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OR

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended
December 31, 2013

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

OR

Shell Company Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Not Applicable

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
|---------------------|---|
| Common Shares | NASDAQ Capital Market Toronto Stock Exchange |

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the ACT: NONE

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as at the close of the period covered by the annual report: 45,312,009 Common Shares as at December 31, 2013.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was

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required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or, or a non-accelerated filer. See definitions of "accelerated filer" and "large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

US GAAP International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the Other
International Accounting Standards Board

If "other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow. Item 17 Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Basis of Presentation

General

Except where the context otherwise requires, all references in this annual report on Form 20-F to the "Company", "Aeterna Zentaris Inc.", "we", "us", "our" or similar words or phrases are to Aeterna Zentaris Inc. and its subsidiaries, taken together. In this annual report on Form 20-F, references to "\$" and "US\$" are to United States dollars, references to "CAN\$" are to Canadian dollars and references to "EUR" are to euros. Unless otherwise indicated, the statistical and financial data contained in this annual report on Form 20-F are presented as at December 31, 2013.

This annual report on Form 20-F also contains certain information regarding products or product candidates that may potentially compete with our products and product candidates, and such information has been primarily derived from information made publicly available by the companies developing such potentially competing products and product candidates and has not been independently verified by Aeterna Zentaris Inc.

Forward-Looking Statements

This annual report on Form 20-F contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "intend," "believe," "designed to," "vision," "aimed at," "expect," "may," "should," "would," "will" and similar references. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the progress of our research, development and clinical trials and the timing of, and prospects for, regulatory approval and commercialization of our product candidates, the timing of expected results of our studies and anticipated results of these studies, and estimates regarding our capital requirements and our needs for, and our ability to obtain, additional financing. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the availability of funds and resources to pursue our research and development ("R&D") projects, the successful and timely completion of clinical studies, the degree of market acceptance once our products are approved for commercialization, the ability of the Company to take advantage of business opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry, the ability of the Company to protect its intellectual property, uncertainties related to the regulatory process and general changes in economic conditions. Investors should consult the Company's quarterly and annual filings with the Canadian and United States ("U.S.") securities commissions for additional information on risks and uncertainties relating to the forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update these forward-looking statements and disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the result of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future results, events or developments except if required to do so by a governmental authority or applicable law.

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PART I

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers

A. Directors and senior management

Not applicable.

B. Advisers

Not applicable.

C. Auditors

Not applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

A. Offer statistics

Not applicable.

B. Method and expected timetable

Not applicable.

Item 3. Key Information

A. Selected financial data

The consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) data set forth in this Item 3.A with respect to the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 and the consolidated statement of financial position data as at December 31, 2013 and 2012 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements listed in Item 18, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The consolidated statement of financial position data as at December 31, 2011 set forth in this Item 3.A have been derived from our previous consolidated financial statements not included herein, and have also been prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the IASB. The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this annual report on Form 20-F, as well as "Item 5. – Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" of this annual report on Form 20-F.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(in thousands of US dollars, except share and per share data)

Derived from consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS

| | Years ended December 31, | | 2011 | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|------------|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Sales | 96 | 834 | 250 | |
| License fees and other | 6,079 | 1,219 | 4,455 | |
| | 6,175 | 2,053 | 4,705 | |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Cost of sales | 51 | 591 | 212 | |
| Research and development costs, net of refundable tax credits and grants | 21,284 | 20,592 | 24,245 | |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 12,316 | 10,606 | 11,955 | |
| | 33,651 | 31,789 | 36,412 | |
| Loss from operations | (27,476 |) (29,736 |) (31,707 |) |
| Finance income | 1,748 | 6,974 | 6,239 | |
| Finance costs | (1,512 |) (382 |) (8 |) |
| Net finance income | 236 | 6,592 | 6,231 | |
| Loss before income taxes | (27,240 |) (23,144 |) (25,476 |) |
| Income tax expense | — | — | (1,104 |) |
| Net loss from continuing operations | (27,240 |) (23,144 |) (26,580 |) |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | 34,055 | 2,732 | (487 |) |
| Net income (loss) | 6,815 | (20,412 |) (27,067 |) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | |
| Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 1,073 | (504 |) (789 |) |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: | | | | |
| Actuarial gain (loss) on defined benefit plans | 2,346 | (3,705 |) (1,335 |) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | 10,234 | (24,621 |) (29,191 |) |
| Net loss per share (basic and diluted) from continuing operations | (0.92 |) (1.17 |) (1.69 |) |
| Net income (loss) (basic and diluted) from discontinued operations | 1.16 | 0.14 | (0.03 |) |
| Net income (loss) (basic and diluted) per share | 0.24 | (1.03 |) (1.72 |) |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 29,476,455 | 19,775,073 | 15,751,331 | |
| Diluted | 29,476,455 | 19,806,687 | 15,751,331 | |

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position Information

(in thousands of US dollars)

Derived from consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS

| | As at December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------|---------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 43,202 | 39,521 | 46,881 |
| Restricted cash equivalents | 865 | 826 | 806 |
| Total assets | 59,196 | 67,655 | 75,369 |
| Warrant liability (current and non-current) | 18,010 | 6,176 | 9,204 |
| Share capital | 134,101 | 122,791 | 101,884 |
| Shareholders' equity (deficiency) | 17,064 | (6,695 |) (4,546 |

B. Capitalization and indebtedness

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds

Not applicable.

D. Risk factors

Risks Relating to Us and Our Business

Investments in biopharmaceutical companies are generally considered to be speculative.

The prospects for companies operating in the biopharmaceutical industry may generally be considered to be uncertain, given the very nature of the industry and, accordingly, investments in biopharmaceutical companies should be considered to be speculative.

We have a history of operating losses and we may never achieve or maintain operating profitability.

Our product candidates remain at the development stage, and we have incurred substantial expenses in our efforts to develop products. Consequently, we have incurred recurrent operating losses and, as disclosed in our audited consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, we had an accumulated deficit of \$203.9 million as at December 31, 2013. Our operating losses have adversely impacted, and will continue to adversely impact, our working capital, total assets and shareholders' equity (deficiency). We do not expect to reach operating profitability in the immediate future, and our operating expenses are likely to continue to represent a significant component of our overall cost profile as we continue our R&D and clinical study programs and seek regulatory approval for our product candidates. Even if we succeed in developing, acquiring or in-licensing new commercial products, we could incur additional operating losses for at least the next several years. If we do not ultimately generate sufficient revenue from commercialized products and achieve or maintain operating profitability, an investment in our Common Shares could result in a significant or total loss.

Our clinical trials may not yield results which will enable us to obtain regulatory approval for our products, and a setback in any of our clinical trials would likely cause a drop in the price of our Common Shares.

We will only receive regulatory approval for a product candidate if we can demonstrate in carefully designed and conducted clinical trials that the product candidate is both safe and effective. We do not know whether our pending or any future clinical trials will demonstrate sufficient safety and efficacy to obtain the requisite regulatory approvals or will result in marketable products. Unfavorable data from those studies could result in the withdrawal of marketing approval for approved products or an extension of the review period for developmental products. Clinical trials are inherently lengthy, complex, expensive and uncertain processes and have a high risk of failure. It typically takes many years to complete testing, and failure can occur at any stage of testing. Results attained in preclinical testing and early clinical studies, or trials, may not be indicative of results that are obtained in later studies.

None of our current product candidates has to date received regulatory approval for its intended commercial sale. We cannot market a pharmaceutical product in any jurisdiction until it has completed rigorous preclinical testing and clinical trials and passed such jurisdiction's extensive regulatory approval process. In general, significant R&D and clinical studies are required to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our product candidates before we can submit regulatory applications. Preclinical testing and clinical development are long, expensive and uncertain processes. Preparing, submitting and advancing applications for regulatory approval is complex, expensive and time-consuming and entails significant uncertainty. Data obtained from preclinical and clinical tests can be interpreted in different ways, which could delay, limit or prevent regulatory approval. It may take us many years to complete the testing of our product candidates and failure can occur at any stage of this process. In addition, we have limited experience in conducting and managing the clinical trials necessary to obtain regulatory approval in the U.S., in Canada and abroad and, accordingly, may encounter unforeseen problems and delays in the approval process. Though we may engage a contract research organization (a "CRO") with experience in conducting regulatory trials, errors in the conduct, monitoring and/or auditing could invalidate the results from a regulatory perspective. Even if a product candidate is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA"), the Canadian Therapeutic Products Directorate or any other regulatory authority, we may not obtain approval for an indication whose market is large enough to recover our investment in that product candidate. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will ever obtain all or any required regulatory approvals for any of our product candidates.

We are currently developing our product candidates based on R&D activities, preclinical testing and clinical trials conducted to date, and we may not be successful in developing or introducing to the market these or any other new products or technology. If we fail to develop and deploy new products successfully and on a timely basis, we may become non-competitive and unable to recover the R&D and other expenses we incur to develop and test new products.

Interim results of preclinical or clinical studies do not necessarily predict their final results, and acceptable results in early studies might not be obtained in later studies. Safety signals detected during clinical studies and preclinical animal studies may require us to perform additional studies, which could delay the development of the drug or lead to a decision to discontinue development of the drug. Product candidates in the later stages of clinical development may fail to show the desired safety and efficacy traits despite positive results in initial clinical testing. Results from earlier studies may not be indicative of results from future clinical trials and the risk remains that a pivotal program may generate efficacy data that will be insufficient for the approval of the drug, or may raise safety concerns that may prevent approval of the drug. Interpretation of the prior preclinical and clinical safety and efficacy data of our product candidates may be flawed and there can be no assurance that safety and/or efficacy concerns from the prior data were overlooked or misinterpreted, which in subsequent, larger studies appear and prevent approval of such product candidates.

Furthermore, we may suffer significant setbacks in advanced clinical trials, even after promising results in earlier studies. Based on results at any stage of clinical trials, we may decide to repeat or redesign a trial or discontinue development of one or more of our product candidates. Further, actual results may vary once the final and quality-controlled verification of data and analyses has been completed. If we fail to adequately demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our products under development, we will not be able to obtain the required regulatory approvals to commercialize our product candidates.

Clinical trials are subject to continuing oversight by governmental regulatory authorities and institutional review boards and must:

- meet the requirements of these authorities;
- meet the requirements for informed consent; and
- meet the requirements for good clinical practices.

We may not be able to comply with these requirements in respect of one or more of our product candidates.

In addition, we rely on third parties, including CROs and outside consultants, to assist us in managing and monitoring clinical trials. Our reliance on these third parties may result in delays in completing, or in failing to complete, these trials if one or more third parties fails to perform with the speed and level of competence we expect.

A failure in the development of any one of our programs or product candidates could have a negative impact on the development of the others. Setbacks in any phase of the clinical development of our product candidates would have an adverse financial impact (including with respect to any agreements and partnerships that may exist between us and other entities), could jeopardize regulatory approval and would likely cause a drop in the price of our securities. If we are unable to successfully complete our clinical trial programs, or if such clinical trials take longer to complete than we project, our ability to execute our current business strategy will be adversely affected.

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Whether or not and how quickly we complete clinical trials is dependent in part upon the rate at which we are able to engage clinical trial sites and, thereafter, the rate of enrollment of patients, and the rate we collect, clean, lock and analyze the clinical trial database. Patient enrollment is a function of many factors, including the design of the protocol, the size of the patient population, the proximity of patients to and availability of clinical sites, the eligibility criteria for the study, the perceived risks and benefits of the drug under study and of the control drug, if any, the efforts to facilitate timely enrollment in clinical trials, the patient referral practices of physicians, the existence of competitive clinical trials, and whether existing or new drugs are approved for the indication we are studying. Certain clinical trials are designed to continue until a pre-determined number of events have occurred to the patients enrolled. Such trials are subject to delays stemming from patient withdrawal and from lower than expected event rates and may also incur increased costs if enrollment is increased in order to achieve the desired number of events. If we experience delays in identifying and contracting with sites and/or in patient enrollment in our clinical trial programs, we may incur additional costs and delays in our development programs, and may not be able to complete our clinical trials on a cost-effective or timely basis. In addition, conducting multi-national studies adds another level of complexity and risk as we are subject to events affecting countries outside Canada. Moreover, negative or inconclusive results from the clinical trials we conduct or adverse medical events could cause us to have to repeat or terminate the clinical trials. Accordingly, we may not be able to complete the clinical trials within an acceptable time frame, if at all. If we or any third party have difficulty enrolling a sufficient number of patients to conduct our clinical trials as planned, we may need to delay or terminate ongoing clinical trials.

Additionally, we have limited experience in filing a New Drug Application ("NDA") or similar application for approval in the U.S. or in any country for our current product candidates, which may result in a delay in, or the rejection of, our filing of an NDA or similar application. During the drug development process, regulatory agencies will typically ask questions of drug sponsors. While we endeavor to answer all such questions in a timely fashion, or in the NDA filing, some questions may not be answered by the time we file our NDA. Unless the FDA waives the requirement to answer any such unanswered questions, submission of an NDA may be delayed and acceptance of an NDA may ultimately be rejected.

If we are unable to establish sales and marketing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to market and sell our product candidates, we may not be successful in commercializing MACRILEN™ or any other product candidate if and when they are approved.

We currently have a lean sales and marketing staff and have limited recent experience in the sale or marketing of pharmaceutical or biopharmaceutical products. To achieve commercial success for any approved product, including, in the near and medium term, MACRILEN™, we must either develop a sales and marketing organization or outsource these functions to third parties. We currently plan to establish our own sales and marketing capabilities and promote MACRILEN™ with a targeted sales force if and when it is ultimately approved. There are risks involved with establishing our own sales and marketing capabilities and entering into arrangements with third parties to perform these services. For example, recruiting and training a sales force is expensive and time-consuming and could delay any product launch. If the commercial launch of a product candidate for which we recruit a sales force and establish marketing capabilities is delayed or does not occur for any reason, we would have prematurely or unnecessarily incurred these commercialization expenses. This may be costly, and our investment would be lost if we cannot retain or reposition our sales and marketing personnel.

Factors that may inhibit our efforts to commercialize our products on our own include:

- our inability to recruit, train and retain adequate numbers of effective sales and marketing personnel and representatives;
- the inability of sales personnel to obtain access to or persuade adequate numbers of physicians to prescribe any future products;
- the lack of complementary products to be offered by sales personnel, which may put us at a competitive disadvantage relative to companies with more extensive product lines; and
- unforeseen costs and expenses associated with creating an independent sales and marketing organization.

If we enter into arrangements with third parties to perform sales and marketing services, our product revenues or the profitability of these product revenues to us are likely to be lower than if we were to market and sell any products that

we develop ourselves. In addition, we may not be successful in entering into arrangements with third parties to sell and market our product candidates or may be unable to do so on terms that are favorable to us. We likely will have little control over such third parties, and any of them may fail to devote the necessary resources and attention to sell and market our products effectively. If we do not establish sales and marketing capabilities successfully, either on our own or in collaboration with third parties, we will not be successful in commercializing our product candidates and our business, financial condition and results of operations will be materially adversely affected.

We may not be able to successfully integrate acquired businesses or in-licensed products.

Future acquisitions or in-licensed products may not be successfully integrated. The failure to successfully integrate the personnel and operations of businesses that we may acquire or of products that we may in-license in the future with our operations, business and products could have a material adverse effect on our operations and results.

We are and will be subject to stringent ongoing government regulation for our products and our product candidates, even if we obtain regulatory approvals for the latter.

The manufacture, marketing and sale of our products and product candidates are and will be subject to strict and ongoing regulation, even if regulatory authorities approve any of the latter. Compliance with such regulation will be expensive and consume substantial financial and management resources. For example, an approval for a product may be conditioned on our agreement to conduct costly post-marketing follow-up studies to monitor the safety or efficacy of the products. In addition, as a clinical experience with a drug expands after approval because the drug is used by a greater number and more diverse group of patients than during clinical trials, side effects or other problems may be observed after approval that were not observed or anticipated during pre-approval clinical trials. In such a case, a regulatory authority could restrict the indications for which the product may be sold or revoke the product's regulatory approval.

We and our contract manufacturers will be required to comply with applicable current Good Manufacturing Practice ("cGMP") regulations for the manufacture of our products. These regulations include requirements relating to quality assurance, as well as the corresponding maintenance of rigorous records and documentation. Manufacturing facilities must be approved before we can use them in the commercial manufacturing of our products and are subject to subsequent periodic inspection by regulatory authorities. In addition, material changes in the methods of manufacturing or changes in the suppliers of raw materials are subject to further regulatory review and approval.

If we, or if any future marketing collaborators or contract manufacturers, fail to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, we may be subject to sanctions including fines, product recalls or seizures and related publicity requirements, injunctions, total or partial suspension of production, civil penalties, suspension or withdrawals of previously granted regulatory approvals, warning or untitled letters, refusal to approve pending applications for marketing approval of new products or of supplements to approved applications, import or export bans or restrictions, and criminal prosecution and penalties. Any of these penalties could delay or prevent the promotion, marketing or sale of our products and product candidates.

If our products do not gain market acceptance, we may be unable to generate significant revenues.

Even if our products are approved for commercialization, they may not be successful in the marketplace. Market acceptance of any of our products will depend on a number of factors including, but not limited to:

- demonstration of clinical efficacy and safety;
- the prevalence and severity of any adverse side effects;
- limitations or warnings contained in the product's approved labeling;
- availability of alternative treatments for the indications we target;
- the advantages and disadvantages of our products relative to current or alternative treatments;
- the availability of acceptable pricing and adequate third-party reimbursement; and
- the effectiveness of marketing and distribution methods for the products.

If our products do not gain market acceptance among physicians, patients, healthcare payers and others in the medical community, who may not accept or utilize our products, our ability to generate significant revenues from our products would be limited and our financial condition could be materially adversely affected. In addition, if we fail to further penetrate our core markets and existing geographic markets or successfully expand our business into new markets, the growth in sales of our products, along with our operating results, could be negatively impacted.

Our ability to further penetrate our core markets and existing geographic markets in which we compete or to successfully expand our business into additional countries in Europe, Asia or elsewhere is subject to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control. Our products, if successfully developed, may compete with a number of drugs, therapies, products and tests currently manufactured and marketed by major pharmaceutical and other biotechnology companies. Our products may also compete with new products currently under development by others or with products which may be less expensive than our products. There can be no assurance that our efforts to increase market

penetration in our core markets and existing geographic markets will be successful. Our failure to do so could have an adverse effect on our operating results and would likely cause a drop in the price of our securities.

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We may require significant additional financing, and we may not have access to sufficient capital.

We may require additional capital to pursue planned clinical trials, regulatory approvals, as well as further R&D and marketing efforts for our product candidates and potential products. Except as expressly described in this annual report on Form 20-F, we do not anticipate generating significant revenues from operations in the near future and we currently have no committed sources of capital.

We may attempt to raise additional funds through public or private financings, collaborations with other pharmaceutical companies or from other sources, including, without limitation, through at-the-market offerings and issuances of Common Shares. Additional funding may not be available on terms which are acceptable to us. If adequate funding is not available to us on reasonable terms, we may need to delay, reduce or eliminate one or more of our product development programs or obtain funds on terms less favorable than we would otherwise accept. To the extent that additional capital is raised through the sale of equity securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable for equity securities (collectively, "Convertible Securities"), the issuance of those securities could result in dilution to our shareholders. Moreover, the incurrence of debt financing could result in a substantial portion of our future operating cash flow, if any, being dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on such indebtedness and could impose restrictions on our operations. This could render us more vulnerable to competitive pressures and economic downturns.

We anticipate that our existing working capital, including the proceeds from any sale of Common Shares or other securities and anticipated revenues, will be sufficient to fund our development programs, clinical trials and other operating expenses for the near future. However, our future capital requirements are substantial and may increase beyond our current expectations depending on many factors including:

- the duration and results of our clinical trials for our various product candidates going forward;
- unexpected delays or developments in seeking regulatory approvals;
- the time and cost involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, maintaining and enforcing patent claims;
- other unexpected developments encountered in implementing our business development and commercialization strategies;
- the potential addition of commercialized products to our pipeline;
- the outcome of litigation, if any; and
- further arrangements, if any, with collaborators.

In addition, global economic and market conditions as well as future developments in the credit and capital markets may make it even more difficult for us to raise additional financing in the future.

If we are unsuccessful in increasing our revenues and/or raising additional funding, we may possibly cease to continue operating as we currently do.

We have had sustained losses, accumulated deficits and negative cash flows from operations since our inception and we expect that this will continue for the foreseeable future.

Although our audited consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and liquidation of liabilities during the normal course of operations, our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the successful execution of our business plan, which will require an increase in revenue and/or additional funding to be provided by potential investors as well as non-traditional sources of financing.

Although we stated in our audited consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 that management believed that the Company had, as at December 31, 2013, sufficient financial resources to fund planned expenditures and other working capital needs for at least, but not limited to, the 12-month period following such date, there can be no assurance that management will be able to reiterate such belief in the future, particularly in the event that we do not or are unable to raise additional capital, as we do not expect our operations to generate sufficient cash flow to fund our obligations.

Additional funding may be in the form of debt or equity or a hybrid instrument depending on our needs, those of investors and market conditions. Depending on the prevailing global economic and credit market conditions, we may not be able to raise additional cash resources through these traditional sources of financing. Although we may also pursue non-traditional sources of financing with third parties, the global credit markets may adversely affect the

ability of potential third parties to pursue such transactions with us. Accordingly, as a result of the foregoing, we continue to review traditional sources of financing, such as private and public debt or various equity financing alternatives, as well as other alternatives to enhance shareholder value including, but not limited to, non-traditional sources of financing, such as alliances with strategic partners, the sale of assets or licensing of our technology or intellectual property, a combination of operating and related initiatives or a substantial reorganization of our business.

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There can be no assurance that we will achieve profitability or positive cash flows or be able to obtain additional funding or that, if obtained, they will be sufficient, or whether any other initiatives will be successful, such that we may continue as a going concern. There could also be material uncertainties related to certain adverse conditions and events that could impact our ability to remain a going concern.

We may expend our limited resources to pursue a particular product candidate or indication and fail to capitalize on product candidates or indications for which there may be a greater likelihood of success.

Because we have limited financial and managerial resources, we are currently focusing our efforts on our later-stage clinical research programs, zoptarelin doxorubicin and macimorelin, and we are doing so for specific indications. As a result, we may forego or delay pursuit of opportunities with other product candidates or for other indications for which there may be a greater likelihood of success or may prove to have greater commercial potential. Notwithstanding our investment to date and anticipated future expenditures on zoptarelin doxorubicin, macimorelin and our earlier-stage programs, we have not yet developed, and may never successfully develop, any marketed treatments using these products. Research programs to identify new product candidates or pursue alternative indications for current product candidates require substantial technical, financial and human resources. These activities may initially show promise in identifying potential product candidates or indications, yet fail to yield product candidates or indications for further clinical development.

We may not achieve our projected development goals in the time-frames we announce and expect.

We set goals and make public statements regarding the timing of the accomplishment of objectives material to our success, such as the commencement, enrollment and anticipated completion of clinical trials, anticipated regulatory submission and approval dates and time of product launch. The actual timing of these events can vary dramatically due to factors such as delays or failures in our clinical trials, the uncertainties inherent in the regulatory approval process and delays in achieving manufacturing or marketing arrangements sufficient to commercialize our products. There can be no assurance that our clinical trials will be completed, that we will make regulatory submissions or receive regulatory approvals as planned or that we will be able to adhere to our current schedule for the launch of any of our products. If we fail to achieve one or more of these milestones as planned, the price of our securities would likely decline.

If we fail to obtain acceptable prices or adequate reimbursement for our products, our ability to generate revenues will be diminished.

The ability for us and/or our partners to successfully commercialize our products will depend significantly on our ability to obtain acceptable prices and the availability of reimbursement to the patient from third-party payers, such as governmental and private insurance plans. These third-party payers frequently require companies to provide predetermined discounts from list prices, and they are increasingly challenging the prices charged for pharmaceuticals and other medical products. Our products may not be considered cost-effective, and reimbursement to the patient may not be available or sufficient to allow us or our partners to sell our products on a competitive basis. It may not be possible to negotiate favorable reimbursement rates for our products.

In addition, the continuing efforts of third-party payers to contain or reduce the costs of healthcare through various means may limit our commercial opportunity and reduce any associated revenue and profits. We expect proposals to implement similar government control to continue. In addition, increasing emphasis on managed care will continue to put pressure on the pricing of pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products. Cost control initiatives could decrease the price that we or any current or potential collaborators could receive for any of our products and could adversely affect our profitability. In addition, in the U.S., in Canada and in many other countries, pricing and/or profitability of some or all prescription pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals are subject to government control.

If we fail to obtain acceptable prices or an adequate level of reimbursement for our products, the sales of our products would be adversely affected or there may be no commercially viable market for our products.

Competition in our targeted markets is intense, and development by other companies could render our products or technologies non-competitive.

The biopharmaceutical field is highly competitive. New products developed by other companies in the industry could render our products or technologies non-competitive. Competitors are developing and testing products and technologies that would compete with the products that we are developing. Some of these products may be more

effective or have an entirely different approach or means of accomplishing the desired effect than our products. We expect competition from pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies and academic research institutions to continue to increase over time. Many of our competitors and potential competitors have substantially greater product development capabilities and financial, scientific, marketing and

human resources than we do. Our competitors may succeed in developing products earlier and in obtaining regulatory approvals and patent protection for such products more rapidly than we can or at a lower price.

We may not obtain adequate protection for our products through our intellectual property.

We rely heavily on our proprietary information in developing and manufacturing our product candidates. Our success depends, in large part, on our ability to protect our competitive position through patents, trade secrets, trademarks and other intellectual property rights. The patent positions of pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical firms, including us, are uncertain and involve complex questions of law and fact for which important legal issues remain unresolved. Applications for patents and trademarks in Canada, the U.S. and in other foreign territories have been filed and are being actively pursued by us. Pending patent applications may not result in the issuance of patents and we may not be able to obtain additional issued patents relating to our technology or products. Even if issued, patents to us or our licensing partners may be challenged, narrowed, invalidated, held to be unenforceable or circumvented, which could limit our ability to stop competitors from marketing similar products or limit the length of term of patent protection we may have for our products. Changes in either patent laws or in interpretations of patent laws in the U.S. and other countries may diminish the value of our intellectual property or narrow the scope of our patent protection. The patents issued or to be issued to us may not provide us with any competitive advantage or protect us against competitors with similar technology. In addition, it is possible that third parties with products that are very similar to ours will circumvent our patents by means of alternate designs or processes. We may have to rely on method of use and new formulation protection for our compounds in development, and any resulting products, which may not confer the same protection as claims to compounds per se.

In addition, our patents may be challenged by third parties in patent litigation, which is becoming widespread in the biopharmaceutical industry. There may be prior art of which we are not aware that may affect the validity or enforceability of a patent claim. There may also be prior art of which we are aware, but which we do not believe affects the validity or enforceability of a claim, which may, nonetheless, ultimately be found to affect the validity or enforceability of a claim. No assurance can be given that our patents would, if challenged, be held by a court to be valid or enforceable or that a competitor's technology or product would be found by a court to infringe our patents. Our granted patents could also be challenged and revoked in U.S. post-grant proceedings as well as in opposition or nullity proceedings in certain countries outside the U.S. In addition, we may be required to disclaim part of the term of certain patents.

Patent applications relating to or affecting our business have been filed by a number of pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies and academic institutions. A number of the technologies in these applications or patents may conflict with our technologies, patents or patent applications, and any such conflict could reduce the scope of patent protection which we could otherwise obtain. Because patent applications in the U.S. and many other jurisdictions are typically not published until eighteen months after their first effective filing date, or in some cases not at all, and because publications of discoveries in the scientific literature often lag behind actual discoveries, neither we nor our licensing partners can be certain that we or they were the first to make the inventions claimed in our or their issued patents or pending patent applications, or that we or they were the first to file for protection of the inventions set forth in these patent applications. If a third party has also filed a patent application in the U.S. covering our product candidates or a similar invention, we may have to participate in adversarial proceedings, such as interferences and deviation proceedings, before the United States Patent and Trademark Office to determine which party is entitled to a U.S. patent claiming the disputed invention. The costs of these proceedings could be substantial and it is possible that our efforts could be unsuccessful, resulting in a loss of our U.S. patent position.

In addition to patent protection, we may utilize orphan drug regulations, pediatric exclusivity or other provisions of the United States Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938, as amended, such as new chemical entity exclusivity or new formulation exclusivity, to provide market exclusivity for a drug candidate. Orphan drug regulations provide incentives to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to develop and manufacture drugs for the treatment of rare diseases, currently defined as diseases that exist in fewer than 200,000 individuals in the U.S., or, diseases that affect more than 200,000 individuals in the U.S. but that the sponsor does not realistically anticipate will generate a net profit. Under these provisions, a manufacturer of a designated orphan drug can seek tax benefits, and the holder of the first FDA approval of a designated orphan product will be granted a seven-year period of marketing exclusivity for

such FDA-approved orphan product. In the U.S., the FDA has the authority to grant additional data protection for approved drugs where the sponsor conducts specified testing in pediatric or adolescent populations. If granted, this pediatric exclusivity provides an additional six months which are added to the term of data protection as well as to the term of any relevant patents, to the extent these protections have not already expired. We may also seek to utilize market exclusivities in other territories, such as in the European Union (the "EU"). We cannot assure that any of our drug candidates will obtain such orphan drug designation, pediatric exclusivity, new chemical entity exclusivity or any other market exclusivity in the U.S., the EU or any other territory, or that we will be the first to receive the respective regulatory approval for such drugs so as to be eligible for any market exclusivity protection.

We also rely on trade secrets and proprietary know-how to protect our intellectual property. If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our proprietary information and know-how, the value of our technology and products could be adversely affected. We seek to protect our unpatented proprietary information in part by requiring our employees, consultants, outside scientific collaborators and sponsored researchers and other advisors to enter into confidentiality agreements. These agreements provide that all confidential information developed or made known to the individual during the course of the individual's relationship with us is to be kept confidential and not disclosed to third parties except in specific circumstances. In the case of our employees, the agreements provide that all of the technology which is conceived by the individual during the course of employment is our exclusive property. These agreements may not provide meaningful protection or adequate remedies in the event of unauthorized use or disclosure of our proprietary information. In addition, it is possible that third parties could independently develop proprietary information and techniques substantially similar to ours or otherwise gain access to our trade secrets. If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our proprietary information and know-how, competitors may be able to use this information to develop products that compete with our products and technologies, which could adversely impact our business.

We currently have the right to use certain patents and technologies under license agreements with third parties. Our failure to comply with the requirements of material license agreements could result in the termination of such agreements, which could cause us to terminate the related development program and cause a complete loss of our investment in that program.

As a result of the foregoing factors, we may not be able to rely on our intellectual property to protect our products in the marketplace.

We may infringe the intellectual property rights of others.

Our commercial success depends significantly on our ability to operate without infringing the patents and other intellectual property rights of third parties. There could be issued patents of which we are not aware that our products or methods may be found to infringe, or patents of which we are aware and believe we do not infringe but which we may ultimately be found to infringe. Moreover, patent applications and their underlying discoveries are in some cases maintained in secrecy until patents are issued. Because patents can take many years to issue, there may be currently pending applications of which we are unaware that may later result in issued patents that our products or technologies are found to infringe. Moreover, there may be published pending applications that do not currently include a claim covering our products or technologies but which nonetheless provide support for a later drafted claim that, if issued, our products or technologies could be found to infringe.

If we infringe or are alleged to infringe intellectual property rights of third parties, it will adversely affect our business. Our research, development and commercialization activities, as well as any product candidates or products resulting from these activities, may infringe or be accused of infringing one or more claims of an issued patent or may fall within the scope of one or more claims in a published patent application that may subsequently be issued and to which we do not hold a license or other rights. Third parties may own or control these patents or patent applications in the U.S. and abroad. These third parties could bring claims against us or our collaborators that would cause us to incur substantial expenses and, if successful against us, could cause us to pay substantial damages. Further, if a patent infringement suit were brought against us or our collaborators, we or they could be forced to stop or delay research, development, manufacturing or sales of the product or product candidate that is the subject of the suit.

The biopharmaceutical industry has produced a proliferation of patents, and it is not always clear to industry participants, including us, which patents cover various types of products. The coverage of patents is subject to interpretation by the courts, and the interpretation is not always uniform. In the event of infringement or violation of another party's patent or other intellectual property rights, we may not be able to enter into licensing arrangements or make other arrangements at a reasonable cost. Any inability to secure licenses or alternative technology could result in delays in the introduction of our products or lead to prohibition of the manufacture or sale of products by us or our partners and collaborators.

Patent litigation is costly and time consuming and may subject us to liabilities.

Our involvement in any patent litigation, interference, opposition or other administrative proceedings will likely cause us to incur substantial expenses, and the efforts of our technical and management personnel will be significantly

diverted. In addition, an adverse determination in litigation could subject us to significant liabilities.

We may not obtain trademark registrations for our product candidates.

We have filed applications for trademark registrations in connection with our product candidates in various jurisdictions, including the U.S. We intend to file further applications for other possible trademarks for our product candidates. No assurance can be given that any of our trademark applications will be registered in the U.S. or elsewhere, or that the use of any registered or unregistered trademarks will confer a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Furthermore, even if we are successful in our trademark registrations, the FDA and regulatory authorities in other countries have their own process for drug nomenclature and their own views concerning appropriate proprietary names. The FDA and other regulatory authorities also have the power, even after granting market approval, to request a company to reconsider the name for a product because of evidence of confusion in the marketplace. No assurance can be given that the FDA or any other regulatory authority will approve of any of our trademarks or will not request reconsideration of one of our trademarks at some time in the future. The loss, abandonment, or cancellation of any of our trademarks or trademark applications could negatively affect the success of the product candidates to which they relate.

Our revenues and expenses may fluctuate significantly, and any failure to meet financial expectations may disappoint securities analysts or investors and result in a decline in the price of our securities.

We have a history of operating losses. Our revenues and expenses have fluctuated in the past and may continue to do so in the future. These fluctuations could cause our share price to decline. Some of the factors that could cause our revenues and expenses to fluctuate include but are not limited to:

- the inability to complete product development in a timely manner that results in a failure or delay in receiving the required regulatory approvals to commercialize our product candidates;
- the timing of regulatory submissions and approvals;
- the timing and willingness of any current or future collaborators to invest the resources necessary to commercialize our product candidates;
- the revenue available from royalties derived from our strategic partners;
- the nature and timing of licensing fees revenues;
- the nature and timing of tax credits and grants (R&D);
- the outcome of litigation, if any;
- changes in foreign currency fluctuations;
- the timing of achievement and the receipt of milestone payments from current or future collaborators;
- and
- failure to enter into new or the expiration or termination of current agreements with collaborators.

Due to fluctuations in our revenues and expenses, we believe that period-to-period comparisons of our results of operations are not necessarily indicative of our future performance. It is possible that in some future quarter or quarters, our revenues and expenses will be above or below the expectations of securities analysts or investors. In this case, the price of our securities could fluctuate significantly or decline.

We are currently dependent on certain strategic partners and may enter into future collaborations for the R&D of our product candidates.

We are currently dependent on certain strategic partners and may enter into future collaborations for the R&D of our product candidates. Our arrangements with these strategic partners may not provide us with the benefits we expect and may expose us to a number of risks.

We are dependent on, and rely upon, strategic partners to perform various functions related to our business, including, but not limited to, the R&D of some of our product candidates. Our reliance on these relationships poses a number of risks.

We may not realize the contemplated benefits of such agreements nor can we be certain that any of these parties will fulfill their obligations in a manner which maximizes our revenue. These arrangements may also require us to transfer certain material rights or issue our equity, voting or other securities to corporate partners, licensees and others. Any license or sublicense of our commercial rights may reduce our product revenue.

These agreements also create certain risks. The occurrence of any of the following or other events may delay product development or impair commercialization of our products:

not all of our strategic partners are contractually prohibited from developing or commercializing, either alone or with others, products and services that are similar to or competitive with our product candidates and, with respect to our strategic partnership agreements that do contain such contractual prohibitions or restrictions, prohibitions or restrictions do not always apply to our partners' affiliates and they may elect to pursue the development of any additional product

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candidates and pursue technologies or products either on their own or in collaboration with other parties, including our competitors, whose technologies or products may be competitive with ours;

our strategic partners may under-fund or fail to commit sufficient resources to marketing, distribution or other development of our products;

we may not be able to renew such agreements;

our strategic partners may not properly maintain or defend certain intellectual property rights that may be important to the commercialization of our products;

our strategic partners may encounter conflicts of interest, changes in business strategy or other issues which could adversely affect their willingness or ability to fulfill their obligations to us (for example, pharmaceutical companies historically have re-evaluated their priorities following mergers and consolidations, which have been common in recent years in this industry);

delays in, or failures to achieve, scale-up to commercial quantities, or changes to current raw material suppliers or product manufacturers (whether the change is attributable to us or the supplier or manufacturer) could delay clinical studies, regulatory submissions and commercialization of our product candidates; and

disputes may arise between us and our strategic partners that could result in the delay or termination of the development or commercialization of our product candidates, resulting in litigation or arbitration that could be time-consuming and expensive, or causing our strategic partners to act in their own self-interest and not in our interest or those of our shareholders or other stakeholders.

In addition, our strategic partners can terminate our agreements with them for a number of reasons based on the terms of the individual agreements that we have entered into with them. If one or more of these agreements were to be terminated, we would be required to devote additional resources to developing and commercializing our product candidates, seek a new partner or abandon this product candidate which would likely cause a drop in the price of our securities.

We have entered into important strategic partnership agreements relating to certain of our product candidates for various indications. Detailed information on our research and collaboration agreements is available in our various reports and disclosure documents filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and filed with or furnished to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including the documents incorporated by reference into this annual report on Form 20-F. For example, on April 10, 2013, we announced that we had entered into a co-development and profit-sharing agreement with Ergomed Clinical Research Ltd. ("Ergomed") for zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer. Ergomed was selected as the contract clinical development organization to conduct the multicenter, multinational, randomized Phase 3 "ZoptEC" (Zoptarelin doxorubicin in Endometrial Cancer) trial with zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer. Under the terms of this agreement, Ergomed will assume 30% (up to \$10 million) of the clinical and regulatory costs for our Phase 3 ZoptEC trial of zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer, which are currently estimated at approximately \$30 million over the course of the study, and Ergomed will receive its return on investment based on an agreed single digit percentage of any net income received by us for zoptarelin doxorubicin in this indication, up to a specified maximum amount.

We have also entered into a variety of collaboration agreements with various universities and institutes under which we are obligated to support some of the research expenses incurred by the university laboratories and pay royalties on future sales of the products. In turn, we have retained exclusive rights for the worldwide exploitation of results generated during the collaborations.

We rely on third parties to conduct, supervise and monitor our clinical trials, and those third parties may not perform satisfactorily.

We rely on third parties such as CROs, medical institutions and clinical investigators to enroll qualified patients and conduct, supervise and monitor our clinical trials. Our reliance on these third parties for clinical development activities reduces our control over these activities. Our reliance on these third parties, however, does not relieve us of our regulatory responsibilities, including ensuring that our clinical trials are conducted in accordance with Good Clinical Practice guidelines and the investigational plan and protocols contained in an Investigational New Drug ("IND") application, or a comparable foreign regulatory submission. Furthermore, these third parties may also have relationships with other entities, some of which may be our competitors. In addition, they may not complete activities

on schedule, or may not conduct our preclinical studies or clinical trials in accordance with regulatory requirements or our trial design. If these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties or meet expected deadlines, our efforts to obtain regulatory approvals for, and commercialize, our product candidates may be delayed or prevented.

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In carrying out our operations, we are dependent on a stable and consistent supply of ingredients and raw materials. There can be no assurance that we, our contract manufacturers or our partners, will be able, in the future, to continue to purchase products from our current suppliers or any other supplier on terms similar to current terms or at all. An interruption in the availability of certain raw materials or ingredients, or significant increases in the prices paid by us for them, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and operating results. The failure to perform satisfactorily by third parties upon which we rely to manufacture and supply products may lead to supply shortfalls.

We will rely on third parties to manufacture and supply marketed products. We also have certain supply obligations vis à vis our licensing partners who are responsible for the marketing of the products. To be successful, our products have to be manufactured in commercial quantities in compliance with quality controls and regulatory requirements. Even though it is our objective to minimize such risk by introducing alternative suppliers to ensure a constant supply at all times, we cannot guarantee that we will not experience supply shortfalls and, in such event, we may not be able to perform our obligations under contracts with our partners.

We are subject to intense competition for our skilled personnel, and the loss of key personnel or the inability to attract additional personnel could impair our ability to conduct our operations.

We are highly dependent on our management and our clinical, regulatory and scientific staff, the loss of whose services might adversely impact our ability to achieve our objectives. Recruiting and retaining qualified management and clinical, scientific and regulatory personnel is critical to our success. Competition for skilled personnel is intense, and our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel may be affected by such competition.

Our strategic partners' manufacturing capabilities may not be adequate to effectively commercialize our product candidates.

Our manufacturing experience to date with respect to our product candidates consists of producing drug substance for clinical studies. To be successful, these product candidates have to be manufactured in commercial quantities in compliance with regulatory requirements and at acceptable costs. Our strategic partners' current manufacturing facilities have the capacity to produce projected product requirements for the foreseeable future, but we will need to increase capacity if expected sales grow more than originally forecasted. Our strategic partners may not be able to expand capacity or to produce additional product requirements on favorable terms. Moreover, delays associated with securing additional manufacturing capacity may reduce our revenues and adversely affect our business and financial position. There can be no assurance that we will be able to meet increased demand over time.

We are subject to the risk of product liability claims, for which we may not have or be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage.

The sale and use of our products, in particular our biopharmaceutical products, involve the risk of product liability claims and associated adverse publicity. Our risks relate to human participants in our clinical trials, who may suffer unintended consequences, as well as products on the market whereby claims might be made directly by patients, healthcare providers or pharmaceutical companies or others selling, buying or using our products. We manage our liability risks by means of insurance. We maintain liability insurance covering our liability for our preclinical and clinical studies and for our pharmaceutical products already marketed. However, we may not have or be able to obtain or maintain sufficient and affordable insurance coverage, including coverage for potentially very significant legal expenses, and without sufficient coverage any claim brought against us could have a materially adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Our business involves the use of hazardous materials which requires us to comply with environmental and occupational safety laws regulating the use of such materials. If we violate these laws, we could be subject to significant fines, liabilities or other adverse consequences.

Our discovery and development processes involve the controlled use of hazardous and radioactive materials. We are subject to federal, provincial and local laws and regulations governing the use, manufacture, storage, handling and disposal of such materials and certain waste products. The risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials cannot be completely eliminated. In the event of an accident or a failure to comply with environmental or occupational safety laws, we could be held liable for any damages that result, and any such liability could exceed our resources. We may not be adequately insured against this type of liability. We may be required to incur significant

costs to comply with environmental laws and regulations in the future, and our operations, business or assets may be materially adversely affected by current or future environmental laws or regulations.

We are a holding company, and claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will generally have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over our claims and those of our creditors and shareholders.

Aeterna Zentaris Inc. is a holding company and a substantial portion of our assets is the share capital of our subsidiaries. AEZS GmbH, our principal operating subsidiary, based in Frankfurt, Germany, holds most of our intellectual property rights, which represent the principal assets of our business.

Because Aeterna Zentaris Inc. is a holding company, our obligations to our creditors are structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. Therefore, our rights and the rights of our creditors to participate in any distribution of the assets of any subsidiary in the event that such subsidiary were to be liquidated or reorganized or in the event of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to or involving such subsidiary, and therefore the rights of the holders of our Common Shares to participate in those assets, are subject to the prior claims of such subsidiary's creditors. To the extent that we may be a creditor with recognized claims against any such subsidiary, our claims would still be subject to the prior claims of our subsidiary's creditors to the extent that they are secured or senior to those held by us.

Holders of our Common Shares are not creditors of our subsidiaries. Claims to the assets of our subsidiaries will derive from our own ownership interest in those operating subsidiaries. Claims of our subsidiaries' creditors will generally have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over our own ownership interest claims and will therefore have priority over the holders of our Common Shares. Our subsidiaries' creditors may from time to time include general creditors, trade creditors, employees, secured creditors, taxing authorities, and creditors holding guarantees. Accordingly, in the event of any foreclosure, dissolution, winding-up, liquidation or reorganization, or a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to us or our property, or any subsidiary, there can be no assurance as to the value, if any, that would be available to holders of our Common Shares.

In addition, any distributions to us by our subsidiaries could be subject to monetary transfer restrictions in the jurisdictions in which our subsidiaries operate.

Our subsidiaries may incur additional indebtedness and other liabilities.

It may be difficult for U.S. investors to obtain and enforce judgments against us because of our Canadian incorporation and German presence.

We are a company existing under the laws of Canada. Many of our directors and officers, and certain of the experts named herein, are residents of Canada or otherwise reside outside the U.S., and all or a substantial portion of their assets, and a substantial portion of our assets, are located outside the U.S. Consequently, although we have appointed an agent for service of process in the U.S., it may be difficult for investors in the U.S. to bring an action against such directors, officers or experts or to enforce against those persons or us a judgment obtained in a U.S. court predicated upon the civil liability provisions of federal securities laws or other laws of the U.S. Investors should not assume that foreign courts (1) would enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained in actions against us or such directors, officers or experts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws or the securities or "blue sky" laws of any state within the U.S. or (2) would enforce, in original actions, liabilities against us or such directors, officers or experts predicated upon the U.S. federal securities laws or any such state securities or "blue sky" laws. In addition, we have been advised by our Canadian counsel that in normal circumstances, only civil judgments and not other rights arising from U.S. securities legislation (for example, penal or similar awards made by a court in a regulatory prosecution or proceeding) are enforceable in Canada and that the protections afforded by Canadian securities laws may not be available to investors in the U.S.

Health care reform measures could hinder or prevent the commercial success of our product candidates and adversely affect our business.

The business prospects and financial condition of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies are affected by the efforts of governmental and third-party payers to contain or reduce the costs of health care. In the U.S. and in foreign jurisdictions there have been, and we expect that there will continue to be, a number of legislative and regulatory proposals aimed at changing the health care system, such as proposals relating to the pricing of healthcare products and services in the U.S. or internationally, the reimportation of drugs into the U.S. from other countries (where they are then sold at a lower price), and the amount of reimbursement available from governmental agencies or other third party payers. For example, drug manufacturers are required to have a national rebate agreement with the Department

of Health and Human Services in order to obtain state Medicaid coverage, which requires manufacturers to pay a rebate on drugs dispensed to Medicaid patients. On January 27, 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") issued a proposed regulation covering the calculation of Average Manufacturer Price ("AMP") which is the key variable in the calculation of these rebates.

In March 2010, President Obama signed into law a legislative overhaul of the U.S. healthcare system, known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended by the Healthcare and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 (collectively, the "PPACA"), which may have far-reaching consequences for most healthcare companies, including specialty biopharmaceutical companies like us. For example, if reimbursement for our product candidates is substantially less than we expect, our revenue prospects could be materially and adversely impacted.

Regardless of the impact of the PPACA on us, the U.S. government and other governments have shown significant interest in pursuing healthcare reform and reducing healthcare costs. Any government-adopted reform measures could cause significant pressure on the pricing of healthcare products and services, including our product candidates, in the United States and internationally, as well as the amount of reimbursement available from governmental agencies and other third-party payors.

In addition, on September 27, 2007, the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 was enacted, giving the FDA enhanced post-market authority, including the authority to require post-marketing studies and clinical trials, labeling changes based on new safety information, and compliance with risk evaluations and mitigation strategies approved by the FDA. The FDA's exercise of this authority may result in delays or increased costs during the period of product development, clinical trials and regulatory review and approval, which may also increase costs related to complying with new post-approval regulatory requirements, and increase potential FDA restrictions on the sale or distribution of approved products.

We are subject to additional reporting requirements under applicable Canadian securities laws and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in the U.S.. We can provide no assurance that we will at all times in the future be able to report that our internal controls over financial reporting are effective.

As a public company, we are required to comply with Section 404 of the U.S. Sarbanes-Oxley Act ("Section 404") and National Instrument 52-109 - Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings, and we are required to obtain an annual attestation from our independent auditors regarding our internal control over financial reporting. In any given year, we cannot be certain as to the time of completion of our internal control evaluation, testing and remediation actions or of their impact on our operations. Upon completion of this process, we may identify control deficiencies of varying degrees of severity under applicable SEC and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board rules and regulations. As a public company, we are required to report, among other things, control deficiencies that constitute material weaknesses or changes in internal controls that, or that are reasonably likely to, materially affect internal controls over financial reporting. A "material weakness" is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. If we fail to comply with the requirements of Section 404, Canadian requirements or report a material weakness, we might be subject to regulatory sanction and investors may lose confidence in our consolidated financial statements, which may be inaccurate if we fail to remedy such material weakness.

It is possible that we may be a passive foreign investment company, which could result in adverse tax consequences to U.S. investors.

Adverse U.S. federal income tax rules apply to "U.S. Holders" (as defined in "Item 10.E – Taxation – Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in this annual report on Form 20-F) that directly or indirectly hold Common Shares of a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC"). We will be classified as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for a taxable year if (i) at least 75% of our gross income is "passive income" or (ii) at least 50% of the average value of our assets, including goodwill (based on annual quarterly average), is attributable to assets which produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income.

We believe that we were not a PFIC for the 2013 taxable year. However, the PFIC determination depends on the application of complex U.S. federal income tax rules concerning the classification of our assets and income for this purpose, and these rules are uncertain in some respects. In addition, the fair market value of our assets may be determined in large part by the market price of our Common Shares, which is likely to fluctuate, and the composition of our income and assets will be affected by how, and how quickly, we spend any cash that is raised in any financing transaction. No assurance can be provided that we will not be classified as a PFIC for the 2014 taxable year and for

any future taxable year.

PFIC characterization could result in adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders. In particular, absent certain elections, a U.S. Holder would generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax at ordinary income tax rates, plus a possible interest charge, in respect of a gain derived from a disposition of our Common Shares, as well as certain distributions by us. If we are treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder may be able to make an election to "mark to market" Common Shares each taxable year and recognize ordinary income pursuant to such election based upon increases in the value of the Common Shares. In addition, U.S. Holders may mitigate the adverse tax consequences of the PFIC rules by making a "qualified electing fund" ("QEF") election; however, the Company does not expect to provide the information regarding its income that would be necessary for a U.S. Holder to make a QEF election.

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If the Company is a PFIC, U.S. Holders will generally be required to file an annual information return with the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") (on IRS Form 8621, which PFIC shareholders will be required to file with their U.S. federal income tax or information returns) relating to their ownership of Common Shares. This new filing requirement is in addition to any preexisting reporting requirements that apply to a U.S. Holder's interest in a PFIC (which this requirement does not affect).

For a more detailed discussion of the potential tax impact of us being a PFIC, see "Item 10.E – Taxation – Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in this annual report on Form 20-F. The PFIC rules are complex. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the potential application of the PFIC regime and any reporting obligations to which they may be subject under that regime.

We may incur losses associated with foreign currency fluctuations.

Our operations are in many instances conducted in currencies other than the euro, our functional currency.

Fluctuations in the value of currencies could cause us to incur currency exchange losses. We do not currently employ a hedging strategy against exchange rate risk. We cannot assert with any assurance that we will not suffer losses as a result of unfavorable fluctuations in the exchange rates between the US dollar, the euro, the Canadian dollar and other currencies. For more information, see "Item 11. – Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in this annual report on Form 20-F.

Legislative actions, new accounting pronouncements and higher insurance costs are likely to impact our future financial position or results of operations.

Changes in financial accounting standards or implementation of accounting standards may cause adverse, unexpected revenue or expense fluctuations and affect our financial position or results of operations. New pronouncements and varying interpretations of pronouncements have occurred with greater frequency and are expected to occur in the future, and we may make or be required to make changes in our accounting policies in the future. Compliance with changing regulations of corporate governance and public disclosure, notably with respect to internal controls over financial reporting, may result in additional expenses. Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure are creating uncertainty for companies such as ours, and insurance costs are increasing as a result of this uncertainty.

The outcome of any future claims and litigation could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Company and its subsidiaries may, from time to time, be parties to litigation in the normal course of business. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, it is not possible to predict the final outcome of these lawsuits or determine the amount of any potential losses, if any, and we may, in the future, be subject litigation proceedings, including class action lawsuits. In the event we are required or determine to pay amounts in connection with any such lawsuits, such amounts could be significant and could have a material adverse impact on our liquidity, business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Relating to our Common Shares

Our share price is volatile, which may result from factors outside of our control. If our Common Shares were to be delisted from NASDAQ Capital Market ("NASDAQ") or Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX"), investors may have difficulty in disposing of our Common Shares held by them.

Our Common Shares are currently listed and traded only on NASDAQ and TSX. Our valuation and share price since the beginning of trading after our initial listings, first in Canada and then in the U.S., have had no meaningful relationship to current or historical financial results, asset values, book value or many other criteria based on conventional measures of the value of shares.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013, the closing price of our Common Shares ranged from \$1.03 to \$3.23 on NASDAQ and from C\$1.08 to C\$3.27 per share on TSX. Our share price may be affected by developments directly affecting our business and by developments out of our control or unrelated to us. The stock market generally, and the biopharmaceutical sector in particular, are vulnerable to abrupt changes in investor sentiment. Prices of shares and trading volume of companies in the biopharmaceutical industry can swing dramatically in ways unrelated to, or that bear a disproportionate relationship to, operating performance. Our share price and trading volume may fluctuate based on a number of factors including, but not limited to:

- clinical and regulatory developments regarding our product candidates;
- delays in our anticipated development or commercialization timelines;
- developments regarding current or future third-party collaborators;
- other announcements by us regarding technological, product development or other matters;
- arrivals or departures of key personnel;

governmental or regulatory action affecting our product candidates and our competitors' products in the U.S., Canada and other countries;

developments or disputes concerning patent or proprietary rights;

actual or anticipated fluctuations in our revenues or expenses;

general market conditions and fluctuations for the emerging growth and biopharmaceutical market sectors; and

economic conditions in the U.S., Canada or abroad.

Our listing on both NASDAQ and TSX may increase price volatility due to various factors, including different ability to buy or sell our Common Shares, different market conditions in different capital markets and different trading volumes. In addition, low trading volume may increase the price volatility of our Common Shares. A thin trading market could cause the price of our Common Shares to fluctuate significantly more than the stock market as a whole. A period of large price decline in our Common Shares could increase the risk that securities class action litigation could be initiated against us. Litigation of this type and other litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of management's attention and resources, which would adversely affect our business. Any adverse determination in litigation could also subject us to significant liabilities.

We must meet continuing listing requirements to maintain the listing of our Common Shares on NASDAQ and TSX. For continued listing, NASDAQ requires, among other things, that listed securities maintain a minimum closing bid price of not less than \$1.00 per share.

If our Common Shares trade for 30 consecutive business days below the required \$1.00 minimum closing bid price, we expect that NASDAQ would then send us a deficiency notice and provide us with a period of 180 calendar days to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement. In order to regain compliance, the closing bid price of our Common Shares would have to be at least US\$1.00 for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days. If we were not able to regain compliance, NASDAQ would notify us that our securities are subject to delisting. At that time, we could appeal the determination to delist our securities to a Listing Qualifications Panel.

