# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

HLS Therapeutics Inc. ("HLS" or the "Company") was formed on March 12, 2018 by the amalgamation of HLS Therapeutics Inc. ("former HLS") and Automodular Corporation ("AMD"). The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of HLS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and the audited consolidated financial statements of HLS for the year ended December 31, 2021. References to "HLS" and the "Company" in this MD&A also refer to former HLS, as the context requires.

This discussion is presented as of November 9, 2022 and is current to that date unless otherwise stated.

The financial information presented in this MD&A is derived from the above noted financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), with the exception of the Selected Quarterly Information. All amounts are in thousands of United States ("U.S.") dollars unless otherwise stated. References to LIBOR in this MD&A refer to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate or its replacement.

#### **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. The use of any of the words "expect", "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "objective", "ongoing", "may", "will", "project", "should", "believe", "plans", "intends", "potential" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements or information. More particularly and without limitation, this MD&A contains forward-looking statements and information concerning: statements with respect to future prospects for Company products, including Clozaril®, CSAN® Pronto®, MyCare™ Insite™, MyCare™ Psychiatry™, PERSERIS™, Trinomia® and Vascepa®, and royalty interests; statements with respect to HLS's pursuit of additional product and pipeline opportunities in certain therapeutic markets; and HLS's anticipated cash needs and its need for additional financing.

The forward-looking statements and information included in this MD&A are based on certain key expectations and assumptions made by HLS and although HLS believes that the expectations and assumptions on which such forward-looking statements and information are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements and information because HLS can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct. Since forward-looking statements and information address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors and risks. Factors and risks which could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in its forward-looking statements are discussed below and in HLS's materials filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities from time to time, including, without limitation, the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 16, 2022, which has been filed on SEDAR and can be accessed at www.sedar.com.

The forward-looking statements and information contained in this MD&A are made as of the date hereof and HLS undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable securities laws.

#### **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING NON-IFRS MEASURES**

This MD&A refers to certain non-IFRS measures. These measures are not recognized measures under IFRS, do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and are therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Rather, these measures are provided as additional information to complement those IFRS measures by providing further understanding of HLS's results of operations from management's perspective. Accordingly, they should not be considered in isolation nor as a substitute for analysis of HLS's financial information reported under IFRS. HLS uses non-IFRS measures to provide investors with supplemental measures of its operating performance and thus highlight trends in its core business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying solely on IFRS financial measures. HLS also believes that securities analysts, investors and other interested parties frequently use non-IFRS measures in the evaluation of issuers. HLS's management also uses non-IFRS measures in order to facilitate operating performance comparisons from period to period, prepare annual operating budgets and assess HLS's ability to meet its future debt service, capital expenditure and working capital requirements.

In particular, management uses Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of the Company's performance. To reconcile net loss for the year with Adjusted EBITDA, each of (i) "stock-based compensation", (ii) "amortization and depreciation", (iii) "finance and related costs", (iv) "transaction and other costs", and (v) "income tax expense (recovery)" appearing in the Selected Consolidated Financial Information presented below are added to net loss for the period to determine Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and is not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income (loss) prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

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	2022	2021	2022	2021
Net loss for the period	(4,410)	(1,979)	(17,169)	(8,929)
Stock-based compensation	125	(113)	2,170	1,825
Amortization and depreciation	8,834	7,372	25,710	22,219
Finance and related costs, net	1,489	1,448	2,852	4,307
Transaction and other costs	69	8	4,956	92
Income tax expense (recovery)	(91)	187	(29)	638
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#### **OVERVIEW**

HLS is a Canadian-based North American-focused specialty pharmaceutical company focused on clinically differentiated pharmaceutical products in the specialty central nervous system ("CNS") and cardiovascular ("CV") markets. The following is a discussion of the Company's products.

