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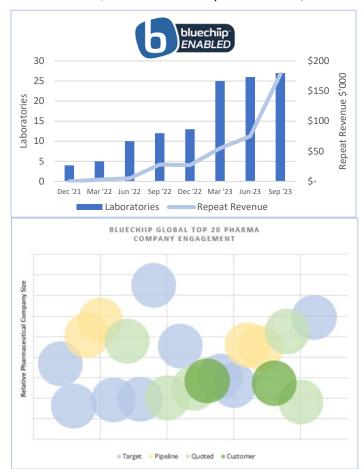
# BLUECHIIP LIMITED SEPTEMBER 2023 QUARTERLY CASH FLOW REPORT

Bluechiip Limited (**Bluechiip** or the **Company**) (**ASX: BCT**), a leader in the development of advanced sample management solutions for harsh environments, is pleased to release the Company's Appendix 4C - Quarterly Cashflow report and update for the quarter ended 30 September 2023.

### **ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

#### Corporate and Business updates for the quarter

- Successfully completed a capital raise of \$1.632m via a placement subsequent to September 2023 quarter;
- Recorded sales of \$200k and cash receipts from customers of \$267k for the first quarter in FY24;
- Number of laboratories serviced doubled and repeat sales have tripled year on year to September 2023;
- 16 end-users have now ordered Bluechiip products across their 27 laboratories (compared to 12 laboratories at the same time last year);
- Repeat revenue from those customers rose 117% to \$163,000;
- Bluechiip solution in use in two global big pharma companies in the USA and EU and an IVY League institution in New York;
- North American sales and marketing team continue to work on acceleration of pipeline opportunities to over 50 potential customers;
- Successfully obtained notice of registration for the refundable R&D Tax Incentive for FY23 with circa \$930k expected to be received; and
- Subsequent to successful placement on 18
  Oct 2023, cash and cash equivalents stand at
  \$1.976m on a proforma basis.





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#### **Additional information**

The Company successfully completed a capital raise through a placement to institutional, sophisticated and professional investors for 77,703,329 new ordinary fully paid shares at an issue price of \$0.021 per ordinary in Bluechiip, that raised \$1.632m (Placement). With the exception of subscriptions by Chairman lain Kirkwood, Managing Director Andrew McLellan and Non-Executive Director Michael Ohanessian (\$50k, \$15k and \$25k respectively, which are subject to shareholders approval at the Company's next general meeting), \$1.542m was fully received. The proceeds of \$1.542m received was prior to defraying management and selling fees in relation to the Placement.

During the quarter, Mr. Kirkwood provided an interest free, unsecured loan to the Company of A\$100,000, with the loan being repaid by offsetting the May Placement consideration should shareholders approve Resolution 5 at the Company's 2023 Annual General Meeting.

During the quarter, the Company recorded sales of goods and engineering services of \$200k (Q4 2023: \$171k). The Company also recorded cash receipts from customers for the quarter ended 30 September 2023 of \$267k (Q4 2023: \$164k) for sales of products and engineering services.

The Company continues to actively engage with customers mainly in North America through its expanded sales and marketing team who is aggressively pursuing new business opportunities, building its pipeline, target customer engagement and sales closure.

Bluechiip's new range of consumables and Advanced Sample Management Solutions continue to receive strong interest. Since product launch in the December quarter 2021 end-customer use has grown, with orders from 16 customers for use in their 27 operating laboratories.

Notably, these customers are beginning to generate recurring revenue, with \$163k in September 2023 quarter up from \$75k in June 2023 quarter, \$55k in the March 2023 quarter and \$24k in December 2022 quarter. These orders are for both Bluechiip enabled consumables, additional readers and hardware and software licences. The Bluechiip-enabled solution is embedded into their high-value sample inventory management processes.

Customer end markets include large pharmaceutical, cell therapy, clinical trial and research organisations, with significant opportunities to organically expand Bluechiip's footprint and usage. The adoption by laboratories of Bluechiip-enabled solutions has grown steadily since launch, from four in the December 2021 quarter to 26 in the June 2023 quarter.

The Company continues to advance its discussions and negotiations with potential OEMs in pursuit of OEM partner agreements while maintaining a focus on building our direct end customer business in North America.

During the quarter, Bluechiip's investment in the right people continues to see staff costs leading the cash outflow items: \$1.210m (Q4 Jun 23: \$1.147m). Also dominating the cashflow items are manufacturing costs, sales and marketing expenses, and administration and corporate expenses: \$325k (Q4 Jun 23: \$276k), \$107k (Q4 Jun 23: \$220k), and \$244k (Q4 Jun 23: \$191k) respectively.

During the quarter, the Company made a drawdown of \$250,000 loan from an advance facility from Asymmetric Innovation Finance Pty Limited secured by R&D tax incentive 2023/2024 receivable. An interest rate of 16% per annum is calculated and payable monthly on the amount drawn down. The



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**Customer Laboratory Adoption** 

Sep '21 Dec '21 Mar '22 Jun '22 Sep '22 Dec '22 Mar '23 Jun-23 Sep '23

Potential Labs

■ End customer Labs

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additional drawdown of \$250,000 brings the total loan liability of the Company to \$900,000. The Company will make a settlement of \$650,000 towards the first R&D Advance from R&D tax incentive 2022/2023 expected to be received sometime during Q2 Dec 24.

In the coming quarter, further to the proceeds of \$1.542m from the Placement and R&D tax incentive refundable of circa \$930k, the Company expects to generate receipts from sales made to customers it is working on and debtors which it is closely monitoring.

