167             |
| Forgiveness of loan                  | (371,664)         | -                 | -                 | -                 | (371,664)           |
| Deconsolidation of subsidiary ("TW") | -                 | -                 | (150,000)         | -                 | (150,000)           |
| Balance - December 31, 2021          | <u>\$ 126,418</u> | <u>\$ 150,000</u> | <u>\$ 336,600</u> | <u>\$ 518,167</u> | <u>\$ 1,131,185</u> |

1 During 2021, the Company received a partial forgiveness on a PPP loan totaling \$377,743, of which \$371,664 was for principal and \$6,079 for accrued interest. The Company recorded this forgiveness as other income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

2 In connection with the deconsolidation of TW, \$150,000 was assumed by the buyer.

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**Notes Payable – Related Parties**

| Terms                                     | 1<br>Note Payable<br>Related Party                              | 2<br>Note Payable<br>Related Party                             | 3<br>Note Payable<br>Related Party          | Total               | In-Default        |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Issuance dates of notes                   | Various<br>June 30, 2022 or<br>January 1, 2023<br>due on demand | May<br>2020/January<br>2021<br>March 2021 and<br>due on demand | August 2021<br>August 2031<br>due on demand |                     |                   |
| Maturity date                             |   |  |   |                     |                   |
| Interest rate                             | 10%   | 15%  | 10%   |                     |                   |
| Collateral                                | Unsecured   | Unsecured  | Unsecured                                   |                     |                   |
| Conversion price                          | N/A   | N/A  | N/A   |                     |                   |
| Balance - December 31, 2019               | 2,205,440   | -  | -   | 2,205,440           | \$ -              |
| Gross proceeds                            | 1,136,500   | 147,500  | -   | 1,284,000           |                   |
| Balance - December 31, 2020               | 3,341,940   | 147,500  | -   | 3,489,440           | -                 |
| Gross proceeds                            | 3,825,000   | 63,000   | 467,385                                     | 4,355,385           |                   |
| Accrued interest included in note balance | 692,458   | -  | -   | 692,458             |                   |
| Conversion of debt into common stock      | (2,265,967)   | -  | -   | (2,265,967)         |                   |
| Repayments                                | -   | (210,500)  | -   | (210,500)           |                   |
| Balance - December 31, 2021               | <u>\$ 5,593,431</u>   | <u>\$ -</u>  | <u>\$ 467,385</u>                           | <u>\$ 6,060,816</u> | <u>\$ 467,385</u> |

1 Activity is with the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Board Director (Kevin Brian Cox). Prior to September 30, 2021, these notes were either due on demand or had a specific due date. Additionally, these advances had interest rates from 6% - 15%. On September 30, 2021, all notes and related accrued interest were combined into two (2) new notes.

The new notes had due dates of June 30, 2022 or January 1, 2023. All notes bear interest at 10%. At September 30, 2021, the Company included \$692,458 of accrued interest in the new note balance. In 2021, the Company issued 561,758 shares of common stock at \$4.30/share to settle \$2,415,560 of debt including principal of \$2,265,967 and accrued interest of \$149,593. As a result of the debt conversion with a related party, accordingly gains/losses are not recognized, however, the Company increased additional paid-in capital for \$2,415,560.

2 Activity is with the Company's President, Chief Operating Officer and Board Director (Anthony Nuzzo).

3 Activity is with David May, who is a Board Member. The note requires payments of \$5,000 per month. During 2021, no payments had been made.

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**Notes Payable**

| Terms                       | Note              | Note             | Note                | Notes                            | Total               | In-Default |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Issuance dates of notes     | 2016              | 2016             | November 4,<br>2019 | August/September/October<br>2021 |                     |            |
| Maturity date               | 2016              | 2017             | November 3,<br>2020 | August/September/October<br>2022 |                     |            |
| Interest rate               | 5%                | 10%              | 18%                 | 10%                              |                     |            |
| Collateral                  | Unsecured         | Unsecured        | Unsecured           | Unsecured                        |                     |            |
| Conversion price            | N/A               | N/A              | N/A                 | N/A                              |                     |            |
| Warrants issued as discount | N/A               | N/A              | N/A                 | 2,406,250                        |                     |            |
| Principal                   | <u>\$ 485,000</u> | <u>\$ 27,500</u> | <u>\$ 250,000</u>   | <u>\$ 1,101,000*</u>             | <u>\$ 1,863,500</u> |            |

|                               |           |          |           |             |             |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Balance - December 31, 2019   | 485,000   | 27,500   | 223,672   | -           | 736,172     | \$ 512,500 |
| Amortization of debt discount | -         | -        | 26,328    | -           | 26,328      |            |
| Repayments                    | (485,000) | (27,500) | -         | -           | (512,500)   |            |
| Balance - December 31, 2020   | -         | -        | 250,000   | -           | 250,000     | 250,000    |
| Gross proceeds                | -         | -        | -         | 1,101,000   | 1,101,000   |            |
| Debt discount                 | -         | -        | -         | (672,254)   | (672,254)   |            |
| Amortization of debt discount | -         | -        | -         | 698,511     | 698,511     |            |
| Repayments                    | -         | -        | (250,000) | (1,127,257) | (1,377,257) |            |
| Balance - December 31, 2021   | \$ -      | \$ -     | \$ -      | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -       |

\* In the event of default, these notes were convertible at 75% of the market price based upon the VWAP in preceding 10 days.

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**Convertible Notes Payable – Net**

| Terms                                  | Convertible Notes Payable |              | Convertible Notes Payable      |              | Convertible Notes Payable |              |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Issuance dates of notes                | 2019 and Prior            |              | February 2020 - December 2020  |              | January 2021 - March 2021 |              |
| Maturity date                          | 2020                      |              | February 2021 - September 2021 |              | May 2021 - March 2022     |              |
| Interest rate                          | 14%                       |              | 10% - 14%                      |              | 5% - 12%                  |              |
| Collateral                             | Unsecured                 |              | Unsecured                      |              | Unsecured                 |              |
| Conversion price                       | -                         | A            |                                | A            |                           | B            |
|  |                           |              |                                |              |                           | <b>Total</b> |
| Principal                              | \$ -                      | \$ 2,347,000 | \$ 2,550,000                   | \$ 4,897,000 |                           |              |
| Balance - December 31, 2019            | \$ 4,436,684              | \$ -         | \$ -                           | \$ 4,436,684 |                           |              |
| Gross proceeds                         | -                         | 2,347,000    | -                              | 2,347,000    |                           |              |
| Debt discount                          | -                         | (2,347,000)  | -                              | (2,347,000)  |                           |              |
| Amortization of debt discount          | 161,217                   | 1,829,219    | -                              | 1,990,436    |                           |              |
| Repayments - cash                      | (438,698)                 | (130,061)    | -                              | (568,759)    |                           |              |
| Repayments - common stock              | (4,159,203)               | (182,988)    | -                              | (4,342,191)  |                           |              |
| Balance - December 31, 2020            | -                         | 1,516,170    | -                              | 1,516,170    |                           |              |
| Gross proceeds                         | -                         | -            | 2,550,000                      | 2,550,000    |                           |              |
| Debt discount                          | -                         | -            | (2,460,829)                    | (2,460,829)  |                           |              |
| Amortization of debt discount          | -                         | 517,781      | 2,460,829                      | 2,978,610    |                           |              |
| Repayments - cash                      | -                         | -            | (2,550,000)D                   | (2,550,000)  |                           |              |
| Conversion to equity/debt modification | -                         | (2,110,898)  | -                              | (2,110,898)  |                           |              |
| Reclassified to receivable             | -                         | 76,947C      | -                              | 76,947       |                           |              |
| Balance - December 31, 2021            | \$ -                      | \$ -         | \$ -                           | \$ -         |                           |              |

A – Convertible at 65% multiplied by the lowest one (1) day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of the Company's common stock during the ten (10) trading days prior to conversion.