#### **Clozaril and CSAN Pronto**

As at September 30, 2022, HLS's lead product is Clozaril (an atypical antipsychotic indicated in the management of symptoms of treatment-resistant schizophrenia) for the Canadian and U.S. markets. Clozaril continues to lead the market for treatment-resistant schizophrenia in Canada, with a large part of this leadership attributed to the superior service and support provided by the dedicated resources of the Clozaril Support and Assistance Network (CSAN®). The Company continues to improve and enhance the CSAN service. On October 17, 2019, the Company announced that Health Canada granted a medical device

license to the Athelas One capillary point-of-care medical device, that is being commercialized in Canada as CSAN® Pronto®. This system was designed to enhance and simplify the mandatory safety blood monitoring process for patients that are prescribed Clozaril. HLS has the exclusive Canadian rights to the device in the field of schizophrenia.

#### Vascepa

In 2017, the Company entered into a license agreement with Amarin Corporation plc ("Amarin") to register, commercialize and distribute Vascepa (icosapent ethyl) capsules in Canada. Since then, several milestones have been achieved:

- In 2018, Amarin announced that its REDUCE-IT™ Cardiovascular Outcomes Study of Vascepa capsules met its primary endpoint, demonstrating an approximately 25% relative risk reduction, to a high degree of statistical significance (p<0.001), in the primary endpoint composite of the first occurrence of major adverse CV events ("MACE"), including CV death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, coronary revascularization, or unstable angina requiring hospitalization. Following release of these results, the Company paid Amarin a \$2.5 million milestone payment in 2018.
- Also, in 2018, Amarin presented more granular results of the REDUCE-IT Cardiovascular Outcomes Study in which Vascepa, taken as an add-on to a statin in a population presenting a residual cardiovascular risk, demonstrated a 20% reduction in cardiovascular death, a 31% reduction in heart attacks and a 28% reduction in strokes among other results when compared to a placebo add-on to a statin.
- On March 29, 2019, the Company announced that Health Canada had granted priority review status for Vascepa. This priority approval process could reduce the time to approval for Vascepa by more than four months in recognition of the potential that Vascepa could address a serious, life-threatening condition for which there is no other treatment in market and that there is substantial evidence of the clinical effectiveness of the treatment.
- On December 30, 2019, Health Canada approved Vascepa in Canada to reduce the risk of cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, non-fatal stroke, coronary revascularization, or hospitalization for unstable angina) in statin-treated patients with elevated triglycerides who are at high risk of cardiovascular disease or diabetes and at least one other cardiovascular risk factor. Following approval by Health Canada, the Company paid Amarin a \$2.5 million milestone payment in 2019.
- On January 6, 2020, the Company learned that Vascepa (icosapent ethyl) was added to Health Canada's Register of Innovative Drugs and as a result it will benefit from data protection for a period of eight years, in addition to any other intellectual property rights. Following confirmation of data protection, the Company paid Amarin a \$3.75 million milestone payment in the first quarter of 2020. In addition, the Company has rights in 25 patents and patent applications covering Vascepa, of which 16 are issued and 9 are pending. Of the 16 issued patents, 12 are currently listed on Health Canada's Patent Register, the last of which expires in 2039.
- The Company started commercial distribution of Vascepa in Canada in February 2020, ensuring
  that Vascepa was broadly available to all Canadian pharmacies through their usual pharmaceutical
  wholesalers within two weeks. To date, the Company has purchased \$11.7 million of Vascepa
  inventory. At the discretion of management, a portion of this inventory may be used for
  promotional activities.

