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## **March 2021 Quarterly Report**

Invex Therapeutics Ltd (Invex, ASX:IXC, or the Company) a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialisation of Presendin™ (Exenatide) for neurological conditions relating to raised intracranial pressure, is pleased to provide an operational and corporate update to accompany its Appendix 4C cash flow statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2021.

## **Operational Update**

## Type B Meeting / Pre-IND Request with US Food and Drug Administration

On 31 March 2021, the Company announced to ASX the filing of a pre- Investigational New Drug Application (pre-IND) / Type B request meeting with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seeking further protocol assistance on a proposed Phase III clinical trial of Presendin™ (Exenatide) versus placebo in Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH) patients.

In addition, as previously requested by the FDA following initial scientific advice received in July 2020, Invex has also submitted a complete proposed study protocol and statistical analysis plan (SAP) for the proposed trial. The feedback sought from the FDA will be an important consideration as the Company contemplates the filing of an IND following the official minutes of the meeting, expected in Q3 CY2021.

Currently, IIH patients are unable to rely on any regulatory cleared therapeutic agents to effectively manage high intracranial pressure and to materially improve their quality of life by positively impacting important clinical outcomes such as a reduction in headaches. This planned IIH trial by Invex, would be ground breaking in this regard.

## **Intellectual Property**

Invex continues to build out its core intellectual property (IP) portfolio. On 26 February 2021, the Company announced to ASX it had been granted a trademark by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for Presendin™. In addition, the Company filed patent applications covering the preferred once per day formulation of Presendin™ the Company intends to move forward into human clinical trials.

## **Corporate Update**

#### **Financial Summary and Analysis**

The Company closed the quarter in a strong financial position with cash and cash equivalents of \$33.2 million.

Cash outflows from operating expenditure for the quarter were \$0.42 million included:

- Research & development expenditure for the quarter of \$0.29 million related to completing the necessary lead-in clinical and non-clinical research activities and costs associated with key regulatory advice ahead of regulatory submissions to commence a Phase III clinical trial in IIH (\$0.17 million), along with direct R&D staff costs (\$0.12 million).
- Administration and corporate costs of \$0.16 million related to compliance costs associated with an ASX listed company, including ASX, Director's fees, audit and legal costs.

Aggregate amounts paid to related parties of the Company and their associates included in the above costs were \$0.15 million for the guarter.

## **Appointment of an additional Non-Executive Director**

Invex continued to further strengthen the skills and composition of the Board with the appointment of Dr Megan Baldwin as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 16 February 2021. This followed the appointed of Dr Tom Duthy as an Executive Director on 1 October 2020.

Dr Baldwin is CEO and Managing Director of Opthea Limited (ASX:OPT; NASDAQ:OPT), a late-stage biopharmaceutical company developing a novel therapy to address the unmet need in the treatment of retinal eye diseases, including wet age-related macular degeneration (wet AMD).

Under Dr Baldwin's leadership, Opthea has rapidly advanced its ophthalmology program through Phase I and Phase II clinical development, was added to the S&P/ASX 300 in June 2020 and in October 2020 completed a \$180 million initial public offering (IPO) and listing on the US NASDAQ exchange to progress two pivotal Phase III studies in wet AMD.

Dr Baldwin's experience in drug development, regulatory engagement and clinical trial design and execution will be invaluable for Invex as the Company progresses Presendin™ into Phase III studies during 2021.

## **General Meeting of Shareholders – Option Issue to Non-Executive Director**

On 8 April 2021, Invex convened a General Meeting of shareholders to approve an option issue to Dr Megan Baldwin, Non-Executive Director who was appointed on 16 February 2021. The General Meeting was held by way of a fully virtual meeting platform, allowable under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's temporary 'no-action' position in relation to the convening and holding of virtual meetings until 30 June 2021.

In addition, Invex's Chairman Dr Jason Loveridge provided a brief update to investors on the progress of the Company so far in 2021. The Company received strong shareholder support for the resolution put forward at the General Meeting, with all the resolution passed by way of a poll.

#### **Investor Fact Sheet**

During the quarter, Invex launched a summary fact sheet for investors, which provides investors a financial and non-financial summary of the Company, its corporate strategy and includes expected milestones for the year.

A copy of the March Investor Fact Sheet can be located at: <a href="https://invextherapeutics.com/fact-sheets/">https://invextherapeutics.com/fact-sheets/</a>

## **Participation at Investor Conferences**

During the quarter, Invex Executive Director Dr Tom Duthy outlined the Company's strategy and expected milestones for the remainder of 2021 at the NWR Small caps Investor Conference on 18 March 2021. In addition, the Company conducted several broker briefings during the quarter and media interviews.

A copy of the investor presentation and webcast for both investment conferences can be located at: <a href="https://invextherapeutics.com/presentations/">https://invextherapeutics.com/presentations/</a>

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This release dated 13 April 2021 has been authorised for lodgement to ASX by the Board of Directors of Invex Therapeutics and lodged by Narelle Warren, Company Secretary.

