

# Genetic Signatures

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# **Company Overview**

- Genetic Signatures Limited (GSS) designs and manufactures proprietary molecular diagnostic (MDx) test solutions for rapid and specific identification of diseases and infections
- GSS fully owns its proprietary molecular 3base<sup>™</sup> technology with multiple patents issued, expiring in 2031
- EasyScreen<sup>™</sup> products have an estimated US\$2.1B addressable global market in 2017
- Large pipeline of new molecular diagnostic tests to quickly drive further revenues and shareholder value
- Targeting pathology and hospital laboratories in multiple global markets leading to a scalable business with high gross margins
- Experienced management team and board with track record in global molecular diagnostics industry and delivering shareholder returns



# **Commercial Progress**

- June quarter Sales revenue growth of 16% on the previous corresponding period
- \$13.2M cash as of 30 June 2017
- Growing global profile through participation at EU, AU and US industry events coincides with offshore expansion
- New sales and marketing appointment supports overall strong foundation for future growth
- Completion of oversubscribed \$15M capital raising in September allowing for further investment in offshore expansion



# **Product Progress**

- Successful launch of new 3base™

  EasyScreen™ STI detection kit: global addressable STI testing market estimated at US\$550M in 2017
- First sale and delivery of beta-release 3base™ EasyScreen™ Flavivirus and Alphavirus detection kit
- First product trial of new 3base™ EasyScreen™ Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase (ESBL) and Carbapenemase-producing organisms (CPO) Detection Kit for rapid antibiotic resistance detection of bacteria such as E.coli and Klebsiella
- Full EU regulatory approval for complete enteric suite allows unrestricted sales in 22% of global molecular diagnostics market
- 3base<sup>TM</sup> patent approval in US where focus is on completing scientific validation for FDA product approval





# EasyScreen™ STI Detection Kit Progress

- Successful launch of 3base™ EasyScreen™ Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Detection Kit — simultaneously detects the 12 most commonly encountered STIs and has superior multiple infection detection over existing hospital testing techniques
- First commercial customer secured SydPath, a fully accredited private Pathology Lab of St. Vincent's hospital in Sydney will use the new STI Kit on an ongoing basis
- Potential market 1 million people contracting an STI daily (World Health Organisation)



# EasyScreen™ Flavivirus Detection Kit Progress

- GSS exhibited at the 27<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases in April — Highlighting the improved detection of Flaviviruses with GSS' 3base<sup>™</sup> technology following a successful Vanuatu Dengue Detection Clinical Trial with Port Villa Central Hospital
- Results demonstrate strong performance The success of the trial shows the global potential of the 3base™ EasyScreen™ Flavivirus and Alphavirus Detection Kit to aid in preventing the spread of disease, including Zika and West Nile
- First commercial customer secured Ahead of product launch first significant offshore customer using beta-release on a trial basis
- Potential market Flavivirus' and Alphavirus' cause widespread morbidity and mortality in developed and developing world



# **Upcoming Activities**

- Focus remains on sales growth, product range expansion and market share expansion
- New global product trials underway or commencing this quarter
- Research and development on new kits and assays continues, including kits for atypical respiratory infections, antibiotic resistance and meningitis
- Preparation of two new products for commercial release (Flavirus and ESBL/CPO)
- GSS continues to work on securing regulatory approvals for STI and respiratory products whilst ongoing regulatory developments in the \$1.26B US market remain on course





# **Corporate Summary**

Financial Information (A\$)	
ASX Code	GSS
Shares on Issue	104.6M
Market Capitalisation	\$45M
Share Price (at market close 25 July 2017)	\$0.43
Cash at 30 June 2017	\$13.2M

Top Shareholders	%
Asia Union Investment Pty Limited	35.4%
Citicorp Nominees Pty Ltd	16.2%
UBS Nominees Pty Ltd	6.5%
Directors, Management and Advisors	>6.0%



# Genetic Signatures Transforming Global Molecular Diagnostics





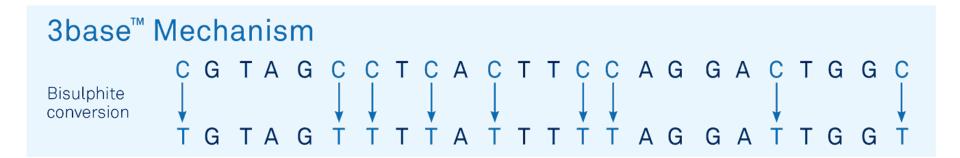
# Genetic Signatures - 3Base™ Technology

