

# Kneat



**Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

## LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

In my letter to you at the same time last year, I shared Kneat's plan for 2023: add new customers, expand within existing customers, leverage our partner community, further develop the Kneat platform, and get Kneat's own systems and processes ready for several years of rapid top-line growth. I am pleased to report that our team at Kneat delivered on all fronts. The progress showed in our year-end financial report:

- Total revenues for 2023 grew 44% over 2022 to \$34.2 million
- SaaS revenue, which is the core of Kneat's value proposition, grew 73% over 2022 to \$30.1 million
- Annual Recurring Revenue grew 55% in 2023, exiting the year at \$37.4 million
- Gross margin expanded to 68% for the full year 2023, versus 62% for all of 2022, benefiting from the growing mix of high-margin SaaS revenue
- Gross profit growth of 58% outpaced the 50% growth of operating expense.

This past year stood out as a record year for strategic wins, as we announced eight large, multi-national enterprises as new customers. While we welcomed numerous smaller and mid-sized companies to the platform as well, it was expansions within large enterprises, which run multiple validation processes and operate sites around the globe, that drove most of our revenue growth in 2023. This is in part because it can take a customer between three and six years to fully scale Kneat across its sites and processes as they look to digitize and harmonize validation enterprise-wide. We estimate that our existing customer base has the potential to contribute more than \$65 million in Annual Recurring Revenue when fully scaled to all validation processes across all their sites. This is nearly double our Annual Recurring Revenue at the end of 2023, without adding a single new customer. But of course we are adding new customers, all the time.

As a platform, Kneat Gx is at the center of an ecosystem: professional service providers, engineering and technology firms, and consultants work with Kneat Gx in various ways to ensure the best outcome for the end customer. We engaged heavily with this community in 2023 to ensure that as Kneat's functionality grows, the right partners can step in at the right time and in the right places. As a system of record, Kneat Gx handles data coming in from a variety of sources all along the life science value chain. This can start from the buildout of facilities, follow through to production, and stretch all way to the suppliers, shippers and endpoints surrounding a customer. In 2023, we enhanced the functionality that allows for different levels of access and control for different levels of users, and we extended the use cases Kneat addresses with the addition of drawing management and document management modules. We expect that, over time, these new modules will begin to serve as expansion vectors for our partners and for Kneat. The addition of Colum McNamara as Senior Vice President of Global Operations in June of 2023 was instrumental to laying the groundwork for the enhancements to our partner program that are underway.

Which brings me to our team. Our accomplishments this past year would have been impossible without our previous investments in talent. Having nearly doubled our workforce coming into 2023, our sales and marketing, R&D and internal teams that keep Kneat up and running all made full use of their expanded capacity this past year. We still have room to run, with only strategic hires planned for 2024. Our customers will tell you that we have an incredible company of people at Kneat. This is great for them, but it makes all the difference in the world to the Kneat team itself, doing work every day with truly excellent people who care deeply about the outcome.

*(s) "Eddie Ryan"*  
Eddie Ryan, CEO

## **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 audited consolidated financial statements of kneat.com (the "Financial Statements") for the year ended December 31, 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.*

*The information presented in this MD&A is as of February 21, 2024. 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\$". Euro is 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 Company's estimate that existing customers have the potential to contribute more than \$65 million in Annual Recurring Revenue if fully scaled;
- the risk of competitors entering the market;
- the Company's ability to hire and retain skilled staff;
- the Company's expected use of the net proceeds from the IPF Facility and the public equity financing completed in February 2024;
- the anticipated effects of the IPF Facility and the February 2024 public equity financing on the business and operations of the Company
- 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 the 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. 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, rising inflation, and rising interest rates; the Company's inability to continually develop technologically advanced products; the inability of the Company's products and services to gain broader 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; ability to adhere to the financial covenants under the Company's debt agreement, 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") has its head office at Hawthorn House, Plassey Business Campus, 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 primarily 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 at 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, lost revenues and loss of trust in a Company's brand.

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, we believe that 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, 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 Validation market initially within the global life sciences industry. Kneat initially targeted large tier one companies in the life sciences industry primarily in the United States and Europe and is now also targeting mid-market companies. 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 the ongoing campaign by manufacturers to reduce costs and increase control while maintaining data integrity to a high standard. Additionally, competing in today's era of rapid innovation that digitization has enabled, requires companies to modernize the processes that enable them to bring these innovations to market at scale, with speed, and in a trusted way. Using Kneat's current customer penetration, the estimated number of potential licenses globally, current list prices and other assumptions, Kneat estimates that the potential market size for Kneat Gx for Validation process digitalization exceeds US \$2 billion within the life science industry including Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices, Chemical, Health and Personal Care Wholesale and Diagnostics. 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 licenses plus maintenance fees and professional service fees. kneat.com sells only SaaS licenses and professional services to new customers. It expects the last remaining significant on-premise customer to transition to SaaS over the next number of quarters. 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 each customer's 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 control of these licenses and services are transferred to 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. Kneat.com provides professional services to assist customers with the deployment of Kneat Gx, scaling the system to new processes and locations, and training users. The Company also has a strategy to work with partner companies with a view to enabling those partners to provide these professional services to Kneat customers. The Kneat Partner Program is a network of professional service providers, consultants and technology firms that provide their clients with additional value by leveraging Kneat Gx. The program creates mutually beneficial partnerships that increase the availability and quality of Kneat related services and products. Currently, Kneat has relationships with 79 partner and service providers. Partners fall into different categories, from service providers requiring low levels of support from Kneat to strategic partners involving a deeper and broader relationship requiring greater support from Kneat.

