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The Manager Companies ASX Limited 20 Bridge Street Sydney NSW 2000

(15 pages by email)

Dear Madam

#### **INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

I attach an updated Investor Presentation.

Yours sincerely

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# BIOTRON LIMITED (ASX:BIT)

# Mid-Clinical Stage Antiviral Drug Development Company

**Investor Update 20 August 2015** 

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# **Financial Information**

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Key Financial Metrics		
Ticker Code	ASX: BIT	
Share Price (19 Aug 2015)	A \$0.10	
Market cap	A \$31.3 million	
12 Month Trading Range	A \$0.0864 – 0.1832	
Shares Outstanding	313 million	
Options (BITO)	50.7 million \$0.12 expiry 30/09/16	
Cash Position (06/2015)	A \$6.5 million	

Board		
Michael Hoy	Non-executive Chairman	
Michelle Miller	Managing Director	
Susan Pond	Non-executive Director	
Rob Thomas	Non-executive Director	
Denis Wade	Non-executive Director	

# **12 Month Share Price Performance** BIT - Daily Line Chart [Close] $\frac{1}{2}$ 0.110 BIT - Volume (with MA) [200] ÷ 30000000 20000000 - 10000000



# **BIT225 Snapshot**

- First in class drug and new drug target for treatment of HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV)
- Seven clinical trials completed; another is fully recruited
- Demonstrated clinical activity against HCV G1 and G3
- Independently shown to have HCV pan-genotype activity in vitro
- Efficiently inhibits HIV replication in monocyte/macrophage reservoir cells in vitro and in vivo
- Patent position over compound and its uses
- Compound is relatively easy to make and formulate; very stable at room temperature important for supply chains
- Significantly undervalued compared to other HCV drugs = potential for considerable upside

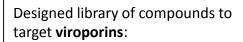


# **Significant Progress During Last 12 Months**

ACTIVITY	STATUS/OUTCOME
Phase 2 HIV/HCV co-infected trial	100% SVR12 data reported for HIV/HCV G3
Phase 2a HIV trial	Impact on immune activation reported
Phase 2, three-month dosing HCV G1 & G3 trial	Fully recruited; SVR12 G3 3Q15; SVR12 G1 1Q16
Development of BIT225 capsules	Improves delivery of BIT225, in a user friendly format suitable for larger scale trials
Patent position strengthened	Key patents for BIT225 and other compounds issued in the USA and other jurisdictions
\$8 million raised	July 15 – Placement plus SPP raised \$4 million; Nov 14 - fully underwritten rights issue closed over-subscribed with no shortfall raising \$4 million



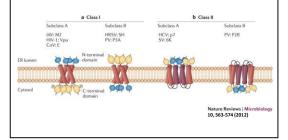
# **Biotron's Core Technology & Pipeline**



>250 compounds designed and synthesised

#### **VIROPORINS**

- New class of viral proteins
- Key roles in production and release of infectious virus



Compounds screened in proprietary assay set up for each virus target e.g. HIV Vpu; HCV p7; Influenza M2; Dengue M; Coronavirus E.

Hits tested against virus in cell cultures

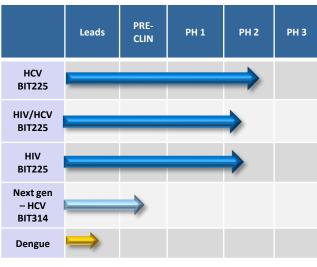
Lead optimisation and selection

BIT314 (HCV)

DENGUE – Several compounds with promising antiviral activity

BIT225 (HIV and HCV)

#### **PIPELINE**





### **BIT225 - Proven Clinical Track Record**

- Over 200 patients and healthy volunteers dosed with BIT225 to date
- Positive data recorded in all trials
- HCV G1 (BIT225-005) 100% receiving 400mg (28 days in combination with 48 weeks IFN/RBV) were **virus-free** at 48 weeks
- Co-infected HIV/HCV GT3 (BIT225-006) 100% completing course of 300mg (28 days in combination with 48 weeks IFN/RBV) were HCV-free 12 weeks post-treatment (SVR12) i.e. cured of HCV infection
- BIT225 increases the rate at which HCV is cleared



# Large and Growing Global Market for Hepatitis C

- Forecast to grow to over \$19bn by 2016
  - 180 million infected worldwide (3% world population)
  - ~3 to 5 million in US & 30 million in China
- New drugs have demonstrated significant pricing power
  - Gilead's Sovaldi (Sofosbuvir) at US\$84,000 for a 12 week course
  - Best performing 'first year' sales: ~US\$10 billion
- Recent new HCV drug combinations not optimal
  - Lengthy treatment 12 weeks or more
  - Not pan-genotypic **BIT225 is pan-genotypic** *in vitro*
  - Not as effective against HCV G3 BIT225 has good activity against HCV G3
  - More treatment failures than anticipated need for new classes of drugs like BIT225
- Partnering still active
  - J&J partnered Achillion in US\$1.1 bn deal in May '15; Merck bought Idenix for US\$3.8 bn in June '14



