UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 8, 2025

AXOGEN, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Minnesota (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 001-36046 (Commission File Number)

41-1301878 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

32615 (Zip Code)

13631 Progress Boulevard, Suite 400 Alachua, Florida (Address of principal executive offices)

(386) 462-6800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of exchange on which registered	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	AXGN	The Nasdaq Stock Market	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company []

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 8, 2025, Axogen, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its first quarter 2025 financial results. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into future filings by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or under the Exchange Act, unless the Company expressly sets forth in such future filing that such information is to be considered "filed" or incorporated by reference therein.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Directors

Departure of Nir Naor

Nir Naor, the Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO") of the Company, will step down from his role effective May 11, 2025, but will remain employed by the Company in an advisory capacity following his departure from the CFO position.

Pursuant to the terms of the Transition and Separation Agreement, dated May 7, 2025, between the Company and Mr. Naor (the "Transition Agreement"), Mr. Naor will serve in an advisory role during a transitional employment period commencing on May 12, 2025, and ending July 1, 2025 (the "Transitional Employment Period"), unless terminated earlier for breach of the Transition Agreement. During the Transitional Employment Period, Mr. Naor will receive 75% of his current base salary, continue to participate in employee benefit plans, and remain eligible for continued vesting of his outstanding unvested equity awards. All awards scheduled to vest after July 1, 2025 (the "Separation Date"), will be forfeited.

As part of the Transition Agreement, Mr. Naor is also subject to ongoing non-competition and other restrictive covenant obligations throughout the CEO term and the Transitional Employment Period.

The foregoing description of the Transition Agreement is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Transition Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Appointment of Lindsey Hartley as Chief Financial Officer

On May 8, 2025, Axogen, Inc. (the "Company") announced the appointment of Lindsey Hartley as its Chief Financial Officer, effective May 12, 2025 (the "Effective Date"). In connection with Ms. Hartley's appointment, the Company will enter into an employment agreement with Ms. Hartley, effective as of the Effective Date (the "Employment Agreement").

In connection with her promotion to Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Hartley will be granted 26,000 restricted stock units ("RSUs") and 26,000 performance stock units ("PSUs"), in each case covering shares of the Company's common stock and to be evidenced by equity grant agreements consistent with those provided to the Company's other senior executives. The RSUs will vest over four years, with 50% vesting on the second anniversary of the grant date and the remaining shares vesting in equal annual installments over the subsequent two years, subject to her continued employment. Her PSUs will vest based performance criteria approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors in March 2025 for all executive officers of the Company.

Pursuant to the Employment Agreement, Ms. Hartley's annual base salary will be \$440,000 and she will be eligible to participate in the Company's bonus plan, with a target bonus opportunity equal to 50% of her base salary. Upon Ms. Hartley's termination without Substantial Cause or for Good Reason (as both terms are defined in the Employment Agreement), Ms. Hartley will be eligible to receive severance benefits, including continuation of salary, bonus payments, and COBRA payments, as described in the Employment Agreement and consistent with those provided to the Company's other senior executives.

The foregoing description of the Employment Agreement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Employment Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference here.

Ms. Hartley has served in various financial and leadership roles at Axogen since 2021, most recently as Vice President of Finance and Treasurer. Over the course of her tenure, she has played a critical role in the Company's capital planning, strategic financial management, and organizational leadership. Prior to joining Axogen, Ms. Hartley held finance and accounting roles as VP of Finance, Accounting and Human Strategy at VERO Biotech, an emerging biotechnology company focused on innovative

nitric oxide delivery systems. Earlier in her career, Ms. Hartley held controller positions at Brookhaven Medical, a medical device manufacturing company specializing in peripheral vascular and regenerative medicine products and held management roles at Bluegreen Vacations and as an audit manager at EY.

Ms. Hartley holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of South Florida and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Ms. Hartley does not have any family relationships with any director or executive officer of the Company, and there are no arrangements or understandings with any persons pursuant to which she was appointed to her position. In addition, there have been no transactions directly or indirectly involving Ms. Hartley that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	Description
10.1	Separation Agreement, dated May 7, 2025, between the Company and Nir Naor
10.2	Employment Agreement, dated May 7, 2025, between the Company and Lindsey Hartley
99.1	Axogen Inc. Earnings Press Release, dated May 8, 2025
99.2	Axogen Inc. Press Release dated May 8, 2025, regarding CFO Transition
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AXOGEN, INC.

