



Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC

**Strategic disposal to create a focused, specialist veterinary
pharmaceuticals business**

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Introduction

- Strategic disposal of the Group's Services Segment, comprising:
 - National Veterinary Services (“NVS”);
 - Dechra Laboratory Services (“DLS”); and
 - Dechra Specialist Laboratories (“DSL”).
- Consideration receivable is £87.5 million in cash, subject to customary completion adjustments
- Purchaser is Patterson Companies, Inc., a US based specialty distributor serving the dental, veterinary and rehabilitation supply markets across a number of international geographies (market cap: US\$4.0 billion)
- Disposal is in line with the Board's stated strategy to create a focused, high margin specialist veterinary pharmaceutical products business, operating in a global market
- Separately announced today pre-close trading update for the year ended 30 June 2013

Strategic rationale

- Board believes that the greatest opportunities for future growth and value lie in the Pharmaceuticals Segment, which is now of a size that permits the Group to focus entirely on its further development
 - contributed over 75.0 per cent. of the Group's operating profits (excluding amortisation of intangibles and before allocation of central costs) in the half year ended 31 December 2012
- Board believes the Disposal is in the best interests of Shareholders
 - enables Dechra to focus on its key strategic own branded veterinary products businesses;
 - Pharmaceuticals Segment comprises higher margin, cash generative businesses, operating in a global market with attractive long term growth prospects;
 - provides additional resources to continue the development of the Pharmaceuticals Segment both organically and, potentially, through acquisitions;
 - no material synergies between the Pharmaceuticals Segment and the Services Segment; and
 - attractive opportunity to realise the value of the Services Segment, which competes in an increasingly international and competitive market

Further details of the Disposal

- Effective consideration of £87.5 million (£86.2 million after transaction expenses and tax arising on disposal) payable in cash in full on completion
- Represents historic 7.9x EV/EBIT (year ended 30 June 2012)
- Consideration subject to customary completion adjustments for net debt and movements to normalise working capital position; SPA has customary warranties and indemnities for transaction of this nature
- Disposal is a class 1 transaction for Dechra, conditional on shareholder approval
- Expected timetable
 - Announcement of Disposal 10 July 2013
 - Publication and posting of circular as soon as practicable following announcement
 - General meeting to approve Disposal 29 July 2013
 - Expected date of completion mid-August 2013

Summary information on the Continuing Group

- Following the Disposal, Dechra will be a focused, specialist veterinary pharmaceuticals business, operating through three of Dechra's existing Pharmaceutical segments:
 - Product Development: develops and licenses Dechra's own branded veterinary product portfolio of novel and generic pharmaceuticals and specialist pet diets
 - European Pharmaceuticals: comprises Dechra Veterinary Products EU and Dechra Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing
 - US Pharmaceuticals: comprises Dechra Veterinary Products US
- Expected that central costs will increase following the Disposal, reflecting certain additional costs and also the fact that central costs were previously allocated across both segments
- The Board will continue the development of a high growth, cash generative, specialist veterinary pharmaceutical products business to compete in a global market, with the intention to increase investment in the Group's product development pipeline

Summary financial information on the Continuing Group

Income statement	Year ended 30 Jun 2010 (audited) £'000	Year ended 30 Jun 2011 (audited) £'000	Year ended 30 Jun 2012 (audited) £'000	Half year ended 31 Dec 2012 (unaudited) £'000
Revenue				
- European Pharmaceuticals	84,637	89,287	104,764	81,935
- US Pharmaceuticals	10,634	16,107	20,363	10,036
- Inter-segment	(11,377)	(12,225)	(14,240)	(7,128)
	83,894	93,169	110,887	84,843
Operating profit¹				
- European Pharmaceuticals	21,412	22,506	28,904	21,171
- US Pharmaceuticals	1,311	4,838	5,863	2,963
- Research & development costs	(4,666)	(5,221)	(5,735)	(3,457)
	18,057	22,123	29,032	20,677
<i>Operating profit margin</i>	<i>21.5%</i>	<i>23.7%</i>	<i>26.2%</i>	<i>24.4%</i>

Notes.

1. Before allocation of head office costs
2. The historic financial information on the Continuing Group has been extracted without material adjustment from the consolidation schedules used in preparing the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the financial years ended 30 June 2010, 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2012 and the unaudited financial information for six month period ended 31 December 2012.