In addition to the minimum bid price requirement, the continued listing rules of NASDAQ require us to meet at least one of the following listing standards: (i) stockholders' equity of at least \$2.5 million (the "Equity Standard"), (ii) market value of listed securities (calculated by multiplying the daily closing bid price of our Common Shares by our total outstanding Common Shares) of at least \$35 million (the "Market Value Standard") or (iii) net income from continuing operations (in the latest fiscal year or in two of the last three fiscal years) of at least \$500,000 (the "Net Income Standard"). If our total market capitalization decreases to an amount less than \$35 million for 30 consecutive trading days, it is possible that we could no longer meet any of these three listing standards. Similar to the process described above in the minimum bid price context, if we fail to meet the Market Value Standard for 30 consecutive trading days and do not otherwise meet the Equity Standard or the Net Income Standard, we expect that we would then receive a notification letter from NASDAQ advising us that we fail to comply with the Market Value Standard and providing us a period of 180 calendar days to regain compliance with the Market Value Standard. In order to regain compliance with the Market Value Standard, the market value of our listed securities would have to be at least \$35 million for a period of 10 consecutive business days. Otherwise, our securities may then be subject to delisting. There can be no assurance that our Common Shares will remain listed on NASDAQ. If we fail to meet any of NASDAQ's continued listing requirements, our Common Shares may be delisted. Any delisting of our Common Shares may adversely affect a shareholder's ability to dispose, or obtain quotations as to the market value, of such shares.

We do not intend to pay dividends in the near future.

To date, we have not declared or paid any dividends on our Common Shares. We currently intend to retain our future earnings, if any, to finance further research and the overall commercial expansion of our business. As a result, the return on an investment in our Common Shares will, for the foreseeable future, depend upon any future appreciation in value. There is no guarantee that our Common Shares will appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which shareholders have purchased them.

Future issuances of securities and hedging activities may depress the trading price of our Common Shares.

Any additional or future issuance of Convertible Securities, including the issuance of Common Shares upon the exercise of stock options and upon the exercise of outstanding warrants, could dilute the interests of our existing

shareholders, and could substantially decrease the trading price of our Common Shares. We may issue equity securities in the future for a number of reasons, including to finance our operations and business strategy, to satisfy our obligations upon the exercise of options or warrants or for other reasons. Our Stock Option Plan generally permits us to have outstanding, at any given time, stock options that are exercisable for a maximum number of Common Shares equal to 11.4% of all then issued and outstanding Common Shares. As at December 31, 2013, there were:

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45,312,009 Common Shares issued and outstanding;
no issued and outstanding preferred shares;
20,107,410 Common Shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants; and
2,412,573 stock options outstanding.

In addition, the price of Common Shares could also be affected by possible sales of Common Shares by investors who view other investment vehicles as more attractive means of equity participation in us and by hedging or arbitrage trading activity that may develop involving our Common Shares. This hedging or arbitrage could, in turn, affect the trading price of our Common Shares.

Our articles of incorporation contain "blank check" preferred share provisions, which could delay or impede an acquisition of our company.

Our articles of incorporation, as amended, authorize the issuance of an unlimited number of "blank check" preferred shares, which could be issued by our Board of Directors without shareholder approval and may contain liquidation, dividend and other rights equivalent or superior to our Common Shares. In addition, we have implemented in our constating documents an advance notice procedure for shareholder approvals to be brought before an annual meeting of our shareholders, including proposed nominations of persons for election to our Board of Directors. These provisions, among others, whether alone or together, could delay or impede hostile takeovers and changes in control or changes in our management. Any provision of our constating documents that has the effect of delaying or deterring a change in control could limit the opportunity for our shareholders to receive a premium for their Common Shares and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our Common Shares.

Item 4. Information on the Company

A. History and development of the Company

We are a specialty biopharmaceutical Company engaged in developing novel treatments in oncology and endocrinology. Our pipeline encompasses compounds at various stages of development.

We were incorporated on September 12, 1990 under the Canada Business Corporations Act (the "CBCA") and continue to be governed by the CBCA. Our registered address and head office is located at 1405 du Parc-Technologique Blvd., Quebec City, Quebec, Canada G1P 4P5, our telephone number is (418) 652-8525 and our website is www.aezsinc.com. None of the documents or information found on our website shall be deemed to be included in or incorporated by reference into this annual report on Form 20-F, unless such document is specifically incorporated herein by reference.

On December 30, 2002, we acquired Zentaris AG, a biopharmaceutical company based in Frankfurt, Germany. Zentaris was a spin-off of Asta Medica GmbH, a former pharmaceutical company affiliated with Degussa AG. In May 2004, we changed our name to Aeterna Zentaris Inc. and on May 11, 2007, Zentaris GmbH was renamed Aeterna Zentaris GmbH ("AEZS GmbH"). AEZS GmbH is our principal operating subsidiary.

On April 6, 2005, our former subsidiary, Atrium Biotechnologies Inc. (now Atrium Innovations Inc.) ("Atrium"), completed its initial public offering in Canada and began trading on the TSX under the ticker symbol "ATB".

In 2006, we spun off our ownership interest in Atrium in two phases. As of January 2, 2007 we no longer held any ownership interest in Atrium.

In May 2007, we opened an office in the United States, located at 20 Independence Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey 07059-2731. The Company moved this office to a new location in December 2011 at 25 Mountainview Blvd., Suite 203, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

On October 2, 2012, we effected a 6-to-1 Share Consolidation (reverse stock split). Our Common Shares commenced trading on a consolidated and adjusted basis on both NASDAQ and TSX on October 5, 2012.

On October 1, 2013, we announced the completion of our previously announced agreements with various partners and licensees with respect to the manufacturing rights and obligations for our Cetrotide® product. The principal outcome of such agreements is the transfer of all manufacturing rights and the grant of a license to a subsidiary of Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany for the manufacture, testing, assembling, packaging, storage and release of Cetrotide® in all territories (the "Cetrotide® Business"). Following this transfer, the Cetrotide® Business has been presented in our consolidated financial statements as a discontinued operation.

We currently have three wholly-owned direct and indirect subsidiaries, Aeterna Zentaris GmbH (Germany), based in Frankfurt, Germany, Zentaris IVF GmbH, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of AEZS Germany based in Frankfurt, Germany, and Aeterna Zentaris, Inc., an entity incorporated in the State of Delaware with an office in Basking Ridge, New Jersey in the United States.

Aeterna Zentaris Inc.
(Canada)

100%

Aeterna Zentaris GmbH
(Germany)

100%

Aeterna Zentaris, Inc.
(Delaware)

100%

Zentaris IVF GmbH
(Germany)

In oncology, our current principal focus is on our ongoing Phase 3 "ZoptEC" (Zoptarelin doxorubicin in Endometrial Cancer) trial in endometrial cancer with zoptarelin doxorubicin. In endocrinology, we are focused on preparing the launch of MACRILEN™ (macimorelin). This product is currently subject to a standard review by the FDA. If approved, MACRILEN™ will be the first orally administered drug indicated for the evaluation of Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency ("AGHD") by evaluating the pituitary gland secretion of growth hormone in response to an oral dose of the product. We are also investigating various additional compounds as potential treatments for a host of unmet medical needs, as depicted in the chart reproduced under the heading, "Our Product Pipeline".

Our Common Shares are listed for trading on the TSX under the trading symbol "AEZ" and on NASDAQ under the trading symbol "AEZS".

The Company's agent for service of process and SEC matters in the United States is its wholly-owned subsidiary, Aeterna Zentaris, Inc., located at 25 Mountainview Blvd., Suite 203, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

There have been no public takeover offers by third parties with respect to the Company or by the Company in respect of other companies' shares during the last or current fiscal year.

B. Business overview

We are a specialty biopharmaceutical Company engaged in developing novel treatments in oncology and endocrinology. Our pipeline encompasses compounds at various stages of development.

Over the years, the Company has incurred recurring operating losses, having invested significantly in our R&D activities, as well as supporting our general and administrative expenses. We have financed our operations through different sources including the issuance of Common Shares and warrants, the conclusion of strategic alliances with licensee partners and R&D grants awarded by governmental agencies. The Company expects to continue to incur operating losses and may require significant capital to fulfill our future obligations. See the capital disclosures and the liquidity risk sections in "Item 5. – Operating and Financial Review and Prospects – Liquidity Risk".

In oncology, we have an ongoing Phase 3 ZoptEC trial in endometrial cancer under a Special Protocol Assessment ("SPA") with the FDA with zoptarelin doxorubicin, a doxorubicin Luteinizing Hormone-Releasing Hormone ("LHRH") targeted conjugate compound for which we have successfully completed a Phase 2 trial in advanced endometrial and advanced ovarian cancer. We are also advancing a Phase 2 investigator-driven trial with zoptarelin

doxorubicin in castration- and taxane-resistant prostate cancer. Our oncology pipeline also encompasses earlier-stage programs, including our AEZS-120, a targeted, live recombinant oral tumor vaccine candidate, our Erk/PI3K inhibitors, such as AEZS-129 and AEZS-136 and our disorazol Z

product candidates (AEZS-137 and AEZS-138). We are also investigating various additional compounds as potential treatments for a host of unmet medical needs.

In endocrinology, we have filed an NDA in the U.S. for the registration of MACRILEN™, our orally available peptidomimetic ghrelin receptor agonist with growth hormone secretagogue activity. On January 6, 2014, we announced that the FDA had accepted for substantive review our NDA for MACRILEN™. The acceptance for filing of the NDA indicates that the FDA has determined that the application is sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review. The NDA, submitted on November 5, 2013, seeks approval for the commercialization of MACRILEN™, which, if approved, will be the first orally administered drug indicated for the evaluation of AGHD by evaluating the pituitary gland secretion of growth hormone in response to an oral dose of the product. The application is subject to a standard review by the FDA.

Recent Developments

For a complete description of our recent corporate and pipeline developments, refer to "Item 5. – Operating and Financial Review and Prospects – Key Developments in 2013".

Our Business Strategy

Our primary business strategy is to pursue the successful development and commercialization of our pipeline with a focus on our principal product candidates zoptarelin doxorubicin and MACRILEN™ in oncology and endocrinology and achieve successful revenue-generating in-/out-licensing opportunities. Our vision is to become a growth-oriented specialty biopharmaceutical company.

Our product pipeline

(1) Investigator-driven and sponsored.

(2) Phase 2 in ovarian cancer completed.

Sponsored entirely by our licensee partners (Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, World (ex-Japan, Korea and other Asian (3) countries) – Handok Pharmaceuticals, Korea and other Asian countries for benign prostatic hyperplasia ("BPH") indication – Nippon Kayaku, Japan for oncology indications).

(4) Sponsored entirely by our licensee partners (Yakult Honsha, Japan – Handok Pharmaceuticals, Korea – Hikma Pharmaceuticals, Middle East/North Africa).

Oncology

In oncology, we are conducting the ZoptEC Phase 3 study under a SPA with the FDA for zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer. We are also advancing an investigator-driven Phase 2 trial with zoptarelin doxorubicin in castration- and taxane-resistant prostate cancer.

Zoptarelin doxorubicin

Zoptarelin doxorubicin represents a new targeting concept in oncology using a hybrid molecule composed of a synthetic peptide carrier and a well-known chemotherapy agent, doxorubicin. Zoptarelin doxorubicin is the first intravenous drug in advanced clinical development that directs the chemotherapy agent specifically to LHRH-receptor expressing tumors, resulting in more targeted treatment with less damage to healthy tissue. The product has successfully completed Phase 2 studies for the treatment of ovarian and endometrial cancer. We hold the worldwide rights to zoptarelin doxorubicin pursuant to an exclusive license agreement with Tulane University, as licensor, and AEZS GmbH, as licensee.

Endocrinology

In endocrinology, an NDA is under review by the FDA for the registration of MACRILEN™, for use in the evaluation of AGHD, in the U.S. Furthermore, macimorelin is being investigated in a Phase 2A trial in cancer-induced cachexia currently conducted under a cooperative R&D agreement ("CRADA") with the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center that is funding the study. We hold the worldwide rights to macimorelin pursuant to an exclusive license agreement with The French Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, as licensor, and AEZS GmbH, as licensee.

MACRILEN™

MACRILEN™ is an orally available peptidomimetic ghrelin receptor agonist with growth hormone secretagogue activity. MACRILEN™ has been granted orphan-drug designation by the FDA. On January 6, 2014, we announced that the FDA had accepted for substantive review our NDA for MACRILEN™ for the evaluation of AGHD. The application is subject to a standard review by the FDA.

Clinical and Preclinical Programs

Our oncology pipeline also encompasses other earlier-stage programs, including AEZS-120, a targeted, live recombinant oral tumor vaccine candidate, our Erk/PI3K inhibitors, including AEZS-129 and AEZS-136, as well as our disorazol Z product candidates comprise AEZS-137 and AEZS-138.

We are also investigating various additional compounds as potential treatments for a host of unmet medical need. We also continue to perform targeted drug discovery activities from which we are able to derive preclinical candidates.

This drug discovery includes high throughput screening systems and a library of more than 120,000 compounds.

We are currently at a stage in which some of our products and product candidates are being further developed jointly with strategic partners or with funding from governmental organizations.

1.0 ONCOLOGY

1.1 TUMOR TARGETING CYTOTOXIC CONJUGATES AND CYTOTOXICS

Cytotoxic conjugates

In view of the non-specific toxicity of most chemotherapeutic agents against normal cells, targeting such drugs to cancerous tissue offers a potential benefit for patients with advanced or metastatic tumors. Targeted cytotoxic peptide conjugates are hybrid molecules composed of a cytotoxic moiety linked to a peptide carrier which binds to receptors on tumors. Cytotoxic conjugates are designed to achieve differential delivery, or targeting, of the cytotoxic agent to cancer vs. normal cells.

Our cytotoxic conjugates represent a novel oncological strategy to control and reduce toxicity and improve the effectiveness of cytotoxic drugs.

In zoptarelin doxorubicin, the most advanced of our cytotoxic conjugates, doxorubicin is chemically linked to an LHRH agonist, a modified natural hormone with affinity for the LHRH receptor. This design allows for the specific binding and selective uptake of the cytotoxic conjugate by LHRH receptor-positive tumors. Potential benefits of this targeted approach include a more favorable safety profile with lower incidence and severity of side effects, as normal tissues would be spared from the toxic effects of doxorubicin. In addition, the targeted approach may enable treatment of LHRH receptor-positive cancers that have become refractory to doxorubicin which has been administered in its non-targeted form.

1.1.1 Zoptarelin doxorubicin – Ovarian and Endometrial Cancer

In 2007, a Phase 2 open-label, non-comparative, multicenter two indication trial stratified with two stages Simon Design was prepared. The study was planned to involve up to 82 patients, with up to 41 patients each with a diagnosis of platinum-resistant ovarian cancer (stratum A) or disseminated endometrial cancer (stratum B). Under coordination by Prof. Günter Emons, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the University of Göttingen, Germany, this open-label, multicenter and multinational Phase 2 study "AGO-GYN 5" was conducted by the German AGO Study Group (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Gynäkologische Onkologie / Gynaecological Oncology Working Group), in cooperation with clinical sites in Europe. An i.v. infusion of zoptarelin doxorubicin (267 mg/m²) was administered over a period of two hours, every Day 1 of a 21-day (3-week) cycle. The proposed duration of the study treatment was six cycles. The study was performed with 14 centers of the German Gynaecological Oncology Working Group, in cooperation with three clinical sites in Europe. The primary efficacy endpoint was a response rate with a success criterion at the end of Stage II defined as five or more patients with partial or complete tumor responses according to Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors ("RECIST") and/or Gynaecologic Cancer Intergroup ("GCIG") guidelines. Secondary endpoints included time to progression ("TTP"), survival, toxicity, as well as adverse effects. In October 2008, we announced that we had entered the second stage of patient recruitment for the Phase 2 trial in platinum-resistant ovarian cancer indication. This decision was taken following the report of two partial responses ("PR") among patients with ovarian cancer. The second stage of patient recruitment for the endometrial cancer indication was reached in November 2008 and was based on the report of one complete response ("CR") and two PR among 14 patients with endometrial cancer.

On November 2, 2009, we announced positive preliminary efficacy data for the Phase 2 study in patients with LHRH-receptor positive platinum-resistant and taxane-pretreated ovarian cancer. All 43 patients who had entered the study had completed their treatment, and a preliminary evaluation had shown that the study had met its predefined primary efficacy endpoint of five or more responders in 41 evaluable patients. Responders, as well as patients with stable disease after completion of treatment with zoptarelin doxorubicin, were to be followed to assess the duration of response and, ultimately, overall survival ("OS").

On November 24, 2009, we announced positive results for the Phase 2 study in patients with endometrial cancer. Preliminary evaluation showed that the study met its predefined primary efficacy endpoint of five or more responders in endometrial cancer patients. Responders, as well as patients with stable disease after completion of treatment with zoptarelin doxorubicin, were to be followed to assess the duration of progression free survival ("PFS") and, ultimately, OS.

On May 6, 2010, we announced that we had received orphan drug designation from the FDA for zoptarelin doxorubicin for the treatment of ovarian cancer.

On May 17, 2010, we announced that we had received a positive opinion for orphan medicinal product designation from the COMP of the EMA for zoptarelin doxorubicin for the treatment of ovarian cancer.

On June 7, 2010, Prof. Günter Emons, Chairman, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Georg-August University Göttingen, Germany, presented positive efficacy and safety data for zoptarelin doxorubicin in ovarian cancer at the American Society of Clinical Oncology's ("ASCO") Annual Meeting. The poster (abstract #5035), was entitled "Phase 2 study of AEZS-108, a targeted cytotoxic LHRH analog, in patients with LHRH receptor-positive platinum resistant ovarian cancer".

42 patients with platinum-resistant ovarian cancer entered the study. Efficacy included PR in five patients (11.9%) and stable disease for more than twelve weeks in eleven patients (26.2%). Based on those data, a clinical benefit rate ("CBR") of 38% was estimated. Median TTP and OS were evaluated as 3.5 months (104 days) and 15.6 months (475 days), respectively. OS compared favourably with data from Doxil[®] and topotecan (8-9 months). In all, tolerability of zoptarelin doxorubicin was good and commonly allowed retreatment as scheduled. Only one patient (2.4%) had a dose reduction, and overall, 25 of 170 (14.7%) courses were given with a delay, including cases in which delay was not related to toxicity. Severe (Grade 3 or 4) toxicity was mainly restricted to rapidly reversible hematologic toxicity (leukopenia / neutropenia) associated with fever in three cases. Good tolerability of zoptarelin doxorubicin was also reflected with only a few patients with non-hematological toxicities of Grade 3 (none with Grade 4), including single cases each of nausea, constipation, poor general condition, and an enzyme elevation. No cardiac toxicity was reported. Final evaluation of the ovarian cancer study revealed six patients with PR based on tumor lesions, plus two responders with tumor marker response including one case with normalization, for an overall response rate of 19% (one unconfirmed CR and seven partial responses). Median TTP and OS were evaluated as three and twelve months, respectively.

On September 14, 2011, positive final Phase 2 efficacy and safety data for zoptarelin doxorubicin in advanced endometrial cancer were presented at the European Society of Gynecological Oncology in Milan, Italy. The data showed that zoptarelin doxorubicin, administered as a single agent at a dosage of 267 mg/m² every three weeks was active, well tolerated and that OS was similar to that reported for modern triple combination chemotherapy, but was achieved with lower toxicity. The primary endpoint was the response rate as defined by the RECIST. Secondary endpoints included safety, TTP and OS.

In all, of 43 patients treated with zoptarelin doxorubicin, 39 were evaluable for efficacy. Efficacy confirmed by independent response review included two CR, ten PR, and 17 patients with stable disease ("SD"). Based on those data, the estimated overall response rate ("ORR") (ORR = CR+PR) was 30.8% and the CBR (CBR = CR+PR+SD) was 74.4%. Responses in patients previously treated with chemotherapy included one CR, one PR and two SDs in eight of the patients with prior use of platinum/taxane regimens. Median TTP and OS were seven months and 13.7 months, respectively. A final evaluation, not excluding non-evaluable cases, revealed the following results: two CR, eleven PR (including three patients with PR not confirmed at subsequent time point), and 17 patients with SD, for an ORR of 30.2% and CBR of 70%; median TTP and OS at seven and 15 months, respectively.

Overall, tolerability of zoptarelin doxorubicin was good and commonly allowed retreatment as scheduled. Severe (Grade 3 or 4) toxicity was mainly restricted to rapidly reversible leukopenia and neutropenia, associated with fever in only one patient who had been treated only three weeks after a surgery. Good tolerability of zoptarelin doxorubicin was also reflected by a low rate of severe non- hematological and possibly drug-related adverse events which included single cases each of nausea, diarrhea, fatigue, general health deterioration, creatinine elevation, and blood potassium decrease. No cardiac toxicity was reported.

On December 28, 2012, we announced that we had reached an agreement with the FDA with respect to a SPA for the ZoptEC Phase 3 registration trial of zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer. The SPA agreement states that the proposed trial protocol design, clinical endpoints and planned analyses are acceptable to the FDA to support a regulatory submission. Final marketing approval depends on the results of efficacy, the adverse event profile and an evaluation of the benefit/risk of treatment demonstrated in the ZoptEC Phase 3 trial. This Phase 3 ZoptEC trial in women with locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic endometrial cancer who have progressed and who have received

one chemotherapeutic regimen with platinum and taxane (either as adjuvant first-line treatment), is an open-label, randomized, multicenter trial conducted in North America, Europe and Israel. The trial compares zoptarelin doxorubicin with doxorubicin as second line therapy and will involve approximately 500 patients. The primary efficacy endpoint of the ZoptEC trial is improvement in median Overall Survival.

On April 10, 2013, we announced the signing of a co-development and profit-sharing agreement with Ergomed for zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer. Ergomed was selected as the contract clinical development organization to conduct the ZoptEC Phase 3 trial. Under the terms of the agreement, Ergomed has agreed to assume 30% (up to \$10 million) of the clinical and regulatory costs for the trial which are estimated at approximately \$30 million over the course of the study. Ergomed will

receive its return on investment based on an agreed single digit percentage of any net income received by Aeterna Zentaris for zoptarelin doxorubicin in this indication, up to a specified maximum amount.

On July 31, 2013, we announced that the first patient had been recruited and dosed for the ZoptEC Phase 3 trial in endometrial cancer.

On February 4, 2014, we announced that an article on the Phase 2 results for zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer had been published in the February issue of the International journal of Gynecological Cancer. The results published in this article refer to the final evaluation of the Phase 2 trial in endometrial cancer described above.

Competitors for zoptarelin doxorubicin in Endometrial Cancer

At present, the Company is not aware of any approved drug product for the treatment of advanced and recurrent metastatic endometrial cancer in either the United States or Europe. There is also no systemic therapy approved in either the United States or Europe (except Germany) for treating advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer.

The following products are among some of the many products currently in clinical trial in endometrial cancer:

| Product / mode of action* | Company* | Development Status* |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| Ixabepilone / microtubule inhibitor | Bristol-Myers Squibb | Phase 3 |
| Letrozole / non-steroidal aromatase inhibitor | Novartis | Phase 2 and Phase 3 |
| SAR245408 (XL-147)/PI3K inhibitor | Sanofi | Phase 2 |
| BKM120/PI3K inhibitor | Novartis | Phase 1/2 |
| TK1258/FGFR inhibitor | Novartis | Phase 1/2 |
| GDC/0980 PI3K/mTOR inhibitor | Genentech | Phase 2 |
| Lenvatinib (E7080)/ Multi-kinase inhibitor | Eisai | Phase 2 |
| Sunitinib malate/Tyrosine kinase inhibitor | NCI | Phase 2 |

* Source: Competitor company's website and www.clinicaltrials.gov.

See also the risk factor entitled "Competition in our targeted markets is intense, and development by other companies could render our products or technologies non-competitive" in Item 3D of this annual report on Form 20-F.

Market Data - Endometrial Cancer

According to the American Cancer Society, endometrial cancer is the most common invasive gynecologic cancer in women in the United States, with an estimated 52,630 new cases expected to occur in 2014. This disease primarily affects postmenopausal women at an average age of 60 years at diagnosis. In the United States, it is estimated that approximately 8,590 women will die of endometrial cancer in 2014.

According to Datamonitor Healthcare (March 2010), a research and advisory firm that focuses on therapeutic, strategic and health market analysis and competitive intelligence, the incidence of endometrial cancer in the seven major pharmaceutical markets was 94,061 patients in 2010 and is forecasted to reach approximately 98,500 cases by 2019.

1.1.2 Zoptarelin doxorubicin – Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

On October 25, 2011, we announced that the FDA had granted Alberto J. Montero M.D. of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, an IND approval for the initiation of a randomized Phase 2 trial in chemotherapy refractory triple-negative (ER/PR/HER2-negative) LHRH receptor-positive metastatic breast cancer with zoptarelin doxorubicin. Subsequently, the study was converted into a Company-sponsored study and is now conducted under our IND.

On February 20 2013, we announced that a first patient had been treated for the randomized Phase 2 trial in chemotherapy refractory triple-negative ("ER/PR/HER2-negative") luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone receptor ("LHRH-R")-positive metastatic breast cancer, with zoptarelin doxorubicin. Alberto J. Montero, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, is the lead investigator of this trial which also include sites at the

Universities of Regensburg and Goettingen, in Germany.

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This is an open-label, randomized, two-arm, multicenter Phase 2 study which will involve up to 74 patients. Patients will be randomized in a 1:1 ratio into one of the two treatment arms: [Arm A] zoptarelin doxorubicin (267 mg/m² every 21 days) or [Arm B] SSC standard single agent cytotoxic chemotherapy at the discretion of the treating oncologist.

The primary study endpoint is median time of progression-free survival. Secondary endpoints include overall response rate, and overall survival. The study will also evaluate zoptarelin doxorubicin's toxicity profile and patients' quality of life relative to conventional cytotoxic chemotherapy.

On June 3, 2013, Stefan Buchholz, MD. at the Medical Center University of Regensburg, Germany, presented at the ASCO Annual Meeting the study design of the Phase 2 trial of zoptarelin doxorubicin in chemotherapy refractory triple negative LHRH-R positive metastatic breast cancer. The poster (abstract #TPS11124) was entitled "A randomized, Phase 2 trial of AEZS-108 in chemotherapy refractory triple negative (ER/PR/HER2-negative) LHRH-R positive metastatic breast cancer".

As part of our ongoing review to ensure optimization of our resources, we have decided to terminate this Phase 2 trial in triple-negative breast cancer.

1.1.3 Zoptarelin doxorubicin – Bladder Cancer

On May 12, 2010, we announced that the FDA had approved our IND application for zoptarelin doxorubicin in LHRH receptor-positive urothelial (bladder) cancer. Following this approval from the FDA, this trial will be conducted by Dr. Gustavo Fernandez at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, and will include up to 64 patients, male and female, with advanced LHRH receptor-positive urothelial (bladder) cancer. The study will be conducted in two parts: first, a dose-finding part in up to twelve patients; subsequently, the selected dose will be studied for its effect on PFS.

On December 14, 2010, we announced the initiation of the Phase 1/2 trial.

On July 26, 2012, we announced that preclinical data on zoptarelin doxorubicin in urinary bladder cancer were published in the online edition of *Oncotarget*. The article underlined that zoptarelin doxorubicin powerfully inhibited growth of bladder cancers in nude mice, exerted greater effects and was less toxic than doxorubicin ("DOX"). In contrast to DOX alone, which activated strong multidrug resistance mechanisms in RT-4 and HT-1197 cancers, zoptarelin doxorubicin had no or fewer such effects. Polymerase Chain Reaction ("PCR") assays and in vitro studies revealed differences in the action of zoptarelin doxorubicin and DOX on the expression of genes involved in apoptosis.

As part of our ongoing review to ensure optimization of our resources, we have decided to terminate this Phase 1/2 trial in bladder cancer.

1.1.4 Zoptarelin doxorubicin – Prostate Cancer

On August 5, 2010, we announced that the The National Institutes of Health ("NIH") had awarded Dr. Jacek Pinski, Associate Professor of Medicine at the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center of the University of Southern California, a grant of \$1.6 million over three years to conduct a Phase 1/2 study in refractory prostate cancer with zoptarelin doxorubicin. The study, entitled A Phase I/II Trial of AN-152 [AEZS-108] in Castration- and Taxane-Resistant Prostate Cancer, will enroll up to 55 patients and will be conducted in two portions: an abbreviated dose-escalation followed by a single arm, Simon Optimum two-stage design Phase 2 study using the dose selected in the Phase 1 portion. The primary objective of the Phase 2 portion is to evaluate the clinical benefit of zoptarelin doxorubicin in men with castration- and taxane-resistant metastatic prostate cancer, for which the presence of LHRH receptors has been confirmed.

On December 14, 2010, we announced the initiation of the investigator initiated Phase 1/2 trial.

On September 26, 2011, we announced positive interim data for the Phase 1 portion of the Phase 1/2 trial with zoptarelin doxorubicin in castration-and taxane-resistant prostate cancer at the European Society for Medical Oncology ("ESMO) meeting, Stockholm, Sweden. This is a single arm study with a Phase 1 lead-in to a Phase 2 clinical trial. The primary endpoint of the Phase 1 portion is safety. The primary objective of the Phase 2 portion is to evaluate the clinical benefit of zoptarelin doxorubicin for these patients. Twelve patients entered the study: three patients each received zoptarelin doxorubicin at the lower dose levels of 160 and 210 mg/m², and six patients at 267 mg/m². Data on ten patients were presented as two patients were too early for evaluation. Zoptarelin doxorubicin was

generally well tolerated and there were no dose limiting toxicities so far. The only Grade 3 and 4 toxicities were hematologic in nature. At the time, there were three Grade 4 toxicities (two at 210 mg/m² and one at 267 mg/m²), all of which were asymptomatic. There were six Grade 3 toxicities including two cases of Grade 3 anemia after repeated courses (cycles five and six) and one case of febrile neutropenia that occurred during cycle one. Signs of therapeutic activity included five patients with Prostate Specific Antigen ("PSA") regression. One of these patients treated at the lowest dose level, received eight treatment cycles because the patient demonstrated continued clinical benefit. Three out of

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four evaluable patients with radiologic evaluable disease achieved stable disease per RECIST. The Phase 2 extension is planned after completion of the toxicity assessment in the final dose level of the Phase 1 portion of the study. In correlative studies, drug uptake was demonstrated for the first time in captured circulating tumor cells of patients, thus validating the principle of targeted tumor therapy with zopectarelin doxorubicin in a clinical setting.

On February 3, 2012, we reported updated results for the Phase 1 portion of the ongoing Phase 1/2 study of zopectarelin doxorubicin in prostate cancer.

The results were based on 13 patients who had been previously treated with androgen-deprivation therapy (LHRH agonist) and at least one taxane-based chemotherapy regimen, who were treated on three dose levels of zopectarelin doxorubicin: three at 160 mg/m², three at 210 mg/m², and seven at 267 mg/m². Overall, zopectarelin doxorubicin was well tolerated among this group of heavily pretreated older patients. There were two dose-limiting toxicities, each of which having been a case of asymptomatic Grade 4 neutropenia at the 267 mg/m² dose level and both patients fully recovered. The Grade 3 and 4 toxicities were primarily hematologic. There was minimal non-hematologic toxicity, most frequently fatigue and alopecia.

Despite the low doses of zopectarelin doxorubicin in the first cohorts, there was some evidence of antitumor activity. One patient received eight cycles (at 210 mg/m²) due to continued benefit. Among the five evaluable patients with measurable disease, four achieved stable disease. At the time of submission of the abstract, a decrease in PSA was noted in six patients. Six of 13 (46%) treated patients received at least five cycles of therapy with no evidence of disease progression at twelve weeks. Correlative studies on circulating tumor cells ("CTC") demonstrated the uptake of zopectarelin doxorubicin into the targeted tumor.

On November 12, 2012, we announced the initiation of the Phase 2 portion of the ongoing Phase 1/2 study of zopectarelin doxorubicin in prostate cancer. The primary endpoint of the Phase 2 portion is to evaluate the clinical benefit of zopectarelin doxorubicin for these patients. Secondary endpoints include toxicity, time to RECIST and PSA progression, RECIST response rate for patients with measurable disease, PSA response rate, pain palliation and overall survival.

On June 3, 2013, we announced that final data for the Phase 1 portion of the ongoing Phase 1/2 trial with zopectarelin doxorubicin in prostate cancer, demonstrated the compound's promising anti-tumor activity. Results were presented by lead investigator, Jacek Pinski, MD, PhD, of the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, during a poster session at the ASCO Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Eighteen men with a median of two prior chemotherapy regimens (range 1/5) and a median PSA of 106.4 ng/mL (range 8.4-1624.0) were enrolled. The dose of zopectarelin doxorubicin was escalated from 160 mg/m² to 210 mg/m² then to 267 mg/m². There were two Dose-Limiting Toxicities ("DLT") in the seven patients receiving zopectarelin doxorubicin at a dose of 267 mg/m² (grade 4 neutropenia), establishing 210 mg/m² as the Maximum Tolerated Dose ("MTD"). Significant non-hematologic toxicities included one case of grade 3 nausea. No cardiotoxicity was seen on serial evaluation and six patients completed six cycles. Internalization of zopectarelin doxorubicin was consistently visualized in CTCs 1 to 3 hours after dosing. Maximal PSA response was stable or decreased in 8 of 18 men. Among the 15 evaluable patients with measurable disease, ten achieved stable disease and a drop in PSA was noted in three patients. The MTD of zopectarelin doxorubicin in this indication is 210 mg/m², which is below the MTD reported in women with refractory endometrial and ovarian cancer.

The Phase 2 portion of that Phase 1/2 trial is ongoing.

1.1.5 AEZS-137 (Disorazol Z) / AEZS-138 (LHRH-Disorazol Z)

In search of new antitumor agents, we found that disorazol Z (AEZS-137), isolated from the myxobacterium *Sorangium cellulosum*, possess cytotoxicity in the picomolar range in a panel of different tumor cell lines. Inhibition of tubulin polymerization, cell cycle arrest and efficient induction of apoptosis, have been identified as modes of action.

On March 24, 2011, we were awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the German Ministry of Education and Research to develop, up to the clinical stage, cytotoxic conjugates of the proprietary cytotoxic compound AEZS-137 and peptides targeting G-protein coupled receptors, including the LHRH receptors. The compounds being developed will combine the targeting principle successfully employed in Phase 3 with zopectarelin doxorubicin with the novel cytotoxic disorazol Z. Furthermore, diagnostic tools systematically assessing the receptor expression in tumor specimens will be

developed to allow the future selection of patients and tumor types with the highest chance of benefiting from this personalized medicine approach. The grant was payable as a partial reimbursement of qualifying expenditures over a three-year period, until January 31, 2014. The qualified project was performed with Morphisto GmbH and the Helmholtz Institute in Saarbrücken, Germany, which received additional funding of approximately US\$0.7 million. Researchers from the departments of Gynecology and Obstetrics at both the University of Göttingen and the University of Würzburg, Germany, were also part of the collaboration.

On November 16, 2011, we announced the presentation of a poster at the AACR-NCI-EORTC International Conference on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics on encouraging preclinical data for AEZS-137. The data showed that AEZS-137 possesses cytotoxicity in a highly diverse panel of 60 different tumor cell lines, and also underlined the identification of important aspects of this novel natural compound's mechanism of action. AEZS-137 has been identified as a tubulin binding agent with highly potent antitumor properties. Cell cycle analysis revealed that AEZS-137 arrested cells in the G2/M cell cycle phase and subsequently induced apoptosis with remarkable potency, as shown by sub-nanomolar EC50 values. Currently, experiments are under way to determine the tubulin binding site for disorazol Z and to identify further mechanisms of action of this novel highly potent agent. To expand our zoptarelin doxorubicin technology platform, we aim to evaluate the utility of disorazol Z as a cytotoxic component in a drug-targeting approach utilizing GPCR ligands as the targeting moieties for the treatment of GPCR over-expressing cancers.

On April 10, 2013, we announced at the American Association for Cancer Research's ("AACR") encouraging updated proof-of-concept results for Disorazol Z cytotoxic conjugates, such as AEZS-125 and AEZS-138, in human ovarian and endometrial cancer xenograft models. Data demonstrated that conjugates of D-Lys6-LHRH and Disorazol Z retained strong binding to the LHRH receptor and showed potent inhibition of tubulin polymerization. Cellular cytotoxicity of the conjugates was in the low nanomolar EC50 range. Increased cytotoxicity in cells over-expressing the LHRH receptor, support receptor targeting as a mechanism of action. The LHRH receptor-dependent efficacies of Disorazol Z - D-Lys6-LHRH conjugates in vitro and in mouse xenograft models that were presented, support the principle of tumor targeting by the LHRH receptor as already employed by the drug candidate zoptarelin doxorubicin, which is currently in a ZoptEC Phase 3 study in endometrial cancer and in a Phase 2 study in prostate cancer.

On February 11, 2014, at the 11th International Symposium on GnRH, in Salzburg, Austria, we presented further data on the mechanism of action and proof of concept of the disorazol Z cytotoxic conjugate, AEZS-138, which had led to the initiation of its preclinical development during the second quarter of 2013.

As part of our ongoing review to ensure the optimization of our resources, we are currently evaluating our options for this project.

1.2 TUBULIN INHIBITORS / VASCULAR TARGETING AGENTS

1.2.1 AEZS-112

Tubulin is a protein found in all cells that plays an important role during cell division in that, it helps to transmit genetic information to the daughter cells. Inhibition of this process leads to the death of the affected cell. The antitumor agents taxol and vincristine, which are widely used in cancer therapy, are based on this principle. Both compounds are expensive natural substances and cause severe side effects when used in humans.

We are currently identifying and developing novel tubulin inhibitors which, compared with currently used products, exhibit improved efficacy in animal models, have a more acceptable side effect profile, an incomplete or no cross-resistance and are administered orally.

AEZS-112 is a drug development candidate with a favorable safety and tolerability profile showing excellent in vivo activity in various tumor models including mammary, colon, melanoma and leukemia cancers at acceptable and very well tolerated doses administered orally once weekly. This compound acts through three mechanisms of action. Strong anticancer activity is combined with proapoptotic and antiangiogenic properties. AEZS 112 inhibits the polymerization of tubulin, destroys the mitotic spindle of the cancer cells and inhibits topoisomerase II activity. AEZS-112 arrests the cancer cells in the G2M cell cycle phase at a nanomolar concentration and induces apoptosis. AEZS-112 is not cross-resistant to cisplatin, vincristine and doxorubicin in cell lines resistant to these drugs.

On January 8, 2007, we announced the initiation of a Phase 1 trial for AEZS-112 in patients with solid tumors and lymphoma. This open-label, dose-escalation, multicenter, intermittent treatment Phase 1 trial was conducted in the United States with Daniel D. Von Hoff, M.D., Senior Investigator at the Translational Genomics Research Institute in Phoenix, AZ, as the lead investigator. The trial included up to 50 patients with advanced solid tumors and lymphoma who have either failed standard therapy or for whom no standard therapy exists. Patients received a once-a-week oral administration of AEZS-112 for three consecutive weeks, followed by a one-week period without treatment. The cycles were repeated every four weeks based on tolerability and response, basically planned for up to four cycles, but allowing for continuation in case of potential benefit for the patient. The starting dose of AEZS-112 in this study was

13 mg/week, with doubling of doses in subsequent cohorts in the absence of significant toxicity. The primary endpoint of the Phase 1 trial focused on determining the safety and tolerability of AEZS-112 as well as establishing the recommended Phase 2 dose and regimen. Secondary endpoints were aimed at establishing the pharmacokinetics and determining the efficacy based on standard response criteria.

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Results of this Phase 1 study were presented in April 2009 at the AACR meeting. In part I, 22 patients (twelve men / ten women) were studied on seven dose levels ranging from 13 to 800 mg/week. In all, 62 treatment cycles were administered. In part II, the weekly dose was split into three doses taken eight hours apart. Ultimately, 22 patients (twelve men / ten women) were studied on five dose levels ranging from 120 to 600 (= 200 x 3) mg/week. As at April 1, 2009, 62 treatment cycles had been administered (mean 3.2/patient) and treatment had been ongoing in eight patients. SD for more than twelve weeks was observed in 16 patients; four more patients were ongoing at less than twelve weeks. Prolonged courses of SD ranging from 20 to 35+ weeks were observed in nine patients with the following primary cancer types: trachea (39+), tongue (30+), thyroid (29+), prostate and melanoma (28), non-small cell lung cancer (26+), pancreas and 2x colorectal (20). Except for one patient with a background of gastrointestinal problems ("GI") who had dose-limiting GI reactions and electrolyte loss at a dose of 200 x 3 mg/week, no clinically relevant drug-related adverse events or changes in laboratory parameters were observed. AEZS-112 was shown to be metabolically stable in human plasma. As predicted by pharmacokinetic modelling based on data from part I of the study, the split-dose scheme led to a higher C_{max} and trough values after administration of comparable doses. Those preliminary results showed that a maximum tolerated dose for weekly dosing has not been defined so far. However, prolonged courses of stable disease in both parts of the study were an encouraging observation.

Completion of this Phase 1 trial was announced on September 21, 2009. Stable disease with time to failure ranging from 20 to 60+ weeks was achieved in twelve patients with various cancer types, including melanoma and cancers of the colon/rectum, lung, pancreas, prostate, tongue, trachea and thyroid. In several of these patients, the duration of stabilization exceeded the duration of disease control on previous treatment regimens. Except for a dose-limiting gastrointestinal reaction in a patient with pre-existing GI problems, no clinically relevant drug-related adverse events or changes in laboratory safety parameters were observed.

In 2011, we developed a higher concentration oral formulation of AEZS-112 in order to improve patient compliance. As part of our ongoing review to ensure the optimization of our resources and as the compound did not reach the expected outcome in terms of formulation, we are currently in the process of evaluating our options for this compound.

1.3 IMMUNOTHERAPY / VACCINES

1.3.1 AEZS-120

AEZS-120 is a preclinical tumor vaccine. The general principle of active tumor vaccines is the induction of a cellular and/or humoral immune response which is capable of attacking the tumor. AEZS-120 is a live recombinant oral tumor vaccine candidate based on *Salmonella typhi* Ty21a as a carrier strain. *Salmonella typhi* Ty21a is an approved oral typhoid vaccine which has been safely applied in more than 250 million doses. The molecular basis of AEZS-120 is the recombinant expression of the fusion protein between cholera toxin B (CtxB) and prostate specific antigen ("PSA"), and the recombinant expression of two components of the hemolysin secretion system (HlyB and HlyD) as well as the signal component HlyA which allow the secretion of the fusion protein by the attenuated approved carrier strain *S. typhi* Ty21a.

The relevant features with respect to activity as a tumor vaccine can be divided into two parts: A) adjuvant elements for optimal induction of innate and adaptive immunity; and B) the tumor antigen itself.

In the case of AEZS-120, the tumor antigen is PSA which is expressed in the majority of prostate cancer cases and is employed as a tumor antigen in several prostate cancer vaccines in development. Therefore, PSA can be considered as a valid antigen for prostate cancer vaccines.

The adjuvant activity is provided by two elements: the live bacterial carrier itself and the fusion to CtxB.

An important property of AEZS-120 is the oral application mode, which is based on the carrier *S. typhi* Ty21a. This strain is approved as a vaccine against typhoid fever and has preserved some features of virulent *S. typhi* strains which are relevant for the use of *S. typhi* Ty21a as a vaccine carrier. Virulent *S. typhi* is a pathogen which leads to systemic infection after oral uptake. Several virulence factors allow the survival within the gastro-intestinal tract and the crossing of the intestinal barrier. These features are, at least in part, also intact in the attenuated live vaccine *S. typhi* Ty21a allowing oral application with retained immunogenicity.

However, in particular, the cellular immune response against recombinantly expressed antigens, which is important for anti-tumor immunity, has been described as being suboptimal if the antigen is expressed within the carrier cell. A substantial enhancement can be achieved via secretion of the recombinant antigen. In gram negative bacteria, like *Salmonellae*, protein secretion requires the activity of protein secretion machineries. Several types of secretion systems with different levels of complexity have been described. The principle of AEZS-120 is based on the recombinant expression of prostate-specific antigen fused to the B subunit of cholera toxin and a secretion signal in the presence of the *Escherichia coli* type I hemolysin secretion system. The proprietary system allows the secretion of the antigen together with an immunological adjuvant which has been demonstrated to be required for optimal induction of CD8 T-cell responses by recombinant *Salmonella* based bacterial vaccines. The proof-of-concept was already demonstrated for the mouse homologue of AEZS-120 in a mouse tumor challenge model and is supported by several patent applications filed in 2007 and 2009.

In 2007, AEZS-120 was selected by the Company as its first preclinical development candidate of an antitumor vaccine.

On July 20, 2011, we reached a key milestone in this non-clinical development program of AEZS-120, which encompassed the full development of a GMP process, including GMP production and quality testing of a clinical batch, as well as a non-clinical safety and toxicology package. AEZS-120 has been developed through a research collaboration with the Department of Medical Radiation Biology and Cell Research, and the Department of Microbiology of the University of Würzburg, Germany. The collaboration was funded with a total of \$890,000 for us and \$870,000 for the university partner by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for a period of three years. In accordance with this grant, 50% of our preclinical development costs and 100% of those of our university partner were reimbursed by the German Ministry of Science and Education. In addition, as part of the collaboration, a melanoma vaccine based on the recombinant expression of a modified B-Raf protein has been generated.

On October 2, 2012, we announced the presentation of a poster on AEZS-120 during the 32nd Congress of the Société Internationale d'Urologie in Fukuoka, Japan. The poster, entitled "Preclinical Proof of Concept and Characterization of AEZS-120, a Therapeutic Oral Prostate Cancer Vaccine Candidate Based on Live Recombinant Attenuated *Salmonella*", underlined the feasibility of an oral therapeutic vaccination approach against prostate cancer. The production, release, pharmacology, safety and toxicology program was conducted in agreement with the regulatory authorities and successfully finalized. The conclusions were:

- The proof-of-concept has been shown in a tumor-challenge mouse model using the anticipated clinical application schedule.

- Biosafety and biodistribution studies did not reveal a different safety profile compared to the carrier strain.

- Pharmacological and toxicological studies did not reveal differences to the approved carrier strain.

- In all, the non-clinical studies suggest that the safety and toxicological profile of AEZS-120 is similar to the approved carrier strain *S. typhi* Ty21a, which has already been safely administered in more than 250 million doses.

GMP material for clinical use has been produced and released, and we have approval from the Danish regulatory authorities as well as the ethics committee for the initiation of a proof-of-concept Phase 1 trial in prostate cancer. However, as part of our ongoing review to ensure the optimization of our resources, we are currently evaluating our options for this project.

1.4 SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION INHIBITORS

1.4.1 Erk/PI3K inhibitors and dual kinase inhibitors

The Ras/Raf/Mek/Erk and the PI3K/Akt signaling pathways are prime targets for drug discovery in proliferative diseases such as cancer. The results of research to date indicate that both the MAPK and the PI3K signaling pathways

represent therapeutic intervention points for the clinical treatment of malignant tumors.

Our multi-parameter optimization program for kinase inhibitor selectivity, cellular efficacy, physicochemical and in vitro ADMET properties has led to the identification of small molecular compounds with a unique kinase selectivity profile. Our kinase research program comprises the investigation of different compounds for single Erk inhibition, single PI3K inhibition and dual Erk/PI3K kinase inhibition.

1.4.1.1 AEZS-129

On November 17, 2010, we presented a poster on encouraging preclinical results for AEZS-129, a novel orally active compound with antitumor effects, at the 22nd EORTC-NCI-AACR Symposium on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics in Berlin, Germany. AEZS-129 has been identified as a highly potent and selective pan-PI3K inhibitor. The compound inhibits the PI3K/Akt signaling pathway both in vitro and in vivo and leads to growth inhibition of tumor cells. The compound was well tolerated during the four-week treatment period and showed substantial tumor growth inhibition in different mouse xenograft tumor models.

On March 22, 2011, we presented preclinical results for AEZS-129 at the Informa Life Sciences Protein Kinases Congress in Berlin, Germany. AEZS-129 was identified as a potent inhibitor of class I PI3Ks lacking activity against mTOR. Lack of mTOR activity is considered to potentially lead to a better safety profile. In biochemical and cellular assays, AEZS-129 demonstrated favorable properties in early in vitro ADMET screening, including microsomal stability, plasma stability and screening against a safety profile composed of receptors, enzymes and cardiac ion-channels. In vitro, the compound was shown to be a selective ATP-competitive inhibitor of PI3K with a broad antiproliferative activity against a broad panel of tumor cell lines. In vivo, AEZS-129 showed excellent plasma exposure and significant tumor growth inhibition in several tumor xenografts models, including A-549 (lung), HCT-116 (colon) and Hec1B (endometrium). These data suggest that AEZS-129 is a promising compound for clinical intervention of the PI3K/Akt pathway in human tumors.

1.4.1.2 AEZS-136

On April 3, 2012, we announced that a poster on AEZS-136 showed the compound's unique inhibition and promising activity against PI3K and Erk signaling pathways, as well as being well tolerated. The poster, entitled "Dual inhibition of PI3K and Erk1/2 shows synergy and efficacy in human tumor cells, either by using drug combinations or novel dual PI3K/Erk inhibitors", was presented at the AACR Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The conclusions were as follows:

• Effective dual targeting of Raf-Mek-Erk and PI3K-Akt pathway.

• Unique inhibitor with excellent activity against PI3K and Erk.

• Induction of cell cycle arrest in G1 phase and apoptosis.

• Broad anti-proliferative activity in vitro.

• Favorable in vitro ADMET and in vivo PK profile.

• Well tolerated up to daily doses of 90mg/kg for 4 weeks.

• In vivo antitumor efficacy after oral administration.

On August 13, 2012, we announced the presentation of a poster on AEZS-136 during the 244th National Meeting of the American Chemistry Society in Philadelphia. The data outlined the compound's unique inhibition and excellent preclinical activity against PI3K and Erk signaling pathways, as well as being well tolerated. AEZS-136 is an integral part of our kinase research program comprising the investigation of different compounds for single Erk inhibition, single PI3K inhibition and dual Erk/PI3K kinase inhibition. AEZS-136 selectively inhibits the kinase activity of Erk 1/2 and class I PI3Ks, enabling simultaneous inhibition of the Raf-Mek-Erk and the PI3K-Akt signaling cascades. AEZS-136 was discovered using our proprietary compound library and high throughput screening technology.

As part of our ongoing review to ensure the optimization of our resources, we are currently evaluating the next steps for our Erk/PI3K inhibitors program.

1.4.2 Perifosine

On March 11, 2013, we announced that the Phase 3 trial in multiple myeloma was discontinued after an interim analysis by an independent Data Safety Monitoring Board reported that it was highly unlikely the study would achieve a significant difference in its primary endpoint of progression-free survival. We therefore decided not to make any further investment in the development of perifosine.

Perifosine remains partnered with Yakult in Japan, Handok in Korea and Hikma in the MENA region for various cancer indications.

In addition, perifosine remains the object of certain investigator-initiated studies in different indications such as neuroblastoma, glioma, pediatric solid tumors and other indications.

2.0 ENDOCRINOLOGY

2.1 MACIMORELIN

Macimorelin, a ghrelin agonist, is a novel orally active small molecule that stimulates the secretion of growth hormone by binding to the ghrelin receptor (GHSR-1a). It has potential uses in both endocrinology and in oncology indications.

In endocrinology, the FDA has accepted for substantive review our NDA for MACRILEN™ for the evaluation of AGHD. MACRILEN™ is a peptidomimetic ghrelin receptor agonist with growth hormone secretagogue activity. If approved, MACRILEN™ will be the first orally administered drug indicated for the evaluation of AGHD by evaluating the pituitary gland secretion of growth hormone in response to an oral dose of the product. MACRILEN™ has been granted orphan-drug designation by the FDA for use in evaluating growth hormone deficiency ("GHD"). We own the worldwide rights to MACRILEN™.

In oncology, an IND has been granted for a Phase 2A trial with macimorelin in cancer-induced cachexia, a disease which leads to significant weight loss and diminished functional performance. Since ghrelin agonists such as macimorelin have been shown to stimulate food intake and increase body weight in rats and mice, macimorelin could lead to better quality of life for patients with cancer-induced cachexia. Ghrelin agonists have been in clinical trials for over a decade and have generally demonstrated good safety and efficacy profiles.

2.1.1 MACRILEN™ (macimorelin) – Use for evaluation of AGHD

On October 19, 2009, we announced that we had initiated activities intended to complete the clinical development of MACRILEN™ for use in evaluating growth hormone deficiency. We had already assumed the sponsorship of the IND and discussed with the FDA the best way to complete the ongoing Phase 3 clinical trial and subsequently file an NDA for approval of MACRILEN™ for use in evaluating AGHD.

The pivotal Phase 3 trial was designed to investigate the safety and efficacy of the oral administration of MACRILEN™ as a growth hormone stimulator for use in evaluating AGHD. It was accepted by the FDA that for the ongoing part of the study, MACRILEN™ would not be tested against a comparator drug, as Geref® had been removed from the market. On June 21, 2010, we presented positive data at the 92nd ENDO Meeting on MACRILEN™ for evaluation and therapeutic use. The preclinical data showed that MACRILEN™ is a potent and safe oral synthetic GH-releasing compound with potential utility in evaluating growth hormone deficiencies.

On July 14, 2010, we announced the presentation of a poster on MACRILEN™, entitled Use of the Orally Active Ghrelin Mimetic AEZS-130 as a Simple Test for the Diagnosis of Growth Hormone (GH) Deficiency (GHD) in adults (AGHD). Merriam G.R., Yuen K., Bonert V., Dobs A, Garcia J., Kipnes M., Molitch M., Swerdloff R., Wang C., Cook D., Altomose I. and Biller B. This poster was presented at the Seventh International Congress of Neuroendocrinology, in Rouen, France.

On October 5, 2010, at the Fifth International Congress of the Growth Hormone Research Society and the Insulin-like Growth Factors Society, we announced that, after the interim Phase 3 analysis, MACRILEN™ demonstrated the potential to provide a simple, well tolerated and safe oral product for use in evaluating AGHD.

On December 20, 2010, we announced we had reached agreement with the FDA on a SPA for MACRILEN™, enabling the Company to complete the ongoing registration study required to gain approval for use in evaluating AGHD.

The first part of the study, conducted by our former partner, Ardana, was a two-way cross-over study and included 42 patients with confirmed AGHD or multiple pituitary hormone deficiencies and a low insulin-like growth factor-I. A control group of 10 subjects without AGHD were matched to patients for age, gender, body mass index and (for females) estrogen status.

On July 26, 2011, we announced the completion of the Phase 3 study of MACRILEN™ as a first oral product for use in evaluating AGHD and the decision to meet with the FDA for the future filing of an NDA for the registration of MACRILEN™ in the United States.

On August 30, 2011, we announced favorable top-line results of our completed Phase 3 study with MACRILEN™ as a first oral product for use in evaluating AGHD. The results showed that MACRILEN™ had reached its primary endpoint demonstrating >90% area-under-the-curve ("AUC") of the Receiver Operating Characteristic ("ROC") curve, which determines the level of specificity and sensitivity of the product. Importantly, the primary efficacy parameters show that the study achieved both specificity and sensitivity at a level of 90% or greater. In addition, eight of the ten newly

enrolled AGHD patients were correctly classified by a pre-specified peak GH threshold level. The use of MACRILEN™ was shown to be safe and well tolerated overall throughout the completion of this trial.

