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Clever Culture Systems (CCS) provides intelligent automation solutions to microbiology laboratories. Based in Adelaide, South Australia, the Company has developed a best-in-class technology, the Automated Plate Assessment System (APAS® Independence), using artificial intelligence and machine learning software to automate the imaging, analysis and interpretation of microbiology culture plates. The technology remains the only US FDA-cleared artificial intelligence technology for automated culture plate reading. The product is currently being sold to microbiology laboratories in the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector for the reading of environmental monitoring culture plates and to clinical laboratories as an in vitro diagnostic for infectious diseases. Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc is exclusive distributor of the APAS® Independence to clinical customers in the United States and selected countries in Europe.

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# Al-powered microbiology

Revolutionising microbial quality control in pharmaceutical manufacturing

Brent Barnes, CEO and Managing Director
June 2025





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Technology

# APAS® Independence

Automated reading, interpretation and reporting of microbial growth on culture plates



# Revolutionising pharma Microbial QC testing



Cutting edge AI technology

Machine learning for microbiology applications



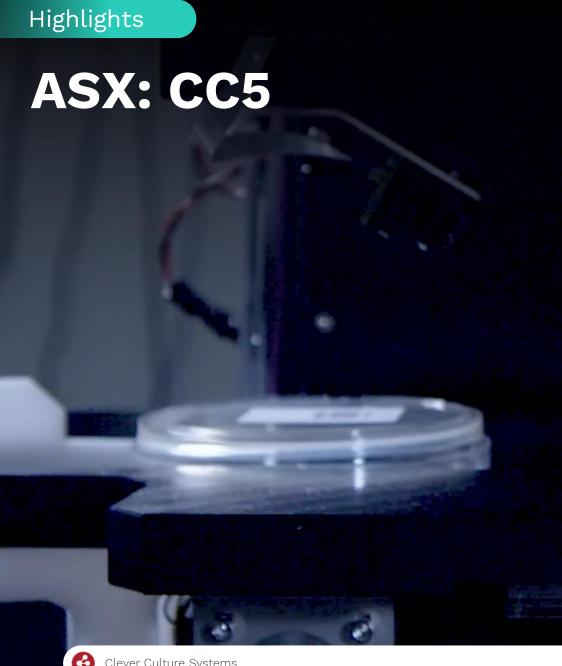
Demonstrated performance Extensive scientific data, faster than microbiologist



Significant market opportunity
Focus on global pharma manufacturers



Market trends driving shift to automation Industry seeking to remove manual processes



#### Market leader

- APAS Independence validated culture plate reading technology
- First and only end-point reader deployed in routine drug manufacturing

#### **Growing customer base**

- 13 instruments sold to pharmaceutical customers since launch in Mar-24
- Early sales achieved in anticipation of contact plates development (Q1 FY26)
- Engaged with 14/20 of the largest global pharmaceutical companies1

#### Financial stability

- Product sales transition Company to profitability
- Growing installed base builds platform for ARR growth

#### Industry

#### **Environmental Monitoring is a** highly regulated process

- Critical and mandatory process to maintain drug product quality and safety
- Measures whether the manufacturing facility is operating in a state of control
- Culture plates used for monitoring of air, surfaces, personnel and water during drug manufacture daily





# Millions of culture plates are manually read and reported annually during pharmaceutical manufacturing



#### Incorrect results costly

#### High cost of failure

Up to US\$1bn lost revenue<sup>1</sup>

Failed results in pharmaceutical manufacturing can lead to substantial revenue losses. Catastrophic impact is patient death

#### Regulatory scrutiny

116% regulatory increase<sup>2</sup>

Rise in regulatory observations to drug establishments creates compliance challenges

#### Inefficient

Up to 98% zero growth plates<sup>3</sup>

Millions of plates reviewed annually, majority of plates have no growth yet require dual analyst verification, wasting resources

