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Results for announcement to the market

Melbourne, Australia – 24th August 2012. Avexa Limited [ASX:AVX] today lodged its Preliminary Financial Report and audited financial report for the full year to 30 June 2012.

For a detailed description of the Company's activities during the reporting period, please refer to the Directors' Report accompanying the financial report.

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About Avexa Limited

Avexa Limited (www.avexa.com.au) is a Melbourne-based biotechnology company with a focus on discovery, development and commercialisation of small molecules for the treatment of infectious diseases. Avexa's key projects include apricitabine (ATC) for the treatment of drug-resistant HIV, an HIV integrase program and an antibiotic program for antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections.

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Appendix 4E

Preliminary final report for the year ended 30 June 2012

| Name of entity: |
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| Avexa Limited |
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| ABN: |
| |
| 53 108 150 750 |

Results for announcement to the market

\$A'000

Revenue from ordinary activities: Decrease of 42.7% to 949

Loss from ordinary activities after tax Decrease of 20.2% to (3,513)

attributable to members:

Net loss for the year attributable to members: Decrease of 20.2% to (3,513)

Dividends

It is not proposed to pay dividends.

There are no dividend or distribution reinvestment plans in operation and there have been no dividend or distribution payments during the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

No explanation considered necessary to explain any of the above other than as provided within this report.

Commentary on results for the year and Significant Information

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company during the course of the financial year was the research and development, for commercialisation, of anti-infective pharmaceutical programs and projects. The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Australia, and with a registered office and principal place of business located at 576 Swan Street, Richmond, VIC 3121.

Review and results of operations

The Company reported a net loss of \$3.5 million for the 2012 financial year; this was 20.2% less than the \$4.4 million loss of 2011.

Net cash expensed through operating activities for the 2012 financial year was \$2.3 million, a 55.4% reduction on the \$5.2 million spent in the prior year.

Key matters impacting the result for Avexa this year were:

- Two new patents were filed covering the use of ATC in combination with a number of currently
 marketed drugs. These patents have real commercial application as they are focused on the use of
 ATC and its synergistic benefits when taken with either of two existing marketed drugs. These new
 patents dramatically improve the IP position for the company's ATC program, will add to the
 existing patent portfolio for ATC and could potentially provide patent protection for the ATC
 program.
- Initiated a search for one or more co-marketing partner(s) to market and sell ATC on a global or regional basis.
- Substantial progress in improving the pharmacokinetic properties of the compounds of our second
 generation of HIV integrase inhibitors, which should translate to a commercial advantage as once a
 day drugs. We continue to progress this promising low cost, early stage project towards an optimum
 commercial outcome.
- Continued to progress the HIV integrase project towards preclinical studies.
- Held cash assets of \$12.6 million and listed investments of \$3.7 million at 30 June 2012.

For a fuller description of the Company's activities in the 2012 financial year please refer to the attached Directors' report and financial statements.

Actions subsequent to year end

In the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report no item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen that is likely, in the opinion of the directors' of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Statement of financial performance (Income statement) For the year ended 30 June 2012

| | Note | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|--|------|-----------------------------|---|
| Licence fee and royalty income | | _ | _ |
| Other income from ordinary activities | | 949 | 1,655 |
| Total revenue from ordinary activities | 1(a) | 949 | 1,655 |
| | -() | | |
| Contract research and development costs | 1(b) | (557) | (1,091) |
| Employee expenses | (-) | (1,184) | (1,566) |
| Share-based payment expense | | (27) | (113) |
| Depreciation & loss on disposal of equipment | 1(b) | (144) | (223) |
| Occupancy | | (1,463) | (1,139) |
| Consulting | | (97) | (583) |
| Professional costs | | (206) | (658) |
| Travel and accommodation | | (48) | (352) |
| Raw materials and consumables used | | (12) | (13) |
| Asset management expenses | | (46) | (66) |
| Insurance | | (103) | (149) |
| Corporate administration | | (117) | (239) |
| Intellectual property | | (315) | (312) |
| Other expenses from ordinary activities | 1(b) | (143) | (205) |
| Profit / (loss) from ordinary activities before related | | | |
| income tax expense | | (3,513) | (5,054) |
| Income tax benefit | | - | 652 |
| Net profit / (loss) | | (3,513) | (4,402) |
| Net profit attributable to outside equity interests | | - | - |
| Total changes in equity from non-owner related transactions attributable to members of the Company | | (3,513) | (4,402) |
| Basic earnings per share (ordinary shares) | | (0.4) | (0.5) |
| Diluted earnings per share (ordinary shares) | | (0.4) | (0.5) |