Dated: May 8, 2025

By: /s/ Marc Began Marc Began

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer



May 7, 2025

Dear Nir Naor:

The purpose of this letter agreement (the "Separation Agreement") is to confirm the terms regarding your separation of employment with Axogen Corporation¹ ("Axogen" or the "Company"). The Transition Pay and Benefits provided for in Section 1 below is contingent on (i) your full compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, (ii) your signing and not rescinding this Agreement, and (iii) timely signing the Affirmation of Agreement (as set forth in <u>Exhibit 1</u>). This Agreement shall be effective on the eighth (8th) day after you sign and do not timely revoke it (the "Effective Date").

1. <u>Transition Role</u>. Effective May 12, 2025 (the "Transition Start Date") and continuing until the close of business on July 1, 2025 ("Separation Date"), unless terminated earlier due to your proven breach of the obligations and covenants set forth in this Agreement, you will be in a Transition Role (such period of time herein referenced as the "Transitional Employment Period"). During the Transitional Employment Period you will no longer be an executive officer of the Company and will have the title Senior Financial Advisor. You will act in a positive and constructive manner, perform any assigned tasks and otherwise assist the Company in the transition of work in connection with any of the duties you have performed at the Company, or otherwise perform any specific project(s) assigned to you by the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, absent a request by the Company that you perform a particular task, you may otherwise engage in job search activities, and unless requested, you will not report to the Company's offices. Your employment status during the Transitional Employment Period will continue to be at will.

During the Transitional Employment Period, you shall receive the following Transition Pay and Benefits: (i) continuation of your base biweekly salary at 75% of the current rate, subject to all ordinary payroll taxes and withholdings, in accordance with Axogen's regular payroll policies and procedures; and (ii) continuation of your participation in Axogen's employee benefits programs and employee insurance benefits programs, but only to the extent that you currently participate in such programs and remain eligible under any applicable plan document(s). Subject to your full compliance with this Agreement, including your signing the Affirmation of Agreement on July 1, 2025, you also will continue to vest in equity during the Transition Period, including your RSUs scheduled to vest on July 1, 2025.

¹ Except for the obligations set forth in Section 1 hereof, which shall be the sole obligation of Axogen Corporation, whenever the terms Axogen or the Company are used in this document (including the release of claims set forth in Section 6), they shall be deemed to include Axogen Corporation, and any other its or their related entities (including Axogen, Inc.), and any of its or their divisions, affiliates and subsidiaries, and its and their respective officers, directors, employees, attorneys, agents, successors and assigns.



In the event that Axogen ends the Transitional Employment Period prior to July 1, 2025 for a reason other than your failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement, then Axogen shall continue your Transition Pay, Benefits, and vesting of your equity through July 1, 2025. In the event that your employment terminates prior to July 1, 2025, because of a breach by you of the obligations and covenants set forth in this Agreement, then you shall only receive the Transition Pay and Benefits through the final date of your employment with the Company.

You specifically acknowledge that the offer of continuation of your employment during the Transitional Employment Period is being provided in consideration of your covenants set forth herein, including the release of claims set forth in Section 6 of this Agreement.

2. Equity. You will be entitled to only those restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted and vested as of the Separation Date, which were granted to you pursuant to that certain Axogen Inc. Restricted Stock Units Inducement Award Agreement dated January 2, 2024 (the "January 2, 2024 RSU Agreement"), and only in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein. You acknowledge and agree that you will not in the future have, rights to vest in any other equity awards, or to vest in any other equity plans (of whatever name or kind, including, without limitation, any stock option plan) that you participated in or were eligible to participate in during your employment with the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, Termination of Service (as defined in the January 2, 2024 RSU Agreement) will be deemed to occur the end of the Transitional Employment Period. All equity not vested as of that time shall be forfeited.

3 . Acknowledgements. You acknowledge and agree that the Transition Pay and Benefits are intended to be in lieu of any severance pay and/or benefits, that you have no entitlement contractual or otherwise to any severance pay or benefits, and that the signing of this Separation Agreement is a condition precedent for your receipt of such Transition Pay and Benefits. You also acknowledge and agree that the Transition Pay and Benefits to be provided to you are not intended to, and shall not constitute a severance plan and shall confer no benefit on anyone other than the Company and you. You further acknowledge that except for (i) any unpaid regular wages (including accrued and unused vacation) earned through the Separation Date, which shall be paid on the Separation Date, and (ii) any vested monies due to you pursuant to the Company's 401(k) savings plan, you have been paid and provided all wages, vacation pay, holiday pay, commissions, bonuses, any form of equity, business expenses, and any other form of compensation or benefit that may be due to you now or which would have become due in the future connection with your employment or separation of employment with the Company.