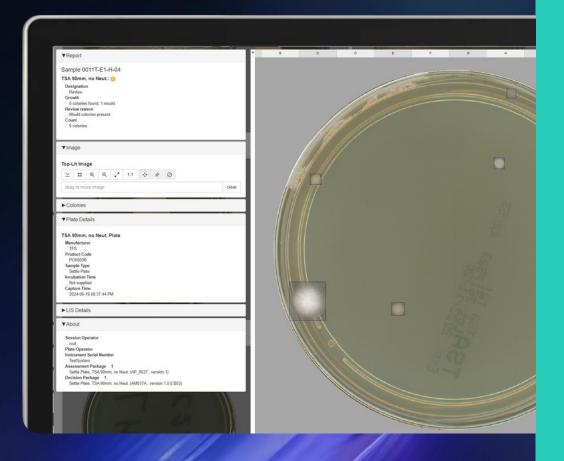
<sup>1. &</sup>lt;u>www.researchandmarkets.com</u>, Global Pharmarcetuicals Market Report 2021: Covid-19 Impact and Recovery to 2030.

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# Digital disruption

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# **Solution: APAS**

Automated Plate Assessment System



Cutting edge AI technology

Machine learning for microbiology applications



Demonstrated performance

Extensive scientific data, faster than microbiologist



Improved data integrity

Automatic data trails and audit reports

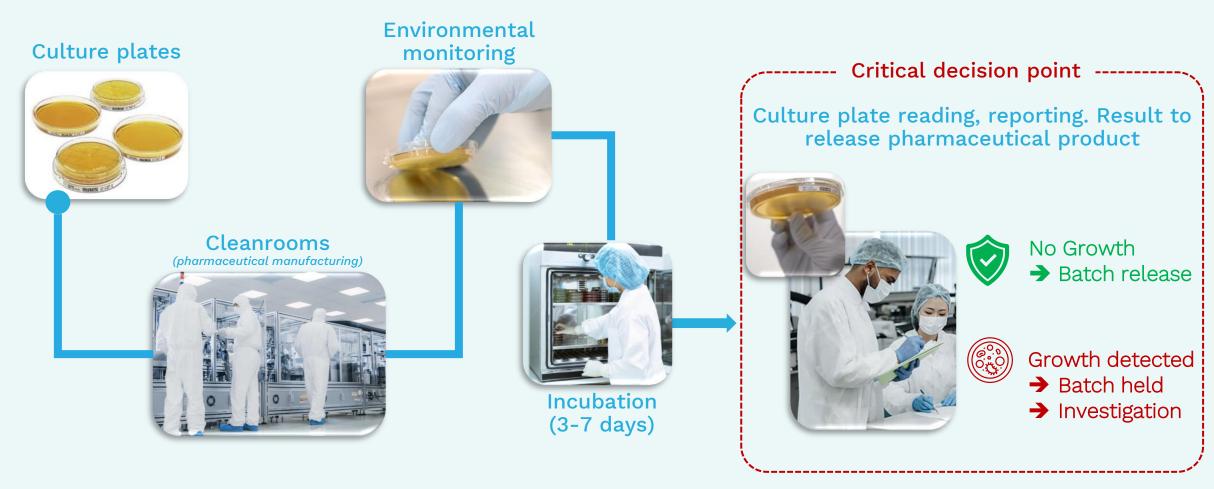


Easy integration and user operation

Simple plug and play technology

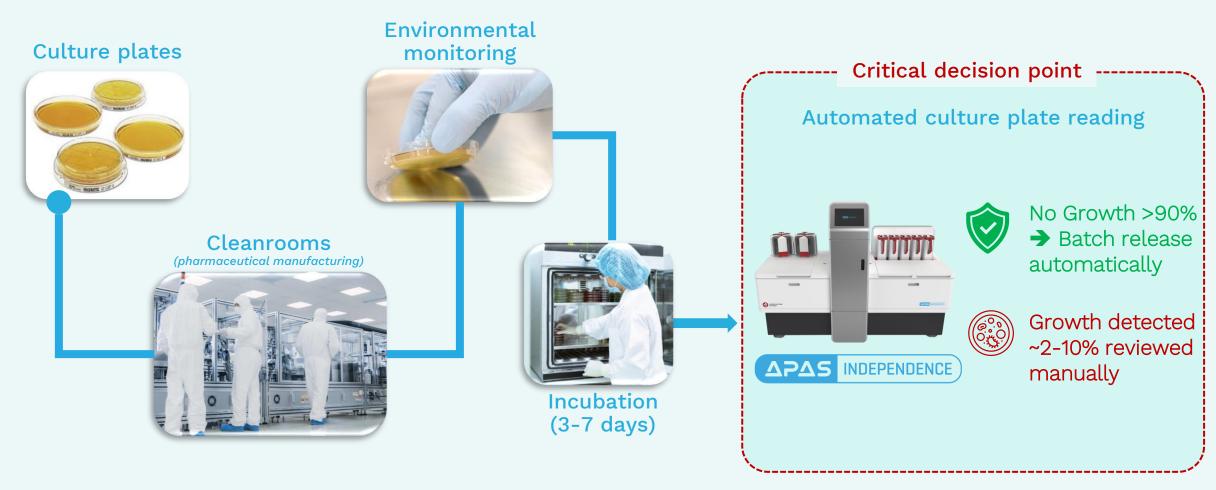
# Environmental monitoring today

Mandatory process in every pharmaceutical manufacturing facility globally



### Environmental monitoring with APAS

Mandatory process in every pharmaceutical manufacturing facility globally





# AU\$2.8B TAM<sup>1</sup>

**Total Addressable Market** for aseptic manufacturing microbiology testing. Pharma companies are investing in expanding manufacturing facilities and automation

# 14 of Top 20<sup>2</sup>

Sales pipeline includes largest pharmaceutical manufacturers globally. Opportunity for multi-instrument sales, establishes industry credibility.

# >40 qualified leads

**Sales momentum** building. Qualified opportunities represent **~\$75 million** in upfront sales and **\$15 million** per annum in recurring revenues.<sup>3</sup>

- 1. Global Pharmaceuticals & Medicine Manufacturing; IBISWorld Industry Report + internal company analysis
- 2. Top 20 Pharma based on annual revenue
- Sales Pipeline Value estimated on potential number of APAS instruments across current active customers

Pharmaceutical manufacturing: Attractive market for optimisation



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# Up to AU\$1.5m revenue per APAS Independence sale<sup>1</sup>