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 customer's 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 indicated 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 with 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:

- accelerate new customer acquisition across all tiers
- accelerate license expansion (Annual Recurring Revenue, or ARR<sup>1</sup>) 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
- add key or strategic resources as required to support acceleration and scaling

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **2023 Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights**

- Annual recurring revenue<sup>1</sup> increased 55% to \$37.4 million as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$24.2 million as of December 31, 2022.
- SaaS annual recurring revenue<sup>1</sup> increased 57% to \$37.3 million as of December 31, 2023 compared to \$23.7 million as of December 31, 2022.
- Total revenues increased 35% to \$9.8 million in Q4 2023, compared to \$7.3 million in Q4 2022.
- SaaS revenues increased 58% to \$8.9 million in Q4 2023 compared to 5.7 million in Q4 2022.
- Gross Profit increased 53% to \$7.0 million (Gross Margin %: 72%) in Q4 2023, compared to \$4.6 million (Gross Margin %: 63%) in Q4 2022.

### **2023 Twelve Months Financial Highlights**

- Total revenues increased 44% to \$34.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$23.7 million in the year ended December 31, 2022.
- SaaS revenues increased 73% to \$30.1 million in the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$17.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2022.
- Gross Profit increased 58% to \$23.2 million (Gross Margin %: 68%) in the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$14.7 million (Gross Margin %: 62%) in the year ended December 31, 2022.
- As of December 31, 2023, the Company's total cash position was \$15.3 million.

<sup>1</sup> Annual Recurring Revenue ("ARR") is a supplementary financial measure. See 'Supplementary Financial Measures' section of our MD&A for additional information.

## **CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS**

On February 14, 2024, the Company announced that it closed its bought deal offering, including the full exercise of the over-allotment option. As such, a total of 6,153,880 common shares of the Company were sold at a price of \$3.25 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$20,000,110.

On January 23, 2024, Kneat announced the signing of a three-year Master Services Agreement with a global consumer products leader.

On November 27, 2023, Kneat announced that a US-headquartered manufacturer of consumer health and wellness products had chosen Kneat to digitize its equipment Commissioning and Qualification process across more than 25 global sites.

On August 31, 2023, Kneat announced the signing of three-year Master Services Agreement with a U.S. headquartered manufacturer and distributor of medical supplies. The Agreement, which initially is for computer system validation (CSV) for software utilized in medical devices, allows the company to scale Kneat to all its global validation processes.

On July 26, 2023, Kneat announced the signing of a three-year Master Services Agreement with a fully integrated contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) headquartered in Asia. The Agreement, which initially is for equipment validation, allows the CDMO to scale Kneat to all its validation processes.

On June 28, 2023, Kneat announced the signing of a three-year Master Services Agreement with a division of a leading global pharmaceutical company, effective immediately and allowing the company to scale Kneat across all its business divisions and affiliates.

On June 26, 2023, Kneat secured up to €15 million in secured debt financing from IPF Partners (the “IPF Facility”), a leading financing provider focused exclusively on the healthcare sector. Kneat intends to use the financing alongside its own funds from operations for general corporate purposes.

On June 9, 2023, Kneat announced the appointment of Colum McNamara as its Senior Vice President of Global Operations, an accomplished business leader, with more than 25 years' experience in information technology, having served in varying leadership positions including Customer Success, Technical Support, Network Operations, and overall general management.

On April 24, 2023, Kneat announced the signing of a Master Services Agreement with one of the top 20 contract development and manufacturing organizations (“CDMO”) in the world, as ranked by 2022 revenue. The Agreement, which is initially for computer systems validation and does not expire, affirms Kneat’s progress consolidating its leadership in validation for the life science space, particularly with companies in the pharmaceutical supply chain.

On April 3, 2023, the Company announced the signing of a three-year Master Services Agreement with a division of one of the 20 largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, as ranked by 2021 revenue.

On February 23, 2023, Kneat announced the signing of a three-year Master Services Agreement with a global healthcare leader whose product portfolio spans multiple therapeutic divisions from medical devices through to pharmaceuticals.

On January 26, 2023, Kneat announced the signing of a three-year Master Services Agreement with Fresenius Kabi, a global healthcare company that specializes in lifesaving medicines and technologies for infusion, transfusion, and clinical nutrition.

## SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION

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

	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Total revenue*	9,814	8,405	8,039	7,965	7,250	5,752	5,548	5,200
Total operating loss*	(3,062)	(3,177)	(3,944)	(3,351)	(3,281)	(2,527)	(2,295)	(1,672)
Total net (loss)/earnings*	(2,655)	(3,591)	(5,399)	(2,474)	459	(2,547)	(3,634)	(3,426)
Total net (loss)/earnings per common share *	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.03)	0.01	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.04)

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

Total revenues fluctuate quarter over quarter. Revenue growth is driven by the addition of new SaaS licenses associated with the new customers going live and the scaling of existing customers.

Other revenue fluctuations are due mainly to the timing of delivery of professional services and the sale of one-time legacy on-premise licenses. As the Company is in the process of moving away from on-premise licenses, this element of variability is diminishing and will disappear altogether as the last significant on-premise customer transitions over to the SaaS product. The scaling of existing customers can be significant and large scaling events are somewhat unpredictable in their timing which given the early growth stage of the Company, can result in period-to-period variability in ARR growth rates. In the future, we expect revenues will become more stable as the revenue base continues to migrate towards the recurring subscription revenue model.

In addition to the impact of revenue changes referred to above, fluctuations in operating losses are driven primarily by fluctuations in cost of labour in the period based on the hiring plan and the amount of qualifying labour capitalized to the intangible asset. Net loss is also affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange gains and losses recognized as a result of movements in foreign exchange rates between the Canadian dollar and the Euro and United States dollar, as the majority of the Company's costs and intercompany loans are denominated in Euro and United States dollar. Generally, there are limited quarterly or seasonal trends associated with the Company's business.

kneat.com expects to record losses as it continues the development of its product, Kneat Gx, and in its go to market strategy. The timing of the achievement of profitability is uncertain and will be impacted by the level of this investment and the rate of revenue growth. Refer to the *Risk Factors* section of this MD&A and note 17(e) *Liquidity Risk*, of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 for further details.

## NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The Company uses a non-IFRS measure, working capital, in this MD&A. Management uses this non-GAAP financial measure together with measures determined in accordance with IFRS, to provide investors with a supplemental measure to evaluate the Company's financial condition. The Company calculates working capital as its current assets less its current liabilities. This measure has no meaning under IFRS and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable to similar data presented by other companies operating in a similar industry as the Company. The Company believes that securities analysts, investors and other interested parties frequently use non-GAAP financial measures in the evaluation of issuers. Accordingly, it is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance or financial condition prepared in accordance with IFRS. For further information, please refer to the 'Liquidity and Capital Resources' section of this MD&A.



## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL MEASURES

The Company uses certain supplementary financial measures as key performance indicators in its MD&A and other communications that is described in the following section. Management uses both IFRS measures and supplementary financial measures as key performance indicators when planning, monitoring and evaluating the Company's performance. As supplementary financial measures, they should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. All supplementary financial measures below do not have a standardized meaning under IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies.

### Annual Recurring Revenue ("ARR")

Kneat management use ARR to evaluate and assess the Company's performance, identify trends affecting its business, formulate financial projections and make financial decisions. The Company believes that ARR is a useful metric for investors as it provides a measure of the value of the recurring revenue at a point in time (end date of the relevant quarter) and indicates the level of recurring revenue that the Company would anticipate reporting in a 12-month period based on the full agreed annual SaaS and maintenance fees for existing customers. ARR is used by Kneat to assess the expected recurring revenues 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 full agreed annual SaaS license or maintenance fee. 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.

Annual recurring revenue ("ARR") at December 31, 2023 increased by 55% to \$37.4 million from \$24.2 million at December 31, 2022. Specifically, ARR from SaaS license fees increased by 57% and ARR from maintenance fees decreased by 80% from December 31, 2022. The increase in SaaS ARR reflects the increase in the number of customers purchasing the SaaS version of Kneat Gx and customers expanding their use of Kneat Gx. There was also an unfavourable impact in exchange rates between transaction currencies and Canadian dollar reporting currency. The decrease in maintenance fee ARR is a result of existing customers transitioning to SaaS during the period.

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

	<b>Q4 2023</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>	<b>Q2 2023</b>	<b>Q1 2023</b>	<b>Q4 2022</b>	<b>Q3 2022</b>	<b>Q2 2022</b>	<b>Q1 2022</b>
	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)	(\$ MM)
SaaS ARR	37.3	31.3	28.3	26.3	23.7	18.0	15.2	12.4
Maintenance ARR	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.0
<b>Total ARR</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>13.4</b>

### Net Revenue Retention Rate ("NRR")

The Company uses NRR as a key measure to provide insight into the long-term value of its customers and its ability to retain and expand revenue from our customer base over time. NRR is calculated over a trailing twelve-month period by considering the cohort of customers on our platform as of the beginning of the period and dividing the ARR attributable to this group of customers at the end of the period by the ARR at the beginning of the period. By implication, this ratio excludes any ARR from new customers acquired during the period but includes revenue changes for this cohort base of customers during the period being measured. This measure provides insight into customer expansions, downgrades, and churn, and illustrates the level of scaling by those customers. NRR was 138% for the trailing 12-month period ended December 31, 2023 (158% December 31, 2022).

## SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

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

	2023	2022	2021
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Total revenue	34,223	23,749	15,501
Total net loss	(14,119)	(9,148)	(9,858)
Total net loss per common share	(0.18)	(0.12)	(0.13)
Total assets	64,496	50,406	51,281
Total non-current financial liabilities	21,657	-	-

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Three-month period ended December 31, 2023

*Revenues for the three-month period ended December 31,*

	2023	2022	\$ change in 2023	% change in 2023
SaaS license fees	\$8,922,491	\$5,663,775	\$3,258,716	58%
On-premise license fees	-	\$102,673	(\$102,673)	(100%)
Maintenance fees	\$46,819	\$156,959	(\$110,140)	(70%)
Professional services and other	\$844,689	\$1,326,632	(\$481,943)	(36%)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$9,813,999</b>	<b>\$7,250,039</b>	<b>\$2,563,960</b>	<b>35%</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 December 31, 2023 SaaS license fees were \$8,922,491 as compared to \$5,663,775 for the three-month period ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$3,258,716 in SaaS license fees was a result of the scaling of the number of licenses purchased by existing customers and onboarding new SaaS customers quarter over quarter. At the end of 2023 the Company had 85 contracted customers, who had chosen Kneat as their global enterprise e-validation platform. Some of these contracted customers are still in the initial deployment phase and will start contributing to revenue when they go-live post deployment. In recent quarters, these customer scalings have contributed strongly to ARR growth. The year-end customer total reflects the addition of nearly two dozen new customers added over the course of 2023 as well as the consolidation of names subsumed into a single parent company; the absence of smaller companies whose loss of funding caused them to cease operations; and the removal of partners which no longer had projects requiring licenses. While our growth trajectory continues upwards, large scaling events are somewhat unpredictable in their timing and given the early growth stage of the Company, they can result in period-to-period variability in ARR growth rates. The Company estimates that this existing customer base has the potential to contribute in excess of \$65 million in Annual Recurring Revenue if all customers fully scaled to all validation processes across all sites. The Company estimates that a single top tier customer would typically take 3-6 years to achieve full scaling for the majority of its validation processes.

On-premise license fees entitle a customer to use the Kneat Gx platform for a set number of users, hosted on the customer's 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 December 31, 2023 was \$nil as compared to \$102,673 for the three-month period ended December 31, 2022. The decrease in on-premise license fees was due to a scaling event of an existing on-premise customer in Q4 2022. Kneat does not offer on premise licenses to new customers and are working with the last significant on-premise customer on transitioning to SaaS.

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 December 31, 2023 was \$46,819 as compared to \$156,959 for the three-month period ended December 31, 2022. The decrease of \$110,140 in maintenance fees in the current quarter was due to legacy customers transitioning to SaaS during 2023.

Professional services & other revenue is related to services provided to customers and depends on customer-specific needs. In addition, Kneat's Partner program continues to develop, and, consistent with Kneat's strategy, the Partners are increasingly in a position to provide these professional services to Kneat's customers. Kneat's professional service fees may include training; development of custom reports; upgrades; pilots for potential customers; process mapping and deployment services. Professional services & other revenue for the three-month period ended December 31, 2023 was \$844,689 as compared to \$1,326,632 for the three-month period ended December 31, 2022. This decrease of \$481,943 was primarily due to the increased ability of Partners to provide services to Kneat customers. The timing of project milestones being met also impacts the timing of professional service revenue being recognized.

*Cost of revenue for the three-month period ended December 31,*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Cost of revenue	\$2,788,828	\$2,672,903	\$115,925	4%

Cost of revenue consists primarily of employees' salaries and benefits, external consultant fees, overhead costs related to the consulting team supporting customer deployment, training and other services, and the customer support team, 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 December 31, 2023 was \$2,788,828 compared to \$2,672,903 for the three-month period ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$115,925 was due mainly to an increase in payroll and cloud hosting costs offset by a decrease in consultants' fees. The increase was also driven by an overall unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency.

*Gross profit for the three-month period ended December 31,*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Gross profit	\$7,025,171	\$4,577,136	\$2,448,035	53%

Gross profit for the three-month period ended December 31, 2023 was \$7,025,172 (Gross Margin %: 72%) compared to \$4,577,136 (Gross Margin %: 63%) for the three-month period ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$2,448,036 in gross profit was primarily driven by the significant increase in SaaS revenue coupled with a smaller increase in cost of revenues over the same quarter of 2022.

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Research and development	\$3,838,691	\$3,048,724	\$789,967	26%

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. Research and development expenses for the three-month period ended December 31, 2023 were \$3,838,691 compared to \$3,048,724 for the three-month

period ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$789,967 is due primarily to an increase in salaries and benefits and related allocated overhead costs associated with increased headcount on the research and development team. In addition, there were increased cloud hosting costs relating to development servers, and the amortization of the intangible asset increased during the three-month period ended December 31, 2023 due to additions to the intangible asset relating to releases gone into use throughout the past year. The increase was also driven by an overall unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency.