# A transformational MDx technology enabling customers to identify a wider array of patient infections

- GSS' 3Base™ platform is a proprietary molecular technique which changes naturally occurring DNA and RNA sequences to reduce sequence variation between subtypes
- Patented chemical transformation of DNA and RNA sequences to reduce genetic code complexity
- Significant reduction in complexity and enhanced detection of multiplexed assays - multiple targets are detected in one tube



# Unique 3Base™ Technology



- GSS' unique platform technology converts original 4-base microbial genome to 3-base, thereby reducing complexity in molecular testing
- Applicable in testing for infectious diseases and chronic diseases including cancers
- The conversion occurs during standard procedures and there are no additional steps for the end user
- 3Base<sup>™</sup> delivers greater sensitivity and specificity in a rapid assay



# Technology - 3Base™

- Massive reduction in complexity
- e.g, a 10 digit number comprised of the numbers 1,2,3 and 4 has 1,048,576 combinations
- a 10 digit number comprised of the numbers 1,2 and 3 has 59,049 combinations
- Reduces complexity by 97% yet maintains or increases accuracy

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- Sufficient information is retained for genotyping equivalent to native (4Base) genomic assays
- No loss of clinical specificity is observed by this base conversion
- e.g. HPV clinical trial showed superior performance vs. Digene assay in reducing false positives
   (J. Clin. Virol. 42:22-6. 2008)
- 3Base<sup>™</sup> delivers greater Sensitivity and Specificity, in a rapid assay



# Advantages of 3Base™ Technology

#### **Patient**

- Patients receive more accurate test results
- Faster turn around time: 4-5 hours vs. 4-5 days under traditional methods
- Improved efficacy and breadth of infection detection leading to improved patient experience
- Saves lives

# Pathology Groups / Hospitals

- Cost savings due to decreased time spent evaluating samples
- Delivers greater sensitivity and specificity
- More results per patient specimen
- Reduces complexity in molecular testing
- Common workflow between tests
- Compatible with existing equipment i.e. no CAPEX requirement
- Point of differentiation

#### Government

- Reduces hospital stays through more effective infection detection
- Fast turnaround time allows rapid detection and reduces spread of infectious diseases
- Reduced sick leave for nursing staff
- Reduces repeat doctor visits

Significant benefits to the health system: minimise work, maximise results and drives value



# EasyScreen<sup>™</sup> Testing Kits

- First products to market:
  - 22 gastroenteritis pathogens including viral, bacterial and protozoan
  - 15 common respiratory infections
  - 12 common sexually transmitted infections
- Being adopted by major hospitals and pathology laboratories for detection of infectious diseases
- Deliver a wider array of highly specific results in 4-5 hours that would traditionally take 4-5 days
- Works on existing equipment found in any diagnostic laboratory
- A 1ml product volume is sufficient for 50 individual tests, driving an attractive and operationally leveraged business model
- Scalable manufacturing not limiting growth

# Case Study:

### St Vincent's Hospital Evaluation Study on Gastroenteritis

- Powerful evidence of efficacy
- 221 patient samples compared to traditional culture, microscopy and antibody based tests
- Results in 4 hours, compared to up to 120 hours for traditional
- Identified 44 infections that existing testing missed – 83% more than traditional testing
- Missed infections have substantial downstream consequences, such as closing down of wards (e.g Norovirus group II)

Pathogen	Conventional Methods*	EasyScreen™
Campylobacter	7	9
Salmonella	8	9
Shigella	5	6
C. Difficile	3	7
Yersinia	-	1
Cryptosporidium	-	1
Giardia	9	12
Dientamoeba fragalis	4	20
Blastocystis hominis	16	21
Entamoeba histolytica	1	1
Norovirus group 2	-	7
Adenovirus	-	1
Adenovirus 40/41	-	1
Sapovirus	-	1
Total	53	97

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## Case Study: Evaluation Study on STI Detection Kit

- Results from 846 Specimens

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- 846 patient samples compared to current testing, includes culture, and other molecular tests
- Identified 503 infections that were missed with current testing methods – almost 3 times more

Pathogen detected	EasyScreen™	Hospital Traditional
C. trachomatis	48	31
N. gonorrhoeae	24	27
LGV	1	1*
M. genetalium	10	Not tested
T. vaginalis	8	4
Ureaplasma spp.	296	Not tested
Candida spp.	153	95
M. hominis	71	Not tested
S. agalactiae	98	51
T. pallidum	2	2, Confirmed by reference lab
HSV-1	32	25
HSV-2	19	15
Total	762	259

<sup>\*</sup>Confirmed by sequencing



# EasyScreen™ Products in Development

- Product expansion will drive revenue and market share growth
- Product development pipeline includes tests for:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> generation respiratory virus
  - Atypical pneumonia
  - Meningitis
- Additional products being readied for sale:
  - Antibiotic resistance panel
  - Flavivirus (including Chikungunya, Zika, Dengue, West Nile, Yellow Fever etc.)