B – Convertible at 70% - 75% multiplied by the lowest one (1) day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of the Company's common stock during the ten (10) trading days prior to conversion.

C - During 2021, the Company overpaid a note holder by \$76,947 when settling the outstanding balance. This overpayment had been recorded as a receivable and was repaid in full in April 2021.

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D - During 2021, the Company repaid the \$2,550,000 of convertible notes in full, however, one of the notes, having a principal of \$2,300,000 was prepaid early. As a result, the Company paid an additional prepayment penalty equal to 120% of the outstanding amount due at the time of prepayment, resulting in additional interest expense of \$465,239. Also, at the time of repayment, the embedded derivative liability ceased to exist.

**Line of Credit**

The Company had a \$1,000,000 line of credit with a bank, bearing interest at 6%, which was due in April 2021. The line of credit was secured by all of the Company's assets and was personally guaranteed by the owner of the majority of the Company's voting shares. The balance at December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$0 and \$912,870, respectively. In connection with the deconsolidation of TW in May 2021, the buyer assumed the line of credit.

**Note 6 – Derivative Liabilities**

The above convertible notes contained an embedded conversion option with a conversion price that could result in issuing an undeterminable amount of future common stock to settle the host contract. Accordingly, the embedded conversion option is required to be bifurcated from the host instrument (convertible note) and treated as a liability, which is calculated at fair value, and marked to market at each reporting period.



The Company used the binomial pricing model to estimate the fair value of its embedded conversion option liabilities with the following inputs:

|                         | December 31, 2021 | December 31, 2020 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Expected term (years)   | 0.20 - 1 year     | 0.75 years        |
| Expected volatility     | 143% - 291%       | 96% - 132%        |
| Expected dividends      | 0%                | 0%                |
| Risk free interest rate | 0.03% - 0.09%     | 0.08% - 1.51%     |

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A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the derivative liability measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) is as follows at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

|  |    |             |
|--|----|-------------|
| Derivative liability - December 31, 2019               | \$ | 190,846     |
| Fair value at commitment date                          |    | 2,024,191   |
| Fair value mark to market adjustment                   |    | (577,936)   |
| Gain on derivative liability upon related debt settled |    | (279,573)   |
| Derivative liability - December 31, 2020               |    | 1,357,528   |
| Fair value at commitment date                          |    | 1,877,250   |
| Fair value mark to market adjustment                   |    | (1,806,763) |
| Gain on derivative liability upon related debt settled |    | (1,428,015) |
| Derivative liability - December 31, 2021               | \$ | -           |

Changes in fair value of derivative liabilities are included in other income (expense) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded a change in fair of derivative liabilities of \$1,806,763 and \$577,936, respectively. These amounts reflect a mark to market adjustment recorded to the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

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In connection with bifurcating the embedded conversion option and accounting for this instrument at fair value, the Company computed a fair value on the commitment date, and upon the initial valuation of this instrument, determined that the fair value of the liability exceeded the proceeds of the debt host instrument. As a result, the Company recorded a debt discount at the maximum amount allowed (the face amount of the debt), which required the overage to be recorded as a derivative expense.

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded a derivative expense of \$1,775,057 and \$566,789, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, in connection with the repayment of convertible notes which contained embedded conversion features, the related derivative liabilities ceased to exist.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded a gain of \$1,428,015 and \$279,573, respectively, related to the settlement of convertible debt which contained an embedded conversion feature and was separately bifurcated and classified as a derivative liability. The Company has recorded these gains in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations as a component of gain on settlement of liabilities.

**Note 7 – Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Company evaluates its financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurements on a recurring basis to determine the appropriate level in which to classify them for each reporting period. This determination requires significant judgments to be made.

Liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

| Derivative liabilities | December 31, 2021 | Quoted Prices in   | Significant Other | Significant  |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                        |                   | Active Markets for | Observable        | Unobservable |
|                        |                   | Identical Assets   | Inputs            | Inputs       |
|                        |                   | (Level 1)          | (Level 2)         | (Level 3)    |
|                        | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -              | \$ -         |
| Derivative liabilities | December 31, 2020 | Quoted Prices in   | Significant Other | Significant  |
|                        |                   | Active Markets for | Observable        | Unobservable |
|                        |                   | Identical Assets   | Inputs            | Inputs       |
|                        |                   | (Level 1)          | (Level 2)         | (Level 3)    |
|                        | \$ 1,357,528      | \$ -               | \$ -              | \$ 1,357,528 |

**Note 8 – Commitments and Contingencies**

**Operating Lease**

We have entered into various operating lease agreements, including our corporate headquarters. We account for leases in accordance with ASC Topic 842: *Leases*, which requires a lessee to utilize the right-of-use model and to record a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases are classified as either financing or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of operations. In addition, a lessor is required to classify leases as either sales-type, financing or operating. A lease will be treated as a sale if it transfers all of the risks and rewards, as well as control of the underlying asset, to the lessee. If risks and rewards are conveyed without the transfer of control, the lease is treated as financing. If the lessor does not convey risk and rewards or control, the lease is treated as operating. We determine if an arrangement is a lease, or contains a lease, at inception and record the lease in our financial statements upon lease commencement, which is the date

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Right-of-use assets represent our right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent our obligation to make lease payments over the lease term. Lease right-of-use assets and liabilities at commencement are initially measured at the present value of lease payments over the lease term. We generally use our incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement to determine the present value of lease payments except when an implicit interest rate is readily determinable. We determine our incremental borrowing rate based on market sources including relevant industry data.

We have lease agreements with lease and non-lease components and have elected to utilize the practical expedient to account for lease and non-lease components together as a single combined lease component, from both a lessee and lessor perspective with the exception of direct sales-type leases and production equipment classes embedded in supply agreements. From a lessor perspective, the timing and pattern of transfer are the same for the non-lease components and associated lease component and, the lease component, if accounted for separately, would be classified as an operating lease.

We have elected not to present short-term leases on the balance sheet as these leases have a lease term of 12 months or less at lease inception and do not contain purchase options or renewal terms that we are reasonably certain to exercise. All other lease assets and lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term at commencement date. Because most of our leases do not provide an implicit rate of return, we used our incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at lease commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments.

Our leases, where we are the lessee, do not include an option to extend the lease term. Our lease also includes an option to terminate the lease prior to the end of the agreed upon lease term. For purposes of calculating lease liabilities, lease term would include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that we will exercise such options.

Lease expense for operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as an operating expense, included as a component of general and administrative expenses, in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Certain operating leases provide for annual increases to lease payments based on an index or rate, our lease has no stated increase, payments were fixed at lease inception. We calculate the present value of future lease payments based on the index or rate at the lease commencement date. Differences between the calculated lease payment and actual payment are expensed as incurred.

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At December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, the Company has no financing leases as defined in ASC 842, "Leases."