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Sales and marketing	\$4,383,678	\$3,417,343	\$966,335	28%

Sales and marketing expenses consist of employee salaries and benefits for members of the sales and marketing team, 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 months ended December 31, 2023 were \$4,383,678 compared to \$3,417,343 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$966,335 was due primarily to an increase in salaries and benefits associated with increased headcount. The Company also incurred increased costs relating to conferences and sales and marketing costs in the three months ended December 31, 2023. The increase was also driven by an overall unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency.

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
General and administrative	\$1,864,700	\$1,391,846	\$472,854	34%

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 December 31, 2023 were \$1,864,700 compared to \$1,391,846 for the three-months ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$472,854 is due primarily to an increase in salaries and benefits associated with increased headcount on the management and administrative teams as well as an increase in professional fees for the three months ended December 31, 2023. The increase was also driven by an overall unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency.

*Other expenses for the three-month period ended December 31,*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Interest expense	\$629,794	\$53,857	\$575,937	1069%
Interest income	(\$621)	(\$1,057)	(\$436)	(41%)
Income tax expense	\$47,342	\$16,611	\$30,731	185%
Foreign exchange gain	(\$1,083,675)	(\$3,809,107)	(\$2,725,432)	(72%)

Interest expense increased by \$575,937 in the three-month period ended December 31, 2023. This is due to interest on the Company's new debt facility which was drawn down in three tranches in June, September and December 2023.

The foreign currency gain of \$1,083,675 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 gains on Euro-denominated intercompany receivables.

### Year ended December 31, 2023

*Revenues for the year ended December 31,*

	2023	2022	\$ change in 2023	% change in 2023
SaaS license fees	\$30,066,905	\$17,340,601	\$12,726,304	73%
On-premise license fees	\$436,126	\$868,797	(\$432,671)	(50%)
Maintenance fees	\$277,199	\$804,043	(\$526,844)	(66%)
Professional services and other	\$3,443,178	\$4,735,760	(\$1,292,582)	(27%)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$34,223,408</b>	<b>\$23,749,201</b>	<b>\$10,474,207</b>	<b>44%</b>

For the year ended December 31, 2023 SaaS license fees were \$30,066,905 as compared to \$17,340,601 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$12,726,304 in SaaS license fees, a 73% increase, was the result of the scaling of the number of licences purchased by existing customers, onboarding new SaaS customers and the transitioning of legacy customers over to the SaaS platform.

On-premise license fee revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$436,126 as compared to \$868,797 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The decrease of \$432,671 in the year ended December 31, 2023 is due to the transitioning of a number of existing legacy on-premise customers to SaaS during the period.

Maintenance fee revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$277,199 as compared to \$804,043 for the year ended December 31, 2022. This decrease of \$526,844 was due to existing customers transitioning to SaaS during 2023 .

Professional services and other revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$3,443,178 as compared to \$4,735,760 for the year ended December 31, 2022. This decrease of \$1,292,582 is primarily due to the increased ability of Partners to provide these services to customers. The timing of project milestones being met also impacts the timing of professional service revenue being recognised.

*Cost of revenue for the year ended December 31,*

	2023	2022	\$ change in 2023	% change in 2023
Cost of revenue	\$11,015,485	\$9,094,688	\$1,920,797	21%

Cost of revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$11,015,485 compared to \$9,094,688 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$1,920,797 was due mainly to an increase in salaries, benefits and related costs associated with increased headcount relating to product delivery, support, and consulting as well as an increase in cloud hosting fees, partially offset by lower recruitment and consultants costs. There was also an overall unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency.

*Gross profit for the year ended December 31,*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Gross profit	\$23,207,923	\$14,654,513	\$8,553,410	58%

Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$23,207,923 (Gross Margin %: 68%) compared to \$14,654,513 (Gross Margin %: 62%) for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$8,553,410 in gross profit and 6% in gross margin % was due to the significant increase in revenues over the year with a smaller corresponding increase in cost of revenue compared to 2022.

*Research and development expenses for the year ended December 31,*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Research and development	\$15,763,663	\$10,992,499	\$4,771,164	43%

Research and development expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$15,796,663 compared to \$10,992,499 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$4,771,164 is due primarily to an increase in salaries, benefits and related allocated overhead costs associated with increased headcount in the research and development team. There was also an increase in the amortization of the intangible asset in the year ended December 31, 2023 due to additions to the intangible asset relating to releases gone into use throughout the past year as well as the full year impact of additions that went into use during 2022. An unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency also affected the increase from prior year.

*Sales and marketing expenses for the year ended December 31,*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
Sales and marketing	\$13,796,377	\$8,516,347	\$5,280,030	62%

Sales and marketing expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$13,796,377 compared to \$8,516,347 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase in sales and marketing of \$5,280,030 was due primarily to an increase in salaries and benefits and related overhead costs associated with increased headcount in the sales and marketing team. The Company also incurred increased sales and marketing and advertising costs during the year ended December 31, 2023, partially offset by lower recruitment related costs. There was also an overall unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency.

