

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT (APPENDIX 4C)

Acumentis Group Limited (“Acumentis” or “the Company”) is pleased to release its Quarterly Activity Report and associated Appendix 4C (Quarterly Cash Flow Report) for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 to the market.

Highlights

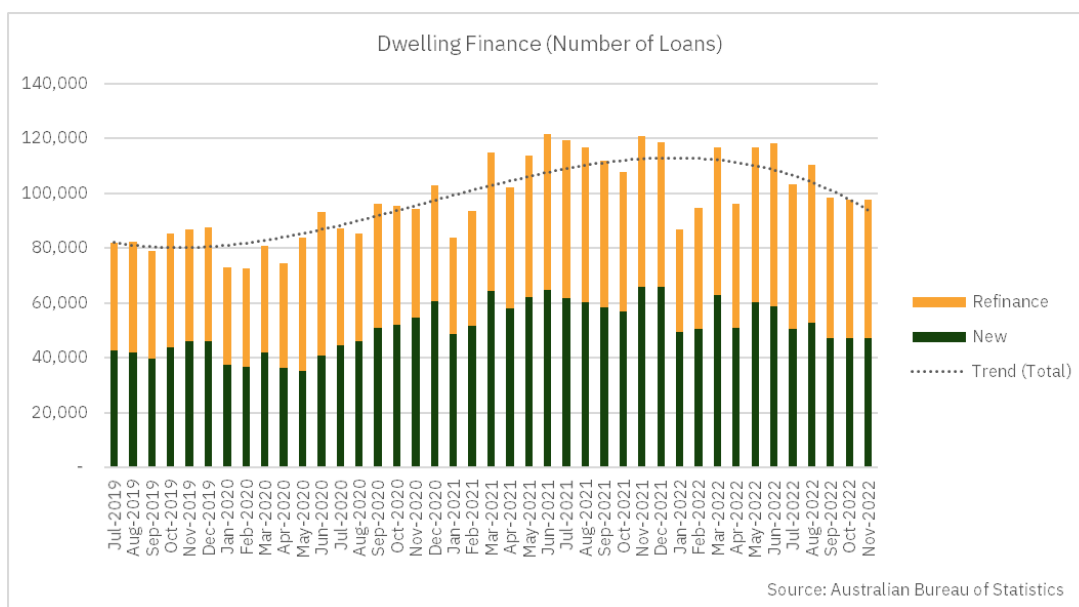
Acumentis continues to grow government and corporate / private revenues year on year as part of its strategy to diversify revenues. This strategy has served the Company well during the quarter as it has helped to offset reductions in revenues from financial institutions. The Company is now seeing the benefits of the significant cost saving measures implemented during calendar year 2022.

Highlights:

- Quarterly revenues achieved of \$12.8M
- Year on year increases in quarterly revenues from government of 86% and from corporate & private clients of 11%
- \$1.5M reduction in quarterly operating expenses compared to prior quarter reflecting benefits of restructuring undertaken in 2022
- Operating cashflows of \$0.9M achieved representing the third consecutive quarter of positive operating cashflows.
- Repayment of a further \$0.2M of term debt reducing balance to \$1.85M at 31 December 2022

Overview of Acumentis’ operating environment

Whilst the economy has been under strong inflationary pressures with multiple large increases in the interest by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), it appears that this tightening of monetary policy is approaching an end. We have seen over the past Quarter a significant reduction in property transaction volumes, particularly in the residential markets.



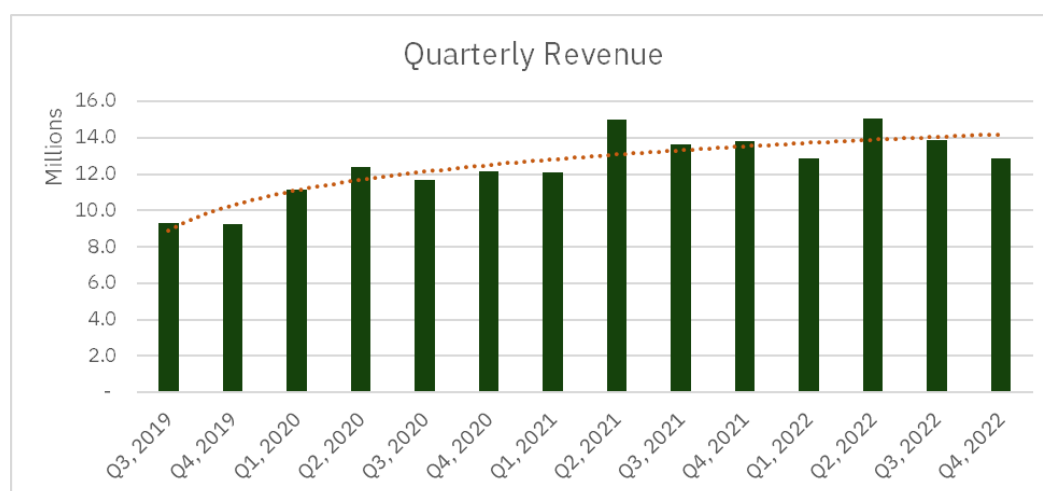
With more clarity over peak interest rates from the RBA and fixed mortgages coming off term we see the potential for significant refinance volume flowing through within our residential mortgage valuation operations. Further with more stability within the interest rate environment likely, we anticipate more buyers entering the market and a normalisation of residential property sales within 2023. This will see volumes return to long run levels.