4. Return of Property. Confidentiality, Non-Disparagement. You expressly acknowledge and agree to the following:

(i) That you will abide by any and all obligations set forth in the document entitled "Confidentiality, Intellectual Property, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement" (the "NCA") previously signed by you (attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u>), the terms



of which are hereby renewed here, incorporated by reference and survive the signing of this Agreement, and that you otherwise will keep all confidential information (including without limitation, passwords and access codes) and trade secrets of the Company confidential, and that you will abide by any and all common law and/or statutory obligations relating to protection and non-disclosure of the Company's trade secrets and/or confidential and proprietary documents and information. Consistent with applicable law, the Company is providing you with the notice of immunity set forth in <u>Exhibit 3</u>, which is a part of this Agreement and each other agreement referenced in this subsection. You specifically acknowledge that you have not disclosed or provided any Axogen confidential or proprietary information to any third party for any purpose.

(ii) Without limiting the foregoing obligations, on or prior to the Separation Date, you will return to the Company all Company property (including any computers or other electronic devices, keys, and documents and any copies and electronically stored information) regardless of where such property or documents are maintained. You acknowledge and agree that you shall not maintain any copies or duplicates of such documents or information. You further acknowledge that if you were to use or disclose any of the information reflected in such items, that would cause immediate, substantial and irreparable harm to the Company.

- (iii) That all information relating in any way to the negotiation and terms of this Agreement (except for your obligations under Section 4(i) above), including the amount of financial consideration provided for in this Agreement, shall be held confidential by you and shall not be publicized or disclosed to any person (other than an immediate family member, legal counsel, or financial advisor, provided that any such individual to whom disclosure is made agrees to be bound by these confidentiality obligations) or business entity, except as otherwise mandated by state or federal law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not prohibit disclosure to the extent that it restricts you from exercising rights protected by state or federal law.
- (iv) That except as may be permitted by law, you will not make any statements that are professionally or personally disparaging in any manner (including any social media) about, or adverse to, the interests of the Company (including its officers, directors, employees, consultants and customers) including, but not limited to, any statements that disparage any person, product, service, finances, financial condition, capability or any other aspect of the business of the Company, and that you will not engage in any conduct which could reasonably be expected to harm professionally or personally the reputation of the Company (including its officers, directors, employees and consultants).
- (v) That the Transition Pay and Benefits are being offered based on your representations that you have not engaged in any fraudulent or unlawful conduct.



(vi) You agree that in the event of your breach of any of your agreements set forth in this Section 4 the Company would suffer substantial irreparable harm and that the Company would not have an adequate remedy at law for such breach. In recognition of the foregoing, you agree that in the event of a breach or threatened breach of any of these covenants, in addition to such other remedies as the Company may have at law, without posting any bond or security, the Company shall be entitled to seek and obtain equitable relief, in the form of specific performance, or temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, or any other equitable remedy which then may be available. The seeking of such injunction or order shall not affect the Company's right to seek and obtain damages or other equitable relief on account of any such actual or threatened breach. You further agree that the Company shall be entitled to its costs and fees, including attorneys' fees, incurred by it should it prevail in enforcing any provision of this Agreement.

5. <u>Cooperation</u>. You agree that following the Separation Date, you will cooperate fully with the Company in the defense or prosecution of any claims or actions now in existence or which may be brought or threatened in the future against or on behalf of the Company, including any claim or action against its directors, officers and employees. Your cooperation in connection with such claims or actions shall include, your being available, within reason given the constraints of future employment or job search activities, tomeet with the Company to prepare for any proceeding, to provide truthful affidavits and/or testimony, to assist with any audit, inspection, proceeding or other inquiry, and to act as a witness in connection with any litigation or other legal proceeding affecting the Company.

You further agree that should an individual representing a party adverse to the business or legal interests of the Company (including, without limitation, anyone threatening any form of legal action against the Company) contact you (directly or indirectly), you will promptly (within 48 hours) inform the Company of that fact. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or prevent you from cooperating with any government investigation (including maintaining the confidentiality of such investigation if required by the government), nor shall any such cooperation be deemed to be a violation of your obligations of non-disparagement set forth in Section 4(iv).