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2012

| | Issued capital \$'000 | Accumulated losses \$'000 | Fair Value Reserve | Total Equity \$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Opening balance as at 1 July 2011 | 182,523 | (162,443) | 6,275 | 26,355 |
| Non-profit items recognised directly in equity: Equity settled share-based payment transactions | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Non-profit items recognised directly in equity | - | - | - | - |
| Loss for the period | - | (3,513) | | (3,513) |
| Total recognised income and expense for the period | - | (3,513) | - | (3,513) |
| Shares issued pursuant to placement | - | - | - | - |
| Fair Value Reserve | - | - | (5,840) | (5,840) |
| Equity settled share-based payment transactions | - | 27 | - | 27 |
| Equity-related transactions | - | 27 | (5,840) | (5,813) |
| Closing balance as at 30 June 2012 | 182,523 | (165,929) | 435 | 17,029 |

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2011

| | Issued capital \$'000 | Accumulated losses \$'000 | Fair Value Reserve | Total Equity \$'000 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Opening balance as at 1 July 2010 | 182,523 | (158,154) | - | 24,369 |
| Non-profit items recognised directly in equity: | | | | |
| Equity settled share-based payment transactions | - | - | - | - |
| Non-profit items recognised directly in equity | - | - | - | - |
| | | | - | |
| Loss for the period | - | (4,402) | - | (4,402) |
| Total recognised income and expense for the period | - | (4,402) | - | (4,402) |
| Shares issued pursuant to placement | - | _ | - | - |
| Fair Value Reserve | - | - | 6,275 | 6,275 |
| Equity settled share-based payment transactions | - | 113 | _ | 113 |
| Equity-related transactions | - | 113 | 6,275 | 6,388 |
| Closing balance as at 30 June 2011 | 182,523 | (162,443) | 6,275 | 26,355 |

Statement of financial position (Balance sheet) As at 30 June 2012

| | Note | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|---|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash assets | 3 | 12,570 | 16,387 |
| Receivables | 4 | 822 | 936 |
| Investments | 7 | 3,679 | 1,210 |
| Other | 8 | 224 | 60 |
| Total current assets | | 17,295 | 18,593 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Investments | 7 | - | 7,776 |
| Intangibles | 5 | - | - |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6 | 325 | 459 |
| Total non-current assets | | 325 | 8,235 |
| Total assets | | 17,620 | 26,828 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Payables | 9 | 284 | 257 |
| Employee benefits | 10 | 79 | 128 |
| Other | 11 | 201 | 35 |
| Total current liabilities | | 564 | 420 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Employee benefits | 10 | 27 | 18 |
| Other | 11 | - | 35 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | 27 | 53 |
| Total liabilities | | 591 | 473 |
| Net assets | | 17,029 | 26,355 |
| F. 4 | | | |
| Equity | | 100 500 | 102.522 |
| Issued capital | 12 | 182,523 | 182,523 |
| Fair Value Reserve | | 435 | 6,275 |
| Accumulated losses | 2 | (165,929) | (162,443) |
| Total equity | | 17,029 | 26,355 |

Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2012

| | Note | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|--|------|-----------------------------|---|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Cash receipts in the course of operations | | 649 | 388 |
| Cash payments in the course of operations | | (4,422) | (6,801) |
| Interest received | | 817 | 1,261 |
| Government Grants | | 657 | - |
| Net cash used in operating activities | 24 | (2,299) | (5,152) |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment | | (10) | (29) |
| Payments for equity investments | | (5,086) | (2,738) |
| Merger proposal costs (net of break fees received) | | - | - |
| Proceeds from disposal of equity investments | | 3,578 | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | (1,518) | (2,767) |
| Cash flows from financing activities Proceeds from issues of shares Costs of raising share capital | | - - | - - |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | | - | - |
| Net (decrease) / increase in cash held | | (3,817) | (7,919) |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year | | 16,387 | 24,306 |
| Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held | | - | - |
| Cash at the end of the financial year | 23 | 12,570 | 16,387 |

Notes to the Statement of financial performance

1 Revenue and expenses from ordinary activities

| (a) Revenues | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Interest and investment income R&D Incentive Government grants Lease income | (138) 558 6 523 | 1,185 - 91 379 |
| Total revenue from ordinary activities | 949 | 1,655 |

| (b) Expenses | | |
|---|-------|---------|
| Depreciation of Plant and equipment | (144) | (178) |
| Contract research and development (Note 1(c)) | (557) | (1,091) |
| Impairment of Marketing Licence (Note 5) | - | - |
| Amounts transferred to/from provisions for: | | |
| - Employee benefits | 40 | (97) |
| Other expenses: | | |
| Advertising and promotion | (35) | (99) |
| - Workplace administration | (31) | (41) |
| - Finance expenses | (63) | (5) |
| - Other expenses | (14) | (60) |
| Total Other expenses | (143) | (205) |

