



**Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the three-month period ended 31 March, 2021**

## LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

I am pleased to report on the progress that we have made during the three-months ended March 31, 2021, highlighted by a 147% revenue growth against the three-months ended March 31, 2020. We are seeing continued growth in our key metric, recurring SaaS license fees. SaaS revenue for the three-months ended March 31, 2021 was \$1.3 million, an increase of 215% compared with the three-months ended March 31, 2020.

The continuing growth in our SaaS revenue adds to our annual recurring revenue (“ARR”) base. Progress on this front is reflected in the growth in ARR at March 31, 2021 to \$5.74 million, a 120% increase year on year. The promotion of our SaaS offering remains key to Kneat’s growth strategy and in spite of the pandemic, we are executing well on our plans and gathering momentum in the market.

Our existing customers continue to expand into new work processes and new sites across their network, providing great opportunity for growth and expansion of our software. We are developing our company structure on many fronts, growing our ability to scale our operations into the future. The whole Kneat team can be very proud as they continue to develop innovative compliant software, win increasing numbers of customers and provide excellent end-to-end customer service.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruption across many industries in the global economy. Kneat exists to support the critical life science industry and despite some challenges, we are experiencing no significant adverse effects on our business across customer acquisition, fulfillment, and operations. Our customers have told us that our technology has aided their business continuity efforts at this critical time, because it allows them to manage a large proportion of their validation process remotely. All of our employees continue to work remotely and all our operations from software development through to product release, delivery and customer service continue to operate effectively.

In April 2021, we closed a short form prospectus offering, including the full exercise of an overallotment option resulting in aggregate gross proceeds of \$20.1 million. Further to this, we also completed a non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$2.0 million. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering and the private placement for growth initiatives, working capital and general corporate purposes.

Our plan for the rest of 2021 is to continue to add and deploy new SaaS customers, expand to new work processes and new sites within our existing customer base, further develop the Kneat Gx platform, continue to build our company structure and leverage our partner relationships to help expand our global reach.

(s) “Eddie Ryan”  
Eddie Ryan, CEO

**kneat.com, inc.**

**Three-month period ended March 31, 2021**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides a review of the performance of kneat.com, inc. ("kneat.com" or the "Company" or "Kneat") and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of kneat.com (the "Financial Statements") for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").*

*The information presented in this MD&A is as of May 25, 2021. The reporting currency for kneat.com is the Canadian dollar. All of the financial information presented herein is expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated. United States dollars are indicated by the symbol "US\$". Euros are indicated by the symbol "€". This MD&A contains "forward-looking statements" that are subject to risk factors set out in a cautionary note contained herein. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.*

## **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION**

This MD&A contains "forward-looking information", as such term is defined in applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking information is necessarily based on a number of estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. All statements other than statements which are reporting results, as well as statements of historical fact set forth or incorporated herein by reference, are forward looking information that may involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond kneat.com's ability to control or predict. Forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as "may," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "intends," "continues," or the negative of such terms, or other comparable terminology.

This forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, statements and comments regarding:

- the development plans for the Kneat Gx platform ("Kneat Gx");
- the Company's business strategy;
- the ability of Kneat Gx to demonstrate compliance with life sciences regulations under regulatory audit and inspection;
- the Company's strategy for protecting its intellectual property;
- the Company's ability to obtain necessary funding on favorable terms or at all, to fund future expenditures, including product development and capital requirements;
- the Company's plan and ability to secure additional customers and additional revenues;
- the ability to scale Kneat Gx within the customers' sites and processes;
- the risk of competitors entering the market;
- the Company's ability to hire and retain skilled staff;
- the estimate of the market size and market potential for Kneat Gx;
- the use of Kneat Gx within the customers' sites and processes; and
- the impact of adoption of new accounting standards.

Although the Company believes that the plans, intentions and expectations reflected in this forward-looking information are reasonable, actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those contemplated, expressed or implied by the forward-looking information contained in this MD&A. The forward-looking information in this MD&A does not include a full assessment or reflection of the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing and developing resulting indirect global and regional economic impacts. This has resulted in significant economic uncertainty and even though the Company has to date experienced no significant impact to its operations, any potential impact on our future is difficult to assess or measure at this time. The Company is regularly assessing the situation and remains in contact with its partners, customers and suppliers to assess any impacts and risks.

In addition to the impacts of COVID-19, factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, unexpected changes in business and economic conditions, including the global financial and capital markets; the Company's inability to continually develop technologically advanced products; the inability of the Company's products and services to gain market acceptance; the Company's failure to protect its intellectual property; unauthorized disclosures and breaches of security data; changes in interest and currency exchange rates; changes in operating revenues and costs; political or economic instability, either globally or in the countries in which the Company operates; competitive factors; availability of external financing at reasonable rates or at all; and the other factors discussed in this MD&A under the heading *Risk Factors*. Many of these factors are beyond kneat.com's ability to control or predict. These factors are not intended to represent a complete list of the general or specific factors that may affect kneat.com. kneat.com may note additional factors elsewhere in this MD&A. All forward-looking statements and information speak only as of the date made. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to kneat.com, or persons acting on kneat.com's behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking information due to the inherent uncertainty therein. kneat.com disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by securities legislation.

## **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

kneat.com, inc. (the "Company" or "kneat.com" or "Kneat"), was incorporated on December 12, 2013 under the laws of the Canada Business Corporations Act. On June 27, 2016, the Company completed a transaction with Kneat Solutions Limited whereby kneat.com acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares of Kneat Solutions Limited by way of a scheme of arrangement in Ireland (the "Transaction"). The Company commenced trading on the TSX Venture Exchange as kneat.com on July 5, 2016 under the symbol KSI. kneat.com's head office is located at Unit 7, Castletroy Business Park, Castletroy, Limerick, Ireland. The registered office of kneat.com is located at Suite 2001, 1969 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 3R7.

### *Operational overview*

Kneat designs, develops and supplies software for data and document management within regulated environments. The Company's current product is Kneat Gx, a configurable, off-the-shelf application focused on validation lifecycle management and testing within the life sciences industry (i.e. biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing). Complete and comprehensively documented validation of processes, products, equipment and software is a significant and costly regulatory requirement in this industry. Kneat Gx provides a compliant digital solution that enables companies in the life sciences industry to become efficient and compliant with an automated process that has traditionally been manual, inefficient and paper-based.

Every manufacturing process, piece of equipment and computer system involved in the manufacturing of pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device products must be validated in accordance with current Good Manufacturing Practice ("cGMP") regulations. Validation necessitates extensive signed and time-stamped documentary evidence that all aspects of these systems are designed and tested, to ensure that they will repeatedly produce products to the approved specifications. This documentation is subject to audit by global regulatory authorities such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the European Medicines Agency.

Traditionally, validation testing has been a manual, paper intensive activity whereby test documents have to be developed, printed, approved, executed, post approved, filed and ready for regulatory audit in the future. In many companies in the life sciences industry much of this is still done on paper using wet ink to record test results, apply proof of signature and date stamp. This process can leave life sciences companies susceptible to production delays, high costs associated with data and document management, and risk of non-compliance. Non-compliance can lead to regulatory recalls, threats to patient safety and delays to market. In addition, non-compliance may result in significant penalties, remediation costs and lost revenues.

The solution that Kneat Gx provides has taken a dedicated professional team of industry specialists years of research and development. Kneat's customers cite Kneat Gx's innovation, ease of use, its central and dynamic data management, its configurability (without coding knowledge), and its electronic records and signatures capabilities as the key differentiators that set it apart in the market.

In addition, kneat.com’s services and support teams are considered best in class by its customers.

Kneat possesses a top tier quality management system (“QMS”) and is certified to ISO 9001:2015. Kneat also possesses an information security management system (“ISMS”) and is accredited to ISO 27001:2017. In addition, it adheres to all applicable life sciences regulations such as all current cGMPs, GAMP5, International Conference on Harmonization ICH Q8, Q9 and Q10, EU Annex 11, FDA CFR Title 21 Part 11 governing Electronic Records and Electronic Signatures. Adhering to these regulations and guidelines is a mandatory requirement in order to supply to this highly regulated industry. Potential customers often perform extensive audits to verify compliance prior to purchasing the Company’s software and services.

The Company’s focus is to service the facilities, equipment and computer systems (“CSV”) validation market within the global life sciences industry. Kneat initially targeted large tier 1 companies in the life sciences industry primarily in the United States and Europe and is now also targeting smaller companies in the life sciences industry. The Company believes this market has significant potential for a digital solution due to a number of factors, including increased compliance standards required by regulators globally; and a push by manufacturers to reduce costs and increase control while maintaining data integrity to a high standard. Using Kneat’s current customer penetration rates, the estimated number of manufacturing sites globally, current list prices and other assumptions, Kneat estimates that the potential market size for Kneat Gx within the life science industry may be in excess of \$600 million USD annual recurring revenues. As the Company continues to enhance the Kneat Gx platform through added functionality, management expects the potential market for the platform to increase significantly.

kneat.com’s contracts with customers are typically three years in length plus renewal terms and include license subscriptions (Software as a Service (“SaaS”) or legacy on-premise upfront plus maintenance fees) and professional service fees. Once a new contract is signed, the deployment phase commences and typically takes four to six months for the new customer to go-live on the platform. However, the length of the deployment project will be specific to the customers requirements. Some fees related to deployment and licenses may be collected up front, however Kneat’s revenue recognition criteria is such that revenue is only recognized on completion of the deployment phase when the licenses are available for use by the customer. This results in a typical time lag of four to six months from the date of a new customer announcement to the date of initial revenue recognition.