## BIT225-008: Phase 2 HCV Three-Month Dosing Trial



#### Design:

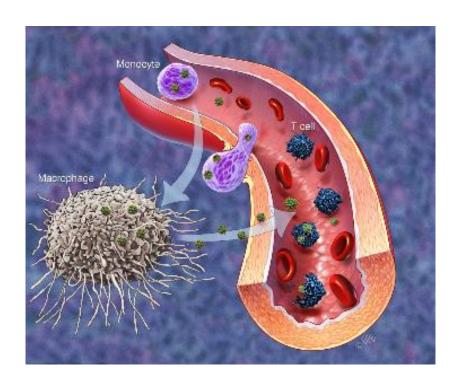
- Randomised, placebo-controlled, double-blind trial (n=60)
- Treatment naïve, HCV gen 1 and 3
- 3 months dosing with BIT225 in combination with IFN/RBV
- Using new capsule formulation
  - 1.6 fold higher blood levels than previous formulation
- Fully recruited
  - SVR12 for G3 due 3Q15; SVR12 for G1 due 1Q16

#### Aims:

- Demonstrate safety of BIT225 with 3 months dosing
- Extend HCV gen 3 efficacy data
- Provide key data to assist with determining future dosing with BIT225 capsules
- Generate safety data to support US FDA IND filing for combination trial with other HCV direct-acting antivirals (DAAs)



### **HIV – Towards a Cure**

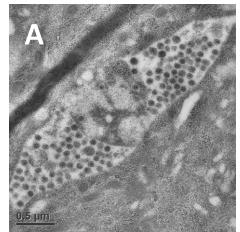


- Infection rates in Australia are at 20 year high
- Over 1.1 million people living with HIV in the USA, with 1 in 6 unaware of diagnosis
- US\$11.9 bn sales in US, Europe and Japan in
   2013; expected to grow to US\$16.8 bn by 2020
- HIV patients need to stay on antiretroviral drugs
   (ART) to keep virus levels under control
- New mode of actions drugs are needed to eradicate or cure HIV infection



# **BIT225 Targets HIV in Reservoir Cells**

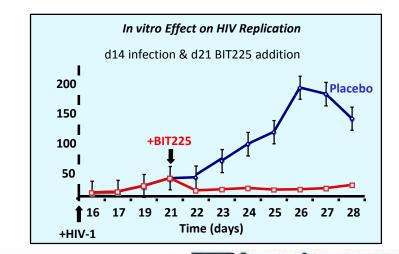
- BIT225 inhibits assembly and budding of new virus
- Phase 2a trial (004) showed that BIT225 can reduce HIV levels in macrophage cells in vivo, paralleling in vitro studies
- Potential benefits on immune aging and HIV-associated dementia
- Potential for use in future virus eradication treatment
- Progressing to pivotal Phase 2 HIV trial



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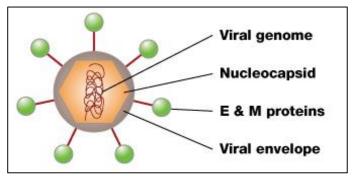
(A) Untreated Controls

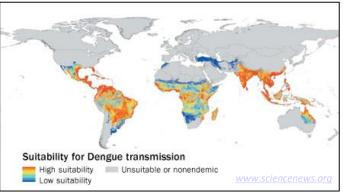
(B) BIT225 treated cells



# **Dengue Virus Program**

- 2.5 billion people (40% world population) live in areas at risk of Dengue
- ~100 million people infected yearly
- A leading cause of illness and death in tropics and subtropics
- Transmission is by mosquito; most prevention programs target the vector
- No approved Dengue-specific therapeutic
- Vaccine trials have had disappointing results
- Biotron is targeting Dengue M protein Similar target to HIV/Vpu and HCV/p7
  - Several compounds with promising activity at early stage of development









# **Investment Proposition**

- HCV and HIV are high growth, multi-billion dollar markets
  - Significant treatment gaps remain
- BIT225 is a novel approach with demonstrated promising efficacy in Phase 2a/2 clinical trials
  - Represents a new class of direct-acting HCV drugs
  - Potential to fill significant HCV treatment gaps
    - HCV Genotype 3
    - HIV/HCV co-infected patients
    - Cirrhotic patients & treatment failures
  - Potential to eradicate important HIV reservoirs, plus may impact on HIV-associated dementia
- Flexibility to combine with any other HCV and HIV drug combinations
- Significantly undervalued in comparison with other HCV companies



# **Outlook for 2015/16**

- Complete BIT225-008 HCV trial currently in progress
  - SVR12 for G3 due 3Q15; SVR12 for G1 due 1Q16
- Investigational New Drug application (IND)
  - Engaged with FDA pre-IND consultation HCV combination trial with DAA
  - File HCV IND application late 2015
    - Currently completing studies required by FDA
- Progress protocol and regulatory documentation for key Phase 2 HIV trial
- Expand earlier stage drug programs e.g. Dengue virus when funding available
- Continue commercialisation activities aimed at attracting partners
- Continue to promote company to local and international investment community