Use of proceeds & financial effects of the Disposal

- Board intends to use net cash proceeds arising from the Disposal of £86.2 million (after transaction expenses and tax arising on disposal) to reduce Group's net debt through:
 - prepayment and cancellation of the Group's existing £50 million term loan facility; and
 - reduction in amounts drawn down under the Group's existing £65 million revolving credit facility ("RCF")
- Dechra will remain able to utilise the existing RCF, which expires in October 2016, on an ongoing basis to fund the future development of the business
- Following completion, Dechra is expected to have pro forma net debt of £15.7 million, based on the Group's net debt position as at 31 December 2012
- Whilst the Disposal will be earnings dilutive in the short term, it will create a focused, specialist pharmaceuticals business with additional resources to invest in its product development pipeline and other growth opportunities.
- Board intends to maintain progressive dividend policy, taking into account the underlying performance of the business and investment opportunities

Pre-close trading update

- Group revenue up by approximately 19% vs last year
- Top 5 products revenue increased by approximately 13%
- US trading performance impacted by third party supply issues, as referred to in the Q3 Interim Management Statement
- Trading in Q4 was good and a marked improvement over Q3, but it did not offset the impact of adverse weather in Q3 and supply issues in the US
- Eurovet expected synergies realised
- Investment in pharmaceutical pipeline increases as novel products reach maturity and new opportunities are identified

Note. All figures quoted in constant currency

Summary

- Disposal is in line with the Board's stated strategy
 - enables the Continuing Group to focus on its key strategic own branded veterinary products businesses
 - provides the Continuing Group with additional resources to continue the development of the Pharmaceuticals Segment, both organically and, potentially, by acquisition
 - an attractive opportunity to realise the value of the Services Segment, which competes in an increasingly international and competitive market
- The Continuing Group will comprise a focused, high margin specialist veterinary pharmaceutical products business, operating in a global market
- Intention to increase investment in the Continuing Group's product development pipeline
- The Board expects the quality of the Continuing Group's business and prospects to be enhanced as a result of the Disposal



Appendices

Summary information on the Services Segment

- Services Segment comprises
 - National Veterinary Services – the UK market leader, in terms of market share, in the supply and distribution of veterinary products to veterinary practices and other approved outlets via its next day national delivery service
 - Dechra Laboratory Services – a multi-disciplined, independent commercial veterinary laboratory
 - Dechra Specialist Services – a primary and secondary referral, specialist veterinary immunoassay laboratory

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Revenue	285,670	296,258	315,672	167,739
Operating profit	13,103	13,087	11,056	5,720
<i>Operating profit margin</i>	4.6%	4.4%	3.5%	3.4%
Profit before tax	13,468	13,437	11,146	5,723
Net assets			55,363	59,338

Evolution of Dechra's *Pharmaceuticals* businesses

Since 2000, Dechra's Pharmaceuticals businesses have grown both organically and through a number of key strategic acquisitions that have enabled Dechra to access new products or geographies. Key milestones in the successful development of the Pharmaceuticals Segment, include:

- **2001:** UK launch of Vetoryl®, a novel drug for the treatment of Cushing's syndrome in dogs;
- **2002:** acquisition of Anglian Pharma plc, which increased Dechra's contract manufacturing revenues;
- **2005:** received approval to market Vetoryl in 19 major European countries;
- **2007:** opening of Dechra US, a sales and marketing business, to capitalise on the acquisition of the marketing rights for a range of licensed veterinary pharmaceuticals from Nycomed US, Inc.;
- **2008:** £65 million acquisition of VetXX® Holdings A/S (subsequently renamed Dechra Veterinary Products), a developer, manufacturer and marketer of companion animal veterinary products in Europe, which broadened and strengthened Dechra's European footprint and range of licensed veterinary products;
- **2009:** approval and launch of Vetoryl in the US, and received approval to market Felimazole in the US;
- **2010:** \$64.0 million acquisition of DermaPet®, Inc., a US based business which strengthened Dechra's position in the global veterinary dermatological market, as well providing greater scale in the US market;
- **2010:** £6.5 million acquisition of Genitrix® Limited, a private UK company with a range of products complementary to Dechra's existing product portfolio; and
- **2012:** €135 million acquisition of Eurovet® Animal Health B.V., a veterinary pharmaceutical business based in the Netherlands, which gave the Group a strong direct presence in the German market, as well as strengthening the Group's presence in a number of other European countries, access to a complementary companion animal product portfolio and a significant presence in the large farm animal pharmaceutical market.