Generally new customer contracts start with licenses for one process at one site with the ability to use the same contract to purchase additional licenses at the customers’ request. Kneat’s goal for each customer is to see them scale across various sites and processes through its “land and expand” strategy over a number of years. This is also the customer’s intent when they first purchase Kneat Gx, as Kneat Gx is being purchased as a corporate wide solution. The potential expansion within Kneat’s existing customer base represents a revenue opportunity and continues to be a focus for the sales and support teams. The ease at which a customer can increase the number of users, sites and regulated processes once deployed has been a benefit that a number of customers have experienced within their global operations.

## **BUSINESS OBJECTIVES**

Kneat plans to use its financial resources for the following key business objectives:

- acceleration of new customer acquisition across all tiers
- acceleration of license expansion (ARR) within our existing customer base
- add new features and functionality to Kneat Gx to enable shorter sales cycles, faster customer onboarding and expansion across their global facilities, further penetration of the Life Sciences supply chain sector and faster onboarding of strategic channel partners
- further advancement of the Kneat Gx SaaS platform toward the product vision of a total quality management platform for all sizes of customers
- continue to build out our structure including our senior management to support acceleration and scaling

## 2021 RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 20, 2021, further to the announcement of her nomination for the Company's board of directors on April 22, 2021, the Company confirmed Ms. Nutan Behki election to the board of directors following the annual and special meeting of shareholders. In addition, the Company also reported that the adoption of the new Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") was approved by the company's disinterested common shareholders at the annual and special meeting. The Plan permits such number of options to be granted equal to up to 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares. The maximum number of common shares available for issuance pursuant to the settlement of DSUs and RSUs shall be 4,000,000.

On May 7, 2021, the Company announced that it signed a five year corporate Master Services Agreement (MSA) with another top ten biopharma company. In December 2020, Kneat announced its SaaS platform was chosen by this research and development-focused biopharma leader for a single site, however in May 2021, this company selected Kneat as its corporate-wide manufacturing e-Validation platform. The customer's goal is to roll Kneat out in phases for multiple processes across all its manufacturing sites.

On April 28, 2021, the Company announced that it closed its short form prospectus offering, including the full exercise of the over-allotment option. As such, a total of 6,708,525 common shares of the Company were sold at a price of \$3.00 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$20,125,575. This offering was completed by a syndicate of underwriters co-led by Cormark Securities Inc. and CIBC World Markets Inc., and including Eight Capital and Echelon Wealth Partners Inc. The Company also completed a non-brokered private placement of 666,668 common shares at the price of \$3.00 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,000,000. The common shares issued pursuant to the non-brokered private placement were subject to a statutory four month hold period in accordance with applicable securities laws.

On April 22, 2021, the Company announced the nomination of accomplished executive Nutan Behki, to stand for election to the Company's board of directors at its 2021 annual general meeting, scheduled for May 20, 2021. For over 25 years, Ms. Behki has managed global software development organizations in companies ranging from small start-ups to large multinational corporations. She is experienced in managing the development of cloud native products at scale, using modern quality processes, and Agile development methods.

On March 25, 2021, the Company announced that it signed a five-year Master Services Agreement with one of the world's largest contract development and manufacturing organizations (CDMO) to digitize its global computer System Validation, Commissioning and Qualification processes. This global leader in contract development and manufacturing has over fourteen thousand employees across more than twenty-five countries. It provides technically advanced development and manufacturing services for pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals to the life sciences industry, including many top tier global healthcare companies.

On March 10, 2021, the Company announced that it had appointed Ms. Laura Sweet, as its Vice President of Marketing. Ms. Sweet is an accomplished marketing and growth executive who has spent her last fourteen years focused on the IT, financial, and B2B SaaS industries. At Kneat, Ms. Sweet will be responsible for all aspects of marketing strategy and implementation, including lead generation and customer targeting.

## SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION

Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except for per common share amounts, and prepared in accordance with IFRS:

	Q1 2021	Q4 2020	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q2 2019
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Total revenue*	2,355	2,963	1,958	1,546	955	1,397	1,586	529
Expenses before exchange gains (losses)	(4,450)	(4,215)	(3,815)	(3,237)	(2,902)	(2,687)	(2,458)	(2,091)
Exchange gains (losses)	(1,977)	(333)	521	(614)	1,482	166	(493)	(188)
Total expenses*	(6,427)	(4,548)	(3,294)	(3,851)	(1,420)	(2,521)	(2,951)	(2,279)
Total net loss*	(4,072)	(1,585)	(1,336)	(2,305)	(465)	(1,124)	(1,365)	(1,750)
Total net loss per common share *	(0.06)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)
Cash dividends per common share	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Cumulative totals vary nominally as a result of foreign exchange differences between quarters.

Total revenues fluctuate quarter over quarter due mainly to the timing of delivery of professional services and the sale of one-time on-premise licenses. As the Company pursues sales of the SaaS platform, revenues will become more stable quarter over quarter based on the recurring subscription revenue model. Expenses before exchange gain/(loss) are driven primarily by the cost of labour which fluctuates quarter over quarter based on the hiring plan and the amount of qualifying labour capitalized to the intangible asset. Exchange gain/(loss) reflects movements in foreign exchange rates between the Canadian dollar and the Euro and the United States dollar as the majority of the Company's costs and intercompany loans are denominated in Euro and United States dollar. Foreign currency gains and losses are recognized as exchange rates fluctuate on financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the entity in which they are held. Generally, there are no quarterly or seasonal trends associated with the Company's business.

kneat.com expects to record losses until such time as it secures additional customer contracts. Refer to the *Risk Factors* section of this MD&A and note 17(e) *Liquidity Risk*, of the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2021 for further details.

## SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except for per common share amounts, and prepared in accordance with IFRS:

	2020	2019	2018
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Total revenue	7,422	3,950	1,307
Total expenses	(13,113)	(10,147)	(5,916)
Total net loss	(5,691)	(6,197)	(4,609)
Total net loss per common share	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.09)
Total assets	33,801	14,648	10,114
Total non-current financial liabilities	(120)	555	-

*Selected historical annual information*

### Financial year ended December 31, 2020

During 2020 Kneat continued to focus on new SaaS customer acquisition, on expanding to new work processes and new sites within the existing customer base and on continuing to build out the Kneat Gx platform. Kneat has begun transitioning existing customers onto the SaaS version of Kneat Gx and the on-premise version is no longer available

to new customers. This resulted in significant growth in SaaS license revenues for the year ended December 31, 2020.

In 2020, Kneat announced five new large customer wins that included two of the world's largest biopharmaceutical companies, a top tier medical device company, a global pharmaceutical business and a leading consumer products company. With a combined global workforce in excess of 190,000 employees, these customer acquisitions together represent a significant opportunity for expansion of the Kneat software over the coming years. A summary of key announcements made during fiscal 2020 are outlined below:

On December 29, 2020, the Company announced that its SaaS platform had been chosen by the first site of another big pharma company. This top ten R&D focused biopharma leader has more than 70,000 employees across multiple operations in six continents. The site's initial focus is on Computer System Validation with Equipment, Facilities, and Utilities Validation to follow.

On November 9, 2020, the Company announced that it had appointed Mr. Keith Holmes as its Chief Technology Officer effective November 9, 2020. Mr. Holmes is a senior executive with over 30 years experience in the international software industry with technology expertise spanning Mobile, Cloud, SaaS, UX and Database systems.

On August 5, 2020, the Company announced that it signed a three-year master service agreement with a tier one consumer products company. This global company employs more than 30,000 staff in the manufacture and distribution of leading consumer brands across multiple categories from household to health and personal care. This agreement allows the customer to deploy Kneat Gx across its global network to its many sites and multiple work processes. Initially the customer will focus on facilities, utilities and equipment validation in several lead US sites, before scaling to multiple global sites and work processes.

On June 11, 2020, the Company announced that it signed a three-year master services agreement with one of the world's largest biopharmaceutical companies. This top ten R&D driven biopharmaceutical, with more than 45,000 employees across its multiple operations worldwide, has selected Kneat's SaaS platform to digitize its validation process. This agreement allows this customer to expand Kneat across its global network to its many sites and multiple work processes worldwide.

On March 25, 2020, the Company announced that it signed a three-year SaaS master agreement with a top ten pharmaceutical company. This global pharmaceutical company has more than 25,000 employees across multiple global facilities. The customer's goal is end-to-end digitalization of many of its regulated GMP testing processes, with an initial focus on Commissioning, Qualification and Verification (CQV). The agreement allows this customer to expand Kneat across its global network, to its many sites and multiple work processes worldwide.

On March 12, 2020, Kneat announced that it closed its short form prospectus offering, including the full exercise of the over-allotment option. As such, a total of 6,024,275 common shares of the Company were sold at a price of \$2.10 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$12,650,978. This offering was completed by a syndicate of underwriters co-led by Cormark Securities Inc. and Canaccord Genuity Corp. and including Echelon Wealth Partners Inc. and Mackie Research Capital Corporation. The Company also completed a non-brokered private placement of 871,677 common shares at the price of \$2.10 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,830,522. The common shares issued pursuant to the non-brokered private placement were subject to a statutory four month hold period in accordance with applicable securities laws.

