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# **VolitionRx Limited Announces Second Quarter 2020 Financial Results and Business Update**

**Conference call to discuss financial and operational results scheduled for**

**Friday, August 14 at 8:30 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time**

AUSTIN, Texas, August 13, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- VolitionRx Limited (NYSE AMERICAN: VNRX) ("Volition") today announced financial results and a business update for the second quarter ended June 30, 2020. Volition management will host a conference call tomorrow, August 14 at 8:30 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time to discuss these results. Conference call details may be found below.

Cameron Reynolds, President and Chief Executive Officer of Volition, upon releasing these results commented, "During the second quarter, given the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic, we focused on two key areas to try and mitigate the effects of lockdowns and allow us to keep moving towards our first commercial products utilizing our cutting edge Nu.Q™ platform. Firstly, we significantly strengthened our balance sheet to ensure we have sufficient capital to work on our many programs concurrently, and launch products where possible during the pandemic. Secondly, we have increased the flexibility of our supply chain of key components and are moving towards producing our key components in house. Cancer remains our core disease focus, however, we have discovered that our technology potentially has applications beyond just cancer, for example with COVID-19."

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### **An interview with Cameron Reynolds, President and Chief Executive Officer.**

Mr. Reynolds added, "I am proud of the way our team has adapted to the different world we find ourselves in and kept on working at full speed, their fantastic efforts have put us in an excellent position as we move towards the launch of our first products expected later this year and early next year."

### **Company Highlights**

#### *Financial*

- Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2020 totalled approximately \$21.3 million compared with \$12 million the previous quarter.
- Raised \$13.8 million in gross proceeds in an underwritten public offering.
- Periodically sold shares of our common stock pursuant to our previously disclosed "At The Market" equity offering program, or "ATM", under our existing registration statement along with our Rule 10b5-1 plan. Through the end of the second quarter of 2020 we had raised approximately \$1.7 million in gross proceeds under the ATM.
- During July and the first week of August we raised an additional approximately \$4.7 million in gross proceeds through the ATM.
- Volition was added to both the Russell 3000® and Russell Microcap® Indexes in June.

#### *Product Production Facility*

- Submitted an offer to purchase a neighboring facility in Belgium known as "Silver One". We expect this facility to be the production hub of all of our products and components, to both secure our own supply at a lower cost, and to drive reagent revenue building on our purchase of Octamer GmbH (now called Volition Germany) earlier this year.

#### *Clinical – COVID-19*

- The preliminary study results reported in May demonstrated the Area Under the Curve (AUC) for a single Nu.Q™ assay was 98.7% PCR positive versus control subjects, with 100% sensitivity at 94% specificity. A second Nu.Q™ assay also showed promising results with an AUC of 86.2%.
- To date we have now tested two independent cohorts of COVID-19 positive patients with quantitative nucleosome immunoassays and found that nucleosomes were highly elevated in plasma of severe COVID-19 patients relative to healthy control subjects and importantly, that both histone 3.1 variant and citrullinated nucleosomes increased with disease severity.
- Given that the highest levels of nucleosomes were found in patients requiring artificial ventilation or extracorporeal oxygenation, we believe that nucleosomes could serve as a guiding biomarker for disease severity in COVID-19 positive patients.
- These data imply that Nu.Q™ could have strong prognostic potential, and so we are now focused on the completion of larger longitudinal studies that would be needed to support a potential COVID-19 product launch.
- Our collaborators have submitted this data for peer-review and we look forward to its publication.
- We have filed a novel patent for this application and plan to utilise results of these trials and other ongoing studies to further our aim of developing a clinically useful product to help in the battle against the COVID-19 global pandemic and potentially other diseases such as influenza and pneumonia.

#### Clinical- Veterinary

- In a proof of concept study conducted by Texas A&M University, a single Nu.Q™ Vet assay detected almost 70% of both Canine Hemangiosarcoma and Canine Lymphoma with AUCs of 84.5% and 83.1% cancer versus healthy, respectively, at a specificity of 90%. These two cancers alone represent almost a third of all canine cancers.
- Based on the results of this study, we plan to move forward with other Nu.Q™ Vet assays in our pipeline, and with the larger range of cohorts and trials that we have collected and planned.
- The first Nu.Q™ Vet products expected to be launched late in 2020 are likely to be for blood and lymphoma remission monitoring and we then aim to target additional uses (such as remission monitoring for other cancers and for diagnosis itself) in 2021.