- On July 20, 2020, the Company announced that the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health ("CADTH") had recommended that Vascepa be reimbursed by participating public drug plans for statin-treated patients with established cardiovascular disease and elevated triglycerides. The Company further announced that the Patented Medicines Pricing Review Board ("PMPRB") had also notified the Company that, further to its review, the initial price submitted by the Company for Vascepa did not trigger the investigation criteria for excessive pricing.
- On August 31, 2020, the Company announced that the results from the EVAPORATE Trial (Effect
  of Icosapent Ethyl on Progression of Coronary Atherosclerosis in Patients with Elevated
  Triglycerides on Statin Therapy) were presented at the European Society of Cardiology. In this
  trial, Vascepa demonstrated a 17% regression of low attenuation plaque volume over eighteen
  months when compared to placebo.
- On March 29, 2021, the Company announced that the Canadian Cardiovascular Society included incosapent ethyl (Vascepa) in its 2021 Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines for the Management of Dyslipidemia for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in the Adult, published in the Canadian Journal of Cardiology. The icosapent ethyl recommendation was classified as "Strong Recommendation; High-Quality Evidence" and was supported by the results of the REDUCE-IT cardiovascular outcomes study. Vascepa is now included in the treatment guidelines or otherwise recommended for use by 16 medical associations worldwide, including American Diabetes Association; American Heart Association; National Lipid Association; American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists; American College of Endocrinology; Endocrine Society; European Society of Cardiology; European Atherosclerosis Society; Chinese Society of Cardiology; Japan Circulation Society; Brazilian Society of Cardiology, Thrombosis Canada and the Canadian Stroke Best Practices. Since March 31, 2021, Canadian private insurance plans representing more than 90% of the privately insured lives in Canada provide reimbursement for Vascepa.
- On August 16, 2021, the Company announced a promotional services agreement with Pfizer Inc.
   ("Pfizer") for the expansion of Vascepa promotion in Canada. Under the terms of the agreement,
   Pfizer deployed a team across Canada to support education about Vascepa with primary care
   physician groups, which started in late September 2021. The Company retains responsibility for
   Vascepa's commercialization in Canada and the Company's existing cardiovascular field personnel
   remain primarily focused on the specialist physician audience.
- On April 26, 2022, the Company announced completion of a Letter of Intent with the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance for the confidential terms and conditions for reimbursement for Vascepa by all Canadian provincial, territorial and federal government drug plans.
- Subsequent to the completion of the Letter of Intent, there have been a series of public listing announcements.
  - On May 24, 2022, the Company announced that it had obtained public reimbursement for Vascepa in Quebec.
  - o In June, New Brunswick became the first Atlantic province with a public drug plan that reimburse Vascepa.
  - On July 25, 2022, the Company announced that Vascepa was reimbursed by Ontario's Provincial Drug Plan effective July 21, 2022.
  - On August 2, 2022, the Company announced that the Saskatchewan Drug Plan became the first Western Canadian provincial drug plan to reimburse Vascepa.

 To date, Vasepa is now reimbursed by public drug plans covering approximately 70% of publicly insured Canadians. Vascepa is also covered for more than 95% of privately insured Canadians for the full in-label indication.

#### **PERSERIS**

On May 8, 2019, the Company entered into an exclusive agreement to register and commercialize PERSERIS, a novel long-acting subcutaneous injectable containing risperidone for the treatment of schizophrenia, that is intended to complement the Company's CNS portfolio in Canada.

On November 17, 2020, the Company announced that Health Canada approved the use of PERSERIS for the treatment of schizophrenia in adults.

The Company made an initial upfront payment of \$1.0 million in 2019 and a further payment of \$2.5 million in 2021 resulting from achievement of a regulatory and pre-commercial milestone, with a remaining payment of \$1.5 million to be made by 2023. The Company has also capitalized eligible development costs related to bringing this product to market.

In June 2022, the pan-Canadian Pricing Alliance announced that negotiations had concluded without an agreement with respect to public market reimbursement despite an earlier positive listing recommendation from Canadian Drug and Health Technology Agency (CADTH). This decision will cause a delay in the commercialization of PERSERIS as listing discussions will need to be pursued with individual provinces. As a result, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$3.1 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2022.

# MyCare and MyCare Insite

On June 1, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement to distribute the MyCare Psychiatry Lab Assays and MyCare Insite point of care Therapeutic Drug-level Monitoring ("TDM") tests in Canada.

On December 16, 2020, the Company announced that Health Canada approved the MyCare Psychiatry Lab Assay therapeutic drug-level monitoring tests in patients taking any of the six most common antipsychotic drugs. On July 21, 2021, Health Canada approved the MyCare Insite point of care therapeutic drug monitoring system for use with clozapine patients. The TDM technology is being introduced first in the medical laboratory environment and the benefits are being disseminated to clinicians in parallel.

