

ASX Announcement 30th April 2024

## LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AT GENETIC SIGNATURES

Genetic Signatures Limited (ASX:GSS), an Australian-based, global molecular diagnostics company (Genetic Signatures or the Company) today announces that Dr. John Melki has stepped down from his role as CEO of the Company and from the Board of Directors. Dr. Melki has been an integral part of Genetic Signatures since joining in 2003. Under his leadership, the Company has achieved several significant milestones including the successful launch of various commercial products, its ASX listing, and positioned the Company for the prospective launch of its first FDA-approved product in the US.

The Board of Directors is grateful and appreciative of Dr. Melki's dedication and leadership during his tenure. "Dr. John Melki's departure from Genetic Signatures signifies the completion of a significant chapter in our Company's history." said Dr. Nick Samaras, Chairman of Genetic Signatures. "His scientific and executive leadership have been pivotal in enabling the Company to successfully transition from a research and development company to a commercial organisation. We sincerely thank Dr. Melki for this and wish him the very best in his future endeavours."

With the anticipated launch of the Company's first **3base®** product in the US expected later this year, the Board has initiated a search process to recruit its next CEO who will lead Genetic Signatures into its next phase of commercial growth. This will include a key focus on the significant commercial opportunities in the US market as well as expanding our existing customer base. Dr Neil Gunn, a highly experienced diagnostics executive and current Board member, is to assume the interim CEO position while we finalise the appointment of the new CEO. Please refer to Appendix A for details of Dr Neil Gunn's remuneration in relation to the interim appointment.

Dr. Melki will act as an adviser to the CEO during this transition.

Genetic Signatures remains committed to its mission of providing innovative molecular diagnostic solutions and looks forward to continuing its growth trajectory under new leadership.

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## **Authorisation and Additional Information**

This announcement was authorised by the Board of Directors of Genetic Signatures Limited.



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About Genetic Signatures Limited: Genetic Signatures is a specialist molecular diagnostics (MDx) company focused on the development and commercialisation of its proprietary platform technology, 3base®. Genetic Signatures designs and manufactures a suite of real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) based products for the routine detection of infectious diseases under the *EasyScreen*™ brand. Genetic Signatures' proprietary MDx 3base® platform technology provides high-volume hospital and pathology laboratories the ability to screen for a wide array of infectious pathogens, with a high degree of specificity, in a rapid throughput (time-to-result) environment. Genetic Signatures' current target markets are major hospitals and pathology laboratories undertaking infectious disease screening. Genetic Signatures is leveraging strong COVID-19 related sales of its *EasyScreen*™ respiratory kits and the growing interest in its gastroenteritis products to further commercialise its 3base® technology to rapidly and cost effectively screen for a wide array of infectious pathogens including antibiotic resistant bacteria, sexually transmitted infections, meningitis and mosquito borne viral diseases.



## APPENDIX A

The material terms of Dr Gunn's employment as Interim Chief Executive Officer are summarised below:

KEY TERMS	DETAILS		
Appointment and commencement date	Dr Gunn will be appointed as Interim Chief Executive Officer of the company commencing on 30 April 2024.		
Term	Dr Gunn's appointment as Interim Chief Executive Officer will continue until the day the new and permanent Chief Executive Officer commences employment with the company (Termination Date), unless otherwise terminated sooner.		
Position	Dr Gunn will remain a director of the Company while he is acting in this role but will not be considered as an independent director during this time.		
Fixed remuneration	Total fixed remuneration (TFR) of A\$400,000 per annum will be paid on a pro-rata basis through the period of appointment. The TFR is inclusive of Dr Gunn's existing Non-Executive board fee of US\$60,000 per annum.		
Termination	Either party may terminate the engagement on 2 days' notice prior to the Termination Date. Otherwise, the appointment will automatically terminate on the Termination Date.		



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Grant of options	Subject to shareholder approval being obtained, Dr Gunn will be granted 500,000 Options under the Genetic Signatures Limited Equity Incentive Plan (EIP).			
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	Exercise price – \$0.68 – 30 day VWAP immediately preceding 30 April 2024			
	Vesting conditions			
	Tranche	% of Options available to vest	Vesting date	
	Tranche 1	25%	30 April 2025	
	Tranche 2	25%	30 April 2026	
	Tranche 3	25%	30 April 2027	
	Tranche 4	25%	30 April 2028	
	Once vested, Options must be exercised within 15 years of the award of the Options. In the event of cessation as Director, Dr Gunn will have up to 30 days to exercise any vested Options, otherwise all unexercised vested Options and unvested Options are forfeited.  If Dr Gunn ceases to be a Director pro-rata vesting as to service provided between the most recent vesting date and the date of cessation.			