6. <u>Release of Claims</u>. You understand and agree that by signing this Agreement, you are waiving your right to assert any Claim (as defined below) against Axogen arising from acts or omissions that occurred on or before the Separation Date. Please note the definition of Axogen contained in footnote 1 of this Agreement. You agree that you are making this release of Claims on behalf of yourself, your representatives, agents, estate, heirs, attorneys, insurers, servants, spouse, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, and any other person, entity, and (to the extent allowed by law) government agency acting on your behalf.

Your waiver and release is intended to bar any form of legal claim, lawsuit, charge, complaint or any other form of action (jointly referred to as "Claims") against the Company seeking money or any other form of relief, including but not limited to equitable relief (whether declaratory,



injunctive or otherwise), damages or any other form of monetary recovery (including but not limited to back pay, front pay, compensatory damages, emotional distress damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees and any other costs). You understand that there could be unknown or unanticipated Claims resulting from your employment with the Company and the termination of your employment, and you agree that such Claims are included in this waiver and release. You specifically waive and release the Company from any Claims arising from or related to your employment relationship with the Company or the termination of your employment, including without limitation Claims under any statute, ordinance, regulation, executive order, common law, constitution and/or other source of law of any state, country and/or locality, including but not limited to the United States, the State of Florida, and/or any other state or locality where you worked for the Company (collectively and individually referred to as "*Law*").

Without limiting the foregoing general waiver and release, except for Claims resulting from the failure of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement, you specifically waive and release the Company from:

(i) Claims under any Law concerning discrimination, harassment, retaliation or other fair employment practices, including but not limited to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 (Fla. Stat. § 760.01 et seq.), the Florida's workers' compensation retaliation statute (Fla. Stat. § 440.205), Florida's Wage Discrimination laws (including, without limitation, Fla. Stat. §§ 448.07 and 725.07), the Florida AIDS Act (Fla. Stat. §§ 110.1125, 381.00 and 760.50), the Florida Discrimination on the Basis of Sickle Cell Trait Law (Fla. Stat. § 448.075 et seq.), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq.), 42 U.S.C. § 1981, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. § 651 et seq. each as they may have been amended through the Separation Date.

(ii) Claims under any Law relating to wages, hours, whistleblowing, leaves of absences or any other terms and conditions of employment, including but not limited to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.), the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (Pub. L. No. 116-127, § 3101, 134 Stat. 178, 189); the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (Pub. L. No. 116-127, § 5101, 134 Stat. 178, 195), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq.), the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act 29 U.S.C. §2101, et seq., the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) (29 U.S.C §§151 et seq.), the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 (Fla. Stat. § 760.01 et seq.), the Florida's workers' compensation retaliation statute (Fla. Stat. § 440.205), Florida's Wage Discrimination laws (including, without limitation, Fla. Stat. §§ 448.07 and 725.07), the Florida AIDS Act (Fla. Stat. §§ 110.1125, 381.00 and 760.50), the Florida Discrimination on the Basis of Sickle Cell Trait Law (Fla. Stat. § 448.075 et seq.), each as they may have been amended through the Separation Date. You specifically acknowledge that you are waiving any Claims for unpaid wages under these and other Laws.



(iii) Claims under any local, state or federal common law theory including, without limitation, any Claim for breach of contract (including any claims arising out of the December 2023 Agreement), implied contract, ownership of inventions or any other intellectual property, misrepresentation (intentional or negligent), fraud, defamation (libel or slander), promissory estoppel, quantum meruit, or any other Claim sounding in contract or tort.

- (iv) Claims arising under the Company's policies or benefit plans.
- (v) Claims arising under any other Law or constitution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not release Axogen from any obligation expressly set forth in this Agreement. You acknowledge and agree that, but for providing this waiver and release, you would not be receiving the Transition Pay and Benefits provided for in this Agreement.

7. <u>OWBPA</u>. Because you are at least forty (40) years of age, you have specific rights under the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA") and Older Workers Benefit Protection Act ("OWBPA"), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age. The release in Section 6 is intended to release any Claim you may have against Axogen alleging discrimination on the basis of age under the ADEA, OWBPA, and other Laws. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the release in Section 6 does not cover rights or Claims under the ADEA that arise after the Separation Date.