#### **Trinomia**

In 2017, the Company entered into a license agreement to commercialize and distribute Trinomia in Canada contingent on achieving certain regulatory milestones. Trinomia is a second product related to the treatment of cardiovascular disease and, if approved, will be complementary to Vascepa. On December 16, 2020, the Company announced that it had received a notice of deficiency for its pending submission for Trinomia that Health Canada may require additional scientific information pertaining to safety and efficacy to support the approval of the application. In particular, Health Canada noted that there is an ongoing study using Trinomia and that a regulatory decision for Trinomia should await these study results. Accordingly, the Company withdrew its application from Health Canada so that it could be re-submitted following availability of the requested data. The study was completed successfully and results were released at the European Society of Cardiology Congress on August 26, 2022. The Company is now planning next steps to re-engage with Health Canada.

## **Royalties**

On September 30, 2020, the Company acquired certain entities that hold the rights to a diversified portfolio of royalty interests on global sales of four different products, three of which were already being

commercialized. On June 28, 2022, the fourth product received regulatory approval in Europe, resulting in a \$10.0 million regulatory approval milestone payment that was made in July 2022. This product was also approved in Japan in March 2022 and the United States in August 2022 and commercial sales began in the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

#### **Corporate development**

HLS intends to pursue additional product and pipeline opportunities in the central nervous system and cardiovascular therapeutic markets, and potentially in other therapeutic areas, through targeted business development efforts.

# **Global pandemic**

The Company believes the current conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic to be improving, the situation is dynamic and the long-term impact of COVID-19 and its variants on the Company's future results of operations and financial condition cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. The Company continues to evaluate the situation and monitor any impacts or potential impacts to its business.

See the "Risk Management" section of this MD&A for a further discussion of the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

HLS measures the success of its strategies using several key performance indicators. These include Revenue, and Adjusted EBITDA, as described above. HLS believes these are important measures as they allow the company to evaluate its operating performance and identify financial and business trends relating to its financial condition and results of operations.

# SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenue	15,704	15,060	45,792	44,319
Expenses				
Cost of product sales	1,357	1,180	3,464	2,850
Selling and marketing	4,306	3,354	12,677	10,253
Medical, regulatory and patient support	1,498	1,337	4,121	4,171
General and administrative	2,527	2,266	7,040	6,893
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	6,016	6,923	18,490	20,152
Stock-based compensation	125	(113)	2,170	1,825
Amortization and depreciation	8,834	7,372	25,710	22,219
Finance and related costs, net	1,489	1,448	2,852	4,307
Transaction and other costs	69	8	4,956	92
Loss before income taxes	(4,501)	(1,792)	(17,198)	(8,291)
Income tax expense (recovery)	(91)	187	(29)	638
Net loss for the period	(4,410)	(1,979)	(17,169)	(8,929)
Net loss per share:				
Basic and diluted	\$(0.14)	\$(0.06)	\$(0.53)	\$(0.28)

	As at September 30, 2022	As at December 31, 2021
Cash and cash equivalents	21.279	21,179
Total assets	250,335	275,905
Total long-term debt and other liabilities	86,967	86,844
Total shareholders' equity	131,446	160,736

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{\{1\}}}$  See "Cautionary Note Regarding Non-IFRS Measures" section of this MD&A.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following section provides management's analysis of operating results, including key performance indicators.

#### Revenue

		Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Product sales					
Canada	9,570	8,619	27,500	25,364	
United States	3,590	4,214	10,751	12,010	
	13,160	12,833	38,251	37,374	
Royalty revenue	2,544	2,227	7,541	6,945	
	15,704	15,060	45,792	44,319	

#### **Product sales**

As reported in U.S. dollars, the Company's product sales in Canada in the third quarter of 2022 increased by 11%, led by growth of Vascepa. Canada product sales increased by 15% in local currency, before the impact of a 3.5% reduction in the Canadian dollar over this period. Without this currency impact, Canada product sales would have been \$9.9 million and the Company's total revenues would have been in excess of \$16 million for the fiscal quarter.

