

# VolitionRx Limited Announces Strategic Acquisition

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 16, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- VolitionRx Limited (NYSE AMERICAN: VNRX) ("Volition") today announced an agreement by its subsidiary Belgian Volition SPRL to acquire an epigenetic reagent company, Octamer GmbH ("Octamer"), for approximately \$725,000 consisting of cash and shares of restricted common stock of Volition. The closing of the acquisition is subject to customary conditions and is expected to occur in January 2020. This strategic acquisition helps secure the supply of one of the key components of Volition's Nu.Q<sup>TM</sup> tests, the recombinant nucleosome used as the calibrant.

Commenting on the announcement Cameron Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer of Volition said, "I could not be happier that through this acquisition we will be working with one of the world's leading nucleosome experts, Dr. Adrian Schomburg. Not only will this deal secure the supply of a wide range of our key components, but it will also facilitate the transfer of know-how and expertise so that we can develop the capability to manufacture recombinant nucleosomes ourselves. This deal enhances our goal of becoming one of the world's leading epigenetics companies."

Regarding the transaction, Dr. Adrian Schomburg, Founder and CEO of Octamer said, "I believe that the progress that Volition has made to date on nucleosomes in circulation is very exciting and have confidence that this deal is a good convergence of our two technologies and companies. I look forward to working together to bring these transformative diagnostic agents into everyday diagnostic practice."

In addition to nucleosomes, Octamer manufactures and sells histones, octamers and DNA

templates. These reagents can be used for custom applications in epigenetic research and drug discovery. Octamer is already revenue generating and has many business development opportunities that Volition plans to exploit in 2020 and beyond.

## About the Acquisition

The aggregate purchase price is €650,000 Euros (approximately \$725,000), consisting of €350,000 cash and approximately 73,000 shares of common stock of Volition, for 100% of the outstanding shares of Octamer. The shares of common stock will be issued by Volition to the seller in a private placement in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The shares of common stock will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and unless so registered may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. In connection with the transaction, the parties will also enter into a five-year royalty agreement the provides for single-digit royalties based on the sales by Octamer of recombinant nucleosomes to pharmaceutical companies for use in the development, manufacture and screening of molecules for use as therapeutic drugs, as well as a consulting arrangement with Dr. Schomburg. The acquisition includes the transfer of Standard Operating Procedures and key assets in addition to onsite training for Belgian Volition scientists.

For further details please contact <u>mediarelations@volition.com</u>.

## **About Volition**

Volition is a multi-national epigenetics company developing simple, easy to use, cost effective blood tests to help diagnose a range of cancers and other diseases. Early diagnosis has the potential to not only prolong the life of patients, but also to improve their quality of life. The tests are based on the science of Nucleosomics<sup>TM</sup>, which is the practice of identifying and measuring nucleosomes in the bloodstream or other bodily fluid - an indication that disease is present. Volition is primarily focused on human diagnostics but also has a majority-owned subsidiary focused on animal diagnostics.

Volition's research and development activities are centered in Belgium, with additional offices in Texas, London and Singapore, as the company focuses on bringing its diagnostic products to market.

For more information about Volition, visit Volition's website <u>(http://www.volition.com</u>) or connect with us via:

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