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## Introducing qutbluebox

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Freshly-formed QUT commercialisation company qutbluebox pty ltd ('bluebox') is an exciting new player in the biotechnology industry. Recently recruiting Women in Technology - Biotech committee members Dr Paige Maguire and Dr Raisa Monteiro, bluebox is intrinsically involved in the biotechnology industry and development of relevant technology by its access to catchments within QUT such as the Institute for Biomedical Innovation, Faculty of Health and Faculty of Science.

bluebox actively seeks out invention disclosures from all related research disciplines within the QUT science catchments, evaluates their commercial potential and devises and funds intellectual property protection and commercialisation strategies. In addition, bluebox holds shares and board positions in a number of existing biotech start-up companies, and is responsible for the formation and management of new biotech companies via its commercialisation process.

Overall, bluebox aims to bring the benefits of QUT's research discoveries to the global market via the identification, protection and commercialisation of intellectual property. As such, bluebox is responsible for managing the intellectual property assets of QUT, and works with the university's researchers in the management and commercialisation of QUT's innovations through licensing agreements, start-up companies and other industry interactions.

The bluebox team consists of experienced professionals with industry-relevant technical backgrounds and broad ranges of skills in management, legal, patent and financing areas. Women in Technology - Biotech chair Dr Paige Maguire heads the bluebox Life Sciences team as its General Manager, and inaugural Women in Technology - Biotech Rising Star award recipient Dr Raisa Monteiro manages and develops technology projects as the Commercialisation Manager.

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