On June 26, 2012, we announced that the final results from a Phase 3 trial for MACRILEN™ showed that the drug is safe and effective in evaluating AGHD. Jose M. Garcia, MD, PhD, of the Baylor College of Medicine and the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, disclosed these data during an oral presentation at the 94th ENDO Annual Meeting and Expo in Houston. The study had originally been designed as a cross-over trial of MACRILEN™ vs. growth hormone-releasing hormone (GHRH) + L-Arginine (ARG) in AGHD patients and in controls matched for body mass index ("BMI"), estrogen status, gender and age. After 43 AGHD patients and ten controls had been tested, GHRH became unavailable. The study was completed by testing ten more AGHD patients and 38 controls with MACRILEN™ alone. Of the 53 AGHD subjects enrolled, 52 received MACRILEN™, and 50 who had confirmed AGHD prior to study entry were included in this analysis, along with 48 controls. Two AGHD subjects could not be matched due to the combination of young age, high BMI and estrogen use. The objective of this clinical trial was to determine the efficacy and safety of MACRILEN™ in the evaluating of AGHD. Mean peak growth hormone ("GH") levels in AGHD patients and controls following MACRILEN™ administration were 2.36ng/mL (range 0.03-33) and 17.71ng/mL (range 10.5-94), respectively. The ROC plot analysis yielded an optimal GH cut-point of 2.7ng/mL, with 82% sensitivity, 92% specificity and a 13% misclassification rate. Obesity (BMI>30) was present in 58% of cases and controls, and peak GH levels were inversely associated with BMI in controls. Adverse events ("AE") were seen in 37% of AGHD patients and in 21% of controls following MACRILEN™. In contrast, 61% of AGHD subjects and 30% of controls experienced AEs with L ARG+GHRH. The most common AEs after MACRILEN™ were unpleasant taste (19.2%) and diarrhea (3.8%) for the AGHD patients and unpleasant taste (4.2%) and diarrhea (4.2%) for the matched controls. No clinically meaningful changes from baseline in ECG results during the study for AGHD patients; however, one control subject had an ECG change (T wave abnormality and QTc interval prolongation) one hour after treatment with MACRILEN™ that was considered a serious treatment-related adverse event and resolved spontaneously within 24 hours. The subject had been pre-treated with citalopram, a drug that was later reported by the FDA to be associated with QT prolongation, although the patient had stopped this medication seven days prior to dosing. Overall, this study demonstrated that MACRILEN™ is safe and effective for use in evaluating AGHD.

On August 7, 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office granted us a patent for the use of MACRILEN™ as a product to be used in evaluating AGHD. Filed on February 19, 2007, the patent (US 8,192,719 B2), entitled "Methods and Kits to Diagnose Growth Hormone Deficiency by Oral Administration of EP1572 or EP1573 Compounds", became effective as of June 5, 2012 and will expire on October 12, 2027. The corresponding composition of matter patent (US 6,861,409 B2), filed on June 13, 2001 and granted on March 1, 2005, will expire on August 1, 2022, with the possibility of a patent term extension of up to five years.

On September 25, 2012, the European Patent Office granted us a patent for the use of MACRILEN™ related to methods and kits for use in relation to the evaluation of GHD in a human or animal subject. Filed on February 19, 2007, the patent, (EP #1 984 744 B1) entitled "Methods and Kits to Diagnose Growth Hormone Deficiency", was effective as of September 19, 2012 following its publication in the European Patent Bulletin, and it will expire on February 19, 2027. On September 26, 2012, we received notification from the FDA that Fast Track designation previously applied for had not been granted for MACRILEN™ as a product for use in evaluating AGHD.

On October 18, 2012, we announced that results from a multicenter open-label Phase 3 trial for MACRILEN™ demonstrated that the drug is safe and effective in evaluating AGHD. George R. Merriam, MD, Director of the Clinical Study Unit at the Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System, and Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington, Seattle and Tacoma, WA, disclosed these data at the 6th International Congress of the GRS and IGF Society in Munich, Germany. His presentation confirmed data previously presented by Jose M. Garcia, MD, Ph.D., of the Baylor College of Medicine and the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, at the 94th ENDO Meeting in Houston, Texas in June 2012. Dr. Merriam's presentation drew attention to the effect of BMI on optimizing the cut-off values to improve the sensitivity and specificity of the test. Responses in normal subjects classified as obese, with BMI's above 30, were significantly lower than in leaner subjects. Since GH deficiency can lead to increased body fat, many of the patients also met criteria for obesity, and therefore, a lower peak GH cut-off is more accurate in separating obese normals from obese patients. Based upon these study results, a cut-off of 2.7 µg/L was optimal for subjects with a BMI≥30 and a cut-off of 6.8 µg/L for subjects with a BMI<30. Age had a weaker effect on test performance and gender made no difference. Thus GH stimulation with oral MACRILEN™ may provide a

simple, rapid, safe, and well-tolerated product used in evaluating AGHD, with accuracy comparable to that of the GHRH-ARG test.

On January 6, 2014, we announced that the FDA had accepted for substantive review our NDA for our orally available peptidomimetic ghrelin receptor agonist with growth hormone secretagogue activity, MACRILEN™, for the evaluation of AGHD. The acceptance for filing of the NDA indicates that the FDA has determined that the application is sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review. The NDA, submitted on November 5, 2013, seeks approval for the commercialization of MACRILEN™, which, if approved, will be the first orally administered drug indicated for the evaluation of AGHD by evaluating the pituitary gland secretion of growth hormone in response to an oral dose of the product. The application is subject

to a standard review by the FDA. MACRILEN™ benefits from patent protection covering major markets; in particular, the product is protected in the U.S. at least until October 2027. Phase 3 data have demonstrated the compound to be well tolerated, with accuracy comparable to available intravenous and intramuscular testing procedures. Throughout the remainder of 2014, we expect to advance the pre-launch activities related to the initial commercialization of MACRILEN™ in AGHD in the U.S. market. As noted above, our NDA is currently under substantive review by the FDA. Subject to the successful review and acceptance of our NDA, we expect to make MACRILEN™ available by prescription in the U.S. as soon as commercially practicable following final regulatory approval.

We intend to build a commercial infrastructure necessary to access the physicians who perform the majority of AGHD tests (endocrinologists) along with the major centers of AGHD influence. Commercial initiatives are likely to include the targeted selection, hiring and deployment of a contracted sales force by the end of 2014. The targeted marketing efforts of our sales force will reach endocrinology specialists of AGHD. We believe these efforts will enable the realization of a substantial portion of the potential commercial opportunity for MACRILEN™.

Competitors for MACRILEN™ in the evaluation of AGHD

Competitors for MACRILEN™ as a product for the evaluation of AGHD are principally the diagnostic tests currently performed by endocrinologists, although none of these tests are approved by the FDA for this purpose.

The most commonly used diagnostics tests for GHD are:

Measurement of blood levels of Insulin Growth Factor ("IGF")-1, which is typically used as the first test when GHD is suspected. However, this test is not used to definitively rule out GHD as many growth hormone deficient patients show normal IGF-1 levels;

Insulin Tolerance Test ("ITT"), which is considered to be the "gold standard" for GH secretion provocative tests but requires constant patient monitoring while the test is administered and is contra-indicated in patients with seizure disorders, with cardiovascular disease and in brain injured patients and elderly patients. ITT is administered i.v.; GHRH + Arginine test, which is an easier test to perform in an office setting and has a good safety profile but is considered to be costly to administer compared to ITT and Glucagon. This test is contra-indicated in patients with renal failure. GHRH + Arginine is approved in the EU and has been proposed to be the best alternative to ITT, but it is no longer available in the United States. This test is administered i.v.; and

Glucagon test, which is simple to perform and is considered relatively safe by endocrinologists but is contraindicated in malnourished patients and patients who have not eaten for more than 48 hours. Since there is a suspicion that this test may cause hypoglycemia, it may not be appropriate in diabetic populations. This test is administered i.m.

Oral administration of MACRILEN™ offers more convenience and simplicity over the current GHD tests used, requiring either i.v. or i.m. administration. Additionally, MACRILEN™ may demonstrate a more favorable safety profile than existing diagnostic tests, some of which may be inappropriate for certain patient populations e.g. diabetes mellitus or renal failure, and have demonstrated a variety of side effects which MACRILEN™ has not thus far. These factors may be limiting the use of GHD testing and may enable MACRILEN™ to become the product of choice in evaluating AGHD.

Market Data - AGHD

There are approximately 36,000 AGHD tests performed annually in the U.S. Based on published information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, different scientific publications and by Navigant Research, we estimate that the total potential U.S. market for AGHD evaluation is approximately 158,000 tests per year, including the evaluation of patients who have suffered traumatic brain injury ("TBI"). In patients with TBI, a GHD is frequent and may contribute to cognitive sequel and reduction in quality of life. GHD develops in approximately 19% of both severe and moderate hospitalized TBI victims (scientific publications: Agha et al., British Journal of Neurosurgery, 2007, Fernandez-Rodrigues et al., Frontiers in Endocrinology, 2011 and Popovic et al., Frontiers of Hormone Research, Basel, Karger, 2005).

2.1.2 Macimorelin – Cancer Cachexia

On November 28, 2011, we announced that the FDA had granted Jose M. Garcia, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Division of Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism, Departments of Medicine and Molecular and Cell Biology, Baylor College of Medicine and Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, in Houston Texas, an IND

approval for the initiation of a Phase 2A trial to assess the safety and efficacy of repeated doses of macimorelin in patients with cancer cachexia. Cachexia,

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which is characterized by diminished appetite and food intake in cancer patients, is defined as an involuntary weight loss of at least 5% of the pre-illness body weight over the previous 6 months.

On March 8, 2012, we announced that the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, in Houston, Texas, had initiated the Phase 2A trial assessing the safety and efficacy of repeated doses of macimorelin in patients with cancer cachexia. The study is conducted under a CRADA with the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which is funding the study. This is a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 2A trial to test the effects of different doses of macimorelin in 18 to 26 patients with cancer cachexia. The study will involve three sequential groups receiving differing doses of macimorelin. Each dose group will have six patients who will receive macimorelin and two to four patients who will receive a placebo. The primary objective of the study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of repeated oral administration of macimorelin at different doses daily for one week in view of developing a treatment for cachexia.

The study is ongoing with patient enrollment not yet completed.

2.2 LHRH ANTAGONISTS

2.2.1 Cetrotide®

On October 1, 2013, we announced that we had completed the transactions contemplated by the transfer and service agreement and concurrent agreements with various partners and licensees with respect to the manufacturing rights for Cetrotide®, currently marketed by a subsidiary of Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany ("Merck Serono") for therapeutic use as part of in vitro fertilization programs. The principal outcome of these agreements is the transfer of manufacturing rights and the grant of a license to Merck Serono for the manufacture, testing, assembling, packaging, storage and release of Cetrotide® in all territories in exchange for a non-refundable one-time payment of €2.5 million (approximately \$3.3 million). In addition, we also entered into a transitional services agreement with Merck KGaA under which the Company will, during a 36-month period, provide various transition services to assist Merck KGaA in assuming responsibility for the manufacturing of Cetrotide® in consideration for the payment of a monthly fee to the Company throughout such period.

2.2.2 Ozarelix

Ozarelix is a modified LHRH antagonist which is a linear decapeptide sequence. Ozarelix is a fourth-generation LHRH antagonist designed to extend the suppression of testosterone levels, which does not require a sophisticated depot formulation for long-lasting activity.

On August 12, 2004, we entered into a licensing and collaboration agreement with Spectrum for ozarelix and its potential to treat hormone-dependent cancers as well as benign proliferative disorders, such as BPH and endometriosis for all potential indications in North America (including Canada and Mexico) and India while keeping the rights for the rest of the world. In addition, Spectrum is entitled to receive 50% of upfront and milestone payments and royalties received from our Japanese partner, Nippon Kayaku, that are generated in the Japanese market for oncological indications. In November 2010, this agreement with Spectrum was amended. Under the terms of the amended agreement, Spectrum is entitled to use our patent rights and know-how to develop, use, make, have made, sell, offer for sale, have sold, import, export and commercialize ozarelix in all worldwide territories except Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore. Under the terms of the amended agreement, Spectrum granted, as further consideration, 326,956 shares of its common stock, with an equivalent fair value at the time of approximately \$1,263,000, as an upfront nonrefundable license fee payment to us. Also per the amended agreement, we will be entitled to receive a total of approximately \$22,765,000 in cash payments, as well as approximately \$670,000 in Spectrum common stock, upon achieving certain regulatory milestones in various markets. Furthermore, we will be entitled to receive royalties (scale-up royalties from high single to low double-digit) on future net sales of ozarelix products in the named territories.

On August 3, 2006, we announced a licensing and collaboration agreement with Nippon Kayaku for ozarelix. Under the terms of the agreement, we granted Nippon Kayaku an exclusive license to develop and market ozarelix for all potential oncological indications in Japan. In return, we received an upfront payment upon signature and are eligible to receive payments upon achievement of certain development and regulatory milestones, in addition to low double-digit royalties on potential net sales. Spectrum is entitled to receive 50% of the upfront, milestone payments and royalties received from Nippon Kayaku.

During the third quarter of 2008, we entered into a commercialization agreement with Handok for ozarelix (BPH indication) for the Korean market.

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2.2.2.1 Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials

In August 2006, we announced positive Phase 2 results for ozarelix in hormone-dependent inoperable prostate cancer. This open-label, randomized-controlled dose-finding trial enrolled 64 patients receiving different IM dosage regimens of ozarelix to assess its safety and efficacy. The study achieved its primary endpoint of defining a tolerable dosage regimen of ozarelix that would ensure continuous suppression of testosterone at castration level for a three-month test period. A secondary efficacy endpoint aimed at assessing tumor response as determined by a 50% or greater reduction of serum PSA level, compared to baseline, was also achieved. The best results regarding the primary endpoint of continuous suppression were obtained with a dose of 130 mg per cycle where all patients remained suppressed to castration until at least day 85. In patients with continuous testosterone suppression below castration level, tumor response as measured by PSA levels was 97%.

A Phase 2 trial for the treatment of prostate cancer is currently ongoing with our partner, Spectrum. This is an international, multicenter, open-label, randomized study assessing the safety and efficacy of a monthly dosing regimen of ozarelix versus goserelin depot in men with prostate cancer (source: www.clinicaltrials.gov).

RAW MATERIALS

Raw materials and supplies are generally available in quantities adequate to meet the needs of our business. We will be dependent on third-party manufacturers for the pharmaceutical products that we will market. An interruption in the availability of certain raw materials or ingredients, or significant increases in the prices paid by us for them, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and operating results.

DISTRIBUTION

Regarding MACRILEN™, throughout the remainder of 2014, we expect to advance the pre-launch activities related to the initial commercialization of this product for the evaluation of AGHD in the U.S. market. As noted above, our NDA is currently under substantive review by the FDA. Subject to the successful review and acceptance of our NDA, we expect to make MACRILEN™ available by prescription in the U.S. as soon as commercially practicable following final regulatory approval.

We intend to build a commercial infrastructure necessary to access the physicians who perform the majority of AGHD tests (endocrinologists) along with the major centers of AGHD influence. Commercial initiatives are likely to include the targeted selection, hiring and deployment of a contracted sales force by the end of 2014. The marketing efforts of our sales force will target endocrinology specialists of AGHD. We believe these efforts should enable the realization of a substantial portion of the potential commercial opportunity for MACRILEN™.

We are evaluating the possible final distribution channels for MACRILEN™, however, we expect that MACRILEN™ will be accessed through a mixture of specialty pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, wholesalers and other secondary channels.

To date, we have established an agreement with a contract manufacturer for the commercial supply of the product and expect to use a third-party logistics provider for key services related to logistics, warehousing and inventory management.

We continue to evaluate the potential to commercialize MACRILEN™ in other geographic territories, including Canada and Europe.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Governmental authorities in Canada, the United States, Europe and other countries extensively regulate the preclinical and clinical testing, manufacturing, labeling, storage, record keeping, advertising, promotion, export, marketing and distribution, among other things, of our product candidates. Under the laws of the United States, the countries of the EU, and other countries, we and the institutions at which we sponsor research are subject to obligations to ensure that our clinical trials are conducted in accordance with Good Clinical Practices ("GCP") guidelines and the investigational plan and protocols contained in an IND application, or comparable foreign regulatory submission. The Japanese regulatory process for approval of new drugs is similar to the FDA approval process described below except that Japanese regulatory authorities request bridging studies to verify that foreign clinical data are applicable to Japanese patients and also require the tests to determine appropriate dosages for Japanese patients to be conducted on Japanese patient volunteers. Due to these requirements, delays of two to three years in introducing a drug developed outside of Japan to the Japanese market are possible. Set forth below is a brief summary of the material governmental regulations

affecting the Company in the major markets in which we intend to market our products.

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Canada

In Canada, the Canadian Therapeutic Products Directorate is the Canadian federal authority that regulates pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices for human use. Prior to being given market authorization, a manufacturer must present substantive scientific evidence of a product's safety, efficacy and quality as required by the Food and Drugs Act and other legislation and regulations. The requirements for the development and sale of pharmaceutical drugs in Canada are substantially similar to those in the United States, which are described below.

United States

In the United States, the FDA under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Public Health Service Act and other federal statutes and regulations, subject pharmaceutical products to rigorous review.

In order to obtain approval of a new product from the FDA, we must, among other requirements, submit proof of safety and efficacy as well as detailed information on the manufacture and composition of the product. In most cases, this proof entails extensive preclinical, clinical, and laboratory tests. Before approving a new drug or marketing application, the FDA also typically conducts pre-approval inspections of the company, its CROs and/or its clinical trial sites to ensure that clinical, safety, quality control, and other regulated activities are compliant with GCP, or Good Laboratory Practices ("GLP"), for specific non-clinical toxicology studies. Manufacturing facilities used to produce a product are also subject to ongoing inspection by the FDA. The FDA may also require confirmatory trials, post-marketing testing, and extra surveillance to monitor the effects of approved products, or place conditions on any approvals that could restrict the commercial applications of these products. Once approved, the labeling, advertising, promotion, marketing, and distribution of a drug or biologic product must be in compliance with FDA regulatory requirements.

The first stage required for ultimate FDA approval of a new biologic or drug involves completion of preclinical studies and the submission of the results of these studies to the FDA. This, together with proposed clinical protocols, manufacturing information, analytical data, and other information in an IND, must become effective before human clinical trials may commence. Preclinical studies involve laboratory evaluation of product characteristics and animal studies to assess the efficacy and safety of the product. The FDA regulates preclinical studies under a series of regulations called the current GLP regulations. If the sponsor violates these regulations, the FDA may require that the sponsor replicate those studies.

After the IND becomes effective, a sponsor may commence human clinical trials. The sponsor typically conducts human clinical trials in three sequential phases, but the phases may overlap. In Phase 1 trials, the sponsor tests the product in a small number of patients or healthy volunteers, primarily for safety at one or more doses. Phase 1 trials in cancer are often conducted with patients who have end-stage or metastatic cancer. In Phase 2, in addition to safety, the sponsor evaluates the efficacy of the product in a patient population somewhat larger than Phase 1 trials. Phase 3 trials typically involve additional testing for safety and clinical efficacy in an expanded population at geographically dispersed test sites. The sponsor must submit to the FDA a clinical plan, or "protocol", accompanied by the approval of the institutions participating in the trials, prior to commencement of each clinical trial. The FDA may order the temporary or permanent discontinuation of a clinical trial at any time. In the case of product candidates for cancer, the initial human testing may be done in patients with the disease rather than in healthy volunteers. Because these patients are already afflicted with the target disease, such studies may provide results traditionally obtained in Phase 2 studies. Accordingly, these studies are often referred to as "Phase 1/2" studies. Even if patients participate in initial human testing and a Phase 1/2 study is carried out, the sponsor is still responsible for obtaining all the data usually obtained in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 studies.

The sponsor must submit to the FDA the results of the preclinical and clinical testing, together with, among other things, detailed information on the manufacture and composition of the product, in the form of an NDA or, in the case of a biologic, a Biologics License Applications ("BLA"). In a process that can take a year or more, the FDA reviews this application and, when and if it decides that adequate data are available to show that the new compound is both safe and effective for a particular indication and that other applicable requirements have been met, approves the drug or biologic for marketing. The amount of time taken for this approval process is a function of a number of variables, including the quality of the submission and studies presented and the potential contribution that the compound will make in improving the treatment of the disease in question.

Orphan-drug designation is granted by the FDA Office of Orphan Drug Products to novel drugs or biologics that treat a rare disease or condition affecting fewer than 200,000 patients in the U.S. The designation provides the drug developer with a seven-year period of U.S. marketing exclusivity if the drug is the first of its type approved for the specified indication or if it demonstrates superior safety, efficacy or a major contribution to patient care versus another drug of its type previously granted the designation for the same indication. We have been granted orphan drug designations for zoptarelin doxorubicin for the treatment of advanced ovarian cancer and for MACRILEN™ for the evaluation of growth hormone deficiency.

Under the Hatch-Waxman Act, newly-approved drugs and indications may benefit from a statutory period of non-patent data exclusivity. The Hatch-Waxman Act provides five-year data exclusivity to the first applicant to gain approval of an NDA for a new chemical entity, or NCE, meaning that the FDA has not previously approved any other drug containing the same active pharmaceutical ingredient, or active moiety. Although protection under the Hatch-Waxman Act will not prevent the submission or approval of another full NDA, such an NDA applicant would be required to conduct its own preclinical and adequate, well controlled clinical trials to demonstrate safety and effectiveness.

The Hatch-Waxman Act also provides three years of data exclusivity for the approval of new and supplemental NDAs, including Section 505(b)(2) applications, for, among other things, new indications, dosage forms, routes of administration, or strengths of an existing drug, or for a new use, if new clinical investigations that were conducted or sponsored by the applicant are determined by the FDA to be essential to the approval of the application. This exclusivity, which is sometimes referred to as clinical investigation exclusivity, would not prevent the approval of another application if the applicant has conducted its own adequate, well-controlled clinical trials demonstrating safety and efficacy, nor would it prevent approval of a generic product that did not incorporate the exclusivity-protected changes of the approved drug product.

The labeling, advertising, promotion, marketing, and distribution of a drug or biologic product must be in compliance with FDA regulatory requirements. Failure to comply with applicable requirements can lead to the FDA demanding that production and shipment cease and, in some cases, that the manufacturer recall products, or to enforcement actions that can include seizures, injunctions, and criminal prosecution. These failures can also lead to FDA withdrawal of approval to market a product.

European Union

Medicines can be authorized in the EU by using either the centralized authorization procedure or national authorization procedures.

Centralized procedure

The EU has implemented a centralized procedure coordinated by the EMA for the approval of human medicines, which results in a single marketing authorization issued by the European Commission that is valid across the EU, as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The centralized procedure is compulsory for human medicines that are derived from biotechnology processes, such as genetic engineering, that contain a new active substance indicated for the treatment of certain diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, neurodegenerative disorders or autoimmune diseases and other immune dysfunctions, and designated orphan medicines. For medicines that do not fall within these categories, an applicant has the option of submitting an application for a centralized marketing authorization to the EMA, as long as the medicine concerned is a significant therapeutic, scientific or technical innovation, or if its authorization would be in the interest of public health.

National authorization procedures

There are also two other possible routes to authorize medicinal products in several EU countries, which are available for investigational drug products that fall outside the scope of the centralized procedure:

Decentralized procedure. Using the decentralized procedure, an applicant may apply for simultaneous authorization in more than one EU country of medicinal products that have not yet been authorized in any EU country and that do not fall within the mandatory scope of the centralized procedure.

The application will be reviewed by a selected Reference Member State ("RMS"). The Marketing Authorization granted by the RMS will then be recognized by the other Member States involved in this procedure.

Mutual recognition procedure. In the mutual recognition procedure, a medicine is first authorized in one EU Member State, in accordance with the national procedures of that country. Following this, further marketing authorizations can be sought from other EU countries in a procedure whereby the countries concerned agree to recognize the validity of the original, national marketing authorization.

For more information about the regulatory risks associated with the Company's business operations, see "Item 3. – Key Information – Risk Factors".

DRUG DISCOVERY

There is an increasing demand on the world market for active substances. Our internal drug discovery unit provides an important prerequisite for the provision of new patented active substances, which can then be developed further or licensed to third parties.

Our drug discovery unit concentrates on the search for active substances for innovative targets, which open the door to the introduction of new therapeutic approaches. Further, this unit searches for new active substances having improved properties for clinically validated targets for which drugs are already being used in humans and which produce inadequate effects, cause severe side effects, are not economical or are not available in a patient-friendly form. To this end, we possess an original substance library for the discovery of active compounds with a comprehensive range of promising natural substances which can serve as models for the construction of synthetic molecules. The initial tests involve 120,000 samples from our internal substance library in the form of high-throughput screening. The "hits", which are the first active compounds found in the library, are tested further and built up specifically into potential lead structures. Based on two to three lead structures, they are then optimized in a further step to potential development candidates.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – PATENTS

We believe that we have a solid intellectual property portfolio that covers compounds, manufacturing processes, compositions and methods of medical use for our lead drugs and drug candidates. Our patent portfolio consists of approximately 50 owned and in-licensed patent families (issued, granted or pending in the United States, Europe and other jurisdictions). Independent of the original patent expiry date, additional exclusivity is possible in the United States, Europe and several other countries by data protection for new chemical entities or by orphan drug designation. In addition, in the United States, Europe and certain other jurisdictions the terms of a patent covering an approved drug can be extended by patent term extension or supplementary protection certificate.

In the United States, the patent term of a patent that covers an FDA-approved drug may also be eligible for patent term extension, which permits patent term restoration as compensation for the patent term lost during the FDA regulatory review process. The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, or the Hatch-Waxman Act, permits a patent term extension of up to five years beyond the expiration of the patent, in which the patentee may file an application for yearly interim extensions within five years if the patent will expire and the FDA has not yet approved the NDA. The length of the patent term extension is related to the length of time the drug is under regulatory review. Patent extension cannot extend the remaining term of a patent beyond a total of 14 years from the date of product approval and only one patent applicable to an approved drug may be extended.

Similar provisions are available in Europe and other foreign jurisdictions to extend the term of a patent that covers an approved drug. In these jurisdictions, however, no interim extensions exist and the marketing approval must be granted before the patent expires. In the future, if and when our pharmaceutical products receive FDA approval, we expect to apply for patent term extensions on patents covering those products. While we anticipate that any such applications for patent term extensions will likely be granted, we cannot predict the precise length of the time for which such patent terms would be extended in the United States, Europe or other jurisdictions. If we are not able to secure patent term extensions on patents covering our products for meaningful periods of additional time, we may not achieve or sustain profitability, which would adversely affect our business.

Of the issued or granted patents, the protective rights described below form the core of our patent portfolio with regard to our lead drugs and drug candidates.

Zoptarelin doxorubicin:

U.S. patent 5,843,903 provides protection in the United States for the compound zoptarelin doxorubicin and other related targeted cytotoxic anthracycline analogs, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds as well as their medical use for the treatment of cancer. This U.S. patent expires in November 2015. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

European patent 0 863 917 B1 provides protection in Europe for the compound zoptarelin doxorubicin and other related targeted cytotoxic anthracycline analogs, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds as well as their medical use for the treatment of tumors. This European patent expires in November 2016. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Japanese patent 3 987 575 provides protection in Japan for the compound zoptarelin doxorubicin and other related targeted cytotoxic anthracycline analogs, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds as well as their medical use for the treatment of tumors. This Japanese patent expires in November 2016. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Macimorelin:

U.S. patent 6,861,409 protects the compound macimorelin and U.S. patent 7,297,681 protects other related growth hormone

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secretagogue compounds, each also protecting pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds as well as their medical use for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone. U.S. patent 6,861,409 and U.S. patent 7,297,681 both expire in August 2022. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

European patent 1 289 951 protects the compound macimorelin and European patent 1 344 773 protects other related growth hormone secretagogue compounds, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds as well as their medical use for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone. EP patent 1 289 951 and EP patent 1 344 773 both expire in June 2021. A patent term extension of up to five years by SPC may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Japanese patent 3 522 265 protects the compound macimorelin and pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds as well as their medical use for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone. This Japanese patent expires in June 2021. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Canadian patent 2,407,659 protects the compound macimorelin and pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds as well as their medical use for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone. This Canadian patent expires in June 2021.

U.S. patent 8,192,719 protects a method of assessing pituitary-related growth hormone deficiency in a human or animal subject comprising an oral administration of the compound macimorelin and determination of the level of growth hormone in the sample and assessing whether the level of growth hormone in the sample is indicative of growth hormone deficiency. This U.S. patent 8,192,719 expires in October 2027.

European patent 1 984 744 protects a method of assessing pituitary-related growth hormone deficiency by oral administration of macimorelin. The European patent 1 984 744 expires in February 2027.

Japanese patent 4 852 728 protects a method of assessing pituitary-related growth hormone deficiency by oral administration of macimorelin. The Japanese patent 4 852 728 expires in February 2027.

AEZS-120:

European patent 2 092 067 B1 provides protection in Europe for microorganisms as carriers of heterogeneous nucleotide sequences coding for antigens and protein toxins, a process of manufacturing thereof as well as corresponding plasmids or expression vectors, useful as medicaments, in particular as tumor vaccines for the treatment of various tumors. This European patent expires in November 2027. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

U.S. and Japanese patent applications (both filed in November 2007) recently received a Notice of Allowance. Granted patents will expire in November 2027.

Ozarelix:

U.S. patent 6,627,609 provides protection in the United States for the compound ozarelix and related third-generation LHRH antagonists and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them. This U.S. patent will expire in March 2020. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

European patent 1 163 264 provides protection in Europe for the compound ozarelix and related third-generation LHRH antagonists and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them. This European patent will expire in March 2020. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Japanese patent 3 801 867 provides protection in Japan for the compound ozarelix and related third-generation LHRH antagonists and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them. This Japanese patent will expire in March 2020. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Erk/PI3K:

U.S. patent 8,202,883 protects compound AEZS-129. This U.S. patent will expire in May 2029 (including patent term adjustment ("PTA")). A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

U.S. patent 8,507,486 protects compound AEZS-136. This U.S. patent will expire in May 2028. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

U.S. patent 8,536,332 protects methods of treatment for compound AEZS-129. This U.S. patent will expire in May 2028. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

U.S. patent 8,604,196 protects methods of treatment for compound AEZS-136. This U.S. patent will expire in May 2028 and is subject to a terminal disclaimer based on US 8,507,486 (07/04Z/2). A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

U.S. patent application US-2012-0258080 seeks protection for compound AEZS-134 as well as methods of treatment for this compound. When granted, the U.S. patent would expire in April 2032. A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

European Patent Application EP2,164,849 seeks protection for compounds AEZS-129 and -136 as well as methods of treatment for these compounds. When granted, the EP patent would expire in May 2028. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

European Patent Application No. EP2,694,067 seeks protection for compound AEZS-134 as well as methods of treatment for this compound. When granted, the EP patent would expire in April 2032. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2010-506945 seeks protection for compound AEZS-129 as well as methods of treatment for this compound. When granted, the JP patent would expire in May 2028. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2014-6832 seeks protection for compounds AEZS-136 as well as methods of treatment for this compound. When granted, the JP patent would expire in May 2028. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Japanese patent application based on PCT/EP2012/056138 seeks protection for compound AEZS-134 as well as methods of treatment for this compound. When granted, the JP patent would expire in April 2032. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Disorazol Z - LHRH conjugates (AEZS-138):

U.S. patent 7,741,277 protects compound AEZS-138 (disorazole Z - LHRH conjugate). This U.S. patent will expire in January 2028 (including PTA). A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

U.S. patent 8,470,776 protects methods of treatment for compound AEZS-138 (disorazole Z - LHRH conjugate). This U.S. patent will expire in February 2029 (including PTA). A patent term extension of up to five years may be possible.

European patent application 2,066,679 protects compound AEZS-138 (disorazole Z - LHRH conjugate) as well as methods of treatment for this compound. When granted, this EP patent will expire in September 2027. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Japanese patent 5,340,155 protects compound AEZS-138 (disorazole Z - LHRH conjugate) as well as methods of treatment for this compound. This JP patent will expire in September 2027. A SPC of up to five years may be possible in case approval has been achieved prior to patent expiration.

Overview of important granted patents in the United States, Europe and Japan:

| Patent No. | Title | Country | Expiry Date |
|------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| Zoptarelin doxorubicin | | | |
| U.S. 5,843,903 | Targeted cytotoxic anthracycline analogs | United States | 2015-11-27 |
| EP 0 863 917 | Targeted cytotoxic anthracycline analogs | Europe | 2016-11-14 |
| JP 3 987 575 | Targeted cytotoxic anthracycline analogs | Japan | 2016-11-14 |
| Macimorelin | | | |
| U.S. 6,861,409 | Growth hormone secretagogues | United States | 2022-08-01 |
| EP 1 289 951 | Growth hormone secretagogues | Germany, United Kingdom, France, Switzerland and others | 2021-06-13 |
| JP 3 522 265 | Growth hormone secretagogues | Japan | 2021-06-13 |
| CA 2,407,659 | Growth hormone secretagogues | Canada | 2021-06-13 |
| U.S. 8,192,719 | Method and kit to diagnose growth hormone deficiency | United States | 2027-10-12 |

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| Patent No. | Title | Country | Expiry Date |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| EP 1 984 744 | Method and kit to diagnose growth hormone deficiency | Europe | 2027-02-19 |
| JP 4 852 728 | Method and kit to diagnose growth hormone deficiency | Japan | 2027-02-19 |
| AEZS-120 | | | |
| EP 2 092 067 | Microorganisms as carriers of nucleotide sequences | Europe | 2027-11-13 |
| AEZS-112 | | | |
| U.S. 7,365,081 | Indole derivatives and their use as medicaments | United States | 2017-09-08 |
| EP 1 309 585 | Indole derivatives and their use as medicaments | Germany, United Kingdom, France, Switzerland and others | 2021-07-26 |
| Ozarelix | | | |
| U.S. 6,627,609 | LHRH antagonists having improved solubility properties | United States | 2020-03-14 |
| EP 1 163 264 | LHRH antagonists having improved solubility properties | Germany, United Kingdom, France, Switzerland and others | 2020-03-11 |
| JP 3 801 867 | LHRH antagonists having improved solubility properties | Japan | 2020-03-11 |
| AEZS-129 | | | |
| U.S. 8,202,883 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | United States | 2029-05-29* |
| U.S. 8,536,332 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | United States | 2028-05-09 |
| EP Patent Appl. EP 2,164,849 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | Europe | 2028-05-09 |
| JP Patent Appl. JP 2010-506945 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | Japan | 2028-05-09 |
| AEZS-136 | | | |
| U.S. 8,507,486 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | United States | 2028-05-09 |
| U.S. 8,604,196 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | United States | 2028-05-09 (term. disclaimer) |
| EP Patent Appl. EP 2,164,849 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | Europe | 2028-05-09 |
| JP Patent Appl. JP 2014-6832 | Novel Pyridopyrazine Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | Japan | 2028-05-09 |
| AEZS-134 | | | |
| | Pyridopyrazine Derivatives and their Use | United States | 2032-04-04 |

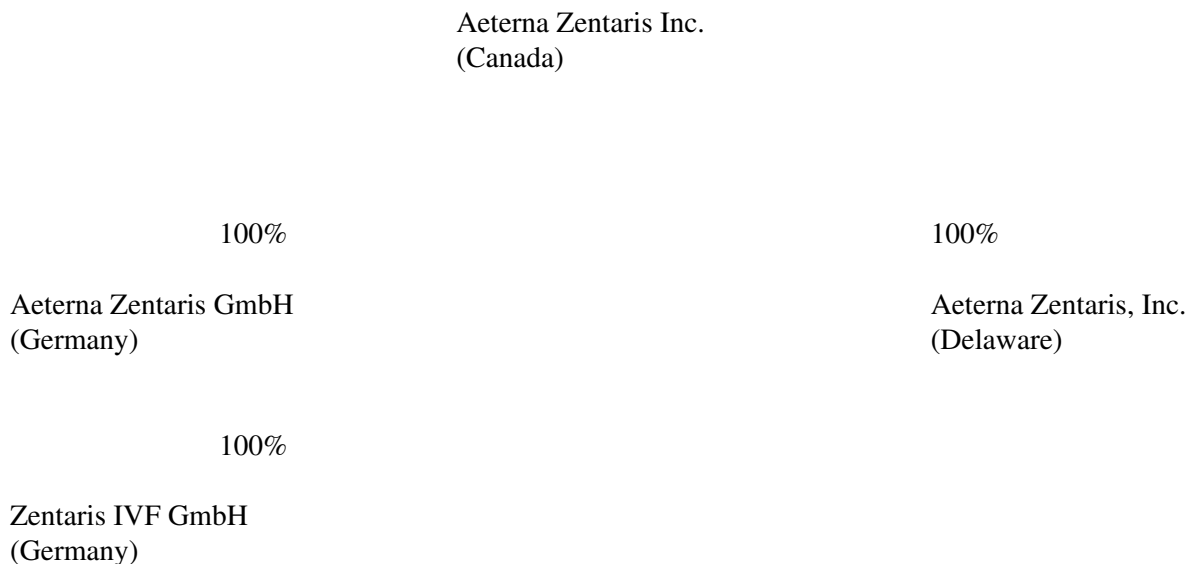
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| U.S. Patent Appl. US 2012-0258080 | | | |
| EP Patent Appl. EP 2,694,067 | Pyridopyrazine Derivatives and their Use | Europe | 2032-04-04 |
| JP pat. appl. based on PCT/EP2012/056138 | Pyridopyrazine Derivatives and their Use | Japan | 2032-04-04 |
| AEZS-138 | | | |
| U.S. 7,741,277 | Conjugates of Disorazoles and Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | United States | 2028-01-19* |
| U.S. 8,470,776 | Conjugates of Disorazoles and Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | United States | 2029-02-02* |
| EP Patent Appl. EP 2,066,679 | Conjugates of Disorazoles and Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | Europe | 2027-09-06 |
| JP 5,340,155 | Conjugates of Disorazoles and Derivatives, Process of Manufacturing and Uses thereof | Japan | 2027-09-06 |

* Includes Patent Term Extension.

C. Organizational structure

The following chart presents our corporate structure, the jurisdiction of incorporation of our direct and indirect subsidiaries and the percentage of shares that we held in those subsidiaries as at December 31, 2013.



D. Property, plants and equipment

Our corporate head office is located in Quebec City, Province of Quebec, Canada. The following table sets forth information with respect to our main facilities as at December 31, 2013.

| Location | Use of space | Square Footage | Type of interest |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|
| 1405 du Parc Technologique Blvd., Quebec City (Quebec), Canada | Fully occupied for management, R&D and administration | 3,561 | Leased |
| 25 Mountainview Blvd., Suite 203, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 | Fully occupied for management, R&D and administration | 3,188 | Leased |
| Weismüllerstr. 50 D-60314 Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany | Fully occupied for management, R&D, business development and administration | 46,465 | Leased |
| Item 4A Unresolved Staff Comments | | | |
| None. | | | |

Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

Key Developments

MACRILEN™

On January 6, 2014, we announced that the FDA had accepted for substantive review our New Drug Application ("NDA") for our orally available peptidomimetic ghrelin receptor agonist with growth hormone secretagogue activity, MACRILEN™, for the evaluation of adult growth hormone deficiency ("AGHD"). The acceptance for filing of the NDA indicates that the FDA has determined that the application is sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review. The NDA, submitted on November 5, 2013, seeks approval for the commercialization of MACRILEN™, which, if approved, will be the first orally administered drug indicated for the evaluation of AGHD by evaluating the pituitary gland secretion of growth hormone in response to an oral dose of the product. The application is subject to a standard review and will have a Prescription Drug User Fee Act ("PDUFA") date of November 5, 2014. The PDUFA date is the goal date for the FDA to complete its review of the NDA. MACRILEN™ benefits from patent protection covering major markets; in particular, the product is protected in the U.S. at least until October 2027. Phase 3 data have demonstrated the compound to be well tolerated, with accuracy comparable to available intravenous and intramuscular testing procedures.

Zoptarelin Doxorubicin

On April 10, 2013 we announced the signing of a co-development and profit sharing agreement with Ergomed Clinical Research Ltd. ("Ergomed") as the contract clinical development organization for the Phase 3 ZoptEC (Zoptarelin doxorubicin in Endometrial Cancer) trial in women with locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic endometrial cancer who have progressed and who have received one chemotherapeutic regimen with platinum and taxane (either as adjuvant or first-line treatment). The ZoptEC trial is an open-label, randomized, multicenter trial conducted in North America, Europe and Israel under a Special Protocol Assessment with the FDA. The trial compares zoptarelin doxorubicin with doxorubicin as second line therapy and will involve approximately 500 patients. Patient dosing was initiated in July 2013, and the primary efficacy endpoint of the ZoptEC trial is improvement in median Overall Survival.

Under the terms of the agreement, Ergomed has agreed to assume 30% (up to \$10 million) of the clinical and regulatory costs for this trial, which are estimated at approximately \$30 million over the course of the study. Ergomed will be entitled to receive an agreed upon single-digit percentage of any net income received by us for zoptarelin doxorubicin in this indication, up to a specified maximum amount.

On June 3, 2013, we announced encouraging final data for the Phase 1 portion of the ongoing Phase 1/2 trial in men with castration- and taxane-resistant prostate cancer with zoptarelin doxorubicin. Data were presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting in Chicago by the principal investigator, Jacek Pinski, MD, PhD, of the University of Southern California's Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. In general, zoptarelin doxorubicin was well tolerated and demonstrated promising evidence of its anti-tumor activity in this heavily pretreated population. Among the 15 evaluable patients with measurable disease, ten achieved stable disease, and a drop in Prostatic Specific Antigen was noted in three patients. The maximum tolerated dose ("MTD") of zoptarelin doxorubicin in this indication was established at 210 mg/m², which is below the MTD reported in women with refractory endometrial and ovarian cancer. The Phase 2 portion of this trial in prostate cancer is ongoing.

Cetrotide® Manufacturing Rights and Discontinued Operations

On October 1, 2013, we announced that we had successfully completed the transactions contemplated by the transfer and service agreement and concurrent agreements with various partners and licensees with respect to the manufacturing rights for Cetrotide®, currently marketed by a subsidiary of Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany ("Merck Serono") for therapeutic use as part of in vitro fertilization programs. The principal outcome of these agreements is the transfer of manufacturing rights and the grant of a license to Merck Serono for the manufacture, testing, assembling, packaging, storage and release of Cetrotide® in all territories (the "Cetrotide® Business") in exchange for a non-refundable, one-time payment of €2.5 million (approximately \$3.3 million).

The Cetrotide® Business has been presented in our consolidated financial statements as a discontinued operation. As such, relevant amounts impacting elements of our comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows have been retroactively reclassified to reflect the Cetrotide® Business as a discontinued operation and are discussed separately

from continuing operations in this MD&A.

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Perifosine

On March 11, 2013, we announced that the Phase 3 trial in multiple myeloma was discontinued after an interim analysis by an independent Data Safety Monitoring Board reported that it was highly unlikely the study would achieve a significant difference in its primary endpoint of progression-free survival. We therefore decided not to make any further investment in the development of perifosine.

Appointments to Executive Management Team

On April 15, 2013, we announced the appointment of David Dodd as our President, Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and director of the Company. Mr. Dodd's executive management experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries spans more than 35 years. Prior to joining our Company, Mr. Dodd was President, CEO and Chairman of BioReliance Corporation, a leading provider of biological safety and related testing services, and President, CEO and director of Serologicals Corporation. Mr. Dodd also held the roles of President and CEO of Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and of Chairman of its subsidiary, Unimed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and held various senior management positions at Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, the Mead Johnson Laboratories Division at Bristol-Myers Squibb and at Abbott Laboratories. Mr. Dodd holds a Master's degree from Georgia State University and completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

On November 1, 2013, we announced the appointment of Jude Dinges as our Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. Mr. Dinges is responsible for all activities regarding the potential commercial launch of MACRILEN™ in AGHD, as well as for identifying future commercial opportunities. Mr. Dinges began his career nearly 30 years ago at Bristol Laboratories and later at Merck & Co. in training, sales, management, marketing and market development and was a key contributor to the successful launch of brands such as Cozaar®, Fosamax®, Singulair®, Maxalt®, Vioxx®, and Vytorin®. Mr. Dinges joined Novartis Pharmaceuticals in 2006, overseeing the launch of Tektura®, and in 2008 became the Respiratory & Infectious Disease Specialty Medicines Director. In 2009, he joined Amgen Inc. as Executive Director of Region Sales, Bone Health Business Unit.

On January 3, 2014, we announced the appointment of Richard Sachse, MD, PhD, as our Senior Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer and Managing Director. Dr. Sachse, who is based in Frankfurt, holds a degree in medicine from the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen and a board certification in Clinical Pharmacology and has over 20 years' experience as a physician and scientist. He has extensive expertise in a variety of different therapeutic areas, including endocrinology and oncology. In addition to registration studies, Dr. Sachse is especially experienced in the design and implementation of translational programs to bridge research programs to the clinic, as well as in the design and implementation of clinical pharmacology programs, including all required profiling studies and activities, enabling successful registration of products at the international level. Before joining Aeterna Zentaris, Dr. Sachse was Vice President and Head of Global Translational Medicine at Boehringer Ingelheim. From 1996 to 2000, he was International Project Leader at the Bayer AG Institute for Clinical Pharmacology and Principal Investigator at the Bayer Clinical Pharmacology Unit. From 2001 to 2006, Dr. Sachse held a variety of management positions within early and late phase clinical development programs, including responsibilities for completed Phase 3 programs leading to successful New Drug Application / Marketing Authorization Application submissions. In 2007, he became Senior Director, Head of Experimental Medicine, at UCB in Belgium, before being appointed Vice President, Head of Global Translational Medicine, at Boehringer Ingelheim in 2010.

Corporate Developments

"At-the-Market" Issuance Program

Between May 22, 2013 and December 31, 2013, we sold a total of approximately 1.7 million common shares under our At The-Market ("ATM") sales program at an average price of \$1.76 per share, resulting in aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$3.0 million. This ATM sales program allows the Company to sell, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, up to a maximum of 2.5 million of our common shares through ATM issuances on the NASDAQ for aggregate gross proceeds not to exceed \$4.6 million. Between January 1, 2014 and March 20, 2014, we issued a total of 0.2 million common shares under this ATM sales program for aggregate gross proceeds of \$0.3 million.

Registered Direct Offering

On July 30, 2013, we completed a registered direct offering of 5.2 million units at a purchase price of \$1.50 per unit, generating net proceeds of approximately \$7.0 million. Each unit consisted of one common share and 0.5 of a warrant to purchase one common share. Each warrant is exercisable at any time after January 30, 2014 for a period of five years from the date of issuance at an exercise price of \$1.85 per share.

Public Offerings

On November 25, 2013 we completed a public offering of 13.1 million units, generating net proceeds of approximately \$13.7 million. Each unit consisted of one common share and one whole warrant to purchase one common share, at a purchase price of \$1.15 per unit. Each warrant is exercisable for a period of five years at an original exercise price of \$1.60 per share, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions.

Subsequent to year-end, on January 14, 2014, we completed a public offering of 11.0 million units, generating net proceeds of approximately \$12.2 million, with each unit consisting of one common share and 0.8 of a warrant to purchase one common share, at a purchase price of \$1.20 per unit. Each warrant is exercisable for a period of five years at an original exercise price of \$1.25 per share, which is subject to certain anti-dilution provisions.

Listing Transfer to the NASDAQ Capital Market

On August 28, 2013, we announced that our request to transfer our listing to the NASDAQ Capital Market from the NASDAQ Global Market had been approved by the NASDAQ Listing Qualifications Staff. Our common shares continue to trade on the NASDAQ Capital Market, effective August 29, 2013.

Status of Our Drug Pipeline

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- (1) Investigator-driven and sponsored.
 - (2) Phase 2 in ovarian cancer completed.
 - (3) Sponsored entirely by license partners.

We are focused on preparing for the launch of MACRILEN™ for the evaluation of AGHD in the U.S. and on advancing our ZoptEC Phase 3 program with zoptarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer, as discussed further below.

Regarding AEZS-120, which is a targeted, live recombinant oral tumor vaccine candidate, we are reviewing the development program and our available resources related to this compound.

Ozarelix, a modified luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone ("LHRH") receptor antagonist, with the potential to treat hormone-dependent cancers as well as benign proliferative endocrinological disorders, and perifosine, an oral AKT inhibitor which is being investigated as a potential treatment option for various cancer indications, no longer require significant investment from our Company, being licensed out to Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and to Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. ("Yakult"), respectively. Both partners are responsible for conducting and sponsoring all ongoing development.

As for our compounds in earlier stages of development, our Erk/PI3K inhibitors and our disorazol Z product candidates, as well as our discovery activities, are both under review as part of our focused initiative to optimize research and development ("R&D") activities. Our Erk/PI3K inhibitors are part of our kinase research program, comprising the investigation of different compounds for single Erk inhibition, single PI3K inhibition and dual Erk/PI3K kinase inhibition. Disorazol Z product candidates comprise AEZS-138, a novel cytotoxic hybrid based on the natural compound disorazol Z (AEZS-137), and the LHRH receptor agonist D-Lys6-LHRH. We currently do not expect to invest significantly in these projects, unless partnered and/or sponsored through strategic alliances.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) Information

| (in thousands, except share and per share data) | Three-month periods ended December 31, | | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues | | | | | |
| Sales | — | — | 96 | 834 | 250 |
| License fees and other | — | 281 | 6,079 | 1,219 | 4,455 |
| | — | 281 | 6,175 | 2,053 | 4,705 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | |
| Cost of sales | — | — | 51 | 591 | 212 |
| Research and development costs, net of refundable tax credits and grants | 5,345 | 5,523 | 21,284 | 20,592 | 24,245 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 2,627 | 2,877 | 12,316 | 10,606 | 11,955 |
| | 7,972 | 8,400 | 33,651 | 31,789 | 36,412 |
| Loss from operations | (7,972) | (8,119) | (27,476) | (29,736) | (31,707) |
| Finance income | 65 | 689 | 1,748 | 6,974 | 6,239 |
| Finance costs | (2,689) | (700) | (1,512) | (382) | (8) |
| Net finance (costs) income | (2,624) | (11) | 236 | 6,592 | 6,231 |
| Loss before income taxes | (10,596) | (8,130) | (27,240) | (23,144) | (25,476) |
| Income tax expense | — | — | — | — | (1,104) |
| Net loss from continuing operations | (10,596) | (8,130) | (27,240) | (23,144) | (26,580) |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | 2,353 | 1,183 | 34,055 | 2,732 | (487) |
| Net (loss) income | (8,243) | (6,947) | 6,815 | (20,412) | (27,067) |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income: | | | | | |
| Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 424 | (204) | 1,073 | (504) | (789) |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: | | | | | |
| Actuarial gain (loss) on defined benefit plans | 2,346 | (3,705) | 2,346 | (3,705) | (1,335) |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | (5,473) | (10,856) | 10,234 | (24,621) | (29,191) |
| Net loss per share (basic and diluted) from continuing operations | (0.28) | (0.34) | (0.92) | (1.17) | (1.69) |
| Net income (loss) (basic and diluted) from discontinuing operations | 0.06 | 0.05 | 1.16 | 0.14 | (0.03) |
| Net (loss) income (basic and diluted) per share | (0.22) | (0.29) | 0.24 | (1.03) | (1.72) |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding: | | | | | |

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|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Basic | 37,274,129 | 24,181,462 | 29,476,455 | 19,775,073 | 15,751,331 |
| Diluted | 37,274,129 | 24,181,462 | 29,476,455 | 19,806,687 | 15,751,331 |

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2013 compared to 2012

Revenues from Continuing Operations

Revenues are derived predominantly from license fees, which include periodic milestone payments, R&D contract fees and the amortization of upfront payments received from our licensing partners.

Sales revenues are derived from the sale of active pharmaceutical ingredients, or raw materials, to license partners. Periodic variations of sales, and, consequently, of cost of sales, are attributable to the R&D needs of the requesting license partner.

License fees and other revenues were nil and \$6.1 million for the three-month period and the year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, as compared to \$0.3 million and \$1.2 million for the same periods in 2012.

In March 2011, we entered into an agreement with Yakult for the development, manufacture and commercialization of perifosine in all human uses, excluding leishmaniasis, in Japan. Under the terms of this agreement, Yakult had made an initial, non-refundable gross upfront payment to the Company of approximately \$8.4 million. We recorded this upfront payment as deferred revenues and commenced amortizing the underlying proceeds on a straight-line basis over the estimated life cycle of perifosine in colorectal cancer ("CRC") and multiple myeloma ("MM").

On April 1, 2012, following negative results of a Phase 3 study of perifosine in CRC, we discontinued the perifosine program in that indication. Furthermore, in March 2013, following an analysis of interim results of the Phase 3 study of perifosine in MM, we also discontinued the development of perifosine in the MM indication. Given these results and the termination of these studies, we determined that we no longer had significant obligations under the agreement with Yakult to continue with the development of perifosine, and we recognized, in March 2013, the remaining unamortized amount of deferred revenue of \$5.9 million related to the above licensing agreement.

On a year-over-year basis, the increase in license fees and other revenues is therefore attributable to the earlier-than-expected recognition of the previously deferred upfront license payment received from Yakult, following the discontinuance of our development of perifosine and given that the earnings process associated with this compound as pertaining to the upfront proceeds received was deemed to be complete.

License fees and other revenues are expected to decrease significantly in 2014 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2013, given the absence of any remaining unamortized license fee payments as at December 31, 2013.

Operating Expenses from Continuing Operations

R&D costs, net of refundable tax credits and grants, were \$5.3 million and \$21.3 million for the three-month period and the year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, compared to \$5.5 million and \$20.6 million for the same periods in 2012.

The following table summarizes our net R&D costs by nature of expense:

| (in thousands) | Three-month periods ended December 31, | | Years ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Third-party costs | 2,828 | 2,345 | 10,049 | 8,679 | 10,077 |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 1,629 | 2,145 | 7,864 | 8,590 | 10,028 |
| Facilities rent and maintenance | 466 | 401 | 1,758 | 1,661 | 1,835 |
| Other costs* | 540 | 744 | 2,130 | 2,530 | 2,688 |
| R&D tax credits and grants | (118) | (112) | (517) | (868) | (383) |
| | 5,345 | 5,523 | 21,284 | 20,592 | 24,245 |

* Includes depreciation, amortization and impairment charges.

The following table summarizes primary third-party R&D costs, by product candidate, incurred by the Company during the three-month periods ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

| Product Candidate | Three-month periods ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | |
| | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| Zoptarelin doxorubicin | 1,667 | 58.9 | 282 | 12.0 |
| MACRILEN™, macimorelin | 284 | 10.0 | 30 | 1.3 |
| Erk/PI3K inhibitors | 312 | 11.0 | 199 | 8.5 |
| Perifosine | — | — | 1,434 | 61.2 |
| Disorazol Z | 139 | 4.9 | 55 | 2.3 |
| Other | 426 | 15.2 | 345 | 14.7 |
| | 2,828 | 100.0 | 2,345 | 100.0 |

The following table summarizes primary third-party R&D costs, by product candidate, incurred by the Company during the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

| Product Candidate | Years ended December 31, | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | | 2011 | |
| | \$ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| Zoptarelin doxorubicin | 4,934 | 49.1 | 2,133 | 24.6 | 1,652 | 16.4 |
| MACRILEN™, macimorelin | 1,238 | 12.3 | 112 | 1.3 | 1,156 | 11.5 |
| Erk/PI3K inhibitors | 1,128 | 11.2 | 1,727 | 19.9 | 1,860 | 18.5 |
| Perifosine | 1,134 | 11.3 | 3,801 | 43.8 | 3,726 | 37.0 |
| Disorazol Z | 659 | 6.6 | 331 | 3.8 | 256 | 2.5 |
| Other | 956 | 9.5 | 575 | 6.6 | 1,427 | 14.1 |
| | 10,049 | 100.0 | 8,679 | 100.0 | 10,077 | 100.0 |

Third-party R&D costs were \$10.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to \$8.7 million for the same period in 2012. This increase mainly results from the higher development costs associated with zoptarelin doxorubicin, and in particular with our Phase 3 ZoptEC trial initiated in 2013 with Ergomed, as discussed above. Additionally, we incurred higher development costs in 2013 related to MACRILEN™ and macimorelin, primarily consisting of the purchase of active pharmaceutical ingredients. These increases were partly offset by the lower comparative development costs associated with perifosine, given that we have decided not to make any further investment in this product candidate, as discussed above, and by the lower preclinical study-related costs associated with our Erk/PI3K inhibitors.