*General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31,*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$ change in 2023</b>	<b>% change in 2023</b>
General and administrative	\$7,181,784	\$4,920,103	\$2,261,681	46%

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$7,181,784 compared to \$4,920,103 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase of \$2,261,681 is due primarily to an increase in salaries and benefits and costs associated with increased headcount in the administrative teams and increases in insurance and professional fees, partially offset by lower regulatory fees. There was also an overall unfavourable impact in exchange rate movements between the transactional currencies and the Canadian dollar reporting currency.

*Other expenses (recoveries) for the year ended December 31,*

	2023	2022	\$ change in 2023	% change in 2023
Interest expense	\$1,081,853	\$228,586	\$853,267	373%
Interest income	(\$6,635)	(\$2,752)	\$3,883	141%
Income tax expense	\$55,891	\$16,611	\$39,280	236%
Foreign exchange gain	(\$545,776)	(\$868,693)	(\$322,917)	(37%)

Interest expense increased by \$853,267 in the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily due to interest on the Company's new debt facility which was drawn down in three tranches in June, September and December 2023.

Income tax expense of \$55,891 relates to a provision for 2023 income tax liability arising in certain U.S States and European tax permanent establishments.

The foreign currency gain of \$545,776 arose in the current year 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 unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses on Euro-denominated 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 December 31, 2023, kneat.com had cash of \$15,252,526 compared to \$12,282,478 as at December 31, 2022.

The working capital balance was \$5,935,231 (current assets \$27,992,466 less current liabilities \$22,057,235) at December 31, 2023 as compared to \$5,155,646 at December 31, 2022 (current assets \$22,129,314 less current liabilities \$16,973,668). Changes during the year 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 year ended December 31, 2023, the net cash provided by financing activities was \$20,265,542 which was primarily driven by loan proceeds. On June 26, 2023 the Company announced that it had secured up to €15 million (\$22.0 million) in secured debt financing. The IPF facility consists of three term commitments or tranches of €5 million each to be availed of by Kneat Solutions Limited. Each tranche matures 18 quarters from its initial drawdown date. On June 30, 2023, September 22, 2023 and December 22, 2023, the Company drew down the first, second and third tranches, respectively. Each of the facilities carries an annual cash interest of three-month EURIBOR + 7.0%, payable quarterly; capitalized interest of 2.0%, accrued and capitalized quarterly, in addition to customary structuring and exit fees. The total cash cost of the arrangement is dependent whether the debt is repaid on each maturity date or earlier. The IPF Facility is guaranteed by the Company and its U.S. wholly owned subsidiary, and is secured by a perfected, sole first-priority security interest in all existing and after acquired tangible and intangible assets of Kneat Solutions Limited, the Company and its U.S. wholly owned subsidiary. The IPF Facility is also subject to a financial covenant in the form of a minimum cash balance held in favour of the lender in an amount sufficient to cover the higher of the last six months and next six months cash runway subject to a cap of €2 million, €4 million and €6 million on tranche one, two and three, respectively. At December 31, 2023 the minimum cash balance to be held was \$8.8 million (€6 million) The Company was in compliance with the financial covenant as of 31 December, 2023.

The Company has a history of being able to raise funds on the capital markets to meet its ongoing requirements and on February 14, 2024, the Company closed a public equity financing for gross proceeds of \$20,000,110. However, there can be no assurance that, in the future, the Company will be able to raise funding on favorable terms, if at all.

Investing activities, focused mainly on the development of Kneat Gx, resulted in net cash outflows from investing activities of \$15,972,912 for the year ended December 31, 2023. In addition, kneat.com used net cash of \$1,275,476 to fund operating activities.

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 is generating 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 customer receipts.

The Directors believe that the Company's cash resources when combined with the proceeds from customer receipts, will be sufficient to fund operations for at least twelve months from the reporting date of the financial statements.

## **COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company may from time to time be 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 \$1,209,023 within one year and \$353,512 in two to three years thereafter.

The Company has employment arrangements with the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Product Officer and Chief Financial 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 February 21, 2024, the Company had 84,462,718 common shares outstanding (December 31, 2023 – 78,298,796).

As of February 21, 2024, the Company has 2,208,151 (December 31, 2023 – 2,222,446) stock options outstanding at an average exercise price of \$2.80 per common share with varying expiry dates. In addition, as at February 21, 2024 the Company has 599,550 deferred share units outstanding (December 31, 2023 – 599,550).

As of February 21, 2024, there were a total of 2,205,644 restricted share units outstanding (December 31, 2023 – 2,213,391).



## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company granted 86,999 DSUs to members of the Board of Directors who are not employees or officers of the Company (December 31, 2022 – 108,182). Directors of the Company also resigned from the Board during the year ended 31 December 2022. A total of 258,964 DSUs were settled with these directors. In addition, one director forfeited 30,227 DSUs.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company granted 153,229 RSUs to members of the Board of Directors (December 31, 2022 – 112,887) and 317,317 RSUs to Key Management (December 31, 2022 – 309,976).