Includes up-front Capex and Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR) streams



Product / Service	Description	Revenue Model	Approx. Split
APAS® Independence	Laboratory Instrumentation	Upfront Capex (inc. financing options)	40%
APAS Apps®	Al Software Licence	ARR	40%
APAS Service <sup>2</sup>	Support and maintenance services	ARR	15%
Implementation Services	Instrument connectivity, technical data and validation support	One-off	5%

<sup>1.</sup> Typical revenue over 7 years (expected life of instrument)

<sup>2.</sup> Third-party service provider / distributor expected to provide service

# Different automation approach

#### Incubation and reading technologies

- Requires continuous reading between incubator and imaging platform
- Incubation size restricts volume capacity (60-132 plates per day capacity)

3P System – bioMerieux (Interscience OEM)

Incubator capacity **300** plates ~60 plates per day<sup>1</sup>



Growth Direct – Rapid Micro Biosystems (NASDAQ RPID)

Incubator capacity ~660 plates ~132 plates per day<sup>1</sup>



#### 1. Daily capacity assumes industry standard 5-day incubation

# APAS Independence: end point reader

#### APAS delivers scale

- 1 APAS instrument automates 1,600 plates per day
- Customers use their existing lowcost, high-volume incubators



# Go-to-market strategy

#### Land and expand

Land a single instrument sale. APAS expands to become the standard across customer global sites

#### Top-20 largest pharma

Focus on the largest biologics manufacturing customers who have many global sites, establishing credibility across industry

#### Customer advocacy

Blue-chip customers, AstraZeneca, Bristol Myers Squibb publishing data



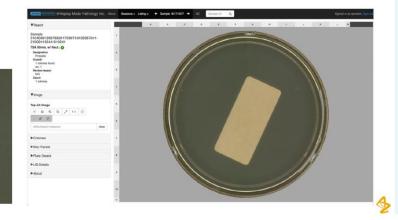
### AstraZeneca Case Study

#### Enterprise customer – Standardisation across multiple global sites

- ~1,000 plates per day at large AZ sites
- >98% of plates are negative
- Occasionally humans make mistakes
- APAS resolves data integrity challenges

