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# **Snapshot of Roquefort Therapeutics**



### **Company History**

- Established in 2020 and listed on the London Stock Exchange in March 2021
- In December 2021, acquired Lyramid Pty Ltd, a leader in the development of medicines for a new therapeutic target, Midkine
- In September 2022, acquired Oncogeni Ltd which has developed two families of innovative cell and RNA oncology medicines
- In February 2023, signed diagnostic licencing deal with Randox

### **Innovative Pre-Clinical Portfolio**

Four fully funded, novel patent-protected anti-cancer medicines:

- 1. MDK antibodies, significant in vivo efficacy and toxicology studies;
- 2. MDK RNA therapeutics, novel anti-cancer gene editing action;
- Mesodermal Killer (MK) cells, new class of cellular medicine engineered to kill cancer both directly and by enhancing the activity of Natural Killer cells; and
- Novel siRNAs (small interfering RNA) inhibit STAT-6, to kill solid tumours.

### **Leadership Team & Facilities**

- Leadership team with track record of taking medicines through pre-clinical development, winning regulatory approvals and commercialisation
- Prof. Sir Martin Evans, Nobel Laureate and Ajan Reginald >12yrs
   Biotech CEO with big pharma experience
- State-of-the-art laboratory and bio-pharmaceutical GMP manufacturing facilities

### **Significant Valuation Potential**

- Potential to meet significant value inflection with average valuation of biotech companies with a single lead asset completing pre-clinical development was circa US\$71 million (£55 million, 2005-2020)\* - we have four!
- Out licencing strategy to achieve early realised value
- Focused pathway to create significant value

# **Board and leadership team**



#### Stephen West: Executive Chairman & Founder

- Fellow Chartered Accountant with over 26 years' international financial, corporate and public company experience
- Proven track record in working with growth companies with extensive experience in IPOs, secondary listings, corporate finance & fundraising

#### Ajan Reginald: Chief Executive Officer

- 20 years in BioPharma as a Biotech CEO and senior executive in public companies Roche (Global Head) and at Novacyt (COO & CTO) during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Track record of discovering and developing new medicines and diagnostics & value creation
- Experimental Medicine MSc, University of Oxford; AMP, Harvard Business school;
   Kellogg MBA (Fulbright scholar) and Boston Consulting Group

#### Prof. Sir Martin Evans: Group Chief Scientific Officer

- First scientist to identify embryonic stem cells
- Nobel Laureate
- Copley Medal, Royal Society & Gold Medal, Royal Society of Medicine
- FRS, FMedSci

**Independent Non-Board** 

### Prof. Armand Keating: Chief Medical Advisor

- Distinguished physician with over 40 years experience in cancer medicine
- Past President of the American Society of Hematology
- Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto
- MD, PhD and leading expert in the development of novel cancer drugs
- Track record of developing novel medicines through pre-clinical phases

### **Dr Darrin M Disley OBE:** Non-Executive Director

- Renowned scientist entrepreneur & former CEO of Horizon Discovery Group plc for 11 years, where he led the Company from start-up through a US\$113M IPO
- PhD (University of Cambridge) DSc (Salford), QAEP, OBE

#### **Dr Simon Sinclair:** Non-Executive Director

- Over 15 years' pharma and medtech industry experience in translational medicine, clinical development, medical affairs and safety, vigilance and real-world evidence
- Chief Safety Officer, Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC & Executive Director, Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute (RGHI)
- Senior positions at DePuy Synthes, Johnson and Johnson, and Merck Inc.,
- MB BChir PhD (University of Cambridge)

#### **Dr Michael Stein:** Non-Executive Director

- Founder of Doctor Care Anywhere, acquired by Synergix and Map of Medicine Ltd (the Map) licensed by NHS and acquired by Hearst; founding CEO of Valo Therapeutics and OxStem Ltd
- Medical doctor (Honours) and biochemist (First Class Honours) from the University of Cape Town (1988) and from the University of Oxford (Rhodes Scholar) with a doctorate in Physiological Sciences (Immunology)

#### Jean Marie Duvall: Non-Executive Director

- CEO & Director at Repronovo SA; Director, Executive VP & Group General Counsel at Ferring International Center
- Former Co-Chair of FerGene, Inc., Director & Chair-Cell & Gene Therapy at Trizell Holding SA, Director & Executive VP at Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Inc., General Counsel for Elan Corp. Plc and Director at Amzell
- Graduate degree from The Ohio State University and an undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University.

# **Significant R&D and Commercial Progress**

## **Expanded Group Formed in September 2022**



Q4 2022 H1 2023 **Out-licensing to strategic partners: Diagnostics to Randox** Therapeutics to Big Pharma **Olivia Newton Existing Midkine Programs** John Institute Lowry cancer institute **Strategic Develop** Oncogeni Hawkins portfolio R&D Acquisition laboratory review programs Sydney Uni **Medical school Toronto Uni Keating lab** Internal R&D and drug delivery development

siRNA & Midkine oligo delivery systems



# **Licencing & Royalty Agreement**



- Exclusive worldwide licence agreement (excluding Japan) for 10 years to utilise Midkine antibodies in medical diagnostics
- Transaction estimated to be worth more than £5 million
- Collaborative research programs to identify new cancer diagnostics treatable with ROQ's Midkine therapeutics
- Company can remain focused on developing first in class oncology medicines

Validates Midkine as a target

Clinical trials with companion diagnostics have a much higher success rate – 15.9% vs 7.6%

Diagnosing patients early will accelerate our ability to diagnose patients for clinical trials, dramatically reducing time and cost for clinical trials

# Midkine Antibodies Development Milestone



- ROQ-A1 and ROQ-A2 Midkine antibody programs, targeting metastatic breast cancer and metastatic lung cancer, successfully demonstrated in vivo safety
- Metastatic breast cancer and metastatic lung cancer have high patient mortality rates (~70% at five years) and prevalence of resistant Midkine subtypes which can reduce effectiveness of existing therapies
- Good safety profile that is particularly attractive for innovative cancer medicines targeting novel targets such as Midkine
- Programs will now progress into in vivo pre-clinical efficacy studies to assess cancer killing ability in primary and metastatic breast cancer and lung cancer
- Following in vivo pre-clinical efficacy studies and toxicology, the Company intends to embark on IND filings



# **R&D** program progress reporting



### **Anticipated development timeline (subject to change)**



Represents drug candidates

# **Summary**



- Roquefort Therapeutics is a material biotech company focused on next generation cancer medicines
- Well positioned with four fully funded pre-clinical drug development programs (having completed the acquisition of Oncogeni in Q4 2022)
- Partnered with leading academic cancer research centres which complements our own world-class in-house expertise and laboratory infrastructure
- Established the foundation and team to deliver the key R&D and commercial milestones that will drive value
- In Q1 2023 delivered positive MDK antibody experimental results and a commercial licence with Randox for MDK diagnostics tests
- Near-term IND and licensing opportunities from advanced stage of development of Midkine and siRNA products

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