Following the April 2022 Letter of Intent with the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance for reimbursement of Vascepa by all public payors in Canada on confidential terms and conditions and the May 2022 first provincial Vascepa product listing agreement with the Quebec drug plan in May 2022, the Company achieved several further commercial milestones for Vascepa in the third quarter of 2022, Including entering Vascepa product listing agreements with the provinces of Ontario, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and the Northwest Territories as well as various government plans including Veteran Affairs Canada and Indigenous Services Canada. In total, Vascepa is covered by public drug plans representing approximately 70% of the publicly covered lives, in addition to insurance coverage for more than 95% of privately insured Canadians in-label for Vascepa. This significant expansion of coverage and simplification of the reimbursement messaging for prescribers is expected to begin having a significant and growing impact on product sales in subsequent quarters.

In the Canadian market, where Clozaril and the CSAN patient support program are supported by a comprehensive network of HLS employees, Clozaril continues to be the market-leading treatment for treatment-resistant schizophrenia with a growing number of patients and a growing market share. In Canada, the blood monitoring process for patients that have been prescribed Clozaril requires 39 venous blood draws in the first year of treatment, which has been cited as a barrier to utilization of the medication. CSAN Pronto, the point-of-care blood-testing device integrated with the Company's CSAN patient support program and granted a medical device license by Health Canada in October 2019, is designed to enhance and simplify the mandatory blood monitoring process for Canadian patients prescribed Clozaril as it will require only a drop of blood from a finger prick, and it will return test results in minutes compared with the inconvenience and delay of a laboratory test.

Deployment of CSAN Pronto continued to expand to additional key centers with the number of devices in service growing during the quarter. To date, CSAN Pronto has been deployed with 93 customer locations, up 15% from 81 at the end of the second quarter of 2022, and the Company expects continued progress

making this new blood testing system broadly available to Clozaril patients at an increasing number of sites at leading mental health institutions across Canada. HLS has the exclusive Canadian rights to this device in the field of schizophrenia.

Canadian Clozaril results have recovered from the lower results in the first quarter of 2022 as a result of pandemic-related conditions. The pandemic introduced greater fluctuation in monthly and quarterly results resulting from changes in customer order patterns, including a notable increase in sales in 2020 due to trade inventory changes at different points in the pandemic. Over time the company expects Clozaril net sales growth to follow the growth in patients.

While Clozaril results in Canadian dollar terms are essentially flat for the year-to-date period, which is directionally consistent with the steady patient levels observed in the patient registry, the franchise net sales are down \$0.7 million in U.S. dollar terms as a result of the decline in the Canadian dollar over the course of 2022. Total Canada Product Sales, as reported in U.S. dollars, continue to reach new record levels as a result of the growth of Vascepa, but the currency translation impact obscures both the underlying resilience and stability of the Canadian Clozaril business and blunts the growth of Vascepa when translated for reporting purposes.

For the US market, Clozaril results for the third quarter of 2022 were \$0.6 million below the same period last year as the year ago period included a one-time benefit from the successful resolution of a state rebate matter. Current year revenues benefited as the impact of pricing and favorable trends in expired returns and government rebates were sufficient to offset modest volume erosion.

# Royalty revenues

On September 30, 2020, the Company acquired a diversified portfolio of royalty interests on global sales of four different products. The Company recorded estimated royalty revenues of \$2.5 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2022, compared with \$2.2 million in the third quarter of 2021 reflecting the stability in the currently marketed products in the portfolio. Commercialization began for the product underlying the fourth royalty interest in this portfolio following approvals in Japan and Europe earlier this year and in the United States in August 2022.

#### **Operating expenses**

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	9,688	8,137	27,302	24,167

Cost of product sales increased in the third quarter of 2022 as a result of the year-over-year increase in Vascepa sales partially offset by favorable purchasing and manufacturing variances.