The tables below present information regarding the Company's operating lease assets and liabilities at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively:

|                               | <b>For the Year Ended<br/>December 31, 2021</b> | <b>For the Year Ended<br/>December 31, 2020</b> |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Operating Leases              | \$ 170,962                                      | \$ 248,677                                      |
| Interest on lease liabilities | 38,093  | 44,237  |
| Total net lease cost          | <u>\$ 209,055</u>                               | <u>\$ 292,914</u>                               |

Supplemental balance sheet information related to leases was as follows:

|   | <b>December 31, 2021</b> | <b>December 31, 2020</b> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Operating leases                          |                          |                          |
| Operating lease ROU assets - net          | \$ 486,668               | \$ 368,638               |
| Operating lease liabilities - current     | 49,352                   | 210,556                  |
| Operating lease liabilities - non-current | 438,903                  | 155,167                  |
| Total operating lease liabilities         | <u>\$ 488,255</u>        | <u>\$ 365,723</u>        |

Supplemental cash flow and other information related to leases was as follows:

|   | <b>For the Year Ended<br/>December 31, 2021</b> | <b>For the Year Ended<br/>December 31, 2020</b> |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid for amounts included in measurement of lease liabilities Operating cash flows from operating leases | \$ 145,684                                      | \$ 150,145                                      |
| ROU assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities Operating leases  | \$ 515,848                                      | \$ 355,203                                      |
| Weighted average remaining lease term(in years) Operating leases  | 8.25  | 2.03  |
| Weighted average discount rate Operating leases   | 5%  | 11%   |

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Future minimum lease payments at December 31,

|                                    |    |           |
|------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| 2022                               | \$ | 72,070    |
| 2023                               |    | 60,294    |
| 2024                               |    | 61,876    |
| 2025                               |    | 63,460    |
| Thereafter                         |    | 349,330   |
| Total lease payments               |    | 607,030   |
| Less: amount representing interest |    | (118,775) |
| Total lease obligations            | \$ | 488,255   |

In May 2021, the Company and its landlord mutually agreed to terminate the outstanding lease for ECS. The Company had an outstanding ROU liability of \$228,752 at the date of termination. There was no gain or loss on lease termination.

**Contingencies – Legal Matters**

**Matzinger - DigitizeIQ Litigation**

On January 15, 2020, the Company and Carter Matzinger (formerly a member of the Board) (collectively, the "Surge Party"), and the former owners of the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, DigitizeIQ, LLC (collectively, the "DigitizeIQ Party" and, together with the Surge Party, the "Parties"), entered into a settlement agreement (the "DigitizeIQ Settlement Agreement") to settle any claims the Parties may have had against each other. The parties made claims against each other with regard to alleged breaches of an Exchange Agreement, a Non-Compete Agreement, and promissory notes issued by the Company to the DigitizeIQ Party (the "Digitize Promissory Notes"). Pursuant to the DigitizeIQ Settlement Agreement, the Parties, in addition to releasing all claims against each other, agreed to cooperate to ensure the complete transfer and assignment of the domain "digitizeiq.com" to the Company and agreed that the DigitizeIQ Promissory Notes are deemed terminated. As a result of the DigitizeIQ Promissory Notes being terminated, the Company reduced its liabilities by approximately \$580,000.

**True Wireless - Regulatory Matter**

Regulatory matter before the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma (the "OCC"): Oklahoma Corporate Commission v True Wireless: Complaint Filed Feb 14, 2020. Compliance dispute. OCC has taken issue with some subscribers outside the designated service area. Seeking fines and other penalties up to an including revocation of license. Interim recommendation by ALJ is fine and revocation of license in OK. The May 7, 2021 sale of True Wireless took place subject to settlement of this matter with the OCC. The OCC and True Wireless' new owner have concluded a settlement of this matter on September 8, 2021.

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**True Wireless and Surge Holdings - Terracom Litigation**

Global Reconnect, LLC and Terracom, Inc. v. Jonathan Coffman, Jerry Carroll, True Wireless, & Surge Holdings: In the Chancery Court of Hamilton County, TN, Docket # 20-00058, Filed Jan 21, 2020. On January 21, 2020, a complaint was filed related to a noncompetition dispute. Terracom believes Mr. Coffman and Mr. Carroll are in violation of their non-compete agreements by working for us and True Wireless, Inc. Oklahoma and Tennessee state law does not recognize non-compete agreements and are not usually enforced in the state courts of these states, as such we believe True Wireless has a strong case against Terracom. The matter is entering the discovery process. Both Mr. Carroll and Mr. Coffman are no longer working for True Wireless in sales. Mr. Carroll is off the payroll and Mr. Coffman works for SurgePays, Inc., but not in wireless sales. The complaint requests general damages plus fees and costs for tortious interference with a business relationship in their prayer for relief. They have made no written demand for damages at this point in time. The Company believes this matter is simply an anti-competitive attempt by Terracom to cause distress to True Wireless.

**Surge Holdings – Juno Litigation**

Juno Financial v. AATAC and Surge Holdings Inc. AND Surge Holdings Inc. v. AATAC; Circuit Court of Hillsborough County, Florida, Case # 20-CA-2712 DIV A: Breach of Contract, Account Stated and Open Account claims against Surge by a factoring company. Surge has filed a cross-complaint against defendant AATAC for Breach of Contract, Account Stated, Open Account and Common Law Indemnity. Case is in discovery. Following analysis by our litigation counsel stating that there is a good defense, management has decided that a reserve is not necessary.

**Unimax - Litigation**

On July 9, 2020, the Company entered into a settlement and release agreement with Unimax Communications, LLC ("Unimax"). The settlement is related to a complaint filed by Unimax alleging the Company is indebted pursuant to a purchase order and additional financing terms. The Company agreed to pay Unimax the total sum of \$785,000 over a 24-month period. The settlement amount is included accounts payable and accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheets. The balance was repaid in April 2021.

**Glen Eagles Litigation**

SurgePays, Inc., formerly named as Surge Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Glen Eagles Acquisition LP, a Delaware limited partnership, Defendant; District Court Clark County, Nevada; Case No.: A-21-831204-B

ALTCORP TRADING, LLC, a Costa Rica limited liability company; et al, Plaintiffs, vs. Surge Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation; VSTOCK Transfer, LLC, a California limited liability company, et al; District Court Clark County, Nevada; Case No.: A-20-823039-B

These two lawsuits involved AltCorp Trading, LLC, Stanley Hills, LLC, and Glen Eagles Acquisition LP (the "AltCorp Parties."). Each of these lawsuits were ultimately disputes relating to the total consideration the Company paid to GBT Technologies, Inc. ("GBT") to acquire all of the assets of the entities that comprise the ECS Business (prior to the Company's January 2020 acquisition of the entities themselves).

On October 18, 2021, the AltCorp Parties, GBT, and the Company entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") to set up a framework for an attempt to settle the two lawsuits.

On December 22, 2021 (the "Effective Date"), pursuant to the framework in the MOU, the AltCorp Parties, Igor 1 Corp. (an entity related to the AltCorp Parties), the Company, ECS

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This Settlement Agreement was entered into pursuant to a resolution of the Board authorizing the negotiation of and entry into of such agreement.

As part of this agreement, the Company has acquired GBT's rights to a certain Master Distribution and Service Agreement between Interactive Communications International, Inc. and W.L. Petrey Wholesale Company, Inc., d/b/a UGO-HUB dated August 29, 2016 (the "MDA"), as amended. The MDA contains sales channel access to a variety of unique wholesale prepaid products with approximately \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000 in monthly revenue. The MDA is the subject of a lawsuit between GBT and Robert Warren Jackson, RWJ Advanced Marketing LLC, and Gregory Bauer in federal district court in Nevada (the "GBT Lawsuit").

If the result of the GBT Lawsuit is an assignment of the MDA to GBT or that GBT or an affiliate of GBT is the legal owner of the MDA, GBT or such affiliate will assign the MDA to Surge and GBT shall be entitled to receive the Escrow Amount. If the result of the GBT Lawsuit is a monetary judgment without the assignment or legal decree of ownership of the MDA, GBT shall be entitled to receive the Escrow Amount and shall assign and timely pay to the Company the first one million dollars (\$1,000,000) GBT recovers from the defendants in the GBT Lawsuit. In the event that GBT does not prevail in the GBT Lawsuit then it shall be entitled to release of the Escrow Amount but shall be responsible for any fees and costs obligation sought by the defendants in the GBT Lawsuit.

