

# A Norwegian biotech with growth potential

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### Overview

### A Norwegian biotech with growth potential

#### **Segment & Customers**

- Targeting segments with high growth potential (MDx & CGT)
- Customers are life science tools, CDMO, Pharma and Biotech companies
- Nordic based but global direct sales in US (40%) & Europe (60%)

#### **World class products**

- Novel enzymes for biomanufacturing and molecular diagnostics
- Strong reputation in Molecular Tools and Biomanufacturing segments
- Supported by numerous publications
- Net Promoter Score = 84

#### **Talent & Culture**

- 53 employees, HQ in Tromsø, Norway
- Management team committed to creating a culture where innovation and commercialization thrives
- World class R&D team and strong international collaborations
- Excellent manufacturing capabilities
- ISO13485 and GMP compliance supported by experienced QA team

#### **Strong Financials**

- Margins > 90% on all products
- Sales of 119 MNOK (2023), positive cash flow and results
- Recurring revenue streams potential – sticky business
- No debt 240 MNOK in Cash reserve
- Track record of +20yrs
- Listed on the Norwegian Stock Exchange





### The market

### **Biomanufacturing and Molecular Tools customers**

"Biomanufacturing" Customer herapeutics Enzymes Pharma / CDMO Advanced therapies  $\Box\Box\Box$ Hospitals **ArcticZymes** Laboratories over 300 Business-to-Business (B2B) customers **Technologies** Researchers Component partner **End-users** 100,000s scientists, doctors, clinics Customer **Diagnostics** 

"Molecular Tools"

Diagnostics and research



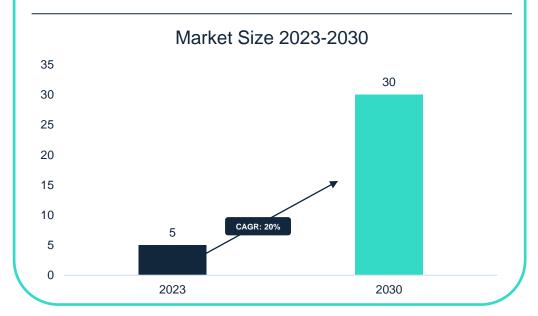
# **Growing Markets**

### Targeting high-growth Biomanufacturing and Molecular diagnostics segments

#### **Biomanufacturing**

Focus on Cell & Gene Therapies

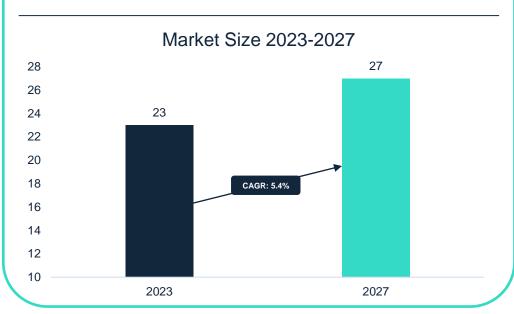
- Enzymes (Nucleases) utilized in the production process of gene therapy (viral vectors)
- FDA expects more 200 INDs/year and 10-20 approvals/year from 2025 within CGT



#### Molecular diagnostics / research

Enzymes for driving assay technologies and innovation

- New technologies and chemistry driving growth
- Increasing Compliance
- Infectious diseases prevalence