On February 6, 2020, the Company announced that it signed a three-year SaaS agreement with a top tier medical device company. This global company with operations in over 70 countries and over 20,000 employees selected Kneat's SaaS platform to digitize all its validation work processes, commencing with computer system validation.

#### Financial year ended December 31, 2019

In 2019 Kneat continued to focus on scaling its technology within existing customers, new customer acquisition and ongoing product development. On February 21, 2019, Kneat announced a channel partnership with HCL Technologies ("HCL"), a global technology company that provides digitization solutions to customers within the



life sciences industry. Through the partnership, Kneat and HCL are working together on projects to provide and implement next generation digital solutions for facilities, equipment and computer systems validation processes using Kneat Gx and HCL's experience delivering innovative digital solutions to the life sciences industry.

In 2019 Kneat also announced six new customers, all of which are large, multinational enterprises, with three being top 15 global pharma companies. These new customers added substantially to Kneat's potential install base within existing customers, bringing the number of customer manufacturing sites to more than 300. A summary of key announcements made during fiscal 2019 are outlined below:

On December 11, 2019, the Company announced that it signed a five-year master service agreement with one of the world's leading biopharmaceutical companies. This US headquartered company has over 10,000 employees and operations in over 30 countries. They will use Kneat's platform to digitize their many validation work processes with an initial focus on manufacturing equipment, utilities and facilities.

On November 25, 2019, the Company announced that it signed a five-year master service agreement with one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies to digitize key validation processes across its manufacturing sites. This master service agreement allows the customer and its affiliates, with more than 60,000 employees worldwide, to expand Kneat across all its global sites.

On September 20, 2019, the Company announced that it appointed Mr. Hugh Kavanagh as its Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") effective September 23, 2019 following the resignation of Ms. Sarah Oliver. Mr. Kavanagh held senior positions at several multinational companies in the software and life sciences industries, most recently as Chief Financial Officer of Mainstay Medical, during which time he completed an initial public offering and several rounds of funding.

On September 17, 2019, the Company announced that it signed a three-year contract with one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies to enable digital transformation for its many validation work processes. This master service agreement allows the customer and its affiliates to expand Kneat Gx across its 100+ global manufacturing sites.

On July 22, 2019, the Company announced that a global contract development and manufacturing organization selected Kneat's platform to digitize their commissioning, qualification and validation work processes. This customer contracted with Kneat for on-premise perpetual licenses on July 12, 2019 and expected to go live at a European site on multiple processes by the end of that year. Expansion to all global sites is expected in the future.

On June 17, 2019, the Company announced that a leading company in the field of messenger RNA ("mRNA") selected Kneat's software as a service platform for its validation lifecycle management work processes. The customer's computer system validation work process was the initial process configured on the platform with expansion to other validation processes planned.

On May 1, 2019, the Company announced that Mr. Rory Cameron was appointed to its Board of Directors. Mr. Cameron has over 15 years of experience in the software industry and an extensive background in mergers, acquisitions and go-to-market operations within global cloud companies. Mr. Cameron recently joined Medallia as Executive Vice President, Corporate Development where he is focusing on accelerating Medallia's growth through new technology partnerships and acquisitions. Prior to joining Medallia, Mr. Cameron was Executive Vice President of Corporate Development at CallidusCloud until its sale to SAP.

On March 11, 2019, the Company announced that an international leader in biotechnology chose Kneat Gx to facilitate its transition to paperless validation processes. With over 20,000 employees globally and manufacturing facilities in four continents, this company develops innovative therapies for patients around the world. Facilities, utilities and equipment commissioning and qualification were the initial processes for launch on Kneat Gx at a manufacturing plant in the United States.

On February 21, 2019, Kneat announced that it signed a partnership agreement with HCL Technologies (“HCL”), a leading global technology company, to provide innovative end-to-end digital validation solutions to customers in the life sciences industry. This partnership represents a key element in Kneat’s strategy to deliver greater value to its current customers and to grow and scale to new customers. This allows Kneat and HCL to work together on projects to provide and implement next generation digital solutions for facilities, equipment and computer systems validation processes using Kneat’s paperless software platform and HCL’s experience delivering innovative digital solutions to the life sciences industry.

On February 20, 2019, Kneat announced that it closed its short form prospectus offering, including the full exercise of the over-allotment option. As such, a total of 6,037,500 common shares of the Company were sold at a price of \$1.05 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$6,339,376. This financing was completed by a syndicate of underwriters led by Cormark Securities Inc. and included Echelon Wealth Partners Inc. and Mackie Research Capital Corporation. The Company also completed a non-brokered private placement of 2,074,437 common shares at the price of \$1.05 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,178,160. The common shares issued pursuant to the non-brokered private placement were subject to a statutory four month hold period in accordance with applicable securities laws.

On February 14, 2019, the Company announced that a top tier global healthcare customer was expanding their use of Kneat Gx to a new manufacturing site. This customer was signed in July 2018, went live at their primary European site in December 2018 and expanded to a second site located in the United States.

On February 13, 2019, Kneat announced that a leading laboratory services customer was expanding its user base on Kneat Gx within its flagship site in the United States. This expansion doubled the customer’s license numbers. This customer first implemented the Kneat platform in December 2018 with the ultimate goal of creating a standardized, compliant and automated equipment and instrument validation process globally.

#### Financial year ended December 31, 2018

Throughout 2018 Kneat focused on product advancement and new customer acquisition. Kneat announced seven new customers and scaling at two existing customers. The profile of the new customers was large, multinational enterprises; five being multinational life sciences companies and two being customers in the supply chain to the life sciences industry. These new customers added to Kneat’s potential target sites within existing customers, bringing the number of customer sites to more than 200 and up from approximately 15 sites at the end of 2017. A summary of key announcements made during fiscal 2018 are outlined below:

On December 20, 2018, the Company announced that it signed a master service agreement with a new customer in the life sciences supply chain. This multinational customer provides sample lifecycle and logistics management, infrastructure and consumables, including cold storage of biological assets, to global pharmaceutical companies and this customers use of Kneat Gx is to automate and simplify their validation processes in the delivery of these services.

On November 14, 2018, the Company announced it signed a multi-year, global contract with one of the largest logistics suppliers in the world. This new customer implementation of Kneat’s SaaS platform was to enable a compliant, paperless process for its CSV activities in the life sciences industry.

On August 22, 2018, Kneat announced the expansion by one of its tier one pharmaceutical customers of their use of Kneat Gx to two new processes: test method and metrology CSV; and commissioning and qualifications process refresh procedures. The contract with this customer was announced in February 2018.

On July 23, 2018, the Company announced that its customer, a leader in molecular diagnostics, further expanded its user base of Kneat Gx by purchasing additional on-premise licenses. This order represented a twenty-eight percent increase in licenses purchased and it followed a 50% expansion which occurred earlier in the year.

On July 16, 2018, Kneat announced the deployment of its SaaS platform to the biotechnology division of a multinational pharmaceutical manufacturer with more than 70 manufacturing sites worldwide.

On July 12, 2018, Kneat announced that one of the world’s leading research-based developers of pharmaceuticals had chosen Kneat’s technology to digitize its commissioning, qualification and validation processes. The initial scope of this on-premise license and maintenance agreement was for global capital projects with the opportunity to scale to other processes across multiple sites over several years. This tier one pharmaceutical company has more than 70 manufacturing plants and 90,000 employees operating in over 120 countries.

On June 14, 2018, the Company announced that a global leader in biotechnology was deploying Kneat Gx to a number of their sites after successfully completing product trials at an initial test site. The customer will utilize Kneat Gx for both capital and operational validation projects during the next phase of their rollout. This customer, with an estimated 20,000 employees working across multiple sites, is transitioning their existing paper-based validation process to one that is completely digital.

On April 10, 2018, the Company completed a brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$6,184,647. Through a syndicate of agents, the Company issued 6,871,830 common shares at an issue price of \$0.90 per common share.

On February 26, 2018, kneat.com announced that a leader in laboratory services to the life sciences industry selected Kneat Gx to streamline and automate its equipment and instrumentation validation processes. The customer’s goal is to convert to an end-to-end paperless process that enhances compliance, increases productivity and enables greater transparency and control. The initial deployment was at one of its flagship laboratories in the United States which has more than 1,000 employees focused on biopharmaceutical laboratory services.

On February 15, 2018, the Company announced that a leading Tier 1 pharmaceutical company, headquartered in the United States and with over thirty manufacturing and laboratory sites globally, had selected Kneat Gx to replace the customer’s paper-based C&Q process with one that is end-to-end paperless.

On January 19, 2018, kneat.com announced that one of its customers, a leading molecular diagnostics company, increased its number of licenses by 50%. This growth was in response to the customer’s desire to scale the Kneat Gx platform to a wider global workforce.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Annual recurring revenue

ARR is a key performance indicator used by Kneat to assess the expected recurring revenues from the customers that are live on Kneat Gx at the end of the period. Annualized recurring revenue (“ARR”) at March 31, 2021 increased by 120% to \$5.74 million from \$2.62 million at March 31, 2020. Specifically, ARR from SaaS license fees increased by 161% and ARR from maintenance fees increased by 16% from March 31, 2020. The increase in SaaS license fees reflects the increase in the number of customers purchasing the SaaS version of Kneat Gx, which results in recurring revenue over time rather than a one-time upfront on-premise license fee. The increase in recurring maintenance fee revenue is a result of new on-premise license sales where Kneat provides ongoing maintenance and support. Refer to section *Key Performance Indicators* for further details.