The Company agreed to make total payments of four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) to Stanley Hills, LLC on or prior to January 7, 2022. This \$4.2 million amount consists of a total of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) paid by the Company in November and December 2021, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be paid on or about January 4, 2022, and three million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,650,000) to be paid on or prior to January 7, 2022 of which three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000) will be held in escrow (the "Escrow Amount"). At December 31, 2021, the Company had accrued \$3,750,000 as a settlement expense, which was paid on January 7, 2022.

In addition, Igor 1 Corp. as of the Effective Date, held one hundred ten thousand (110,000) shares of the Company's common stock that has a restrictive legend (the "Igor Shares"). The owner of Igor 1 Corp. will be responsible for and shall pay for attempting to have the restrictive legend from the Igor Shares removed (with the Company agreeing to pay seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) to help pay for the legal opinion required). If Igor 1 Corp. is unable to have the legend removed prior to January 30, 2022, the Company will pay Igor 1 Corp. five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) within five (5) trading days to purchase the Igor Shares back and then cancel them.

Glen Eagles and a related entity as of the Effective Date, held three thousand (3,000) shares of the Company's common stock (the "Glen Eagles Shares"). The Glen Eagles shares shall be sold on the open market within thirty (30) days following the Effective Date. If for any reason the consideration for the Glen Eagles shares is less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), the Company will have the obligation to compensate Glen Eagles for the difference between the actual amount received and \$15,000. Such difference shall be paid within five (5) days of Glen Eagles providing written proof of the proceeds of the sale of the Glen Eagles Shares. Glen Eagles was paid \$8,552.25 on February 16, 2022 for full settlement.

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The Settlement Agreement replaces all prior agreements between the parties. In addition, within three (3) trading days of the last payment related to the \$4.2 million payment to Stanley Hills being made, the parties shall make filings with the state District Court in Clark County, Nevada to dismiss both lawsuits, including, regarding the lawsuit filed by AltCorp Trading, LLC, the dismissal of the lawsuit as to VStock Transfer, LLC, to which the Company owed certain indemnification obligations. The parties agreed to a full mutual release of any disputes or claims between the parties. All matters were dismissed by stipulation of the parties on January 12, 2022.

Crystal Chapman, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, Plaintiff versus SurgePays, Inc., Defendant; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case No.: 1:21-cv-04272. On August 11, 2021, the plaintiffs filed a lawsuit alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act as a putative class action. The plaintiffs are seeking unspecified damages and an order enjoining the Company or their agents from making autodialed calls. The case alleges contact to consumer(s) whose telephone numbers are on the Federal Do Not Call list, without their consent. There are no other counts under the TCPA or any other statute or tort. The Company vigorously disputes the allegations in this complaint as the Company only contacts consumers who have provided express written consent to be contacted. The Company believes it uses the leading software in the industry for lead verification and believes it can prove consent for all called parties. This matter was settled.

SurgePays – Ambess Litigation

On December 17, 2021, Ambess Enterprises, Inc. v SurgePays, Inc., Blair County Pa. case number 2021 GN 3222. Plaintiff alleges breach of contract and prays for damages of approximately \$73,000.00, plus fees, costs and interest. Litigation counsel is managing the motion practice and discovery process.

True Wireless and Surge Pays - Litigation

*Blue Skies Connections, LLC, and True Wireless, Inc. v. SurgePays, Inc., et. al.*: In the District Court of Oklahoma County, OK, CJ-2021-5327, filed on December 13, 2021. Plaintiffs' petition alleges breach of a Stock Purchase Agreement by SurgePays, SurgePhone Wireless, LLC, and Kevin Brian Cox, and makes other allegations related to SurgePays' consulting work with Jonathan Coffman, a True Wireless employee. Blue Skies believes the Defendants are in violation of their non-competition and non-solicitation agreements related to the sale of True Wireless from SurgePays to Blue Skies. Oklahoma state law does not recognize non-compete agreements and non-solicitation agreements in the manner alleged by Plaintiffs, as such we believe SurgePays, SurgePhone, and Cox have a strong defense against the claims asserted by Blue Skies and True Wireless. The matter is in the early stages of the discovery process. Mr. Coffman is no longer working for True Wireless. The petition requests injunctive relief, general damages, punitive damages, attorney fees and costs for alleged breach of contract, tortious interference with a business relationship, and fraud. Plaintiffs have made a written demand for damages and the parties continue to discuss a potential resolution. This matter is an anti-competitive attempt by Blue Skies and True Wireless to damage SurgePays, SurgePhone, and Cox.

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## **Note 9 – Stockholders’ Deficit**

### **Reverse Stock Split**

On November 2, 2021, the Company effected a 1 for 50 reverse stock split of all classes of its stock. All share and per share amounts have been retroactively restated to the earliest period presented.

At December 31, 2021, the Company had three (3) classes of stock:

### **Common Stock**

- 500,000,000 shares authorized
- Par value - \$0.001
- Voting at 1 vote per share

### **Series A, Convertible Preferred Stock**

- 13,000,000 shares authorized
- 260,000 issued and outstanding
- Par value - \$0.001
- Voting at 10 votes per share (2,600,000 votes)
- Ranks senior to any other class of preferred stock
- Dividends - none
- Liquidation preference – none
- Rights of redemption - none
- Conversion into 1/10 of a share of common stock for each share held (26,000 common stock equivalents)

### **Series C, Convertible Preferred Stock**

- 1,000,000 shares authorized
- None issued and outstanding
- Par value - \$0.001
- Voting at 250 votes per share
- Ranks junior to any other class of preferred stock
- Dividends – equal to the per share amount (as converted basis) as the common stockholders should the Board of Directors declare a dividend
- Liquidation preference – original issue price plus any declared yet unpaid accrued dividends
- Rights of redemption - none
- Conversion into 250 shares of common stock for each share held

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In October 2021, all Series C, Preferred stockholders, representing 721,598 shares issued and outstanding, agreed to convert their holdings into 3,607,980 shares of common stock. The transaction had a net effect of \$0 on stockholders’ deficit.

### **Equity Transactions for the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

#### **NASDAQ Listing**

On November 2, 2021, the Company was approved to be uplisted to NASDAQ. The common stock and warrants are traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbols SURG and SURGW, respectively.

#### **Stock Issued for Services**

The Company issued 13,411 shares of common stock for services rendered, having a fair value of \$99,436 (\$5 - \$14.05/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price.

#### **Stock and Warrants Issued for Cash and Related Direct Offering Costs**

The Company issued an aggregate 4,862,247 shares of common stock for \$21,294,800 (\$4.30 - \$8/share). In connection with raising these funds, the Company paid \$2,222,952 in direct offering costs, resulting in net proceeds of \$19,076,710.

Of the 4,862,247 shares issued in 2021, 4,600,000 shares and 690,000 were sold in connection with the Company’s uplist to NASDAQ as follows:

On November 4, 2021, the Company issued 4,600,000 units consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant and 690,000 over-allotment warrants. The units were sold at \$4.30 per unit for gross proceeds of \$19,786,900 (\$19,780,000 from the sale of 4,600,000 units at \$4.30 and \$6,900 from the sale of 690,000 over-allotment warrants at \$0.01). The warrants are exercisable immediately at \$4.73/share and expire three (3) years from the issuance date.

In connection with the Company’s sale of common stock, the Company incurred direct offering costs of \$2,222,952 which were charged to additional paid-in capital. Net proceeds were \$19,076,710.

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On November 4, 2021, the Company issued 230,000 five (5) year warrants to the underwriters. These warrants are exercisable beginning May 1, 2022 until November 1, 2026. The exercise price is \$4.73/share. The fair value of these warrants was \$647,897 based upon the following assumptions:

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Expected term (years)   | 5     |
| Expected volatility     | 118%  |
| Expected dividends      | 0%    |
| Risk free interest rate | 0.53% |

Since these warrants were issued as direct offering costs associated with the offering, the Company has accounted for these warrants as both a charge and increase to additional paid-in capital, resulting in a net effect on stockholders' equity of \$0.

