CSIR research, development and innovation initiatives for the medical device and diagnostic industry

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Outline

• Overview of South Africa’s medical device industry
• Challenges facing the South Africa’s medical device industry
• CSIR medical devices and diagnostics framework
  – Medical devices and diagnostics lifecycle management platform
  – Examples of technology platforms
Overview of SA medical device industry

- Market size is R16.9 billion
- Percentage of health expenditure: 4.2%
- Percentage to GDP: 0.4%
- 94.2% of products imported
- 0.3% of the global market
- Employs over 20,000
- ~30 multinationals companies
- ~26 local manufacturers
- Employ less than 50 people
Challenges facing the SA medical device industry

- Lack of infrastructure and skills for research, product design, development, prototyping and manufacturing
- High input costs such as material and labour
- Cost of regulatory compliance

As a result, R&D and ideas are not translated into products, limiting the success of local manufacturers and growth in the medical device sector.

CSIR response:
“Medical Devices and Diagnostics Framework”

Source: Research to guide the development strategy for the medical devices sector of South Africa, Deloitte 2014
### Addressing the innovation chasm

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**Regulatory requirements and compliance**

[Image of a light bulb, a scientist, and technical diagrams]
Medical Devices and Diagnostics Lifecycle Management Platform

Material Development
- Biomaterials
- Nano gas
- Microsphere

Sensor Development
- Nano-Micro
- Microfluidics
- Photonics
- Ultrasonic

Product Development
- Photonics prototyping facility
- Microfluidics laboratory
- Ultrasonic facility

Regulatory Compliance
- ISO 13485 Certification
- CE Mark
- FDA Approval

Manufacturing
- Photonics prototyping facility
- Microfluidics laboratory
- Ultrasonic facility

After sale and support
- Device connectivity
CSIR medical devices and diagnostics lifecycle management platform
Phases of the lifespan of a medical device

- Concept and development
- Manufacture
- Packaging, labeling, advertising and sale
- Use and disposal

Medical devices lifecycle management
Examples of technology platforms
Point-of-care diagnostics

- Point-of-care diagnostics are defined as medical testing at or near the site of patient care
- The aim of point-of-care diagnostics is to provide same-day diagnosis to facilitate immediate decision-making
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) states that diagnostics for the developing world should be ASSURED:

  Affordable, Sensitive, Specific, User-friendly, Robust, Equipment free, Deliverable to users (ASSURED)

CSIR technology platforms

- Microsphere
- Photonics
- Microfluidics
Photonics diagnostics platform

- Aim is to use light to influence and manipulate living systems at cellular, subcellular and molecular level
- The CSIR is well positioned to assist industry to design, develop and manufacture photonic-based point-of-care devices.

**Advantages**
- Cost reduction per analysis
- Portable device, possibly also equipment free
- Low cost to manufacture and can typically be manufactured at high volume
- Fulfils WHO Assured principle

**Example of device**
- **Ukukhanya POC** to provide rapid HIV viral load testing at the bedside
Microfluidics technology platform

- Microfluidics allow for the precise control of extremely small volumes of fluid.
- The CSIR is well positioned to assist industry to design, manufacture, develop and characterise paper-based and cartridge-based diagnostic devices for applications such as disease diagnostics, drug discovery and blood counting.

**Value proposition**
- Development is based on a total system view
- Device is designed inline with ISO 13485 requirements
- Microfluidics expertise can be combined with many other areas of expertise within the CSIR
- Small-scale manufacturing can be done in-house
- Fulfils WHO Assured principle

**Example of device**
- **Cellnastics** device for full blood count analysis
Microsphere technology platform

- Microsphere development for sample preparation, bioseparations, diagnostic, and automated HT screening applications
- Unique, versatile, patented technology platform (ReSyn)
- Licensed to spin-out company: ReSyn Biosciences
  - 15 products; 21 peer-reviewed publications (www.resynbio.com)
  - 1 International award: SLAS 2015 Best New Product Award
- Applications in point-of-care diagnostics

  - Improved stability of biomolecules (e.g. antibodies, antigens)
  - High specificity (microsphere engineering)
  - Multiplexing (various antigens & dyes)
Ultrasonic-based devices

- Use sound waves to view and manipulate the internal body structure such as organ and blood flow
- Design, develop, test and manufacture ultrasonic medical devices primarily for primary care setting

**Value proposition**
- Devices can be designed in line with ISO 13485 requirements
- Small-scale manufacturing can be done in-house
- Expertise for regulatory requirements and compliance for ultrasound system

**Examples of devices**
- *Umbiflow system* for fetal health monitoring
- *Cardioflow system* for cardiovascular risk assessment
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