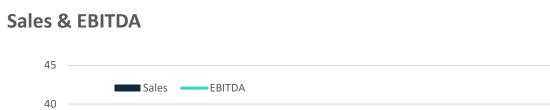


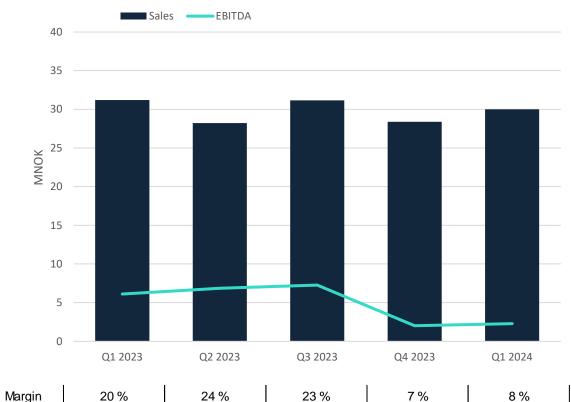




## **Profitability and expenses**

### In a challenging market we continue to deliver positive numbers





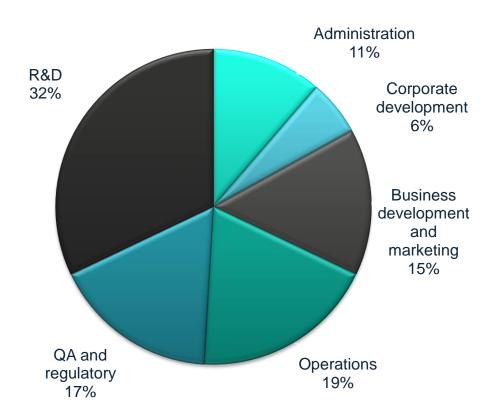
	Q1		12 M
	2024	2023	2023
Sales revenues	30,0	31,2	118,9
Other revenues	0,0	0,0	0,7
Sum revenues	30,0	31,2	119,6
Cost of materials	-1,0	-7,4	-11,7
Change in inventory	-0,3	5,4	5,8
Personnel expenses	-18,0	-15,5	-58,9
Other operating expenses	-8,4	-7,6	-32,6
Sum expenses	-27,7	-25,1	-97,4
EBITDA	2,3	6,1	22,2
Depreciation and amortisation	-1,5	-1,6	-6,4
EBIT	0,8	4,5	15,8
Net financials	3,3	1,8	9,0
EBT	4,1	6,3	24,8



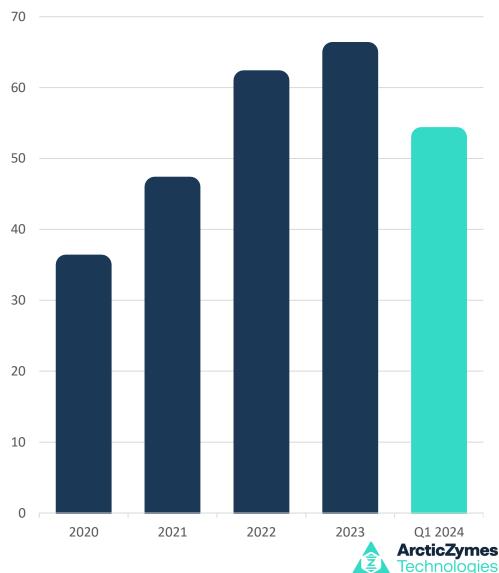
## Organisational restructuring

### **Cost control during transformation**

- Balance in value chain between internal and external roles
- Reduced number of employees in first quarter by 23%
- Oslo site closure Impact on the R&D side of business



#### Number of employees



# Strategic priorities

Building a platform for long term growth – the journey has started

# **Short Term** Continue journey to become more market driven Commercialization **Channel development** Scientific marketing **GMP** upgrade of current enzymes Ability to expand usage in more drug development phases **Relaunch of current Molecular tools enzymes** Application data and positioning

# **Long Term Build Advanced therapies biomanufacturing pipeline RNA enzymes & NextGen SAN Develop/commercialize new Molecular Tools enzymes** Sample prep, amplification and synthetic biology **M&A Opportunities Build portfolio** Strengthen GMP manufacturing capabilities **Enhance commercial channels**



# Becoming more market driven

### The transformation has started

	What	Why	When
1	Right balance between R&D vs commercial resources	Utilize existing portfolio potential	Q1 2024
2	Engage product management team	Align products with market needs and trends	Q1 2024
3	Increase product and brand marketing	Expand reach by creating awareness	Ongoing
4	Make use of key opinion leaders (KOL)	Validate and promote AZT portfolio	Q3 2024
5	Increase use of scientific marketing with R&D involvement	Sell scientist to scientist	ongoing
6	Partnership opportunities	Accelerate growth – distribution	Ongoing

