

## **Avexa**

"Changing market perceptions"

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#### **Company snapshot**

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Infectious diseases & HIV and antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections

Three drug compounds with the potential to treat resistant infections that are currently poorly treated

- ATC a very late stage therapy for the treatment of drug-resistant HIV infections
- Integrase inhibitors a series of discovery phase compounds for the treatment of integrase-inhibitor resistant infections
- Antibiotic project compounds with novel mode of action with activity against antibiotic resistant infections. Licensed to Valevia in Switzerland

Shares on issue 925.7m

Market capitalisation \$12.0m

Substantial shareholder J Lim (15.6%)

Board & Management 2.1%

#### ATC clinical trial funding strategy

Investment (30%) in the North Pratt coal mine in Alabama, USA. First coal production scheduled for Q4 2014.





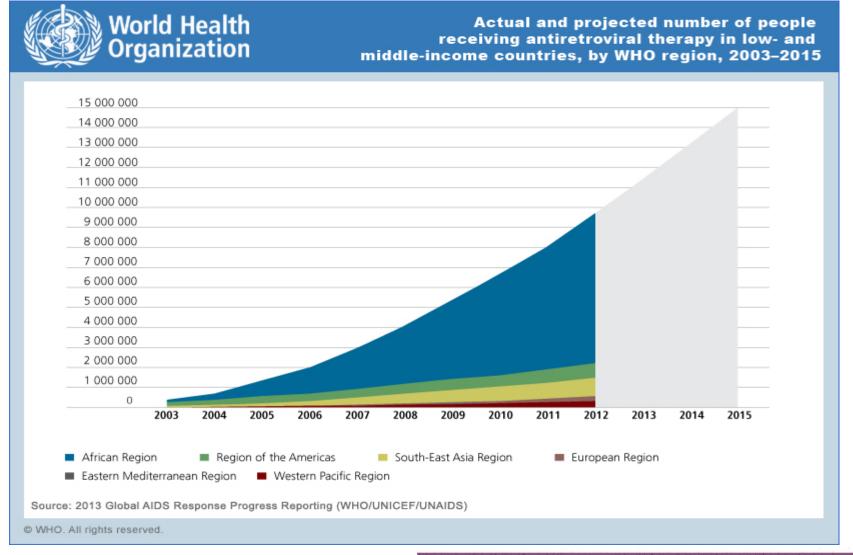
#### AVX – significantly undervalued by any measure

- Three drug assets with one, ATC, in Phase 3
- Manufacturing of ATC for clinical trials and special access schemes (Named Patient Scheme, NPS) has commenced
- ₱ NPS expected to commence Q4 2014
- ❖ Partnered with Link Healthcare No.2 in HIV drug sales in South Africa
- ₱ 30% equity stake in US coal mine (cash flows to fund trials)
- Life-of-Mine cash-flow US\$295m (based on US\$100/ton sales price)
- © Coal production expected to commence Q4, 2014

<sup>\*</sup>As at end of May 2014

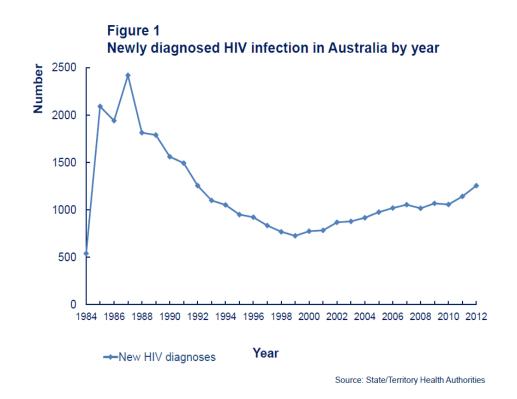


# Demand for Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) treatment is growing





#### ...so there remains a need for new anti-HIV drugs



Most common form of resistance is to existing Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTIs)

- HIV infection steadily increasing in Australia for past ten years
- In Europe 80% of people with HIV are not fully suppressed
  - Not adequately treated
  - Risk of resistance
- 1.7 million deaths from AIDS worldwide (2011)
- Number of people with drugresistant HIV in Europe has increased by 35% since 2003
- 18% of newly diagnosed young people in New York City are drugresistant before therapy even starts