Key Learning Points

- Value of APAS proven during data collection
- Single colony missed by humans, detected by APAS
- Most important acceptance criteria are that it never misses a positive plate, and doesn't give too many false positives





# 9 instruments purchased and installed

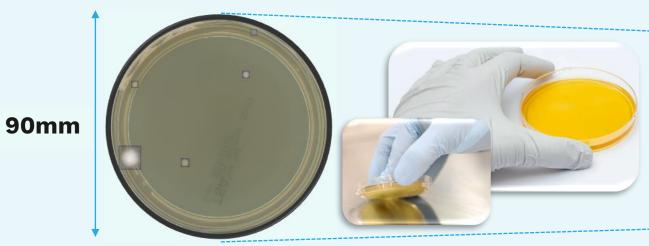
- Multiple global manufacturing locations
- Advocates of technology presenting at multiple conferences
- Validated technology for routine use

### Contact plates launch: unparalleled advantage

Launch Q1 FY26 to accelerate sales pipeline covering major tests

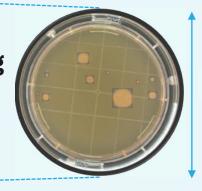
Settle Plates ~50% used

Contact Plates ~50% used



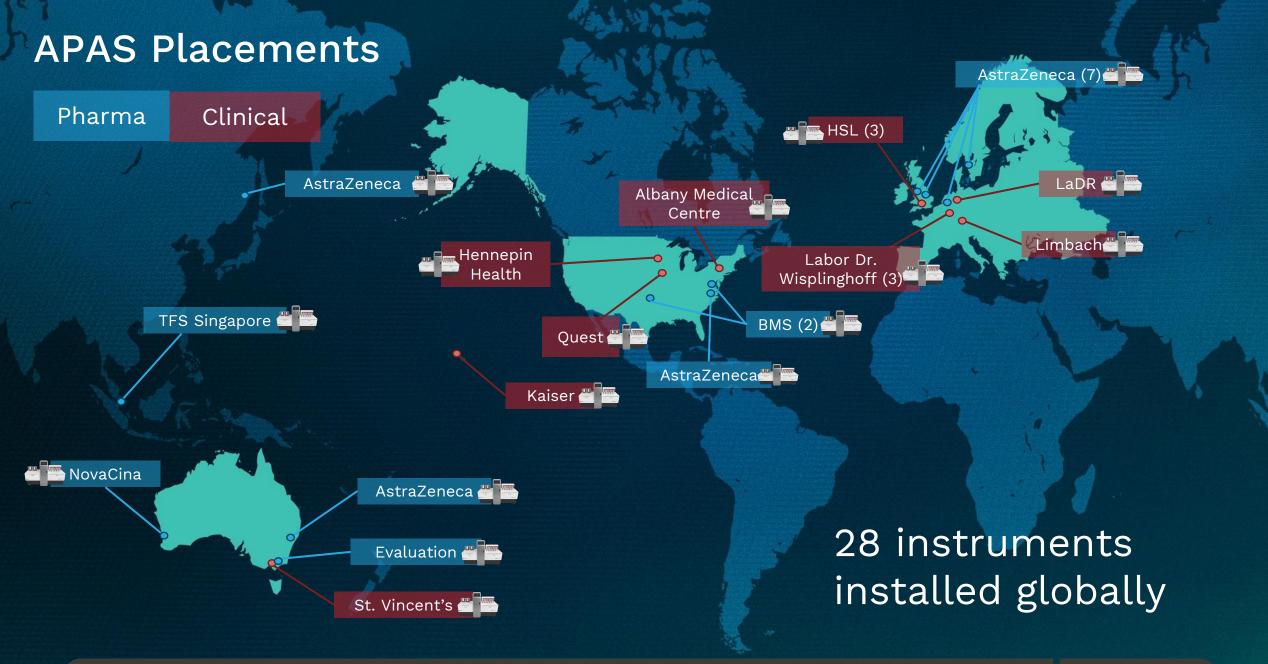
# **Automating more tests in Environmental Monitoring**