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

### Market Risk

#### *Currency risk*

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or 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 its cash balances, amounts receivable, loan payable, intercompany balances and accounts payable and accrued liabilities that are held in currencies that are not in the transacting entity's functional currencies.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the impact on monetary assets and liabilities of a 5% decrease in the exchange rate between the functional currencies and foreign currencies (weakening of the euro/USD versus CAD) would increase the net loss by approximately \$4.5 million; a 5% increase would decrease the net loss by approximately \$4.5 million (strengthening of the euro/USD versus CAD). 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>

	Year ended December 31, 2023			Year ended December 31, 2022		
	As reported	Exchange rate effect	5% Stronger	As reported	Exchange rate effect	5% Stronger
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	34,223,408	1,711,170	35,934,578	23,749,201	1,187,460	24,936,661
Expenses	(48,342,642)	(2,402,145)	(50,744,787)	(32,897,389)	(1,590,682)	(34,488,071)
Net loss	(14,119,234)	(690,975)	(14,810,209)	(9,148,188)	(403,222)	(9,551,410)

(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 on the audited consolidated statements of financial position. Interest rate exposure exists in respect of the IPF Facility on the audited consolidated statements of financial position due to the variable interest rate (EURIBOR + 7.0%) that applies to this loan. During the year ended December 31, 2023, a change of 100 basis points in the EURIBOR rate would have resulted in an increase or decrease to interest expense of approximately \$39,000 assuming all other variables, in particular foreign currency exchange rates, remain constant.

### *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 December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company's financial assets exposed to credit risk amounted to the following:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<b>December 31, 2022</b>
Cash	15,252,526	12,282,478
Amounts receivable and other*	7,036,461	5,923,377

\*includes trade debtors, contract assets & other debtors

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company did not hold any significant financial assets that were past due or impaired. Trade debtors of \$6,690,224 are included in amounts receivable as at December 31, 2023 (2022 - \$4,938,869). 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 trade debtor collection issues.

There were no material impairment losses recorded during the year and the provision for expected credit losses recorded at both December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was also immaterial. 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, AA- and AA- 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's financial resources depend on a variety of dynamic factors*

The Company's future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including its ability to maintain and expand its customer base, implement its cost optimization plans and implement its strategic plans. 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. Any additional equity financing may be dilutive to holders of the Company's common shares and any debt financing, if available, may require restrictions to be placed on the Company's future financing and operating activities. The Company may be unable to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms if the market and economic conditions, financial condition or operating performance of the Company or investor sentiment are unfavorable. The Company's inability to raise further funds may hinder its ability to implement its strategy to grow in the future or pay its obligations when they become due.

*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, cloud hosting and other 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.

*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 artificial intelligence. 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.

*A small number of customers compose a proportionately large percentage of revenue*

The Company has been dependent, and expects that during the current fiscal year it will continue to be dependent, on a relatively small number of customers for a large percentage of its revenue. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company's top 10 customers made up 53% of the Company's revenues (2022 55%). If one or more of the Company's end-users discontinues its relationship with the Company for any reason, or reduces or postpones current or expected purchases of the Company's products or services, the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

*kneat.com relies on third-party service providers*

The Company's success depends upon relationships with third-party service providers, including providers of cloud hosting infrastructure, customer relationship management systems, financial reporting systems, human resource management systems, marketing automation systems, and payroll processing systems. If any of these third parties experience difficulty meeting the Company's requirements or standards, become unavailable due to extended outages or interruptions, temporarily or permanently cease operations, face financial distress or other business disruptions, increase their fees; or if the Company's relationships with any of these providers deteriorate; or if any of the agreements entered into with such third parties are terminated or not renewed without adequate transition arrangements, the Company could suffer liabilities, penalties, fines, increased costs and delays in its ability to provide customers with the Company's products, the Company's ability to manage its finances could be interrupted, receipt of payments from customers may be delayed, the Company's processes for managing sales of its offerings could be impaired, the Company's ability to generate and manage sales leads could be weakened, or the Company's business operations could be disrupted. Any of such disruptions may adversely impact the Company's business and its financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows until the Company replaces such providers or develops replacement technology or operations. In addition, if the Company is unsuccessful in identifying high-quality service providers, negotiating cost-effective relationships with them, or effectively managing these relationships, it could adversely affect the Company's business and financial results.

*kneat.com depends on suppliers*

The Company licenses certain technologies used in its products from third parties, generally on a non-exclusive basis. The termination of any of these licenses, or the failure of the licensors to adequately maintain or update their products, could delay the Company's ability to supply its products while the Company seeks to implement alternative technology offered by other sources which may require significant unplanned investments on its part. In addition, alternative technology may not be available on commercially reasonable terms or may not be available at all. In the future, it may be necessary or desirable to obtain other third-party technology licenses relating to one or more of the Company's products or relating to current or future technologies to enhance the Company's product offerings. There is a risk that the Company will not be able to obtain licensing rights to the required technology on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

*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 for 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.

*kneat.com is subject to a variety of laws, changes in which may adversely impact its ability to operate effectively*  
kneat.com operates in Canada, the United States and a number of European countries including Ireland where its head office is based. The Company 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 other countries, 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.