The following table which presents ARR information over the past eight quarters is expressed in millions of Canadian dollars:

	Q1 2021	Q4 2020	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q2 2019
	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)
SaaS ARR	4.89	3.90	3.02	2.55	1.88	1.29	0.88	0.69
Maintenance ARR	0.85	0.86	0.77	0.76	0.74	0.62	0.56	0.37
Total ARR	5.74	4.76	3.79	3.31	2.62	1.91	1.44	1.06

### Three-month period ended March 31, 2021

#### *Revenues for the three-month period ended March 31,*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>\$ change in 2021</b>	<b>% change in 2021</b>
SaaS license fees	\$1,290,796	\$410,303	\$880,493	215%
On-premise license fees	\$133,654	\$184,856	(\$51,202)	(28%)
Maintenance fees	\$220,478	\$177,976	\$42,502	24%
Professional services and other	\$710,454	\$181,395	\$529,059	292%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$2,355,382</b>	<b>\$954,530</b>	<b>\$1,400,852</b>	<b>147%</b>

SaaS license fees entitle a specified number of users to utilize the Kneat Gx platform hosted on a secure cloud server. SaaS license fee revenue is recognized over time, on a recurring monthly basis, as the services are performed. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 SaaS license fees were \$1,290,796 as compared to \$410,303 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The increase of \$880,493 in SaaS license fees was a result of onboarding new SaaS customers quarter over quarter, including the scaling of the number of licenses purchased by existing customers.

On-premise license fees entitle a customer to use the Kneat Gx platform for a set number of users, hosted on the customers' servers. These license fees are one-time-per license and paid upfront. In order to increase the number of licenses, the customer must pay additional license fees in advance of the license being granted. On-premise license fee revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 was \$133,654 as compared to \$184,856 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The decrease in on-premise license fees reflects the fact that Kneat has moved away from offering both on-premise and SaaS solutions to new customers and new customers are now offered only the SaaS product. On-premise license revenues for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 relate to sales of on-premise licenses to existing customers only.

Maintenance fees are established annually for on-premise licenses. Maintenance fees, which entitle the customer to front line support and software upgrades, are paid up front and are generally recurring annually. Maintenance fee revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 was \$220,478 as compared to \$177,976 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The increase of \$42,502 was due to an increased number of purchased on-premise licenses over the past year, leading to an increase in associated maintenance fees.

Professional services and other revenue vary by customer depending on the customer specific needs. Service fees may include training; development of custom reports; upgrades; pilots for potential customers; process mapping and deployment services. Professional services and other revenues for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 were \$710,454 as compared to \$181,395 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. This increase of \$529,059 was primarily due to an increase in customer numbers resulting in increased professional services being provided. It is also impacted by the timing of service milestones being met relating to software deployments.

#### *Cost of revenues for the three-month period ended March 31,*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>\$ change in 2021</b>	<b>% change in 2021</b>
Cost of revenues	\$1,267,619	\$907,187	\$360,432	40%

Cost of revenues consists primarily of employees' salaries and benefits, and allocated other overhead costs related to the professional service team supporting customer deployment, training, maintenance and other services as well as costs associated with third-party hosting services related to the Company's SaaS platform. Cost of revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 was \$1,267,620 compared to \$907,187 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The increase of \$360,433 was due mainly to an increase in salaries, benefits and related allocated overhead costs associated with increased headcount on the professional services team as well as an increase in cloud hosting costs.

*Gross margin for the three-month period ended March 31,*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>\$ change in 2021</b>	<b>% change in 2021</b>
Gross margin	\$1,087,762	\$47,343	\$1,040,419	2198%

Gross margin for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 was \$1,087,762 compared to \$47,343 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The increase of \$1,040,419 in gross margin is due primarily to the increase in revenue over the same quarter of 2020 offset by the increase in cost of revenues associated with the professional services team as discussed above.

*Research and development expenses for the three-month period ended March 31,*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>\$ change in 2021</b>	<b>% change in 2021</b>
Research and development	\$1,735,338	\$1,055,093	\$680,245	64%

Research and development expenses consist of employee salaries and benefits for members of the research and development team that do not meet the criteria for capitalization to the intangible asset, amortization of the intangible asset, hosting costs associated with development servers and other allocated overhead costs associated with the team responsible for the research and development of Kneat Gx, net of any associated research and development tax credits earned during the period. Research and development expenses for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 were \$1,735,338 compared to \$1,055,093 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The increase of \$680,246 is due primarily to an increase in the amortization of the intangible asset in the quarter ended 31 March 2021 due to additions to the intangible asset made throughout the past year, consisting mainly of the salaries and benefits of the development team, which increased the carrying value of the intangible asset and thus the amortization expense. In addition, there were increased salaries, benefits and related allocated overhead costs associated with increased headcount on the research and development team.

*Sales and marketing expenses for the three-month period ended March 31,*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>\$ change in 2021</b>	<b>% change in 2021</b>
Sales and marketing	\$686,553	\$351,135	\$335,418	96%

Sales and marketing expenses consist of employee salaries and benefits for members of the sales team, amortization of contract acquisition costs, advertising, trade shows, consultancy fees and other allocated overhead costs associated with the team responsible for sales and marketing globally. Sales and marketing expenses for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 were \$686,553 compared to \$351,135 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The increase of \$335,417 was due primarily to an increase in contract acquisition costs in the three months ended March 31, 2021 and an increase in salaries and benefits and related allocated overhead costs associated with increased headcount on the sales and marketing team.

*General and administrative expenses for the three-month period ended March 31,*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>\$ change in 2021</b>	<b>% change in 2021</b>
General and administrative	\$686,023	\$573,824	\$112,199	20%

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of employee salaries and benefits for members of the management and administrative teams, legal and audit costs, regulatory fees and other allocated overhead costs associated with the management and administrative teams. General and administrative expenses for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 were \$686,023 compared to \$573,824 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2020. The increase of \$112,199 is due primarily to an increase in salaries, benefits, and related allocated overhead costs associated with increased headcount on the administrative team; related share-based compensation as well as software costs associated with investment in the new ERP system.

*Other expenses (recoveries) for the three-month period ended March 31,*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>\$ change in 2021</b>	<b>% change in 2021</b>
Interest expense	\$75,128	\$15,838	\$59,290	374%
Interest income	(\$188)	(\$997)	(\$809)	(81%)
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	\$1,976,771	(\$1,482,127)	\$3,458,898	233%

Interest expense increased by \$59,290 in the three-month period ended March 31, 2021. This was due to monthly

interest charges on the lease of the Company's new premises at Hawthorne House which commenced in July 2020.

The foreign currency loss of \$1,976,772 arose in the current period due primarily to the impact of changes in exchange rates on financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the entity in which they are held. The key driver relates to the unrealized foreign exchange on Euro intercompany receivables.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

kneat.com's liquidity depends on existing cash reserves, revenue generated from customers supplemented as necessary by equity or debt financings. As of March 31, 2021, kneat.com had cash of \$6,847,712 compared to \$8,659,085 as at December 31, 2020.

On April 28, 2021, the Company closed a public equity financing for gross proceeds of \$20,125,575 and a concurrent non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$2,000,000. The net cash proceeds of approximately \$20.5 million raised in this financing will be used for growth initiatives, working capital and general corporate purposes.

The Company's debt relates to the loan payable held by Enterprise Ireland. During the year ended December 31, 2019, Enterprise Ireland and Kneat agreed to a revised loan repayment schedule which resulted in payments being restructured and is payable over a three-year period. The minimum annual principal repayments of the loan payable over the next year as of March 31, 2021 is \$509,680.

The working capital balance was \$5,214,166 at March 31, 2021 as compared to \$7,395,822 at December 31, 2020. Changes during the period relate primarily to the cash flows described below, the cash collected from customers and the operating and investing costs incurred through the normal course of operations.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2021, kneat.com used net cash of \$698,151 to fund operating activities. Investing activities focused mainly on development of Kneat Gx resulting in net cash outflows from investing activities of \$2,117,875 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021. In addition, kneat.com raised net funds through financing activities of \$1,257,026 during the three-month period ended March 31, 2021.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Company has a planning and budgeting process to monitor operating cash requirements, including amounts projected for capital expenditures, which are adjusted as input variables change. These variables include, but are not limited to, the ability of the Company to generate revenue from current and prospective customers, general and administrative requirements of the Company and the availability of capital markets. As these variables change, liquidity risks may necessitate the need for the Company to issue equity or obtain debt financing.

Kneat's business to date has focused on the development of Kneat Gx which has generated limited but growing revenues from its customers, which are primarily top tier pharmaceutical companies. Kneat has historically relied primarily on funding through the issuance of common shares, debt and the receipt of research and development tax credits.

The Directors believe that the Company's cash resources, including the proceeds from the April 28, 2021 equity financings, when combined with the proceeds from customer receipts, will be sufficient to fund operations for at least twelve months from the issuance date of the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

## **COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company is from time to time involved in various claims, legal proceedings and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company does not believe that adverse decisions in any pending or threatened proceedings related to any matter, or any amount which it may be required to pay by reason thereof, will have a material effect on the financial conditions or future results of operations of the Company.

The Company has committed to purchase certain services which will result in the Company paying \$253,690 within one year and \$234,633 in two to three years.