(c) Research and Development (R&D)

| Total R&D expenditure for the year | (1,462) | (2,487) |
|---|---------|---------|
| Direct research and development expenditure | (905) | (1,396) |
| Contract research and development expenditure | (557) | (1,091) |

Notes to the Statements of changes in equity, financial position and cash flows

2 Accumulated losses

| | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Accumulated losses at the beginning of the financial year | (162,443) | (158,154) |
| Net loss attributable to members | (3,513) | (4,402) |
| Net transfers from / (to) reserves | - | - |
| Net effect of changes in accounting policies | - | - |
| Share-based payment expense | 27 | 113 |
| Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable | - | - |
| Accumulated losses at the end of the financial year | (165,929) | (162,443) |
| 3 Cash assets | | |
| Cash at bank and on hand | 256 | 235 |
| Bank short term deposits | 12,314 | 16,152 |
| Cash assets | 12,570 | 16,387 |

Interest on cash at bank is credited at prevailing market rates. The weighted average interest rate at reporting date was 5.6% (2011: 5.9%).

4 Receivables

Total intangibles

| Current | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Trade and other receivables | 246 | 284 |
| R&D Incentive and other tax receivables | 576 | 652 |
| Total Receivables | 822 | 936 |
| 5 Intangibles | | |
| Non-Current | | |
| North American marketing licence for apricitabine | | |
| (ATC) – at cost | 25,762 | 25,762 |
| Less: Provision for impairment | (25,762) | (25,762) |
| | - | - |
| Intellectual property – at cost | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (12,000) | (12,000) |

Following a General Meeting of shareholders in July 2010, the new directors of the Company initiated an independent review of the Company's assets including apricitabine (ATC), to which the impaired intangible asset relates. Should future decisions and actions in regard to ATC result in the directors of

the Company having the opinion that some value has been restored to this intangible asset, the existing provision for impairment may be reversed to the extent that the directors believe to be prudent and that value will be reflected in the Company's balance sheet. For the financial year 2012, the directors still consider the intangible assets nil valuation is appropriate.

| 6 Property, | , plant and | equipment |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|-------------|-------------|-----------|

| | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Plant and equipment (at cost) | 1,378 | 1,368 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (1,053) | (909) |
| Property, plant and equipment | 325 | 459 |
| 7 Investments | | |
| Current | | |
| Financial assets classified as held for trading | 900 | 1,210 |
| Financial assets classified as available for sale | 2,779 | - |
| Total Current Investments | 3,679 | 1,210 |
| Non-current Financial assets classified as available for sale 8 Other assets | <u>-</u> | 7,776 |
| Prepayments Prepayments | 224 | 60 |
| 9 Payables | | |
| Trade creditors and accruals | 284 | 257 |
| 10 Employee benefits | | |
| Current | | |
| Employee benefits | 79 | 128 |
| Non-current | | |
| Employee benefits | 27 | 18 |

The discount rate adopted in the present value calculation of non-current employee entitlements is 6.0% (2011: 6.0%). The carrying value of employee entitlements approximates fair value.

11 Other liabilities

| Current | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Unearned income | 78 | - |
| Onerous contracts provision | 123 | 35 |
| Total other current liabilities | 201 | 35 |
| Non-current Onerous contracts provision | - | 35 |

12 Issued Capital

Issued and paid up capital

| | Number | Number |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 847,688,779 (2011: 847,688,779) ordinary shares, fully paid | 847,688,779 | 847,688,779 |
| Movements in issued capital during the year were as follows | | |
| Issued capital at the beginning of the financial year | \$'000 182,523 | Number 847,688,779 |
| Issue of shares pursuant to Rights Issue | - | - |
| Issue of shares pursuant to placement | - | - |
| Fair Value Reserve | - | - |
| Issued capital at the end of the financial year | 182,523 | 847,688,779 |

Options to acquire ordinary shares

During the financial year nil (2011: 1,500,000) options were issued to employees under the Avexa Employee Share Option Plan. 5,000,000 (2011: nil) options were issued to directors. 3,350,000 (2011: 7,745,000) options held by employees or directors lapsed or were forfeited and nil (2011: nil) were exercised. 4,000,000 (2011: nil) held by Shire Canada Inc lapsed. Movements in options for the 2012 financial year comprise the following:

| Options | Exercise Price | No of options at beginning of year | Options granted | Options lapsed / forfeited | Options exercised | No of options at end of year |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Total employee options | Various | 5,620,000 | - | (2,350,000) | - | 3,270,000 |
| Total directors options | \$0.06 | - | 5,000,000 | (1,000,000) | - | 4,000,000 |
| Shire options | \$0.704 # | 4,000,000 | - | (4,000,000) | - | - |
| Total options | | 9,620,000 | 5,000,000 | (7,350,000) | - | 7,270,000 |

[#] Exercise price adjusted from 70.4 cents to 63.2 cents in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 6.22.

