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## **BIONOMICS R&D TAX INCENTIVE FOR FY2012**

Bionomics Limited (ASX: BNO) (ADR: BMICY) has lodged its FY2012 tax return and registered with AusIndustry (on behalf of Innovation Australia) for the Australian R&D tax incentive. Bionomics anticipates that it will receive a R&D tax incentive cash refund of \$4.2 million for R&D expenses incurred in FY2012.

Further in 2012, Bionomics made submissions for advance findings for overseas expenditure to be eligible for the 45% R&D tax incentive. Bionomics has now received favourable findings from AusIndustry in relation to this overseas expenditure. The advance findings, for \$8.9 million in overseas expenditure over the 3 year period from 1 July 2011, are in relation to investment in BNC105 cancer drug clinical trials being conducted in Australia, USA, Singapore and New Zealand and to R&D activities associated with its Alzheimers disease drug candidate BNC375.

Bionomics had previously reported in its 2012 Annual Report an estimated R&D tax incentive refund of \$3.1 million for the year.

"Funds from the R&D tax incentive are welcome as they enable Bionomics to undertake the development of its innovative drug candidates in cancer and Alzheimer's disease internationally with great efficiency, enhancing our global competitiveness" commented Dr Deborah Rathjen, Bionomics' CEO and MD.

Bionomics anticipates that further submissions will be made in FY2013 covering overseas investments in R&D across the Company's entire portfolio of drug candidates including BNC101 that targets cancer stem cells in solid tumours such as breast, colon and pancreatic cancers and which is being prepared for clinical trials in 2014.

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## **About Bionomics Limited**

Bionomics (ASX: BNO) is an Australian based international biotechnology company which discovers and develops innovative therapeutics for cancer and diseases of the central nervous system. Bionomics has small molecule product development programs in the areas of cancer, anxiety, memory loss and autoimmune disorders, several of which are in or approaching clinical development stage. Its oncology approach includes cancer stem cell therapeutics as well as vascular disruption in solid tumours.

BNC105, which is undergoing Phase II clinical development for the treatment in a range of solid tumour types, is based upon the identification of a novel compound that potently and selectively restricts blood flow within tumours. BNC105 offers blockbuster potential if successfully developed. A clinical program is also underway for the treatment of anxiety disorders and depression based on IW-2143(BNC210), a novel compound which stimulates neurite outgrowth. IW-2143 is partnered with Ironwood Pharmaceuticals.

Bionomics' discovery and development activities are driven by its four proprietary technology platforms: Angene®, a drug discovery platform which incorporates a variety of genomics tools to identify and validate novel angiogenesis targets (involved in the formation of new blood vessels); MultiCore®, a diversity orientated chemistry platform for the discovery of small molecule drugs; ionX®, a set of novel technologies for the identification of drugs targeting ion channels for diseases of the central nervous system; and CSC Rx Discovery™, which identifies antibody and small molecule therapeutics that inhibit the growth of cancer stem cells. These platforms drive Bionomics' pipeline and underpin its established business strategy of securing partners for its key compounds.

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