*Fluctuations in exchange rates of foreign currency could impact kneat.com's operating results*

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. 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; (v) form strategic alliances with other companies and/or (vi) undertake other activities to weaken the Company's position in the market place. 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 the Company*

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, rising inflation and interest rates, 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. In addition, impacts related to global political instability may heighten many risks and uncertainties and could have a material adverse impact on our business. 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.

*Risks associated with debt financing*

The Company's ability to satisfy its liabilities, including under the IPF Facility, and make payments when due and payable will be contingent, in part, upon its success in achieving significant revenues from its products. While the Company was successful in securing financing under the IPF Facility, there is no assurance that the Company will be able to secure additional financing to repay its liabilities under the IPF Facility should cash flows from operations be insufficient to repay these liabilities. The Company's inability to repay outstanding debt when due would have a material adverse impact on its business. Kneat's Irish subsidiary, Kneat Solutions Limited, is the borrower, and the Company and its U.S. wholly owned subsidiary are guarantors under the IPF Facility. The IPF Facility is secured by a perfected, sole first-priority security interest in all existing and after acquired tangible and intangible assets of Kneat Solutions Limited, the Company and its U.S. wholly owned subsidiary. The IPF Facility is subject to a financial covenant required adherence to a minimum cash balance at all times. Non-compliance with this covenant would result in an event of default. In the event of a default in payment on or the acceleration of repayment under the IPF Facility, or upon the exercise of the remedies on behalf of the lender pursuant to the terms of IPF Facility, such enforcement would have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, financial condition and prospects of the Company.



*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. 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 (SOC 1 reports provided quarterly and SOC 2 and SOC 3 reports provided 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. A cyber security incident may have a material adverse impact on kneat.com's business, operations, financial condition and prospects.

*kneat.com 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.

*kneat.com is subject to changes in its tax status or in taxation legislation in jurisdictions where it operates.*

Any change in the Company's tax status or in taxation legislation in any jurisdiction in which the Company operates could affect the Company's financial condition and results and its ability (if any) to provide returns to shareholders of the Company. The taxation of an investment in the Company depends on the individual circumstances of investors.

*kneat.com is subject to possible audit by tax authorities in the countries in which it operates*

The Company is subject to possible audit by tax authorities in the countries in which it operates and/or sells its products and services. The outcome of an audit could result in the relevant authorities taking a different position to the Company on a taxation issue which could have an adverse effect on the Company as it may result in the Company being subject to fines and penalties, being liable to pay higher taxes or to repay amounts previously received, and/or not being eligible to receive amounts which are accrued in the financial statements but which have not yet been received.

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

### *Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

The Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") are responsible for establishing and maintaining our disclosure controls and procedures. We maintain a set of disclosure controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be publicly disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized and reported on a timely basis. Our CEO and CFO have evaluated disclosure controls and procedures at the end of the financial year and based on the evaluation have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

### *Internal Controls over Financial Reporting*

Our internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards. Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate ICFR. Management, including our CEO and CFO, does not expect that our ICFR will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud or will be effective under all future conditions. A control system is subject to inherent limitations and even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the control objectives will be met with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

National Instrument 52-109 of the Canadian Securities Administrators requires our CEO and CFO to certify that they are responsible for establishing and maintaining ICFR and that those internal controls have been designed and are effective in providing reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards. Our CEO and CFO are also responsible for disclosing any changes to our internal controls during the most recent period that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting. Our management under the supervision of our CEO and CFO has evaluated the design of our ICFR based on the Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued in 2013 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. As at December 31, 2023, management evaluated ICFR and concluded that our ICFR were effective.

### *Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting*

There has been no change in the Company's ICFR that occurred during period ended December 31, 2023 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely or materially affect, the Company's ICFR.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

kneat.com's significant accounting policies are disclosed in note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. kneat.com has identified certain accounting policies that it believes are most critical in understanding the judgements that are involved in producing the audited consolidated financial statements and the estimates made that could impact results of the operations, which are discussed below.

### **Intangible assets**

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 2023 or 2022.

## **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.

Revenues generated by the Company include the following:

- i) *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.
- ii) *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 or go-live, 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.
- 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 and other*  
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 in the audited 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 professional services. The Company evaluates each product and service in a contract to determine if they represent distinct performance obligations and determines whether to recognize revenue over time or at a point in time. 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.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

The preparation of the audited consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements 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.

Information about critical accounting judgements and estimates in applying accounting policies that have the most significant impact on the amounts recognized in the audited 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 and whether to recognize revenue over time or at a point in time may require significant judgement. In addition, the determination of the stand-alone selling price for distinct performance obligations may also require judgement. Based upon the company's history of generating revenue, management uses judgement, 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 can 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 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. The Company also applies judgement in determining the specific development costs that meet the Company's capitalization criteria.

Other areas of uncertainty are related to the incremental borrowing rate inherent in leases, estimation of expected credit losses, the measurement and recoverability of property, plant and equipment and the measurement of the grant date fair value of share-based arrangements.

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.

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).