Further, it is Axogen's desire and intent to make certain that you fully understand the provisions and effects of this Agreement. To that end, Axogen hereby advises you in writing of your right to consult with legal counsel prior to signing this Agreement for the purpose of reviewing the terms of this Agreement. Consistent with the provisions of the OWBPA, the Company is providing you with at least twentyone (21) days from the date you are provided this Agreement to consider and accept the terms of this Agreement by signing below and returning it to Axogen, Attn: Marc Began, 13631 Progress Blvd., Suite 400,, Alachua, FL 32615 or emailing the same to <u>mbegan@axogeninc.com</u>. To be effective, such rescission must be hand delivered or postmarked or emailed within the seven (7) day period and sent to Marc Began.

Also, consistent with the provisions of state and federal discrimination laws (the "Discrimination Laws"), nothing in the general waiver and release set forth in Section 6 above shall be deemed to prohibit you from challenging the validity of this release under the Discrimination Laws or from filing a charge or complaint of age or other related discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") or similar state agency, or from participating in any investigation or proceeding conducted by the EEOC or such state agency. However, the release in Section 6 does prohibit you from seeking or receiving monetary damages or other individual-specific



relief in connection with any such charge or complaint of age or other work-related discrimination. Further, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to limit Axogen's right to seek immediate dismissal of such charge or complaint on the basis that your signing of this Agreement constitutes a full release of any individual rights under the Discrimination Laws, or Axogen's right to seek restitution or other legal remedies to the extent permitted by law of the Transition Pay and Benefits provided to you under this Agreement in the event that you successfully challenge the validity of this release and prevail in any claim under the Discrimination Laws.

8. <u>Consequences of Breach</u>. In addition to any other remedies set forth in this Agreement, a breach by you of any of your obligations set forth in this Agreement shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedy available to Axogen, shall entitle Axogen to cease any further payment of the Transition Pay and Benefits, and to recover the Transition Pay and the value of the Benefits already provided to you. Regardless of any such breach, your release set forth in Section 6 above shall remain in full force and effect.

- 9. Entire Agreement/Choice of Law/Enforceability/Jury Waiver/Successors and Assigns.
- (i) Except as expressly provided for above (including the NCA referenced in Section 4(i) above) this Agreement supersedes any and all other prior oral and/or written agreements, and sets forth the entire agreement between you and Axogen. No variations or modifications hereof shall be deemed valid unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties hereto.
- (ii) This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Florida, without giving effect to conflict of law principles.
- (iii) Both parties further agree that any action, demand, claim or counterclaim relating to this Agreement shall be resolved by a Judge alone in a state or federal court in the State of Florida, and both parties hereby waive and forever renounce the right to a trial before a civil jury.
- (iv) If your release of Claims pursuant to Section 6 is determined to be unenforceable in whole or part (except for your release of federal age discrimination Claims, which shall not be subject to this sentence), the Company will have the option, in its sole discretion, to either (a) declare the entire Agreement null and void and require you to refund the Transition Pay and the value of the Benefits provided for in this Agreement; or (b) enforce the portions of the Agreement found not to be unenforceable. In the event that any other provision of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable in whole or part (including your release of federal age discrimination Claims), the remainder of the Agreement shall be enforced in full.



(v) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of Axogen and any of its successors and assigns.

It is Axogen's desire and intent to make certain that you fully understand the provisions and effects of this Agreement. By executing this Agreement, you are acknowledging (a) that you have been afforded sufficient time to understand the terms and effects of this Agreement and to consult with legal counsel, (b) that your agreements and obligations hereunder are made voluntarily, knowingly and without duress, and (c) that neither Axogen nor its agents or representatives have made any representations inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

If you agree to the terms of this Agreement, please sign and return the enclosed copy of this Agreement by no later than May 8, 2025.

Very truly yours,			Accepted and Agreed To:				
Axogen Corporation							
By:	/s/ Marc	Began	/s/ Nir Naor				
	Marc Began, Executive Vice President General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary		Nir Naor				
Dated:		5/7/2025	Dated:	5/7/2025			



Exhibit 1

I hereby reaffirm in its entirety the provisions of the Separation Agreement with Axogen Corporation dated May 7, 2025 including, without limitation, the Release of Claims contained in Section 6 of the Separation Agreement.