The Company has employment arrangements with the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Information Officer and Chief Product Officer which provide that, should a change in control event occur, as defined in the employment arrangements, these individuals will receive lump sum payments equal to 24 months of their then current base salary.

#### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

kneat.com has no off-balance sheet arrangements such as guarantee contracts, contingent interest in assets transferred to an entity, derivative instruments obligations or any obligations that trigger financing, liquidity, market or credit risk to kneat.com.

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARE INFORMATION**

The Company has authorized an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As of May 25, 2021, the Company had 76,509,581 common shares outstanding (March 31, 2021 – 69,124,388). No common shares are subject to escrow agreements, however 666,668 common shares that were issued in connection with the non-brokered private placement on April 28, 2021 are subject to a statutory four month hold period ending August 29, 2021.

As of May 25, 2021, the Company has 2,211,612 (March 31, 2021 – 2,221,612) stock options outstanding at an average exercise price of \$1.55 per common share with varying expiry dates. In addition, as at May 25, 2021 the Company has 602,645 deferred share units outstanding (March 31, 2021 – 602,645).

As of May 25, 2021, there were a total of 370,900 (March 31, 2021 – 370,900) common share purchase warrants outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$2.10 per share and expiry date of March 12, 2022.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

On April 28, 2021, directors of the company subscribed to 333,334 common shares for gross proceeds of \$1,000,002. In addition, Numus Capital Corp., a company in which a director of kneat.com is a shareholder, acted as selling agent in the financing and received \$120,000 in cash finders' fees.

On March 12, 2020, directors of the Company subscribed to 238,096 common shares for gross proceeds of \$500,001. In addition, Numus Capital Corp. acted as selling agent in the financing and received 52,301 broker warrants and \$109,831 in cash finders' fees.

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, the Company issued 19,644 DSUs to members of the Board of Directors who are not employees or officers of the Company (three months ended March 31, 2020 – 30,120).

On February 1, 2021, a director of the company exercised 33,333 stock options at an exercise price of \$.90 per common share for gross proceeds of \$30,000.

On January 22, 2020, directors of the company exercised a total of 528,716 stock options at an exercise price of \$0.90 per common share for gross proceeds of \$475,844.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

### Market Risk

#### *Currency risk*

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Currency risk exposure arises from the Company entering into transactions which are denominated in currencies other than its functional currency.

The Company is exposed to currency risk on cash, intercompany balances, accounts payable and accrued liabilities balances, and the loan payable balance that are held in currencies that are not in the transacting entities functional currencies. As at March 31, 2021, a 5% decrease in the exchange rate between the functional currencies and foreign currencies would increase the net loss by approximately \$1.9 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021; a 5% increase would decrease the net loss by approximately \$1.9 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021. The Company currently does not hedge its currency risk.

The majority of the Company's revenues and expenses are denominated in Euro and the United States dollar. As a result, revenues and expenses are affected by a change in the value of the Euro and the United States dollar relative to the Canadian dollar. The following table summarizes the effects on revenues, expenses and the net loss as a result of a 5% strengthening of the Euro and the United States dollar when compared to the Canadian dollar: <sup>(1)</sup>

	Three-month period ended March 31, 2021			Three-month period ended March 31, 2020		
	As reported \$	Exchange rate effect \$	5% Stronger \$	As reported \$	Exchange rate effect \$	5% Stronger \$
Revenues	2,355,382	117,769	2,473,151	954,530	47,726	1,002,256
Expenses	(6,427,244)	(199,409)	(6,626,653)	(1,419,953)	(138,091)	(1,558,044)
Net loss	(4,071,862)	(81,640)	(4,153,502)	(465,423)	(90,365)	(555,788)

(1) A 5% weakening of the Euro and the United States dollar when compared to the Canadian dollar would have an equal and opposite impact on the Company's revenues, expenses and net loss as presented in the table.

#### *Interest rate risk*

Interest risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. An immaterial amount of interest rate exposure exists in respect of cash balances and the loan payable on the unaudited condensed interim consolidated statements of financial position. The Company holds a loan payable with a fixed interest rate. This is privately issued, with no secondary market. It is measured at amortized cost. As a result, the Company is not exposed to cash flow interest rate risk on its loan payable.

#### *Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Company. The carrying amounts of financial assets best represent the maximum credit risk exposure at the reporting date. At March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company's financial assets exposed to credit risk amounted to the following:

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
	\$	\$
Cash	6,847,712	8,659,085
Amounts receivable and other*	4,679,322	3,366,955

\*includes trade debtors, contract assets, other debtors & prepayments

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020 the Company did not hold any financial assets that were past due or impaired. Trade debtors of \$4,105,921 are included in amounts receivable as at March 31, 2021 (December 31, 2020 – \$2,437,585). Trade debtors are monitored on a regular basis,



with reference to the ECL impairment model, in order to minimize material aging and to ensure adequate collection. Historically there have been no significant trade debtor collection issues and the Company does not believe it is subject to significant concentration of credit risk.

Cash is held with reputable banks in Ireland, the United States and Canada. The long-term credit rating, as determined by Standard and Poor's was BBB-, A and A respectively.

## **RISK FACTORS**

The Company's operations and financial performance are subject to the normal risks of its industry and are subject to various factors which are beyond the control of the Company. Certain of these risk factors are described below. The risks described below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks not currently known to the Company, or that it currently considers immaterial, may also adversely impact the Company's business, operations, financial results or prospects, should any such other events occur.

### *kneat.com has a limited commercial history and its future profitability is uncertain*

kneat.com has a limited commercial history and its business is subject to all of the risks inherent in a growing software company. The Company's likelihood of success must be considered in light of the problems, expenses, difficulties, complications and delays frequently encountered in connection with a company at this stage of growth. If kneat.com continues to incur operating losses and fails to become a profitable company, it may be unable to continue its operations. kneat.com may continue to operate at a net loss for the next several years, as it continues its software development efforts and continues to further develop its sales, marketing and distribution capabilities.

### *kneat.com needs to raise additional capital to operate its business*

kneat.com is an early commercial-stage company focused on product development and commercialization and has generated limited but growing revenues to date. For the foreseeable future, kneat.com may have to fund a significant proportion of its operations and capital expenditures from the net proceeds of future offerings and grants of securities. kneat.com's actual capital requirements will depend on many factors. If kneat.com experiences unanticipated cash requirements, it may need to seek additional sources of financing, which may not be available on favorable terms, if at all. If kneat.com does not succeed in raising additional funds on acceptable terms, it may be forced to discontinue product development, reduce or forego sales and marketing efforts and attractive business opportunities or discontinue operations.

### *kneat.com has a history of losses and may never achieve or sustain profitability*

kneat.com has incurred substantial losses since its inception, and it may not achieve profitability in the foreseeable future, if at all. kneat.com expects to incur net losses and negative cash flows due in part to increasing research and development expenses, marketing expenses, hiring additional personnel and other hosting costs. As a result, kneat.com will need to generate additional revenues in order to achieve and maintain profitability. kneat.com may not be able to generate these revenues or achieve profitability in the future. Even if kneat.com does achieve profitability, it may not be able to sustain or increase profitability.

### *kneat.com has limited access to the capital markets, and, even if it can raise additional funding, it may be required to do so on terms that are dilutive to shareholders*

kneat.com has limited access to the capital markets to raise capital. The capital markets have been unpredictable in recent years for other software development companies and unprofitable companies such as kneat.com. In addition, it is generally difficult for early commercial-stage companies to raise capital. The amount of capital that a company such as kneat.com is able to raise often depends on variables that are beyond its control. As a result, kneat.com may not be able to secure financing on terms attractive to it, or at all. If kneat.com is able to obtain a financing arrangement, the amount raised may not be sufficient to meet its future needs. If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms, or at all, kneat.com's business, results of operations, financial condition and its continued viability may be materially adversely affected.

*The length of kneat.com's sales cycle can fluctuate significantly which could result in significant fluctuations in license and other revenues being recognized from quarter to quarter*

The decision by a customer to purchase licenses for kneat.com's software product or purchase its services often involves a comprehensive implementation process across the customer's network or networks. As a result, the licensing and implementation of kneat.com's software product and any related services may entail a significant commitment of resources by prospective customers, accompanied by the attendant risks and delays frequently associated with significant technology implementation projects. Given the significant investment and commitment of resources required by an organization to implement kneat.com's software product, its sales cycle may be longer compared to other companies within kneat.com's own industry, as well as companies in other industries. Also because of changes in customer spending habits, it may be difficult for kneat.com to budget, forecast and allocate its resources properly. In weak economic environments, it is not uncommon to see reduced information technology spending. It may take several months, or even several quarters, for marketing opportunities to materialize. If a customer's decision to license kneat.com's software is delayed or if the implementation of the software product takes longer than originally anticipated, the date on which kneat.com may recognize revenues from these licenses would be delayed. Such delays and fluctuations could cause kneat.com's revenues to be lower than expected in a particular period and kneat.com may not be able to adjust its costs quickly enough to offset such lower revenues, potentially negatively impacting its business, operating results and financial condition.

