

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rickard Kathleen A.</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Verona Pharma plc [ VRNA ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Chief Medical Officer</b>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/07/2025</u>						
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10/07/2025		D		2,432,868	D	(2)(3)(4)	0	D	
Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10/07/2025		M		1,131,984	A	(4)(6)	1,131,984	D	
Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10/07/2025		D		1,131,984	D	(4)(6)	0	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Share Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	(4)	10/07/2025		M			146,168	(4)	(4)	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	146,168	(4)	0	D	
Restricted Share Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	(4)	10/07/2025		M			167,056	(4)	(4)	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	167,056	(4)	0	D	
Restricted Share Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	(6)	10/07/2025		M			200,000	(6)	(6)	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	200,000	(4)	0	D	
Restricted Share Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	(6)	10/07/2025		A		618,760		(6)	(6)	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	618,760	(6)	618,760	D	
Restricted Share Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	(6)	10/07/2025		M			618,760	(6)	(6)	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	618,760	(6)	0	D	
Share Options (Right to Buy)	\$0.75	10/07/2025		D			560,000	(7)	03/29/2029	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	560,000	(7)	0	D	
Share Options (Right to Buy)	\$0.71	10/07/2025		D			100,000	(7)	03/03/2030	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	100,000	(7)	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Reported securities are represented by American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), each of which represents eight (8) Ordinary Shares of the Issuer.
- Represents Ordinary Shares of the Issuer acquired from the Reporting Person by means of a scheme of arrangement (the "Scheme of Arrangement") under Part 26 of the UK Companies Act 2006, pursuant to a transaction agreement, dated as of July 8, 2025 (the "Transaction Agreement"), by and among the Issuer, Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company ("Parent") and Vol Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Bidco"). At the effective time of the Scheme of Arrangement (the "Effective Time"), each holder of the Scheme Shares (as defined in the Scheme of Arrangement) became entitled to receive \$13.375 in cash per Scheme Share, without interest and net of any applicable withholding taxes.
- Because each ADS represents a beneficial ownership interest in eight (8) Ordinary Shares of the Issuer, holders of ADSs as of the Effective Time became entitled to receive eight (8) times the foregoing cash amount, or \$107 in cash, without interest and net of any applicable withholding taxes, per ADS (the "ADS Consideration").
- Pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Agreement, immediately prior to the Effective Time, each outstanding time-based restricted share unit award ("RSU Award"), unless agreed otherwise, became fully vested, and at the Effective Time, was automatically converted into the right to receive an amount in cash (without interest and subject to all required withholding taxes) equal to the product of (i) the aggregate number of ADSs underlying such RSU Award and (ii) the ADS Consideration.
- Represents an award of RSUs covering ADSs, which is presented in terms of the equivalent number of Ordinary Shares underlying the ADSs. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one (1) ADS of the Issuer. Each ADS represents eight (8) Ordinary Shares of the Issuer. The RSUs have no expiration date.
- These performance-based restricted share unit awards (the "PRSUs") were earned upon the determination by the Board of Directors of the Issuer that certain performance metrics had been achieved. Pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Agreement, immediately prior to the Effective Time, the PRSUs, unless agreed otherwise, became fully vested, and at the Effective Time, were automatically converted into the right to receive an amount in cash (without interest and subject to all required withholding taxes) equal to the product of (i) the aggregate number of ADSs underlying such PRSU Award and (ii) the ADS Consideration.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Agreement, immediately prior to the Effective Time, each outstanding share option became fully vested, to the extent unvested, and at the Effective Time, each share option that had an exercise price less than the ADS Consideration was automatically converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the product of (i) the aggregate number of ADSs underlying such share option

and (ii) the excess, if any, of (a) an amount equal to the ADS Consideration over (b) the exercise price of such share option.

/s/ Andrew Fisher, Attorney-in-  
fact for Kathleen A. Rickard

10/08/2025

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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