#### Exercise of Warrants

The Company issued 2,133 shares of common stock in connection with a cashless exercise of warrants. The transaction had a net effect of \$0 on stockholders' equity.

#### Stock and Warrants Issued as Debt Discount

During 2021, the Company issued stock and warrants in connection with the issuance of debt and derivative liabilities totaling \$3,562,829, which were recorded as debt discounts to be amortized over the life of the debt. The Company issued 18,000 shares of common stock along with 137,500 three (3) year warrants, having an exercise price of \$8/share. The aggregate discount recorded was \$2,645,890 for the stock and warrants which are reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of stockholders' equity. An additional discount of \$102,194 was recorded in connection with the commitment date fair value of derivative liabilities for an aggregate discount of \$2,748,084.

Fair value of the warrants was determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following inputs:

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Expected term (years)   | 3 years |
| Expected volatility     | 118%    |
| Expected dividends      | 0%      |
| Risk free interest rate | 0.53%   |

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#### Conversion of Debt

The Company issued 709,674 shares of common stock in connection with the conversion of convertible debt, having a fair value of \$3,363,561 (\$0.05 - \$10.38/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price.

#### Make-whole Arrangement

The Company issued 15,147 shares of common stock to debt holders that were entitled to shares upon the settlement of debt and related accrued interest. The shares had a fair value of \$90,401 (\$5.60 - \$6/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price.

#### Stock Issued for Debt Modification

The Company issued 13,916 shares of common stock in connection with the modification of debt arrangements. The shares had a fair value of \$108,931 (\$5.60 - \$8/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price.

#### Stock Issued in Settlement of Liabilities

The Company issued 276,702 shares of common stock to various vendors and debt holders to settle accounts payable, debt and derivative liabilities. The shares had a fair value of \$1,997,977 (\$4.50 - \$15.99/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price. In connection with these debt settlements, the Company recorded a gain of \$1,469,641.

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#### Stock Issued in Acquisition of Membership Interest in ECS

On January 30, 2020, the Company entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement and Stock Purchase Agreement with ECS Prepaid, ECS, CSLS and the Winfrey's. Pursuant to the agreements, the Company acquired all of the membership interests of ECS Prepaid and all of the issued and outstanding stock of each ECS and CSLS. The agreements provide that the consideration is to be paid by the Company through the issuance of 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. In addition, the agreements called for 500 shares of Common Stock to be issued to the Winfrey's on a monthly basis over a 12-month period. During 2021, the Company issued 2,000 shares of common stock in full settlement of the agreements. The shares had a fair value of \$17,900 (\$8.95/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price. During 2020, the Company issued 5,500 shares.

#### Equity Transactions for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

##### Stock Issued and Warrants Issued for Cash

The Company issued 113,563 shares of common stock and 56,781 warrants for \$1,068,500 (\$9.41/share). Each warrant was exercisable at \$37.50/share.

##### Stock and Warrants Issued as Debt Discount

During 2020, the Company issued 57,840 shares of common stock as a debt discount, having a fair value of \$993,780 (\$17.18/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price.

##### Conversion of Debt

The Company issued 268,534 shares of common stock in connection with the conversion of debt, having a fair value of \$2,285,040 (\$8.51/share), based upon the quoted closing

trading price.

**Make-whole Arrangement**

The Company issued 79,614 shares of common stock to debt holders that were entitled to shares upon the settlement of debt and related accrued interest. The shares had a fair value of \$377,492 (\$4.74/share), based upon the quoted closing trading price.

**Stock Issued for Debt Modification**

The Company issued 9,600 shares of common stock in connection with the modification of debt arrangements. The shares had a fair value of \$67,650 (\$7.05 share), based upon the quoted closing trading price.

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**Stock Options**

Stock option transactions under the Company's Plan for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 are summarized as follows:

| Stock Options                                    | Number of<br>Options | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term (Years) | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant<br>Date<br>Fair Value |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Outstanding - December 31, 2019                  | -                    | \$ -                                  | 0.00  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Exercisable - December 31, 2019                  | -                    | \$ -                                  | 0.00  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Granted  | 17,004               | \$ 16.00                              | 7.00  | \$ -                            | \$ 8.75  |
| Exercised  | -                    | \$ -                                  |   | \$ -                            |  |
| Cancelled/Forfeited                              | -                    | \$ -                                  |   | \$ -                            |  |
| Outstanding - December 31, 2020                  | 17,004               | \$ 16.00                              | 6.16  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Vested and Exercisable - December 31, 2020       | -                    | \$ -                                  | 0.00  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Unvested and non-exercisable - December 31, 2020 | 17,004               | \$ 16.00                              | 6.16  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Outstanding - December 31, 2020                  | 17,004               | \$ 16.00                              | 6.16  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Vested and Exercisable - December 31, 2020       | -                    | \$ -                                  | 0.00  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Unvested and non-exercisable - December 31, 2020 | 17,004               | \$ 16.00                              | 6.16  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Granted  | -                    | -                                     |   |                                 | \$ -   |
| Exercised  | -                    | -                                     |   |                                 |  |
| Cancelled/Forfeited                              | -                    | -                                     |   |                                 |  |
| Outstanding - December 31, 2021                  | 17,004               | \$ 16.00                              | 5.16  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Vested and Exercisable - December 31, 2021       | 3,401                | \$ 16.00                              | 5.16  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |
| Unvested and non-exercisable - December 31, 2021 | 13,603               | \$ 16.00                              | 5.16  | \$ -                            | \$ -   |

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During 2020, the Company granted 17,004 options to its Chief Executive Officer, having a fair value of \$148,696, based upon the following management assumptions:

|                         | <u>Year Ended</u><br><u>December 31, 2020</u> |
|-------------------------|---|
| Exercise price          | \$ 16.00                                      |
| Expected volatility     | 96.50%  |
| Expected dividends      | 0.00%   |
| Expected life in years  | 5.5   |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.84%   |

Compensation expense recorded for stock-based compensation is as follows for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, was \$37,174 and \$30,978,

As of December 31, 2021, compensation cost related to the unvested options not yet recognized was \$80,544.

Weighted average period in which compensation will vest (years) 2.16 years. The unvested stock option expense is expected to be recognized through March 2024.

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## Warrants

Warrant activity for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 are summarized as follows:

| Warrants  | Number of Warrants | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Outstanding and exercisable - December 31, 2019 | 136,993            | \$ 35.50                        | 1.98  | \$ -                      |
| Granted   | 62,325             | \$ 26.50                        | -   | -                         |
| Exercised                                       | -                  | -                               | -   | -                         |
| Cancelled/Forfeited                             | (5,000)            | \$ 40.00                        | -   | -                         |
| Outstanding - December 31, 2020                 | 194,317            | \$ 32.50                        | 1.52  | \$ -                      |
| Exercisable - December 31, 2020                 | 194,317            | \$ 32.50                        | 1.52  | \$ -                      |
| Outstanding - December 31, 2020                 | 194,317            | \$ 32.50                        | 1.52  | \$ -                      |
| Exercisable - December 31, 2020                 | 194,317            | \$ 32.50                        | 1.52  | \$ -                      |
| Granted   | 5,935,450          | \$ 8.01                         | -   | -                         |
| Exercised                                       | (2,133)            | \$ 12.50                        | -   | -                         |
| Cancelled/Forfeited                             | (44,650)           | \$ 23.49                        | -   | -                         |
| Outstanding - December 31, 2021                 | 6,082,984          | \$ 8.68                         | 2.93  | \$ -                      |
| Exercisable - December 31, 2021                 | 5,852,984          | \$ 8.70                         | 2.85  | \$ -                      |
| Unvested - December 31, 2021                    | 230,000            | \$ 8.00                         | 4.85  | \$ -                      |

During 2021, the Company granted 277,950 warrants to convertible note holders and additional 137,500 warrants to note holders. These warrants were exercisable upon the grant date, had expiration dates ranging from 3 – 5 years, and exercise prices of \$8 - \$12/share.