Passive and Active Air Sampling, Personnel Monitoring, Surface Sampling



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- Unlocks opportunity to convert and expand customer sales pipeline
- Current pipeline 40+ qualified leads built based on APAS automating ~50% workflow today,
   with knowledge of contact plate product pipeline being delivered
- Contact plate launch to automate majority of Environmental Monitoring tests



### **Board and Management**

Focused on expansion into pharmaceutical manufacturing industry

- Board and Management shareholding 20%+
- International experience with healthcare, technology and pharmaceutical manufacturing expertise
- Extensive public listed ASX experience in micro-cap and high-growth companies



Brent Barnes CEO and MD, AU Aug-16 start



Rebecca Wilson Chair, AU



**Dan Hill** NED, AU Dec-23 star



NED, US Oct-24 start





# **Corporate Overview**

#### Transitioning to profitability



Key Statistics (Closing Price on 20 June 2025)			
- Cost of Closing Price on 20 June 2023)			
Share Price	\$0.017 per share		
Shares on Issue	1.77 billion		
Top-20 Shareholding	65%		
Market Cap.	\$30.0 million		
Listed options (CC5C	~400 million OA) expiring 15-11-25 at \$0.008		
Financials (AUD)			
Cash & Receivables (31 March 25)	\$2.2 million Cash \$3.6 million Receivables Up to \$3.2m additional cash in flow from options vesting in November 24		
Annual Cost Base	\$4.2m expected (less R&DTI refund & recurring income)		
Est. Breakeven Sales	~ 11 APAS instruments		
SAFA Loan Facility	\$1.0 million outstanding (low interest rate, interest only until 2026)		

# Pharmaceutical sales transition Company

Blue-chip customers underpin path to profitability







Global pharmaceutical customers bought and standardising APAS for environmental monitoring. Substantial market opportunity for APAS to become the new standard 13 APAS instruments sold to pharma since launch in March 2024

Corporate

HY25 maiden profit \$1.1m, driven by product sales of \$3.8m

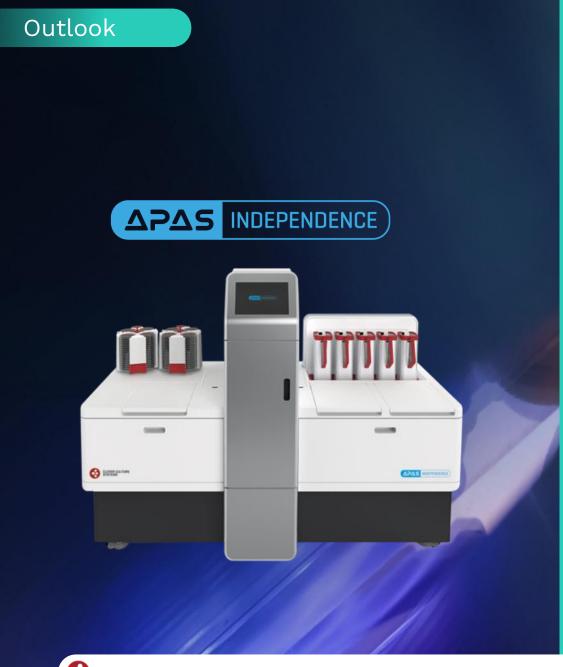
High-margin recurring revenue >\$0.5m across install base of 28 instruments

Mar-25 cash and current receivables of \$5.8 million

Product expansion

New environmental monitoring test for contact plates expands APAS utility for customers Increases market
opportunity and increases
ARR for APAS

Launching Q1 FY26



New sales and placements with Top-20 pharma companies

Sets established userbase for future sales

Growth in customers using the technology in routine operations

Drives growth in recurring revenues

Contact plate application provides unique value proposition for customers

Expands overall APAS market opportunity

Financial outlook: Expectation for maiden FY25 transition to profitability

Target to transition to sustainable profitability