Nir Naor

Dated July 1, 2025

Exhibit 2

EXHIBIT A

CONFIDENTIALITY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, NON-COMPETITION AND NON-SOLICITATION AGREEMENT

This Confidentiality, Intellectual Property, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement (this "IP and NCNS Agreement") is effective as of December 4, 2023 (the "Effective Date") by and between Axogen Corporation, having a place of business at 13631 Progress Blvd., Suite 400, Alachua, FL 32615 ("Axogen") and Nir Naor ("Employee"). Axogen and Employee may each be referred to herein as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Axogen is a global leader in developing, marketing, selling and distributing surgical and non-surgical solutions for peripheral nerve damage or discontinuity, as well as of instruments and devices in connection with the foregoing and in diagnosis, surgery for, therapy associated with and recovery in connection with nerve damage and/or nerve discontinuity, and has spent substantial time, resources and monies developing its Confidential Information (as defined below);

WHEREAS, Employee has accepted employment with or is currently an employee of Axogen who will or does, as the case may be, receive certain compensation and other employment- related benefits from Axogen in return for Employee performing Employee's job duties and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, during Employee's employment Employee will be (or has been) provided with periodically supplemented Confidential Information, including trade secrets, as well as the opportunity to contribute to the creation and/or maintenance of Confidential Information;

WHEREAS, Employee recognizes that Axogen's Confidential Information is an important and valuable asset to Axogen and that Axogen has a legitimate business interest in protecting these assets;

WHEREAS, Employee recognizes that Axogen's relationships with Axogen Customers and the goodwill associated with Axogen Customers, Axogen's business and Axogen's reputation in the industry, are important and valuable assets to Axogen and that Axogen has a legitimate business interest in protecting those assets; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for Employee's initial employment or continued employment, as the case may be, with Axogen, Employee agrees to abide by the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, including initial or continued employment, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties to this IP and NCNS Agreement hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS.

The following terms, when used in this IP and NCNS Agreement with initial capital letters, shall have the respective meanings set forth in this Section 1.

"<u>Axogen Customers</u>" means accounts, customers, physicians, therapists, hospitals, acute surgical care centers, group purchasing organizations, integrated delivery networks,

treatment centers or other clients that: (a) have purchased Axogen products during the prior one (1) year; or (b) have received or requested a proposal during the prior one (1) year for

the purchase Axogen products; as well as all such entities or individuals that come to purchase Axogen products and/or request or receive a proposal for the purchase of Axogen products during the time of Employee's employment by Axogen.

"<u>Competing Organization</u>" means any person or organization which is engaged in or about to become engaged in research on, consulting regarding, or development, production, marketing or selling of a Competing Product including, but not limited to, the organizations identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>, effective as of the Effective Date and as may be amended from time to time, attached hereto.

"<u>Competing Product</u>" means any product, process, technology, service, machine or invention of any person or organization other than Axogen in existence or under development which is similar to, resembles, competes with, is substitutable for, or is intended to be similar to, resemble, compete with, or be substitutable for a product, process, technology, service, machine or invention of Axogen.

"Confidential Information" means Axogen's confidential, proprietary, trade secret or any other non-public information, including without limitation: (a) Axogen Customers; (b) actual or potential vendors, suppliers, distributors or referral sources; (c) products, product know-how, product manufacturing and distribution systems and processes, product technology, product development plans and strategies; (d) marketing and sales strategies and plans, product pricing policies, offerings and structures; (e) business and financial information of a non-public nature (e.g., strategy plans, forecasts, budgets); (f) employee, personnel or payroll policies, records and information; (g) corporate development strategies including acquisitions, divestitures, growth plans and other plans; (h) clinical study design, management, evaluation, and interpretation; (i) inventions, ideas, innovations, improvements, know-how, methods, processes, specifications, procedures, invention disclosures, certifications, and proposed and/or actual research and development activities, regardless of whether or not any of the foregoing is patentable or otherwise protectable under the intellectual property laws of the United States; and (j) information disclosed by third parties to Axogen pursuant to a confidentiality agreement. Confidential Information does not include information that is or becomes part of the public domain through no fault of Employee, or without any third-party violation of any confidentiality agreement with Axogen.

"<u>Copyrightable Works</u>" means all works of authorship, fixed in any tangible medium of expression known or later developed, including but not limited to writings, reports, articles, white papers, compilations, summaries, graphics, computer programs, user interfaces, drawings, designs, documentation and publications.