#### Assay Development and Clinical Studies (Cancer)

- We exceeded our target of 12 assays being finalized by the end of the second quarter with respect to our fully-automated magnetic bead-based chemiluminescent format. To date, 13 assays have been developed and are being tested in our clinical research programs. We plan to reach a total of 20 by the end of 2020.
- In various ways our "Marquee trials" have now been affected by the continued pandemic either by slower or paused collection, or a host of other supply chain or travel and communication issues. We believe we have successfully managed those areas under our direct control (such as assay development and running samples – both on track with our milestones) but many issues are not within our control.
- We have now successfully completed 8 assays on subsets of both of our National Taiwan University studies – colorectal and lung cancers - and are working on data analysis. We expect over this coming quarter to run an additional number of assays

and to submit the data at upcoming conferences.

### Epigenetic Toolbox

- We have developed and are seeking patents on our novel Nu.Q™ Capture-based epigenetic tools. We are using these tools to expand diagnostic developments that focus on circulating DNA fragment analysis, leading to a broader and potentially more powerful investigation of the epigenetic status of a patient's circulating chromosome fragments. We have made significant progress with this work and will continue to publicise data as it is completed in the coming quarters.

### Publications

- The second quarter was the best quarter ever from a publications point of view.
- We had three abstracts published at ASCO, the American Society for Clinical Oncology, including data in both lung and blood cancers.
- We have received acceptance for oral presentation of two abstracts at the Veterinary Cancer Society Meeting in October this year.
- A Nu.Q™ Vet paper regarding pre-analytics has been submitted for peer review and accepted for publication.
- Three papers have been submitted by collaborators using our Nu.Q™ technology, for lung disease, for complications during pregnancy and for COVID-19, yet again showing the wide adaptability of our platform.
- We have other papers in process, including a pre-analytics paper for humans that we expect to submit over the next couple of months, and two papers from the Nu.Q™ Capture program on mass spectrometry and also sequencing.

### Upcoming Milestones

Volition expects to achieve the following milestones during 2020 and beyond:

- We will focus on driving revenue in the coming quarters, where possible during the pandemic, in 4 key areas:
  - Our four potential triage tests (3 cancers and COVID-19);
  - Nu.Q™ Vet products;
  - Reagent sales; and
  - Licensing of our technology for others to commercialize.
- Continue to advance our previously announced large-scale colorectal and lung cancer trials in Europe, Asia and the U.S.
- Commission and complete longitudinal studies for COVID-19.
- Publish several abstracts and peer reviewed scientific papers with clinical results as well as showing the robustness and utility of our Nu.Q™ platform.
- Advance the development of Nu.Q™ Capture
- Announce patient data demonstrating the wide utility of our epigenetic toolbox.
- Complete the purchase and fit out of "Silver One", to serve as our manufacturing hub and service lab in Belgium.

Mr. Reynolds concluded, "We are extremely proud of the accomplishments we have achieved thus far. I thank the dedicated Volition team for their tireless efforts especially given the challenging circumstances we all face during the COVID-19 pandemic. I, along

with the rest of the Board and indeed the whole company, look forward to sharing the results of key studies over the coming year."

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**VolitionRx Limited Second Quarter 2020 Earnings  
and Business Update Conference Call Date:** Friday, August 14,  
2020

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. Eastern time  
**U.S. & Canada Dial-in:** 1-877-407-9716 (toll free)  
**U.K. Dial-in:** 0 800 756 3429 (toll free)  
**Toll/International:** 1-201-493-6779  
**Conference ID:** 13707978

Cameron Reynolds, President and Chief Executive Officer of Volition, will host the call along with David Vanston, Chief Financial Officer and Scott Powell, Executive Vice President, Investor Relations.

A live audio webcast of the conference call will also be available on the investor relations page of Volition's corporate website at <http://ir.volition.com>. In addition, a telephone replay of the call will be available until August 28, 2020. The replay dial-in numbers are 1-844-512-2921 (toll-free) in the U.S. and Canada and 1-412-317-6671 (toll) internationally. Please use replay pin number 13707978.

## **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 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.

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