Third-party R&D costs also increased during the year ended December 31, 2013 due to higher expenditures associated with our disorazol Z product candidates, pursuant to a variety of collaboration agreements with various universities and institutes, and to the purchase of active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Excluding the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations, we expect net R&D costs for 2014 to increase, as compared to 2013, mainly due to the advancement of our lead ZoptEC Phase 3 trial with zoptarelin doxorubicin and related sub-studies. Based on currently available information and forecasts, we expect that we will incur net R&D costs of between \$24 million and \$26 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. As discussed below, however, we currently are in the process of performing a strategic review of all of our preclinical activities. This review may result in changes to our future overall R&D activities that may have a significant impact on our results of operations versus the currently available guidance. As such, our net R&D cost estimates may be revised in future periods as we continue to review our R&D activities, advance R&D development and as new information becomes available.

Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses were \$2.6 million and \$12.3 million for the three-month period and the year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, compared to \$2.9 million and \$10.6 million for the same periods in 2012.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the increase in SG&A expenses, as compared to 2012, is mainly related to the recognition in the second quarter of 2013 of non-recurring termination benefits (approximately \$1.4 million) paid to our former CEO and to the recording of related non-cash share-based compensation costs, amounting to approximately \$0.7 million.

We expect SG&A expenses to decrease in 2014 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2013, despite the progressive ramping up of pre-commercialization activities associated with MACRILEN™, which, as discussed below and conditional upon the successful regulatory approval of our NDA, we expect to launch in the evaluation of AGHD indication in the U.S. market in 2015.

Net finance income (costs) is comprised predominantly of the change in fair value of warrant liability, gains and losses due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and, as pertaining to 2011 only, to gains on a short-term investment. For the three-month period and the year ended December 31, 2013, net finance (costs) income totalled \$(2.6) million and \$0.2 million, respectively, as compared to nil and \$6.6 million for the same periods in 2012, as presented below.

| (in thousands) | Three-month periods ended December 31, | | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---|---|--------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Finance income | | | | | |
| Gains due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates | — | — | — | — | 2,197 |
| Change in fair value of warrant liability | — | 634 | 1,563 | 6,746 | 2,533 |
| Interest income | 65 | 55 | 185 | 228 | 223 |
| Gain on held-for-trading financial instrument | — | — | — | — | 1,278 |
| | 65 | 689 | 1,748 | 6,974 | 6,231 |
| Finance costs | | | | | |
| Losses due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates | (805 |) (700 |) (1,512 |) (382 |) — |
| Change in fair value of warrant liability | (1,884 |) — | — | — | — |
| | (2,689 |) (700 |) (1,512 |) (382 |) — |
| | (2,624 |) (11 |) 236 | 6,592 | 6,231 |

The change in fair value of our warrant liability results from the "mark-to-market" revaluation, via the application of the Black-Scholes option pricing model, of currently outstanding share purchase warrants. The Black-Scholes "mark-to-market" warrant valuation most notably has been impacted by the closing price of our common shares, which, on the NASDAQ, has fluctuated from between \$1.03 and \$3.23 during the year ended December 31, 2013. Gains or losses due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates are mainly related to the US dollar vis-à-vis the euro, which weakened from 2011 to 2012 and strengthened from 2012 to 2013, as presented below.

| | Three-month periods ended December 31, | | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Euro to US\$ average conversion rate | 1.3617 | 1.2975 | 1.3288 | 1.2858 | 1.3919 |

Net loss from continuing operations for the three-month period and the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$10.6 million and \$27.2 million, or \$0.28 and \$0.92 per basic and diluted share, respectively, compared to \$8.1 million and \$23.1 million, or \$0.34 and \$1.17 per basic and diluted share for the same periods in 2012.

The increase in net loss from continuing operations for the three-month period ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the same period in 2012, is largely due to higher net finance costs, as presented above.

The increase in net loss from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to 2012, is due largely to the recording of non-recurring termination benefits and related non-cash share-based compensation costs, lower comparative net finance income and higher comparative net R&D costs, partially offset by higher comparative license fee revenues, largely associated with the accelerated recognition of remaining net unamortized amount of deferred revenues related to the licensing agreement entered into with Yakult, as discussed above.

2012 compared to 2011

Revenues from Continuing Operations

License fees and other revenues were \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$4.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. This decrease is mainly due to the recording of a \$2.6 million milestone payment from Yakult with respect to the initiation of a Phase 1 trial with perifosine in CRC in Japan during the last quarter of 2011.

Operating Expenses from Continuing Operations

R&D costs, net of refundable tax credits and grants, were \$20.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$24.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. This decrease is attributable to lower R&D employee compensation and benefit costs, as well as to continued cost-rationalization initiatives, resulting in a lower number of employees. The decrease is also related to comparative lower third-party costs associated with the development of MACRILEN™ in AGHD and to the weakening of the euro against the US dollar.

SG&A expenses were \$10.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$12.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease in SG&A expenses is mainly related to non-recurring 2011 events. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we recognized an impairment loss on property, plant and equipment, an increase in onerous lease provision and we incurred marketing expenses related to the potential marketing by the Company of perifosine in Europe. In addition, the decrease in SG&A expenses is attributable to the decrease in employee benefit expenses as well as to the weakening of the euro against the US dollar, partly offset by higher transaction costs related to share purchase warrants, higher share-based compensation costs related to collaborators and higher professional fees.

Income tax expense was nil for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, which consists of foreign withholding taxes related to an upfront payment received from a partner and to milestone license fee revenues recorded in 2011.

Net loss from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$23.1 million, or \$1.17 per basic and diluted share, as compared to \$26.6 million, or \$1.69 per basic and diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2011. This decrease is largely due to lower net R&D costs, SG&A expenses and income tax expense, as well as to higher net finance income, partly offset by the significant decrease in license fee revenues.

Discontinued Operations

Following a strategic review of our risk and prospects with respect to the Cetrotide® Business and, in particular, having taken into account, as discussed below, the previous monetization of the corresponding royalty stream, we decided to transfer all manufacturing rights of Cetrotide® and to discontinue our involvement with the Cetrotide® Business. On April 3, 2013 (the "Effective Date"), we entered into a transfer and service agreement ("TSA") and concurrent agreements with various partners and licensees with respect to our manufacturing rights for Cetrotide®, currently marketed for therapeutic use as part of in vitro fertilization programs. The principal effect of these agreements was to transfer, effective October 1, 2013 (the "Closing Date"), our manufacturing rights for Cetrotide® to Merck Serono in all territories. Also per the TSA, we agreed to provide certain transition services to Merck Serono over a period of 36 months from the Effective Date in order to assist Merck Serono in managing overall responsibility for the Cetrotide® Business.

Under the TSA, during the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the Closing Date (the "Interim Period"), we were obligated to continue to conduct the Cetrotide® Business in the ordinary course in a manner consistent with past practices, subject to certain conditions. Per the TSA, we received a non-refundable, one-time payment of €2.5 million (approximately \$3.3 million) in consideration for the transfer of our manufacturing rights referred to above, as well as other payments in exchange for the transfer, also on the Closing Date, of certain assets, such as inventory and equipment used solely for the manufacture of Cetrotide®. We recognized the non-refundable,

one-time payment on the Closing Date, as we no longer had managerial involvement or effective control over the manufacturing of goods sold through the Cetrotide® Business. We provide the aforementioned transition services to Merck Serono in exchange for a monthly service fee.

As a result of the transfer of substantially all of the risks and rewards associated with the Cetrotide® Business on the Closing Date, the Cetrotide® Business has been classified as a discontinued operation in the consolidated financial statements. As such, relevant amounts in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) have been retroactively reclassified to reflect the Cetrotide® Business as a discontinued operation, as presented below.

| (in thousands) | Three-month periods ended December 31, | | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|---|-------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues | | | | | |
| Sales and royalties | 3,057 | 9,165 | 63,755 | 30,704 | 31,056 |
| License fees and other* | 3,717 | 99 | 4,589 | 908 | 292 |
| | 6,774 | 9,264 | 68,344 | 31,612 | 31,348 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | |
| Cost of sales | 3,071 | 7,489 | 30,002 | 26,229 | 27,348 |
| Research and development costs, net of tax credits and grants | — | — | 8 | 12 | 272 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 1,350 | 592 | 4,279 | 2,639 | 4,215 |
| | 4,421 | 8,081 | 34,289 | 28,880 | 31,835 |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | 2,353 | 1,183 | 34,055 | 2,732 | (487) |

* Includes the non-refundable, one-time payment made by Merck Serono in exchange for the manufacturing rights for Cetrotide®.

2013 compared to 2012

Revenues from discontinued operations

Sales and royalties related to discontinued operations were comprised both of net sales of Cetrotide® and of royalties, which represented the amortization, under the units-of-revenue method, of the proceeds received pursuant to a transaction with Healthcare Royalty Partners L.P. (formerly Cowen Healthcare Royalty Partners L.P.) ("HRP"), in which we monetized our royalty stream related to Cetrotide®. In this transaction, we had received a payment of \$52.5 million, less certain transaction costs, from HRP in exchange for our rights to royalties on future net sales of Cetrotide® generated by Merck Serono.

We had initially recorded the proceeds received from HRP as deferred revenue due to our then significant continuing involvement with the Cetrotide® Business. However, as of the Closing Date, there was no basis to continue amortizing the deferred revenue associated with HRP, primarily due to the fact that we no longer had significant continuing involvement in the Cetrotide® Business. As such, commencing on the Effective Date, we accelerated the amortization of the remaining deferred revenues of approximately \$31.9 million over the Interim Period, by continuing to apply the units-of-revenue method, which is consistent with past practice. The remaining deferred revenues were fully amortized through the end of September 2013.

Sales and royalties from discontinued operations were \$3.1 million and \$63.8 million for the three-month period and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, as compared to \$9.2 million and \$30.7 million for the same periods in 2012.

The decrease in sales and royalties from discontinued operations during the quarter ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2012, relates to the lower comparative volume of recurring Cetrotide® sales. Specifically, we recorded no sales of Cetrotide® during the three months ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the corresponding quarter of 2012, given that the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business was effective on October 1, 2013. However, in connection with the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business, we sold Cetrotide®-related inventory (amounting to approximately \$3.0 million) to Merck Serono on October 1, 2013. The sale of inventory assets, therefore, partially offset the significant comparative reduction in recurring Cetrotide® product sales.

License fees and other revenues from discontinued operations increased significantly from each of the quarters and years ended December 31, 2012 to the same periods in 2013 primarily due to the recording, on the Closing Date, of the non-refundable, one-time payment made by Merck Serono, as discussed above.

Cost of sales from discontinued operations were \$3.1 million and \$30.0 million for the three-month period and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, as compared to \$7.5 million and \$26.2 million for the same periods in 2012. The decrease in comparative quarterly cost of sales from discontinued operations results from the absence of recurring Cetrotide[®] product sales in the fourth quarter of 2013 as compared to the same quarter in 2012. On a comparative annual basis, however, total cost of sales from discontinued operations increased in 2013, as compared to 2012, as a result of the higher comparative volume of Cetrotide[®] product sales, including the sale of inventory assets to Merck Serono, as discussed above.

Additionally, cost of sales as a percentage of sales and royalties increased to approximately 100.5% for the three-month period ended December 31, 2013, as compared to 81.7% for the same period in 2012, mainly due to the absence of royalties recognized after the Cetrotide[®] Business was transferred.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, cost of sales as a percentage of sales and royalties decreased to approximately 47.1%, as compared to 85.4% for the same period in 2012, predominantly due to the accelerated recognition of royalties as mentioned above.

SG&A expenses from discontinued operations amounted to \$1.4 million and \$4.3 million for the three-month period and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, as compared to \$0.6 million and \$2.6 million for the same periods in 2012. The year-over-year increase is largely attributable to the recording of a provision for certain non-cancellable contracts related to the Cetrotide[®] Business that were deemed onerous due to the fact that management expects no economic benefits to flow to the Company following the transfer of the Cetrotide[®] Business on the Closing Date. The provisions for onerous contracts total \$1.3 million and represent the present value of estimated unavoidable future royalty and patent costs associated with the intellectual property underlying Cetrotide[®].

Net income from discontinued operations was \$2.4 million and \$34.1 million for the three-month period and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, as compared to \$1.2 million and \$2.7 million for the same periods in 2012. The comparative increases reflect the net impact of items discussed above, and in particular, for comparative annual purposes, are influenced in large part by the inclusion of the accelerated recognition of previously deferred remaining HRP-related revenues as discontinued operations.

2012 compared to 2011

Revenues from discontinued operations, which included recurring sales of Cetrotide[®] and the ongoing amortization of the proceeds received in 2008 from HRP, were \$31.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 as compared to \$31.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Cost of sales from discontinued operations were \$26.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 as compared to \$27.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

SG&A expenses from discontinued operations were \$2.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 as compared to \$4.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The comparative decrease is attributable in large part to the absence of an impairment loss in 2012 on our Cetrotide[®] intangible asset, as compared to 2011.

Net income (loss) from discontinued operations was \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 as compared to \$(0.5) million for the same periods in 2011. The comparative increase reflects the net impact of items discussed above.

Net (loss) income

2013 compared to 2012

Net (loss) income for the three-month period and the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$(8.2) million and \$6.8 million, or \$(0.22) and \$0.24 per basic and diluted share, respectively, compared to \$(6.9) million and \$(20.4) million, or \$(0.29) and \$(1.03) per basic and diluted share for the same periods in 2012.

The comparative quarter-to-quarter increase in net loss is mainly due to increased finance costs, partially offset by higher net income from discontinued operations and lower operating expenses. The comparative year-over-year decrease in net loss is mainly due to higher net income from discontinued operations and higher revenues, partially compensated by higher operating costs and lower finance income.

2012 compared to 2011

Net loss for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$20.4 million, or \$1.03 per basic and diluted share, compared to \$27.1 million, or \$1.72 per basic and diluted share for the same period in 2011. The decrease in net loss for the year ended December 31, 2012 is explained above.

Quarterly Consolidated Results of Operations Information

| (in thousands, except for per share data) | Quarters ended | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 | June 30, 2013 | March 31, 2013 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues | — | 17 | 96 | 6,062 |
| Loss from operations | (7,972) | (8,648) | (9,693) | (1,163) |
| Net (loss) income from continuing operations | (10,596) | (7,799) | (9,848) | 1,003 |
| Net (loss) income | (8,243) | 3,842 | 9,330 | 1,886 |
| Net (loss) income per share from continuing operations (basic and diluted)* | (0.28) | (0.26) | (0.39) | 0.04 |
| Net (loss) income per share (basic and diluted)* | (0.22) | 0.13 | 0.37 | 0.07 |

| (in thousands, except for per share data) | Quarters ended | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | December 31, 2012 | September 30, 2012 | June 30, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues | 281 | 265 | 402 | 1,105 |
| Loss from operations | (8,119) | (6,447) | (7,672) | (7,498) |
| Net (loss) income from continuing operations | (8,130) | (7,321) | 4,468 | (12,161) |
| Net (loss) income | (6,947) | (6,554) | 4,540 | (11,451) |
| Net (loss) income per share from continuing operations (basic and diluted)* | (0.34) | (0.39) | 0.24 | (0.69) |
| Net (loss) income per share (basic and diluted)* | (0.29) | (0.35) | 0.25 | (0.65) |

* Net (loss) income per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during each reporting period, which may differ on a quarter-to-quarter basis. As such, the sum of the quarterly net (loss) income per share amounts may not equal year-to-date net (loss) income per share.

Historical quarterly results of operations and net (loss) income cannot be taken as reflective of recurring expenditure patterns or predictable trends.

In the last eight quarters, net (loss) income has been impacted by revenues from continuing operations, which have been non-recurring and have been derived predominantly from licensing initiatives, by the comparative level of net R&D costs in connection with the development and termination of our previous perifosine Phase 3 programs, by the increased development of zoptarelin doxorubicin, including the initiation in 2013 of a Phase 3 ZoptEC trial and by the development of MACRILEN™ and of certain earlier stage compounds, as well as by the net income (loss) from discontinued operations, related to the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business mentioned above.

Quarterly net (loss) income was also impacted by the recognition of termination benefits granted to our former CEO and to the related non-cash share-based compensation costs in the second quarter of 2013, as well as by foreign exchange gains or losses and changes in fair value of our warrant liability.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position Information

| (in thousands) | As at December 31, | |
|---|--------------------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 43,202 | 39,521 |
| Trade and other receivables and other current assets | 2,453 | 13,780 |
| Restricted cash | 865 | 826 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1,351 | 2,147 |
| Other non-current assets | 11,325 | 11,391 |
| Total assets | 59,196 | 67,665 |
| Payables and other current liabilities | 7,242 | 10,470 |
| Current portion of deferred revenues | — | 5,235 |
| Warrant liability (current and non-current portions) | 18,010 | 6,176 |
| Non-financial non-current liabilities* | 16,880 | 52,479 |
| Total liabilities | 42,132 | 74,360 |
| Shareholders' equity (deficiency) | 17,064 | (6,695) |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficiency) | 59,196 | 67,665 |

* Comprised mainly of non-current portion of deferred revenues, employee future benefits and provisions.

The increase in cash and cash equivalents as at December 31, 2013, as compared to December 31, 2012, is due to the receipt of net proceeds of \$20.8 million pursuant to registered direct and public offerings and \$2.9 million in drawdowns made under our May 2013 ATM Program, the receipt of the non-refundable, one-time payment after the Closing Date of the transactions involving the discontinuation of the Cetrotide® Business, variations in components of our working capital and the relative strengthening, as at December 31, 2013, of the euro against the US dollar, as compared to December 31, 2012, partially offset by recurring disbursements.

The decrease in trade and other receivables and other current assets as at December 31, 2013, as compared to December 31, 2012, is mainly due to lower trade accounts receivable, inventory and prepaid expenses as a result of the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business, partly offset by the relative strengthening, as at December 31, 2013, of the euro against the US dollar, as compared to December 31, 2012.

The decrease in payables and other current liabilities as at December 31, 2013, as compared to December 31, 2012, is mainly due to lower trade accounts payable, lower accrued Cetrotide® services and deliveries and lower accrued R&D costs, partly offset by the relative strengthening, as at December 31, 2013, of the euro against the US dollar, as compared to December 31, 2012.

The decrease in current portion of deferred revenues as at December 31, 2013, as compared to December 31, 2012, is predominantly due to the change in the timing in the amortization of deferred revenues, as mentioned above.

Our warrant liability increased from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013 predominantly due to the issuance of 15.7 million additional share purchase warrants in connection with the registered direct and public offerings mentioned above. The increase was partly offset by net fair value gains, recorded pursuant to the periodic "mark-to-market" revaluation of the underlying outstanding share purchase warrants.

The decrease in non-financial non-current liabilities as at December 31, 2013, as compared to December 31, 2012, is mainly due to a decrease in deferred revenues, resulting predominantly from the amortization of upfront payments received from our partners in connection with Cetrotide® and perifosine, as mentioned above, and to the decrease of \$1.8 million in our pension-related employee benefit obligation (due predominantly to the recording of an actuarial gain). These decreases were partly offset by the recognition of a provision for onerous contracts of \$1.3 million, as mentioned above, and by the relative strengthening, as at December 31, 2013, of the euro against the US dollar, as compared to December 31, 2012.

The significant increase in shareholders' equity from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013 is mainly attributable to the decrease in our deficit due to the recording of net income, to the increase in share capital following the issuance of common shares pursuant to the aforementioned registered direct and public offerings and May 2013 ATM Program drawdowns, to the decrease in accumulated other comprehensive loss due to foreign currency translation gains and to the increase in other capital due to the recording of share-based compensation costs.

Financial Liabilities, Obligations and Commitments

We have certain contractual lease obligation commitments as well as other long-term obligations related to unfunded benefit pension plans and unfunded post-employment benefit plans. The following tables summarize future cash requirements with respect to these obligations.

Future minimum lease payments and future minimum sublease payments expected to be received under non-cancellable operating leases (subleases), as well as future payments in connection with utility service agreements are as follows:

| (in thousands) | As at December 31, 2013 | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | Minimum lease payments | Minimum sublease payments | Utilities |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Less than 1 year | 1,795 | (226 |) 640 |
| 1 – 3 years | 2,562 | (451 |) 559 |
| 4 – 5 years | 515 | (244 |) — |
| More than 5 years | — | — | — |
| Total | 4,872 | (921 |) 1,199 |

In accordance with the assumptions used in our employee future benefits obligation calculation as at December 31, 2013, undiscounted benefits expected to be paid are as follows:

| (in thousands) | As at December 31, 2013 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | \$ |
| Less than 1 year | 531 |
| 1 – 3 years | 1,177 |
| 4 – 5 years | 1,259 |
| More than 5 years | 26,654 |
| Total | 29,621 |

Outstanding Share Data

As at March 20, 2014, we had 56,513,969 common shares issued and outstanding, as well as 2,546,740 stock options outstanding. Warrants outstanding as at March 20, 2014 represented a total of 28,907,410 equivalent common shares.

Capital Disclosures

Our objective in managing capital, consisting of shareholders' equity (deficiency), with cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash equivalents being its primary components, is to ensure sufficient liquidity to fund R&D activities, selling, general and administrative expenses, working capital and capital expenditures.

In the past, we have had access to liquidity through non-dilutive sources, including investment tax credits and grants, interest income, licensing and related services and royalties. More recently, we have increasingly raised capital via public equity offerings and drawdowns under various ATM sales programs.

Our capital management objective remains the same as that in previous periods. The policy on dividends is to retain cash to keep funds available to finance the activities required to advance our product development portfolio. We are not subject to any capital requirements imposed by any regulators or by any other external source.

Liquidity, Cash Flows and Capital Resources

Our operations and capital expenditures have been financed through certain transactions impacting our cash flows from operating activities, public equity offerings, as well as from the drawdowns under various ATM programs, as discussed above.

Our cash and cash equivalents amounted to \$43.2 million as at December 31, 2013, as compared to \$39.5 million as at December 31, 2012. As at December 31, 2013, we had cash and cash equivalents amounting to \$9.3 million that were denominated in euros.

Based on our assessment, which took into account current cash levels, as well as our strategic plan and corresponding budgets and forecasts, we believe that we have sufficient liquidity and financial resources to fund planned expenditures and other working capital needs for at least, but not limited to, the 12-month period following the statement of financial position date of December 31, 2013.

We may endeavour to secure additional financing, as required, through strategic alliance arrangements or through other activities, as well as via the issuance of new share capital.

The variations in our liquidity by activity are explained below.

| (in thousands) | Three-month periods ended December 31, | | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|---|---------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of period | 24,829 | 33,202 | 39,521 | 46,881 | 31,998 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | | |
| Cash used in operating activities from continuing operations | (6,184) | (6,481) | (30,131) | (25,681) | (22,454) |
| Cash provided by (used in) operating activities from discontinued operations | 9,622 | (2,282) | 10,147 | (5,134) | (3,789) |
| | 3,438 | (8,763) | (19,984) | (30,815) | (26,243) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common shares and warrants | 14,795 | 15,097 | 23,708 | 23,619 | 36,250 |
| Net proceeds from the exercise of share purchase warrants and other | — | — | — | 589 | 2,306 |
| | 14,795 | 15,097 | 23,708 | 24,208 | 38,556 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities from continuing operations | (21) | (113) | (85) | (272) | 2,463 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities from discontinued operations | 113 | — | 113 | — | — |
| | 92 | (113) | 28 | (272) | 2,463 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 48 | 98 | (71) | (481) | 107 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - End of period | 43,202 | 39,521 | 43,202 | 39,521 | 46,881 |

Operating Activities

2013 compared to 2012

Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities were \$3.4 million and \$(20.0) million for the three-month period and the year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, compared to \$(8.8) million and \$(30.8) million for the same periods in 2012. The significant decreases in cash flows used in operating activities are mainly due to the cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations as a result of the changes in operating assets and liabilities and to the receipt, during the fourth quarter of 2013, of the non-refundable, one-time payment received from Merck Serono pursuant to the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business, as discussed above.

The year-over-year decrease in cash flows used in operating activities is partly offset by the increase in cash used in operating activities from continuing operations, which is explained by the comparable increase in R&D and SG&A expenditures, mainly related to the zoptarelin doxorubicin and MACRILEN™ projects, as well as by lower cash flows provided by license fee revenues.

We expect net cash used in operating activities to range from \$33 million to \$35 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, as we continue to invest in zoptarelin doxorubicin, our ZoptEC Phase 3 program and related sub-studies, as well as the pre-launch activities related to MACRILEN™ in AGHD in the U.S. market. This estimate may vary significantly in future periods, most notably as a result of the strategic review of our R&D activities, as discussed further below.

2012 compared to 2011

Cash flows used in operating activities totalled \$30.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$26.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Operating cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2011 included the receipt of a non-recurring \$8.4 million upfront payment made by Yakult in connection with our development, commercialization and licensing agreement for the rights related to perifosine in Japan. The increase in cash used in operating activities during 2012 was partially offset by a lower loss from operations for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Financing Activities

2012 compared to 2011

Cash flows provided by financing activities were \$24.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$38.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The year-over-year decrease is primarily due to lower proceeds from the issuance of common shares and warrants, which resulted in the receipt of net cash proceeds of \$23.6 million in 2012, as compared to \$36.3 million for the same period in 2011, and to lower proceeds received on the exercise of share purchase warrants.

Investing Activities

2012 compared to 2011

Cash flows (used in) provided by investing activities totalled \$(0.3) million for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$2.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. This decrease is due to the absence, in 2012, of cash proceeds received on the sale of short-term investments, partly offset by lower cash disbursements made in connection with the purchases of laboratory and other equipment used in ongoing R&D activities.

Critical Accounting Policies, Estimates and Judgments

Our consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of our assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosures. Judgments, estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience, expectations, current trends and other factors that management believes to be relevant at the time at which our consolidated financial statements are prepared.

Management reviews, on a regular basis, the Company's accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with IFRS. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

A summary of those critical accounting estimates and assumptions, as well as critical judgments used in applying accounting policies in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements, can be found in note 3 to our consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Adopted in 2013

The following new standards and amendments to standards are effective for the first time for interim periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 and have been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. The accounting policies have been applied consistently by all subsidiaries of the Company.

IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements ("IFRS 10"), which builds on existing principles by identifying the concept of control as the determining factor in whether an entity should be included within the consolidated financial statements of a parent company. IFRS 10 also provides additional guidance to assist in the determination of control where this is difficult to assess.

IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements ("IFRS 11"), which enhances accounting for joint arrangements, particularly by focusing on the rights and obligations of the arrangement, rather than the arrangement's legal form. IFRS 11 also addresses inconsistencies in the reporting of joint arrangements by requiring a single method to account for interests in jointly controlled entities and prohibits proportionate consolidation.

IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, which is a comprehensive standard on disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in other entities, including joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and other off-balance sheet vehicles.

IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement ("IFRS 13"), which defines fair value, sets out in a single IFRS a framework for measuring fair value and requires disclosures about fair value measurements. IFRS 13 does not determine when an asset, a liability or an entity's own equity instrument is measured at fair value. Rather, the measurement and disclosure requirements of IFRS 13 apply when another IFRS requires or permits the item to be measured at fair value (with limited exceptions).

In June 2011, the IASB issued an amended version of IAS 19, Employee Benefits, including the elimination of the option to defer the recognition of actuarial gains and losses (known as the "corridor method"), the streamlining of the presentation of changes in assets and liabilities arising from defined benefit plans and the enhancement of the disclosure requirements for defined benefit plans, including additional information about the characteristics of defined benefit plans and the risks to which entities are exposed through participation in those plans.

In December 2011, the IASB issued an amended version of IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosure ("IFRS 7"), including the requirement to disclose information that enables users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the effect, or potential effect, of offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities, to the entity's financial position.

The impact of the adoption of these standards and amendments did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Not yet adopted

On May 29, 2013, the IASB made amendments to the disclosure requirements of IAS 36, Impairment of Assets ("IAS 36"), requiring disclosure, in certain instances, of the recoverable amount of an asset or cash generating unit, and the basis for the determination of fair value less costs of disposal, when an impairment loss is recognized or when an impairment loss is subsequently reversed. The amendments to IAS 36 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and will be applied prospectively. The Company does not expect that these amendments will have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2013, the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") issued International Financial Reporting Standard Interpretation 21, Levies ("IFRIC 21"), an interpretation on the accounting for levies imposed by governments. IFRIC 21 is an interpretation of IAS 37, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets ("IAS 37"). IAS 37 sets out criteria for the recognition of a liability, one of which is the requirement for the entity to have a present obligation as a result of a past event (known as an obligating event). IFRIC 21 clarifies that the obligating event that gives rise to a liability to pay a levy is the activity described in the relevant legislation that triggers the payment of the levy. IFRIC 21 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and is to be applied on a retrospective basis.

The Company does not expect that IFRIC 21 will have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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In November 2009 and October 2010, the IASB issued IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), which represents the completion of the first part of a three-part project to replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. Under the new standard, an entity choosing to measure a liability at fair value will present the portion of the change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in the other comprehensive income or loss section of the entity's statement of comprehensive income (loss), rather than within profit or loss in the case where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities. Additionally, IFRS 7, which is effective on adoption of IFRS 9, was amended to include revised guidance related to the derecognition of financial instruments. The Company is currently assessing the impact, if any, that IFRS 9 will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Outlook for 2014

MACRILEN™

Throughout the remainder of 2014, we expect to advance the pre-launch activities related to the initial commercialization of MACRILEN™ for the evaluation of AGHD in the U.S. market. As noted above, our NDA is currently under substantive review by the FDA. Subject to the successful review and acceptance of our NDA, we expect to make MACRILEN™ available by prescription in the U.S. as soon as commercially practicable following final regulatory approval.

There are approximately 36,000 AGHD tests performed annually in the U.S. Based on published information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by Navigant Research, we estimate that the total potential U.S. market for AGHD evaluation is approximately 158,000 tests per year, including the evaluation of patients who have suffered traumatic brain injury ("TBI"). Research published in the British Journal of Neurosurgery (2007) and in the Frontiers in Endocrinology (2011) estimates that approximately 19% of hospitalized patients suffering from severe and moderate cases of TBI will develop growth hormone deficiency.

We intend to build a commercial infrastructure necessary to access the physicians who perform the majority of AGHD tests (endocrinologists) along with the major centers of AGHD influence. Commercial initiatives are likely to include the targeted selection, hiring and deployment of a contracted sales force by the end of 2014. The targeted marketing efforts of our sales force will reach endocrinology specialists of AGHD. We believe these efforts will enable the realization of a substantial portion of the potential commercial opportunity for MACRILEN™.

We are evaluating the possible final distribution channels for MACRILEN™, however, we expect that MACRILEN™ will be accessed through a mixture of specialty pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, wholesalers and other secondary channels.

To date, we have established an agreement with a contract manufacturer for the commercial supply of the product and expect to use a third-party logistics provider for key services related to logistics, warehousing and inventory management.

We will continue to evaluate the potential to commercialize MACRILEN™ in other geographic territories, including Canada and Europe.

Zoptarelin doxorubicin

We expect to complete initiation of clinical sites (over 100) for our Phase 3 ZoptEC study with Ergomed. Our goal is to secure a first interim (futility) analysis for the Phase 3 ZoptEC study during the first half of 2015 by reaching anticipated patient enrollment.

We also expect to disclose results of the Phase 2 investigator-driven study in castration- and taxane-resistant prostate cancer, for which the investigator of this study was awarded a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Business development

With our focus to become a growth-oriented, specialty biopharmaceutical company, and in addition to our commitment to developing key product candidates in our existing pipeline, we expect to continue to evaluate potential in-licensing and/or acquisition opportunities, as well as co-promotional arrangements related to targeted commercial products.

Expectations for revenues, operating expenditures and cash flows

Revenues from continuing operations are expected to significantly decrease in 2014, as compared to 2013, mainly as a result of the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business and as all deferred revenues have been recognized in 2013.

Our main focus for R&D efforts will be on our later-stage compound, zoptarelin doxorubicin and its Phase 3 ZoptEC study, as discussed above, where we anticipate substantial investment to fund ongoing development initiatives. For earlier-stage initiatives and product candidates, we expect to recover certain R&D costs through grants, R&D credits or other collaboration

agreements. As noted above, however, we currently are in the process of performing a review of all of our preclinical activities in order to streamline our operations, reduce our operating cash burn and more appropriately align our financial resources with our longer-term strategic goals. This review may result in changes to our future overall R&D activities and cost profile that may have a significant impact on our results of operations versus currently available information and forecasts, which estimates net R&D costs at between \$24 million and \$26 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. As such, our net R&D cost estimates may be revised in future periods as we continue to review our R&D activities, advance R&D development and as new information becomes available.

Our SG&A expenses are expected to decrease in 2014, as compared to 2013, despite the ramping up of pre-commercialization efforts related to the expected launch of MACRILEN™ in the U.S. The overall decrease largely reflects the decrease in termination benefits, which in 2013 were paid to our former CEO, as discussed above.

We expect that our overall operating burn in 2014 will range from \$33 million to \$35 million as we continue to fund operating activities and working capital requirements, and excluding the impact of any decisions associated with the overall review of our R&D activities and of any foreign exchange impacts. Our Board of Directors and management team are committed to optimizing our use of operating cash flows, and while we cannot provide any definitive conclusions or address the timeline and potential results of the aforementioned strategic review, we continue to work diligently in order to reach a successful outcome.

Financial Risk Factors and Other Instruments

Fair value risk

The change in our warrant liability, which is measured at fair value through profit or loss, results from the periodic "mark-to-market" revaluation, via the application of the Black-Scholes option pricing model, of currently outstanding share purchase warrants. The Black-Scholes valuation is impacted, among other inputs, by the market price of our common shares. As a result, the change in fair value of the warrant liability, which is reported as finance income (costs) in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), has been and may continue in future periods to be materially affected by changes in our common share closing price, which has ranged from \$1.03 to \$3.23 on the NASDAQ during the year ended December 31, 2013.

If variations in the market price of our common shares of -10% and +10% were to occur, the impact on our net income (loss) for the warrant liability held at December 31, 2013 would be as follows:

| (in thousands) | Carrying amount | -10% | +10% | |
|--|-----------------|-------|--------|---|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Warrant liability | 18,010 | 2,205 | (2,172 |) |
| Total impact on net income – increase / (decrease) | | 2,205 | (2,172 |) |

Foreign currency risk

Since we operate internationally, we are exposed to currency risks as a result of potential exchange rate fluctuations related to non-intragroup transactions. In particular, fluctuations in the U.S. dollar exchange rates against the euro could have a significant impact on our results of operations.

If foreign exchange rate variations of -5% (depreciation of the EUR) and +5% (appreciation of the EUR) against the US\$, from period-end rates of EUR1 = US\$1.3779 were to occur, the impact on our net (loss) income for each category of financial instruments held at December 31, 2013 would be as follows:

| (in thousands) | Carrying amount | Balances denominated in US\$ | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--------|---|
| | \$ | -5% | +5% | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 27,452 | 1,373 | (1,373 |) |
| Warrant liability | 18,010 | (901 |) 900 | |
| Total impact on net income – increase / (decrease) | | 472 | (473 |) |

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that we will not be able to meet our financial obligations as they become due. We manage this risk through the management of our capital structure and by continuously monitoring actual and projected cash flows. The Board of Directors reviews and approves our operating and capital budgets, as well as any material transactions out of the ordinary course of business. We have adopted an investment policy in respect of the safety and preservation of our capital to ensure our liquidity needs are met. The instruments are selected with regard to the expected timing of expenditures and prevailing interest rates.

We believe that we have sufficient funds to pay our ongoing general and administrative expenses, to pursue our R&D activities and to meet our liabilities, obligations and existing commitments as they fall due for the ensuing twelve months. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, we take into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, twelve months from the end of the reporting period. We expect to continue to incur operating losses and may require significant capital to fulfill our future obligations. Our ability to continue future operations beyond December 31, 2014 and to fund our activities is dependent on our ability to secure additional financings which may be completed in a number of ways including but not limited to licensing arrangements, partnerships, share and other equity issuances and other financing activities. We will pursue such additional sources of financing when required, and while we have been successful in securing financing in the past, there can be no assurance we will be able to do so in the future or that these sources of funding or initiatives will be available for the Company or that they will be available on terms which are acceptable to us.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. We regularly monitor credit risk exposure and take steps to mitigate the likelihood of this exposure resulting in losses. Our exposure to credit risk currently relates to cash and cash equivalents, to trade and other receivables and to restricted cash. We invest our available cash in amounts that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and deposit our cash balances with financial institutions that are rated the equivalent of "Baa1" and above. This information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, we use publicly available financial information to ensure that we invest our cash in creditworthy and reputable financial institutions.

As at December 31, 2013, trade accounts receivable for an amount of approximately \$1.7 million were with one customer.

As at December 31, 2013, no trade accounts receivable were past due or impaired.

Generally, we do not require collateral or other security from customers for trade accounts receivable; however, credit is extended following an evaluation of creditworthiness. In addition, we perform ongoing credit reviews of all our customers and establish an allowance for doubtful accounts when accounts are determined to be uncollectible.

The maximum exposure to credit risk approximates the amount recognized on the statement of financial position.

Related Party Transactions and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In addition to payments made to members of our key management team, during the year ended December 31, 2013, we paid \$76,800 in professional fees to one of the members of the Company's Board of Directors for special tasks mandated by our Nominating, Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee.

As at December 31, 2013, we did not have any interests in special purpose entities or any other off-balance sheet arrangements.

Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

A. Directors and senior management

The following table sets forth information about our directors and corporate officers as at March 20, 2014.

| Name and Place of Residence | Position with Aeterna Zentaris |
|---|---|
| Aubut, Marcel Quebec, Canada | Director |
| Dodd, David A. South Carolina, United States | President and Chief Executive Officer |
| Dinges, Jude Georgia, United States | Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer |
| Dorais, José P. Quebec, Canada | Director |
| Egbert, Carolyn Texas, United States | Director |
| Ernst, Juergen Brussels, Belgium | Chairman of the Board and Director |
| Lapalme, Pierre Quebec, Canada | Director |
| Limoges, Gérard Quebec, Canada | Director |
| Métivier, Amélie Quebec, Canada | Assistant Secretary |
| Sachse, Richard Mittelbiberach, Germany | Senior Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer/Chief Medical Officer |
| Shapiro, Elliot Quebec, Canada | Corporate Secretary |
| Turpin, Dennis Quebec, Canada | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |

There are no family relationships among any of the directors or executive officers of the Company and its subsidiaries. The following is a brief biography of each of our directors and senior officers.

Marcel Aubut has served as a director on our Board since 1996. Mr. Aubut is a partner and Vice-Chairman of the Board of BCF LLP, a law firm. The countless companies and boards with which Marcel Aubut has been involved over the years demonstrate his versatility and, above all, his vast experience in the world of business. These include, among others, Atomic Energy of Canada, Olymel L.P. (Olybro), Boralex Power Income Fund, Triton Electronik, Whole Foods Market Canada, Hydro-Québec (Executive Committee), Purolator Courier Ltd., Tremblant Resort, Cinar Inc., La Laurentienne générale, La Laurentienne vie, Investors Group Inc., Transforce Inc., Intra Continental Insurers Ltd., the National Hockey League Pension Society, Boréal Entreprises Premier CDN Ltée, Les Industries Amisco Ltée, Donohue Matane Inc., La Société de développement du Loisir et du Sport du Québec, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Canadian Olympic Foundation, member of VANOC's Audit Committee, Governance and Ethics Committee and Observer Team, Sodic Québec Inc., Innovatech Québec, Textile Dionne, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, the Committee for the 2002 Quebec City Olympic Games Bid, the Committee for the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games Bid, la Fondation Nordiques, etc. He has also presided over the establishment of numerous industrial projects in the greater region of Quebec City.

Jude Dinges was appointed our Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer in November 2013. He began his career nearly 30 years ago as a professional sales representative at Bristol Laboratories and later at Merck & Co., where he was promoted to positions with increased responsibilities in training, sales, management, marketing, and market development. While at Merck, Mr. Dinges won multiple awards, including the President's Achievement Award in 2001, awarded to one of 32 Business Directors each year. He received the Change Agent Award for his market development prelaunch business planning and contributions to sales force execution, while launching the blockbuster brands Cozaar[®], Fosamax[®], Singulair[®], Maxalt[®], Vioxx[®], and Vytarin[®]. He was recognized with a Career Achievement Award for his consistent top performance as a Senior/Executive Business Director. Mr. Dinges joined Novartis Pharmaceuticals in 2006 and led his region to top performance in the launch of Tekturna[®] while balancing a broad antihypertensive portfolio across several Novartis divisions. His region also led the nation in market share for Exelon[®] and Exelon Patch[®]. In 2008, Mr. Dinges became the Respiratory & Infectious Disease Specialty Medicines Director. In 2009, Mr. Dinges joined Amgen Inc. as Executive Director of Region Sales, Bone Health Business Unit. Mr. Dinges led his region team to a highly successful launch of monoclonal antibody, Prolia[®], across southeastern United States and Puerto Rico.

David A. Dodd was appointed our President and CEO in April 2013. Mr. Dodd's executive management experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries spans more than 35 years. Prior to joining Aeterna Zentaris, Mr. Dodd was President and CEO of Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc. During his six-year tenure as President, CEO and Director of Serologicals Corporation, the market value of the company increased from \$85 million in June 2000 to an all-cash sale to Millipore Corporation in July 2006 for \$1.5 billion. He also was President, CEO and Chairman of BioReliance Corporation, a leading provider of biological safety and related testing services. Prior to that, Mr. Dodd held various senior management positions at Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, the Mead Johnson Laboratories Division at Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Abbott Laboratories. Mr. Dodd holds a Master degree from Georgia State University, and completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

José P. Dorais has served as a director on our Board since 2006. Mr. Dorais is a partner of Miller Thomson LLP, a law firm, where he mainly practices administrative, corporate, business and international trade law. Over his 35-year career, he has worked in both the private and public sectors; in the latter he acted as Secretary to the Minister of Justice and as Secretary of the consulting committee on the Free Trade Agreement for the Quebec Provincial Government. Mr. Dorais has been a member of numerous boards of directors, including the Société des Alcools du Québec, Armand-Frappier Institute, Biochem Pharma and St-Luc Hospital in Montreal. He was, until recently, a member of the Board of Directors of Alliance Films Inc. and Investissement Québec and Chairman of the Board of Foster Wheeler Énergie Inc. He holds a law degree from the University of Ottawa and is a member of the Barreau du Québec.

Carolyn Egbert has served as a director on our Board since August 2012. After enjoying the private practice of law as a defense litigator in Michigan and Washington, D.C., she joined Solvay America, Inc. ("Solvay") (a chemical and pharmaceutical company) in Houston, Texas. Over the course of a twenty-year career with Solvay, she held the positions of Vice President, Human Resources, President of Solvay Management Services, Global Head of Human

Resources and Senior Executive Vice President of Global Ethics and Compliance. During her tenure with Solvay, she served as a director on the Board of Directors of seven subsidiary companies. After retiring in 2010, she established a consulting business providing expertise in corporate governance, ethics and compliance, organizational development and strategic human resources. She holds a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Biological Sciences from George Washington University, Washington D.C. and a Juris Doctor degree from Seattle University, Seattle, Washington. She also was a Ph.D. candidate in Pharmacology at both Georgetown University Medical School at Washington, D.C. and Northwestern University Medical School at Chicago, Illinois. She remains an active member of both the Michigan State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar, Washington, D.C.

Juergen Ernst has served as a director on our Board since 2005. As the former General Manager of the Pharmaceutical Sector of Solvay S.A. (international chemical and pharmaceutical group), Mr. Ernst has had extensive senior management experience, where, among other functions, he oversaw the human resources department. Mr. Ernst is also a member of the Board of Directors of Pharming Group N.V., a biotechnology company based in the Netherlands. Pierre Lapalme has served as a director on our Board since December 2009. Mr. Lapalme has, over the course of his career, held numerous senior management positions in various global life sciences companies. He is former Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing for Ciba-Geigy (which subsequently became Novartis) and former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Rhone-Poulenc Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Canada and in North America, as well as Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Rhone-Poulenc-Rorer Inc. North America (now sanofi-aventis), where he supervised the development, manufacturing and sales of prescription products in North and Central America. Mr. Lapalme served on the Board of Directors of the National Pharmaceutical Council USA and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada, where he played a leading role in reinstating patent protection for pharmaceuticals. Until recently, he was a member of the Board and Chairman of the Board of Sciele Pharma Inc., which was acquired by Shionogi and Co. Ltd. Mr. Lapalme is currently Chairman of the Board of Biomarin Inc., Chairman of the Board of Pediapharm Inc., Chairman of the Board of GlyPharma Therapeutics and a member of the Board of Directors of Algorithm Pharma Inc. and of Insys Therapeutics Inc., a Phoenix-Arizona based specialty pharma company. He studied at the University of Western Ontario and at INSEAD, France.

G rard Limoges, has served as a director on our Board since 2004. Mr. Limoges served as the Deputy Chairman of Ernst & Young LLP Canada until his retirement in September 1999. After a career of 37 years with Ernst & Young, Mr. Limoges has been devoting his time as a director of a number of companies. Mr. Limoges began his career with Ernst & Young in Montreal in 1962. After graduating from the Management Faculty of the Universit  de Montr al (HEC Montr al) in 1966, he wrote the CICA exams the same year (Honors: Governor General's Gold Medal for the highest marks in Canada and Gold Medal of the Ordre des Comptables Agr es du Qu bec). He became a chartered accountant in 1967 and partner of Ernst & Young in 1971. After practicing as auditor since 1962 and partner since 1971, he was appointed Managing Partner of the Montreal Office in 1979 and Chairman for Quebec in 1984 when he also joined the National Executive Committee. In 1992, he was appointed Vice Chairman of Ernst & Young Canada and the following year, Deputy Chairman of the Canadian firm. After retirement from practice at the end of September 1999, he was appointed Trustee of the School board of Greater Montreal (1999), member of the Quebec Commission on Health Care and Social Services (2000-2001) and special advisor to the Rector of the Universit  de Montr al and affiliate schools (2000-2003). Mr. Limoges, at the request of the Board of Directors of the Universit  de Montr al, participated in the selection of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in 2011. Mr. Limoges is a board member or trustee and chairman of the Audit Committees of the following public companies: Aeterna Zentaris Inc. (TSX and the NASDAQ), Hartco Inc. (TSX), PROREIT (TSX) and Hart Stores Inc. (TSXV). He is also a board member of various private companies and charities. Mr. Limoges became an FCPA, FCA (Fellow) in 1984 and received the Order of Canada in 2002.

Am lie M tivier, Assistant Secretary. Ms. M tivier has served as our Assistant Secretary since April 2009. In addition, Ms. M tivier is currently a lawyer at the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP with a business law and transaction-oriented practice, where she has worked since 2003. She is a member of the Barreau du Qu bec and holds an LL.B. (2004) degree from the Universit  de Montr al.

Richard Sachse was appointed our Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer in January 2014. In March 2014, he was also appointed Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Sachse holds a degree in medicine from the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen, in Germany, and a board certification in Clinical Pharmacology. With more than 20 years experience as a physician and scientist, he has extensive expertise in a variety of different therapeutic areas, including endocrinology and oncology. In addition to registration studies, he is especially experienced in the design and implementation of translational programs to bridge research programs to the clinic, as well as in the design and implementation of clinical pharmacology programs, including all required profiling studies and activities, enabling successful registration of products at the international level. From 1996 to 2000, he was International Project Leader at the Bayer AG Institute for Clinical Pharmacology, and Principal Investigator at the Bayer Clinical

Pharmacology Unit, implementing innovative exploratory development tools, including biomarkers to demonstrate early Proof of Concept. From 2001 to 2006, Dr. Sachse held a variety of different management positions within early and late phase clinical development programs, including responsibilities for completed Phase 3 programs leading to successful NDA/MAA submissions. In 2007, after a merger, he became Senior Director, Head of Experimental Medicine, at UCB in Belgium, where he managed the implementation of novel biomarkers in clinical development to provide data supporting identification of appropriate target indication and target population. In 2010, Dr. Sachse became Vice President, Head of Global Translational Medicine at Boehringer Ingelheim.

Elliot Shapiro was appointed our Corporate Secretary in April 2009. In addition, Mr. Shapiro is currently a partner and a lawyer at the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP with a business law and transaction-oriented practice, where he has worked since 1999. He is a member of the Barreau du Québec. Mr. Shapiro holds B.C.L. (1999), LL.B. (1999) and B.A. (1993) degrees from McGill University.

Dennis Turpin was appointed our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in August 2007. Prior to that, he served as our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since June 1999. Mr. Turpin joined Aeterna Zentaris in August 1996 as Director of Finance. Prior to that, he was Director in the tax department at Coopers Lybrand, now PricewaterhouseCoopers, from 1988 to 1996 and worked as an auditor from 1985 to 1988. Mr. Turpin earned his Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Laval University in Québec. He obtained his license in accounting in 1985 and became a chartered accountant in 1987.

B. Compensation

Our executive officers are generally paid in their home country's currency. Unless otherwise indicated, all directors' and executive compensation information included in this document is presented in US dollars and, to the extent a director or officer has been paid in a currency other than US dollars (i.e. Canadian dollars or euros), the amounts have been converted from such person's home country currency to US dollars based on the following average exchange rates: for the financial year ended December 31, 2013: €1.000 = US\$1.329 and CAN\$1.000 = US\$0.971; for the financial year ended December 31, 2012: €1.000 = US\$1.286 and CAN\$1.000 = US\$1.001; and for the financial year ended December 31, 2011: €1.000 = US\$1.392 and CAN\$1.000 = US\$1.011.

1. Compensation of Outside Directors

The compensation paid to the Company's directors is designed to (i) attract and retain the most qualified people to serve on the Board and its committees, (ii) align the interests of the Company's directors with those of its shareholders, and (iii) provide appropriate compensation for the risks and responsibilities related to being an effective director. This compensation is recommended to the Board by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation (NGC) Committee ("Governance Committee"). The Governance Committee is composed of three (3) directors, each of whom is independent, namely Messrs. José P. Dorais (Chair), Juergen Ernst and Ms. Carolyn Egbert. One of the members of the Governance Committee, Juergen Ernst, is the Chairman of the Board.

The Board has adopted a formal mandate for the Governance Committee, which is available on our website at www.aezsinc.com. The mandate of the Governance Committee provides that it is responsible for (i) assisting the Board in developing our approach to corporate governance issues, (ii) proposing new Board nominees, (iii) assessing the effectiveness of the Board and its committees, their respective chairs and individual directors and (iv) making recommendations to the Board with respect to directors' compensation.

In 2013, the Governance Committee retained James F. Reda and Associates ("Reda"), a division of Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., as a compensation consultant. Reda was retained to assist the Governance Committee with (i) a review of the Company's compensation programs, particularly its executive short-term and long-term incentive programs, and (ii) a review and benchmarking of the remuneration of members of the Board. Reda analyzed the Company's past practices and defined a peer group of companies in order to understand the competitive compensation practices and to propose a program designed to deliver both cash and equity compensation components to the Company's directors and executive officers. The Company's existing director compensation structure was benchmarked against market compensation data gathered from North American biopharmaceutical companies of comparable size. See the section below titled "Compensation Consultant" and "Benchmarking" for more information.

Based on the results of the benchmarking study and in light of the substantial responsibilities inherent to the position of director, the payment of an increased target envelope of director compensation, including both cash and equity components was proposed by Reda. Upon recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board determined not to immediately effect or implement any increase to the remuneration payable to directors and deferred further consideration of various elements of directors' compensation to a later point in time in 2014.

Annual Retainers and Attendance Fees

Annual retainers and attendance fees are paid on a quarterly basis to the members of the Board who are not employees of the Company or its subsidiaries ("Outside Directors") on the following basis:

| Type of Compensation | Annual Compensation for the year 2013 (in units of home country currency) |
|--|--|
| Chairman's Retainer | 45,000 |
| Board Member Retainer | 15,000 |
| Board Meeting Attendance Fees | 1,000 per meeting |
| Audit Committee Chair Retainer | 15,000 |
| Audit Committee Member Retainer | 4,000 |
| Audit Committee Meeting Attendance Fees | 1,000 per meeting |
| Governance Committee Chair Retainer | 12,000 |
| Governance Committee Member Retainer | 2,000 |
| Governance Committee Meeting Attendance Fees | 1,000 per meeting |

All amounts in the above table are paid to Board and committee members in their home country currency.

The President and Chief Executive Officer is the only member of the Board who is not an Outside Director and as such is not compensated in his capacity as a director. The Chairman is an Outside Director and is compensated as such. Outside Directors are reimbursed for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board or committee meetings.

Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards

The following table shows all awards outstanding to each Outside Director up to the end of the financial year ending and as at December 31, 2013:

| Name | Option-based Awards | | | | | Share-based Awards | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---|
| | Issuance Date | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options ⁽¹⁾ | Option Exercise Price | Option Expiration Date | Value of Unexercised In-the-money Options ⁽²⁾ | Issuance Date | Number of Shares or Units of Shares that have Not Vested | Market or Payout Value of Share-based Awards that have Not Vested |
| | (mm-dd-yyyy) | (#) | (CAN\$ or US\$) | (mm-dd-yyyy) | (CAN\$ or US\$) | (mm-dd-yyyy) | (#) | (\$) |
| Aubut, Marcel | 12/14/2004 | 2,500 | CAN\$34.98 | 12/13/2014 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/13/2005 | 2,500 | CAN\$21.18 | 12/12/2015 | — | — | — | — |
| | 01/04/2007 | 833 | CAN\$27.90 | 01/03/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/11/2007 | 4,166 | CAN\$10.92 | 12/10/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2008 | 2,500 | CAN\$3.30 | 12/08/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/09/2009 | 3,333 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 5,000 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 8,333 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/09/2012 | 10,000 | US\$3.54 | 05/08/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/08/2013 | 5,000 | US\$1.86 | 05/07/2023 | — | — | — | — |
| | 11/27/2013 | 25,000 | US\$1.12 | 11/26/2023 | US\$6,500 | — | — | — |
| Dorais, José P. | 12/08/2010 | 5,000 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 8,333 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/09/2012 | 10,000 | US\$3.54 | 05/08/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/08/2013 | 5,000 | US\$1.86 | 05/07/2023 | — | — | — | — |
| | | 11/27/2013 | 25,000 | US\$1.12 | 11/26/2023 | US\$6,500 | — | — |
| Egbert, Carolyn | 12/06/2012 | 7,500 | US\$2.17 | 12/05/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/08/2013 | 5,000 | US\$1.86 | 05/07/2023 | — | — | — | — |
| | | 11/27/2013 | 25,000 | US\$1.12 | 11/26/2023 | US\$6,500 | — | — |
| Ernst, Juergen | 02/25/2005 | 2,500 | CAN\$30.54 | 02/24/2015 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/13/2005 | 2,500 | CAN\$21.18 | 12/12/2015 | — | — | — | — |
| | 01/04/2007 | 833 | CAN\$27.90 | 01/03/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/11/2007 | 4,166 | CAN\$10.92 | 12/10/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 11/14/2008 | 16,666 | CAN\$3.90 | 11/13/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2008 | 2,500 | CAN\$3.30 | 12/08/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/09/2009 | 3,333 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 5,000 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 8,333 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/09/2012 | 10,000 | US\$3.54 | 05/08/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/08/2013 | 5,000 | US\$1.86 | 05/07/2023 | — | — | — | — |

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|--------------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|-----------|---|---|---|
| | 11/27/2013 | 25,000 | US\$1.12 | 11/26/2023 | US\$6,500 | — | — | — |
| Lapalme, Pierre | 12/09/2009 | 3,333 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 5,000 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 8,333 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/09/2012 | 10,000 | US\$3.54 | 05/08/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/08/2013 | 5,000 | US\$1.86 | 05/07/2023 | — | — | — | — |
| | 11/27/2013 | 25,000 | US\$1.12 | 11/26/2023 | US\$6,500 | — | — | — |
| Limoges, G rard | 12/14/2004 | 2,500 | CAN\$34.98 | 12/13/2014 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/13/2005 | 2,500 | CAN\$21.18 | 12/12/2015 | — | — | — | — |
| | 01/04/2007 | 833 | CAN\$27.90 | 01/03/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/11/2007 | 4,166 | CAN\$10.92 | 12/10/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2008 | 2,500 | CAN\$3.30 | 12/08/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/09/2009 | 3,333 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 5,000 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 8,333 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/09/2012 | 10,000 | US\$3.54 | 05/08/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| | 05/08/2013 | 5,000 | US\$1.86 | 05/07/2023 | — | — | — | — |
| | 11/27/2013 | 25,000 | US\$1.12 | 11/26/2023 | US\$6,500 | — | — | — |

(1) The number of securities underlying unexercised options represents all awards outstanding as at December 31, 2013.

