

# LEADING THE FIELD





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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **COMMERCIAL BUSINESS:**

- 2020 revenue \$6.6m, 2% growth in US\$ on 2019 (9% in constant currency)
- Revenue impacted by Covid-19 and >\$1m reduction in distributor inventory
- Strong in-market sales growth in key growth markets
- Commercial business EBITDA positive and cash generative

## PRETEC - 'VACCINES FOR PLANTS':

- PHC279 now registered in Brazil; on track for H2 2021 launch
- Strong progress in US product development

## **GROUP – MOVING TO CASH POSITIVE:**

• Cash burn \$2.7m (vs \$4.8m in 2019), cash reserves \$4.2m

## **OUTSTANDING ESG CREDENTIALS:**

 PHC products have low toxicity and no residues <sup>1</sup>; replace traditional agrochemicals



WELL POSITIONED FOR GROWTH IN 2021 PLANT HEALTH CARE AT INFLECTION POINT

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## PLANT HEALTH CARE – AT AN INFLECTION POINT

## HIGHLY COST-EFFECTIVE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS FOR FARMING:

- Provide ROI up to 10x, more yield, healthier plants
- Sustainable low toxicity and no residues
- Global demand for biological solutions growing at >16% pa <sup>1</sup>

## CORE COMMERCIAL PRODUCT 'HARPIN $\alpha\beta$ ':

- Strong drivers of revenue growth at 70+% GM
- Profitable & cash generative in 2020<sup>2</sup>

## **NEXT GENERATION PRETEC PRODUCTS: 'VACCINES FOR PLANTS'**

- · Lower cost, higher potency, greater stability and ease of use
- >\$20m invested since 2012; targeting markets worth >\$5billion; first launch 2021

### **MOVING TO CASH POSITIVE:**

Focussed on driving cash performance

30m	9%	73% GM	CASH
Hectares Market access	Revenue growth 2020 <sup>3</sup>	Harpin αβ in 2020	GENERATIVE <sup>2</sup>





ESTABLISHED & GROWING COMMERCIAL BUSINESS POISED TO ACCELERATE NEW PATENTED TECHNOLOGY TO DELIVER LONG-TERM VALUE CREATION

Source: Meticulous Market Research Pvt. Ltd.

<sup>2.</sup> Commercial business (including allocated Administration costs) was cash positive in 2020

<sup>3.</sup> Revenue growth in 2020 compared with 2019 was 9% in constant currency; 2% in US\$



# PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR FY 2020 – HIGHLIGHTS <sup>1</sup>

#### Revenue

# up 2% YoY

(9% in constant currency) to \$6.6m

- In-market inventory reduced by
   \$1m by on-ground sales growth
- Significant Covid-19 impact in some markets in H2

Cash burn further reduced to

\$2.7m

(\$4.8m in 2019)

Cash and equivalents at 31 December of

\$4.2m

**Gross margin** 

**56%** 

(56% in 2019)

Cash operating expenses

\$7.1m

(\$7.4m in 2019)

Commercial Business achieved EBITDA and cash positive

## STRONG CASH PERFORMANCE – PROGRESS TO CASH POSITIVE



## **ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020**

#### COMMERCIAL

- Commercial business both EBITDA and Cash positive for first time
- Strong in-market growth trends in key crops
- Accounts Receivable and Inventory reductions

#### PRETEC LAUNCHES

- Achieved PHC279 registration in Brazil
- Secured low cost source of PHC279 for Brazil launch in 2021
- Joint Development Agreement with Wilbur Ellis for Specialty Crops USA progressing well
- First PREtec patents granted by USPTO; IP barriers to competitors

## GROUP

- Managed Covid-19 headwinds
- Delivered substantial reduction in cash burn

## **OUTSTANDING PROGRESS TOWARDS AMBITIOUS GOALS**



# COMMERCIAL BUSINESS – STRONG HARPIN Aß SALES GROWTH

## IN CORE MARKETS SUGARCANE: BRAZIL – IN-MARKET SALES GREW 3X VS 2019 <sup>1</sup>

- \$17m sales opportunity <sup>2</sup>
- Adoption now gaining traction; market share approaching 1% in Sao Paulo state
- Distributor inventory reduced by \$0.23m (value ex PHC)
- Factoring in place

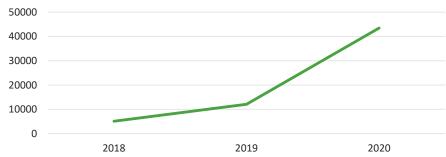
## CORN: USA - IN-MARKET SALES GREW 1.8X 1

- \$5m pa opportunity <sup>3</sup>
- Excellent grower benefits proven <sup>4</sup>
- Distributor inventory reduced by \$0.4m (value ex PHC)

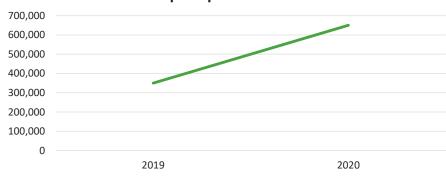
## **SPECIALITY CROPS: USA – SALES EX PHC 2X VS 2019**

- \$5m pa opportunity 5
- 2021 launch in California

## Ha treated with Harpin $\alpha\beta$ in Brazil 2018-2020



### Acres treated with Harpin $\alpha\beta$ in US corn 2019-2020



## **COMMERCIAL BUSINESS POSITIONED FOR RAPID GROWTH**

- In-market sales are reported to the Company by the distributor in each case.
- 8.4M Ha of sugarcane currently cultivated in Brazil (AgroNews, August 2019). Of which 5 M Ha are in Sao Paolo State. 10% market share is considered achievable, representing \$15m sales ex PHC. 2020 sales of 43,000 Ha represent ~1% of area treated in Sao Paolo State.
- 3. Based on 92 million acres of US corn, 5% market share would equate to \$5M in potential sales.