"<u>Intellectual Property</u>" means all inventions, patents, patent applications, designs, discoveries, ideas, innovations, improvements, modifications, know-how, trade secrets, methods, processes, specifications, procedures, trademarks, certifications, and invention disclosures, whether or not patentable or otherwise protectable under the intellectual property laws of the United States.

"<u>Material Contact</u>" means (i) any interaction between Employee and an Axogen Customer which takes place in an effort to establish, maintain, and/or further a business relationship on behalf of Axogen, (ii) any Axogen Customer whose dealings with Axogen were coordinated or supervised by Employee, (iii) any Axogen Customer about whom Employee obtained Confidential Information in the ordinary course of business as result of Employee's association with Axogen, or (iv) any Axogen Customer who receives product or services from Axogen, the sale or provision of which results or resulted in compensation, commissions or earnings for Employee, all within the last year of Employee's employment with Axogen (or during Employee's employment if employed less than a year).

2. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND PROPERTY.

2.1. <u>Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information</u>. Employee acknowledges that the Confidential Information is of great value to Axogen, that Axogen has legitimate business interests in protecting its Confidential Information, and that the disclosure to anyone not authorized to receive such information, including any Competing Organization, will cause irreparable injury to Axogen. Employee agrees: (a) not to make use of the Confidential Information for any purpose other than is necessary to perform Employee's duties while an employee of Axogen; (b) not to disclose, use, disseminate, identify, or publish Confidential Information for five (5) years after the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason; (c) to provide to Axogen's Office of General Counsel immediate notice of any

(i) inadvertent or otherwise improper disclosure of Confidential Information; and (ii) theft of Confidential Information, including breach of security, hacking, or other improper act by a third party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Employee agrees not to, and shall not for any reason disclose, use, disseminate, identify or publish Confidential Information that is an Axogen trade secret, as long as that Confidential Information remains a trade secret and does not become publicly known through no fault of Employee.

2.2. <u>Return of Confidential Information and Axogen Property</u>. Upon termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, or at any time as Axogen requests, Employee shall immediately return to Axogen all Confidential Information and other tangible property that belongs to Axogen in Employee's possession; such tangible property includes but is not limited to: all keys and security and credit cards; all products, product samples, computers, cellular phones and other electronic devices; and all customer and account files, price lists, product information, training manuals, advertising and promotional materials, handbooks and polices (in physical or electronic format). Employee shall not retain possession of any physical or electronic copies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, notebooks, drawings, photographs notes, research and scientific data, and tangible communications concerning the same, or other documents in any form whatsoever (including information contained in computer memory or any portable storage device (e.g., a "thumb drive") relating to or reflecting in any way to the Confidential Information obtained by or entrusted to Employee during Employee's employment with Axogen.

2.3 <u>Defend Trade Secrets Act</u>. Pursuant to the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016, 18 U.S.C. §1833, Employee acknowledges that Employee shall not have criminal or civil liability under any federal or state trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that (A) is made (i) in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. In addition, if Employee files a lawsuit for retaliation by Axogen for reporting a suspected violation of law, Employee shall not have criminal or civil liability under any federal or state trade secret law if Employee discloses the trade secret to Employee's attorney and (X) files any document containing the trade secret under seal and (Y) does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

3. RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS.

3.1. Employee Acknowledgment.

(1) Employee acknowledges that: (a) Employee's position and employment with Axogen gives Employee access to and knowledge of Axogen Customers and its vendors, suppliers, distributors or referral sources (collectively, "Axogen Business Partners"), which represent important and unique business assets that have resulted from a significant investment of time, resources and monies by Axogen; (b) Employee would cause Axogen great loss, damage and immediate irreparable harm if Employee were to engage in unfair or unlawful competitive activity by improperly using or disclosing any information related to

Axogen Business Partners for Employee's own benefit or for the benefit of any Competing Organization.

(2) Employee acknowledges and agrees that the restrictions contained in this Section 3, are reasonable and necessary to protect Axogen's legitimate business interests, promote and protect the purpose and subject matter of this IP and NCNS Agreement and Employee's employment, and deter any potential conflict of interest. Employee agrees that Employee knows of no reason why any restriction contained in this Section 3 is not reasonable and enforceable and that all such restrictions are necessary and reasonable to protect Axogen's interests. Employee also acknowledges and agrees that the restrictions contained in this Section 3 will not impair or infringe upon Employee's right to work or earn a living when Employee's employment with Axogen ends.