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## **About Invex Therapeutics Ltd**

Invex is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the repurposing of an already approved drug, Exenatide, for efficacious treatment of neurological conditions derived from or involving raised intracranial pressure, such as Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH), acute stroke and traumatic brain injury. Invex has trademarked its repurposed Exenatide as Presendin™. www.invextherapeutics.com.

## About Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH)

IIH features severely raised intracranial pressure which causes disabling daily headaches and can compress the optic nerve. The usual age of onset is 20-30 years, and it is most common in women who are obese. IIH is a rapidly growing orphan indication: its incidence has increased by more than 350% in the last 10 years.

## **About Exenatide**

Exenatide is a small peptide and a synthetic version of the GLP-1 agonist exendin-4, which received approval in the US and Europe for the treatment of type 2 diabetes in 2005 and 2006 respectively. Professor Alexandra Sinclair's research showed that GLP-1 receptors are expressed in the choroid plexus in the brain and that Exenatide can bind to these receptors and reduce secretion of cerebrospinal fluid. Current Exenatide dosage forms are not optimised for IIH.

## **Appendix 4C**

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

## Name of entity

Invex Therapeution	cs Ltd		

## ABN

## Quarter ended ("current quarter")

29 632 145 334

31 March 2021

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) research and development	(170)	(589)
	(b) product manufacturing and operating costs	-	-
	(c) advertising and marketing	-	-
	(d) leased assets	-	-
	(e) staff costs – R&D	(119)	(291)
	(f) administration and corporate costs	(157)	(492)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	25	139
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)	-	-
1.9	Net cash (used in) operating activities	(421)	(1,233)

2.	Cash flows from investing activities	
2.1	Payments to acquire:	
	(a) entities	
	(b) businesses	
	(c) property, plant and equipment	
	(d) investments	
	(e) intellectual property	

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
	(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	-	-

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	8,648
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	-	(554)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other.	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities		

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	33,582	26,300
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(421)	(1,233)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	-	-

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	-	8,094
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	33,161	33,161

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	1,161	1,582
5.2	Call deposits	32,000	32,000
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)	33,161	33,582

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	151
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

\$37,500 was paid to Prof. Alexander Sinclair for Executive Director services.

\$12,500 was paid to David McAuliffe for Non-executive Director fees.

\$37,500 was paid to Warambi Ltd, a company controlled by Dr Jason Loveridge for R&D consultancy services and Directors fees.

\$31,250 was paid to Nemean Group Pty Ltd, a company which Dr Thomas Duthy is a director and shareholder for the provision of Executive Director services.

\$32,500 was paid to Concept Biotech Pty Ltd, a company which David McAuliffe and Narelle Warren are directors and shareholders for the provision of accounting and company secretarial services.

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	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	-	-
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at qu	arter end	-
7.6	Include in the box below a description of eac rate, maturity date and whether it is secured facilities have been entered into or are propoinclude a note providing details of those facilities.	or unsecured. If any addissed to be entered into af	itional financing
8.	Estimated cash available for future op	perating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (Item 1.9)		
8.2	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (Item 4.6)		33,161
8.3	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (Item 7.5)		-
8.4			33,161
8.5	Estimated quarters of funding available (Item 8.4 divided by Item 8.1)		79
8.6	If Item 8.5 is less than 2 quarters, please pro	vide answers to the follow	wing questions:
	<ol> <li>Does the entity expect that it will con cash flows for the time being and, if r</li> </ol>		level of net operating
	Answer:		
	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:		
	3. Does the entity expect to be able to objectives and, if so, on what basis?	continue its operations ar	nd to meet its business
	Answer:		

## **Compliance statement**

- 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: 13 April 2021

Authorised by: Narelle Warren

(On behalf of the Board of Directors)

#### **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.
- 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.

Appendix 1 – Reconciliation of the Use of Funds Statement from the Prospectus

	Prospectus use of funds 24 months \$' 000	Actual YTD funds used to 31 March 2020 – 21 months \$' 000	Variance \$'000	Comment
Reformulation of Exenatide	490	316	174	Ongoing work to complete.
Bridging Toxicology	170	86	84	Ongoing work to complete.
Patent Costs	215	273	(58)	Over budget due to higher costs than expected.
Phase II IIH POC Study	690	20	670	Study completed not yet invoiced/paid.
Phase II TBI POC Study	1,680		1,680	Revised strategy to focus cash on IIH studies and market registrations
Phase II Stroke POC Study	760	-	760	Revised strategy to focus cash on IIH studies and market registrations
Phase III IIH Registration Study	5,240	58	5,182	Ongoing work to complete
Administration costs	1,457	1,278	179	Consistent with Budget.
Unallocated Working capital	795	1,085	(290)	Over budget due to additional R&D employees
Costs of the Offer	1,002	2,373	(1,371)	\$554k relates to June Placement, \$848k relates to May Placement, \$971k related to costs of IPO which were budgeted for.
Total	12,499	5,489	7,010	