Proteomics Int. Labs. Ltd

(PIQ \$0.95) Speculative Buy

Analyst Date Price Target
Seth Lizee 3rd January 2023 \$1.80/sh

US Reimbursement Code Approved for PromarkerD

Key Points

- A new dedicated CPT PLA reimbursement code has been approved for PIQ's lead diagnostic test PromarkerD for diabetic kidney disease (DKD).
- This is a major milestone for the company; securing a new dedicated CPT PLA code is key to reimbursement coverage of the test by both Medicare and private health insurers in the US.
- The United States represents a massive market opportunity with an estimated +32 million people suffering from diabetes – each a potential user of PromarkerD. On average each person with diabetes should be tested once per year with PromarkerD.
- Even modest market adoption of PromarkerD in the US can translate into very lucrative royalties for PIQ (see sensitivity analysis below). These royalties fall mostly to the bottom line.

Royalties		Market Penetration (%)					
(A\$m)		1.0%	2.5%	5.0%	10.0%	15.0%	25.0%
Royalty Rate (%)	5.0%	3.5	8.6	17.3	34.5	51.8	86.3
	7.5%	5.2	12.9	25.9	51.8	77.7	129.4
	10.0%	6.9	17.3	34.5	69.0	103.5	172.6
	12.5%	8.6	21.6	43.1	86.3	129.4	215.7
	15.0%	10.4	25.9	51.8	103.5	155.3	258.9

*Assuming US\$150/test, 0.7 A\$/US\$ fx , ~32m patient TAM

Source: EHL Estimates

- All diagnostic tests must have relevant reimbursement coding in order to bill and receive payments for performing tests, amongst other things.
- In the US, reimbursement codes are managed by the American Medical Association (AMA), and are known as a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. PLA codes are one of the four groups of CPT codes.
- The newly-approved code for PromarkerD (0385U) has been published and will be effective from 1 April 2023. The PLA code was issued to Sonic Reference Laboratory which is part of Sonic Healthcare USA (a division of Sonic Healthcare Ltd, ASX: SHL).
- Next steps from here will involve working with private payers and engaging with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish payment and include PromarkerD in their Clinical Lab Fee Schedule (for further context refer to our 17th Aug 22 Note).
- We maintain our Speculative Buy recommendation and \$1.80/sh. Price Target.

Investment Thesis

Proteomics International Laboratories Ltd (PIQ) is a Perth based medical technology company. Currently in the process of commercializing its novel diabetic kidney disease test, PromarkerD, the business has an additional pipeline of 10 other diagnostic tests in various stages of development and commercialization. This is in addition to a growing world class analytical services business; the income from which offsets PIQs overall cash burn. Our investment case is predicated on the commercialization and rollout of PromarkerD. If PIQ can deliver on near term milestones, we believe the stock can trade up, perhaps substantially.

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Proteomics Int. Labs. Ltd (PIQ)

Share Price	0.95	A\$/sh
Price Target	1.80	A\$/sh
Valuation	1.80	A\$/sh
Shares on issue	115.2	m(dil)
Market Capitalisation	109.4	A\$m
Enterprise Value	100.2	A\$/m
Debt	Nil	A\$/m
Cash (Sep'Q, pro-forma)	9.2	A\$/m

Share Price Chart



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