(2) "Value of unexercised in-the-money options" at financial year-end is calculated based on the difference between the closing prices of the Common Shares on the TSX or the NASDAQ, as applicable, on the last trading day of the fiscal year (December 31, 2013) of CAN\$1.47 and US\$1.38, respectively, and the exercise price of the options, multiplied by the number of unexercised options.

See "Summary of the Stock Option Plan" below for more details on the Stock Option Plan (as defined below).

Total Compensation of Outside Directors

The table below summarizes the total compensation earned by the Outside Directors during the financial year ended December 31, 2013 (all amounts are in US dollars):

| Name | Fees earned | | Share-based Awards | Option-based Awards ⁽²⁾ | Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation | Pension Value | All Other Compensation ⁽³⁾ | Total |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Retainer ⁽¹⁾ | Attendance ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | |
| Aubut, Marcel | 14,564 | 6,766 | — | 30,031 | — | — | — | 51,361 |
| Dorais, José P. | 28,711 | 14,984 | — | 30,031 | — | — | 496 | 74,222 |
| Egbert, Carolyn | 17,000 | 13,000 | — | 30,031 | — | — | 79,320 | ⁽⁴⁾ 139,351 |
| Ernst, Juergen | 82,054 | 17,950 | — | 30,031 | — | — | 7,928 | 137,964 |
| Lapalme, Pierre | 18,449 | 9,688 | — | 30,031 | — | — | — | 58,168 |
| Limoges, Gérard | 29,822 | 14,567 | — | 30,031 | — | — | 496 | 74,915 |

(1) These amounts represent the portion paid in cash to the Outside Directors and are paid in each director's home country currency.

The value of option-based awards represents the closing price of the Common Shares on the NASDAQ on the last trading day preceding the date of grant (US\$1.86 for options granted on May 8, 2013 and US\$1.12 for options granted on November 27, 2013) multiplied by the Black-Scholes factor as at such date (80.01% for options granted on May 8, 2013 and 80.68% for options granted on November 27, 2013) and the number of stock options granted on such date.

(2) These amounts represent fees paid in cash for special tasks or overseas travelling and are also paid in each director's home country currency.

(3) Represents fees paid for special tasks delegated to Ms. Egbert and approved by the Governance Committee in connection with the search for, and the appointment of, a new President and Chief Executive Officer and various transition and integration work related thereto.

(4) During the financial year ended December 31, 2013, the Company paid an aggregate amount of \$355,795 to all of its Outside Directors for services rendered in their capacity as directors, excluding reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses and the value of option-based awards granted in 2013.

2. Compensation of Executive Officers

The mandate of the Governance Committee provides that it is responsible for taking all reasonable measures to ensure that appropriate human resources systems and procedures, such as hiring policies, competency profiles, training policies and compensation structures, are in place so that we can attract, motivate and retain the quality of senior management required to meet our business objectives.

The Governance Committee also assists the Board in discharging its responsibilities relating to executive and other human resources hiring, assessment, compensation and succession planning matters.

Thus, the Governance Committee recommends the appointment of senior officers, including the terms and conditions of their appointment and termination, and reviews the evaluation of the performance of such senior officers, including recommending their compensation and overseeing risk identification and management in relation to executive compensation policies and practices. The Board, which includes the members of the Governance Committee, reviews the corporate goals and objectives that are set annually and evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance and

compensation in light of such goals and objectives.

The Governance Committee recognizes that the industry, regulatory and competitive environment in which the Company operates requires a balanced level of risk-taking to promote and achieve the performance expectations of executives of a specialty biopharmaceutical company that is also seeking to acquire or in-license new commercial products. The Governance Committee is of the view that the Company's executive compensation program should not encourage senior executives to take excessive risk. In this regard, the Governance Committee recommends the implementation of compensation methods that tie a portion of senior executive compensation to each of the short-term and longer-term performance of both the Company as well as that of each individual executive officer and that take into account the advantages and risks associated with such compensation methods. The Governance Committee is also responsible for creating compensation policies that are intended to reward the creation of shareholder value while reflecting a balance between the short-term and longer-term performance of the Company and of each executive officer.

Compensation Consultant

The Governance Committee may, from time to time, engage its own independent consultant to advise it with respect to executive compensation matters. During the financial year ended December 31, 2013, the Governance Committee retained the services of Reda to provide advice on the competitiveness and appropriateness of compensation programs for the Chief Executive Officer and the Company's other senior executive officers, as well as with respect to the level and form of compensation payable to Outside Directors.

The fees paid to Reda for compensation consulting services provided to the Governance Committee and the Company during the financial year ended December 31, 2013 were \$54,134.

While the Governance Committee may rely on external information and advice, all of the decisions with respect to executive compensation are made by the Board upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee and may reflect factors and considerations other than, or that may differ from, the information and recommendations provided by any external compensation consultants that may be retained from time to time.

Compensation Discussion & Analysis

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

The Company's executive compensation program is designed to attract, motivate and retain high-performing senior executives, encourage and reward superior performance and align the executives' interests with those of our shareholders by:

- providing the opportunity for an executive to earn compensation that is competitive with the compensation received by executives employed by a group of comparable North American companies;
- providing the opportunity for executives to participate in an equity-based incentive plan, namely a stock option plan;
- aligning employee compensation with company corporate objectives; and
- attracting and retaining highly qualified individuals in key positions.

Risk Assessment of Executive Compensation Program

The Board, through the Governance Committee, oversees the implementation of compensation methods that tie a portion of executive compensation to each of the short-term and longer-term performance of the Company and of each executive officer and that take into account the advantages and risks associated with such compensation methods. In addition, the Board oversees the creation of compensation policies that are intended to reward the creation of shareholder value while reflecting a balance between the short-term and longer-term performance of the Company and of each executive officer.

The Governance Committee has considered in general terms the concept of risk as it relates to the Company's executive compensation program.

Base salaries are fixed in amount to provide a steady income to the executive officers regardless of share price and thus do not encourage or reward risk-taking to the detriment of other important business, operational, commercial or clinical metrics or milestones. The variable compensation elements (annual bonuses and stock options) are designed to reward each of short-term, mid-term and long-term performance. For short-term performance, a discretionary annual bonus may be awarded based on the timing and level of attainment of specific operational and corporate goals that the Governance Committee believes to be challenging, yet does not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk-taking. While the Company's bonus payments are generally based on annual performance, a maximum bonus payment is pre-fixed for each senior executive officer and represents only a portion of each individual's overall total compensation opportunities. In exceptional circumstances, a particular executive officer may be awarded a bonus that exceeds his or her maximum pre-fixed or target bonus amount. Finally, a significant portion of executive compensation is provided in the form of stock options, which is intended to further align the interests of executives with those of shareholders. The Governance Committee believes that these awards do not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk-taking since the ultimate value of the awards is tied to the Company's share price, and in the case of grants under the long-term incentive compensation plan, are generally subject to mid-term and long-term vesting schedules to help ensure that executives generally have significant value tied to long-term share price performance. The Governance Committee believes that the variable compensation elements (annual bonuses and stock options) represent a percentage of overall compensation that is sufficient to motivate the Company's executive officers to produce superior short-term, mid-term and long-term corporate results, while the fixed compensation element (base

salary) is also sufficient to discourage executive officers from taking unnecessary or excessive risks. The Governance Committee and the Board also generally have the discretion to adjust annual bonuses and stock option grants based on individual performance and any other factors they may determine to be appropriate in the circumstances. Such factors may include, where necessary or appropriate, the level of risk-taking a particular executive officer may have engaged in during the preceding year.

Based on the foregoing, the Governance Committee has not identified any specific risks associated with the Company's executive compensation program that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Governance Committee believes that the Company's executive compensation program does not encourage or reward any unnecessary or excessive risk-taking behaviour.

The Board of Directors, based on the Governance Committee's recommendation, set goals for the Company at the end of 2012, which constituted the 2013 performance objectives for the position of Chief Executive Officer and the Company's other executive officers. The performance objectives are not established for individual executive officers but rather by function(s) exercised within the Company, many of which are carried out by or fall within the responsibility of the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the Company's other executive officers.

In December 2013, the Governance Committee determined that although a number of the objectives set forth in the table below were met, some delays were experienced in the attainment of certain objectives as described below. The Governance Committee also took into consideration the significant changes in management that occurred in 2013, including the appointment of a new President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as the hiring of a Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer.

| Objectives for 2013 | | Results for 2013 |
|--|---|--|
| Perifosine | <p>1 Ensure interim analysis in multiple myeloma by Data Safety Monitoring Board ("DSMB") to permit futility analysis and go-no-go decision to complete the Phase 3 program in a timely manner</p> | <p>1 Discontinuation of the Phase 3 trial in multiple myeloma following an interim analysis by an independent DSMB</p> <p>1 Closing of all sites involved in the trial and review of Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. strategic alliance</p> |
| Cetrotide® | <p>1 Conclude the licensing out of all global manufacturing rights of Cetrotide®</p> <p>1 Ensure transition of the manufacturing activities with the different partners</p> | <p>1 Successfully completed the transfer of the manufacturing rights to Merck Serono a subsidiary of Merck KGaA ("Merck Serono")</p> <p>1 Non-refundable one-time payment received of approximately \$3.3 million plus other payments related to the transfer of certain assets</p> <p>1 Transition Service Agreement in place with Merck Serono to facilitate the completion/integration of the manufacturing of Cetrotide®</p> |
| MACRILEN™ (macimorelin) | <p>1 Submit a New Drug Application ("NDA") in the United States in the evaluation of adult growth hormone deficiency ("AGHD")</p> <p>1 Prepare a commercial plan for the future launch of MACRILEN™ (macimorelin)</p> | <p>1 NDA submitted to evaluate AGHD in November 2013, post year-end, the FDA confirmed acceptance for filing and that the NDA review is ongoing with a Prescription Drug User Fee Act ("PDUFA") date November 5, 2014</p> <p>1 The NDA was submitted at a later date than originally expected</p> <p>1 Completed after hiring of our Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, Jude Dinges</p> |
| Zoptarelin doxorubicin ZoptEC (Zoptarelin doxorubicin in Endometrial Cancer) Phase 3 program | <p>1 Complete Phase 3 trial design and submit to FDA a Special Protocol Assessment ("SPA") and the equivalent in Europe in endometrial cancer</p> <p>1 Ensure CRO partnership with performance objectives and control of corresponding costs</p> <p>1 Start recruitment in the different countries (sites and patients) and achieve</p> | <p>1 SPA agreement obtained from FDA, the Phase 3 ZoptEC trial was also discussed and a scientific advice was also agreed with the European Medicines Agency ("EMA")</p> <p>1 Co-development and profit-sharing agreement signed with Ergomed as a CRO for the execution of the Phase 3 ZoptEC trial in endometrial cancer. Ergomed has agreed to assume 30% of the clinical and regulatory costs up to \$10 million and will receive pre-established single digit percentage on net income and up to specified maximum amount</p> <p>1 Initiated > 50% of clinical sites for the ZoptEC trial before year-end 2013</p> |

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| | pre-established recruitment rate | | Approval of Danish regulatory authorities received for the initiation of a |
| AEZS-120 | 1 Initiate a Phase 1 trial | 1 | proof-of-concept Phase 1 trial in prostate cancer, however, the trial has not yet started pending the result of additional scientific evaluation being performed |
| Finance and budget | 1 Budget management | 1 | With the different strategic partnerships, including Ergomed and the transfer of Cetrotide® manufacturing rights, as well as the tight control of the operations, the burn rate was reduced to \$1.7 million per month on average which was lower than the pre-established operating budget |
| | Ensure the continued funding of ongoing drug development programs for a | | Cash flow from financing activities net of transaction costs was \$23.7 million in |
| | 1 minimum period of time while | 1 | 2013. Cash and cash equivalents balance was \$43.2 million at year-end, which is significantly higher than what was initially budgeted |
| | maintaining flexibility to execute different forms of financing | | |
| Organization structure | Review and reorganize senior management and key employees by function (as opposed to by site), realign | | Successful organization review was done within the first six months of the arrival of |
| | 1 reporting lines and empower senior management and key employees to take ownership of, and responsibility over, their respective functions and tasks | 1 | our Chief Executive Officer and implementation of the new structure is ongoing |

The determination of individual performance does not involve quantitative measures using a mathematical calculation in which each individual performance objective is given a numerical weight. Instead, the Governance Committee's determination of individual performance is a subjective determination as to whether a particular executive officer substantially achieved the stated objectives or over-performed or under-performed with respect to corporate objectives that were deemed to be important to the Company's success.

While the Company has not formally adopted a policy prohibiting or restricting its executive officers and directors from purchasing financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, pre-paid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds, which are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as executive compensation or directors' remuneration, the Company's executive officers and directors have not historically engaged in such financial instruments or transactions. In addition, the Company's disclosure and trading policy requires that all "reporting insiders", including executive officers and directors, pre-clear with the Company's Corporate Secretary each trade relating to the Company's securities, which would include the entering into of any such financial instrument or transaction, hedge, swap or forward contract.

Benchmarking

In order to attain the Company's objectives of providing market competitive compensation opportunities, the Company's executive compensation plan, based on a study provided by Reda, is benchmarked against market compensation data gathered from organizations of comparable size and/or stage of development or other companies that the Company competes with for executive talent (the "Reference Group"). An overview of the characteristics of the Reference Group is provided in the following table:

(In millions of US\$)

| | Aeterna Zentaris | Reference Group |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Location | North America and Europe | North America |
| Industries | Biopharmaceutical | Biopharmaceutical |
| Revenues | | |
| Last fiscal year | 33.7 ⁽¹⁾ | 17.5 ⁽²⁾ |
| Market Capitalization | | |
| As at April 30, 2013 | 46.1 | 155.0 |
| Net Loss | | |
| Last fiscal year | 20.4 ⁽¹⁾ | 17.4 ⁽²⁾ |

(1) For the year ended December 31, 2012, as presented in the Company's 2012 audited consolidated financial statements, which were presented in conformity with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

(2) The Reference Group for the financial year ended December 31, 2013 was selected in June 2013, and these data are based on their most recently completed fiscal year at such time.

The Reference Group used in respect of the financial year ended December 31, 2013 was composed of the following companies within the biopharmaceutical sector: Affymax Inc., Amgen Inc., Arqule Inc., Astex Pharmaceuticals Inc., Aveo Pharmaceuticals Inc., Cancer Genetics Inc., Cell Therapeutics Inc., Cleveland Biolabs Inc., Curis Inc., Galena Biopharma Inc., Helix Biopharma Corp., Immunomedics Inc., Insys Therapeutics Inc., Isoray Inc., Maxigen Inc., Merrimack Pharmaceuticals Inc., Oncogenex Pharmaceuticals Inc., Peregrine Pharmaceuticals Inc., Pharmathene Inc., Progenics Pharmaceutical Inc., Repligen Corp., Savient Pharmaceuticals Inc., Targacept Inc., Verastem Inc. and Vical Inc.

Positioning

The Company's compensation policy is for executive compensation to be generally aligned with the 50th percentile, or the mid-point, of the Reference Group. The Governance Committee uses discretion and judgment when determining compensation levels as they apply to a specific executive officer. Individual compensation may be positioned above or below median, based on individual experience and performance or other criteria deemed important by the Governance Committee. For 2013, the total cash target payment (base salary and, if applicable or awarded in cash, annual bonus) for the Company's executive officers is approximately at the 50th percentile competitive range of the Reference Group, however, in light of the fact that a cash bonus was paid to only two of the "Named Executive Officers"

(defined as the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the three other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company), namely Messrs. Dodd and Turpin, the total cash compensation (base salary and annual cash bonus) actually paid to the Company's executive officers with respect to the 2013 year fell below the 50th percentile competitive range of the Reference Group and, more specifically, falls at approximately the 34th percentile range of the Reference Group.

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Compensation Elements

An executive compensation policy has been established to acknowledge and reward the contributions of the executive officers to the Company's success and to ensure competitive compensation, so that the Company may benefit from the expertise required to pursue its objectives.

The Company's executive compensation policy is comprised of both fixed and variable components. The variable components include equity and non-equity incentive plans. Each compensation component is intended to serve a different function, but all elements are intended to work in concert to maximize both corporate and individual performance by establishing specific, competitive operational and corporate goals and by providing financial incentives to employees based on their level of attainment of these goals.

The Company's current executive compensation program is comprised of the following four basic components:

- (i) base salary;
- (ii) non-equity incentives - consisting of an annual bonus linked to both individual and corporate performance;
 - long-term equity incentives - consisting solely of stock options granted under the Company's stock option plan established for the benefit of its directors, certain executive officers and other participants as may be designated from time to time by either the Board or the Governance Committee (the "Stock Option Plan");
- (iii) and
- (iv) other elements of compensation - consisting of benefits, perquisites and retirement benefits.

Base Salary

Salaries of the Company's executive officers are based on a comparison with competitive benchmark positions. The starting point to determine executive base salaries is the median of executive salaries in the Reference Group. In determining individual base salaries, the Governance Committee takes into consideration individual circumstances that may include the scope of an executive's position, the executive's relevant competencies or experience and retention risk. The Governance Committee also takes into consideration the fulfillment of the corporate objectives of the Company as well as the individual performance of the executive.

Short-Term Incentive Compensation

The short-term incentive compensation plan sets out the allocation of incentive awards based on the advancement of the Company's product pipeline, its financial position as well as strategic objectives.

In the case of executive officers, a program is designed to maximize both corporate and individual performance by establishing specific operational, clinical, regulatory, financial, commercial and corporate goals and to provide financial incentives to executive officers based on their level of attainment of these goals. The granting of incentives requires the approval of both the Governance Committee and the Board and is based upon an assessment of each individual's performance, as well as the performance of the Company. The underlying objectives are set at the end of each financial year as part of the annual review of corporate strategies.

For the financial year ended December 31, 2013, the Governance Committee recommended, and the Board approved, in the best interests of the Company, that no bonuses be awarded to the Company's executive officers in respect of the 2013 year, except as otherwise indicated below, and that no long-term incentive stock options be granted to the Company's executive officers in respect of the 2013 year.

In making decisions related to the short-term incentive compensation for the Named Executive Officers during the most recently completed financial year, the conclusions of the Governance Committee were based, in part, on the goals and results for 2013, as described in Section "Risk Assessment of Executive Compensation Program". These conclusions, other than for the President and Chief Executive Officer, for which a description is provided in Section "Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer", are as follows.

Mr. Turpin's 2013 goals were aligned with the Company's overall objectives, with an emphasis on financial and budgetary objectives. In respect of the 2013 year, the Governance Committee determined that Mr. Turpin's individual performance surpassed his pre-fixed objectives. Under Mr. Turpin's financial direction, the Company implemented and carried out a successful ATM financing program generating net proceeds of approximately \$3.0 million, a registered direct offering generating net proceeds of approximately \$7.0 million and an underwritten public offering generating net proceeds of approximately \$13.7 million, which, in addition to Mr. Turpin's disciplined management and control of the Company's budget

and expenses, enabled the Company to end the year with cash and cash equivalents that significantly exceeded the budgeted amount. In light of the foregoing, the Governance Committee determined that Mr. Turpin's contributions to the achievement of the Company's goals merited a cash bonus in an amount of \$66,677, representing 58% of his maximum target bonus amount.

Dr. Blake's and Mr. Pelliccione's 2013 respective goals were aligned with the Company's overall objectives, with an emphasis on overseeing and supporting the attainment of the Company's clinical and regulatory objectives. In respect of the 2013 year, the Governance Committee determined that each of Dr. Blake's and Mr. Pelliccione's respective individual performance did not meet their objectives in a timely manner. The Governance Committee determined that no cash bonus should be awarded to Dr. Blake or Mr. Pelliccione in respect of the 2013 year. Messrs. Blake and Pelliccione ceased to be employed by Aeterna Zentaris as of March 13, 2014.

As Mr. Dinges was formally appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of the Company on November 1, 2013, no cash bonus was awarded to Mr. Dinges in respect of the 2013 year.

See the section below titled "Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer" for a description of the short-term incentive compensation of the President and Chief Executive Officer.

Long-Term Equity Compensation Plan of Executive Officers

The long-term component of the compensation of the Company's executive officers is based exclusively on the Stock Option Plan, which permits the award of a number of options based on the contribution of the officers and their responsibilities. To encourage retention and focus management on developing and successfully implementing the continuing growth strategy of the Company, stock options have historically vested over a period of three years, with the first third vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant. However, the vesting schedule for certain stock options granted to senior executives in the financial years ended December 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 was accelerated from three years to eighteen months since a portion of these grants were intended to serve as a partial or total replacement for cash bonuses. In December 2013, the Governance Committee and the Board determined that going forward, all stock options would vest over a period of three years with the first third vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant, as reflected in the Amendments (as defined below) to the Stock Option Plan described below. Stock options are usually granted to executive officers in December of each year.

For the financial year ended December 31, 2013, the Governance Committee recommended that no stock options be granted to executive officers under the long-term equity compensation plan, although certain stock options were granted to Messrs. Dodd and Dinges upon their respective appointments as President and Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer.

Summary of the Stock Option Plan

We initially established the Stock Option Plan in order to attract and retain directors, officers, employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, as the case may be, and suppliers of ongoing services, who will be motivated to work towards ensuring the success of the Company. The Board has full and complete authority to interpret the Stock Option Plan, to establish applicable rules and regulations and to make all other determinations it deems necessary or useful for the administration of the Stock Option Plan, provided that such interpretations, rules, regulations and determinations are consistent with the rules of all stock exchanges and quotation systems on which the Company's securities are then traded and with all relevant securities legislation.

On March 20, 2014, the Board approved certain amendments to the Stock Option Plan (the "Amendments"), which Amendments are not subject to shareholder approval, and which were approved by the TSX. The Amendments are described further below.

Under the previous stock option plan, individuals eligible to participate under the plan were determined from time to time by either the Board or the Governance Committee. The Amendments provide a more limited list of those persons eligible to receive grants under the Stock Option Plan as it is the Company's intention to grant options primarily to independent directors and the most senior executive officers of the Company and to generally limit the number of options granted to other officers or employees of the Company or to suppliers of ongoing services. The Stock Option Plan now specifically provides that the sole persons eligible to receive grants under the Stock Option Plan (each, a "Participant") shall be: (i) the most senior executive officers of the Company, including the persons occupying the positions of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Scientific Officer, Chief Commercial Officer,

Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Compliance Officer; (ii) such other executive officers of the Company or of its subsidiaries that may, from time to time, report directly to the Chief Executive Officer; (iii) the non-employee, independent members of the Board; and (iv) such other officers or employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries, as the case may be, or suppliers of ongoing services, as may be expressly designated by resolution of the Board or the Governance Committee.

The maximum number of Common Shares issuable under the Stock Option Plan remains fixed at 11.4% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares at any given time, which, as of March 20, 2014, represented 6,442,592 Common Shares. There were 2,546,740 options outstanding under the Stock Option Plan representing approximately 4.5% of all issued and outstanding Common Shares on March 20, 2014.

Under the Stock Option Plan, (i) the number of securities issuable to insiders, at any time, or issued within any one-year period, under all of the Company's security-based compensation arrangements, cannot exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding securities and (ii) no single Participant may hold options to purchase, from time to time, more than 5% of the Company's issued and outstanding Common Shares. In addition: (i) the aggregate fair value of options granted under all security-based compensation arrangements of the Company to any one non-employee, independent director of the Company entitled to receive a benefit under the Stock Option Plan, within any one-year period, cannot exceed US\$100,000 valued on a Black-Scholes basis and as determined by the Governance Committee; and (ii) the aggregate number of securities issuable to all non-employee, independent directors of the Company entitled to receive a benefit under the Stock Option Plan, within any one-year period, under all security-based compensation arrangements of the Company, cannot exceed 1% of its issued and outstanding securities.

Options granted under the Stock Option Plan may be exercised at any time within a maximum period of seven years following the date of their grant (the "Outside Expiry Date"), which was reduced by the Amendments from a previous maximum term of ten years. The Board or the Governance Committee, as the case may be, designates, at its discretion, the specific Participants to whom stock options are granted under the Stock Option Plan and determines the number of Common Shares covered by each of such option grants, the grant date, the exercise price of each option, the expiry date and any other matter relating thereto, in each case in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the regulatory authorities. The price at which the Common Shares may be purchased may not be lower than the greater of the closing prices of the Common Shares on the TSX or the NASDAQ, as applicable, on the last trading day preceding the date of grant of the option. Options granted under the Stock Option Plan shall vest in equal tranches over a three-year period (one-third each year, starting on the first anniversary of the grant date) or as otherwise determined by the Board or the Governance Committee, as the case may be.

Unless the Board or the Governance Committee decides otherwise, Participants cease to be entitled to exercise their options under the Stock Option Plan: (i) immediately, in the event a Participant who is an officer or employee resigns or voluntarily leaves his or her employment with the Company or one of its subsidiaries or the employment with the Company or one of its subsidiaries is terminated with cause and, in the case of a Participant who is a non-employee director of the Company or one of its subsidiaries, the date on which such Participant ceases to be a member of the relevant Board of Directors; (ii) six months following the date on which employment is terminated as a result of the death of a Participant who is an officer or employee and, in the case of a Participant who is a non-employee director of the Company or one of its subsidiaries, six months following the date on which such Participant ceases to be a member of the relevant Board of Directors by reason of death; (iii) 90 days following the date on which a Participant's employment with the Company or any of its subsidiaries is terminated for a reason other than those mentioned in (i) or (ii) above including, without limitation, upon the disability, long-term illness, retirement or early retirement of the Participant (the Amendments increased this from the previous period of 30 days); and (iv) where the Participant is a service supplier, 30 days following the date on which such Participant ceases to act as such, for any cause or reason (each, an "Early Expiry Date").

The Stock Option Plan also provides that, if the expiry date of one or more options (whether an Early Expiry Date or an Outside Expiry Date) occurs during a "blackout period" or within the seven business days immediately after a blackout period imposed by the Company, the expiry date will be automatically extended to the date that is seven business days after the last day of the blackout period. For the purposes of the foregoing, "blackout period" means the period during which trading in the Company's securities is restricted in accordance with its corporate policies. Participants may not assign their options (nor any interest therein) other than by will or in accordance with the applicable laws of estates and succession.

The Amendments also provide for a more detailed change in control provision. Under the current Stock Option Plan, as amended by the Amendments, in the event: (i) the Company accepts an offer to amalgamate, merge or consolidate with any other entity (other than a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) or to sell or license all or substantially

all of its assets to any other entity (other than a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company); (ii) the Company signs a support agreement in customary form pursuant to which the Board agrees to support a takeover bid and recommends that shareholders of the Company tender their Common Shares to such takeover bid; or (iii) holders of greater than 50% of the Company's then outstanding Common Shares tender all of their Common Shares to a takeover bid made to all of the holders of the Common Shares to purchase all of the then issued and outstanding Common Shares, then, in each case, all of the outstanding options shall, without any further action required to be taken by the Company, immediately vest. Each Participant shall thereafter be entitled to exercise all of such options at any time up to and including, but not after the close of business on that date which is

ten (10) days following the Closing Date (as defined below). Upon the expiration of such ten (10)-day period, all rights of the Participant to such options or to the exercise of same (to the extent not already exercised) shall automatically terminate and have no further force or effect whatsoever. "Closing Date" is defined to mean (x) the closing date of the amalgamation, merger, consolidation, sale or license transaction in the case of clause (i) above; (y) the first expiry date of the takeover bid on which each of the offeror's conditions are either satisfied or waived in the case of clause (ii) above; or (z) the date on which it is publicly announced that holders of greater than 50% of the Company's then outstanding Common Shares have tendered their Common Shares to a takeover bid in the case of clause (iii) above.

The Stock Option Plan provides that the following amendments may be made to the plan upon approval of each of the Board and the Company's shareholders as well as receipt of all required regulatory approvals:

- any amendment to Section 3.2 of the Stock Option Plan (which sets forth the limit on the number of options that may be granted to insiders) that would have the effect of permitting, without having to obtain shareholder approval on a "disinterested vote" at a duly convened shareholders' meeting, the grant of any option(s) under the Stock Option Plan otherwise prohibited by Section 3.2;
 - any amendment to the number of securities issuable under the Stock Option Plan (except for certain permitted adjustments, such as in the case of stock splits, consolidations or reclassifications);
 - any amendment which would permit any option granted under the Stock Option Plan to be transferable or assignable other than by will or in accordance with the applicable laws of estates and succession;
 - the addition of a cashless exercise feature, payable in cash or securities, which does not provide for a full deduction of the number of underlying securities from the Stock Option Plan reserve;
 - the addition of a deferred or restricted share unit component or any other provision which results in employees receiving securities while no cash consideration is received by the Company;
 - with respect to any Participant whether or not such Participant is an "insider" and except in respect of certain permitted adjustments, such as in the case of stock splits, consolidations or reclassifications:
 - any reduction in the exercise price of any option after the option has been granted, or
 - any cancellation of an option and the re-grant of that option under different terms, or
 - any extension to the term of an option beyond its Outside Expiry Date to a Participant who is an "insider" (except for extensions made in the context of a "blackout period");
 - any amendment to the method of determining the exercise price of an option granted pursuant to the Stock Option Plan;
 - the addition of any form of financial assistance or any amendment to a financial assistance provision which is more favourable to employees; and
 - any amendment to the foregoing amending provisions requiring Board, shareholder and regulatory approvals.
- The Stock Option Plan further provides that the following amendments may be made to the Stock Option Plan upon approval of the Board and upon receipt of all required regulatory approvals, but without shareholder approval:
- amendments of a "housekeeping" or clerical nature or to clarify the provisions of the Stock Option Plan;
 - amendments regarding any vesting period of an option;
 - amendments regarding the extension of an option beyond an Early Expiry Date in respect of any Participant, or the extension of an option beyond the Outside Expiry Date in respect of any Participant who is a "non-insider" of the Company;
 - adjustments to the number of issuable Common Shares underlying, or the exercise price of, outstanding options resulting from a split or a consolidation of the Common Shares, a reclassification, the payment of a stock dividend, the payment of a special cash or non-cash distribution to the Company's shareholders on a pro rata basis provided such distribution is approved by the Company's shareholders in accordance with applicable law, a recapitalization, a reorganization or any other event which necessitates an equitable adjustment to the outstanding options in proportion with corresponding adjustments made to all outstanding Common Shares;
 - discontinuing or terminating the Stock Option Plan; and
 - any other amendment which does not require shareholder approval under the terms of the Stock Option Plan.

Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards

The following table shows all awards outstanding to the Named Executive Officers as well as the former President and Chief Executive Officer as of December 31, 2013:

| Name | Option-based Awards | | | | | Share-based Awards | | |
|---|---------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|
| | Issuance Date | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options ⁽¹⁾ | Option Exercise Price | Option Expiration Date | Value of Unexercised In-the-money Options ⁽²⁾ | Issuance Date | Number of Shares or Units of Shares that have Not Vested | Market or Payout Value of Share-based Awards that have Not Vested ⁽³⁾ |
| | (mm-dd-yyyy) | (#) | (CAN\$ or US\$) | (mm-dd-yyyy) | (CAN\$ or US\$) | | (#) | (\$) |
| Dodd, David A. ⁽⁴⁾ | 04/15/2013 | 300,000 | US\$1.98 | 04/14/2023 | — | — | 175,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | (5) |
| | 04/15/2013 | — | — | — | — | — | 200,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | (5) |
| Engel, Juergen ⁽⁶⁾ | 12/14/2004 | 16,666 | CAN\$34.98 | 12/13/2014 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/13/2005 | 8,333 | CAN\$21.18 | 12/12/2015 | — | — | — | — |
| | 01/04/2007 | 8,333 | CAN\$27.90 | 01/03/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/11/2007 | 8,333 | CAN\$10.92 | 12/10/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 11/14/2008 | 33,333 | CAN\$3.90 | 11/13/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2008 | 12,500 | CAN\$3.30 | 12/08/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/09/2009 | 27,500 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 37,125 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 44,499 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/06/2012 | 133,400 | US\$2.17 | 12/05/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| Turpin, Dennis | 12/14/2004 | 15,000 | CAN\$34.98 | 12/13/2014 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/13/2005 | 8,333 | CAN\$21.18 | 12/12/2015 | — | — | — | — |
| | 01/04/2007 | 8,333 | CAN\$27.90 | 01/03/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/11/2007 | 8,333 | CAN\$10.92 | 12/10/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/09/2009 | 19,166 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 9,475 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 17,353 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/06/2012 | 84,000 | US\$2.17 | 12/05/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| Blake, Paul ⁽⁷⁾ | 07/27/2007 | 7,500 | US\$18.30 | 07/26/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/11/2007 | 8,333 | US\$10.92 | 12/10/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2008 | 8,333 | CAN\$3.30 | 12/08/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/09/2009 | 18,333 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 10,675 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/07/2011 | 18,071 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/06/2012 | 80,700 | US\$2.17 | 12/05/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| Pelliccione, Nicholas J. ⁽⁷⁾ | 05/07/2007 | 4,166 | US\$23.76 | 05/06/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/11/2007 | 8,333 | US\$10.92 | 12/10/2017 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2008 | 3,333 | CAN\$3.30 | 12/08/2018 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/09/2009 | 10,000 | CAN\$5.70 | 12/08/2019 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/08/2010 | 8,333 | CAN\$9.12 | 12/07/2020 | — | — | — | — |

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|-----------------------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|---|---|---|
| | 12/07/2011 | 17,218 | US\$10.44 | 12/06/2021 | — | — | — | — |
| | 12/06/2012 | 70,100 | US\$2.17 | 12/05/2022 | — | — | — | — |
| Dinges, Jude ⁽⁸⁾ | 11/27/2013 | 150,000 | US\$1.12 | 11/26/2023 | US\$39,000 | — | — | — |

(1) The number of securities underlying unexercised options represents all awards outstanding at December 31, 2013.

"Value of unexercised in-the-money options" at financial year-end is calculated based on the difference between the closing prices of the Common Shares on the TSX or the NASDAQ, as applicable, on the last trading day of the year (December 31, 2013) of CAN\$1.47 and US\$1.38, respectively, and the exercise price of the options, multiplied by the number of unexercised options.

"Market or Payout Value of Share-based Awards that have Not Vested" at financial year-end is calculated based on the excess, if any, of the closing price of a Common Share on the last trading day of the year (December 31, 2013) over \$1.98, being the closing price of a Common Share on the NASDAQ on the last trading day preceding the effective date of Mr. Dodd's appointment multiplied by 175,000 or 200,000, as applicable. See also note (5) below.

David A. Dodd was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer effective April 15, 2013 and was granted 300,000 stock options in connection with such appointment.

Pursuant to Mr. Dodd's Employment Agreement, the Company agreed to pay Mr. Dodd two separate share-based retention bonuses as follows: (1) the Company shall pay Mr. Dodd a retention bonus if he remains employed through December 31, 2014 equal to (a) the excess, if any, of the closing price of a Common Share on the last regular trading day in 2014 over \$1.98, being the closing price of a

Common Share on the NASDAQ on the last trading day preceding the effective date of Mr. Dodd's appointment multiplied by (b) 175,000; and, (2) the Company shall pay Mr. Dodd a retention bonus if he remains employed through December 31, 2015 equal to (a) the excess, if any, of the closing price of a Common Share on the last regular trading day in 2015 over \$1.98, being the closing price of a Common Share on the NASDAQ on the last trading day preceding the effective date of Mr. Dodd's appointment multiplied by (b) 200,000. These share-based retention bonuses will be paid in US dollars no later than March 15 of the year following the end of 2014 and 2015, respectively.

(6) Juergen Engel served as President and Chief Executive Officer up until April 15, 2013.

(7) Messrs. Blake and Pelliccione ceased to be employed by Aeterna Zentaris as of March 13, 2014.

(8) Jude Dinges was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer effective November 1, 2013 and was granted 150,000 stock options in connection with such appointment.

There are no vested share-based awards that have not yet been paid out or distributed.

Incentive Plan Awards — Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table shows the incentive plan awards value vested or earned for each Named Executive Officer and former President and Chief Executive Officer for the financial year ended December 31, 2013.

| Name | Option-based awards — Value vested during the year ⁽¹⁾ | Share-based awards — Value vested during the year | Non-equity incentive plan compensation — Value earned during the year |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) |
| Dodd, David A. | — | — | 50,000 |
| Engel, Juergen | — | — | — |
| Turpin, Dennis | — | — | 66,677 |
| Blake, Paul ⁽²⁾ | — | — | — |
| Pelliccione, Nicholas J. ⁽²⁾ | — | — | — |
| Dinges, Jude | — | — | — |

Represents the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options had been exercised on the (1) vesting date, based on the difference between the closing price of the Common Shares on the NASDAQ and the exercise price on such vesting date.

(2) Messrs. Blake and Pelliccione ceased to be employed by Aeterna Zentaris as of March 13, 2014.

Other Forms of Compensation

Benefits and Perquisites

The Company's executive employee benefits program also includes life, medical, dental and disability insurance. Perquisites consist of a car allowance and human resources counselling. These benefits and perquisites are designed to be competitive overall with equivalent positions in comparable North American organizations in the life sciences industry.

Pension Plan

Juergen Engel, the former President and Chief Executive Officer, participated in a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan, and amounts thereunder remain payable to Mr. Engel following his departure from the Company. Benefits payable under this plan correspond to 40% of the executive officer's average salary of the last twelve months before leaving the company or reaching retirement age. This amount is unchanged during the first five working years of the executive officer and increases by 0.4% for each additional year of employment before the executive officer reaches the age of 65.

As the normal retirement age is 65 years, first payments under the pension plan were made to Mr. Engel as of September 1, 2010. The following table shows total annual pension benefits payable to Mr. Engel pursuant to this plan. Upon the death of a participant, the surviving spouse of the participant will be entitled to a benefit equal to 60% of the benefits to which such participant was entitled. All benefits payable under this plan are in addition to German

governmental social security benefits.

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Defined Benefit Plans Table as at December 31, 2013

| Name | Number of years of credited service (#) | Annual benefits payable | | Accrued obligation at start of year ⁽²⁾ | Compensatory change | Non-compensatory change | Accrued obligation at year end ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | At year end | At age 65 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |
| Engel, Juergen | 34 | (\$) 207,696 | (\$) 193,142 | (\$) 4,240,141 | (\$) (318,754) | (\$) 171,400 | (\$) 3,885,090 |

In light of the fact that Mr. Engel attained the age of 65 during the 2010 year, by way of exception to other

(1) currency conversions in this Circular, the amount in this column has been converted from euros to US\$ based on the annual average exchange rate for the financial year ended December 31, 2010, which was €1.000 = US\$1.326.

(2) By way of exception to other currency conversions in this Circular, the amount in this column has been converted from euros to US\$ based on the exchange rate on December 31, 2012, which was €1.000 = US\$1.319.

(3) The figure in the column "Accrued obligation at year end" was further reduced by an amount of \$207,696 representing the amount of mandatory pension payments made to Mr. Engel during 2013.

(4) By way of exception to other currency conversions in this Circular, the amount in this column has been converted from euros to US\$ based on the exchange rate on December 31, 2013, which was €1.000 = US\$1.378.

All figures in the above table were calculated using the assumptions and methods used for financial statement reporting purposes under the accounting principles used to prepare the Company's financial statements filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and available at www.sedar.com and furnished to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov.

Employer Contribution to Employees' Retirement Plan

In 2008, the Board approved a plan whereby the Company would contribute to its employees' retirement plans both in Canada (RRSP) and the United States (401(k)) to the extent of 50% of the employee's contribution up to a maximum of \$7,750 annually for Canadian employees under 50 years old and \$8,750 for those in the United States. The plan also includes a contribution for employees over 50 years old up to a maximum of \$10,250 for Canadian employees and \$11,500 for those in the United States. Employees based in Frankfurt, Germany also benefit from certain employer contributions into the employees' pension funds (DUPK/RUK). The Company's executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, are eligible to participate in such employer-contribution plans to the same extent and in the same manner as all other employees of the Company.

Summary Compensation Table

The Summary Compensation Table set forth below shows compensation information for each of the Named Executive Officers as well as for the former President and Chief Executive Officer for services rendered in all capacities during each of the financial years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

| Name and principal position | Years | Salary | Share based awards | Option based awards ⁽¹⁾ | Non-equity incentive plan compensation | | | All other compensation ⁽²⁾ | Total compensation |
|--|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | Annual incentive plan | Long-term incentive plans | Pension Value | | |
| | | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | |
| Dodd, David A. President and Chief Executive Officer | 2013 | 328,846 ⁽³⁾ | 414,048 ⁽⁴⁾ | 474,606 | 50,000 | — | — | 11,500 ⁽⁵⁾ | 1,279,000 |
| | 2012 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 2011 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Engel, Juergen Former President and Chief Executive Officer | 2013 | 148,825 ⁽⁶⁾ | — | — | — | — | — | 1,679,920 ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾ | 1,828,745 |
| | 2012 | 443,601 | — | 237,876 | — | — | 797,849 | 200,974 ⁽⁸⁾ | 1,680,300 |
| | 2011 | 505,260 | — | 336,420 | 160,764 | — | 590,136 | 214,212 ⁽⁸⁾ | 1,806,792 |
| Turpin, Dennis Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | 2013 | 331,652 | — | — | 66,677 | — | — | 4,763 ⁽⁹⁾ | 403,092 |
| | 2012 | 341,605 | — | 149,787 | — | — | — | — | 491,392 |
| | 2011 | 332,434 | — | 131,198 | 80,509 | — | — | 5,056 ⁽⁹⁾ | 549,197 |
| Blake, Paul ⁽¹⁰⁾ Former Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer | 2013 | 384,300 | — | — | — | — | — | 11,500 ⁽⁵⁾ | 395,800 |
| | 2012 | 384,300 | — | 143,902 | — | — | — | 11,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | 539,202 |
| | 2011 | 370,223 | — | 136,622 | 89,670 | — | — | 11,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | 607,515 |
| Pelliccione, Nicholas J. ⁽¹⁰⁾ Former Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance | 2013 | 333,600 | — | — | — | — | — | 11,500 ⁽⁵⁾ | 345,100 |
| | 2012 | 333,600 | — | 125,000 | — | — | — | 11,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | 469,600 |
| | 2011 | 321,062 | — | 130,178 | 77,739 | — | — | 11,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | 539,979 |
| Dinges, Jude Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer | 2013 | 121,988 ⁽¹¹⁾ | — | 135,542 | — | — | — | 2,354 ⁽⁵⁾ | 259,884 |
| | 2012 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 2011 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

The value of option-based awards represents the closing price of the Common Shares on the NASDAQ on the last trading day preceding the date of grant (US\$1.98 for options granted on April 15, 2013 and US\$1.12 for options granted on November 27, 2013) multiplied by the Black-Scholes factor as at such date (79.90% for options granted on April 15, 2013 and 80.68% for options granted on November 27, 2013) and the number of stock options granted on such date.

(2) "All Other Compensation" represents perquisites and other personal benefits which, in the aggregate, amount to \$50,000 or more, or are equivalent to 10% or more of a Named Executive Officer's total salary for the financial year ended December 31, 2013. The type and amount of each perquisite, the value of which exceeds 25% of the total value of perquisites, is separately disclosed for each Named Executive Officer, if applicable. In the case of the former President and Chief Executive Officer, Juergen Engel, "All Other Compensation" includes a termination or severance payment, as well as mandatory pension payments paid to him after he attained age 65. See also note (7)

below.

- (3) Represents the salary actually earned by and paid to Mr. Dodd following his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer on April 15, 2013.
The value of Mr. Dodd's share-based awards represents the closing price of the Common Shares on the NASDAQ on the last trading day preceding the date of grant (US\$1.98 for share appreciation rights ("SARS") granted on April 15, 2013) multiplied by the Black-Scholes factor as at such date (175,000 SARS at a factor of 54% and 200,000 SARS at a factor of 58%) and the number of SARS granted on such date.
- (4) Represents 401(k) employer contributions to Messrs. Dodd's, Blake's, Pelliccione's and Dinges's retirement savings plans.
- (5) Represents the salary actually earned by and paid to Mr. Engel in his capacity as President and Chief Executive Officer until his departure from the Corporation effective April 15, 2013.
Under the terms of a release agreement, Mr. Engel received a termination or severance payment of approximately US\$1.4 million.
- (6) Represents mandatory pension payments made to the former President and Chief Executive Officer in 2011, 2012 and 2013 after he attained age 65.
- (7) Represents RRSP employer contribution to Mr. Turpin's retirement savings plan.
- (8) Messrs. Blake and Pelliccione ceased to be employed by Aeterna Zentaris as of March 13, 2014.
Represents consultant fees paid to Mr. Dinges between May 12, 2013 and October 31, 2013 combined with the salary actually paid to him following his appointment as Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer on November 1, 2013.
- (9)
- (10)
- (11)

Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer

The compensation of the President and Chief Executive Officer is governed by the Company's executive compensation policy described in the section titled "Compensation of Executive Officers", and the President and Chief Executive Officer participates, together with the other Named Executive Officers, in all of the Company's incentive plans.

Mr. Dodd's total earned salary from April 15 to December 31, 2013 was \$328,846 (based on an annual base salary of \$475,000), which places him at approximately 6% below the 50th percentile in the Reference Group.

Having considered Mr. Dodd's performance during the 2013 year, his significant operational and commercial experience and the fact that he is key to the continued operation and transformation of the Company, the Governance Committee recommended, and the Board approved that a cash bonus in the amount of US\$50,000 be awarded to Mr. Dodd in respect of the 2013 year.

For the financial year ended December 31, 2013, the Governance Committee recommended that no stock options be granted to the President and Chief Executive Officer under the long-term equity compensation plan, although Mr. Dodd did receive a grant of 300,000 stock options in connection with his appointment in April 2013. See the section titled "Long-Term Equity Compensation Plan of Executive Officers – Summary of the Stock Option Plan", for a complete description of the Stock Option Plan.

C. Board Practices

Our Articles provide that our Board shall be composed of a minimum of five and a maximum of 15 directors.

Directors are elected annually by our shareholders, but the directors may from time to time appoint one or more directors, provided that the total number of directors so appointed does not exceed one-third of the number of directors elected at the last annual meeting of shareholders. Each elected director will remain in office until termination of the next annual meeting of the shareholders or until his or her successor is duly elected or appointed, unless his or her post is vacated earlier. For information regarding Mr. Dodd's employment agreement with the Company, which provides for benefits on termination of his employment, see "Item 10.C – Material Contracts". None of the other directors are party to any directors' service contracts with the Company providing for benefits on termination of employment.

Committees of the Board of Directors

Audit Committee

Our Board has established an Audit Committee and a Governance Committee.

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The Audit Committee reviews the financial reporting process, the system of internal control, the audit process, and the Company's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and with our Code of Ethical Conduct. In performing its duties, the Audit Committee will maintain effective working relationships with the Board, management, and the external auditors. To effectively perform his or her role, each committee member will obtain an understanding of the detailed responsibilities of committee membership as well as the Company's business, operations and risks.

The function of the Audit Committee is oversight and while it has the responsibilities and powers set forth in its charter (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 11.2), it is neither the duty of the committee to plan or to conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete, accurate and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, nor to maintain internal controls and procedures.

The current members of the Audit Committee are José P. Dorais, Pierre Lapalme and Gérard Limoges.

Governance Committee

The mandate of the Governance Committee provides that it is responsible for taking all reasonable measures to ensure that appropriate human resources systems and procedures, such as hiring policies, competency profiles, training policies and compensation structures are in place so that the Company can attract, motivate and retain the quality of personnel required to meet its business objectives.

The Governance Committee also assists the Board in discharging its responsibilities relating to executive and other human resources hiring, assessment, compensation and succession planning matters.

Thus, the Governance Committee recommends the appointment of senior officers, including the terms and conditions of their appointment and termination, and reviews the evaluation of the performance of our senior officers, including recommending their compensation and overseeing risk identification and management in relation to executive compensation policies and practices. The Board, which includes the members of the Governance Committee, reviews the Chief Executive Officer's corporate goals and objectives and evaluates his or her performance and compensation in light of such goals and objectives.

The current members of the Governance Committee are Juergen Ernst, José P. Dorais and Carolyn Egbert.

D. Employees

As at March 14, 2014, we had a total of 76.26 full time equivalents ("FTE") (as compared to 81 as at March 1, 2013 and 89 as at March 1, 2012), of which 61.56 are based in Frankfurt, Germany, 6 in New Jersey, United States, and 8.7 in Quebec City, Canada. Of these, 44.82 are involved in discovery, preclinical, clinical and pharmaceutical development, 7.9 are involved in regulatory affairs, quality assurance and intellectual property, and 23.54 are involved in business operations, communications, finance, information technology, human resources, project management and legal affairs. We have agreements with our employees covering confidentiality, loyalty, non-competition, and assignment to the Company of all intellectual property rights developed during the employment period.

E. Share ownership

The information in the table below is provided as at December 31, 2013:

| Name | No. of Common Shares owned or held | Percent ⁽¹⁾ | No. of stock options held ⁽²⁾ | No. of currently exercisable options |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Aubut, Marcel | 18,750 | * | 69,165 | 29,722 |
| Blake, Paul | 11,725 | * | 151,945 | 121,157 |
| Dinges, Jude | 3,391 | * | 150,000 | — |
| Dodd, David A. | 8,333 | * | 300,000 | — |
| Dorais, José P. | — | * | 53,333 | 13,890 |
| Egbert, Carolyn | — | * | 37,500 | 5,000 |
| Ernst, Juergen | 9,808 | * | 85,831 | 46,388 |
| Lapalme, Pierre | — | * | 56,666 | 17,223 |
| Limoges, Gérard | 1,499 | * | 69,165 | 29,722 |
| Pelliccione, Nicholas J. | 4,625 | * | 121,483 | 94,229 |
| Turpin, Dennis | 3,541 | * | 169,994 | 138,105 |
| Total | 61,672 | 0.14 | 1,265,082 | 495,436 |

* Less than 1%

(1) Based on 45,312,009 Common Shares outstanding as at December 31, 2013.

(2) For information regarding option expiration dates and exercise price refer to the tables included under Item 6.B. Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

A. Major shareholders

We are not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by another corporation or by any foreign government. Based on filings with the SEC and the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, as at March 20, 2014, there are no persons/entities who beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over our Common Shares carrying more than 5% of the voting rights attached to all our Common Shares.

United States Shareholders

As at December 31, 2013, there were a total of 54 holders of record of our Common Shares, of which three were registered with addresses in the United States holding in the aggregate approximately 93% of our outstanding Common Shares. We believe that the number of beneficial owners of our Common Shares is substantially greater than the number of record holders, because the overwhelming majority of our Common Shares are held in broker "street names".

B. Related party transactions

None.

C. Interests of experts and counsel

Not applicable.

Item 8. Financial Information

A. Consolidated statements and other financial information

The consolidated financial statements filed as part of this annual report on Form 20-F are presented under "Item 18. – Financial Statements".

B. Significant changes

No significant changes occurred since the date of our annual consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report on Form 20-F.

Item 9. The Offering and Listing

A. Offer and listing details

Not Applicable, except for Item 9A(4).

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Our Common Shares are listed and posted for trading on NASDAQ under the symbol "AEZS" and on the TSX under the symbol "AEZ". The following table indicates, for the relevant periods, the high and low closing prices of our Common Shares on NASDAQ and on the TSX:

| | NASDAQ (US\$) | | TSX (CAN\$) | |
|---------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|------|
| | High | Low | High | Low |
| 2013 | 3.23 | 1.03 | 3.27 | 1.08 |
| 2012 | 12.90 | 1.87 | 12.84 | 1.87 |
| 2011 | 15.48 | 8.58 | 15.06 | 8.46 |
| 2010 | 12.54 | 4.74 | 12.84 | 4.80 |
| 2009 | 16.98 | 2.76 | 18.66 | 3.42 |
| 2012 | | | | |
| Fourth quarter | 4.12 | 1.87 | 4.08 | 1.87 |
| Third quarter | 5.06 | 2.35 | 5.04 | 2.34 |
| Second quarter | 4.80 | 2.29 | 4.80 | 2.40 |
| First quarter | 12.90 | 9.36 | 12.84 | 9.42 |
| 2013 | | | | |
| Fourth quarter | 1.65 | 1.03 | 1.71 | 1.08 |
| Third quarter | 1.98 | 1.37 | 2.09 | 1.41 |
| Second quarter | 2.10 | 1.73 | 2.18 | 1.74 |
| First quarter | 3.23 | 1.88 | 3.27 | 1.90 |
| Most recent 6 months | | | | |
| March 2014 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.49 | 1.23 | 1.66 | 1.37 |
| February 2014 | 1.32 | 1.23 | 1.46 | 1.37 |
| January 2014 | 1.49 | 1.19 | 1.58 | 1.29 |
| December 2013 | 1.44 | 1.08 | 1.52 | 1.13 |
| November 2013 | 1.65 | 1.03 | 1.71 | 1.08 |
| October 2013 | 1.51 | 1.35 | 1.56 | 1.41 |
| September 2013 | 1.70 | 1.48 | 1.79 | 1.55 |

(1) Up to and including March 18, 2014

B. Plan of distribution

Not applicable.

C. Markets

Our Common Shares are listed and posted for trading on NASDAQ under the symbol "AEZS" and on the TSX under the symbol "AEZ".

D. Selling shareholders

Not applicable.

E. Dilution

Not applicable.

F. Expenses of the issuer

Not applicable.

Item 10. Additional Information

A. Share capital

Not applicable.

B. Memorandum and articles of association

The Company is governed by its restated articles of incorporation (the "Restated Articles of Incorporation") under the CBCA and by articles of amendment dated October 2, 2012 (together with the Restated Articles of Incorporation, the "Articles") and by its bylaws (the "bylaws"). The Company's Articles are on file with the Corporations Directorate of Industry Canada under Corporation Number 264271-9. The Articles do not include a stated purpose and do not place any restrictions on the business that the Company may carry on.

