

CLEO Strengthens Cash Position with ~\$1.7m R&D Tax Incentive Refund

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, 26th November 2025: Ovarian Cancer diagnostics company, **Cleo Diagnostics Limited (ASX:COV) (CLEO or the Company)** is pleased to announce that it has received a cash refund of \$1,716,580 from the Australian Government for its FY25 Research and Development (R&D) Tax Incentive claim.

Following receipt of the refund, CLEO now holds a strong cash balance of ~\$5.75 million as at 25th November 2025, meaning the Company remains well funded to execute on its key near-term milestones, including the completion of its U.S. pivotal clinical trial and FDA submission next year for its Pre-Surgical Ovarian Cancer Test.

CLEO's R&D program is central to its staged execution strategy, beginning with the development of its Pre-Surgical Ovarian Cancer Test to accurately distinguish benign from malignant disease prior to surgery. This initial test provides a clear and achievable regulatory and commercial entry point, generating near-term value while building the foundation for CLEO's long-term goal of developing a global screening test for early ovarian cancer detection. Each stage of R&D from algorithm refinement to clinical trial activities represents a value accretive milestone, strengthening both the scientific evidence base and the commercial potential of CLEO's proprietary technology.

Commenting on the refund, CLEO's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Richard Allman, said:

"This R&D refund further strengthens our financial position as we enter a critical phase of development and commercialisation.

CLEO's technology has the potential to transform ovarian cancer detection globally. We remain focused on executing on our plans to enter the U.S. market initially and ultimately plan to bring this critical test to women worldwide."

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This ASX announcement was authorised for release on behalf of the Cleo Diagnostics Ltd Board.

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About Cleo Diagnostics Ltd ASX:COV

Cleo Diagnostics (ASX:COV) is an Australian medical technology company developing a simple blood test for the early and accurate detection of ovarian cancer – a disease with the highest five-year mortality rate of all cancers affecting women, with 51% of patients dying within five years, primarily due to late diagnosis and the lack of effective screening tools. Each year, hundreds of thousands of women are diagnosed only after the disease has advanced, highlighting a critical unmet need for earlier detection.

CLEO's patented technology is based on the CXCL10 biomarker, supported by over 15 years of scientific research and development. CXCL10 is produced early and at high levels in ovarian cancer but is largely absent in benign disease, making it a powerful discriminator between malignant and non-malignant growths.

The Company is executing a staged development strategy, starting with a pre-surgical triage test, then expanding into recurrence monitoring and ultimately global screening – creating clear value inflection points along the ovarian cancer detection pathway. CLEO is currently conducting its pivotal clinical trial, with FDA submission and commercial launch expected next year, reinforcing its goal to redefine the standard of care and enable earlier, smarter, life-changing diagnosis for women worldwide.

