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Highlights

XYOTAX in phase III trials

- Fast track status in NSCLC
- GOG ovarian cancer trial

TRISENOX 100% compounded annual growth rate

- Profitable business unit in 2003

Pixantrone best in class

- Potential accelerated registration aggressive NHL

Strong financial position

Pixantrone

(from Novuspharma merger)

New potential best-in-class DNA intercalator with improved efficacy and safety

Phase III in aggressive NHL targeted Q1 2004

Should qualify for accelerated regulatory review

Potential NDA in 2005

Initial indication could generate \$150+ million annual sales

Pixantrone U.S. Market Potential

NHL indication only

Aggressive NHL incidence(55%) 151,877

- Stage III/IV (80%) 121,502
- Chemotherapy (front line-CHOP) 72,901
- Salvage chemotherapy 54,169

Indolent NHL incidence (45%) 124,263

- Stage III/IV 68,345
- Chemotherapy (+/-Rituxan) 44,735
- Salvage chemotherapy 18,905

Strategic Rationale

Immediate Realizable Synergies

Greater revenue growth potential

- TRISENOX gaining hematology market share **MARKETED**
- XYOTAX in pivotal trials for lung cancer **LAUNCH 2005**
- Pixantrone in pivotal trials for NHL **LAUNCH 2006**
- Targeting profitability in 2005

Strong combined balance sheet

- \$230 million proforma end Q1, 2003

Significant cost savings

- \$18-\$20 million annual operating synergies

Strengthened oncology drug development expertise

Global access to patients, physicians and capital markets

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