Inspection Rights of Shareholders

Under the CBCA, shareholders are entitled to be provided with a copy of the list of registered shareholders of the Company. In order to obtain the shareholder list, the Company must be provided with an affidavit including, among other things, a statement that the list will only be used for the purposes permitted by the CBCA. These permitted purposes include an effort to influence the voting of shareholders of the Company, an offer to acquire securities of the Company and any other matter relating to the affairs of the Company. The Company is entitled to charge a reasonable fee for the provision of the shareholder list and must deliver that list no more than ten days after receipt of the affidavit described above.

Under the CBCA, shareholders have the right to inspect certain corporate records, including its Articles and bylaws and minutes of meetings and resolutions of the shareholders. Shareholders have no statutory right to inspect minutes of meetings and resolutions of directors of the Company. Shareholders of the Company have the right to certain financial information respecting the Company. In addition to the annual and quarterly financial statements required to be filed under applicable securities laws, under the CBCA, the Company is required to place before every annual meeting of shareholders its audited comparative annual financial statements. In addition, shareholders have the right to examine the financial statements of each of our subsidiaries and any other corporate entity whose accounts are consolidated in the financial statements of the Company.

Directors

The minimum number of directors of the Company is five and the maximum number is 15. In accordance with the CBCA, at least 25% of its directors must be residents of Canada. In order to serve as a director, a person must be a natural person at least 18 years of age, of sound mind, not bankrupt, and must not be prohibited by any court from holding the office of director. None of the Articles, the bylaws and the CBCA imposes any mandatory retirement requirements for directors.

The directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast at the annual meeting at which an election of directors is required, to hold office until the election of their successors except in the case of resignations or if their offices become vacant by death or otherwise. Subject to the provisions of the Company's bylaws, all directors may, if still qualified to serve as directors, stand for re-election. The Board is not replaced at staggered intervals but is elected annually.

There is no provision in the Company's bylaws or its Articles that requires that a director of the Company must be a shareholder.

The directors are entitled to remuneration as shall from time to time be determined by the Board or by a committee to which the Board may delegate the power to do so. Under the mandate of the Company's Governance Committee, such committee, comprised of a majority of independent directors, is tasked with making recommendations to the Board concerning director remuneration.

The CBCA provides that a director who is a party to, or who is a director or officer of, or has a material interest in, any person who is a party to a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Company must disclose to the Company the nature and extent of his or her interest at the time and in the manner provided by the CBCA, or request that same be entered in the minutes of the meetings of the Board, even if such contract, in connection with the normal business activity of the Company, does not require the approval of either the directors or the shareholders. At the request of the president or any director, the director placed in a situation of conflict of interest must leave the meeting while the Board discusses the matter. The CBCA prohibits such a director

from voting on any resolution to approve the contract or transaction unless the contract or transaction:

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relates primarily to his or her remuneration as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or an affiliate; is for indemnity or insurance for director's liability as permitted by the CBCA; or is with an affiliate of the Company.

The CBCA provides that the Board may, on behalf of the Company and without authorization of its shareholders:

borrow money upon the credit of the Company;

issue, reissue, sell or pledge debt obligations of the Company;

give a guarantee on behalf of the Company to secure performance of an obligation of any person; and

mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the Company, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any obligation of the Company.

The shareholders have the ability to restrict such powers through the Company's Articles or bylaws (or through a unanimous shareholder agreement), but no such restrictions are in place.

The CBCA prohibits the giving of a guarantee to any shareholder, director, officer or employee of the Company or of an affiliated corporation or to an associate of any such person for any purpose or to any person for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase of a share issued or to be issued by the Company or its affiliates, where there are reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is or, after giving the guarantee, would be unable to pay its liabilities as they become due, or the realizable value of the Company's assets in the form of assets pledged or encumbered to secure a guarantee, after giving the guarantee, would be less than the aggregate of the Company's liabilities and stated capital of all classes. These borrowing powers may be varied by the Company's bylaws or its Articles. However, the Company's bylaws and Articles do not contain any restrictions on or variations of these borrowing powers.

Pursuant to the CBCA, the directors of the Company manage and administer the business and affairs of the Company and exercise all such powers and authority as the Company is authorized to exercise pursuant to the CBCA, the Articles and the bylaws. The general duties of a director or officer of the Company under the CBCA are to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Any breach of these duties may lead to liability to the Company and its shareholders for breach of fiduciary duty. In addition, a breach of certain provisions of the CBCA, including the improper payment of dividends or the improper purchase or redemption of shares, will render the directors who authorized such action liable to account to the Company for any amounts improperly paid or distributed.

The Company's bylaws provide that the Board may, from time to time, appoint from amongst their number committees of the Board, and delegate to any such committee any of the powers of the Board except those which pursuant to the CBCA a committee of the Board has no authority to exercise. As such, the Board has two standing committees: the Audit Committee and the Governance Committee.

Subject to the limitations provided by the CBCA, the Company's bylaws provide that the Company shall, to the full extent provided by law, indemnify a director or an officer of the Company, a former director or officer of the Company or a person who acts or acted at the Company's request as a director or officer of a body corporate of which the Company is or was a shareholder or creditor, and his or her heirs and legal representatives, against all costs, losses, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by him or her in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which he or she is made a party by reason of having been a director or officer of the Company or such body corporate, provided:

(a) he or she acted in good faith in the best interests of the Company; and

(b) in the case of a criminal or an administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he or she had reasonable grounds to believe that his or her conduct was lawful.

The directors of the Company are authorized to indemnify from time to time any director or other person who has assumed or is about to assume in the normal course of business any liability for the Company or for any corporation controlled by the Company, and to secure such director or other person against any loss by the pledge of all or part of the movable or immovable property of the Company through the creation of a hypothec or any other real right in all or part of such property or in any other manner.

Share Capitalization

Our authorized share capital structure consists of an unlimited number of shares of the following classes (all classes are without nominal or par value): Common Shares; and first preferred shares (the "First Preferred Shares") and second preferred shares (the "Second Preferred Shares" and, together with the First Preferred Shares, the "Preferred Shares"), both issuable in series. As at March 20, 2014, there were 56,513,969 Common Shares outstanding. No Preferred Shares of the Company have been issued to date. The Company has also issued warrants to acquire Common Shares in connection with certain equity financings.

Common Shares

The holders of the Common Shares are entitled to one vote for each common share held by them at all meetings of shareholders, except meetings at which only shareholders of a specified class of shares are entitled to vote. In addition, the holders are entitled to receive dividends if, as and when declared by the Company's Board of Directors on the Common Shares. Finally, the holders of the Common Shares are entitled to receive the remaining property of the Company upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the affairs of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary. Shareholders have no liability to further capital calls as all shares issued and outstanding are fully paid and non-assessable.

Preferred Shares

The First and Second Preferred Shares are issuable in series with rights and privileges specific to each class. The holders of Preferred Shares are generally not entitled to receive notice of or to attend or vote at meetings of shareholders. The holders of First Preferred Shares are entitled to preference and priority to any participation of holders of Second Preferred Shares, Common Shares or shares of any other class of shares of the share capital of the Company ranking junior to the First Preferred Shares with respect to dividends and, in the event of the liquidation of the Company, the distribution of its property upon its dissolution or winding-up, or the distribution of all or part of its assets among the shareholders, to an amount equal to the value of the consideration paid in respect of such shares outstanding, as credited to the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company, on an equal basis, in proportion to the amount of their respective claims in regard to such shares held by them. The holders of Second Preferred Shares are entitled to preference and priority to any participation of holders of Common Shares or shares of any other class of shares of the share capital of the Company ranking junior to the Second Preferred Shares with respect to dividends and, in the event of the liquidation of the Company, the distribution of its property upon its dissolution or winding-up, or the distribution of all or part of its assets among the shareholders, to an amount equal to the value of the consideration paid in respect of such shares outstanding, as credited to the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company, on an equal basis, in proportion to the amount of their respective claims in regard to such shares held by them.

Our Board of Directors may, from time to time, provide for additional series of Preferred Shares to be created and issued, but the issuance of any Preferred Shares is subject to the general duties of the directors under the CBCA to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

Shareholder Actions

The CBCA provides that shareholders of the Company may, with leave of a court, bring an action in the name of and on behalf of the Company for the purpose of prosecuting, defending or discontinuing an action on behalf of the Company. In order to grant leave to permit such an action, the CBCA provides that the court must be satisfied that the directors of the Company were given adequate notice of the application, the shareholder is acting in good faith and that it appears to be in the Company's best interests that the action be brought.

Shareholder Rights Plan

The Company's Board of Directors adopted a shareholder rights plan on March 23, 2010, which was initially confirmed and ratified by the Company's shareholders on May 13, 2010 (the "Rights Plan").

Under the terms of the Rights Plan, its continued existence was reconfirmed by the Company's shareholders at the Company's annual meeting of shareholders held on May 8, 2013.

Objectives and Background of the Shareholder Rights Plan

The fundamental objectives of the Rights Plan are to provide adequate time for our Board and shareholders to assess an unsolicited take-over bid for the Company, to provide the Board with sufficient time to explore and develop alternatives for maximizing shareholder value if a take-over bid is made, and to provide shareholders with an equal opportunity to participate in a take-over bid.

The Rights Plan encourages a potential acquiror who makes a take-over bid to proceed either by way of a "Permitted Bid", as described below, which requires a take-over bid to satisfy certain minimum standards designed to promote fairness, or with the concurrence of our Board. If a take-over bid fails to meet these minimum standards and the Rights Plan is not waived by the Board, the Rights Plan provides that holders of Common Shares, other than the acquiror, will be able to purchase additional Common Shares at a significant discount to market, thus exposing the person acquiring Common Shares to substantial dilution of its holdings.

Summary of the Rights Plan

The following is a summary of the principal terms of the Rights Plan, which summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms thereof. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this summary shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Shareholder Rights Plan Agreement which sets forth the Rights Plan. The Rights Plan is filed as an exhibit to this annual report on Form 20-F.

Operation of the Rights Plan

Pursuant to the terms of the Rights Plan, one right was issued in respect of each common share outstanding at 5:01 p.m. on March 29, 2010 (the "Effective Date"). In addition, one right will be issued for each additional common share issued after the Record Time and prior to the earlier of the Separation Time (as defined below) and the Expiration Time (as defined below). The rights have an initial exercise price equal to the Market Price (as defined below) of the Common Shares as determined at the Separation Time, multiplied by five, subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments (the "Exercise Price"), and they are not exercisable until the Separation Time. Upon the occurrence of a Flip-in Event, each right will entitle the holder thereof, other than an Acquiring Person or any other person whose rights are or become void pursuant to the provisions of the Rights Plan, to purchase from the Company, effective at the close of business on the eighth trading day after the Stock Acquisition Date, upon payment to the Company of the Exercise Price, Common Shares having an aggregate Market Price equal to twice the Exercise Price on the date of consummation or occurrence of such Flip-in Event, subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments.

Definition of Market Price

Market Price is generally defined in the Rights Plan, on any given day on which a determination must be made, as the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares for the five consecutive trading days (i.e. days on which the TSX is open for the transaction of business, subject to certain exceptions), through and including the trading day immediately preceding such date of determination, subject to certain exceptions.

Trading of Rights

Until the Separation Time (or the earlier termination or expiration of the rights), the rights trade together with the Common Shares and are represented by the same share certificates as the Common Shares or an entry in the Company's securities register in respect of any outstanding Common Shares. From and after the Separation Time and prior to the Expiration Time, the rights are evidenced by rights certificates and trade separately from the Common Shares. The rights do not carry any of the rights attaching to the Common Shares such as voting or dividend rights.

Separation Time

The rights will separate from the Common Shares to which they are attached and become exercisable at the time (the "Separation Time") of the close of business on the eighth business day after the earliest to occur of:

1. the first date (the "Stock Acquisition Date") of a public announcement of facts indicating that a person has become an Acquiring Person; and
2. the date of the commencement of, or first public announcement of the intention of any person (other than the Company or any of its subsidiaries) to commence a take-over bid or a share exchange bid for more than 20% of the outstanding Common Shares of the Company other than a Permitted Bid or a Competing Permitted Bid (as defined below), so long as such take-over bid continues to satisfy the requirements of a Permitted Bid or a Competing Permitted Bid, as the case may be.

The Separation Time can also be such later time as may from time to time be determined by the Board, provided that if any such take-over bid expires, or is cancelled, terminated or otherwise withdrawn prior to the Separation Time, without securities deposited thereunder being taken up and paid for, it shall be deemed never to have been made and if the Board determines to waive the application of the Rights Plan to a Flip-in Event, the Separation Time in respect of such Flip-in Event shall be deemed never to have occurred.

From and after the Separation Time and prior to the Expiration Time, each right entitles the holder thereof to purchase one common share upon payment to the Company of the Exercise Price.

Flip-in Event

The acquisition by a person (an "Acquiring Person"), including others acting jointly or in concert with such person, of more than 20% of the outstanding Common Shares, other than by way of a Permitted Bid, a Competing Permitted Bid or in certain other limited circumstances described in the Rights Plan, is referred to as a "Flip-in Event".

In the event that, prior to the Expiration Time, a Flip-in Event which has not been waived occurs (see "Waiver and Redemption" below), each right (other than those held by or deemed to be held by the Acquiring Person) will thereafter entitle the holder thereof, effective as at the close of business on the eighth trading day after the Stock Acquisition Date, to purchase from the Company, upon payment of the Exercise Price and otherwise exercising such right in accordance with the terms of the Rights Plan, that number of Common Shares having an aggregate Market Price on the date of consummation or occurrence of the Flip-in Event equal to twice the Exercise Price, for an amount in cash equal to the Exercise Price (subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments described in the Rights Plan).

A bidder may enter into Lock-up Agreements with the Company's shareholders ("Locked-up Persons") who are not affiliates or associates of the bidder and who are not, other than by virtue of entering into such agreement, acting jointly or in concert with the bidder, whereby such shareholders agree to tender their Common Shares to the take-over bid (the "Lock-up Bid") without the bidder being deemed to beneficially own the Common Shares deposited pursuant to the Lock-up Bid. Any such agreement must include a provision that permits the Locked-up Person to withdraw the Common Shares to tender to another take-over bid or to support another transaction that will either provide greater consideration to the shareholder than the Lock-up Bid or provide for a right to sell a greater number of shares than the Lock-up Bid contemplates (provided that the Lock-up Agreement may require that such greater number exceed the number of shares under the Locked-up Bid by a specified percentage not to exceed 7%).

The Lock-up Agreement may require that the consideration under the other transaction exceed the consideration under the Lock-up Bid by a specified amount. The specified amount may not be greater than 7%. For greater certainty, a Lock-up Agreement may contain a right of first refusal or require a period of delay (or other similar limitation) to give a bidder an opportunity to match a higher price in another transaction as long as the limitation does not preclude the exercise by the Locked-up Person of the right to withdraw the Common Shares during the period of the other take-over bid or transaction.

The Rights Plan requires that any Lock-up Agreement be made available to the Company and the public. The definition of Lock-up Agreement also provides that under a Lock-up Agreement, no "break up" fees, "topping" fees, penalties, expenses or other amounts that exceed in aggregate the greater of (i) 2.5% of the price or value of the aggregate consideration payable under the Lock-up Bid, and (ii) 50% of the amount by which the price or value of the consideration received by a Locked-up Person under another take-over bid or transaction exceeds what such Locked-up Person would have received under the Lock-up Bid, can be payable by such Locked-up Person if the Locked-up Person fails to deposit or tender Common Shares to the Lock-up Bid or withdraws Common Shares previously tendered thereto in order to deposit such Common Shares to another take-over bid or support another transaction.

Permitted Bid Requirements

The requirements of a Permitted Bid include the following:

1. the take-over bid must be made by means of a take-over bid circular;
2. the take-over bid must be made to all holders of Common Shares wherever resident, on identical terms and conditions, other than the bidder;
3. the take-over bid must not permit Common Shares tendered pursuant to the bid to be taken up or paid for:
 - a) prior to the close of business on a date which is not less than 60 days following the date of the bid, and
 - b) then only if at such date more than 50% of the then outstanding Common Shares held by shareholders other than any other Acquiring Person, the bidder, the bidder's affiliates or associates, persons acting jointly or in concert with the bidder and any employee benefit plan, deferred profit-sharing plan, stock participation plan or trust for the benefit of employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, unless the beneficiaries of such plan or trust direct the manner in which the Common Shares are to be voted or direct whether the Common Shares are to be tendered to

a take-over bid (the "Independent Shareholders"), have been deposited or tendered to the take-over bid and not withdrawn;

4. the take-over bid must allow Common Shares to be deposited, unless the take-over bid is withdrawn, at any time up to the close of business on the date that the Common Shares are to be first taken up and paid for;
5. the take-over bid must allow Common Shares to be withdrawn until taken up and paid for; and if more than 50% of the then outstanding Common Shares held by Independent Shareholders are deposited or
6. tendered to the take-over bid within the 60-day period and not withdrawn, the bidder must make a public announcement of that fact and the take-over bid must remain open for deposits and tenders of Common Shares for not less than ten days from the date of such public announcement.

A Permitted Bid need not be a bid for all outstanding Common Shares not held by the bidder, i.e., a Permitted Bid may be a partial bid. The Rights Plan also allows a competing Permitted Bid (a "Competing Permitted Bid") to be made while a Permitted Bid is in existence. A Competing Permitted Bid must satisfy all the requirements of a Permitted Bid other than the requirement set out in clause 3(a) above and must not permit Common Shares tendered or deposited pursuant to the bid to be taken up or paid for prior to the close of business on a date which is earlier than 35 days (or such longer minimum period of days that the bid must be open for acceptance after the date of the bid under applicable Canadian provincial securities legislation) and the 60th day after the earliest date on which any other Permitted Bid or Competing Permitted Bid that is then in existence was made.

Waiver and Redemption

The Board may, prior to the occurrence of a Flip-in Event, waive the dilutive effects of the Rights Plan in respect of, among other things, a particular Flip-in Event resulting from a take-over bid made by way of a take-over bid circular to all holders of Common Shares of the Company. In such an event, such waiver shall also be deemed to be a waiver in respect of any other Flip-in Event occurring under a take-over bid made by way of a take-over bid circular to all holders of Common Shares prior to the expiry of the first mentioned take-over bid.

The Board may, with the approval of a majority of Independent Shareholders (or, after the Separation Time has occurred, holders of rights, other than rights which are void pursuant to the provisions of the Rights Plan or which, prior to the Separation Time, are held otherwise than by Independent Shareholders), at any time prior to the occurrence of a Flip-in Event which has not been waived, elect to redeem all, but not less than all, of the then outstanding rights at a price of \$0.00001 each, appropriately adjusted as provided in the Rights Plan (the "Redemption Price").

Where a take-over bid that is not a Permitted Bid or Competing Permitted Bid is withdrawn or otherwise terminated after the Separation Time has occurred and prior to the occurrence of a Flip-in Event, the Board may elect to redeem all the outstanding rights at the Redemption Price without the consent of the holders of the Common Shares or the rights and reissue rights under the Rights Plan to holders of record of Common Shares immediately following such redemption. Upon the rights being so redeemed and reissued, all the provisions of the Rights Plan will continue to apply as if the Separation Time had not occurred, and the Separation Time will be deemed not to have occurred and the Company shall be deemed to have issued replacement rights to the holders of its then outstanding Common Shares.

Amendment to the Rights Plan

The Rights Plan may be amended to correct any clerical or typographical error or to make such changes as are required to maintain the validity of the Rights Plan as a result of any change in any applicable legislation, regulations or rules thereunder, without the approval of the holders of the Common Shares or rights. Prior to the Separation Time, the Company may, with the prior consent of the holders of Common Shares, amend, vary or delete any of the provisions of the Rights Plan in order to effect any changes which the Board, acting in good faith, considers necessary or desirable. The Company may, with the prior consent of the holders of rights, at any time after the Separation Time and before the Expiration Time, amend, vary or delete any of the provisions of the Rights Plan.

Protection Against Dilution

The Exercise Price, the number and nature of securities which may be purchased upon the exercise of rights and the number of rights outstanding are subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution in the event of stock dividends, subdivisions, consolidations, reclassifications or other changes in the outstanding Common Shares, pro rata distributions to holders of Common Shares and other circumstances where adjustments are required to appropriately protect the interests of the holders of rights.

Fiduciary Duty of Board

The Rights Plan will not detract from or lessen the duty of the Board to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. The Board will continue to have the duty and power to take such actions and make such recommendations to the Company's shareholders as are considered appropriate.

Exemptions for Investment Advisors

Fund managers, investment advisors (for fully-managed accounts), trust companies (acting in their capacities as trustees and administrators), statutory bodies whose business includes the management of funds, and administrators of registered pension plans are exempt from triggering a Flip-in Event, provided that they are not making, or are not part of a group making, a take-over bid.

Term

The Rights Plan will expire (the "Expiration Time") on the earlier of the first annual meeting of shareholders of the Company following March 29, 2016, being the sixth anniversary of the Effective Date and the time at which the right to exercise rights shall terminate pursuant to the provisions of the Rights Plan pertaining to the redemption of rights and the waiver of the application of the Rights Plan, after which time it will automatically terminate.

Action Necessary to Change Rights of Shareholders

In order to change the rights of its shareholders, the Company would need to amend its Articles to effect the change. Such an amendment would require the approval of holders of two-thirds of the issued and outstanding shares cast at a duly called special meeting. For certain amendments, a shareholder is entitled under the CBCA to dissent in respect of such a resolution amending the Articles and, if the resolution is adopted and the Company implements such changes, demand payment of the fair value of its shares.

Disclosure of Share Ownership

In general, under applicable securities regulation in Canada, a person or company who beneficially owns, or who directly or indirectly exercises control or direction over voting securities of a reporting issuer, voting securities of an issuer or a combination of both, carrying more than ten percent of the voting rights attached to all the issuer's outstanding voting securities is an insider and must, within ten days of becoming an insider, file a report in the required form effective the date on which the person became an insider, disclosing any direct or indirect beneficial ownership of, or control or direction over, securities of the reporting issuer.

Additionally, securities regulation in Canada provides for the filing of a report by an insider of a reporting issuer whose holdings change, which report must be filed within five days from the day on which the change takes place. Section 13 of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") imposes reporting requirements on persons who acquire beneficial ownership (as such term is defined in the Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than five percent of a class of an equity security registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act. The Company's Common Shares are so registered. In general, such persons must file, within ten days after such acquisition, a report of beneficial ownership with the SEC containing the information prescribed by the regulations under Section 13 of the Exchange Act. This information is also required to be sent to the issuer of the securities and to each exchange where the securities are traded.

Meeting of Shareholders

An annual meeting of shareholders is held each year for the purpose of considering the financial statements and reports, electing directors, appointing auditors and fixing or authorizing the Board to fix their remuneration and for the transaction of other business as may properly come before a meeting of shareholders. Any annual meeting may also constitute a special meeting to take cognizance and dispose of any matter of which a special meeting may take cognizance and dispose. Under the bylaws, the Chief Executive Officer or the President of the Company has the power to call a meeting of shareholders.

The CBCA provides that the holders of not less than 5% of the outstanding voting shares of the Company may requisition the directors of the Company to call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose stated in the requisition. Except in limited circumstances, including where a meeting of shareholders has already been called and a notice of meeting already given or where it is clear that the primary purpose of the requisition is to redress a personal grievance against the Company or its directors, officers or shareholders, the directors of the Company, on receipt of such requisition, must call a meeting of shareholders. If the directors fail to call a meeting of shareholders within

twenty-one days after receiving the requisition, any shareholder who signed the requisition may call the meeting of shareholders and, unless the shareholders resolve otherwise at

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the meeting, the Company shall reimburse the shareholders for the expenses reasonably incurred by them in requisitioning, calling and holding the meeting of shareholders.

The CBCA also provides that, except in limited circumstances, a resolution in writing signed by all of the shareholders entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of shareholders is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of shareholders.

A quorum of shareholders is present at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, regardless of the number of persons present in person at the meeting, if the holder(s) of shares representing at least 10% of the outstanding voting shares at such meeting are present in person or represented in accordance with the Company's bylaws. In the case where the CBCA, the Articles or the bylaws of the Company require or permit the vote by class of holders of a given class of shares of the share capital of the Company, the quorum at any meeting will be one or more persons representing 10% of the outstanding shares of such class.

Notice of the time and place of each annual or special meeting of shareholders must be given not less than 21 days, nor more than 50 days, before the date of each meeting to each director, to the auditor and to each shareholder entitled to vote thereat. If the address of any shareholder, director or auditor does not appear in the books of the Company, the notice may be sent to such address as the person sending the notice may consider to be most likely to reach such shareholder, director or auditor promptly. Every person who, by operation of the CBCA, transfers or by any other means whatsoever, becomes entitled to any share, shall be bound by every notice given in respect of such share which, prior to the entry of his or her name and address on the register of the Company, is given to the person whose name appears on the register at the time such notice is sent. Notice of meeting of shareholders called for any other purpose other than consideration of the financial statements and auditor's report, election of directors and reappointment of the incumbent auditor, must state the nature of the business in sufficient detail to permit the shareholder to form a reasoned judgment on and must state the text of any special resolution or bylaw to be submitted to the meeting.

On March 21, 2013, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Company's bylaws in order to include an advance notice provision (the "Advance Notice Requirement") and concurrently approved an amendment to and restatement of the Company's bylaws giving effect to the Advance Notice Requirement (the "Amended and Restated Bylaws"). The Amended and Restated Bylaws giving effect to the Advance Notice Requirement were subsequently ratified and approved by the Company's shareholders on May 8, 2013. The Advance Notice Requirement applies in certain circumstances where nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors are made by shareholders of the Company other than pursuant to: (a) a requisition of a meeting made pursuant to the provisions of the CBCA; or (b) a shareholder proposal made pursuant to the provisions of the CBCA.

Among other things, the Advance Notice Requirement fixes a deadline by which shareholders must submit a notice of director nominations to the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of shareholders where directors are to be elected and sets forth the information that a shareholder must include in the notice for it to be valid. In the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, notice to the Company must be given not less than 30 nor more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice may be made not later than the close of business on the 10th day following such public announcement. In the case of a special meeting of shareholders (which is not also an annual meeting), notice to the Company must be given not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting was made.

The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement of the Advance Notice Requirement.

Limitations on Right to Own Securities

Neither Canadian law nor the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation or bylaws limit the right of a non-resident to hold or vote Common Shares, other than as provided in the Investment Canada Act (the "Investment Act"). The Investment Act prohibits implementation of certain direct reviewable investments by an individual, government or agency thereof, corporation, partnership, trust or joint venture that is not a "Canadian", as defined in the Investment Act (a "non-Canadian"), unless, after review, the minister responsible for the Investment Act is satisfied or is deemed to be satisfied that the investment is likely to be of net benefit to Canada. An investment in the Common Shares of the Company by a non-Canadian (other than a "WTO Investor", as defined below) would be reviewable under the

Investment Act if it were an investment to acquire direct control of the Company, and the book value of the assets of the Company were CAN\$5 million or more (provided that immediately prior to the implementation of the investment the Company was not controlled by WTO Investors). Subject to the Amendments (as defined below), an investment in Common Shares of the Company by a WTO Investor would be reviewable under the Investment Act if it were an investment to acquire direct control of the Company and the value of the assets of the Company equalled or exceeded CAN\$354 million (for 2014). A non-Canadian, whether a WTO Investor or otherwise, would be deemed to acquire control of the Company for purposes of the Investment Act if he or she acquired a majority of the Common Shares of

the Company. The acquisition of less than a majority, but at least one-third of the shares, would be presumed to be an acquisition of control of the Company, unless it could be established that the Company was not controlled in fact by the acquirer through the ownership of the shares. In general, an individual is a WTO Investor if he or she is a "national" of a country (other than Canada) that is a member of the World Trade Organization ("WTO Member") or has a right of permanent residence in a WTO Member. A corporation or other entity will be a "WTO Investor" if it is a "WTO Investor-controlled entity", pursuant to detailed rules set out in the Investment Act. The United States is a WTO Member. Certain transactions involving the Common Shares would be exempt from the Investment Act, including: (a) an acquisition of the shares if the acquisition were made in the ordinary course of that person's business as a trader or dealer in securities; (b) an acquisition of control of the Company in connection with the realization of a security interest granted for a loan or other financial assistance and not for any purpose related to the provisions of the Investment Act; and (c) an acquisition of control of the Company by reason of an amalgamation, merger, consolidation or corporate reorganization, following which the ultimate direct or indirect control in fact of the Company, through the ownership of voting interests, remains unchanged.

The Canadian Federal Government adopted certain amendments (the "Amendments") to the Investment Act in 2009. Some of the Amendments, which came into force on February 6, 2009, introduce a national security test and review process, authorizing the Canadian Minister of Industry to review investments that "could be injurious to national security", regardless of the size of the transaction. Some of the other Amendments will come into force on a day to be fixed by order of the Canadian Governor in Council, including the increase to the thresholds that trigger governmental review for WTO Investors. Therefore, the thresholds for the review of direct acquisitions of control by WTO Investors would increase from the current CAN\$354 million (based on book value) to CAN\$600 million (to be based on the "enterprise value" of the Canadian business) for the two years after such Amendments come into force, to CAN\$800 million in the following two years and then to CAN\$1 billion for the next two years. Thereafter, the thresholds are to be adjusted to account for inflation. A number of the Amendments still require additional definition and details, which will be set forth in regulations promulgated under the Investment Act.

There are no limits on the rights of non-Canadians to exercise voting rights on their Common Shares of the Company.

C. Material contracts

Other than as disclosed herein under "Shareholder Rights Plan" and below, and except for contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, there are no material contracts to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party.

Employment Agreements

The Company and/or its subsidiaries have entered into employment agreements (the "Employment Agreements") with each of the Named Executive Officers who remain in the employment of the Company. The Employment Agreements provide that the Company will pay the Named Executive Officers a base salary and an annual bonus and that such executives will be eligible to receive long-term incentive grants in the form of stock options which will be reviewed annually in accordance with the Company's policies. The Employment Agreements have an indefinite term. Each of the Employment Agreements provides that if the Company terminates the employment of a Named Executive Officer without "Cause" (or, in the case of Messrs. Dodd and Dinges, there is a "separation from service" within the meaning of §409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (a "Separation from Service") or a resignation for "Good Reason"), then the executive will be entitled to receive, in the case of Mr. Dodd, a lump-sum payment (less applicable tax withholdings) in an amount equal to twice the sum of his then base salary, his then annual bonus, the amount of his then car allowance, plus any earned retention bonus and eighteen months of the value of the other benefits to which he is entitled (through the purchase by the Company of eighteen months of the coverage required under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 ("COBRA")). In the case of Mr. Turpin, the lump-sum payment will be equivalent to eighteen months of his then applicable base salary, 1.5 times the annual bonus of the preceding year and eighteen months of the value of the other benefits to which he is entitled. In the case of Mr. Dinges, he is entitled to receive a lump-sum payment (less applicable tax withholdings) in an amount equal to one times the sum of his then base salary, his then annual bonus, pro-rated as applicable, any earned retention bonus, the amount of his then car allowance and eighteen months of the value of the other benefits to which he is entitled (through the purchase by the Company of eighteen months of the coverage required under COBRA). In addition, in the case of Messrs. Dodd and Dinges, if the executive has a Separation of Service, then the executive's right to

exercise all then outstanding stock options granted to him shall fully and immediately vest on the effective date of the Separation from Service. Messrs. Blake and Pelliccione ceased to be employed by Aeterna Zentaris as of March 13, 2014.

Furthermore, each of Messrs. Dodd, Turpin and Dinges shall not, for a period equal to one year following such executive's termination of employment with the Company, directly or indirectly, compete with the Company; solicit any clients of the Company or do anything whatsoever to induce or to lead any person to end, in whole or in part, its business relations with the Company; induce, attempt to induce or otherwise interfere in the relations which the Company has with its distributors, suppliers, representatives, agents and other parties with whom the Company deals; or induce, attempt to induce or otherwise solicit the

personnel of the Company to leave their employment with the Company or hire the personnel of the Company for any enterprise in which the executive has an interest.

Pursuant to the Employment Agreements, each of Messrs. Dodd and Turpin are also entitled to receive, as of the date of this annual report on Form 20-F, certain payments (the "Change of Control Payments") in the event (i) a "Change of Control" occurs, and (ii) during the twelve-month period following the Change of Control, either the Company terminates the employment of the executive without "Cause" (or, in the case of Mr. Dodd, there is a Separation from Service), or if the executive terminates his or her employment for "Good Reason" during such period. However, in accordance with the provisions of Mr. Turpin's Employment Agreement, the Company was entitled to unilaterally terminate his right to receive the Change of Control Payment at a specified period of time. In 2013, the Company thus provided notice to Mr. Turpin of the termination of his right to receive Change of Control Payments in accordance with the terms of his Employment Agreement. Consequently, effective June 29, 2014, Mr. Turpin will no longer be entitled to receive the Change of Control Payment detailed below.

The Change of Control Payments are as follows:

for Mr. Dodd, (i) the equivalent of thirty-six months of his then annual base salary, (ii) an amount equivalent to twice the annual bonus, if any, which he would have been entitled to receive in the year during which the Change of Control occurred, (iii) any earned retention bonus, and (iv) an amount equivalent to 12 months of the then annual cost to provide the other benefits to which he is entitled, or the cost to purchase coverage by the Company under COBRA for such benefits, whichever is applicable; and

for Mr. Turpin, the Change of Control Payment (which will terminate on June 29, 2014 as described above) would be the same as in the context of a termination of employment described above, except that the 1.5 multiple of his bonus payment would be based on his potential bonus for the year in which the Change of Control occurs as opposed to his actual bonus received for the preceding financial year.

All Change of Control Payments described above are subject to applicable statutory withholdings. In addition, in the event of a Change of Control followed by termination of employment within twelve months, any outstanding stock options held by Mr. Turpin are unaffected by the change of control provisions included in his Employment Agreement and such stock options will be treated in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Stock Option Plan described elsewhere in this annual report on Form 20-F, while any outstanding stock options held by Mr. Dodd shall, in such circumstances, fully and immediately vest on the date of his Separation from Service.

For the purposes of the applicable Employment Agreements (including the annexes and schedules thereto):

a "Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred in any of the following circumstances: (i) subject to certain exceptions, upon the acquisition by a person (or one or more persons who are affiliates of one another or who are acting jointly or in concert) of a beneficial interest in securities of the Company representing in any circumstance 50% or more of the voting rights attaching to the then outstanding securities of the Company; (ii) upon a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; (iii) upon a plan of liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or (iv) if, for any reason, including an amalgamation, merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another company, the individuals who, as at the date of the relevant Employment Agreement, constituted the Board (and any new directors whose appointment by the Board or whose nomination for election by the Company's shareholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who either were directors as at the date of the relevant Employment Agreement or whose appointment or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease to constitute a majority of the members of the Board;

termination of employment by the Company for "Cause" includes (but is not limited to) (i) if the executive commits any fraud, theft, embezzlement or other criminal act of a similar nature, and (ii) if the executive is guilty of serious misconduct or willful negligence in the performance of his duties; and

termination of employment by the executive officer for "Good Reason" means,

in the case of Mr. Dodd, the occurrence, without his express written consent, of any of the following acts: (i) a material reduction of his total compensation (including annual base salary plus annual bonus, benefits and number of stock options) as in effect on the date of his Employment Agreement or as same may be increased from time to time, provided such reduction is not warranted and due to company performance; (ii) any change in his direct reporting relationship to the Board; (iii) any reduction in his duties and responsibilities as

President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company; or (iv) a physical change of one hundred miles of more in his principal place of business;
in the case of Mr. Turpin, the occurrence, without the executive's express written consent, of any of the following acts: (i) a material reduction of the executive's total compensation (including annual base salary plus annual bonus, benefits

and number of stock options) as in effect on the date of his Employment Agreement or as same may be increased from time to time; (ii) a material reduction or change in the executive's duties, authority, responsibilities, accountability or a change in the business or corporate structure of the Company which materially affects his or her authority, compensation or ability to perform duties or responsibilities (such as shifting from a policy-making to a policy-implementation position); (iii) a forced relocation; or (iv) a material change in the terms and conditions of the change of control provisions included in his Employment Agreement that are not otherwise contemplated by his Employment Agreement; and

in the case of Mr. Dinges, the occurrence, without his express written consent, of any of the following acts: (i) a more than 25% reduction of his base annual salary as in effect on the date of his Employment Agreement or as the same may be increased from time to time, provided such reduction is not warranted and due to either company performance or failure of Mr. Dinges to achieve performance standards or objectives as determined by the President of the Company in his/her sole and absolute discretion and judgment; or (ii) a material reduction in his duties and responsibilities as the Company's Chief Commercial Officer.

D. Exchange controls

Canada has no system of exchange controls. There are no exchange restrictions on borrowing from foreign countries or on the remittance of dividends, interest, royalties and similar payments, management fees, loan repayments, settlement of trade debts or the repatriation of capital.

E. Taxation

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS OF A GENERAL NATURE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE, NOR SHOULD IT BE CONSTRUED TO BE, LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE TO ANY PARTICULAR HOLDER. CONSEQUENTLY, HOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS FOR ADVICE AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMMON SHARES HAVING REGARD TO THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Material Canadian Income Tax Considerations

The following summary describes the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations to a holder who acquires Common Shares (a "holder") and who, for the purposes of the Canadian federal Income Tax Act, R.S.C. 1985, as amended (the "Tax Act"), and at all relevant times, deals at arm's length with, and is not affiliated with, the Company and holds their Common Shares as capital property. Common Shares will generally be considered to be capital property to a holder for purposes of the Tax Act unless either the holder holds such Common Shares in the course of carrying on a business of trading or dealing in securities, or the holder has held or acquired such Common Shares in a transaction or transactions considered to be an adventure in the nature of trade.

This summary is not applicable to a holder (i) that is a "financial institution", as defined in the Tax Act for purposes of the mark-to-market rules, (ii) that is a "specified financial institution", as defined in the Tax Act, (iii) an interest in which would be a "tax shelter investment" as defined in the Tax Act, (iv) that has made a functional currency reporting election for purposes of the Tax Act or (v) that has entered into a "derivative forward agreement", as defined in the Tax Act, in respect of Common Shares. Such holders should consult their own tax advisors.

Additional considerations, not discussed herein, may be applicable to a holder that is a corporation resident in Canada, and is, or becomes, controlled by a non-resident corporation for the purposes of the "foreign affiliate dumping" rules in section 212.3 of the Tax Act. Such holders should consult their tax advisors with respect to the consequences of acquiring Common Shares.

This summary is based upon the current provisions of the Tax Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Regulations") and the Company's understanding of the current published administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA"). It also takes into account all proposed amendments to the Tax Act and the Regulations publicly released by the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof ("Tax Proposals"), and assumes that all such Tax Proposals will be enacted as currently proposed. No assurance can be given that the Tax Proposals will be enacted in the form proposed or at all. This summary does not otherwise take into account or anticipate any changes in law or administrative or assessing practice or policy of the CRA, whether by legislative, regulatory, judicial or administrative action or interpretation, nor does it address any provincial, local, territorial or foreign tax considerations.

Holders Not Resident in Canada

The following discussion applies to a holder of Common Shares who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the Tax Act, is neither resident nor deemed to be resident in Canada and does not, and is not deemed to, use or hold Common Shares in carrying on a business or part of a business in Canada (a "Non-Resident holder"). In addition, this discussion does not apply to an insurer who carries on an insurance business in Canada and elsewhere or to an "authorized foreign bank" (as defined in the Tax Act).

Disposition of Common Shares

A Non-Resident holder generally will not be subject to tax under the Tax Act in respect of any capital gain realized by such Non-Resident holder on a disposition or deemed disposition of Common Shares unless such shares constitute "taxable Canadian property" (as defined in the Tax Act) of the Non-Resident holder at the time of disposition and the gain is not exempt from tax pursuant to the terms of an applicable income tax treaty or convention.

As long as the Common Shares are listed on a designated stock exchange (which currently includes NASDAQ and the TSX) at the time of their disposition, the Common Shares generally will not constitute taxable Canadian property of a Non-Resident holder, unless (a) at any time during the 60-month period immediately preceding the disposition: (i) the Non-Resident holder, persons with whom the Non-Resident holder did not deal at arm's length, or the Non-Resident holder together with all such persons, owned 25% or more of the issued shares of any class or series of shares of the corporation; and (ii) more than 50% of the fair market value of the shares of the corporation was derived directly or indirectly from one or any combination of real or immovable property situated in Canada, "Canadian resource properties" (as defined in the Tax Act), "timber resource properties" (as defined in the Tax Act) or options in respect of, or interests in, or for civil law rights in, any such property whether or not such property exists or (b) our Common Shares are otherwise deemed to be taxable Canadian property to the Non-Resident holder. Under the Tax Proposals, the 25% ownership test will apply to Common Shares owned by one or any combination of the Non-Resident holder, persons with whom the Non-Resident holder does not deal at arm's length, and partnerships whose members include, either directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships, the Non-Resident holder or persons that do not deal at arm's length with the Non-Resident holder.

A Non-Resident holder's capital gain (or capital loss) in respect of Common Shares that constitute or are deemed to constitute taxable Canadian property (and are not "treaty-protected property" as defined in the Tax Act) will generally be computed in the manner described below under the heading "Holders Resident in Canada - Disposition of Common Shares".

If the Common Shares were to cease being listed on NASDAQ, the TSX or another "recognized stock exchange" (as defined in the Tax Act), a Non-Resident holder who disposes of Common Shares that are taxable Canadian property may be required to fulfill the requirements of section 116 of the Tax Act, unless the Common Shares are "treaty-protected property" (as defined in the Tax Act) of the disposing Non-Resident holder.

Non-Resident holders whose Common Shares are taxable Canadian property should consult their own tax advisors.

Taxation of Dividends on Common Shares

Dividends paid or credited or deemed to be paid or credited to a Non-Resident holder by the corporation are subject to Canadian withholding tax at the rate of 25% unless reduced by the terms of an applicable tax treaty or convention.

Under the Canada - United States Tax Convention (1980) (the "Convention") as amended, the rate of withholding tax on dividends paid or credited to a Non-Resident holder who is the beneficial owner of the dividends, is resident in the U.S. for purposes of the Convention and entitled to the benefits of the Convention (a "U.S. holder") is generally limited to 15% of the gross amount of the dividend (or 5% in the case of a U.S. holder that is a company beneficially owning at least 10% of the corporation's voting shares). Non-Resident holders should consult their own tax advisors.

Holders Resident in Canada

The following discussion applies to a holder of Common Shares who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the Tax Act, is or is deemed to be resident in Canada (a "Canadian holder"). Certain Canadian holders whose Common Shares might not otherwise qualify as capital property may, in certain circumstances, treat the Common Shares and every other "Canadian security" (as defined in the Tax Act) owned by the Canadian holder as capital property by making an irrevocable election provided by subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act.

Taxation of Dividends on Common Shares

Dividends received or deemed to have been received on the Common Shares will be included in a Canadian holder's income for purposes of the Tax Act. Such dividends received or deemed to have been received by a Canadian holder that is an individual (other than certain trusts) will be subject to the gross-up and dividend tax credit rules generally applicable under the Tax Act in respect of dividends received on shares of taxable Canadian corporations. Generally, a dividend will be eligible for the enhanced gross-up and dividend tax credit if the corporation designates the dividend as an "eligible dividend" (within the meaning of the Tax Act) in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act. There may be limitations on the ability of the Company to designate dividends as eligible dividends. A Canadian holder that is a corporation will be required to include such dividends in computing its income and will generally be entitled to deduct the amount of such dividends in computing its taxable income. A Canadian holder that is a "private corporation" or a "subject corporation" (as such terms are defined in the Tax Act), may be liable under Part IV of the Tax Act to pay a refundable tax of 33 1/3% on dividends received or deemed to have been received on the Common Shares to the extent such dividends are deductible in computing the holder's taxable income.

Disposition of Common Shares

A disposition, or a deemed disposition, of a common share by a Canadian holder will generally give rise to a capital gain (or a capital loss) equal to the amount by which the proceeds of disposition of the share, net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the share to the holder. Such capital gain (or capital loss) will be subject to the treatment described below under "Taxation of Capital Gains and Capital Losses".

Additional Refundable Tax

A Canadian holder that is a "Canadian-controlled private corporation" (as such term is defined in the Tax Act) may be liable to pay an additional refundable tax of 6 2/3% on certain investment income including amounts in respect of "Taxable Capital Gains", as defined below.

Taxation of Capital Gains and Capital Losses

In general, one half of any capital gain (a "Taxable Capital Gain") realized by a Canadian holder in a taxation year will be included in the holder's income in the year. Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act, one half of any capital loss (an "Allowable Capital Loss") realized by a Canadian holder in a taxation year must be deducted from Taxable Capital Gains realized by the holder in the year and Allowable Capital Losses in excess of Taxable Capital Gains may be carried back and deducted in any of the three preceding taxation years or carried forward and deducted in any subsequent taxation year against net Taxable Capital Gains realized in such years. The amount of any capital loss realized by a Canadian holder that is a corporation on the disposition or deemed disposition of a common share may be reduced by the amount of dividends received or deemed to have been received by it on such common share (or on a share for which the common share has been substituted) to the extent and under the circumstances prescribed by the Tax Act. Similar rules may apply where a corporation is a member of a partnership or a beneficiary of a trust that owns Common Shares, directly or indirectly, through a partnership or a trust.

Alternative Minimum Tax

A Taxable Capital Gain realized and taxable dividends received or deemed to have been received by a Canadian holder who is an individual (including a trust, other than certain specified trusts) may give rise to liability for alternative minimum tax.

Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following discussion is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to the ownership and disposition of Common Shares by a U.S. Holder (as defined below), but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential U.S. federal income tax effects. This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, IRS rulings and judicial decisions in effect on the date hereof. All of these are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, or different interpretations. This summary does not discuss the potential effects, whether adverse or beneficial, of any proposed legislation that, if enacted, could be applied on a retroactive basis. This summary is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS is not precluded from taking a position that is different from, and contrary to, the positions taken in this summary. This summary does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to particular U.S. Holders in light of their specific circumstances (for example, U.S. Holders subject to the alternative minimum tax or

the Medicare contribution tax on net investment income under the Code) or to holders that may be subject to special rules under U.S. federal income tax law, including:

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dealers in stocks, securities or currencies;
securities traders that use a mark-to-market accounting method;
banks and financial institutions;
insurance companies;
regulated investment companies;
real estate investment trusts;
tax-exempt organizations;
retirement plans, individual plans, individual retirement accounts and tax-deferred accounts;
partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes and their partners or members;
persons holding Common Shares as part of a hedging or conversion transaction straddle or other integrated or risk reduction transaction;
persons who or that are, or may become, subject to the expatriation provisions of the Code;
persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar; and
direct, indirect or constructive owners of 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock.

This summary also does not address the tax consequences of holding, exercising or disposing of warrants in the Company. If the Company is a PFIC, as described below, U.S. Holders of its warrants will be subject to adverse tax rules and will not be able to make the mark-to-market or the QEF election described below with respect to such warrants. U.S. Holders of warrants should consult their tax advisors with regard to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding, exercising or disposing of warrants in the Company, including in the situation in which the Company is classified as a PFIC.

This summary also does not discuss any aspect of state, local or foreign law, or estate or gift tax law as applicable to U.S. Holders. In addition, this discussion is limited to U.S. Holders holding Common Shares as capital assets. For purposes of this summary, "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial holder of Common Shares who or that for U.S. federal income tax purposes is:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
a corporation or other entity classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
a trust, if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more "U.S. persons" (within the meaning of the Code) have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (b) a valid election is in effect to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership or other entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds Common Shares, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. This summary does not address the tax consequences to any such partner. Such a partner should consult its own tax advisor as to the tax consequences of the partnership owning and disposing of Common Shares.

U.S. HOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICATION OF THE TAX CONSEQUENCES DESCRIBED BELOW TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS AS WELL AS THE APPLICATION OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN OR OTHER TAX LAWS, INCLUDING GIFT AND ESTATE TAX LAWS.

Dividends

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, any distributions paid by the Company out of current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes), before reduction for any Canadian withholding tax paid with respect thereto, will generally be taxable to a U.S. Holder as foreign source dividend income, and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to corporations. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares and thereafter as capital gain. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the appropriate U.S. federal income tax treatment of any distribution received from the Company.

Dividends paid by the Company should be taxable to a non-corporate U.S. Holder at the special reduced rates normally applicable to long-term capital gains, provided that certain conditions are satisfied. A U.S. Holder will not be able to claim a reduced rate if the Company is treated as a PFIC for the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding year. See "Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations" below.

Under current law, payments of dividends by the Company to non-Canadian investors are generally subject to a 25% Canadian withholding tax. The rate of withholding tax applicable to U.S. Holders that are eligible for benefits under the Canada-United States Tax Convention (the "Convention") is reduced to a maximum of 15%. This reduced rate of withholding will not apply if the dividends received by a U.S. Holder are effectively connected with a permanent establishment of the U.S. Holder in Canada. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, U.S. Holders will be treated as having received the amount of Canadian taxes withheld by the Company, and as then having paid over the withheld taxes to the Canadian taxing authorities. As a result of this rule, the amount of dividend income included in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes by a U.S. Holder with respect to a payment of dividends may be greater than the amount of cash actually received (or receivable) by the U.S. Holder from the Company with respect to the payment.

Subject to certain limitations, a U.S. Holder will generally be entitled, at the election of the U.S. Holder, to a credit against its U.S. federal income tax liability, or a deduction in computing its U.S. federal taxable income, for Canadian income taxes withheld by the Company. This election is made on a year-by-year basis and applies to all foreign taxes paid (whether directly or through withholding) by a U.S. Holder during a year. For purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation, dividends paid by the Company generally will constitute foreign source income in the "passive category income" basket. The foreign tax credit rules are complex and U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors concerning the availability of the foreign tax credit in their particular circumstances.

Dividends paid in Canadian dollars will be included in the gross income of a U.S. Holder in a U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date the U.S. Holder (actually or constructively) receives the dividend, regardless of whether such Canadian dollars are actually converted into U.S. dollars at that time. If the Canadian dollars received are not converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. Holder will have a tax basis in the Canadian dollars equal to their U.S. dollar value on the date of receipt. Gain or loss, if any, realized on a sale or other disposition of the Canadian dollars will generally be U.S. source ordinary income or loss to a U.S. Holder. The Company generally does not pay any dividends and does not anticipate paying any dividends in the foreseeable future.

Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Common Shares

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, upon a sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of Common Shares, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes equal to the difference, if any, between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares.

This capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period in the Common Shares exceeds one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. Any gain or loss will generally be U.S. source for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations

A foreign corporation will be classified as a PFIC for any taxable year in which, after taking into account the income and assets of the corporation and certain subsidiaries pursuant to applicable "look-through rules", either (i) at least

75% of its gross income is "passive income" or (ii) at least 50% of the average value of its assets is attributable to assets which produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income. Passive income generally includes dividends, interest, rents and royalties (other than certain rents and royalties derived in the active conduct of a trade or business), annuities and gains from assets that produce passive income. If a non-U.S. corporation owns at least 25% by value of the stock of another corporation,

the non-U.S. corporation is treated for purposes of the PFIC tests as owning its proportionate share of the assets of the other corporation and as receiving directly its proportionate share of the other corporation's income.

The Company believes it was not a PFIC for the 2013 taxable year. However, the fair market value of the Company's assets may be determined in large part by the market price of the Common Shares, which is likely to fluctuate, and the composition of the Company's income and assets will be affected by how, and how quickly, the Company spends any cash that is raised in any financing transaction. Thus, no assurance can be provided that the Company will not be classified as a PFIC for the 2014 taxable year and for any future taxable year. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the Company's PFIC status.

If the Company is classified as a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder owns Common Shares, the U.S. Holder, absent certain elections (including the mark-to-market and QEF elections described below), will generally be subject to adverse rules (regardless of whether the Company continues to be classified as a PFIC) with respect to (i) any "excess distributions" (generally, any distributions received by the U.S. Holder on the Common Shares in a taxable year that are greater than 125% of the average annual distributions received by the U.S. Holder in the three preceding taxable years or, if shorter, the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Common Shares) and (ii) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the Common Shares.

Under these adverse rules (a) the excess distribution or gain will be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period, (b) the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any taxable year prior to the first taxable year in which the Company is classified as a PFIC will be taxed as ordinary income, and (c) the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years during which the Company was classified as a PFIC will be subject to tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable category of taxpayer for that year and an interest charge will be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year. A U.S. Holder that is not a corporation will be required to treat any such interest paid as "personal interest", which is not deductible.

U.S. Holders can avoid the adverse rules described above in part by making a mark-to-market election with respect to the Common Shares, provided that the Common Shares are "marketable". The Common Shares will be marketable if they are "regularly traded" on a "qualified exchange" or other market within the meaning of applicable U.S. Treasury regulations. For this purpose, the Common Shares generally will be considered to be regularly traded during any calendar year during which they are traded, other than in de minimis quantities, on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter. The Common Shares are currently listed on NASDAQ, which constitutes a qualified exchange; however, there can be no assurance that the Common Shares will be treated as regularly traded for purposes of the mark-to-market election on a qualified exchange. If the Common Shares were not regularly traded on NASDAQ or were delisted from NASDAQ and were not traded on another qualified exchange for the requisite time period described above, the mark-to-market election would not be available.

A U.S. Holder that makes a mark-to-market election must include in gross income, as ordinary income, for each taxable year an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the U.S. Holder's Common Shares at the close of the taxable year over the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares. An electing U.S. Holder may also claim an ordinary loss deduction for the excess, if any, of the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares over the fair market value of the Common Shares at the close of the taxable year, but this deduction is allowable only to the extent of any net mark-to-market gains previously included in income. A U.S. Holder that makes a mark-to-market election generally will adjust such U.S. Holder's tax basis in the Common Shares to reflect the amount included in gross income or allowed as a deduction because of such mark-to-market election. Gains from an actual sale or other disposition of the Common Shares will be treated as ordinary income, and any losses incurred on a sale or other disposition of the Common Shares will be treated as ordinary losses to the extent of any net mark-to-market gains previously included in income.

If the Company is classified as a PFIC for any taxable year in which a U.S. Holder owns Common Shares but before a mark-to-market election is made, the adverse PFIC rules described above will apply to any mark-to-market gain recognized in the year the election is made. Otherwise, a mark-to-market election will be effective for the taxable year for which the election is made and all subsequent taxable years. The election cannot be revoked without the consent of the IRS unless the Common Shares cease to be marketable, in which case the election is automatically terminated.

If the Company is classified as a PFIC, a U.S. Holder of Common Shares will generally be treated as owning stock owned by the Company in any direct or indirect subsidiaries that are also PFICs and will be subject to similar adverse rules with respect to distributions to the Company by, and dispositions by the Company of, the stock of such subsidiaries. A mark-to-market election is not permitted for the shares of any subsidiary of the Company that is also classified as a PFIC. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the availability of, and procedure for making, a mark-to-market election.

In some cases, a shareholder of a PFIC can avoid the interest charge and the other adverse PFIC consequences described above by making a QEF election to be taxed currently on its share of the PFIC's undistributed income. The Company does not, however, expect to provide the information regarding its income that would be necessary in order for a U.S. Holder to make a QEF election with respect to Common Shares if the Company is classified as a PFIC.

A U.S. Holder that makes a timely and effective QEF election for the first tax year in which its holding period of its Common Shares begins generally will not be subject to the adverse PFIC consequences described above with respect to its Common Shares. Rather, a U.S. Holder that makes a timely and effective QEF election will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such U.S. Holder's pro rata share of (a) the Company's net capital gain, which will be taxed as long-term capital gain to such U.S. Holder, and (b) the Company's ordinary earnings, which will be taxed as ordinary income to such U.S. Holder, in each case regardless of which such amounts are actually distributed to the U.S. Holder by the Company. Generally, "net capital gain" is the excess of (a) net long-term capital gain over (b) net short-term capital loss, and "ordinary earnings" are the excess of (a) "earnings and profits" over (b) net capital gain.