#### **ATC overview**

ATC proved to be safe and effective in Phase 2b & Phase 3 trials > \$100 million spent to date on trials / project
Unable to secure funding /co-development deal with big pharma Project terminated and all ATC work stopped New board voted in to seek a different model to progress ATC Independent review confirms ATC has market potential
USA & EU regulatory authorities agree to shorter and simpler, less costly, final Phase 3 clinical trial with a rapid (14 days) end-point for approval
December AGM – shareholders approve investment in North Pratt coal mine as a vehicle to fund ATC development
Collaboration with Link Healthcare on ATC Decision to make ATC available under special access/named patient schemes Manufacturing of ATC commences for clinical trials and special access
Q4 – ATC expected to be available for special access ATC trials planned to commence as funding from coal cash flow allows



#### **ATC** funding strategy

- Remaining Phase 3 trial to cost circa \$30 million
- New board needed to address
  - Insufficient cash reserves to recommence trials (\$20m at Dec'12)
  - Inability to raise cash from equity markets given recent circumstances
- Board looked "outside the box" and sought to break the "cap raise and cash burn" paradigm of most biotechnology companies
- Opportunity arose to invest in North Pratt coal mine (Alabama, USA)
- ♦ US\$10m investment for 25% (now 30%) equity
- DD completed Q4 2012; shareholders approved at Dec'12 AGM
- Project commenced early 2013
- Permit delays in USA allowed AVX to negotiate better terms
  - Increase equity stake to 30%
  - Investment reduced to US\$8m (cost savings identified)
  - High FX rate allowed AVX to fully hedge US\$8m investment
- Named Patient Scheme (NPS) proceeds to be applied to ATC development



#### **North Pratt coal mine investment**

- North Pratt was a mothballed mine now being re-opened
- Metallurgical coal (used to make steel)
- ♦ US\$8 million investment for 30% equity
- Expected to generate revenue of US\$51m p/a gross based on US\$100/ton sale price
- Allows AVX to allocate cash resources towards the final development of ATC
  - ♠ AVX-305 clinical trial preparations already underway
- Revenue generating investment flexibility

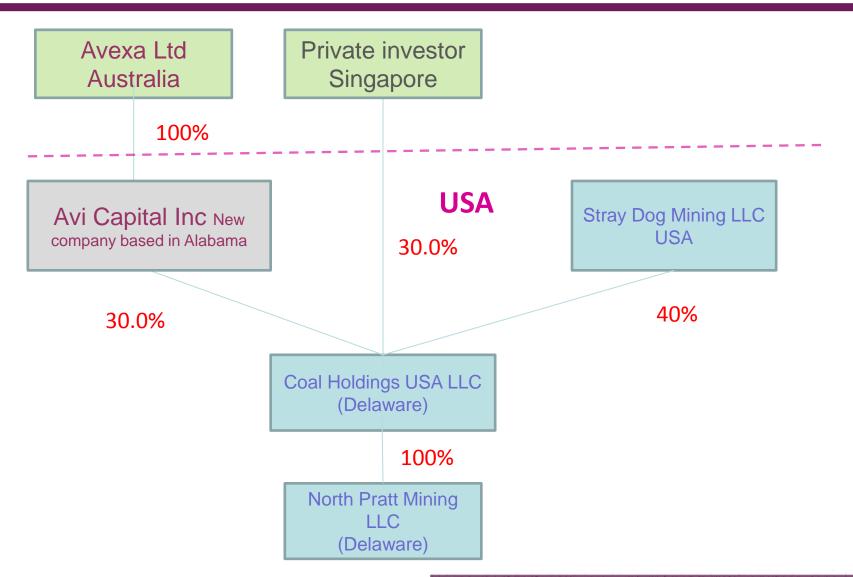


#### **North Pratt – financial snapshot**

- Projected Mine Life: 17 years
- Saleable Coal Production Life of Mine (LOM): 8.75m
  US short tons
- Average Coal Price : US\$100 per ton (budget)
- Revenues: US\$51m p/a; \$875m Life of Mine
- ₱ EBITDA: US\$344m LOM; US\$19m p/a average
- Cash flow: LOM US\$295M
- Return on Investment Before Taxes: 62%



#### **North Pratt - corporate structure**





#### ATC - stages to success: regulatory approval

#### ₱ Final small clinical trial for approval

- ♦ Only 300 patients
- Primary endpoint at 14 days
- Protocol developed in conjunction with FDA & EMA (European Medicines Agency)
- Feasibility completed, sites identified
- **®** Existing ATC stocks
- Preparations well advanced