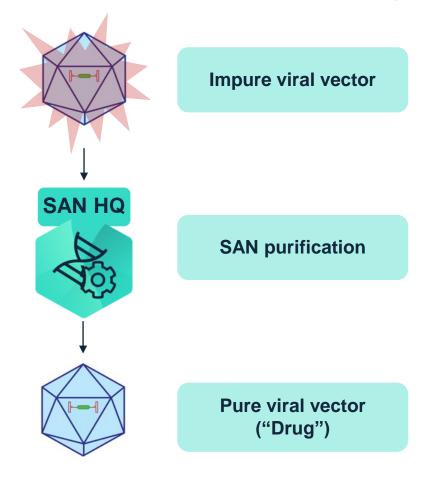
It is a journey but we have initiated first key initiatives





# Salt Active Nucleases (SAN)

Growth potential backed by world class product family

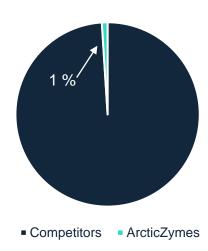


#### **Salt Active Nucleases (SAN)**

Used to purify viral vectors

Probably best nuclease product family on the market\* for purifying viral vectors but 1% market share

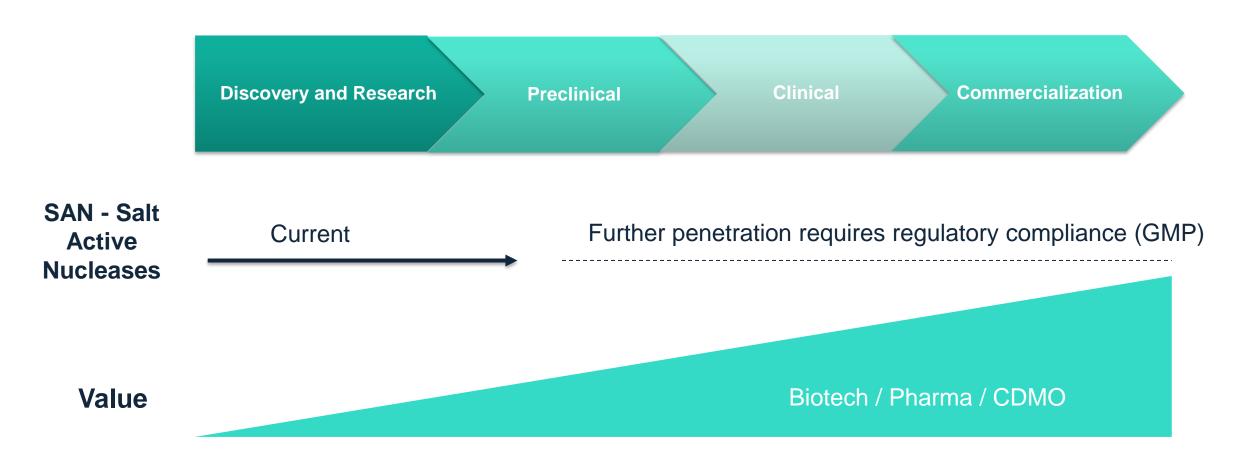
#### Total addressable market of 500 mUSD





### **Growing the SAN business**

From early-stage drug development application towards commercialization





### Penetrating the Advanced Biomanufacturing Market

### Asending the ladder for long-term growth

Value Proposition Global direct sales force Application & **Rival Data** Tangible benefits of Ongoing discussions Regulatory switching to SAN √ with potential sales Compliance Publications, Talks and distribution partners **Customer Pain** posters √ **Point Solutions Enhanced Value** GMP grade with DMF  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ Proposition with yield and Data generation at acib cost data and further scientific SAN HQ GMP √ marketing New GMP variants, DMF & Audits New AI SANs via Biomatter RNA Enzymes via Norwegian Research Grant



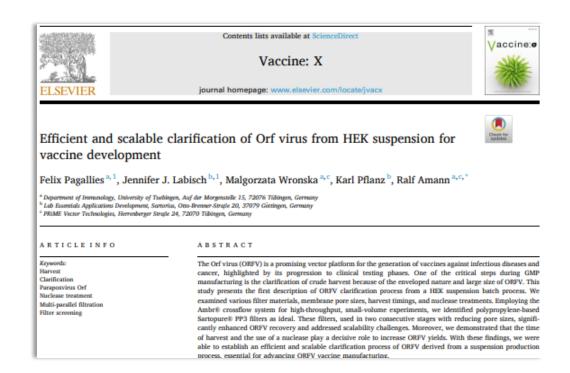
Go to Market

### **Recent Publication**

# Compelling evidence supports our SAN portfolio at large scale

#### Publ. concluded:

- Nuclease treatment is "decisive" for optimizing yield
- Benchmarked AZ vs key rival Denarase concluding M-SAN HQ is superior to Denarase
  - Performance (remaining DNA)
  - Speed (incubation time)
  - Cost (amount of nuclease needed)