Additionally, in connection with the NASDAQ uplisting, 5,290,000 warrants were sold for cash and an additional 230,000 warrants were issued as an underwriters discount. See above for additional discussion.

In connection with the Company's NASDAQ uplisting, 433,017 warrants were repriced at a lower exercise price to better reflect the current market offering. No other terms had been modified. As a result, the Company recorded a warrant modification expense of \$74,476 in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations with an offsetting increase to additional paid in capital.

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The fair value of these warrants was determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following inputs:

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Expected term (years)   | 3 - 5         |
| Expected volatility     | 119% - 146%   |
| Expected dividends      | 0%            |
| Risk free interest rate | 0.07% - 1.15% |

During 2020, the Company paid \$95,000 for the cancellation of 5,000 warrants.

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### Note 10 – Segment Information

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available and evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision-making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company's chief operating decision maker is its Chief Executive Officer.

The Company evaluated performance of its operating segments based on revenue and operating loss. Segment information for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, are as follows:

|                              | For the Years Ended December 31, |               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
|                              | 2021                             | 2020          |
| <b>Revenues</b>              |                                  |               |
| Surge Phone Wireless & Other | \$ 7,428,114                     | \$ 741,863    |
| LogicsIQ                     | 17,846,698                       | 16,430,057    |
| TW                           | 1,157,981                        | 2,372,977     |
| ECS                          | 24,627,796                       | 34,861,891    |
| Total                        | \$ 51,060,589                    | \$ 54,406,788 |
| <b>Cost of revenues</b>      |                                  |               |
| Surge Phone Wireless & Other | \$ 6,083,498                     | \$ 849,225    |
| LogicsIQ                     | 14,715,499                       | 14,213,769    |



|                                |    |                       |                        |
|--------------------------------|----|-----------------------|------------------------|
| TW                             |    | 306,062               | 3,003,099              |
| ECS                            |    | 23,785,551            | 33,872,018             |
| Total                          |    | <u>\$ 44,890,610</u>  | <u>\$ 51,938,111</u>   |
| <b>Operating expenses</b>      |    |                       |                        |
| Surge Phone Wireless & Other   | \$ | 7,733,527             | \$ 8,066,653           |
| LogicsIQ                       |    | 2,425,422             | 2,147,406              |
| TW                             |    | 615,013               | 937,196                |
| ECS                            |    | 1,388,585             | 1,463,090              |
| Total                          |    | <u>\$ 12,162,547</u>  | <u>\$ 12,614,345</u>   |
| <b>Operating income (loss)</b> |    |                       |                        |
| Surge Phone Wireless & Other   | \$ | (6,388,911)           | \$ (8,174,015)         |
| LogicsIQ                       |    | 705,777               | 68,882                 |
| TW                             |    | 236,906               | (1,567,318)            |
| ECS                            |    | (546,340)             | (473,217)              |
| Total                          |    | <u>\$ (5,992,568)</u> | <u>\$ (10,145,668)</u> |

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|                          | <u>December 31, 2021</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Total Assets</b>      |                          |                          |
| Surge Blockchain & Other | \$ 14,244,440            | \$ 2,595,824             |
| LogicsIQ                 | 1,284,562                | 199,366                  |
| TW                       | -                        | (353,476)                |
| ECS                      | 3,971,200                | 4,883,357                |
| Total                    | <u>\$ 19,500,202</u>     | <u>\$ 7,325,071</u>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> |                          |                          |
| Surge Blockchain & Other | \$ 13,871,370            | \$ 10,912,205            |
| LogicsIQ                 | 2,056,632                | 2,450,888                |
| TW                       | -                        | 4,301,249                |
| ECS                      | 20,879                   | 386,695                  |
| Total                    | <u>\$ 15,948,881</u>     | <u>\$ 18,051,037</u>     |

**Note 11 – Income Taxes**

The Company's tax expense differs from the "expected" tax expense for the period (computed by applying the blended corporate rate and state tax rates of 26.14% to loss before taxes), are approximately as follows:

|  | <u>December 31, 2021</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Federal income tax benefit - 19.64%                      | \$ (2,657,000)           | \$ (2,252,000)           |
| State income tax - 6.5%                                  | (880,000)                | -                        |
| Tax effect of timing differences for income tax purposes | 120,000                  | -                        |
| Non-deductible items                                     | (495,000)                | 460,000                  |
| Subtotal   | (3,912,000)              | (1,792,000)              |
| Change in valuation allowance                            | 3,912,000                | 1,792,000                |
| Income tax benefit                                       | <u>\$ -</u>              | <u>\$ -</u>              |

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, are approximately as follows:

|   | <u>December 31, 2021</u> | <u>December 31, 2020</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Deferred Tax Assets</b>                      |                          |                          |
| Bad debt  | \$ 6,000                 | \$ (368,000)             |
| Gain on investment in Centercom - related party | 48,000                   | 44,000                   |
| Amortization of debt discount                   | 434,000                  | 423,000                  |
| Share based payments                            | (47,000)                 | (38,000)                 |
| Change in fair value of derivative liabilities  | (321,000)                | (121,000)                |
| Other   | (2,000)                  | (52,000)                 |
| Net operating loss carryforwards                | (3,911,000)              | (3,801,000)              |
| Total deferred tax assets                       | (3,793,000)              | (3,913,000)              |
| Less: valuation allowance                       | 3,793,000                | 3,913,000                |
| Net deferred tax asset recorded                 | <u>\$ -</u>              | <u>\$ -</u>              |

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities are computed by applying the federal and state income tax rates in effect to the gross amounts of temporary differences and other tax attributes,

such as net operating loss carryforwards. In assessing if the deferred tax assets will be realized, the Company considers whether it is more likely than not that some or all of these deferred tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the period in which these deductible temporary differences reverse.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the valuation allowance increased by approximately \$2,120,000. The total valuation allowance results from the Company's estimate of its uncertainty in being unable to recover its net deferred tax assets.

At December 31, 2021, the Company has federal and state net operating loss carryforwards, which are available to offset future taxable income, of approximately 33,599,000 (approximately \$7,824,000 at the blended tax rate). The Company is in the process of analyzing their NOL and has not determined if the Company has had any change of control issues that could limit the future use of these NOLs. NOL carryforwards that were generated after 2017 may only be used to offset 80% of taxable income and are carried forward indefinitely. NOL's generated prior to December 31, 2017 expire through 2037.

These carryforwards may be subject to an annual limitation under Section 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and similar state provisions if the Company experienced one or more ownership changes which would limit the amount of NOL and tax credit carryforwards that can be utilized to offset future taxable income and tax, respectively. In general, an ownership change, as defined by Section 382 and 383, results from transactions increasing ownership of certain stockholders or public groups in the stock of the corporation by more than 50 percentage points over a three- year period. The Company has not completed an IRC Section 382/383 analysis. If a change in ownership were to have occurred, NOL and tax credit carryforwards could be eliminated or restricted.

If eliminated, the related asset would be removed from the deferred tax asset schedule with a corresponding reduction in the valuation allowance. Due to the existence of the valuation allowance, limitations created by future ownership changes, if any, will not impact the Company's effective tax rate.

