

nologies (40% of '11 sales), glass substrates for liquid crystal displays; Telecommunications (26%), optical fiber/cable, hardware, equipment; Environmental Technologies (13%), emission-control substrates; Specialty Materials (14%), semiconductor optics; Life Sciences (7%), plastic labware; & Non-segment (less than 1%).

silicone product maker Dow Corning. R&D: 8.5% of '11 sales. Has about 28,800 emplys. BlackRock Inc. owns 7.1% of stock; Capital Research Global, 7.7%; off. & dir., .6% (4/11 Proxy). Pres. & CEO: Wendell P. Weeks. Inc.: NY. Addr.: One Riverfront Plaza, Corning, NY 14831. Tel.: 607-974-9000. Int.: www.corning.com

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '09-'11 Past 5 Yrs. 7.5% 14.5% to '15-'17 10.5% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. -4.5% 6.5% 9.5% Revenues "Cash Flow" 5.0% 4.5% Earnings 16.5% Dividends Book Value 27.0%

606.0

8859.0

798.0 57.0

1131.0

1986.0

8677.0

977.0

1093.0

2097.0

27.0

5521.0

550.0 74.0

915.0

1539.0

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Cal- endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) Mar.Per Jun.Per Sep.Per Dec.Per				Full Year
2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	989 1553 1923	1395 1712	1479 1602 2075	1532 1765 1887 2065 2250	5395 6632 7890 8000 8700
Cal- endar			ER SHAR Sep.Per	E ^A Dec.Per	Full Year
2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	.10 .52 .47 .30 .35	.39 .58 .48 .30 .35	.42 .51 .51 .35 .40	.44 .46 .32 .40	1.35 2.07 1.78 1.35 1.50
Cal- endar	QUAF Mar.31	RTERLY DI Jun.30	VIDENDS Sep.30		Full Year
2008 2009 2010 2011 2012	.05 .05 .05 .05	.05 .05 .05 .05	.05 .05 .05 .05	.05 .05 .05 .075	.20 .20 .20 .23

Corning Inc. should remain a cash cow, but we are cutting our 2012 and 2013 estimates. Corning spent over \$1 billion dollars in 2011 on share buybacks and dividends. It also plans to continue repurchasing if management believes GLW stock is undervalued. However, most glass display makers like Corning are cutting output by about 25% right now. Cost pressures caused by the maturation of the flat-panel television business bode ill for the company in the short term.

Corning foresees further double-digit drops in the first quarter in glass display prices affecting its biggest segment, Display Technologies. Similarly, earnings from equity (Corning has a joint venture with Samsung in making dis-plays) are expected to be signicantly lower in the opening period. As a result, we cut our share-net target by 17%, to \$0.30. Also, Corning's relatively low tax rate should increase this year to more normal levels, from 15% to 20%. Revenues should rise to about \$8 billion, thanks to the company's other segments. As for the balance sheet, the company expects to increase its debt by about \$750 million worth of un-

secured notes. All told. 2012 results should be decidedly weaker than the healthy performance turned in in 2010 and 2011, as we now look for share net of \$1.35, \$0.40 less than our last estimate.

For 2013, we are introducing an earnings estimate of \$1.50, as the company works to improve profitability. Weakness in Display Technologies should keep overall income restrained. Longer term, the company's other segments ought to make up for some of the softness in the display panel business, helping the rebound we envision. For the next 3 to 5 years, we especially like the Telecommunications segment's potential, which should benefit from more demand for fiber optics, as well as the prospects for the company's proprietary Gorilla Glass technology, a thin and resistant type of glass for mobile devices. All told, our share-net estimate for the 2015-2017 period is \$2.25. Given our outlook, neutrally ranked Corning shares offer better-thanaverage capital appreciation, but conservative investors should remain wary of softness in GLW's biggest segment. Marek Mscichowski April 6, 2012

(A) Avg. shs. outst. to '96; dil. thereafter. Excl. nonrecurrings: '98, d4¢; '99, 1¢; '00, d77¢; '01, d\$6.06; '02, d\$1.52; '03, d28¢; '04, d\$2.02; '05, d47¢; '06, 4¢; '07, d7¢; '08, \$1.79; '09, d7¢;

Next earnings report due early May. (B) Divd's

'10, 18¢; Q2'11, d1¢; Q3'11, 3¢. Excl. disc. oper.: '96, d25¢; '98, 9¢; '00, 2¢; '02, 46¢; '04, and mid-Dec. **(C)** In mill., adj. for stock split. **(D)** 1¢. 2008 earnings do not sum due to rounding.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B+ 60 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 65