*If kneat.com does not continue to develop technologically advanced product functionality, future revenues and its operating results may be negatively affected*

kneat.com's success depends upon its ability to design, develop, test, market, license and support new software functionality, services and enhancements of current functionality and services on a timely basis in response to both competitive threats and marketplace demands. Examples of significant trends in the software industry include cloud computing, mobility and social media. In addition, kneat.com's software product, services and enhancements must remain compatible with standard platforms and file formats. Moreover, if new industry standards emerge that kneat.com does not anticipate or adapt to, or with rapid technological change occurring, if alternatives to its services and solutions are developed by its competitors, kneat.com's software and services could be rendered obsolete, causing kneat.com to lose market share and, as a result, harm its business and operating results and its ability to compete in the marketplace.

*If kneat.com's software and services do not gain market acceptance, its operating results may be negatively affected*

kneat.com intends to pursue the goal for Kneat Gx to be the global standard for regulated data and documentation management across industries where sound data management, documentation practices and regulatory compliance are keys to success. kneat.com intends to pursue its strategy through, among other things, its proprietary research and the development of new software functionality and service offerings. In response to customer demand, it is important to kneat.com's success that it continues to enhance its software product and services and to seek to set the standard for Kneat Gx capabilities. The primary market for its software product and services is rapidly evolving, which means that the level of acceptance of software functionality and services that have been released recently or that are planned for future release by the marketplace is not certain. If the markets for kneat.com's software product and services fail to develop, develop more slowly than expected or become subject to increased competition, its business may suffer. As a result, kneat.com may be unable to: (i) successfully market its current product and services; (ii) develop new software product functionalities and services and enhancements to current software product functionalities and services; (iii) complete customer implementations on a timely basis; or (iv) complete software upgrades and services currently under development. In addition, increased competition could put significant pricing pressures on kneat.com's product which could negatively impact its margins and profitability. If kneat.com's software product and services are not accepted by its customers or by other businesses in the marketplace, kneat.com's business, operating results and financial condition will be materially affected.

*kneat.com's investment in its current research and development efforts may not provide a sufficient, timely return*

The development of Kneat Gx is a costly, complex and time-consuming process and the investment in kneat.com's software product development often involves a long wait until a return is achieved on such an investment. kneat.com is making, and will continue to make, significant investments in software research and development and related product opportunities. Investments in new technology and processes are inherently speculative. Commercial success depends on many factors, including the degree of innovation of the software product and services developed through

kneat.com's research and development efforts, sufficient support from its strategic partners and effective distribution and marketing. Accelerated software product introductions and short product life cycles require high levels of expenditures for research and development. These expenditures may adversely affect kneat.com's operating results if they are not offset by revenue increases. kneat.com believes that it must continue to dedicate a significant amount of resources to its research and development efforts in order to maintain its competitive position. However, significant revenues from new software product and service investments may not be achieved for a number of years, if at all. Moreover, new software functionality and services may not be profitable, and even if they are profitable, operating margins for new software product functionality and services may not be as high as projected.

*Failure to protect kneat.com's intellectual property could harm its ability to compete effectively*

kneat.com is highly dependent on its ability to protect its proprietary technology. kneat.com relies on a combination of trade secret laws, copyright protection, as well as non-disclosure agreements and other contractual provisions to establish and maintain its proprietary rights. kneat.com currently does not own any patents or have any patents pending. kneat.com intends to protect its intellectual property rights vigorously; however, there can be no assurance that these measures will, in all cases, be successful. Software piracy has been, and is expected to be, a persistent problem for the software industry and piracy of its software product may represent a loss of revenue to kneat.com. Where applicable, certain of kneat.com's license arrangements have required it to place such source code into escrow for the protection of another party. Despite the precautions kneat.com has taken, unauthorized third parties, including its competitors, may be able to copy certain portions of kneat.com's software product or reverse engineer or obtain and use information that kneat.com regards as proprietary. Also, kneat.com's competitors could independently develop technologies that are perceived to be substantially equivalent or superior to its technologies. kneat.com's competitive position may be adversely affected by its possible inability to effectively protect kneat.com's intellectual property. In addition, certain of its products may from time to time contain open source software. Licensees of open source software may be required to make public certain source code or to make certain derivative works available to others. While kneat.com monitors and controls the use of open source software in its product and in any third party software that is incorporated into its product, and kneat.com tries to ensure that no open source software is used in such a way as to require it to disclose the source code to the related product or service, there can be no guarantee that such use could not inadvertently occur. If this happened it could harm kneat.com's intellectual property position and have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations and financial condition.

*Other companies may claim that kneat.com infringes their intellectual property, which could materially increase costs and materially harm its ability to generate future revenues and profits*

Claims of infringement are becoming increasingly common as the software industry develops and as related legal protections, including patents, are applied to software products. Although kneat.com does not believe that its products infringe on the rights of third parties, third parties may assert infringement claims against it in the future. Although most of kneat.com's technology is proprietary in nature, kneat.com may include certain third party and/or open source software in its software product. In the case of third-party software, kneat.com believes this software is licensed from the entity holding the intellectual property rights. Although kneat.com believes that it has secured proper licenses for all third-party intellectual property that is integrated into its product, third parties may assert infringement claims against kneat.com in the future, including the sometimes aggressive and opportunistic actions of non-practicing entities whose business model is to obtain patent-licensing revenues from operating companies such as kneat.com. Any such assertion, regardless of merit, may result in litigation or may require kneat.com to obtain a license for the intellectual property rights of third parties. Such licenses may not be available or they may not be available on commercially reasonable terms. In addition, as kneat.com continues to develop software product functionality and expand its portfolio using new technology and innovation, kneat.com's exposure to threats of infringement may increase. Any infringement claims and related litigation could be time-consuming, disruptive to kneat.com's ability to generate revenues or enter into new market opportunities and may result in significantly increased costs as a result of kneat.com's defense against those claims or its attempt to license the intellectual property rights or rework kneat.com's product to avoid infringement of third party rights. Typically, kneat.com's agreements with its partners and customers contain provisions which require kneat.com to indemnify them for damages sustained by them as a result of any infringement claims involving kneat.com's product. Any of the foregoing infringement claims and related litigation could have a significant adverse impact on kneat.com's business and operating results as well as its ability to generate future revenues and profits.

### *Impact of laws*

kneat.com operates offices in Canada, the United States and Ireland and continues to offer its product and services in the European Union, Canada, the United States and other countries. kneat.com is and will be subject to a variety of laws in the European Union, Canada, the United States and abroad, including laws regarding consumer protection, privacy, intellectual property, taxation and content suitability, distribution and antitrust, that are continuously evolving and developing. The scope, enforcement and interpretation of the laws that are or may be applicable to kneat.com and its subsidiaries are often uncertain and may be conflicting, particularly laws outside of Ireland, Canada and the United States. It is also likely that as business grows and evolves to a greater number of countries, kneat.com will become subject to laws and regulations in additional jurisdictions. Compliance with applicable laws or regulations could be very difficult or liability could arise under these laws or regulations due to amendments to or evolving interpretation and enforcement of such laws and regulations. As a result, kneat.com could be directly harmed, and may be forced to implement new measures to reduce the exposure to this liability. This may require substantial resources to be expended or a modification of its product and services, which would harm the business, financial condition and results of operations of kneat.com.

### *Foreign currency and exchange rate risk*

kneat.com currently reports its results in the Canadian dollar. Fluctuations in the exchange rates between the European Euro, United States dollar and Canadian dollar may have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and operating results of the Company. The decision by the United Kingdom to leave the European Union (“Brexit”) has resulted in many political and economic uncertainties including exchange rate risk associated with the British Pound Sterling. One of Kneat’s customers is headquartered in the United Kingdom and has a contract priced in British Pound Sterling, therefore there is risk associated with Kneat’s ability to manage this contract’s profitability should there be a significant reduction in the value of the British Pound Sterling. To date, kneat.com has not engaged in exchange rate hedging activities and may not do so in the foreseeable future.

### *Current and future competitors could have a significant impact on kneat.com’s ability to generate future revenues and profits*

The markets for kneat.com's software product and services are competitive and are subject to technological change and other pressures created by changes in its industry. The convergence of many technologies may result in unforeseen competitors arising from companies that were traditionally not viewed as threats to kneat.com's marketplace. kneat.com expects competition to increase and intensify in the future as the pace of technological change and adaptation quickens and as additional companies enter its markets, including those competitors who offer similar solutions as kneat.com does, but offer it through a different form of delivery. kneat.com could lose market share if its current or prospective competitors: (i) introduce new competitive products or services; (ii) add new functionality to its existing product and services; (iii) acquire competitive products and services; (iv) reduce prices; and/or (v) form strategic alliances with other companies. If other businesses were to engage in aggressive pricing policies with respect to competing products, or if the dynamics in kneat.com's marketplace resulted in increasing bargaining power by the consumers of kneat.com's software product and services, kneat.com would need to lower the prices it charges for the product and services it offers. This could result in lower revenues or reduced margins, either of which may materially and adversely affect kneat.com's business and operating results. Additionally, if prospective consumers choose other methods of data and document management within regulated environments, different from that which we offer, kneat.com business and operating results could also be materially and adversely affected.

### *kneat.com must continue to manage its internal resources during periods of company growth or its operating results could be adversely affected*

kneat.com's growth, coupled with the rapid evolution of its markets, may place significant strains on kneat.com's administrative and operational resources and increased demands on its internal systems, procedures and controls. kneat.com's administrative infrastructure, systems, procedures and controls may not adequately support its operations. In addition, kneat.com's management may not be able to achieve the rapid, effective execution of the product and business initiatives necessary to successfully implement kneat.com's operational and competitive strategy. If kneat.com is unable to manage growth effectively, its operating results will likely suffer which may, in turn, adversely affect its business.