For the third quarter of 2022, the other operating expenses increased by 19% or \$1.4 million. The increase Selling and marketing costs is the result of increased Vascepa salesforce expansion, as well as introductory support costs for MyCare, partially offset by some cost reductions in support activities for Clozaril. There were also modest increases in Medical, regulatory and patient support costs tied to Vascepa and General and administrative costs

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Adjusted EBITDA for the third quarter of 2022 decreased by \$0.9 million as the \$0.6 million growth in revenue was offset by a \$0.2 million increase in Cost of product sales and \$1.4 million in other operating expenses.

# **Stock-based compensation**

Stock-based compensation relates to the Company's Stock Option Plan, Performance Share Unit plan, and Deferred Share Unit plan.

# **Amortization and depreciation**

Amortization and depreciation is primarily related to the intangible assets acquired in various transactions since fiscal 2015.

#### Finance and related costs, net

Finance and related costs consist primarily of interest on the senior secured term, accreted interest related to debt issuance costs and long-term purchase consideration, and fair value adjustments related to financial instruments.

In fiscal 2019, the Company entered into a swap agreement to fix the LIBOR portion of the interest rate on the remaining portion of the initial senior secured term loan at 1.453% for the remainder of the loan agreement. An increase in the LIBOR in fiscal 2022 resulted in a fair value adjustment gain of \$2.6 million related to this swap agreement.

#### Transaction and other costs

The impairment charge of \$3.1 million represents the result of performing an impairment analysis on the Company's investment in PERSERIS as a result of the delay in commercialization following the conclusion of negotiations with the pan-Canadian Pricing Alliance without an agreement despite a positive listing recommendation from the government's health technology assessment agency.

Restructuring costs of \$1.3 million relate to the retirement of the Executive Chair of the Company and the elimination of the Executive Chair role in the second quarter of fiscal 2022.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### Normal course issuer bid

On November 5, 2020, the Company announced that the Exchange had accepted the Company's notice of intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid (the "NCIB"). On November 4, 2021, the Company announced that the Exchange had accepted the Company's notice of intention to renew its NCIB, under which the Company may, if considered advisable, purchase for cancellation, from time to time over the next 12 months, up to an aggregate of 1,622,559 of its issued and outstanding common shares, being 5% of the issued and outstanding common shares as of October 26, 2021.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company purchased and cancelled 65,700 common shares at an average price of C\$12.65 per common share for total consideration of \$0.6 million.

On November 9, 2022, the Company filed a Notice of Intention to renew its Normal Course Issuer Bid under which the Company may, if considered advisable, purchase for cancellation, from time to time over the subsequent 12 months, up to an aggregate of 1,620,366 of its issued and outstanding common shares, being 5% of the issued and outstanding common shares as of October 31, 2022.

## **Capital structure**

The Company's strategy is to acquire rights to late stage, post-clinical and commercial stage branded pharmaceutical products for the North American market. This includes acquisition or in-licensing of soon-to-be-fileable or promotional stage branded pharmaceutical products in selected therapeutic areas and the acquisition of select established pharmaceutical products or royalty interests that meet certain financial criteria. This may occur through direct rights acquisitions or through the acquisition of specialty pharmaceutical companies. To execute this strategy, the Company may need to access the additional capacity under its senior secured term loan facility or seek other sources of financing.

The Company financed its initial acquisitions through a portion of the net proceeds of each of (i) a subscription receipt financing of \$170.0 million, (ii) a common share financing of \$30.0 million, and (iii) a senior secured term facility.

#### Credit agreement

On August 15, 2018, the Company entered into a credit agreement with a syndicate of bank lenders coled by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Silicon Valley Bank. The principal amount of the senior secured term loan under the credit agreement was \$100.0 million. In September 2020, the Company and its lenders amended the terms of the senior secured credit facility to provide an additional \$20.0 million in borrowing to finance the acquisition of a portfolio of royalty interests. The Company may also request to be provided with incremental loans, for a maximum additional loan amount of \$70.0 million to support acquisitions and other growth opportunities. The original maturity date was August 15, 2023. In September 2022, the Company and its lenders amended the terms of the senior secured credit facility to extend the maturity date by one year to August 15, 2024.

