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Date: August 29, 2025

Subject: Verona Pharma plc – Anticipated Cash Settlement
Option Symbol: VRNA
Date: ???

On September 24, 2025, Shareholders of Verona Pharma plc (VRNA) will vote on a proposed Scheme of Arrangement with Vol Holdings LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC. If the merger is approved and consummated, each existing VRNA American Depositary Share will be converted into the right to receive \$107.00 net cash per share.

Contract Adjustment

Date: Effective the opening of the business day after the merger is consummated. Contract adjustment is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2025.

New Deliverable
Per Contract: \$10,700.00 Cash (\$107.00 x 100)

Settlement in VRNA options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

Acceleration of Expirations

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to **an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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