*If kneat.com loses the services of its executive officers or other key employees or if it is not able to attract or retain top employees, kneat.com's business could be significantly harmed*

kneat.com's performance is substantially dependent on the performance of its executive officers and key employees. kneat.com does not maintain "key person" life insurance policies on any of its employees. kneat.com's success is also highly dependent on its continuing ability to identify, hire, train, retain and motivate highly qualified management, technical, sales and marketing personnel. In particular, the recruitment of top developers and experienced salespeople remains critical to its success. Competition for such people is intense, substantial and continuous, and kneat.com may not be able to attract, integrate or retain highly qualified technical, sales or managerial personnel in the future. In addition, in its effort to attract and retain critical personnel, kneat.com may experience increased compensation costs that are not offset by either improved productivity or higher prices for its software product or services.

*kneat.com may fail to achieve its financial forecasts due to inaccurate sales forecasts or other factors*

kneat.com's revenues, particularly its software license revenues, are difficult to forecast and as a result its quarterly operating results can fluctuate substantially. kneat.com uses a "pipeline" system, a common industry practice, to forecast sales and trends in its business. By reviewing the status of outstanding sales proposals to its customers and potential customers, kneat.com makes an estimate as to when a customer will make a purchasing decision involving its software product. These estimates are aggregated periodically to make an estimate of kneat.com's sales pipeline, which kneat.com uses as a guide to plan its activities and make financial forecasts. kneat.com's sales pipeline is only an estimate and may be an unreliable predictor of actual sales activity, both in a particular quarter and over a longer period of time. Many factors may affect actual sales activity, such as weakened economic conditions, which may cause kneat.com's customers and potential customers to delay, reduce or cancel software and service related purchasing decisions and the tendency of some of kneat.com's customers to wait until the end of a fiscal period in the hope of obtaining more favourable terms from kneat.com. If actual sales activity differs from kneat.com's pipeline estimate, then kneat.com may have planned its activities and budgeted incorrectly and this may adversely affect its business, operating results and financial condition.

*kneat.com's software product and services may contain defects that could harm its reputation, be costly to correct, delay revenues, and expose kneat.com to litigation*

kneat.com's software product and services are highly complex and sophisticated and, from time to time, may contain design defects, software errors, hardware failures or other computer system failures that are difficult to detect and correct. If these defects are discovered, kneat.com may not be able to successfully correct such errors in a timely manner. In addition, despite the extensive tests kneat.com conducts on all its software product or services, kneat.com may not be able to fully simulate the environment in which its product or services will operate and, as a result, kneat.com may be unable to adequately detect the design defects or software or hardware errors which may become apparent only after the product is installed in an end-user's network, and users have transitioned to kneat.com's services. The occurrence of errors and failures in kneat.com's software product or services could result in the delay or the denial of market acceptance of its product and alleviating such errors and failures may require kneat.com to make significant expenditure of its resources. Customers often use kneat.com services and solutions for critical business processes and as a result, any defect or disruption in kneat.com's solutions, any data breaches or misappropriation of proprietary information, or any error in execution, including human error or intentional third-party activity such as denial of service attacks or hacking, may cause customers to reconsider renewing their contract with kneat.com. The errors in or failure of kneat.com's software product and services could also result in kneat.com losing customer transaction documents and other customer files, causing significant customer dissatisfaction and possibly giving rise to claims for monetary damages. The harm to kneat.com's reputation resulting from product and service errors and failures may be materially damaging. kneat.com's agreements with its strategic partners and end-users typically contain provisions designed to limit its exposure to claims. However, such provisions may not effectively protect kneat.com against claims and the attendant liabilities and costs associated with such claims. Any claims for actual or alleged losses to kneat.com's customers' businesses may require kneat.com to spend significant time and money in litigation or arbitration or to pay significant settlements or damages. Defending a lawsuit, regardless of merit, can be costly and would divert management's attention and resources. Although kneat.com maintains insurance coverage, such coverage may not be adequate to cover all such claims. Accordingly, any such claim could negatively affect its business, operating results or financial condition.

*Unauthorized disclosures and breaches of security data may adversely affect kneat.com's operations*

kneat.com relies heavily on its information technology systems including, without limitation, its networks, equipment, hardware, software, telecommunications, and other information technology (collectively, "IT systems"), and the IT systems of its vendors and third-party service providers, to operate its business as a whole. kneat.com has strict measures to protect its IT systems against unauthorized access and disclosure of personal information and of kneat.com's confidential information and confidential information belonging to its customers. kneat.com has policies and procedures in place dealing with data security and records retention. However, there is no assurance that the security measures kneat.com has put in place will be effective in every case. Breaches in security could result in a negative impact for kneat.com and for its customers, affecting kneat.com's and its customers' businesses, assets, revenues, brands and reputations and resulting in penalties, fines, litigation and other potential liabilities, in each case depending on the nature of the information disclosed. Security breaches could also affect kneat.com's relations with its customers, injure kneat.com's reputation and harm its ability to keep existing customers and to attract new customers. These risks to kneat.com's business may increase as it expands the number of web-based and cloud-based product and services kneat.com offers.

*kneat.com may become involved in litigation that may materially adversely affect it*

From time to time in the ordinary course of kneat.com's business, it may become involved in various legal proceedings, including commercial, product liability, employment, class action and other litigation and claims, as well as governmental and other regulatory investigations and proceedings. Such matters can be time-consuming, divert management's attention and resources and cause kneat.com to incur significant expenses. Furthermore, because litigation is inherently unpredictable, the results of any such actions may have a material adverse effect on kneat.com's business, operating results or financial condition.

*kneat.com's operating results could be adversely affected by any weakening of economic conditions*

kneat.com's overall performance depends in part on worldwide economic conditions. Certain economies have experienced periods of downturn as a result of a multitude of factors, including, but not limited to, turmoil in the credit and financial markets, concerns regarding the stability and viability of major financial institutions, declines in gross domestic product, increases in unemployment and volatility in commodity prices and worldwide stock markets, and excessive government debt. The severity and length of time that a downturn in economic and financial market conditions may persist, as well as the timing, strength and sustainability of any recovery, are unknown and are beyond kneat.com's control. During such downturns, many customers may delay or reduce technology purchases. Contract negotiations may become more protracted or conditions could result in reductions in the licensing of kneat.com's software product and the sale of cloud and other services, longer sales cycles, pressure on kneat.com's margins, difficulties in collection of accounts receivable or delayed payments, increased default risks associated with kneat.com's accounts receivables, slower adoption of new technologies and increased price competition. In addition, deterioration of the global credit markets could adversely impact kneat.com's ability to complete licensing transactions and services transactions, including maintenance and support renewals. Any of these events, as well as a general weakening of, or declining corporate confidence in, the global economy, or a curtailment in government or corporate spending could delay or decrease kneat.com's revenues, and therefore have a material adverse effect on its business, operating results and financial condition. Brexit has created economic and political uncertainty and the impact of it may not be fully known for several years. Brexit may cause some of our customers or potential customers to reduce spending and/or may result in new regulatory and cost challenges for Kneat and its customers in that region. These adverse conditions could result in reductions in revenues from our United Kingdom based customers, slower adoption of new technologies as new regulations are put in place, and increased price competition if tariffs are implemented. Any of these events may have an adverse effect on Kneat's operating results and financial position.

*COVID-19*

Kneat is monitoring the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 which could have adverse consequences on the Company including, but not limited to, business continuity interruptions, disruption of development activities, unfavorable market conditions, and the health and safety of employees. The Company has been following established business continuity and disaster recovery plans since the outbreak began. The Company has instituted remote workforce plans for employees in cases where functions can be completed in this manner. Each functional area has established protocols that ensures critical roles has effective social distancing, either via remote working, employee rotation or

functions residing in different physical locations. As government guidelines are being continuously updated, the Company ensures that its plans for visitors and employees remain consistent with these guidelines. In response to the recent outbreak, the Company has developed a plan to monitor, and effectively mitigate, risks posed to our employees and business. However, no such plan can eliminate the risks associated with events of this magnitude. Any failure to respond effectively or appropriately to such events could adversely affect the Company's operations, reputation and financial results.

*Cyber security incidents and privacy breaches could result in important remediation costs, increased cyber security costs, litigation and reputational harm.*

Cyber security incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber-attacks and security breaches could include unauthorized attempts to access, disable, improperly modify or degrade the Company's information, systems and networks, the introduction of computer viruses and other malicious codes and fraudulent "phishing" emails that seek to misappropriate data and information or install malware onto users' computers. Cyber-attacks in particular vary in technique and sources, are persistent, frequently change and are increasingly more targeted and difficult to detect and prevent against. Disruptions due to cyber security incidents could adversely affect the Company's business. In particular, a cyber security incident could result in the loss or corruption of data from the Company's research and development activities. Also, the Company's trade secrets, including unpatented know how, technology and other proprietary information could be disclosed to competitors further to a breach, which would harm the Company's business and competitive position. If the Company is unable to protect the confidentiality of its trade secrets, the Company's business and competitive position would be harmed. The Company relies on a third-party to provide Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) for the Kneat Gx SaaS product. Management and control of the Company's third-party providers are executed in accordance with the Company's vendor approval and control procedure which categorises its third-party providers based on risk. Oversight of the performance of third-party providers is performed at management review meetings in accordance with the Company's quality management system requirements. The third-party provides System and Organization Controls (SOC) reports bi-annually, which are independent third-party examination reports that demonstrate how the entity achieves key compliance controls and objectives. All changes to infrastructure and configurations associated with the Company's SaaS cloud are governed by the Company's change control procedure and are specified, implemented and qualified according to GxP best practices. All activities within the third-party provider account are monitored and logged. The servers, services and applications running within the Company's SaaS cloud are monitored in real-time with alerts for failure and potential causes of impending failure.