The nuclease treatment not only reduces DNA concentration but also significantly improves the efficiency of ORFV recovery.

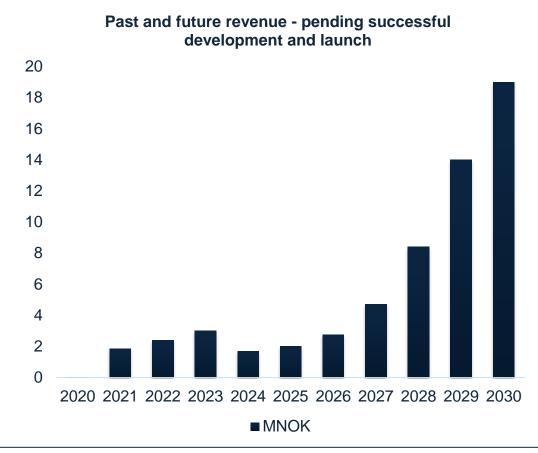
M-SAN HQ resulted in the lowest DNA concentrations and performed best, followed by the SAN HQ. Denarase® results in the highest DNA concentration for both, crude harvest, and supernatant.

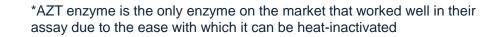


# **Customer Case with Revenue Potential**

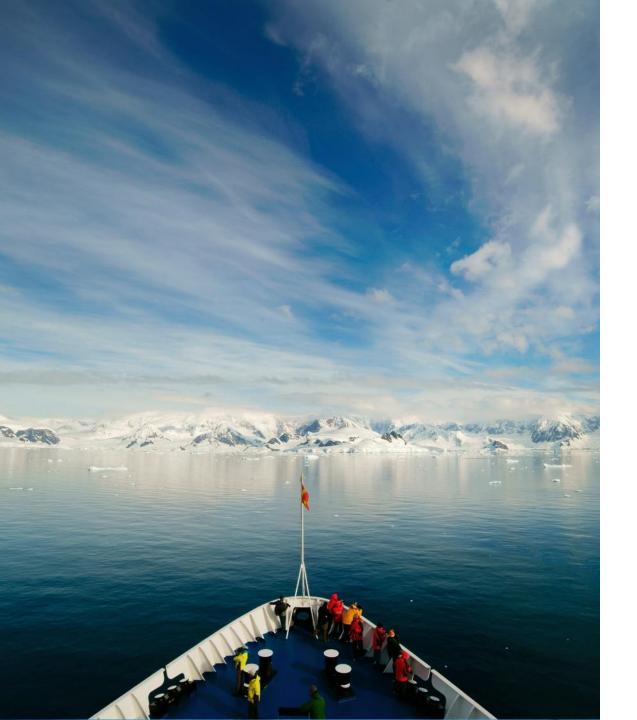
A collaboration with a diagnostic company bringing low-cost cancer screening to market using AZT Proteinase

#### **Company Track Record** Legacy History of collaboration. Well-funded with history of moving fast to help prevent and cure one Started testing proteinase for of the deadliest types of cancer incorporation into cancer diagnostic platform in 2020 Timeline: 2021 Ongoing 2024 2025-26 **Validation** Clinical trial **Audit Decision** Validated with AZT Clinical trials are Audit of AZT is Final decision to scheduled in enzyme\* ongoing be made Tromsø for August 2024









# Summary



Market remains attractive and growing long term – we are working to penetrate and gain a bigger share



AZT provides great products with tangible benefits.

Innovation remains important, but increased focus on commercialization of existing portfolio



We continue to develop our portfolio and commercial engine to capitalize on future growth opportunities



# Thank you

Q&A