| 13 | Net tangible assets | per ordinarv | security |
|----|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
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| | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Net tangible assets | 17,029 | period - \$A'000 26,355 |
| Issued share capital at reporting date | Shares | Shares |
| Net tangible assets per ordinary security | 847,688,779 2.0 cents | 847,688,779 3.1 cents |
| rectaligible assets per ordinary security | 2.0 cents | J.1 Cents |

Earnings per security (EPS)

| | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| a) Earnings reconciliation | | |
| Net loss: | | |
| Basic earnings | (3,513) | (4,402) |
| Diluted earnings | (3,513) | (4,402) |
| b) Weighted average number of shares | Number | Number |
| Number for basic earnings per share: | | |
| Ordinary shares | 847,688,799 | 847,688,799 |
| Ordinary shares - after applying adjustment factor under | - | - |
| AASB 133 for the discounted issue price which applied | | |
| for the April 2009 Rights Issue. | | |
| Number for diluted earnings per share: | | |
| Ordinary shares | 847,688,799 | 847,688,799 |
| Effect of share options on issue | 11,181,801 | 9,177,088 |
| | 858,870,580 | 856,865,867 |

15 Returns to shareholders

There have been no returns to shareholders during the financial year.

16 Control gained over entities having material effect

There are no entities having material effect over which the Company gained control during or subsequent to the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

17 Loss of control of entities having material effect

There are no entities over which the Company lost control during or subsequent to the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

18 Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

There were no material interests in entities other than controlled entities held at any time during or subsequent to the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

19 Non-cash financing and investing activities

There have been no non-cash financing and investing transactions during the 2012 financial year which have had a material effect on assets and liabilities of the Company.

20 Segment reporting

The Company operates within two business segments (anti-infective research and development and listed investments). Although the Company's clinical trials were conducted in a number of countries there was no income derived from these activities, as such activities were controlled from Australia.

Information about reportable segments

| | Resear | rch | Liste | d | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | & Develor | oment | Investments | | Total | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| External revenues | 1,087 | 470 | (975) | - | 112 | 470 |
| Inter-segment revenue | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest revenue | 825 | 1,185 | 10 | - | 835 | 1,185 |
| Depreciation | 144 | 223 | - | _ | 144 | 223 |
| Reportable segment profit/(loss)before tax | (2,498) | (5,020) | (1,015) | (34) | (3,513) | (5,054) |
| Reportable segment assets | 13,923 | 25,618 | 3,697 | 1,210 | 17,620 | 26,828 |
| Reportable segment liabilities | 591 | 473 | - | - | 591 | 473 |

Reconciliation of reportable segment profit or loss

| Total profit /(loss) for reportable segments before tax Profit or loss before tax of other business activities and operating segments | 2012 \$'000 (3,513) - | 2011 \$'000 (5,054) |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Elimination of inter-segment profits | - | - |
| Elimination of discontinued operations | - | - |
| Unallocated amounts: | | |
| Other corporate expenses | - | - |
| Share of profit of equity accounted investees | - | - |
| Profit/(loss) before tax | (3,513) | (5,054) |

21 Factors affecting the results in the future

In the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report no item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen that is likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

22 Franking credits available

There are no franking credits available at reporting date.

23 Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the financial year (as shown in the statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is shown in the following table.

| | Current period | Previous |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | - \$A'000 | corresponding |
| | | period - \$A'000 |
| Cash on hand and at bank | 256 | 235 |
| Bank short term deposits | 12,314 | 16,152 |
| - | 12,570 | 16,387 |

24 Reconciliation of loss from ordinary activities after related income tax to net cash used in operating activities

| cash used in operating activities | Current period - \$A'000 | Previous corresponding period - \$A'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Loss from ordinary activities after income tax | (3,513) | (4,402) |
| Add / (less) non-cash items: | | |
| - Depreciation and loss on disposal of equipment | 144 | 223 |
| - Share-based payment expense | 27 | 113 |
| - Merger proposal costs (net of break fees) | - | - |
| - Impairment of marketing licence | - | - |
| - Foreign exchange losses | - | - |
| - Investment loss on revaluation | 975 | 28 |
| Change in assets and liabilities: | | |
| - Increase / (decrease) in Employee benefits | (40) | 97 |
| - (Increase) / decrease in Receivables | 114 | (595) |
| - (Increase) / decrease in Other assets | (164) | 117 |
| - Increase / (decrease) in Deferred Income | 78 | - |
| - Increase / (decrease) in Payables | 27 | (434) |
| - Increase / (decrease) in Other liabilities | 53 | (299) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (2,299) | (5,152) |

Date: 24 August 2012

25 Compliance statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

This report is based on accounts which have been audited. The unqualified audit report by the auditor is attached.

Sign here:

Lee Mitchell Company Secretary

Print name: Lee Mitchell