#### ATC - stages to success: sales and marketing

- Evident that AVX was not going to secure big pharma assistance (either co-development or sales & marketing)
- Partnership with Link Healthcare was created in 2012/13
- No.2 seller of anti-HIV drugs in South Africa
- Expertise in marketing specialist products
- Highly experienced in pre-approval access
- Named Patient Scheme (NPS)
  - Enables provision of life-saving new drugs prior to regulatory approval
  - Provides greater access to ATC than a small clinical trial
    - Clinical trial not run in all countries
  - Builds familiarity
  - Driven by demand
  - Volumes of products delivered through NPS can be significant
- NPS net revenues to contribute to cash flow



#### Link Healthcare - a fast growing specialty pharma

- ♦ +250 NPS Products
- >60+ in-licensed or acquired registered & listed pharmaceuticals and medical devices:
  - Regulatory maintenance: internal & external
  - Production supervision
  - Wholesale distribution
  - Full market support/medical info
  - Specialist sales promotion (in-house sales teams)
- Supply chain management
  - ♦ Named Patient Service: Special Access Schemes (>100)
  - Sophisticated direct distribution: direct to Hospital/Doctor
  - Cold chain supply management throughout region
  - Global access
  - Experienced import management
  - Strong Government and medical support



### Why ATC?

- Active in all classes of drug resistant patients
  - ® NRTI, NNRTI, protease, integrase, CCR5 and fusion inhibitors
- ♠ Extremely low development of resistance
  - ♦ No resistance to ATC up to 144 weeks of treatment
- Excellent safety and tolerability
  - More than three years of treatment
- Very few interactions with other drugs
  - other HIV drugs, diabetes, blood pressure, antibiotics, hepatitis etc
- Proven efficacy
  - ◆ 48 week study (AVX-301) and 144 week study (AVX-201E)
  - Both studies fully reviewed by FDA
- NRTI regimens continue to be shown to be the gold standard
  - 7 clinical trials of regimens without NRTIs
  - All showed poorer outcomes (activity and safety/tolerability)



#### **HIV Integrase inhibitors**

- First generation integrase inhibitors now recommended as first line therapy
  - Raltegravir (Merck) twice daily
  - Bivitegravir (Gilead) once daily only with boosting agent
  - Both fragile to resistance development
- Dolutegravir (ViiV) recently approved
  - Once daily combination pill in naïve patients, otherwise twice daily
  - Retains some activity against integrase resistant virus (but twice daily)
  - US wholesale price \$14K/year (if once daily)
- Increasing use of integrase inhibitors in first line therapy = increasing integrase resistance when first line therapy fails
- No once daily integrase inhibitor active against resistant virus for use after first line



#### Avexa's Integrase project

- Series of second/third generation compounds
  - Comprehensively protected by full length patents
- Active against both wild type and resistant virus
  - Multiple opportunities
- Two compounds have pharmacokinetic profiles indicative of once daily dosing in rats and primates
- Further analogues identified
  - Some with even higher potency
- Optimisation process underway (as funds allow)
  - Potency (wild type and resistant virus)
  - Pharmacokinetics (once daily)
  - Route of metabolism (co-formulation)
  - Likely daily dose



#### **Urgent Crisis in Antibiotic Resistance**

- Two million serious antibiotic-resistant infections per year in the USA alone
  - 23 000 deaths p/a
  - ♦ US\$20 billion p/a in excess direct healthcare costs
- ₱ 250 000 hospitalisations in USA for Clostridium difficile per year.
  - 4 14 000 deaths p/a
  - ♦ US\$1 billion in excess medical costs p/a
- ₱ 30% of enterococcus infections in USA are now vancomycin-resistant
  - 20 000 VRE infections p/a
  - ♦ 1300 deaths p/a
- Only one novel antibiotic developed in the last 50 years



#### Avexa's antibiotic project

- Programme licensed to Valevia (Swiss biotech company)
- Active against clinical isolates of
  - & Clostridium difficile
  - Multi-drug resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
  - Penicillin-resistant Streptococci
  - ♦ Vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE)
- \* Focusing on Clostridium difficile initially
- \$200K grant to Valevia (licensee) for preclinical studies
  - Preparation of material
  - Stability study
  - In vivo study
- Possibility for further grants



#### **Board & Management**

Mr Iain Kirkwood *MA (Hons) Oxon, FCPA, CA, MAICD* Independent Non-Executive Chairman

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Dr Jonathan Coates *PhD* CSO & Interim CEO

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