A U.S. Holder that makes a timely and effective QEF election with respect to the Company generally (a) may receive a tax-free distribution from us to the extent that such distribution represents "earnings and profits" that were previously included in income by the U.S. Holder because of such QEF election and (b) will adjust such U.S. Holder's tax basis in the Common Shares to reflect the amount included in income or allowed as a tax-free distribution because of such QEF election. In addition, a U.S. Holder that makes a QEF election generally will recognize capital gain or loss on the sale or other taxable disposition of Common Shares.

The QEF election is made on a shareholder-by-shareholder basis. Once made, a QEF election will apply to the tax year for which the QEF election is made and to all subsequent tax years, unless the QEF election is invalidated or terminated or the IRS consents to revocation of the QEF election. In addition, if a U.S. Holder makes a QEF election, the QEF election will remain in effect (although it will not be applicable) during those tax years in which the Company is not a PFIC.

If the Company is classified as a PFIC and then ceases to be so classified, a U.S. Holder may make an election (a "deemed sale election") to be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as having sold such U.S. Holder's Common Shares on the last day of the taxable year of the Company during which it was a PFIC. A U.S. Holder that made a deemed sale election would then cease to be treated as owning stock in a PFIC by reason of ownership of Common Shares in the Company. However, gain recognized as a result of making the deemed sale election would be subject to the adverse rules described above and loss would not be recognized.

If the Company is a PFIC in any year with respect to a U.S. Holder, the U.S. Holder will be required to file an annual information return on IRS Form 8621 regarding distributions received on Common Shares and any gain realized on the disposition of Common Shares.

In addition, if the Company is a PFIC, U.S. Holders will generally be required to file an annual information return with the IRS (also on IRS Form 8621, which PFIC shareholders are required to file with their U.S. federal income tax or information returns) relating to their ownership of Common Shares. This new filing requirement is in addition to the preexisting reporting requirements described above that apply to a U.S. Holder's interest in a PFIC (which this requirement does not affect).

U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the potential application of the PFIC regime and any reporting obligations to which they may be subject under that regime.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payments made within the United States, or by a U.S. payor or U.S. middleman, of dividends on, and proceeds arising from sales or other dispositions of Common Shares, generally will be reported to the IRS and to the U.S. Holder as required under applicable regulations. Backup withholding tax may apply to these payments if the U.S. Holder fails to timely provide in the appropriate manner an accurate taxpayer identification number or otherwise fails to comply with, or establish an exemption from, such backup withholding tax requirements. Certain U.S. Holders are not subject to the information reporting or backup withholding tax requirements described herein. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding tax and the procedure for establishing an exemption.

Backup withholding tax is not an additional tax. U.S. Holders generally will be allowed a refund or credit against their U.S. federal income tax liability for amounts withheld, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Subject to certain exceptions and future guidance, U.S. tax legislation generally requires a U.S. Holder that is a specified individual or, to the extent provided in recently proposed and temporary U.S. Treasury regulations, a domestic entity, to report annually to the IRS on IRS Form 8938 such U.S. Holder's interests in stock or securities issued by a non-U.S. person (such as the Company). Pursuant to IRS Notice 2013-10, reporting under this legislation will not be required by domestic entities any

earlier than taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the information reporting obligations that may arise from their acquisition, ownership or disposition of Common Shares.

F. Dividends and paying agents

Not applicable.

G. Statement by experts

Not applicable.

H. Documents on display

In addition to placing our audited comparative annual financial statements before every annual meeting of shareholders as described above, we are subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In accordance with these requirements, we file and furnish reports and other information with the SEC. These materials, including this annual report on Form 20-F and the exhibits thereto, may be inspected and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling the SEC in the United States at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The Company's annual reports and some of the other information submitted by the Company to the SEC may be accessed through this website. In addition, material filed by the Company can be inspected on the Canadian Securities Administrators' electronic filing system, SEDAR, accessible at the website www.sedar.com. This material includes the Company's Management Information Circular for its annual meeting of shareholders to be held on May 9, 2014 furnished to the SEC on Form 6-K, which provides information including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness and principal holders of securities. Additional financial information is provided in our audited annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 and our MD&A relating to these statements included elsewhere in this annual report on Form 20-F. These documents are also accessible on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) and on EDGAR (www.sec.gov).

I. Subsidiary information

The subsidiaries of the Company are set forth under "Item 4C. – Organizational Structure".

Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We have not entered into any forward currency contracts or other financial derivatives to hedge foreign exchange risk. We are therefore subject to foreign currency transaction and translation gains and losses.

Fair value

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: "Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL)"; "Loans and receivables"; "Financial liabilities at FVTPL"; and "Other financial liabilities". The Company's loans and receivables are comprised of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and restricted cash equivalents.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are currently comprised of the Company's warrant liability.

Other financial liabilities include trade accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities.

The carrying values of all of the aforementioned financial instruments, excluding cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash equivalents and warrant liability which are stated at fair value, approximate their fair values due to their short-term maturity or to the prevailing interest rates of these instruments, which are comparable to those of the market.

Financial risk factors

The following provides disclosures relating to the nature and extent of the Company's exposure to risks arising from financial instruments, including credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (share price risk and currency risk), and how the Company manages those risks.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company regularly monitors credit risk exposure and takes steps to mitigate the likelihood of this exposure resulting in losses. The Company's exposure to credit risk currently relates to cash and cash equivalents, to trade and other receivables and to restricted cash equivalents. The Company holds its available cash in amounts that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and deposits its cash balances with financial institutions that are rated the equivalent of "Baa1" and above. This information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, the Company uses publicly available financial information to ensure it invests its cash in creditworthy and reputable financial institutions.

As at December 31, 2013, trade accounts receivable for an amount of approximately \$1.7 million were with two external customers or partners.

As at December 31, 2013, no trade accounts receivable were past due or impaired.

Generally, the Company does not require collateral or other security from customers for trade accounts receivable; however, credit is extended following an evaluation of creditworthiness. In addition, the Company performs ongoing credit reviews of all its customers and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts when accounts are determined to be uncollectible.

The maximum exposure to credit risk approximates the amount recognized on the statement of financial position.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. As indicated in the capital disclosures section (see "Item 5 – Operating and Financial Review and Prospects") the Company manages this risk through the management of its capital structure. It also manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring actual and projected cash flows. The Board of Directors reviews and approves the Company's operating and capital budgets, as well as any material transactions out of the ordinary course of business. The Company has adopted an investment policy in respect of the safety and preservation of its capital to ensure the Company's liquidity needs are met. The instruments are selected with regard to the expected timing of expenditures and prevailing interest rates.

(b) Market risk

Share price risk

The change in fair value of the Company's warrant liability, which is measured at FVTPL, results from the periodic "mark-to-market" revaluation, via the application of the Black-Scholes option pricing model, of currently outstanding share purchase warrants. The Black-Scholes valuation is impacted, among other inputs, by the market price of the Company's Common Shares. As a result, the change in fair value of the warrant liability, which is reported as finance income (costs) in the accompanying consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), has been and may continue in future periods to be materially affected most notably by changes in the Company's common share closing price, which on the NASDAQ, has ranged from \$1.03 to \$3.23 during the year ended December 31, 2013.

If variations in the market price of our Common Shares of -10% and +10% were to occur, the impact on the Company's net (loss) income for warrant liability held at December 31, 2013 would be as follows:

| (in thousands) | Carrying amount | -10% | +10% | |
|--|--------------------|-------|--------|---|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Warrant liability | 18,010 | 2,205 | (2,172 |) |
| Total impact on net income – increase / (decrease) | | 2,205 | (2,172 |) |

Foreign currency risk

Since the Company operates internationally, it is exposed to currency risks as a result of potential exchange rate fluctuations related to non-intragroup transactions. In particular, fluctuations in the US dollar exchange rates against the EUR could have a potentially significant impact on the Company's results of operations.

If foreign exchange rate variations of -5% (depreciation of the EUR) and +5% (appreciation of the EUR) against the US\$, from period-end rates of EUR1 = US\$1.3779 were to occur, the impact on the Company's net (loss) income for each category of financial instruments held at December 31, 2013 would be as follows:

| (in thousands) | Carrying amount | Balances denominated in US\$ | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|
| | | -5% | +5% |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 27,452 | 1,373 | (1,373) |
| Warrant liability | 18,010 | (901 |) 900 |
| Total impact on net income – increase / (decrease) | | 472 | (473) |

Item 12. Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities

A. Debt securities

Not applicable.

B. Warrants and rights

Not applicable.

C. Other securities

Not applicable.

D. American depositary shares

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies

None.

Item 14. Material Modification to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 15. Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision of and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have conducted an evaluation pursuant to Rule 13a-15, promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as at December 31, 2013. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as at December 31, 2013.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Registrant's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Registrant's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS as issued by IASB.

The Registrant's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the Registrant's assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and that receipts and expenditures of the Registrant are being made only in accordance with authorizations of the Registrant's management; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Registrant's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework: 1992 issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting was effective as at December 31, 2013.

Attestation Report of the Independent Auditors

The effectiveness of the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report which is included under "Item 18. – Financial Statements".

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. However, in May 2013, the COSO released an updated Internal Control - Integrated Framework: 2013. The Company currently uses the COSO 1992 original framework and will transition to the updated framework during the transition period which extends to December 15, 2014, after which the 1992 framework will be superseded. Management is currently assessing the impact of this transition and will report any significant changes to the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that may result therefrom.

Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert

The Board of the Registrant has determined that the Registrant has at least one audit committee financial expert (as defined in paragraph (b) of Item 16A to Form 20-F). The name of the audit committee financial expert of the Registrant is Mr. Gérard Limoges, FCPA, FCA, the Audit Committee's Chairman. The Commission has indicated that the designation of Mr. Limoges as the audit committee financial expert of the Registrant does not: (i) make Mr. Limoges an "expert" for any purpose, including without limitation for purposes of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as a result of this designation; (ii) impose any duties, obligations or liability on Mr. Limoges that are greater than those imposed on him as a member of the Audit Committee and the Board in the absence of such designation; or (iii) affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of the Audit Committee or the Board. The other members of the Audit committee are Mr. Pierre Lapalme and Mr. José P. Dorais, each of whom, along with Mr. Limoges, is independent, as that term is defined in the NASDAQ listing standards. For a description of their respective education and experience, please refer to "Item 6. – Directors, Senior Management and Employees".

Item 16B. Code of Ethics

On March 29, 2004, the Board adopted a "Code of Ethical Conduct", which has been amended by the Board on November 3, 2004, December 13, 2005, March 2, 2007 and March 10, 2009. The December 13, 2005 amendment incorporates changes to the duty to report violations consistent with applicable laws. The Registrant has selected an independent third party supplier to provide a confidential and anonymous communication channel for reporting concerns about possible violations to the Registrant's Code of Ethical Conduct as well as financial and/or accounting irregularities or fraud. A copy of the Code of Ethical Conduct, as amended, is included as Exhibit 11.1 to this annual report on Form 20-F and is also available on the Registrant's Web site at www.aezsinc.com under the Investors - Governance tab. The Code of Ethical Conduct is a "code of ethics" as defined in paragraph (b) of Item 16B to Form 20-F. The Code of Ethical Conduct applies to all of the Registrant's employees, directors and officers, including the Registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, and includes specific provisions dealing with integrity in accounting matters, conflicts of interest and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Registrant will provide this document without charge to any person or company upon request to the Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, at its head office at 1405 du Parc-Technologique Boulevard, Quebec City, Quebec, G1P 4P5, Canada.

Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

(All amounts are in US dollars)

A. Audit Fees

During the financial years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Registrant's principal accountant, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, billed \$422,613 and \$364,442, respectively, for the audit of the Registrant's annual consolidated financial statements and for services rendered in connection with the Registrant's statutory and regulatory filings.

B. Audit-related Fees

During the financial years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Registrant's principal accountant, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, billed \$218,857 and \$79,652, respectively, for audit or attest services not required by statute or regulation, for accounting consultations on proposed transactions, for the review of prospectuses and prospectus supplements, including the delivery of customary consent and comfort letters in connection therewith, as well as evaluations of accounting policy decisions.

C. Tax Fees

During the financial years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Registrant's principal accountant, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, billed \$36,332 and \$52,726, respectively, for services related to tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.

D. All Other Fees

During the financial years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Registrant's principal accountant, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, billed \$8,928 and \$Nil, respectively, for services not included in audit fees, audit-related fees and tax fees.

E. Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Under applicable Canadian securities regulations, the Registrant is required to disclose whether its Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services and to prepare a summary of these policies and procedures. The Audit Committee Charter (included as Exhibit 11.2 to this annual report on Form 20-F) provides that it is such committee's responsibility to approve all audit engagement fees and terms as well as reviewing policies for the provision of non-audit services by the external auditors and, when required, the framework for pre-approval of such services. The Audit Committee delegates to its Chairman the pre-approval of such non-audit fees. The pre-approval by the Chairman is then presented to the Audit Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

For each of the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, none of the non-audit services provided by the Registrant's external auditor were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the "de minimis exception" to the pre-approval requirement for non-audit services.

F. Work performed by Full-time, Permanent Employees of Principal Accountant

During the financial year ended on December 31, 2013, only full-time, permanent employees of the Registrant's principal accountant, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, performed audit work on the Registrant's financial statements.

Item 16D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees

None.

Item 16E. Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

None.

Item 16F. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

None.

Item 16G. Corporate Governance

The Registrant is generally in compliance with the corporate governance requirements of NASDAQ except as described below. The Registrant is not in compliance with the NASDAQ requirement that a quorum for a meeting of the holders of the common stock of the Registrant be no less than 33 1/3% of such outstanding shares. The by-laws of the Registrant provide that a quorum for purposes of any meeting of shareholders of the Registrant consists of at least 10% of the outstanding voting shares. The Registrant benefits from an exemption from NASDAQ from this quorum requirement because the quorum provided for in the by-laws of the Registrant complies with the requirements of the CBCA, the Registrant's governing corporate statute, and with the rules of TSX, the home country exchange on which the Registrant's voting shares are traded. In accordance with applicable current NASDAQ requirements, the Registrant has in the past provided to NASDAQ letters from outside counsel certifying that these practices are not prohibited by the Registrant's home country law.

Item 16H. Mine Safety Disclosure

None.

PART III

Item 17 Financial Statements

We have elected to provide financial statements pursuant to Item 18.

Item 18. Financial Statements

The financial statements appear on pages 109 through 158.

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Aeterna Zentaris Inc.

Consolidated Financial Statements

As at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the years ended

December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011

(presented in thousands of US dollars)

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of
Aeterna Zentaris Inc.

We have completed integrated audits of Aeterna Zentaris Inc. and its subsidiaries' 2013 and 2012 consolidated financial statements and their internal control over financial reporting as at December 31, 2013. Our opinions, based on our audits, are presented below.

Report on the consolidated financial statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Aeterna Zentaris Inc. and its subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity (deficiency), comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement. Canadian generally accepted auditing standards also require that we comply with ethical requirements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence, on a test basis, about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles and policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Aeterna Zentaris Inc. and its subsidiaries as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and their financial performance and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Report on internal control over financial reporting

We have also audited Aeterna Zentaris Inc.'s and its subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as at December 31, 2013, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992), issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

Management's responsibility for internal control over financial reporting

Management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the section entitled "Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" appearing on page 105 of the Annual Report on Form 20-F.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

An audit of internal control over financial reporting includes obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our audit opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting.

Definition of internal control over financial reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Inherent limitations

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become

inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

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Opinion

In our opinion, Aeterna Zentaris Inc. and its subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as at December 31, 2013, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) issued by COSO.

March 20, 2014

Montréal, Québec, Canada

¹ CPA auditor, CA, public accountancy permit No. A123498

Aeterna Zentaris Inc.
 Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
 (in thousands of US dollars)

| | December 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 7) | 43,202 | 39,521 |
| Trade and other receivables (note 8) | 1,953 | 7,993 |
| Inventory (note 9) | — | 4,084 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 500 | 1,703 |
| | 45,655 | 53,301 |
| Restricted cash equivalents (note 10) | 865 | 826 |
| Property, plant and equipment (note 11) | 1,351 | 2,147 |
| Other non-current assets | 725 | 797 |
| Identifiable intangible assets (note 12) | 708 | 1,128 |
| Goodwill (note 13) | 9,892 | 9,466 |
| | 59,196 | 67,665 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Payables and accrued liabilities (note 14) | 7,242 | 10,470 |
| Current portion of deferred revenues (notes 5 and 6) | — | 5,235 |
| | 7,242 | 15,705 |
| Deferred revenues (notes 5 and 6) | — | 34,663 |
| Warrant liability (note 15) | 18,010 | 6,176 |
| Employee future benefits (note 19) | 15,407 | 17,231 |
| Provisions and other non-current liabilities (note 16) | 1,473 | 585 |
| | 42,132 | 74,360 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIENCY) | | |
| Share capital (note 17) | 134,101 | 122,791 |
| Other capital | 86,107 | 83,892 |
| Deficit | (203,925) | (213,086) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 781 | (292) |
| | 17,064 | (6,695) |
| | 59,196 | 67,665 |

Commitments and contingencies (note 25)

Subsequent events (note 29)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors

Juergen Ernst
 Director

Gérard Limoges
 Director

Aeterna Zentaris Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Deficiency)

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011

(in thousands of US dollars, except share data)

| | Common shares (number of) ^{1, 2} | Share capital | Other capital | Deficit | Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | Total |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|------------|--|-----------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance - January 1, 2013 | 25,329,288 | 122,791 | 83,892 | (213,086) | (292) | (6,695) |
| Net income | | — | — | 6,815 | — | 6,815 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | | — | — | — | 1,073 | 1,073 |
| Actuarial gain on defined benefit plans (note 19) | | — | — | 2,346 | — | 2,346 |
| Comprehensive income | | — | — | 9,161 | 1,073 | 10,234 |
| Share issuance in connection with registered direct and public offerings (note 17) | 18,300,000 | 8,573 | — | — | — | 8,573 |
| Share issuances in connection with "At-the-Market" drawdowns (note 17) | 1,682,721 | 2,737 | — | — | — | 2,737 |
| Share-based compensation costs | | — | 2,215 | — | — | 2,215 |
| Balance - December 31, 2013 | 45,312,009 | 134,101 | 86,107 | (203,925) | 781 | 17,064 |
| | Common shares (number of) ^{1, 2} | Share capital | Other capital | Deficit | Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | Total |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance - January 1, 2012 | 17,460,349 | 101,884 | 82,327 | (188,969) | 212 | (4,546) |
| Net loss | | — | — | (20,412) | — | (20,412) |
| Other comprehensive loss: | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | | — | — | — | (504) | (504) |
| Actuarial loss on defined benefit plans (note 19) | | — | — | (3,705) | — | (3,705) |
| Comprehensive loss | | — | — | (24,117) | (504) | (24,621) |
| Share issuance in connection with a public offering | 6,600,000 | 11,265 | — | — | — | 11,265 |
| Share issuances in connection with "At-the-Market" drawdowns, net of transaction costs | 1,190,973 | 8,382 | — | — | — | 8,382 |
| Share issuances pursuant to the exercise of warrants (note 15) | 52,383 | 819 | — | — | — | 819 |
| Share issuances pursuant to the exercise of stock options | 25,583 | 441 | (232) | — | — | 209 |

(note 17)

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|------------|--------|----------|
| Share-based compensation costs | | — | 1,797 | — | — | 1,797 |
| Balance - December 31, 2012 | 25,329,288 | 122,791 | 83,892 | (213,086) | (292) | (6,695) |

¹ Issued and paid in full.

² Adjusted to reflect the October 2, 2012 six-to-one share consolidation (see note 1 – Summary of business, liquidity risk, reporting entity, share consolidation and basis of preparation and note 17 – Share capital).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Aeterna Zentaris Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Deficiency)

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011

(in thousands of US dollars, except share data)

| | Common shares (number of) ^{1, 2} | Share capital | Other capital | Deficit | Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | Total |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|------------|--|-----------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance - January 1, 2011 | 13,904,986 | 60,900 | 81,091 | (160,567) | 1,001 | (17,575) |
| Net loss | | — | — | (27,067) | — | (27,067) |
| Other comprehensive loss: | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | | — | — | — | (789) | (789) |
| Actuarial loss on defined benefit plans (note 19) | | — | — | (1,335) | — | (1,335) |
| Comprehensive loss | | — | — | (28,402) | (789) | (29,191) |
| Issuances pursuant to registered direct offerings, net of transaction costs | 3,244,094 | 35,881 | — | — | — | 35,881 |
| Issuance pursuant to the exercise of warrants (note 15) | 284,545 | 4,861 | — | — | — | 4,861 |
| Issuance pursuant to the exercise of stock options (note 17) | 26,724 | 242 | (97) | — | — | 145 |
| Share-based compensation costs | | — | 1,333 | — | — | 1,333 |
| Balance - December 31, 2011 | 17,460,349 | 101,884 | 82,327 | (188,969) | 212 | (4,546) |

¹ Issued and paid in full.² Adjusted to reflect the October 2, 2012 six-to-one share consolidation (see note 1 – Summary of business, liquidity risk, reporting entity, share consolidation and basis of preparation and note 17 – Share capital).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Aeterna Zentaris Inc.
 Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)
 For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011
 (in thousands of US dollars, except share and per share data)

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues | | | |
| Sales | 96 | 834 | 250 |
| License fees and other (note 5) | 6,079 | 1,219 | 4,455 |
| | 6,175 | 2,053 | 4,705 |
| Operating expenses (note 18) | | | |
| Cost of sales | 51 | 591 | 212 |
| Research and development costs, net of refundable tax credits and grants | 21,284 | 20,592 | 24,245 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses (notes 11 and 12) | 12,316 | 10,606 | 11,955 |
| | 33,651 | 31,789 | 36,412 |
| Loss from operations | (27,476) |) (29,736) |) (31,707) |
| Finance income (note 20) | 1,748 | 6,974 | 6,239 |
| Finance costs (note 20) | (1,512) |) (382) |) (8) |
| Net finance income | 236 | 6,592 | 6,231 |
| Loss before income taxes | (27,240) |) (23,144) |) (25,476) |
| Income tax expense (note 22) | — | — | (1,104) |
| Net loss from continuing operations | (27,240) |) (23,144) |) (26,580) |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations (note 6) | 34,055 | 2,732 | (487) |
| Net income (loss) | 6,815 | (20,412) |) (27,067) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | |
| Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 1,073 | (504) |) (789) |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: | | | |
| Actuarial gain (loss) on defined benefit plans | 2,346 | (3,705) |) (1,335) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | 10,234 | (24,621) |) (29,191) |
| Net loss per share (basic and diluted) from continuing operations (note 26) | (0.92) |) (1.17) |) (1.69) |
| Net income (loss) (basic and diluted) from discontinued operations (notes 6 and 26) | 1.16 | 0.14 | (0.03) |
| Net income (loss) (basic and diluted) per share | 0.24 | (1.03) |) (1.72) |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding (notes 17 and 26): | | | |
| Basic | 29,476,455 | 19,775,073 | 15,751,331 |
| Diluted | 29,476,455 | 19,806,687 | 15,751,331 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Aeterna Zentaris Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011
(in thousands of US dollars)

| | Years ended December 31, | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | |
| Net loss from continuing operations | (27,240 |) (23,144 |) (26,580 |) |
| Items not affecting cash and cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Change in fair value of warrant liability (note 15) | (1,563 |) (6,746 |) (2,533 |) |
| Depreciation, amortization and impairment (notes 11 and 12) | 949 | 1,234 | 1,690 | |
| Share-based compensation costs (note 15) | 2,215 | 1,797 | 1,333 | |
| Gain on held-for-trading financial instrument | — | — | (1,278 |) |
| Employee future benefits (note 19) | (172 |) 335 | 492 | |
| Amortization of deferred revenues (note 5) | (6,046 |) (1,077 |) (1,284 |) |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain) on items denominated in foreign currencies | 1,078 | 614 | (1,955 |) |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | — | — | (26 |) |
| Amortization of prepaid expenses and other non-cash items | 8,007 | 5,124 | 4,207 | |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities (note 21) | (7,359 |) (3,818 |) 3,480 | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities of discontinued operations (note 6) | 10,147 | (5,134 |) (3,789 |) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (19,984 |) (30,815 |) (26,243 |) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from issuances of common shares and warrants, net of cash transaction costs of \$2,119 in 2013, \$1,665 in 2012 and \$1,204 in 2011 (note 17) | 23,708 | 23,619 | 36,250 | |
| Proceeds from the exercise of share purchase warrants (note 15) | — | 437 | 2,222 | |
| Proceeds from the exercise of stock options (note 17) | — | 209 | 145 | |
| Repayment of long-term payable | — | (57 |) (61 |) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 23,708 | 24,208 | 38,556 | |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from the sale of short-term investment | — | — | 3,242 | |
| Purchase of identifiable intangible assets (note 12) | — | — | (69 |) |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment (note 11) | (85 |) (272 |) (736 |) |
| Disposals of property, plant and equipment (note 11) | — | — | 26 | |
| Net cash provided by investing activities of discontinued operations (note 6) | 113 | — | — | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 28 | (272 |) 2,463 | |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (71 |) (481 |) 107 | |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | 3,681 | (7,360 |) 14,883 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents – Beginning of the year | 39,521 | 46,881 | 31,998 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents – End of the year | 43,202 | 39,521 | 46,881 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents components (note 7): | | | | |
| Cash | 27,877 | 15,441 | 15,112 | |
| Cash equivalents | 15,325 | 24,080 | 31,769 | |
| | 43,202 | 39,521 | 46,881 | |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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1 Summary of business, liquidity risk, reporting entity, share consolidation and basis of preparation

Summary of business

Aeterna Zentaris Inc. (the "Company") is a specialty biopharmaceutical company engaged in developing novel treatments in oncology and endocrinology. The Company's pipeline encompasses compounds at various stages of development.

Liquidity risk

The Company has a history of operating losses, due largely to significant research and development ("R&D") investment, as well as to the incurrence of substantial selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company has financed its operations through different sources, including the issuance of common shares and the conclusion of strategic alliances with licensee partners and other collaborators. The Company expects to continue to incur operating expenses and may require significant capital to fulfill its future obligations in absence of sufficient corresponding revenues. See note 23 – Capital disclosures and note 24(b) – Financial instruments and financial risk management – Liquidity risk.

Reporting entity

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Aeterna Zentaris Inc., an entity incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act, and its wholly owned subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group"). Aeterna Zentaris Inc. is the ultimate parent company of the Group.

The Company currently has three wholly owned direct and indirect subsidiaries, Aeterna Zentaris GmbH ("AEZS Germany"), based in Frankfurt, Germany, Zentaris IVF GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of AEZS Germany, based in Frankfurt, Germany, and Aeterna Zentaris, Inc., an entity incorporated in the state of Delaware and with offices in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, in the United States.

The address of the Company is 1405 du Parc-Technologique Blvd., Quebec City, Canada, G1P 4P5.

The Company's common shares are listed both on the Toronto Stock Exchange and on the NASDAQ Capital Market (the "NASDAQ").

Share consolidation (reverse stock split)

On October 2, 2012, the Company effected a consolidation of its issued and outstanding common shares on a six-to-one basis (the "Share Consolidation"). The Share Consolidation affected all shareholders, optionholders and warrant holders uniformly and thus did not materially affect any securityholder's percentage of ownership interest. All references in these consolidated financial statements to common shares, options and share purchase warrants have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the Share Consolidation.

Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

These consolidated financial statements were approved by the Company's Board of Directors on March 20, 2014.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, except for the warrant liability, which is measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and the exercise of management's judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies. Areas

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involving a high degree of judgment or complexity and areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the Company's consolidated financial statements are discussed in note 3 – Critical accounting estimates and judgments.

(b) Principles of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include any entity in which the Company directly or indirectly holds more than 50% of the voting rights or over which the Company exercises control. The Company controls an entity when the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. An entity is included in the consolidation from the date that control is transferred to the Company, while any entities that are sold are excluded from the consolidation from the date that control ceases. All intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

(c) Foreign currency

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of US dollars, which is the Company's presentation currency.

Assets and liabilities of Group entities are translated from euro ("EUR") balances at the period-end exchange rates, and the results of operations are translated from EUR amounts at average rates of exchange for the period. The resulting translation adjustments are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) within shareholders' equity (deficiency).

Items included in the financial statements of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entities operate (the "functional currency"), which is the EUR. Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities not denominated in euro are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to cash and cash equivalents and the warrant liability are presented within finance income or finance costs in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) within operating expenses.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all years presented in these consolidated financial statements, and have been applied consistently by all Group entities.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of unrestricted cash on hand and balances with banks, as well as short-term interest-bearing deposits, such as money market accounts, that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value, which is defined as the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated selling costs. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. The cost of finished goods and work in progress includes raw materials, labour and manufacturing overhead under the absorption costing method.

Restricted cash equivalents

Restricted cash equivalents are comprised of a bank deposit, related to a long-term operating lease obligation, that cannot be used for current purposes.

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Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Items of property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, net of related government grants and accumulated depreciation and impairment charges. Depreciation is calculated using the following methods, annual rates and period:

| | Methods | Annual rates and period |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Equipment | Declining balance and straight-line | 20% |
| Furniture and fixtures | Declining balance and straight-line | 10% and 20% |
| Computer equipment | Straight-line | 25% and 33 ¹ / ₃ % |
| Leasehold improvements | Straight-line | Remaining lease term |

Depreciation expense, which is recorded in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss), is allocated to the appropriate functional expense categories to which the underlying items of property, plant and equipment relate.

Identifiable intangible assets

Identifiable intangible assets with finite useful lives consist of in-process R&D acquired in business combinations, patents and trademarks, technology and other assets. In-process R&D acquired in business combinations are recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. Patents and trademarks are comprised of costs, including professional fees incurred in connection with the filing of patents and the registration of trademarks for product marketing and manufacturing purposes, net of related government grants, impairment losses, where applicable, and accumulated amortization. Identifiable intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortized, from the time at which the assets are available for use, on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of eight to fifteen years for in-process R&D and patents and ten years for trademarks. Amortization expense, which is recorded in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss), is allocated to the appropriate functional expense categories to which the underlying identifiable intangible assets relate.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair values of the net assets of entities acquired at their respective dates of acquisition. Goodwill is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to each cash-generating unit ("CGU") or group of CGUs that are expected to benefit from the related business combination.

Impairment of assets

Items of property, plant and equipment and identifiable intangible assets with finite lives subject to depreciation or amortization, respectively, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of the assets may not be recoverable. Management is required to assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where such an indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is compared to its carrying value, and an impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows, or CGU. In determining value in use of a given asset or CGU, estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Impairment losses are allocated to the appropriate functional expense categories to which the underlying identifiable intangible assets relate, and are recorded in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Items of property, plant and equipment and amortizable identifiable intangible assets with finite lives that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment if there has been a change, since the date of the most recent impairment test, in the estimates used to determine the impaired asset's recoverable amount. However, an asset's carrying amount, increased due to the reversal of a prior impairment loss, must not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, had the original impairment not occurred.

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Goodwill is not subject to amortization and instead is tested for impairment annually or more often if there is an indication that the CGU to which the goodwill has been allocated may be impaired. Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing whether the carrying value of a CGU, including the allocated goodwill, exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In the event that the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess.

Impairment losses related to goodwill are not subsequently reversed.

Share purchase warrants

Share purchase warrants are classified as liabilities, since the Company does not have the unconditional right to avoid delivering cash to the holders in the future. Each of the Company's share purchase warrants contains a written put option, arising upon the occurrence of a Fundamental Transaction, as that term is defined in the share purchase warrant agreement, and also upon a change of control. As a result of the existence of these put options, and despite the fact that the repurchase feature is conditional on a defined contingency, the share purchase warrants are required to be classified as a financial liability, since such contingency could ultimately result in the transfer of assets by the Company.

The warrant liability is initially measured at fair value, and any subsequent changes in fair value are recognized as gains or losses through profit or loss. Any transaction costs related to the share purchase warrants are expensed as incurred.

The warrant liability is classified as non-current, unless the underlying share purchase warrants are expected to expire or be settled within 12 months from the end of a given reporting period.

Employee benefits

Salaries and other short-term benefits

Salaries and other short-term benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) over the related service period or when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to make payments as a result of past events and when the amount payable can be estimated reliably.

Post-employment benefits

The Company's subsidiary in Germany maintains defined contribution and unfunded defined benefit plans, as well as other benefit plans for its employees. For defined benefit pension plans and other post-employment benefits, net periodic pension expense is actuarially determined on an annual basis using the projected unit credit method. The cost of pension and other benefits earned by employees is determined by applying certain assumptions, including discount rates, the projected age of employees upon retirement, the expected rate of future compensation and employee turnover.

The employee future benefits liability is recognized at its present value, which is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related future benefit liability. Actuarial gains and losses that arise in calculating the present value of the defined benefit obligation are recognized in other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, in the deficit in the consolidated statement of financial position in the year in which the actuarial gains and losses arise and without recycling to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) in subsequent periods.

For defined contribution plans, expenses are recorded in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) as incurred—namely, over the period that the related employee service is rendered.

Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) when the Company is demonstrably committed, without the realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal detailed plan to terminate

employment earlier than originally expected. Termination benefit liabilities expected to be settled after 12 months from the end of a given reporting period are discounted to their present value, where material.

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Financial instruments

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: "Financial assets at FVTPL"; "Loans and receivables"; "Financial liabilities at FVTPL"; and "Other financial liabilities".

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position, when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(a) Classification

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at FVTPL are financial assets held for trading. Fair value is defined as the amount at which the financial assets could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. A financial asset is classified as at FVTPL if the instrument is acquired or received as consideration principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term. Financial assets at FVTPL are classified as current assets if expected to be settled within 12 months from the end of a given reporting period; otherwise, the assets are classified as non-current.

As at December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company held no assets classified as financial assets at FVTPL.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are included in current assets, except for instruments with maturities greater than 12 months after the end of a given reporting period or where restrictions apply that limit the Company from using the instrument for current purposes, which are classified as non-current assets.

The Company's loans and receivables are comprised of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and restricted cash equivalents.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are financial liabilities held for trading. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if the instrument is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the short-term or where the Company does not have the unconditional right to avoid delivering cash or another financial asset to the holders in certain circumstances. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are classified as current liabilities if expected or potentially required to be settled within 12 months from the end of a given reporting period; otherwise, the liabilities are classified as non-current.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are currently comprised of the Company's warrant liability.

Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities include trade accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other non-current liabilities.

(b) Recognition and measurement

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at FVTPL are recognized on the settlement date, which is the date on which the asset is delivered to the Company. Financial assets at FVTPL are initially recognized at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed immediately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). Financial assets at FVTPL are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the underlying investment have expired or have been transferred and when the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Gains and losses

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arising from changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVTPL are presented in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) within finance income or finance costs in the period in which they arise.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are recognized on the settlement date and are measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognized on the settlement date. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are initially recognized at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed immediately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of financial liabilities at FVTPL are presented in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) within finance income or finance costs in the period in which they arise.

Other financial liabilities

Financial instruments classified as "Other financial liabilities" are measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

(c) Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date. Where there is objective evidence that impairment exists for a financial asset measured at amortized cost, an impairment charge equivalent to the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows is recorded in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). The expected cash flows exclude future credit losses that have not been incurred and are discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. Impairment charges related to financial assets carried at amortized cost are reversed if, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized. However, the reversal cannot result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized at the date the impairment is reversed.

Share capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs that are directly attributable to the issue of common shares and stock options are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

Where offerings result in the issuance of units (where each unit is comprised of a common share of the Company and a share purchase warrant, exercisable in order to purchase a common share or fraction thereof), proceeds received in connection with those offerings are allocated between Share capital and Share purchase warrants based on the residual method. Proceeds are allocated to warrant liability based on the share purchase warrants fair value, and the residual amount of proceeds is allocated to Share capital. Transaction costs in connection with such offerings are allocated to the liability and equity units components in proportion to the allocation of proceeds.

Provisions

Provisions represent liabilities to the Company for which the amount or timing is uncertain. Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, when it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and where the amount can be reliably estimated.

Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

Provisions are made for any contracts which are deemed onerous. A contract is onerous if the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it. Provisions for onerous contracts are measured at the present value of the lower of the expected cost of terminating the contract and the

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expected net cost of continuing with the contract. Present value is determined based on expected future cash flows that are discounted at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognized in finance costs.

Revenue recognition

Sales of products

Revenues from the sale of goods are recognized when the Company has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods (which is at the time the goods are shipped), when the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold, when the amount of revenues can be measured reliably, when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company and when the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Royalty revenues

The Company had deferred recognition of proceeds received in December 2008 from Healthcare Royalty Partners L.P. (formerly Cowen Healthcare Royalty Partners L.P.) ("HRP") relating to the Company's rights to royalties on future sales of Cetrotide[®] covered by a license agreement with ARES Trading S.A. ("Merck Serono") in which the latter had been granted worldwide marketing, distribution and selling rights, except in Japan, for Cetrotide[®], a compound used for in vitro fertilization.

The Company recognized the proceeds received from HRP as royalty revenues over the life of the underlying royalty sale arrangement, pursuant to the "units-of-revenue" method. Under that method, periodic royalty revenues are calculated as the ratio of the remaining deferred revenue amount to the total estimated remaining royalties that Merck Serono expected to pay to HRP over the term of the underlying arrangement multiplied by the royalty payments due to HRP for the period.

As mentioned in note 6 – Discontinued operations, from April 3, 2013 to October 1, 2013, the Company accelerated the amortization of the remaining deferred revenues, given management's determination that, as of October 1, 2013, there is no basis to continue amortizing the deferred revenue associated with HRP, primarily due to the fact that the Company no longer has significant continuing involvement in the Cetrotide[®] Business.

Licensing revenues and multiple element arrangements

The Company is currently in a phase in which certain potential products are being further developed or marketed jointly with strategic partners. Existing licensing agreements usually foresee one-time payments (upfront payments), payments for R&D services in the form of cost reimbursements, milestone payments and royalty receipts for licensing and marketing product candidates. Revenues associated with those multiple-element arrangements are allocated to the various elements based on their relative fair value.

Agreements containing multiple elements are divided into separate units of accounting if certain criteria are met, including whether the delivered element has stand-alone value to the customer and whether there is objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of the undelivered obligation(s). The consideration received is allocated among the separate units based on each unit's fair value, and the applicable revenue recognition criteria are applied to each of the separate units.

License fees representing non-refundable payments received at the time of signature of license agreements are recognized as revenue upon signature of the license agreements when the Company has no significant future performance obligations and collectibility of the fees is probable. Upfront payments received at the beginning of licensing agreements are deferred and recognized as revenue on a systematic basis over the period during which the related services are rendered and all obligations are performed.

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Milestone payments

Milestone payments, which are generally based on developmental or regulatory events, are recognized as revenue when the milestones are achieved, collectibility is assured, and when the Company has no significant future performance obligations in connection with the milestones.

Share-based compensation costs

The Company operates an equity-settled share-based compensation plan under which the Company receives services from directors, senior executives, employees and other collaborators as consideration for equity instruments of the Company.

The Company accounts for all forms of share-based compensation using the fair value-based method. Fair value of stock options is determined at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which includes estimates of the number of awards that are expected to vest over the vesting period. Where granted share options vest in installments over the vesting period (defined as graded vesting), the Company treats each installment as a separate share option grant. Share-based compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period, or as specified vesting conditions are satisfied, and credited to Other Capital.

Any consideration received by the Company in connection with the exercise of stock options is credited to Share Capital. Any Other Capital component of the share-based compensation is transferred to Share Capital upon the issuance of shares.

Current and deferred income tax

Income tax on profit or loss comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognized in profit or loss, except that a change attributable to an item of income or expense recognized as other comprehensive income (loss) or directly in equity (deficit) is also recognized directly in other comprehensive income (loss) or directly in equity (deficit).

Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

The current income tax charge is calculated in accordance with tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company's subsidiaries operate and generate taxable income.

Deferred income tax is recognized on temporary differences (other than, where applicable, temporary differences associated with unremitted earnings from foreign subsidiaries and associates to the extent that the investment is essentially permanent in duration, and temporary differences associated with the initial recognition of goodwill) arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements and on unused tax losses or R&D non-refundable tax credits in the Group. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

Research and development costs

Research costs are expensed as incurred. Development costs are expensed as incurred, except for those that meet generally accepted criteria for deferral, in which case, the costs are capitalized and amortized to operations over the estimated period of benefit. No development costs have been deferred during any of the periods presented.

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Research and development refundable tax credits and grants

The Company's German subsidiary is entitled to receive research grants from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Funding is earned on qualified projects, and corresponding expenses are reimbursed at a certain rate of eligible base amounts.

Refundable R&D tax credits and grants are accounted for using the cost reduction method. Accordingly, refundable R&D tax credits and grants are recorded as a reduction of the related expenses or capital expenditures in the period the expenses are incurred, provided that the Company has reasonable assurance the refundable R&D tax credits or grants will be realized.

Discontinued operations

A discontinued operation is a component of the Company that has been disposed of, or is classified as held for sale, and represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations and/or is part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations. Classification as a discontinued operation occurs upon the earlier of the disposal of the operation (or disposal group) or the date at which the operation meets the criteria for classification as held for sale. When an operation is classified as discontinued, comparative statements of comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows are presented as if the operations had been discontinued at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented.

Net income (loss) per share

Basic net income (loss) per share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted net income (loss) per share is calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year, plus the effects of dilutive common share equivalents, such as stock options and share purchase warrants. This method requires that diluted net income (loss) per share be calculated using the treasury stock method, as if all common share equivalents had been exercised at the beginning of the reporting period, or period of issuance, as the case may be, and that the funds obtained thereby were used to purchase common shares of the Company at the average trading price of the common shares during the period.

3 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the Company's assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosures. Judgments, estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience, expectations, current trends and other factors that management believes to be relevant at the time at which the Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared.

Management reviews, on a regular basis, the Company's accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with IFRS. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

(a) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions are those that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment and are often applied to matters or outcomes that are inherently uncertain and subject to change. As such, management cautions that future events often vary from forecasts and expectations and that estimates routinely require adjustment. The following discusses the most significant accounting estimates and assumptions that the Company has made in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

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Fair value of the warrant liability and stock options

Determining the fair value of the warrant liability and stock options requires judgment related to the choice of a pricing model, the estimation of stock price volatility and the expected term of the underlying instruments. Any changes in the estimates or inputs utilized to determine fair value could result in a significant impact on the Company's future operating results, liabilities or other components of shareholders' equity (deficiency). Fair value assumptions used are described in notes 15 – Warrant liability and 17 – Share capital.

Identifiable intangible assets and goodwill impairment

The values associated with identifiable intangible assets with finite lives and goodwill are determined by applying significant estimates and assumptions, including those related to cash flow projections, economic risk, discount rates and asset useful lives.

Valuations performed in connection with post-acquisition assessments of impairment of identifiable intangible assets are based on estimates that include risk-adjusted future cash flows, which are discounted using appropriate interest rates. Projected cash flows are based on business forecasts, trends and expectations and are therefore inherently judgmental. Future events could cause the assumptions utilized in impairment assessments to change, resulting in a potentially significant effect on the Company's future operating results due to increased impairment charges, or reversals thereof, or adjustments to amortization charges. Additional information is included in note 12 – Identifiable intangible assets.

The annual impairment assessment related to goodwill is based on estimates that are derived from current market capitalization and on other factors, including assumptions related to relevant industry-specific market analyses. Future events, including a significant reduction in the Company's share price, could cause the assumptions utilized in the impairment tests to change, resulting in a potentially adverse effect on the Company's future results due to increased impairment charges.

Employee future benefits

The determination of expenses and obligations associated with employee future benefits requires the use of assumptions, such as the discount rate to measure obligations, the projected age of employees upon retirement, the expected rate of future compensation and estimated employee turnover. Because the determination of the cost and obligations associated with employee future benefits requires the use of various assumptions, there is measurement uncertainty inherent in the actuarial valuation process. Actual results will differ from results that are estimated based on the aforementioned assumptions. Additional information is included in note 19 – Employee future benefits.

Income taxes

The estimation of income taxes includes evaluating the recoverability of deferred tax assets based on an assessment of Group entities' ability to utilize the underlying future tax deductions against future taxable income prior to expiry of those deductions. Management assesses whether it is probable that some or all of the deferred income tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income, which in turn is dependent upon the successful commercialization of the Company's products. To the extent that management's assessment of any Group entity's ability to utilize future tax deductions changes, the Company would be required to recognize more or fewer deferred tax assets, and future income tax provisions or recoveries could be affected. Additional information is included in note 22 – Income taxes.

(b) Critical judgments in applying the Company's accounting policies

Revenue recognition

Management's assessments related to the recognition of revenues related to arrangements containing multiple elements are based on judgment. Judgment is necessary to identify separate units of accounting and to allocate related consideration to each separate unit of accounting. Where deferral of upfront payments or license fees is deemed appropriate, subsequent revenue recognition is often determined based upon the assessment of the

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Company's continuing involvement in the arrangement, the benefits expected to be derived by the customer and expected patent lives. Additional information is included in note 5 – Development, commercialization and licensing initiatives.

4 Recent accounting pronouncements

Adopted in 2013

The following new standards and amendments to standards are effective for the first time for interim periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 and have been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. The accounting policies have been applied consistently by all subsidiaries of the Company.

IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements ("IFRS 10"), which builds on existing principles by identifying the concept of control as the determining factor in whether an entity should be included within the consolidated financial statements of a parent company. IFRS 10 also provides additional guidance to assist in the determination of control where this is difficult to assess.

IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements ("IFRS 11"), which enhances accounting for joint arrangements, particularly by focusing on the rights and obligations of the arrangement, rather than the arrangement's legal form. IFRS 11 also addresses inconsistencies in the reporting of joint arrangements by requiring a single method to account for interests in jointly controlled entities and prohibits proportionate consolidation.

IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, which is a comprehensive standard on disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in other entities, including joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and other off-balance sheet vehicles.

IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement ("IFRS 13"), which defines fair value, sets out in a single IFRS a framework for measuring fair value and requires disclosures about fair value measurements. IFRS 13 does not determine when an asset, a liability or an entity's own equity instrument is measured at fair value. Rather, the measurement and disclosure requirements of IFRS 13 apply when another IFRS requires or permits the item to be measured at fair value (with limited exceptions).

In June 2011, the IASB issued an amended version of IAS 19, Employee Benefits, including the elimination of the option to defer the recognition of actuarial gains and losses (known as the "corridor method"), the streamlining of the presentation of changes in assets and liabilities arising from defined benefit plans and the enhancement of the disclosure requirements for defined benefit plans, including additional information about the characteristics of defined benefit plans and the risks to which entities are exposed through participation in those plans.

In December 2011, the IASB issued an amended version of IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosure ("IFRS 7"), including the requirement to disclose information that enables users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the effect, or potential effect, of offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities, to the entity's financial position.

The impact of the adoption of these standards and amendments did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Not yet adopted

On May 29, 2013, the IASB made amendments to the disclosure requirements of IAS 36, Impairment of Assets ("IAS 36"), requiring disclosure, in certain instances, of the recoverable amount of an asset or CGU, and the basis for the determination of fair value less costs of disposal, when an impairment loss is recognized or when an impairment loss is subsequently reversed. The amendments to IAS 36 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and will be applied prospectively. The Company does not expect that these amendments will have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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In May 2013, the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") issued International Financial Reporting Standard Interpretation 21, Levies ("IFRIC 21"), an interpretation on the accounting for levies imposed by governments. IFRIC 21 is an interpretation of IAS 37, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets ("IAS 37"). IAS 37 sets out criteria for the recognition of a liability, one of which is the requirement for the entity to have a present obligation as a result of a past event (known as an obligating event). IFRIC 21 clarifies that the obligating event that gives rise to a liability to pay a levy is the activity described in the relevant legislation that triggers the payment of the levy. IFRIC 21 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and is to be applied on a retrospective basis. The Company does not expect that IFRIC 21 will have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2009 and October 2010, the IASB issued IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), which represents the completion of the first part of a three-part project to replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. Under the new standard, an entity choosing to measure a liability at fair value will present the portion of the change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in the other comprehensive income or loss section of the entity's statement of comprehensive income (loss), rather than within profit or loss in the case where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities. Additionally, IFRS 7, which is effective on adoption of IFRS 9, was amended to include revised guidance related to the derecognition of financial instruments. The Company is currently assessing the impact, if any, that IFRS 9 will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

5Development, commercialization and licensing initiatives

Licensing revenues

On March 8, 2011, the Company had entered into an agreement with Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. ("Yakult") for the development, manufacture and commercialization of perifosine in all human uses, excluding leishmaniasis, in Japan. Under the terms of this agreement, Yakult had made an initial, non-refundable gross upfront payment to the Company of €6,000,000 (approximately \$8,412,000). The Company applied the provisions of IAS 18, Revenue ("IAS 18"), and recognized deferred revenue, which was being amortized on a straight-line basis through the estimated end of the estimated life cycle of perifosine in colorectal cancer ("CRC") and multiple myeloma ("MM"), which was assumed to be the estimated expiry date of the applicable valid patent considering a five-year extension, or until July 2018.

On April 1, 2012, following disclosure of the results of the Phase 3 study of perifosine in CRC, the Company discontinued the perifosine program in that indication. Furthermore, in March 2013, following an analysis of interim results of the Phase 3 study of perifosine in MM, the Company also discontinued the development of perifosine in the MM indication.

Based on these events, the Company determined that it no longer had significant obligations under the agreement with Yakult to continue with the development of perifosine. Accordingly, the Company recognized, in March 2013, the remaining amount of deferred revenue of \$5,860,000 related to the above licensing agreement within License fees and other in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Co-development and revenue sharing agreement

On April 10, 2013, the Company entered into a co-development and revenue-sharing agreement ("CDRSA") with Ergomed Clinical Research Limited ("Ergomed"), pursuant to which Ergomed has agreed to assist the Company in the clinical development program for zoptarelin doxorubicin (the "Product") for the purpose of maximizing the commercialization potential of the Product with the ultimate aim of selling or licensing the Product. Concurrently with the execution of the CDRSA, the Company entered into a master services agreement ("MSA") with Ergomed for a clinical Phase 3 trial of the Product in endometrial cancer, pursuant to which Ergomed will provide clinical development services with respect to the co-development initiative referred to above.

Under the CDRSA, Ergomed will not charge the Company for 30% of the total costs up to a maximum of \$10,000,000. While Ergomed will not directly contribute any cash proceeds towards the completion of

the activities contemplated by the CDRSA, Ergomed, as primary supplier of a substantial portion of the Product-related clinical and regulatory activities, will contribute to the overall funding of the initiative via the application of a 30% discount from the costs set

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forth in the MSA until the cumulative total of such reductions reaches a maximum of \$10,000,000. Ergomed will be entitled to receive an agreed upon single-digit percentage of any net income received by us for zopectarelin doxorubicin in endometrial cancer indication, up to a specified maximum amount.

The Company recognizes the costs associated with the CDRSA and MSA on a discounted basis and as services are rendered by Ergomed, as R&D costs in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company expensed a total of \$3,560,000 pursuant to the CDRSA and MSA.

6 Discontinued operations

On April 3, 2013 (the "Effective Date"), the Company entered into a transfer and service agreement ("TSA") and concurrent agreements with various partners and licensees with respect to the manufacturing rights for Cetrotide[®], currently marketed for therapeutic use as part of in vitro fertilization programs. The principal effect of these agreements was to transfer, effective October 1, 2013 (the "Closing Date"), the manufacturing rights for Cetrotide[®] and to grant a license to Merck Serono for the manufacture, testing, assembling, packaging, storage and release of Cetrotide[®] in all territories. Also per the TSA, the Company has agreed to provide certain transition services to Merck Serono over a period of 36 months from the Effective Date in order to assist Merck Serono in managing overall responsibility for the manufacturing of Cetrotide[®] and related activities (collectively, the "Cetrotide[®] Business"). Under the TSA, during the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the Closing Date (the "Interim Period"), the Company was obligated to continue to conduct the Cetrotide[®] Business in the ordinary course in a manner consistent with past practices, subject to certain conditions.

Per the TSA, the Company received a non-refundable, one-time payment of €2,500,000 (approximately \$3,300,000) in consideration for the transfer of the manufacturing rights referred to above, as well as other payments in exchange for the transfer, also on the Closing Date, of certain assets and equipment (see note 9 – Inventory and note 11 – Property, plant and equipment) used solely for the manufacture of Cetrotide[®].

The Company has agreed to provide the aforementioned transition services in exchange for a monthly service fee, which is payable by Merck Serono. The related transition services revenues are recognized as License fees and other within net income (loss) from discontinued operations in the Company's consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) as the transition services are provided over the corresponding term of the transition services contract.

Impact of the TSA on previously deferred revenues

In 2008, the Company had monetized its royalty stream related to Cetrotide[®] via a transaction with HRP, which resulted, among other elements, in the payment by HRP to the Company of \$52,500,000, less certain transaction costs, in exchange for the Company's rights to royalties on future net sales of Cetrotide[®] generated by Merck Serono. The Company had initially recorded the proceeds received from HRP as deferred revenue due to the Company's significant continuing involvement with the Cetrotide[®] Business. Since then, the Company has amortized the deferred revenue into income (as Sales and royalties within net income (loss) from discontinued operations in the Company's consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss)) over the life of the underlying license agreement, based on the "units-of-revenue" method. Under that method, periodic royalty revenues were calculated by multiplying the ratio of the unamortized deferred revenue amount to the total estimated remaining royalties that Merck Serono expected to pay to HRP over the term of the underlying arrangement by the royalty payments due to HRP for the period.

Management has determined that, as of the Closing Date, there is no basis to continue amortizing the deferred revenue associated with HRP, primarily due to the fact that the Company no longer has significant continuing involvement in the Cetrotide[®] Business, as discussed above. As such, commencing on the Effective Date, the Company accelerated the amortization of the remaining deferred revenues of approximately \$31,875,000 over the Interim Period, by continuing to apply the units-of-revenue method, which is consistent with past practice. The remaining deferred revenues were fully amortized through the end of the Interim Period and were recorded as Sales and royalties within net income (loss) from discontinued operations in the Company's consolidated statement of comprehensive income

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Presentation of Cetrotide® Business subsequent to the Closing Date

In accordance with the provisions of IFRS 5, Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations, upon the transfer of substantially all of the risks and rewards associated with the Cetrotide® Business on the Closing Date, the Cetrotide® Business was classified as a discontinued operation. As such, relevant amounts in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows have been retroactively reclassified to reflect the Cetrotide® Business as a discontinued operation.

Components of the Company's net income (loss) from discontinued operations are summarized below.