Business Activities for the Quarter

The business activities of the Company remained unchanged during the quarter to December 2022.

Revenues

Revenues for the December 2022 quarter were \$12.9M compared to \$13.8M for the December 2021 quarter with the year on year decrease of only 7% despite a 30%+ decrease in finance activity across the market. Whilst quarterly revenues fell compared to the prior quarter, the growth trend remains positive.



Acumentis experienced a 9% decrease in fees from financial institutions via the ValEx panel management platform from the previous quarter following the 11% decrease experienced in the September quarter. This reflects both the continuing soft market conditions as well as the normal cyclical slowdown in the lead up to Christmas.



Revenues from government clients increased 33% for the quarter and 86% year on year.

Revenues from corporate and private clients decreased 10% for the quarter but increased 11% year on year.

These increases continue to demonstrate the success of Acumentis' focus on developing these alternative sources of revenues and reducing reliance on mortgage valuations.

The executive team has been successfully in undertaking business development activities to drive growth into areas which attract greater activity and earnings potential.

Operating Expenses

The Company has been able to achieve a reduction in expenses from the prior quarter of \$1.5M. This has been comprised of a reduction of employment costs for the quarter of \$1.0M along with a reduction in other operating expenses of \$0.5M. This result reflects the significant restructuring undertaken in the second half of calendar 2022 to drive operational efficiencies.

The executive team continues to focus on delivering efficiencies which, in conjunction with revenue growth, will drive significant improvements in profitability.

Closing cash and facilities

At 31 December 2022, the business had cash balances of \$0.9M and access to an unused overdraft facility of \$1.7M. These levels represent the Company's continued focus on driving down debt levels.

During the quarter a further \$0.23M was repaid on the term loan which now has a balance of \$1.85M.

Payments to Associates (refer section 6 of Appendix 4C)

During the current quarter, directors' fees totalling \$73,000 were paid to non-executive directors of the Company in line with their employment contracts.

By order of the Board.

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About Acumentis

Acumentis is entrusted to provide commercial and residential valuations, research and property advice to many thousands of homeowners, investors, developers and lenders. The company offers property valuation, insurance valuation and advisory services to clients including major banks and financial institutions, property developers, property trusts, government, lawyers, accountants, real estate agents and major and independent retailers. With 40 offices and more than 300 staff in metropolitan and regional locations around the country, Acumentis is Australia's only independent, locally owned, ASX-listed property valuation company.

Appendix 4C

Quarterly cash flow report for entities subject to Listing Rule 4.7B

Name of entity

Acumentis Group Limited (ASX: ACU)

ABN

50 102 320 329

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

December 2022

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
1. Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1 Receipts from customers	14,896	30,667
1.2 Payments for		
(a) research and development	-	-
(b) product manufacturing and operating costs	-	-
(c) advertising and marketing	-	-
(d) leased assets	(470)	(900)
(e) staff costs	(9,754)	(20,349)
(f) administration and corporate costs	(2,717)	(6,534)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4 Interest received	2	5
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(93)	(178)
1.6 Income taxes received / (paid)	-	(11)
1.7 Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8 Other (provide details if material)		
- GST paid	(1,059)	(1,755)
- Sub-lease rental income	94	183
- Other	-	-
1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	899	1,128

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) Entities (including deferred consideration)	-	(203)
	(b) businesses	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(234)	(518)
	(d) investments (term-deposits net change)	(39)	(20)
	(e) intellectual property	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-
2.2	Proceeds from disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) businesses	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) intellectual property	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(273)	(741)
3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	(228)	(455)
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(228)	(455)

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	390	856
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	899	1,128
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(273)	(741)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(228)	(455)
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	788	788

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	788	390
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	788	390

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	73
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-
<p><i>Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.</i></p> <p>Directors' fees paid.</p>		

<p>7. Financing facilities <i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.</i> <i>Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i></p>	<p>Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000</p>	<p>Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000</p>
7.1 Loan facilities	1,850	1,850
7.2 Credit standby arrangements	1,700	-
7.3 Other (provide details)	-	-
7.4 Total financing facilities	3,550	1,850
7.5 Unused financing facilities available at quarter end		1,700
7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
<p>Loan facilities</p> <p>Commercial loan facility from Westpac Bank Limited secured with fixed and floating charge over the assets and business of Acumentis and carrying interest at BBSY + 2.35% (currently 5.53%). In addition to interest, a 1% line fee is charged.</p> <p>The loan is amortised at \$75,000 per month and is subject to annual review with the next review due on 30 September 2023.</p> <p>Credit standby arrangements</p> <p>Commercial overdraft facility from Westpac Bank Limited secured with fixed and floating charge over the assets and business of Acumentis and carrying interest at the banks overdraft business rate (currently 8.54%). In addition to interest, a 1% line fee is charged.</p> <p>There is no maturity date for the commercial overdraft facility, however it is subject to annual review with the next review due on 30 September 2023.</p>		

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	889
8.2	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	788
8.3	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	1,700
8.4	Total available funding (item 8.2 + item 8.3)	2,488
8.5	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.4 divided by item 8.1)	N/A
<p><i>Note: if the entity has reported positive net operating cash flows in item 1.9, answer item 8.5 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.5.</i></p>		
8.6	If item 8.5 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
8.6.1	Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	
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8.6.2	Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	
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8.6.3	Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?	
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<p><i>Note: where item 8.5 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.6.1, 8.6.2 and 8.6.3 above must be answered.</i></p>		

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 30 January 2023

Authorised by: By the Board

(name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standard applies to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.