The Company files corporate income tax returns in the United States and State of Tennessee jurisdictions. Due to the Company's net operating loss posture, all tax years are open and subject to income tax examination by tax authorities. The Company's policy is to recognize interest expense and penalties related to income tax matters as tax expense. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, there are no unrecognized tax benefits, and there were no significant accruals for interest related to unrecognized tax benefits or tax penalties.

#### **Subsequent Events**

Management did an evaluation and no subsequent events were identified.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES  
REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

As of December 31, 2021, SurgePays, Inc. (“the Company”) had two classes of security registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”), and a registered class of warrants, each to purchase one share of Common Stock (the “Warrants”).

**Description of Common Stock**

The Company is authorized to issue 600,000,000 shares of capital stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of which 500,000,000 are shares of common stock and 100,000,000 are shares of “blank check” preferred stock. As of March 22, 2022, there were 12,048,775 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding. There were 13,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock issued and outstanding as of March 22, 2022.

Each share of our Common Stock entitles its holder to one vote in the election of each director and on all other matters voted on generally by our stockholders, other than any matter that (1) solely relates to the terms of any outstanding series of preferred stock or the number of shares of that series and (2) does not affect the number of authorized shares of preferred stock or the powers, privileges and rights pertaining to the Common Stock. No share of our Common Stock affords any cumulative voting rights. This means that the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares voting for the election of directors can elect all directors to be elected if they choose to do so.

Holders of our Common Stock will be entitled to dividends in such amounts and at such times as our Board of Directors in its discretion may declare out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends. We currently intend to retain our entire available discretionary cash flow to finance the growth, development and expansion of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on the Common Stock in the foreseeable future. Any future dividends will be paid at the discretion of our Board of Directors.

If we liquidate or dissolve our business, the holders of our Common Stock will share ratably in all our assets that are available for distribution to our stockholders after our creditors are paid in full and the holders of all series of our outstanding preferred stock, if any, receive their liquidation preferences in full.

Our Common Stock has no preemptive rights and is not convertible or redeemable or entitled to the benefits of any sinking or repurchase fund.

The Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the trading symbol “SURG.”

The Company’s transfer agent is VStock Transfer, LLC.

**Description of Common Stock Purchase Warrants**

*Overview.* The following summary of certain terms and provisions of the Warrants offered hereby is not complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the provisions of the warrant agency agreement between us and VStock Transfer, LLC (the “Warrant Agent”), and the form of warrant, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.3 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of which this Exhibit 4.4 is a part.

As of March 22, 2022, there were 5,290,000 Warrants issued and outstanding.

The Warrants entitle the registered holder to purchase Common Stock at a price equal to \$4.73 per share, subject to adjustment as discussed below, immediately following the issuance of such Warrant and terminating at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on November 4, 2024.

The exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances, including in the event of a stock dividend or recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation. However, the Warrants will not be adjusted for issuances of Common Stock at prices below its exercise price.

*Exercisability.* The Warrants are exercisable at any time after their original issuance and at any time up to the date that is three (3) years after their original issuance. The Warrants may be exercised upon surrender of the Warrant certificate on or prior to the expiration date at the offices of the Warrant Agent, with the exercise form on the reverse side of the warrant certificate completed and executed as indicated, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price, by certified or official bank check payable to us, for the number of Warrants being exercised. Under the terms of the Warrant Agreement, we must use our best efforts to maintain the effectiveness of the registration statement and current prospectus relating to the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants until the expiration of the Warrants. If we fail to maintain the effectiveness of the registration statement and current prospectus relating to the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants, the holders of the Warrants shall have the right to exercise the Warrants solely via a cashless exercise feature provided for in the Warrants, until such time as there is an effective registration statement and current prospectus.

*Exercise Limitation.* A holder may not exercise any portion of a Warrant to the extent that the holder, together with its affiliates and any other person or entity acting as a group, would own more than 4.99% of the outstanding Common Stock after exercise, as such percentage ownership is determined in accordance with the terms of the Warrant, except that upon prior notice from the holder to us, the holder may waive such limitation up to a percentage not in excess of 9.99%.

*Exercise Price.* The exercise price per whole share of Common Stock purchasable upon exercise of the Warrants is \$4.73. The exercise price is subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of certain stock dividends and distributions, stock splits, stock combinations, reclassifications or similar events affecting our Common Stock and also upon any distributions of assets, including cash, stock or other property to our stockholders.

*Fractional Shares.* No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon exercise of the Warrants. As to any fraction of a share of Common Stock which the holder would otherwise be entitled to purchase upon such exercise, the Company will round up or down, as applicable, to the nearest whole share of Common Stock.

*Transferability.* Subject to applicable laws, the Warrants may be offered for sale, sold, transferred or assigned without our consent.

*Warrant Agent; Global Certificate.* The Warrants were issued in registered form under a warrant agency agreement between the Warrant Agent and us. The Warrants shall initially be represented only by one or more global warrants deposited with the Warrant Agent, as custodian on behalf of The Depository Trust Company (DTC) and registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of DTC, or as otherwise directed by DTC.

*Fundamental Transactions.* In the event of a fundamental transaction, as described in the Warrants and generally including any reorganization, recapitalization or reclassification of our Common Stock, the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties or assets, our consolidation or merger with or into another person, the acquisition of more than 50% of our outstanding Common Stock, or any person or group becoming the beneficial owner of 50% of the voting power represented by our outstanding Common Stock, the holders of the Warrants will be entitled to receive the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property that the holders would have received had they exercised the Warrants immediately prior to such fundamental transaction.

*Rights as a Stockholder.* The Warrant holders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of Common Stock or any voting rights until they exercise their Warrants and receive

**Common Stock.** After the issuance Common Stock upon exercise of the Warrants, each holder will be entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

**Governing Law.** The Warrants and the warrant agency agreement are governed by New York law.

**Exchange.** The Warrants are listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the trading symbol "SURGW."

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## SurgePays, Inc. Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

### 1. Introduction.

1.1 The Board of Directors of SurgePays, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the “**Company**”) has adopted this Code of Ethics and Business Conduct (the “**Code**”) in order to:

- (a) promote honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest;
- (b) promote full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that the Company files with, or submits to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) and in other public communications made by the Company;
- (c) promote compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations;
- (d) promote the protection of Company assets, including corporate opportunities and confidential information;
- (e) promote fair dealing practices;
- (f) deter wrongdoing; and
- (g) ensure accountability for adherence to the Code.

1.2 All directors, officers and employees are required to be familiar with the Code, comply with its provisions and report any suspected violations as described below in Section 10, Reporting and Enforcement.

### 2. Honest and Ethical Conduct.

2.1 The Company’s policy is to promote high standards of integrity by conducting its affairs honestly and ethically.

2.2 Each director, officer and employee must act with integrity and observe the highest ethical standards of business conduct in his or her dealings with the Company’s customers, suppliers, partners, service providers, competitors, employees and anyone else with whom he or she has contact in the course of performing his or her job.

### 3. Conflicts of Interest.

3.1 A conflict of interest occurs when an individual’s private interest (or the interest of a member of his or her family) interferes, or even appears to interfere, with the interests of the Company as a whole. A conflict of interest can arise when an employee, officer or director (or a member of his or her family) takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her work for the Company objectively and effectively. Conflicts of interest also arise when an employee, officer or director (or a member of his or her family) receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position in the Company.

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3.2 Loans by the Company to, or guarantees by the Company of obligations of, employees or their family members are of special concern and could constitute improper personal benefits to the recipients of such loans or guarantees, depending on the facts and circumstances. Loans by the Company to, or guarantees by the Company of obligations of, any director, officer, or their family members are expressly prohibited.

3.3 Whether or not a conflict of interest exists or will exist can be unclear. Conflicts of interest should be avoided unless specifically authorized as described in Section 3.4.