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues* | | | |
| Sales and royalties | 63,755 | 30,704 | 31,056 |
| License fees and other | 4,589 | 908 | 292 |
| | 68,344 | 31,612 | 31,348 |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Cost of sales | 30,002 | 26,229 | 27,348 |
| Research and development costs, net of tax credits and grants | 8 | 12 | 272 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 4,279 | 2,639 | 4,215 |
| | 34,289 | 28,880 | 31,835 |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | 34,055 | 2,732 | (487) |
| Components of operating expenses presented as discontinued include the following: | | | |
| Subcontractor fees | 24,930 | 25,515 | 25,667 |
| Raw material purchases | 579 | 1,189 | 1,849 |
| Change in inventory | 4,173 | (560) | (261) |
| Impairment of equipment | 268 | — | — |
| Depreciation of equipment | 52 | 85 | 93 |
| Cost of sales | 30,002 | 26,229 | 27,348 |
| Goods and services** | 2,987 | 2,651 | 3,394 |
| Royalty and patent expenses related to onerous contracts | 1,300 | — | — |
| Impairment of intangible asset | — | — | 1,093 |
| | 34,289 | 28,880 | 31,835 |

In addition to recurring sales of Cetrotide®, the revenues presented above include the aforementioned * non-refundable, one-time payment of €2,500,000 (approximately \$3,300,000), as well as royalty revenues of \$33,631,000 in 2013 (\$4,175,000 in 2012 and \$4,556,000 in 2011), which represent the amortization of proceeds received in connection with the Company's transaction with HRP.

** Goods and services include royalty expenses, professional fees, marketing services, insurance, travel and representation costs.

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The selling, general and administrative expenses presented above for the year ended December 31, 2013 also include the initial recognition of a provision for certain non-cancellable contracts related to the Cetrotide® Business that were deemed onerous due to the fact that management expects no economic benefits to flow to the Company following the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business on the Closing Date. The provisions for onerous contracts total \$1,300,000 and represent the present value of estimated unavoidable future royalty and patent costs associated with the intellectual property underlying Cetrotide®. The estimate may vary as a result of changes in estimated future royalty and patent costs. The unexpired term of these contracts is nine years as at December 31, 2013. See also note 16 – Provisions and other non-current liabilities.

Components of the Company's net cash provided by (used in) operating activities of discontinued operations are summarized below.

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | 34,055 | 2,732 | (487) |
| Items not affecting cash and cash equivalents: | | | |
| Provision for onerous contracts | 1,300 | — | — |
| Depreciation, amortization and impairment | 320 | 85 | 1,186 |
| Amortization of deferred revenues | (33,631) | (4,175) | (4,556) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 6,212 | (2,397) | (646) |
| Inventory | 4,061 | (1,230) | 518 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 882 | (760) | 28 |
| Payables and accrued liabilities | (2,996) | 611 | 168 |
| Provisions and other non-current liabilities | (56) | — | — |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities of discontinued operations | 10,147 | (5,134) | (3,789) |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | | |

| | As at December 31, | |
|---|--------------------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash on hand and balances with banks | 27,877 | 15,441 |
| Interest-bearing deposits with maturities of three months or less | 15,325 | 24,080 |
| | 43,202 | 39,521 |

Trade and other receivables

| | As at December 31, | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Trade accounts receivable | 1,709 | 7,323 |
| Value added tax | 2 | 428 |
| Other | 242 | 242 |
| | 1,953 | 7,993 |

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9 Inventory

| | As at December 31, | |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Raw materials | — | 1,691 |
| Work in progress | — | 1,931 |
| Finished goods | — | 462 |
| | — | 4,084 |

In connection with the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business (see note 6 – Discontinued operations) on October 1, 2013, the Company sold €2,189,800 (approximately \$2,959,000) of raw materials, half-finished and finished goods to Merck Serono.

10 Restricted cash equivalents

In support of the Company's long-term operating lease obligation in Germany and in replacement of a related bank guarantee, the Company transferred approximately \$865,000 (\$826,000 in 2012) to a restricted cash account. The fixed amount, including any interest earned thereon, is restricted for as long as the underlying lease arrangement (note 25 – Commitments and contingencies) has not expired and therefore cannot be utilized for current purposes as at December 31, 2013.

11 Property, plant and equipment

Components of the Company's property, plant and equipment are summarized below.

| | Cost | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------|---|
| | Equipment | Furniture and fixtures | Computer equipment | Leasehold improvements | Total | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| At January 1, 2012 | 9,197 | 1,502 | 1,724 | 1,125 | 13,548 | |
| Additions | 180 | 87 | 5 | — | 272 | |
| Disposals / Retirements | (79 |) — | (3 |) — | (82 |) |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 146 | 26 | 28 | 19 | 219 | |
| At December 31, 2012 | 9,444 | 1,615 | 1,754 | 1,144 | 13,957 | |
| Additions | 44 | 15 | 26 | — | 85 | |
| Disposals / Retirements | (853 |) (452 |) (8 |) — | (1,313 |) |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 419 | 59 | 80 | 52 | 610 | |
| At December 31, 2013 | 9,054 | 1,237 | 1,852 | 1,196 | 13,339 | |

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| | Accumulated depreciation | | | | Total |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------|
| | Equipment | Furniture and fixtures | Computer equipment | Leasehold improvements | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| At January 1, 2012 | 7,126 | 1,478 | 1,664 | 768 | 11,036 |
| Disposals / Retirements | (79 |) — | (3 |) — | (82 |
| Recurring depreciation expense | 564 | 8 | 34 | 57 | 663 |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 128 | 25 | 26 | 14 | 193 |
| At December 31, 2012 | 7,739 | 1,511 | 1,721 | 839 | 11,810 |
| Disposals / Retirements | (822 |) (352 |) (8 |) — | (1,182 |
| Impairment loss* | 268 | — | — | — | 268 |
| Recurring depreciation expense | 461 | 6 | 30 | 50 | 547 |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 370 | 57 | 78 | 40 | 545 |
| At December 31, 2013 | 8,016 | 1,222 | 1,821 | 929 | 11,988 |

* Related to equipment transferred to Merck Serono pursuant to the TSA (see note 6 – Discontinued operations).

| | Carrying amount | | | | Total |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------|
| | Equipment | Furniture and fixtures | Computer equipment | Leasehold improvements | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| At December 31, 2012 | 1,705 | 104 | 33 | 305 | 2,147 |
| At December 31, 2013 | 1,038 | 15 | 31 | 267 | 1,351 |

Depreciation of \$495,000 (\$578,000 in 2012) is presented in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) as follows: \$480,000 (\$555,000 in 2012) in net R&D costs and \$15,000 (\$23,000 in 2012) in selling, general and administrative expenses. See also note 6 – Discontinued operations for depreciation expense related to discontinued operations.

12 Identifiable intangible assets

Identifiable intangible assets with finite useful lives consist entirely of in-process R&D costs, patents and trademarks. Changes in the carrying value of the Company's identifiable intangible assets with finite useful lives are summarized below.

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| | Year ended December 31, 2013 | | | Year ended December 31, 2012 | | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Carrying value | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Carrying value |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balances – Beginning of the year | 38,172 | (37,044 |) 1,128 | 37,982 | (36,213 |) 1,769 |
| Retirement | — | — | — | (431 |) 431 | — |
| Impairment loss* | — | — | — | — | (184 |) (184 |
| Recurring amortization expense* | — | (454 |) (454 |) — | (472 |) (472 |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 1,718 | (1,684 |) 34 | 621 | (606 |) 15 |
| Balances – End of the year | 39,890 | (39,182 |) 708 | 38,172 | (37,044 |) 1,128 |

* Recorded as R&D costs in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

During the year ended December 31, 2011, an impairment loss was recognized based on the results of impairment testing of the Company's Cetrotide[®] asset. The impairment loss was recognized predominantly to take into account management's lower trend estimates related to the commercialization of Cetrotide[®], due to changes in the competitive environment in the Japanese market. Management determined that the recoverable amount of Cetrotide[®], was equivalent to the asset's value in use, as defined by IAS 36. Value in use was determined by applying a discount rate of 20% (a pre-tax rate that reflected both current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the future cash flow estimates had not been adjusted) to the estimated future cash flows deemed to be attributable to the use of Cetrotide[®]. Management had projected cash flows over a period of 11 years, through the end of the expected life of Cetrotide[®] and used an average growth rate of 1.7 % for the first six years and an average growth rate of -9.7% for years seven through 11 to extrapolate cash flow projections. More specifically, the discount rate represented an estimate of a reasonable return that would be expected by an investor in an arm's length monetization transaction in respect of future Cetrotide[®]-derived cash flows. Following management's analyses, which demonstrated that the remaining carrying value of Cetrotide[®] was no longer recoverable, an impairment charge of approximately \$1,093,000, was recorded as additional amortization expense, which in turn was included within selling expenses in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). See also note 6 – Discontinued operations.

13 Goodwill

Goodwill has not been allocated to any specific CGU of the Group.

The change in carrying value is as follows:

| | Cost | Accumulated impairment loss | Carrying amount |
|---|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance as at January 1, 2012 | 9,313 | — | 9,313 |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 153 | — | 153 |
| Balance as at December 31, 2012 | 9,466 | — | 9,466 |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 426 | — | 426 |
| Balance as at December 31, 2013 | 9,892 | — | 9,892 |

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14 Payables and accrued liabilities

| | As at December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Trade accounts payable | 4,802 | 6,671 |
| Salaries, employment taxes and benefits | 402 | 707 |
| Accrued R&D costs | 666 | 1,530 |
| Accrued Cetrotide® services and deliveries | — | 434 |
| Current portion of provisions (note 16) | 441 | 94 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 931 | 1,034 |
| | 7,242 | 10,470 |

15 Warrant liability

The change in the Company's warrant liability can be summarized as follows:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance – Beginning of the year | 6,176 | 9,204 | 14,367 |
| Share purchase warrants issued during the year (note 17) | 13,397 | 4,100 | — |
| Share purchase warrants exercised during the year | — | (382) | (2,638) |
| Change in fair value of share purchase warrants | (1,563) | (6,746) | (2,533) |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | — | — | 8 |
| | 18,010 | 6,176 | 9,204 |
| Less: current portion | — | — | (42) |
| Balance – End of the year | 18,010 | 6,176 | 9,162 |

A summary of the activity related to the Company's share purchase warrants is provided below.

| | Years ended December 31, | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|--|-----------|--|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | | 2011 | |
| | Number | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) | Number | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) | Number | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) |
| Balance – Beginning of the year | 4,407,410 | 5.14 | 1,511,179 | 8.62 | 2,153,872 | 9.17 |
| Issued | 15,700,000 | 1.55 | * 2,970,000 | 3.45 | — | — |
| Exercised | — | — | (52,383) | 8.24 | (284,545) | 7.81 |
| Expired | — | — | (21,386) | 9.00 | (358,148) | 12.59 |
| Balance – End of the year | 20,107,410 | 2.34 | 4,407,410 | 5.14 | 1,511,179 | 8.62 |

As discussed in note 17 – Share capital, in connection with the public offering closed on November 25, 2013, * 13,100,000 share purchase warrants were issued with an original exercise price of \$1.60 per share, subject to adjustment. The above weighted average exercise price reflects an adjusted exercise price of \$1.49 per share following a dilutive issuance of shares on December 31, 2013. See also note 29 – Subsequent events.

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The following table summarizes the share purchase warrants outstanding and exercisable as at December 31, 2013:

| Exercise price | Warrants outstanding | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | Number | Weighted average remaining contractual life (years) |
| 1.49 | 13,100,000 | 4.90 |
| 1.85 | 2,600,000 | 4.58 |
| 3.45 | 2,970,000 | 3.80 |
| 7.50 | 122,221 | 0.81 |
| 8.24 | 530,424 | 1.47 |
| 9.00 | 740,737 | 1.80 |
| 10.29 | 44,028 | 1.46 |
| | 20,107,410 | 4.45 |
| Exercise price | Warrants currently exercisable | |
| | Number | Weighted average remaining contractual life (years) |
| 1.49 | 13,100,000 | 4.90 |
| 3.45 | 2,970,000 | 3.80 |
| 7.50 | 122,221 | 0.81 |
| 8.24 | 530,424 | 1.47 |
| 9.00 | 740,737 | 1.80 |
| 10.29 | 44,028 | 1.46 |
| | 17,507,410 | 4.43 |

The table presented below shows the inputs and assumptions applied to the Black-Scholes option pricing model in order to determine the fair value of warrants outstanding as at December 31, 2013.

| | October 2009 Investor Warrants | April 2010 Investor Warrants | June 2010 Investor Warrants | June 2010 Compensation Warrants | October 2012 Investor Warrants | July 2013 Warrants | November 2013 Warrants | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Number of equivalent shares | 122,221 | 740,737 | 530,424 | 44,028 | 2,970,000 | 2,600,000 | 13,100,000 | |
| Market-value per share price | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | |
| Exercise price | 7.50 | 9.00 | 8.24 | 10.29 | 3.45 | 1.85 | 1.49 | * |
| Risk-free annual interest rate | (a) 0.13% | 0.33% | 0.25% | 0.24% | 1.16% | 1.54% | 1.69% | |
| Expected volatility | (b) 68.03% | 112.70% | 80.81% | 81.05% | 94.05% | 100.97% | 101.93% | |
| Expected life (years) | (c) 0.81 | 1.80 | 1.47 | 1.46 | 3.80 | 4.58 | 4.90 | |
| Expected dividend yield | (d) 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | |

(a) Based on United States Treasury Government Bond interest rates with a term that is consistent with the expected life of the warrants.

- (b) Based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock price over the most recent period consistent with the expected life of the warrants, as well as on future expectations.
 - (c) Based upon time to expiry from the reporting period date.
 - (d) The Company has not paid dividends nor intends to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.
- * Subject to adjustment (see note 17 – Share capital and note 29 – Subsequent events).

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The Black-Scholes valuation methodology uses "Level 2" inputs in calculating fair value, as defined in IFRS 7 and as discussed in note 24 – Financial instruments and financial risk management.

16 Provisions and other non-current liabilities

| | As at December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 |
| | \$ | | \$ |
| Onerous contract provisions (see below) | 1,291 | | 436 |
| Other | 182 | | 149 |
| | 1,473 | | 585 |
| Onerous contract provisions | | | |
| | Cetrotide® onerous contracts* | Onerous lease** | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at January 1, 2013 | — | 530 | 530 |
| Additional provision recognized | 1,300 | — | 1,300 |
| Utilization of provision | (56 |) (97 |) (153 |
| Unwinding of discount and effect of change in the discount rate | 52 | 3 | 55 |
| Balance at December 31, 2013 | 1,296 | 436 | 1,732 |
| Less: current portion | (342 |) (99 |) (441 |
| | 954 | 337 | 1,291 |

* Recorded following the transfer of the Cetrotide® Business, as discussed in note 6 – Discontinued operations.

Represents the present value of the future lease payments that the Company is obligated to make pursuant to a non-cancellable operating lease, net of estimated future sub-lease income. The estimate may vary as a result of changes in the utilization of the leased premises and of the sub-lease arrangement. The remaining term of the lease is four years as at December 31, 2013.

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17 Share capital

The Company has an unlimited number of authorized common shares (being voting and participating shares) with no par value, as well as an unlimited number of preferred, first and second ranking shares, issuable in series, with rights and privileges specific to each class, with no par value.

Share consolidation

The 112,375,726 common shares issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Share Consolidation were consolidated into 18,729,288 common shares. The Company's outstanding stock options and share purchase warrants were adjusted on the same basis with proportionate adjustments being made to each stock option and share purchase warrant exercise price.

All share, option and share purchase warrant and per share, option and share purchase warrant data have been retroactively adjusted to reflect and give effect to the Share Consolidation as if it occurred at the beginning of the earliest period presented.

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Common shares issued in connection with "At-the-Market" ("ATM") drawdowns - May 2013 ATM Program
On May 22, 2013, the Company entered into an ATM sales agreement (the "May 2013 ATM Program"), under which the Company is able, at its discretion and from time to time, to sell up to 2,500,000 of its common shares through ATM issuances on the NASDAQ for aggregate gross proceeds not to exceed \$4,600,000. The May 2013 ATM Program provides that common shares are to be sold at market prices prevailing at the time of sale and, as a result, prices may vary.

Between May 22, 2013 and December 31, 2013, the Company issued a total of 1,682,721 common shares under the May 2013 ATM Program at an average price of \$1.76 per share, resulting in aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,961,532, less cash transaction costs of \$88,849 and previously deferred transaction costs of \$136,000. See also note 29 – Subsequent events.

Registered direct offering

On July 30, 2013, the Company completed a registered direct offering (the "July 2013 Offering") of 5,200,000 units, at a purchase price of \$1.50 per unit, with each unit consisting of one common share and 0.5 of a warrant to purchase a common share. The related warrants (the "July 2013 Warrants") represent the right to acquire an aggregate of 2,600,000 common shares, as discussed below.

Total cash proceeds raised through the July 2013 Offering amounted to \$7,800,000, less cash transaction costs of approximately \$747,000 and previously deferred transaction costs of \$21,000. The securities were offered by the Company pursuant to a shelf prospectus dated June 8, 2012 and a prospectus supplement dated July 25, 2013.

The Company issued the July 2013 Warrants to the investors who participated in the July 2013 Offering at an exercise price of \$1.85 per share. These warrants are exercisable at any time after January 30, 2014, will expire five years from their date of issuance and, upon complete exercise, would result in the issuance of an aggregate of 2,600,000 common shares that would generate additional proceeds to the Company of \$4,810,000.

The Company estimated the fair value attributable to the 2,600,000 July 2013 Warrants as of the date of grant by applying the Black-Scholes pricing model, to which the following additional assumptions were applied: a risk-free annual interest rate of 1.37%, an expected volatility of 105.03%, an expected life of five years and a dividend yield of 0.0%. As a result, the fair value of the share purchase warrants was estimated at \$2,670,000.

The total gross proceeds of the July 2013 Offering were allocated as follows: \$2,670,000 was allocated to the Warrant liability, and the balance of \$5,130,000, representing \$0.99 per common share, was allocated to Share capital.

Transaction costs were allocated to the liability and equity components in proportion to the allocation of proceeds. As such, an amount of \$253,000 was allocated to the share purchase warrants and immediately recognized in general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss), and \$515,000 was allocated to Share capital.

Public offering

On November 25, 2013, the Company completed a public offering (the "November 2013 Offering") of 13,100,000 units, at a purchase price of \$1.15 per unit, with each unit consisting of one common share and one warrant to purchase a common share. The related warrants (the "November 2013 Warrants") represent the right to acquire an aggregate of 13,100,000 common shares, as discussed below.

Total cash proceeds raised through the November 2013 Offering amounted to \$15,065,000, less cash transaction costs of approximately \$1,283,000 and previously deferred transaction costs of \$9,000. The securities were offered by the Company pursuant to a shelf prospectus dated June 8, 2012 and a prospectus supplement dated November 20, 2013.

The Company issued the November 2013 Warrants to the investors who participated in the November 2013 Offering at an exercise price of \$1.60 per share, which is subject to certain anti-dilution provisions (see also note 29 – Subsequent events). These warrants are exercisable at any time during their five-year term and, upon complete exercise, would result

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in the issuance of an aggregate of 13,100,000 common shares that would generate additional proceeds for an amount that would be determined based on the then adjusted exercise price.

The Company estimated the fair value attributable to the 13,100,000 November 2013 Warrants as of the date of grant by applying the Black-Scholes pricing model, to which the following additional assumptions were applied: a risk-free annual interest rate of 1.36%, an expected volatility of 103.57%, an expected life of 5 years and a dividend yield of 0.0%. As a result, the fair value of the share purchase warrants was estimated at \$10,727,000.

Total gross proceeds of the November 2013 Offering were allocated as follows: \$10,727,000 was allocated to the Warrant liability, and the balance of \$4,338,000 representing \$0.33 per common share, was allocated to Share capital. Transaction costs were allocated to the liability and equity components in proportion to the allocation of proceeds. As such, an amount of \$912,000 was allocated to the share purchase warrants and immediately recognized in general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss), and an amount of \$380,000 was allocated to Share capital.

Shareholder rights plan

The Company has a shareholder rights plan (the "Rights Plan") that provides the Board of Directors and the Company's shareholders with additional time to assess any unsolicited take-over bid for the Company and, where appropriate, to pursue other alternatives for maximizing shareholder value. Under the Rights Plan, one right has been issued for each currently issued common share, and one right will be issued with each additional common share to be issued. The Rights Plan was most recently re-confirmed and approved by the Company's shareholders at its annual meeting of shareholders held on May 8, 2013.

Stock options

In December 1995, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a stock option plan (the "Stock Option Plan") for its directors, senior executives, employees and other collaborators who provide services to the Company. The total number of common shares that may be issued under the Stock Option Plan cannot exceed 11.4% of the total number of issued and outstanding common shares at any given time.

Options granted under the Stock Option Plan expire after a maximum period of ten years following the date of grant. Options granted under the Stock Option Plan generally vest over a three-year period. However, 778,780 of the options granted in 2012 vest over a period of 18 months.

The following tables summarize the activity under the Stock Option Plan.

| | Years ended December 31, | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | | 2011 | |
| Canadian dollar-denominated options | Number | Weighted average exercise price (CAN\$) | Number | Weighted average exercise price (CAN\$) | Number | Weighted average exercise price (CAN\$) |
| Balance – Beginning of the year | 727,875 | 12.71 | 1,031,328 | 14.99 | 1,093,047 | 15.32 |
| Granted | — | — | — | — | 2,500 | 11.58 |
| Exercised* | — | — | (25,582) | 8.51 | (26,724) | 5.33 |
| Forfeited | (9,932) | 12.61 | (57,437) | 15.07 | (7,777) | 9.24 |
| Expired | (65,164) | 10.77 | (220,434) | 23.22 | (29,718) | 37.08 |
| Balance – End of the year | 652,779 | 12.91 | 727,875 | 12.71 | 1,031,328 | 14.99 |

* The weighted average share price at time of exercise was CAN\$11.25 for the year ended December 31, 2012 (CAN\$11.68 for the year ended December 31, 2011).

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| | Years ended December 31, | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|--|---------|--|
| | 2013 | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) | 2012 | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) | 2011 | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) |
| US dollar-denominated options | Number | | Number | | Number | |
| Balance – Beginning of the year | 1,328,492 | 4.27 | 287,950 | 11.59 | 48,886 | 16.98 |
| Granted* | 630,000 | 1.56 | 1,060,445 | 2.40 | 239,064 | 10.49 |
| Forfeited | (198,698) | 3.37 | (19,903) | 10.44 | — | — |
| Balance – End of the year | 1,759,794 | 3.40 | 1,328,492 | 4.27 | 287,950 | 11.59 |

* In addition to the stock options granted to employees, the Company granted during the year 2012, 125,000 stock options to a financial advisor and 66,666 stock options to an investor relations advisor. The 125,000 stock options were to vest upon the achievement of a certain strategic alliance transaction, which did not occur. Of the 66,666 stock options, 33,333 vested upon signature of the service agreement, and the remainder vested 90 days later. Both grants described herein were forfeited during the year 2013 upon termination of the service agreements.

CAN\$ options outstanding as at December 31, 2013

| Exercise price (CAN\$) | Number | Weighted average remaining contractual life (years) | Weighted average exercise price (CAN\$) |
|------------------------|---------|---|---|
| 3.30 to 4.80 | 101,722 | 4.90 | 3.59 |
| 4.81 to 7.02 | 167,295 | 5.94 | 5.70 |
| 7.03 to 9.78 | 160,588 | 6.07 | 8.99 |
| 9.79 to 21.21 | 99,992 | 3.11 | 15.72 |
| 21.22 to 53.28 | 123,182 | 1.52 | 33.22 |
| | 652,779 | 4.54 | 12.91 |

CAN\$ options exercisable as at December 31, 2013

| Exercise price (CAN\$) | Number | Weighted average remaining contractual life (years) | Weighted average exercise price (CAN\$) |
|------------------------|---------|---|---|
| 3.30 to 4.80 | 101,722 | 4.90 | 3.59 |
| 4.81 to 7.02 | 167,295 | 5.94 | 5.70 |
| 7.03 to 9.78 | 160,588 | 6.07 | 8.99 |
| 9.79 to 21.21 | 99,159 | 3.07 | 15.76 |
| 21.22 to 53.28 | 123,182 | 1.52 | 33.22 |
| | 651,946 | 4.54 | 12.91 |

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US\$ options outstanding as at December 31, 2013

| Exercise price (US\$) | Number | Weighted average remaining contractual life (years) | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| 1.12 to 2.15 | 630,000 | 9.58 | 1.56 |
| 2.16 to 2.92 | 756,580 | 8.93 | 2.17 |
| 2.93 to 10.17 | 122,499 | 5.82 | 3.48 |
| 10.18 to 10.68 | 201,829 | 7.93 | 10.44 |
| 10.69 to 23.76 | 48,886 | 3.57 | 16.98 |
| | 1,759,794 | 8.68 | 3.40 |

US\$ options exercisable as at December 31, 2013

| Exercise price (US\$) | Number | Weighted average remaining contractual life (years) | Weighted average exercise price (US\$) |
|-----------------------|---------|---|--|
| 2.40 to 2.92 | 504,390 | 8.93 | 2.17 |
| 2.93 to 10.17 | 88,058 | 4.83 | 3.46 |
| 10.18 to 10.68 | 159,614 | 7.93 | 10.44 |
| 10.69 to 23.76 | 48,886 | 3.57 | 16.98 |
| | 800,948 | 7.95 | 4.86 |

As at December 31, 2013, the total compensation cost related to unvested Canadian Dollar stock options not yet recognized amounted to nil (\$22,766 in 2012).

As at December 31, 2013, the total compensation cost related to unvested US Dollar stock options not yet recognized amounted to \$533,206 (\$1,660,787 in 2012). This amount is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.15 years (1.00 year in 2012).

The Company settles stock options exercised through the issuance of common shares from treasury.

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Fair value input assumptions for Canadian dollar-denominated options granted

The table below shows the assumptions, or weighted average parameters, applied to the Black-Scholes option pricing model in order to determine share-based compensation costs over the life of the awards.

| | | Year ended December 31, 2011 |
|--|-----|------------------------------|
| Expected dividend yield | (a) | 0.0% |
| Expected volatility | (b) | 81.0% |
| Risk-free annual interest rate | (c) | 1.8% |
| Expected life (years) | (d) | 6.82 |
| Weighted average share price | | CAN\$11.58 |
| Weighted average exercise price | | CAN\$11.58 |
| Weighted average grant date fair value | | CAN\$8.43 |

(a) The Company has not paid dividends nor intends to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

(b) Based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock price over the most recent period consistent with the expected life of the stock options, as well as on future expectations.

(c) Based on Canadian Government Bond interest rates with a term that is consistent with the expected life of the stock options.

(d) Based upon historical data related to the exercise of stock options, on post-vesting employment terminations and on future expectations related to exercise behaviour.

Fair value input assumptions for US dollar-denominated options granted

The table below shows the assumptions, or weighted average parameters, applied to the Black-Scholes option pricing model in order to determine share-based compensation costs over the life of the awards.

| | | Years ended December 31, | |
|--|-----|--------------------------|----------|
| | | 2013 | 2012 |
| Expected dividend yield | (a) | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Expected volatility | (b) | 98.1% | 95.4% |
| Risk-free annual interest rate | (c) | 1.46% | 0.98% |
| Expected life (years) | (d) | 6.63 | 6.77 |
| Weighted average share price | | US\$1.56 | US\$2.40 |
| Weighted average exercise price | | US\$1.56 | US\$2.40 |
| Weighted average grant date fair value | | US\$1.26 | US\$1.93 |

(a) The Company has not paid dividends nor intends to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

(b) Based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock price over the most recent period consistent with the expected life of the stock options, as well as on future expectations.

(c) Based on United States Treasury Government Bond interest rates with a term that is consistent with the expected life of the stock options.

(d) Based upon historical data related to the exercise of stock options, on post-vesting employment terminations and on future expectations related to exercise behaviour.

The Black-Scholes pricing models referred above use "Level 2" inputs in calculating fair value, as defined by IFRS 7, and as discussed in note 24 – Financial instruments and financial risk management.

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18 Operating expenses

Components of the Company's operating expenses from continuing operations include the following:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Subcontractor fees | 51 | — | — |
| Raw material purchases | — | 591 | 212 |
| Cost of sales | 51 | 591 | 212 |
| Salaries, employment taxes and short-term benefits | 10,235 | 10,827 | 12,716 |
| Post-employment benefits | 684 | 1,032 | 1,177 |
| Termination benefits | 1,445 | 189 | 182 |
| Share-based compensation costs | 2,367 | 1,455 | 1,333 |
| Total employee benefits expenses | 14,731 | 13,503 | 15,408 |
| Goods and services ⁽¹⁾ | 15,954 | 14,663 | 17,033 |
| Leasing costs, net of sublease payments of \$226,000 in 2013, \$226,000 in 2012 and \$179,000 in 2011 ⁽²⁾ | 1,879 | 1,751 | 2,153 |
| Refundable tax credits and grants | (517 |) (868 |) (383 |
| Share-based compensation costs related to collaborators | (148 |) 342 | — |
| Transaction costs related to share purchase warrants | 1,165 | 370 | — |
| Depreciation and amortization | 949 | 1,050 | 1,378 |
| Impairment losses | — | 184 | 312 |
| Operating foreign exchange (gains) losses | (413 |) 203 | 299 |
| | 18,869 | 17,695 | 20,792 |
| | 33,651 | 31,789 | 36,412 |

(1) Goods and services include third-party R&D costs, laboratory supplies, professional fees, marketing services, insurance and travel expenses.

(2) Leasing costs also include changes in the onerous lease provision (note 16 – Provisions and other non-current liabilities), other than attributable to the unwinding of the discount.

19 Employee future benefits

The Company's subsidiary in Germany provides unfunded defined benefit pension plans and unfunded post-employment benefit plans for certain groups of employees. Provisions for pension obligations are established for benefits payable in the form of retirement, disability and surviving dependent pensions.

The unfunded defined benefit pension plans are final salary pension plans, which provide benefits to members (or to their surviving dependents) in the form of a guaranteed level of pension payable for life. The level of benefits provided depends on the members' length of service and on their base salary in the final years leading up to retirement. Current pensions vary in accordance to applicable statutory requirements, which foresee an adjustment, every three years on an individual basis, that is based on inflationary increases or in relation to salaries of comparable groups of active employees in the Company. An adjustment may be denied by the Company if the Company's financial situation does not allow for an increase in pensions. These plans are unfunded, and the Company meets benefit payment obligations as they fall due.

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The following table presents the changes in the aforementioned plans' accrued benefit obligations:

| | Pension benefit plans | | | Other benefit plans | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| | Years ended December 31, | | | Years ended December 31, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance – Beginning of year | 16,062 | 11,769 | 10,492 | 1,169 | 1,111 | 1,041 |
| Current service cost | 219 | 139 | 185 | 57 | 134 | 206 |
| Interest cost | 421 | 491 | 555 | 31 | 46 | 54 |
| Actuarial (gain) loss arising from changes in financial assumptions | (2,346) |) 3,705 | 1,335 | (258) |) 79 | 46 |
| Benefits paid | (357) |) (337) |) (354) |) (274) |) (219) |) (196) |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes | 647 | 295 | (444) |) 37 | 18 | (40) |
| Balance – End of year | 14,646 | 16,062 | 11,769 | 762 | 1,169 | 1,111 |
| Amounts recognized: | | | | | | |
| In comprehensive income (loss) | (640) |) (630) |) (740) |) 170 | (259) |) (306) |
| In other comprehensive income(loss) | 1,699 | (4,000) |) (891) |) (37) |) (18) |) 40 |

The cumulative amount of actuarial losses recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) as at December 31, 2013 is approximately \$2,503,000 (cumulative actuarial losses of approximately \$4,849,000 as at December 31, 2012 and approximately \$1,144,000 as at December 31, 2011).

The significant actuarial assumptions applied to determine the Company's accrued benefit obligations are as follows:

| | Pension benefit plans | | | Other benefit plans | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|------|------|
| | Years ended December 31, | | | Years ended December 31, | | |
| Actuarial assumptions | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Discount rate | 3.37 | 2.60 | 4.20 | 3.37 | 2.60 | 4.20 |
| Pension benefits increase | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Rate of compensation increase | 2.75 to 3.75 | 2.75 to 3.75 | 2.75 to 3.75 | 2.75 | 2.75 | 2.75 |

Assumptions regarding future mortality are set based on actuarial advice in accordance with published statistics and experience in Germany. These assumptions translate into an average life expectancy in years for a pensioner retiring at age 65:

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|------|------|
| Retiring at the end of the reporting period: | | |
| Male | 19 | 19 |
| Female | 23 | 23 |
| Retiring 20 years after the end of the reporting period: | | |
| Male | 22 | 22 |
| Female | 26 | 26 |

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The most recent actuarial reports give effect to the pension and post-employment benefit obligations as at December 31, 2013. The next actuarial reports are planned for December 31, 2014.

The calculation of the pension benefit obligation is sensitive to the discount rate assumption set out above. From December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2013, management determined that the discount rate assumption should be adjusted as a result of relevant changes in the European economic environment.

Given recent developments in the European economic environment, an increase of 0.25% in the discount rate shown above is considered reasonably possible over the next financial year. Were such a fluctuation to occur, the effect of this change on the pension benefit obligation presented as at December 31, 2013 would be a decrease of approximately \$550,000.

In accordance with the assumptions used as at December 31, 2013, undiscounted defined pension benefits expected to be paid are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| | \$ |
| 2014 | 531 |
| 2015 | 574 |
| 2016 | 603 |
| 2017 | 618 |
| 2018 | 641 |
| Over five years | 26,654 |
| | 29,621 |

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation is 16.4 years.

Total expenses for the Company's defined contribution plan in its German subsidiary amounted to approximately \$228,771 for the year ended December 31, 2013 (\$331,287 for 2012 and \$312,984 for 2011).

20 Finance income and finance costs

Components of the Company's finance income and finance costs can be summarized as follows:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Finance income | | | |
| Gains due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates | — | — | 2,197 |
| Change in fair value of warrant liability | 1,563 | 6,746 | 2,533 |
| Interest income | 185 | 228 | 223 |
| Gain on held-for-trading financial instrument | — | — | 1,278 |
| | 1,748 | 6,974 | 6,231 |
| Finance costs | | | |
| Losses due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates | (1,512) | (382) | — |
| | (1,512) | (382) | — |
| | 236 | 6,592 | 6,231 |

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21 Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | (3 |) 2,780 | (2,686 |
| Inventory | 112 | 670 | (779 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (6,454 |) (4,154 |) (4,096 |
| Other non-current assets | (124 |) (364 |) (456 |
| Payables and accrued liabilities | (900 |) (2,447 |) 2,802 |
| Provisions and other non-current liabilities | 10 | (49 |) (24 |
| Deferred revenues | — | — | 8,614 |
| Income taxes | — | (254 |) 105 |
| | (7,359 |) (3,818 |) 3,480 |

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company paid approximately \$259,000 in income taxes (\$841,000 in 2011) in the form of foreign jurisdiction withholding tax on payments received pursuant to the licensing agreement entered into with Yakult, as discussed in note 5 – Development, commercialization and license initiatives.

22 Income taxes

Significant components of current and deferred income tax expense:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Current tax expense | — | — | (1,104 |
| Deferred tax: | | | |
| Origination and reversal of temporary differences | (4,253 |) 7,282 | 9,017 |
| Change in enacted tax rates | — | — | (104 |
| Adjustments in respect of prior years | 418 | 44 | 3,428 |
| Change in unrecognized tax assets | 3,835 | (7,326 |) (12,341 |
| Income tax expense | — | — | (1,104 |

The reconciliation of the combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rate to the income tax expense is provided below:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory income tax rate | 26.9 | % 26.9 | % 28.4 |

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| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Income tax (expense) recovery based on combined statutory income tax rate | (1,833 |) 5,494 | 7,290 |
| Change in unrecognized tax assets | 3,835 | (7,326 |) (12,341 |
| Permanent difference attributable to the use of local currency for tax reporting | (892 |) 14 | 378 |
| Permanent difference attributable to net change in fair value of warrant liability | (217 |) 1,182 | 661 |
| Share-based compensation costs | (596 |) (421 |) (441 |
| Difference in statutory income tax rate of foreign subsidiaries | (809 |) 997 | 893 |
| Permanent difference attributable to unrealized foreign exchange gain/loss | 131 | (22 |) (32 |
| Change in enacted rates used | — | — | (104 |
| Foreign withholding tax | — | — | (1,104 |
| Adjustments in respect of prior years | 418 | 44 | 3,428 |
| Other | (37 |) 38 | 268 |
| | — | — | (1,104 |

The decrease in the applicable tax rates presented above results from the reduction of the Canadian federal income tax rate from 16.5% in 2011 to 15.0% in 2012.

Income tax expense of \$1,104,000 for the year ended December 31, 2011 represents current taxation in the form of foreign jurisdiction tax withholdings on payments pursuant to the licensing agreement entered into with Yakult (note 5 – Development, commercialization and licensing initiatives).

Deferred income tax assets are recognized to the extent that the realization of the related tax benefit through reversal of temporary differences and future taxable profits is probable.

Loss before income taxes

Loss before income taxes is attributable to the Company's tax jurisdictions as follows:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Germany | (19,784 |) (23,690 |) (24,759 |
| Canada | (7,639 |) 322 | (290 |
| United States | 183 | 224 | (427 |
| | (27,240 |) (23,144 |) (25,476 |

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otherwise noted)

Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities:

| | As at December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Deferred tax assets | | |
| Non-current: | | |
| Operating losses carried forward | 2,465 | 840 |
| Intangible assets | 10,080 | — |
| | 12,545 | 840 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | |
| Current: | | |
| Deferred revenues | 1,262 | — |
| | 1,262 | — |
| Non-current: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 50 | 160 |
| Deferred revenues | 10,157 | — |
| Warrant liability | 1,076 | 626 |
| Other | — | 54 |
| | 11,283 | 840 |
| | 12,545 | 840 |
| Deferred tax assets (liabilities), net | — | — |

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Significant components of unrecognized deferred tax assets are as follows:

| | As at December 31, | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Deferred tax assets | | |
| Current: | | |
| Onerous contract provisions | 87 | — |
| Inventory | — | 9 |
| Deferred revenues | — | 464 |
| | 87 | 473 |
| Non-current: | | |
| Operating losses carried forward | 59,813 | 49,453 |
| Research and development costs | 11,988 | 12,642 |
| Unused tax credits | 10,386 | 10,904 |
| Employee future benefits | 2,135 | 2,772 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1,260 | 1,376 |
| Share issue expenses | 712 | 867 |
| Onerous contract provisions | 435 | 159 |
| Intangible assets | 248 | 12,271 |
| Deferred revenues | — | 182 |
| Other | — | 145 |
| | 86,977 | 90,771 |
| Unrecognized deferred tax assets | 87,064 | 91,244 |

As at December 31, 2013, amounts and expiry dates of tax attributes to be deferred for which no deferred tax asset was recognized were as follows:

| | Canada | |
|------|---------|------------|
| | Federal | Provincial |
| | \$ | \$ |
| 2015 | 512 | — |
| 2028 | 10,481 | 4,677 |
| 2029 | 6,234 | 6,211 |
| 2030 | 5,341 | 5,322 |
| 2031 | 2,281 | 2,261 |
| 2032 | 5,531 | 5,531 |
| 2033 | 5,297 | 5,297 |
| | 35,677 | 29,299 |

The Company has estimated non-refundable research and development tax credits of approximately \$10,386,000 which can be carried forward to reduce Canadian federal income taxes payable and which expire at dates ranging from 2018 to 2033. Furthermore, the Company has unrecognized tax assets in respect of operating losses to be carried forward in Germany and in the United States. The losses amount to approximately \$161,839,000 in Germany, for which there is no expiry date and to \$550,186 in the United States, which expire as follows:

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| | United States |
|------|---------------|
| | \$ |
| 2028 | 372 |
| 2029 | 178 |
| | 550 |

The operating loss carryforwards and the tax credits claimed are subject to review, and potential adjustment, by tax authorities.

Other deductible temporary differences for which tax assets have not been booked are not subject to a time limit, except for share issue expenses which are amortizable over five years.

23 Capital disclosures

The Company's objective in managing capital, consisting of shareholders' equity (deficiency), with cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash equivalents being its primary components, is to ensure sufficient liquidity to fund R&D activities, selling, general and administrative expenses, working capital and capital expenditures.

In the past, the Company has had access to liquidity by non-dilutive sources, including investment tax credits and grants, interest income, licensing and related services and royalties. More recently, the Company has increasingly raised capital via public equity offerings and drawdowns under various ATM sales programs, as discussed in note 17 – Share capital.

The capital management objective of the Company remains the same as that in previous periods. The policy on dividends is to retain cash to keep funds available to finance the activities required to advance the Company's product development portfolio.

The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by any regulators or by any other external source.

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24 Financial instruments and financial risk management

Financial assets (liabilities) as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are presented below.

| December 31, 2013 | Loans and receivables | Financial liabilities at FVTPL | Other financial liabilities | Total |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 7) | 43,202 | — | — | 43,202 |
| Trade and other receivables (note 8) | 1,899 | — | — | 1,899 |
| Restricted cash equivalents (note 10) | 865 | — | — | 865 |
| Payables and accrued liabilities (note 14) | — | — | (6,687) | (6,687) |
| Warrant liability (note 15) | — | (18,010) | — | (18,010) |
| Other non-current liabilities (note 16) | — | — | (140) | (140) |
| | 45,966 | (18,010) | (6,827) | 21,129 |
| | | | | |
| December 31, 2012 | Loans and receivables | Financial liabilities at FVTPL | Other financial liabilities | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 7) | 39,521 | — | — | 39,521 |
| Trade and other receivables (note 8) | 7,565 | — | — | 7,565 |
| Restricted cash equivalents (note 10) | 826 | — | — | 826 |
| Payables and accrued liabilities (note 14) | — | — | (10,282) | (10,282) |
| Warrant liability (note 15) | — | (6,176) | — | (6,176) |
| Other non-current liabilities (note 16) | — | — | (149) | (149) |
| | 47,912 | (6,176) | (10,431) | 31,305 |

Fair value

The Black-Scholes valuation methodology uses "Level 2" inputs in calculating fair value, as defined in IFRS 13, which establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). The input levels discussed in IFRS 13 are:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly (i.e. prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3 Inputs for an asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The carrying values of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, restricted cash equivalents, payables and accrued liabilities and other non-current liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short-term maturities or to the prevailing interest rates of the related instruments, which are comparable to those of the market.

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Financial risk factors

The following provides disclosures relating to the nature and extent of the Company's exposure to risks arising from financial instruments, including credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (share price risk and currency risk), and how the Company manages those risks.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company regularly monitors credit risk exposure and takes steps to mitigate the likelihood of this exposure resulting in losses. The Company's exposure to credit risk currently relates to cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and restricted cash equivalents. The Company holds its available cash in amounts that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and deposits its cash balances with financial institutions that are rated the equivalent of "Baa1" and above. This information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, the Company uses publicly available financial information to ensure that it invests its cash in creditworthy and reputable financial institutions.

As at December 31, 2013, trade accounts receivable for an amount of approximately \$1,675,000 were with one customer.

As at December 31, 2013, no trade accounts receivable were past due or impaired.

Generally, the Company does not require collateral or other security from customers for trade accounts receivable; however, credit is extended following an evaluation of creditworthiness. In addition, the Company performs ongoing credit reviews of all of its customers and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts when accounts are determined to be uncollectible.

The maximum exposure to credit risk approximates the amount recognized in the Company's consolidated statement of financial position.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. As indicated in note 23 – Capital disclosures, the Company manages this risk through the management of its capital structure. It also manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring actual and projected cash flows. The Board of Directors reviews and approves the Company's operating and capital budgets, as well as any material transactions occurring outside of the ordinary course of business. The Company has adopted an investment policy in respect of the safety and preservation of its capital to ensure the Company's liquidity needs are met. The instruments are selected with regard to the expected timing of expenditures and prevailing interest rates.

The Company expects to continue to incur operating expenses and may require significant capital to fulfill its future obligations in absence of sufficient corresponding revenues. The Company's ability to continue future operations beyond December 31, 2014 and to fund its activities is dependent on its ability to secure additional financings, which may be completed in a number of ways, including but not limited to licensing arrangements, partnerships, the issuance of securities and other financing activities. Management will pursue such additional sources of financing when required, and while the Company has been successful in securing financing in the past, there can be no assurance it will be able to do so in the future or that these sources of funding or initiatives will be available or on terms which are acceptable to the Company.

(c) Market risk

Share price risk

The change in fair value of the Company's warrant liability, which is measured at FVTPL, results from the periodic "mark-to-market" revaluation, via the application of the Black-Scholes option pricing model, of currently outstanding share purchase warrants. The Black-Scholes valuation is impacted, among other inputs, by the market

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price of the Company's common shares. As a result, the change in fair value of the warrant liability, which is reported as finance income (costs) in the accompanying consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), has been and may continue in future periods to be materially affected most notably by changes in the Company's common share closing price, which on the NASDAQ, has ranged from \$1.03 to \$3.23 during the year ended December 31, 2013.

If variations in the market price of our common shares of -10% and +10% were to occur, the impact on the Company's net (loss) income for warrant liability held at December 31, 2013 would be as follows:

| | Carrying amount | -10% | +10% | |
|--|--------------------|-------|--------|---|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Warrant liability | 18,010 | 2,205 | (2,172 |) |
| Total impact on net income – increase / (decrease) | | 2,205 | (2,172 |) |

Foreign currency risk

Since the Company operates internationally, it is exposed to currency risks as a result of potential exchange rate fluctuations related to non-intragroup transactions. In particular, fluctuations in the US dollar exchange rates against the EUR could have a potentially significant impact on the Company's results of operations.

If foreign exchange rate variations of -5% (depreciation of the EUR) and +5% (appreciation of the EUR) against the US\$, from period-end rates of EUR1 = US\$1.3779 were to occur, the impact on the Company's net (loss) income for each category of financial instruments held at December 31, 2013 would be as follows:

| | Carrying amount | Balances denominated in US\$ | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|---|
| | \$ | -5% | +5% | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 27,452 | 1,373 | (1,373 |) |
| Warrant liability | 18,010 | (901 |) 900 | |
| Total impact on net income – increase / (decrease) | | 472 | (473 |) |

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25 Commitments and contingencies

The Company is committed to various operating leases for its premises. Future minimum lease payments and future minimum sublease payments expected to be received under non-cancellable operating leases (subleases), as well as future payments in connection with utility service agreements, as at December 31, 2013 are as follows:

| | Minimum lease payments | Minimum sub-lease payments | Utilities |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Less than 1 year | 1,795 | (226 |) 640 |
| 1 - 3 years | 2,562 | (451 |) 559 |
| 4 - 5 years | 515 | (244 |) — |
| More than 5 years | — | — | — |
| Total | 4,872 | (921 |) 1,199 |

The Company has a leasing arrangement in Germany under which it rents laboratory, storage and office space. The original term of the lease covers a period of ten years (and expires in March 2016), and the lease is automatically renewable for two further five-year periods if not terminated otherwise by the Company within 12 months prior to original expiry. Under the terms of the arrangement, the minimum lease payment may be increased or decreased in accordance with the fluctuations in the consumer price index for Germany if that change is more than 5% on an cumulative basis. The terms of the lease arrangement for the ten year-period following automatic renewal would be the same as per the original agreement.

As discussed in note 10 – Restricted cash equivalents, the Company transferred approximately \$865,000 to a restricted cash account in support of the aforementioned lease arrangement.

In October 2007, the Company entered into a \$100,000 letter of credit agreement in favour of its landlord in the United States with respect to the Company's long-term lease obligation. In August 2009 and November 2011, the amount of the letter of credit was reduced to \$75,000 and \$50,000, respectively, as per the original landlord-tenant agreement, and is payable to the landlord in the event that the Company fails to perform any of its obligations under the related lease agreement.

Contingencies

In the normal course of operations, the Company may become involved in various claims and legal proceedings related to, for example, contract terminations and employee-related and other matters. No contingent liabilities have been accrued as at December 31, 2013 or 2012.

Class Action Lawsuit

On May 29, 2013, the previously disclosed purported class action lawsuit filed against the Company and certain of its officers (the "Defendants") in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York was entirely dismissed with prejudice and without leave to amend. No payment was made by any of the Defendants to the plaintiff or his counsel in connection with the lawsuit. The plaintiff had 30 days from the docketing of the final judgment to file a notice of appeal, which was not done.

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26 Net income (loss) per share

The following table sets forth pertinent data relating to the computation of basic and diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders.

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Net loss from continuing operations | (27,240 |) (23,144 |) (25,476 |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | 34,055 | 2,732 | (487 |
| Net income (loss) | 6,815 | (20,412 |) (25,963 |
| Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding | 29,476,455 | 19,775,073 | 15,751,331 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options | — | 31,614 | 190,625 |
| Dilutive effect of share purchase warrants | — | — | 282,903 |
| Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding | 29,476,455 | 19,806,687 | 16,224,859 |
| Items excluded from the calculation of diluted net income (loss) per share because the exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares or due to their anti-dilutive effect | | | |
| Stock options | 2,115,453 | 1,183,388 | 613,644 |
| Warrants (number of equivalent shares) | 7,141,879 | 1,803,730 | — |

For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the diluted net income (loss) per share was the same as the basic net (loss) income per share, since the effect of the assumed exercise of stock options and warrants to purchase common shares is anti-dilutive. Accordingly, the diluted net income (loss) per share for these periods was calculated using the basic weighted average number of shares outstanding.

The weighted average number of shares is influenced most notably by share issuances made in connection with financing activities, such as registered direct and public offerings and ATM drawdowns, which resulted in the issuance of a total of 19,982,721 (see note 17 – Share capital), 7,790,973 and 3,244,094 common shares during the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. See also note 29 – Subsequent events.

27 Compensation of key management

Compensation awarded to key management* included:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Salaries and short-term employee benefits | 2,280 | 2,354 | 2,886 |
| Post-employment benefits | 58 | 957 | 684 |
| Termination benefits | 1,438 | — | — |
| Share-based compensation costs | 1,795 | 941 | 936 |
| | 5,571 | 4,252 | 4,506 |

* Key management includes the Company's directors and members of the executive management team.

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On April 15, 2013, the Company appointed a new President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), who also was appointed to the Company's Board of Directors. In accordance with his employment agreement, the Company's new President and CEO was granted, as a retention bonus, 375,000 share appreciation rights ("SARs"), pursuant to which he will be entitled to receive a future cash payment if he remains employed through a certain date. The retention bonus will be based on the increase in the Company's share price from \$1.98 over a specified period of time. 175,000 SARs will vest on December 31, 2014, and the remaining 200,000 SARs will vest on December 31, 2015.

The Company's former President and CEO received, upon termination of his employment, benefits of approximately \$1,438,000. Additionally, the Company's former President and CEO was permitted to retain all of his stock options, which, pursuant to IFRS 2, Share-based Payment, constitutes a modification to the terms of the existing stock options granted in a share-based payment transaction, by allowing such stock options to expire at the original expiry date, based on the original date of grant, despite the termination of employment. As a result of this modification, an amount of \$682,000, which corresponds to the compensation cost related to unvested stock options not yet recognized immediately before the modification and to the incremental fair value of the stock options, measured by comparing the stock options immediately before and immediately after the modification date, was recognized within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Most of the employment agreements entered into between the Company and its executive officers include termination provisions, whereby the executive officers would be entitled to receive benefits that would be payable if the Company were to terminate the executive officers' employment without cause or if their employment is terminated following a change of control. Separation benefits generally are calculated based on an agreed-upon multiple of applicable base salary and incentive compensation and, in certain cases, other benefit amounts.

In addition to payments made to members of our key management team, during the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company paid \$76,800 in professional fees to one of the members of the Company's Board of Directors for special tasks mandated by the Company's Nominating, Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee.

28 Segment information

The Company operates in a single operating segment, being the biopharmaceutical segment.

Geographical information

The Company is domiciled in Canada and derives all of its revenues from its operating subsidiaries domiciled in Germany.

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Revenues by geographical area are detailed as follows:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| United States | 33,640 | 5,158 | 5,492 |
| Switzerland | 34,081 | 24,406 | 24,977 |
| Japan | 6,586 | 4,062 | 5,472 |
| Other | 212 | 39 | 112 |
| | 74,519 | 33,665 | 36,053 |
| Amounts presented: | | | |
| Within discontinued operations | 68,344 | 31,612 | 31,348 |
| Within continuing operations | 6,175 | 2,053 | 4,705 |
| | 74,519 | 33,665 | 36,053 |

Revenues have been allocated to geographic regions based on the country of residence of the Company's external customers or partners.

Non-current assets* by geographical area are detailed as follows:

| | As at December 31, | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Germany | 11,928 | 12,713 |
| United States | 16 | 2 |
| Canada | 7 | 26 |
| | 11,951 | 12,741 |

* Non-current assets include property, plant and equipment, identifiable intangible assets and goodwill.

Major customers representing 10% or more of the Company's revenues in each of the last three years are as follows:

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Company 1* | 34,081 | 24,406 | 24,977 |
| Company 2* | 33,640 | 4,175 | 4,556 |
| Company 3 | 5,952 | 1,040 | 3,657 |

* Related to the Cetrotide[®] Business (see note 6 – Discontinued operations).

29 Subsequent events

On January 14, 2014, the Company completed a public offering of 11,000,000 units, generating net proceeds of approximately \$12,200,000, with each unit consisting of one common share and 0.8 of a warrant to purchase one common share, at a purchase price of \$1.20 per unit (the "January 2014 Offering"). Each warrant is exercisable for a period of five years at an exercise price of US\$1.25 per share, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions. In connection with the January 2014 Offering, the holders of warrants issued in the November 2013 Offering have agreed to waive certain anti-dilution provisions of such warrants solely in connection with the January 2014 Offering, and have agreed

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that the exercise price of such warrants following the closing of the January 2014 Offering will be adjusted from their original exercise price of \$1.60 per share to an exercise price equal to \$1.25 per share. For holders of the warrants issued in the November 2013 Offering who did not participate in the January 2014 Offering, the exercise price of the corresponding November 2013 Warrants held by the sole non-participating holder was further reduced by \$0.05 per share.

Between January 1, 2014 and March 20, 2014, the Company issued a total of 201,960 common shares under the May 2013 ATM Program for aggregate gross proceeds of \$288,114.

See also note 17 – Share capital.

Item 19. Exhibits

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- 1.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Registrant's report on Form 6-K furnished to the Commission on May 25, 2011)
- 1.2 Certificate of Amendment and Articles of Amendment of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Registrant's report on Form 6-K furnished to the Commission on October 3, 2012)
- 1.3 Amended and Restated By-Law One of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.3 of the Registrant's annual report on Form 20-F for the financial year ended December 31, 2012 filed with the Commission on March 21, 2013)
- 2.1 Amended and Restated Shareholder Rights Plan Agreement between the Registrant and Computershare Trust Company of Canada dated as at March 29, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's report on Form 6-K furnished to the Commission on March 29, 2010)
- 4.1 Second Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan of the Registrant
- 4.2 Employment Agreement dated July 18, 2007 between Paul Blake, M.D. and the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Registrant's annual report on Form 20-F for the financial year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Commission on March 28, 2008)
- 4.3 Termination of the Change of Control Program letter dated June 14, 2013 from the Registrant to Paul Blake
- 4.4 Employment Agreement dated November 1, 2013 between Jude Dinges and a subsidiary of the Registrant
- 4.5 Employment Agreement dated April 15, 2013 between David A. Dodd and a subsidiary of the Registrant
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- 4.8 Service contract dated January 1, 2014 between Richard Sachse, MD and Aeterna Zentaris GmbH, a subsidiary of the Registrant
- 4.9 Amendment to Amended Employment Agreement dated as at June 20, 2007 among the Registrant, Aeterna Zentaris, Inc. and Dennis Turpin (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 of the Registrant's annual report on Form 20-F for the financial year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the Commission on March 28, 2008)
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- 8.1 Subsidiaries of the Registrant
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- 15.1 Consent of the Independent Auditors

SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

/s/ Dennis Turpin

Dennis Turpin, CPA, CA
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 20, 2014

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