- 4. Data from IPSA (Independent Professional Seedsman Association) reports for 2019 and 20205.
- Based on 1% share of the \$1 billion West Coast specialty crop, would equate to PHC revenue of \$10m



# PRETEC - CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT >\$20M SINCE 2012: POISED FOR FIRST LAUNCH

# WHAT IS PRETEC?

# PLANT RESPONSE ELICITOR TECHNOLOGY

- Derived from naturally occurring proteins that stimulate natural defence and growth systems
- Next generation Harpin αβ: highly potent, stable, cheap to make
- Broad pipeline of PREtec peptides, many differentiated products

# "VACCINES FOR PLANTS"

- Deliver increase crop yield and quality
- · Resist drought and disease
- Excellent ESG credentials: Low toxicity, no residues <sup>1</sup>
- Compatible with mainstream agricultural practices
- Fast track registration process: massively cheaper and quicker to market <sup>2</sup>



# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO GROWERS?

# EXAMPLE - BRAZIL SOYBEANS, 2021 LAUNCH:

- Disease control improved + yield increase worth approx. \$75/ha<sup>3</sup>
- ROI potential >6x from yield alone
- Potential value nationwide \$2.5bn
- Use fewer chemicals

## A REVOLUTION IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

- L. Exempt from US EPA requirement to establish residue limits.
- 2. Conventional agrochemicals typically cost more than \$300m to bring to market and take more than 12 years. Source: Phillips McDougall 2016
- 3. Based on results from Brazil soybean field trials; value based on 38m Ha of soybeans planted in Brazil



# PRETEC - TARGETING MARKETS WITH VALUE >\$5BN

First commercial launch planned for 2021: PHC279 in Brazil ON TRACK FOR FIRST **LAUNCH IN BRAZIL, H2** Joint Development Agreement with Wilbur-Ellis in US 2021 **REGULATORY SUBMISSIONS PRODUCTION SCALE-UP EFFICACY CONFIRMED IP SECURED DISCOVERY** Brazil registration **COMPLETE** achieved Pilot scale PHC279 Target H2 2022 US proven Six products tested registration extensively in the Ramping up to > 40 patents filed field since 2015; supply 2021 launch First patents PHC279 since 2017 Global lead in Lab scale for other granted peptide discovery Multiple crops peptides Substantial barrier PHC279 first US, Brazil, EU Highly costto entry discovered in 2015 effective

## TARGETING MARKETS WITH VALUE GREATER THAN \$5BN 1



# FORWARD MILESTONES 2021 – 22

#### COMMERCIAL

- Generate growing and consistent profit and cash from Commercial
- Accelerate product adoption to consistent sales ex PHC
- Extend relationships with major distributors

#### PRETEC LAUNCHES

- Brand PHC279 for soy and launch through major distributor in H2 2021
- Achieve initial product adoption in key soy growing areas
- Secure low cost manufacturing source
- Achieve PHC279 registration in USA (2022); submit PHC949 in USA (2021)
- Plan multiple US launches in 2022/23

### **GROUP**

- Achieve cash positive quickly, sustainable profit thereafter
- Seek opportunities from consolidation



# PHC HAS AN OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP TEAM



DR CHRIS RICHARDS
Chief Executive Officer

- Joined PHC in 2012 as Non-Executive Chairman, assuming the role of CEO in 2017
- Over 35 years of management experience
- Previously employed at Syngenta in various senior roles and Arysta LifeScience where he was CEO and Non-Executive Chairman



JEFF HOVEY
Chief Financial Officer

- Joined in Sept 2013
- Drove re-structuring and cost reduction in 2014
- >25 years financial management experience
- CPA; IFRS and GAAP experience
- Held numerous senior financial and accounting roles in private and publicly listed retail, life sciences and technology companies



DR ZHONGMIN WEI Chief Science Officer, VP of R&D

- Joined in 2007
- Drives R&D and product manufacturing development
- Globally recognised for discovery of Harpin αβ technology as a Post-Doctoral Associate at Cornell
- Winner of Green Presidential Award in 2001
- Led development of Harpin  $\alpha\beta$  products since 1992
- >25 years developing the synthesis of proteins and peptides
- Inventor on 60+ issued & pending patents



JEFF TWEEDY
Chief Operations Officer

- Joined Oct 2017; appointed COO in 2018
- Leads all Commercial activities and PREtec launches
- >28 years experience in sales and business development in US and internationally
- Held senior commercial North America and Global roles in Syngenta, Arysta LifeScience, Horizon Ag



MARK TURNER
Director, Technology
Licensing

- Joined Feb 2018
- Leads product development, regulatory and licensing
- >20 years experience with strategic alliances and licensing
- Held senior roles at Bayer Crop Science, University of North Carolina, developing and managing global licensing in and out
- Juris Doctor degree and admitted to practice in North Carolina