The principal amount of the senior secured term loan outstanding as at September 30, 2022 was \$90.0 million.

In addition to the senior secured term loan entered into August 2018, there is revolving facility, available under similar terms, with a maturity date of August 15, 2023. In July 2022, the Company drew \$10.0 million on the revolving facility to settle the regulatory milestone noted. As at September 30, 2022, the balance on the revolver facility was \$9.8 million, with \$25.0 million remaining available.

Interest on the new senior secured term loan accrues at a rate per annum equal to the sum of LIBOR plus a range of 2.75% to 4.0% depending on the leverage ratio of the Company at the time. The Company has a swap agreement in place to fix the LIBOR portion of the rate at 1.453% on the remainder of the initial principal amount for the remainder of the loan agreement.

Under the terms of the senior secured term loan, the lenders have security over substantially all the assets of the Company.

Under the original terms, the Company was required to repay principal starting at 5% of the principal amount in the first full year and increasing to 10% in the fifth year of the term. Under the amended terms noted above, the required annual principal repayment returns to a 5% amortization to be based on the September 2022 principal balance. The Company may also be required to make additional payments from

surplus cash flows or the Company could choose to repay some or all of the amount outstanding at any time during the term.

Under the terms of the senior secured term loan, the Company is required to comply with financial covenants related to the maintenance of liquidity, operational results and coverage ratios. As at September 30, 2022, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

The terms of the senior secured term loan permit the Company, under certain conditions, to pay a dividend and to repurchase shares.

#### Equity

In fiscal 2022, quarterly dividends of C\$0.05 per common share were declared in March, May, August and November.

#### **Cash flow**

Cash flow from operating activities was \$13.4 million for the first three quarters of fiscal 2022 compared with \$12.5 million in the same period of fiscal 2021, reflecting continued strong operating results.

Investing activities for the current year included the payment of a \$10.0 million regulatory approval milestone noted above, while the prior year includes the regulatory approval milestone for PERSERIS and the final purchase consideration payment associated with the Absorica marketing rights acquired in fiscal 2016.

Financing activities in the current year includes the drawdown of \$10.0 million on the revolving facility while both the current and prior year include the proceeds from the exercise of stock options, quarterly dividend payments and quarterly repayments of the senior secured term loan.

#### **Financial position**

As at September 30, 2022, the Company had cash of \$21.3 million and positive working capital. The Company believes that its cash balances and cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund its operating activities for the ensuing twelve-month period. In addition, the undrawn portion of the revolver facility is available to the Company if needed.

As a result of the September 2022 amendment of the credit agreement, the required amortization of the senior secured term loan was reduced by \$1.9 million per fiscal quarter through the balance of the initial term providing additional working capital flexibility.

Working capital items such as accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and provisions experienced fluctuations quarter-over-quarter related to seasonality and timing during fiscal 2022. However, these fluctuations were within normal ranges.

#### **COMMITMENTS**

There have been no other material changes in the commitments undertaken by the Company since the year ended December 31, 2021, except as follows:

A regulatory milestone was achieved in the second quarter of fiscal 2022 with respect to the fiscal 2020 acquisition of the royalty portfolio, resulting in an obligation of \$10.0 million that was paid in the third quarter of fiscal 2022. This milestone had previously been disclosed as a contingent liability.

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS AND DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company has used interest rate swaps and foreign currency forward contracts to manage exposure to fluctuations in interest rates and the value between the Canadian dollar and the United States dollar. As at September 30, 2022, the fair value of the outstanding interest rate swap is an asset of \$1.7 million, which is recognized on the balance sheet.

The Company has not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements.