*The Company must successfully upgrade and maintain its information technology systems.*

The Company relies on various information technology systems to manage its operations. There are inherent costs and risks associated with maintaining, modifying and/or changing these systems and implementing new systems, including potential disruption of the Company's internal control structure, substantial capital expenditures, additional administration and operating expenses, retention of sufficiently skilled personnel to implement and operate its systems, demands on management time and other risks and costs of delays or difficulties in transitioning to new systems or of integrating new systems into the Company's current systems. In addition, the Company's information technology system implementations may not result in productivity improvements at a level that outweighs the costs of implementation, or at all. The implementation of new information technology systems may also cause disruptions in the Company's business operations and have an adverse effect on its business, prospects, financial condition and operating results.

## **DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Multilateral Instrument 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings*) have been designed by the Company to provide reasonable assurance that:

- (a) material information relating to the Company is made known to the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") by others, particularly during the period in which the annual filings are being prepared; and

- (b) information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports that it files or submits under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

The CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of March 31, 2021, the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that it files or submits to regulatory authorities is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by regulation and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

The Company's management, with the participation of its CEO and CFO, has designed, established and is maintaining a system of internal control over financial reporting. Under the supervision of the CFO, as at March 31, 2021, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information prepared by the Company for external purposes is reliable and has been recorded, processed and reported in an accurate and timely manner and in accordance with IFRS.

Management, with the participation of its CEO and CFO, has used the Internal Control – Integrated Framework to evaluate the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which is a recognized and suitable framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations ("COSO Framework") published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). The Company's controls include policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of unaudited condensed interim financial statements in accordance with IFRS; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the annual consolidated financial statements or unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

There have been no changes to the controls during the period that materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### **Limitations of Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by unauthorized override of the control. The design of any systems of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.



## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

kneat.com's significant accounting policies are disclosed in note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, of the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020. kneat.com has identified certain accounting policies that it believes are most critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in producing the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the estimates made that could impact results of the operations, which are discussed below.

### **Intangible asset**

Expenditures on research activities undertaken with the prospect of gaining new technical knowledge and understanding is recognized in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss as an expense as incurred.

The intangible asset consists of the internally generated software platform, Kneat Gx. The development costs of the software platform, net of research and development tax credits, are capitalized as they can be measured reliably, the platform is technically and commercially feasible, future economic benefits are probable and the Company intends to, and has sufficient resources to, complete development and to use or sell the product. Expenditures capitalized include the cost of direct labour and other costs that are directly attributable to preparing the asset for its intended use.

The intangible asset is amortized based on the cost of the asset less its residual value. Amortization is charged to the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful economic life, from the date the asset is available for use, at an annual rate of 20%.

The estimated useful life, residual value and amortization rate are reviewed annually and no changes to estimates were made in 2020 or 2019.

### **Revenue Recognition**

#### *Revenue from contracts*

The Company derives its revenues under license agreements from the sale of proprietary software licenses and provides software-related services including training, installation, upgrades, consulting and maintenance, which include product support services. Revenues are recognized when control of these licenses and services are transferred to the customer, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services.

Revenue recognition is determined through the following five steps:

- Identification of the contract with the customer;
- Identification of the performance obligations in the contract;
- Determination of the transaction price;
- Allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and
- Recognition of revenue when, or as, the Company satisfies a performance obligation.

Revenues generated by the Company include the following:

i) *On-premise license fees*

On-premise license fees entitle the customer to deploy the Kneat Gx platform on the customers' own servers. Revenues from on-premise perpetual license sales are recognized at a point in time, upon delivery, when transfer of control of the software has passed to the customer, there are no uncertainties surrounding product acceptance and consideration is known and considered collectible.

ii) *Software as a service ("SaaS") license fees*

SaaS license agreements (also referred to as "subscription fees") entitle the customer to utilize the Kneat Gx platform, which is hosted by the Company on a cloud server, for a specified number of users without taking possession. SaaS license fee revenue is recognized rateably over the contract term, commencing on the date when Kneat's services are made available to the customer. Customers are typically invoiced and pay annually

in advance for subscription fees upon execution of the initial contract or subsequent renewals.

iii) *Maintenance fees*

Maintenance fees for on-premise software licenses generally require the Company to provide technical support and unspecified software updates to customers. Maintenance revenues for technical support and unspecified software update rights are recognized rateably over the term of the contract. The Company typically invoices and collects maintenance fees annually in advance.

iv) *Professional services*

The Company provides consulting, training, process mapping, project management and other services to its customers that are distinct from the sale of licenses. Revenues from such services are generally recognized at the point in time when performance obligations are satisfied.

The Company also performs services related to implementation. Services related to implementation are not a distinct performance obligation and thus are recognized consistent with the licenses for which they relate but are classified as professional services and other in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss.

*Contracts with multiple performance obligations*

Many of the Company's contracts involve multiple performance obligations that include licenses, maintenance and various professional services. The Company evaluates each product and service in a contract to determine if they represent distinct performance obligations and thus require separate accounting treatment. For these contracts, the transaction price is allocated to the separate performance obligations based on their estimated stand-alone selling prices. The stand-alone selling prices of each performance obligation in these contracts is based on such factors as historical selling prices for these performance obligations in similar transactions, current pricing practices and other factors.

*Deferred contract acquisition costs*

Deferred contract acquisition costs are incremental selling costs that are associated with acquiring customer contracts and consist of sales commissions paid or due to the sales team. Capitalized contract acquisition costs are amortized consistently with the pattern of transfer to the customer for the goods and services to which the asset relates. The Company determines the amortization period by considering the customer specific contract deliverables, term and other factors. Amortization of deferred contract acquisition costs is included in sales and marketing expenses in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss. The Company applies the practical expedient available under IFRS 15 and does not capitalize incremental costs of obtaining contracts if the amortization period is one year or less.

*Contract liabilities*

Contract liabilities consist of deferred revenue for payments received and payments due in advance of revenue recognition from contracts with customers and are recognized in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss as revenue recognition criteria are met.

## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

The preparation of the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Information about critical accounting judgments and estimates in applying accounting policies that have the most significant impact on the amounts recognized in the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements are outlined below.

*Recognition of revenue*

Contracts with customers often include promises to deliver multiple products and services. Determining whether these products and services represent distinct performance obligations may require significant judgment. In addition, the determination of the stand-alone selling price for distinct performance obligations may also require

judgment and estimates. As the Company does not have a significant history of generating revenue, management uses judgment, based on customer specific contracts and comparable sales, to determine the appropriate stand-alone selling value for each performance obligation. In addition, certain of these performance obligations have a term of more than one year and thus the identification and stand-alone selling price of the individual performance obligations impacts the timing of revenue recognition. A change in the stand-alone selling price allocated to each performance obligation could materially impact the revenue recognized in the current and future periods and the contract asset and liability balance at period-end.

#### *Internally generated intangible asset*

The Company capitalizes certain costs incurred for the development of its Kneat Gx software platform in accordance with IAS 38, *Intangible Assets*. The capitalized costs include the costs directly attributable to preparing the intangible asset for its intended use, net of any qualifying research and development tax credits which are subject to audit by tax authorities. Management estimates the expected term over which the Company will receive benefits from the software application to be five years. A change in these estimates would have a significant impact on the carrying value of the intangible asset, the amounts receivable for the research and development tax credit and the amortization and expenses recognized in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss.

#### *Lease - incremental borrowing rate*

The Company cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in some of its leases, therefore, it uses its incremental borrowing rate (“IBR”) to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the Company ‘would have to pay’, which requires estimation when no observable rates are available or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease. The Company estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates (such as interest rate spreads for credit and other risks).

## **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The Company uses certain key performance indicators in its MD&A and other communications which are described in the following section. These key performance indicators are unlikely to be comparable to similarly titled indicators reported by other companies. Readers are cautioned that the disclosure of these metrics are meant to add to, and not to replace, the discussion of financial results determined in accordance with IFRS. Management uses both IFRS measures and key performance indicators when planning, monitoring and evaluating the Company’s performance.

Kneat uses annualized recurring revenues (“ARR”) to evaluate and assess its performance, identify trends affecting its business, formulate financial projections and make financial decisions. ARR is used by Kneat to assess the expected ARR from the customers that are live on the Kneat Gx platform at the end of the period. ARR is calculated as the licenses delivered to customers at the period end, multiplied by the expected customer retention rate of 100% and multiplied by the annual SaaS license fee or maintenance fee at the related quarter end. Since many of the customer contracts are in currencies other than the Canadian dollar, the Canadian dollar equivalent is calculated using the related period end exchange rate multiplied by the contracted currency amount. Kneat had \$5.74 million of ARR at March 31, 2021 as compared to \$2.61 million at March 31, 2020

Additional information regarding the Company is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company’s website at [www.kneat.com](http://www.kneat.com).