#### **Outlook**

The Company continues to respond to market conditions, including:

Landing new direct customers with new installations, as well as meeting repeat orders from existing customers for Bluechiip Advanced Sample Management Solutions, including Bluechiip-enabled consumables, readers and software for the global biobanking market directly into North America and Australia/New Zealand and through distribution partners globally;

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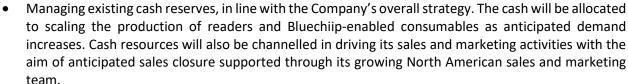
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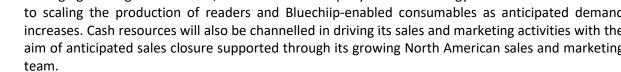
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Laboratories

- Expanding through existing customers sites into additional potential laboratories and also into additional applications within customer sites;
- Progressing execution of the development activities under the licence and development agreement with FujiFilm Irvine Scientific with a continuous active pursuit of a subsequent supply agreement;
- Progressing towards OEM partner agreements with potential OEMs including

in the pharmaceutical, cell therapy and target biobanking space, sectors that have gained significant traction for the Company's products and solutions; and





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Authorised for release by the Bluechiip Limited Board



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### **About Bluechiip Limited**

Bluechiip understands that every biological sample – stem cells, blood, eggs, sperm and other biospecimens – is critical, so our objective is to manage each one with optimal quality in the most efficient way. Bluechiip's Advanced Sample Management Solution is the only one that provides sample temperature with ID in cryogenic environments, driving productivity and improving quality. Bluechiip's solution delivers confidence in every sample.

Bluechiip's unique patented technology is a MEMS-based wireless tracking solution that contains no electronics. It represents a generational change from current tracking methods such as labels (handwritten and pre-printed), barcodes (linear and 2D), and Radio Frequency Identification. Bluechiip tags are either embedded or manufactured into storage products such as vials or bags. Each product is easily identified and critical information, such as sample temperature, detected by readers and stored in the Bluechiip software. In addition to functioning in extreme temperatures, the Bluechiip® Advanced Sample management solution can survive autoclaving, gamma irradiation sterilization, humidification, centrifuging, cryogenic storage and frosting.

Bluechiip listed on the ASX in June 2011. Since then, it has significantly developed its technology. Today Bluechiip's Technology has applications in healthcare, including in cryogenic storage facilities (biobanks and biorepositories), pathology, clinical trials and forensics. Other key markets include cold-chain logistics/supply chain, security/defence, industrial/manufacturing and aerospace/aviation.

Bluechiip: Delivering confidence in every sample.

Further information is available at www.bluechiip.com

# **Appendix 4C**

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

# Name of entity

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BLUECHIIP LIMITED	
ABN	Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	267	267
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) research and development	(57)	(57)
	(b) product manufacturing and operating costs	(325)	(325)
	(c) advertising and marketing	(107)	(107)
	(d) leased assets	-	-
	(e) staff costs	(1,210)	(1,210)
	(f) administration and corporate costs	(244)	(244)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)		
1.4	Interest received	2	2
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other (provide details if material)	67	67
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(1,607)	(1,607)

2.	Cas	sh flows from investing activities	
2.1	Pay	ments to acquire or for:	
	(a)	entities	-
	(b)	businesses	-
	(c)	property, plant and equipment	(14)
	(d)	investments	-
	(e)	intellectual property	-
	(f)	other non-current assets	-

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Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
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	(14)	-

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 securities or convertible debt securities	(1)	(1)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	350	350
3.6	Repayment of borrowings		
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	(25)	(25)
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	324	324

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,723	1,723
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(1,607)	(1,607)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(14)	(14)

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	324	324
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	426	426

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	426	1,723
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)	426	1,723

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	39
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

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.

Item 6.1 This amount relates to professional fees paid to Non-Executive Directors of Bluechiip Limited.

7.	Financing facilities  Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.  Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	1250	900
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	80	51
7.4	Total financing facilities	1,330	951
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at qu	ıarter end	379

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.

#### Item 7.1

Loan facilities of \$900,000 from Asymmetric Innovation Finance Pty Limited consist of the following:

- (i) Facility 1: \$650,000 R&D Tax Incentive Prepayment Loan (R&D Advance) secured by R&D tax incentive 2022/2023 expected to be received. As at 30 Sep 2023, \$650,00 was fully drawn down. An interest rate of 15% per annum is calculated and payable monthly on the amount drawn down.
- (ii) Facility 2: \$600,000 R&D Tax Incentive Prepayment Loan (R&D Advance) secured by R&D tax incentive 2023/2024 expected to be received. As at 30 Sep 2023, \$250,000 was fully drawn down. An interest rate of 16% per annum is calculated and payable monthly on the amount drawn down.

Item 7.3
Relates to credit card facilities

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(1,607)
8.2	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	426
8.3	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	379
8.4	Total available funding (item 8.2 + item 8.3)	805
8.5	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.4 divided by item 8.1)	0.50

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.

- 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?

Answer: No

The Company is expected to receive proceeds from expected sales to its customers in the coming quarters. The Company is expected to also receive its R&D Tax Incentive refundable from the FY 23 R&D Tax Incentive registration.

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?

Answer: Yes.

Bluechiip successfully completed a capital raise of \$1.632m from the equity capital market via a Placement announced on 18 Oct 2023.

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?

Answer: Yes.

The Company is expected to continue its operations which is supported by the proceeds from sales to be made, FY 23 R&D Tax Incentive refundable expected to be received and also the recent proceeds received from Placement.

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.

#### 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.

	31 October 2023
Date:	
	THE BOARD OF BLUECHIIP LIMITED
Authorised by:	(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

#### Notes

- 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.
- 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.