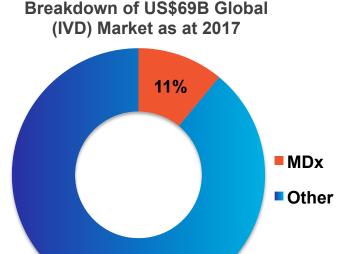
# Global Growth Strategy and Commercial Progress



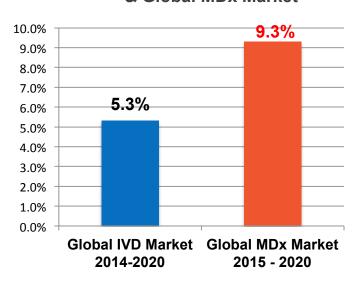


# Growing Global Molecular Diagnostics Market

- Molecular Diestimatedics (MDx) Market estimated to be US\$7.6B in 2017 representing
   11% of the overall in vitro Diagnostics (IVD) market of \$US69B
- MDx market forecast to grow at an above system CAGR of 9.3% exceeding overall IVD market growth as MDx techniques replace traditional diagnostics



## CAGR of the Global IVD Market & Global MDx Market



Source: www.mddionline.com/article/global-vitro-diagnostics-market-grow-691-billion-2017

89%

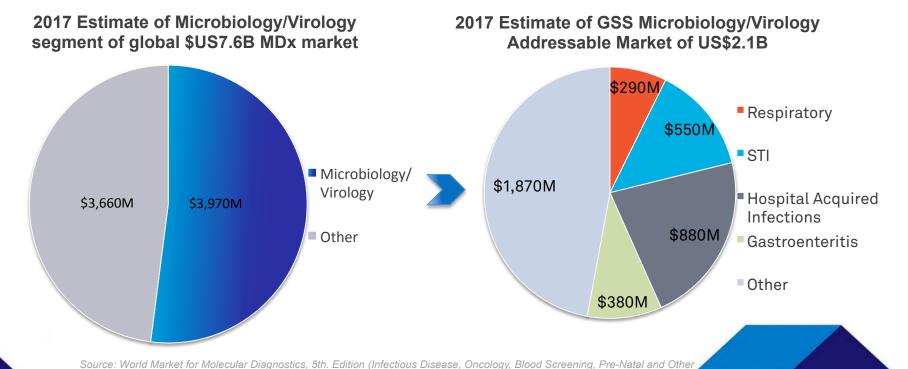
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MDx growth expected to drive IVD market demand



# Large Addressable Markets

- GSS' current diagnostics products and pipeline products account for >50% of microbiology/ virology diagnostics segment
- This total addressable market was \$US1.1B in 2012 and estimated to be worth US\$2.1B by 2017



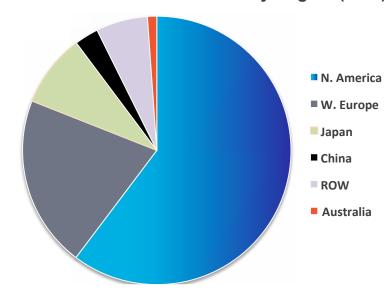
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# Regulatory Approvals Now Secured in Large Portion of Global Market - Driving Revenue

- Full regulatory approval for ~22% of the global market in Gastroenteritis testing, with partial approval (Clinical Concentrators, Analyte Specific Reagents) in the USA
- Validation of company strategy with revenues ramping quickly following approvals (see Australia); European & North American revenues expected to contribute in FY17
- Further molecular diagnostic approvals sought for new products in key global markets, driving further revenue in other product categories driving shareholder value