3.4 Persons other than directors and executive officers who have questions about a potential conflict of interest or who become aware of an actual or potential conflict should discuss the matter with, and seek a determination and prior authorization or approval from, their supervisor or the Chief Operating Officer. The supervisor may not authorize or approve conflict of interest matters or make determinations as to whether a problematic conflict of interest exists without first providing the Chief Operating Officer with a written description of the activity and seeking the Chief Operating Officer’s written approval. If the supervisor is himself or herself involved in the potential or actual conflict, the matter should instead be discussed directly with the Chief Operating Officer.

Directors and executive officers must seek determinations and prior authorizations or approvals of potential conflicts of interest exclusively from the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the “**Audit Committee**”).

### 4. Compliance.

4.1 Employees, officers and directors should comply, both in letter and spirit, with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in the cities, states and countries in which the Company operates.

4.2 Although not all employees, officers and directors are expected to know the details of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, it is important to know enough to determine when to seek advice from appropriate personnel. Questions about compliance should be addressed to the appropriate outside legal counsel of the Company.

4.3 No director, officer or employee may purchase or sell any Company securities while in possession of material nonpublic information regarding the Company, nor may any director, officer or employee purchase or sell another company’s securities while in possession of material nonpublic information regarding that company. It is against Company policies and illegal for any director, officer or employee to use material nonpublic information regarding the Company or any other company to:

- (a) obtain profit for himself or herself; or
- (b) directly or indirectly “tip” others who might make an investment decision on the basis of that information.

### 5. Disclosure.

5.1 The Company’s periodic reports and other documents filed with the SEC, including all financial statements and other financial information, must comply with applicable federal securities laws and SEC rules.

5.2 Each director, officer and employee who contributes in any way to the preparation or verification of the Company's financial statements and other financial information must ensure that the Company's books, records and accounts are accurately maintained. Each director, officer and employee must cooperate fully with the Company's accounting and internal audit departments, as well as the Company's independent public accountants and counsel.

5.3 Each director, officer and employee who is involved in the Company's disclosure process must:

- (a) be familiar with and comply with the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and its internal control over financial reporting; and
- (b) take all necessary steps to ensure that all filings with the SEC and all other public communications about the financial and business condition of the Company provide full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure.

#### 6. Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets.

6.1 All directors, officers and employees should protect the Company's assets and ensure their efficient use. Theft, carelessness and waste have a direct impact on the Company's profitability and are prohibited.

6.2 All Company assets should be used only for legitimate business purposes. Any suspected incident of fraud or theft should be reported for investigation immediately.

6.3 The obligation to protect Company assets includes the Company's proprietary information. Proprietary information includes intellectual property such as trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and copyrights, as well as business and marketing plans, engineering and manufacturing ideas, designs, databases, records and any nonpublic financial data or reports. Unauthorized use or distribution of this information is prohibited and could also be illegal and result in civil or criminal penalties.

7. Corporate Opportunities. All directors, officers and employees owe a duty to the Company to advance its interests when the opportunity arises. Directors, officers and employees are prohibited from taking for themselves personally (or for the benefit of friends or family members) opportunities that are discovered through the use of Company assets, property, information or position. Directors, officers and employees may not use Company assets, property, information or position for personal gain (including gain of friends or family members). In addition, no director, officer or employee may compete with the Company.

8. Confidentiality. Directors, officers and employees should maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them by the Company or by its customers, suppliers or partners, except when disclosure is expressly authorized or is required or permitted by law. Confidential information includes all nonpublic information (regardless of its source) that might be of use to the Company's competitors or harmful to the Company or its customers, suppliers or partners if disclosed.

9. Fair Dealing. Each director, officer and employee must deal fairly with the Company's customers, suppliers, partners, service providers, competitors, employees and anyone else with whom he or she has contact in the course of performing his or her job. No director, officer or employee may take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse or privileged information, misrepresentation of facts or any other unfair dealing practice.

#### 10. Reporting and Enforcement.

##### 10.1 Reporting and Investigation of Violations.

- (a) Actions prohibited by this Code involving directors or executive officers must be reported to the Audit Committee.
- (b) Actions prohibited by this Code involving anyone other than a director or executive officer must be reported to the reporting person's supervisor or the Chief Operating Officer.
- (c) After receiving a report of an alleged prohibited action, the Audit Committee, the reporting person's supervisor, or the Chief Operating Officer, as the case may be, must promptly take all appropriate actions necessary to investigate.
- (d) All directors, officers and employees are expected to cooperate in any internal investigation of misconduct.

##### 10.2 Enforcement.

- (a) The Company must ensure prompt and consistent action against violations of this Code.
- (b) If, after investigating a report of an alleged prohibited action by a director or executive officer, the Audit Committee determines that a violation of this Code has occurred, the Audit Committee will report such determination to the Board of Directors.
- (c) If, after investigating a report of an alleged prohibited action by any other person, the reporting person's supervisor or the Chief Operating Officer determines that a violation of this Code has occurred, the reporting person's supervisor or the Chief Operating Officer will report such determination to Board of Directors.
- (d) Upon the Board of Directors' receipt of a determination that there has been a violation of this Code, the Board of Directors will take such preventative or disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, reassignment, demotion, dismissal and, in the event of criminal conduct or other serious violations of the law, notification of appropriate governmental authorities.

##### 10.3 Waivers.

- (a) The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, waive any violation of this Code.
- (b) Any waiver for a director or an executive officer shall be disclosed as required by SEC and Nasdaq rules.

##### 10.4 Prohibition on Retaliation.

The Company does not tolerate acts of retaliation against any director, officer or employee who makes a good faith report of known or suspected acts of misconduct or other violations of this Code.

**Acknowledgment of Receipt and Review**

To be signed and returned to the Chief Operating Officer.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the SurgePays, Inc. Code of Ethics and Business Conduct (the “Code”). I understand the contents of the Code and I agree to comply with the policies and procedures set out in the Code.

I understand that I should approach the Legal Department if I have any questions about the Code generally or any questions about reporting a suspected conflict of interest or other violation of the Code.

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PRINTED NAME

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| Subsidiaries                        | State of Incorporation |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| KSIX Media, Inc.                    | Nevada                 |
| KSIX, LLC                           | Nevada                 |
| Surge Blockchain, LLC               | Nevada                 |
| DigitizeIQ, LLC                     | Illinois               |
| Surge Cryptocurrency Mining, Inc.,  | Nevada                 |
| Surge Logics Inc .                  | Nevada                 |
| True Wireless, Inc.                 | Oklahoma               |
| Surge Payments, LLC                 | Nevada                 |
| Surgephone Wireless, LLC            | Nevada                 |
| SurgePays Fintech, Inc.             | Nevada                 |
| ECS Prepaid, LLC                    | Missouri               |
| Central States Legal Services, Inc. | Missouri               |
| Electronic Check Services, Inc.     | Missouri               |
| Injury Survey, LLC                  | Nevada                 |



**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO  
EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13A-14(A),  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Kevin Brian Cox, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of SurgePays, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

- a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly for the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
- b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation;
- d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

- a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
- b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: March 24, 2022

*/s/ Kevin Brian Cox*

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Kevin Brian Cox  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

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**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO  
EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13A-14(A),  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Anthony Evers, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of SurgePays, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

- a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly for the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
- b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation;
- d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

- a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
- b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: March 24, 2022

*/s/ Anthony Evers*

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Anthony Evers  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO**

**18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,**

**AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO**

**SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of SurgePays, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Kevin Brian Cox, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Sec. 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) Such Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in such Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: March 24, 2022

By: */s/ Kevin Brian Cox*

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Kevin Brian Cox  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO

18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

## AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

## SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of SurgePays, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Anthony Evers, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Sec. 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) Such Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in such Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: March 24, 2022

By: */s/ Anthony Evers*

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Anthony Evers  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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