# **SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION**

	2021 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q2	2022 Q3
Product sales				
Canada	9,245	8,403	9,527	9,570
United States	4,003	3,443	3,718	3,590
	13,248	11,846	13,245	13,160
Royalty revenue	2,442	2,710	2,287	2,544
Revenues	15,690	14,556	15,532	15,704
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	6,182	6,316	6,158	6,016
Net loss	(4,188)	(3,616)	(9,143)	(4,410)
	2020	2021	2021	2021
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Product sales				
Canada	7,656	7,833	8,912	8,619
United States	4,198	3,935	3,861	4,214
	11,854	11,768	12,773	12,833
Royalty revenue	4,631	2,546	2,172	2,227
Revenues	16,485	14,314	14,945	15,060
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	8,736	6,668	6,561	6,923
Net income (loss)	(7,278)	(4,753)	(2,197)	(1,979)

<sup>(1)</sup> See "Cautionary Note Regarding Non-IFRS Measures" section of this MD&A.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2022, the Company recorded an intangible impairment charge of \$3.1 million and a restructuring charge of \$1.3 million.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020, the Company recorded its last royalty revenues from its investment in Absorica and its first royalty revenues from its royalty acquisition completed in September 2020.

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

As at November 9, 2022, the Company had: 32,383,518 common shares outstanding and 2,961,436 stock options outstanding (resulting in a maximum issuance of 2,961,436 common shares).

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company has exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. The Company's Board of Directors has the overall responsibility for the oversight of these risks and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis to ensure that these risks are appropriately managed, including through the use of financial instruments where appropriate. Further discussion of the management of such risks is included in note 14 to the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

As previously discussed, the Company's business may be negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has created, and continues to create, significant societal and economic disruptions. The changing and rapidly-evolving effects of the COVID-19 pandemic – the duration, extent and severity of which are currently unknown – on investors, businesses, the economy, government bodies, society and the financial markets could, among other things, add volatility to the global stock markets and change interest rate environments. The COVID-19 pandemic and measures to prevent its spread may negatively impact the Company, its customers, counterparties, employees, third-party service providers and other stakeholders, as applicable, in a number of ways, including, but not limited to, by: (i) adversely affecting the business operations of the Company, including access to its products by patients, the Company's planned sales and marketing processes for its approved products and the Company's ability to source, evaluate and pursue acquisition opportunities; (ii) disrupting the Company's supply chain, including the manufacture and/or delivery of its products by third-party manufacturers on which the Company relies; (iii) adversely affecting local, national or international economies and employment levels; (iv) causing business interruptions, including as a result of steps taken by the Company in compliance with government recommendations and orders, such as requiring employee to work remotely, which may cause strain on such existing resources as information technology systems, and suspension of all non-essential travel; (v) disrupting public and private infrastructure, including communications and financial services, which could disrupt the Company's normal business operations; (vi) adversely affecting the Company's ability to comply with the covenants in its credit facility or requiring modifications to such covenants, for which there can be no assurance that such modifications would be provided; (vii) disrupting health care delivery; (viii) disrupting operations at Health Canada, which may result in delays in reviews and approvals, including with respect to products for which the Company has made or may make new drug submissions; (ix) disrupting operations at public or private payors and related agencies, such as CADTH, PMPRB, pCPA, which may result in delays in gaining access or reimbursement with respect to products for which the Company has made or may make submissions. At this point, the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic will or may impact the Company is uncertain and these factors are beyond the Company's control; however, any of these events, in isolation or in combination, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition and the market price of the Company's securities.

For a discussion of the additional risks and uncertainties facing the Company, please see the Company's Annual Information Form ("AIF") dated March 16, 2022 filed on SEDAR.

# SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES, JUDGEMENTS AND ASSUMPTIONS

A description of the Company's significant accounting policies is included in note 2 of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 and are unchanged as of the date of this MD&A.

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. A description of the Company's significant estimates, judgements and assumptions is included in note 3 of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 and are unchanged as of the date of this MD&A.

#### **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

## Disclosure controls and procedures

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in National Instrument 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* ("NI 52-109") and have designed such disclosure controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that material information with respect to the Company is made known to them and information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation.

# Internal controls over financial reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR"), as defined in NI 52-109 and have designed such ICFR to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

The control framework the Company's management used to design the Company's ICFR is set forth in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO").

There have been no changes in the Company's ICFR during the three months ended September 30, 2022 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's ICFR.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company, including the Annual Information Form, can be found in SEDAR at www.sedar.com.