

# Newsletter

Rov Austin, Chairman

# Message from the Chairman

Following the recent announcement of the joint venture with Otsuka, I am taking this opportunity to explain to you the reasons for our decision to partner with Otsuka and why we believe that this is very positive for LCT shareholders.

Bringing a new experimental treatment for diabetes to market has the potential to yield significant rewards but it is a complex, risky and expensive business. Our annual operating expenses have been around \$8 million and our cash reserves as at June 30, 2011 were \$4.5 million. Given that further development is required to fully commercialise DIABECELL® there was a very real risk that LCT would not have sufficient cash to bring the product to market. It was therefore desirable to find a partner who shared our vision and one who was willing to commit significant financing and resources to enable us to realise our ambitions of bringing DIABECELL® to market.

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory (OPF) was already a substantial shareholder in LCT and who also had a good understanding of what we were seeking to achieve. OPF is part of the Otsuka Group, a substantial publicly listed company in Japan, with many years' experience in conducting clinical trials, successfully developing and marketing pharmaceutical products around the world. OPF operates in over 20 countries, and as such it is an ideal partner for LCT.

OPF has invested A\$25m in the creation of the new joint venture company, Diatranz Otsuka Ltd (DOL), which will be focussed on developing DIABECELL® and is owned 50/50 by OPF and LCT. This significant investment by OPF should allow us to continue our important work on gaining product registration for DIABECELL®, to enable making it available for diabetes suffers within three years. It also demonstrates OPF's confidence in DIABECELL's® prospects.

The DOL joint venture has been established without the need to issue new shares and entitles LCT to 50% of any future profits. DOL is registered in New Zealand.

LCT's interests will be represented on the board by Professor Elliott, who will chair the company, and by myself. OPF will be represented by Mr Yoshikawa, Senior Managing Director and Mr Tanei Operating Officer Research and Development Centre. The first formal board meeting will be held on 22 November.

Aside from a manager, the company will not employ any staff, but will instead look to LCT for all of its manufacturing and R&D needs. These will be provided at market rates by LCT.

The new company has sufficient funding to carry out, over the next 3 years, the planned dose finding clinical trials, further refinement of DIABECELL®, conduct pivotal trials and obtain product registration. The funding for DIABECELL is now assured.

LCT can now focus on its plans and funding options to further develop its other initiatives. In particular, we are most excited about our new product NTCELL, which is showing high pre-clinical promise for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Animal studies have been promising and the next step will be for LCT to apply for a small clinical trial of NTCELL with Parkinson's patients.

In conclusion, the new joint venture will enable DIABECELL® to be developed through to commercialisation while also allowing LCT to focus on developing its other products such as  $\mathsf{NTCELL} \text{ and } \mathsf{IMMUPEL}^{\mathsf{TM}}.$ 

### **Annual Report**

The Annual Report is available on the company's website at http://www.lctglobal.com/Investors/Annual-Reports/

### **Annual General Meeting**

The company's annual general meeting is being held in New Zealand this year at Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre, 58 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington on Monday 28 November 2011 at 1.30 pm. This will give our many New Zealand shareholders an opportunity to attend the meeting and meet the directors.

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# About Living Cell Technologies - www.lctglobal.com

Living Cell Technologies (LCT) is developing cell-based products to treat life threatening human diseases. The Company owns a biocertified pig herd that it uses as a source of cells for treating diabetes and neurological disorders. For patients with Type 1 diabetes, the Company transplants microencapsulated islet cells so that near-normal blood glucose levels may be achieved without the need for administration of insulin or at significantly reduced levels. The Company entered clinical trials for its diabetes product in 2007. For the treatment of Parkinson's disease and other neurological disorders, the company transplants microencapsulated choroid plexus cells that deliver beneficial proteins and neurotrophic factors to the brain. LCT's technology enables healthy living cells to be injected into patients to replace or repair damaged tissue without requiring the use of immunosuppressive drugs to prevent rejection. LCT also offers medical-grade porcinederived products for the repair and replacement of damaged tissues, as well as for research and other purposes.

# About Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory - www.otsukakj.jp/en/

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc., the first company in the Otsuka Group (TYO: 4768), was established by Busaburo Otsuka in 1921. Originally, the company manufactured and distributed industrial and pharmaceutical chemicals. It began manufacturing intravenous solutions such as large volume parenterals in 1946. Since that time, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory has extended its operations into a wide variety of areas such as the development of new drugs, innovative packaging and intravenous delivery systems. It has over 2000 employees and is headquartered in Naruto City, Tokushima, Japan.

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