#### 2017 Estimate MDx Market Size by Region (USD)

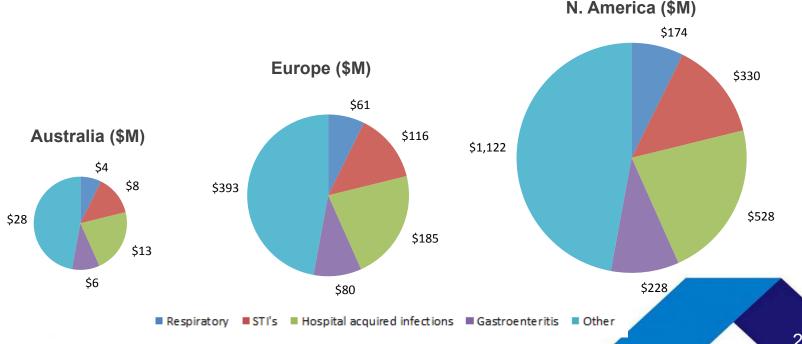


Source: World Market for Molecular Diagnostics, 5th. Edition (Infectious Disease, Oncology, Blood Screening, Pre-Natal and Other Areas) Kalorama Information, Published: 1/9/2013, page 94.



# Significant Offshore Opportunity

- Strong revenue growth in Australia validates commercial potential of products in offshore markets
- Full regulatory approval for ~22% of the global market (Australia and Europe) Enteric products have full CE-IVD approval in Europe which is 10-20x Australian market
- Specialist clinical sales of Enteric ASR tests into North America commencing FY17
- Specialist respiratory sales commenced in Australia (~20% of FY16 revenue) with imminent availability in the US
- Multiple products/jurisdictions de-risking commercialisation





# Global Growth Strategy

- Focus on regions with regulatory approvals
  - Australia, Europe and US = >80% of world market
- Extend footprint in both Europe and US
  - Europe has unique testing and reimbursement strategies local knowledge is critical
  - Full distributor model in select countries, with local support
  - US growth via direct sales and support
- Realise early revenue from specialist products (e.g. ASRs in the US)
  - Larger revenues to follow with additional approvals
  - Expand product range and complete regulatory approvals for new products
  - Prepare first products for FDA approval to achieve full regulatory approvals



# Commercialisation Progress – Australia

- Major hospital and pathology group customers including St. Vincent's Sydney and Australian Clinical Labs
- New Sales and Marketing Director appointment to support growth
- Two new products to be released
  - Australia forms base for EU and US approvals and release
  - Product expansion will drive revenue and market share growth
- Dedicated R&D labs and network of clinical partners driving new product development:
  - 5 EasyScreen™ products for Gastroenteritis have TGA approval
  - 2 more *EasyScreen*™ kits are being validated for TGA approval





# Commercialisation Progress - Europe

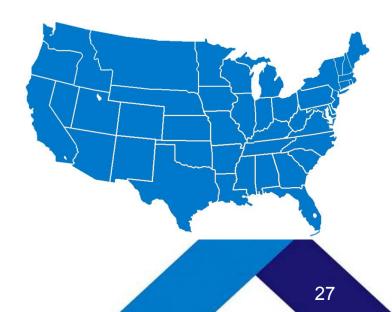
- Addressable market of ~US\$435M
- Western Europe = ~20% global molecular diagnostics market
- Expanding team to work with European Director and Distributors
- Trials underway and more planned
- Full EU regulatory approval for complete enteric suite allows unrestricted sales in 31 countries with a market estimated at \$86m per year





# Commercialisation Progress – North America

- Up to ~US\$1,265M addressable market
- US = 50-60% global molecular diagnostics market
- Analyte Specific Reagents (specialist sales) launched at largest US microbiology conference
- Allows 3Base<sup>™</sup> sales to thousands of CLIA-certified laboratories
- Trials planned to commence in current quarter
- 3base<sup>™</sup> patent approval in US where focus is on completing scientific validation for FDA product approval
- First products preparing for full FDA approval, allowing unrestricted sales in US



### Outlook



### Further strong growth expected in FY18

- Launch of regulatory approved products into Australia and EU
- ASR product trials planned for the US
- Alliances made with leading KOL and health laboratories

#### **Progressing significant offshore opportunities**

- Expect to capture a similar % of sales in Europe, following Australian growth trajectory addressable market of ~US\$435M
- Commence sales of ASRs into the US market addressable market up to ~US\$1265M
- Continuing FDA work for full regulatory products

#### **Driving shareholder value**

- Accelerate revenues through distribution and direct sales activities globally
- Accelerate R&D and approval activates globally, unlocking further revenues and strategic value within molecular test portfolio