3.2. Non-Compete.

(1) During Employee's employment with Axogen and for a period of one (1) year following the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, Employee will not work for (as an employee, consultant, contractor, agent or otherwise) or render services directly or indirectly to any Competing Organization whereby the services Employee would provide for, to, or on behalf of the Competing Organization (i) are the same as or similar to those services that Employee provided for, to, or on behalf of Axogen during Employee's employment, (ii) involve the development, sale, marketing, or distribution of a Competing Product, or (iii) could enhance the use or marketability of a Competing Product. This restriction covers (i) the United States, (ii) any state or territory in which Axogen is engaged in its business at the time of and during the year prior to Employee's separation from Axogen, and (iii) any state or territory in which Employee was providing services for Axogen at the time of and during the year prior to Employee's separation from the Company.

(2) The restrictions herein shall not prohibit Employee from accepting employment with a Competing Organization whose business is diversified and which is, as to that part of its business in which Employee accepts employment, not a Competing Organization. If Employee accepts employment with a Competing Organization, Employee will provide Axogen written assurances satisfactory to Axogen that Employee will not render services, directly or indirectly, for the time period herein in connection with any Competing Product.

3.3 Non-Solicitation of Employees and Axogen Business Partners.

(1) During Employee's employment with Axogen and for a period of two (2) years following the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, Employee will not in any capacity, directly or indirectly, solicit, induce or influence, or attempt to solicit, induce or influence, any person engaged as an employee, independent contractor, or agent of Axogen to terminate his or her employment and/or business relationship with Axogen or do any act which may result in the impairment of the relationship between Axogen and its employees, independent contractors or agents.

(2) During the term of Employee's employment with Axogen and for a period of one (1) year following the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, Employee will not in any capacity, directly or indirectly: (i) solicit, contact, accept solicited business from, provide competitive services to, or sell any Competing Product to an Axogen Customer; (ii) divert, entice or otherwise take away from Axogen the business or patronage of any Axogen Business Partner; or (iii) solicit or induce any Axogen Business Partner to terminate or reduce its relationship with Axogen or otherwise interfere with Axogen's relationship with any Axogen Business Partner. This restriction applies only to those Axogen Customers and Axogen Business Partners with whom Employee had Material Contact.

3 . 4 <u>New Employer Notification</u>. To enable Axogen to monitor Employee's compliance with the obligations set forth in this IP and NCNS Agreement, Employee agrees to notify Axogen in writing before commencing employment with a new employer; such notification shall include the identify of Employee's new employer, job title and responsibilities. Employee will continue to notify Axogen, in writing, any time Employee accepts or changes employment during the time periods set forth in this Section 3. Employee agrees that Axogen is permitted to contact any new or prospective employer regarding Employee's obligations owed to Axogen.

3.5 <u>Modification of Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Provisions</u> The parties agree that a court of competent jurisdiction may modify any invalid, overbroad or unenforceable term of this Section 3 so that such term, as modified, is valid and enforceable under applicable law; such court is also authorized to extend the time periods set forth in this Section 3 for any period of time in which Employee is in breach of this IP and NCNS Agreement or as necessary to protect the legitimate business interests of Axogen. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any term of this Section 3 is invalid, overbroad, or unenforceable, in whole or in part, and cannot be modified as set forth in the prior sentence to make such term valid and enforceable under applicable law, the Parties agree that any such term, in whole or in part as the case may, shall be severable and the remainder of this Section 3 and this IP and NCNS Agreement shall nevertheless be enforceable and binding on the Parties.

4. INVENTIONS.

4.1. <u>Disclosure of Developments</u>. Employee agrees that during and subsequent to Employee's employment with Axogen, Employee will promptly disclose and furnish complete information to Axogen relating to all inventions, ideas, improvements, modifications, discoveries, research, data, know-how, methods and developments, whether patentable or not, and whether or not otherwise protectable under the intellectual property laws of the United States, that are made, conceived, developed, reduced to practice, or authored by Employee or under Employee's direction during Employee's employment whether or not made, conceived, developed, reduced to practice or authored during normal business hours or on Axogen premises. Employee shall keep complete, accurate, and organized information and records of all Copyrightable Works or other Intellectual Property and Confidential Information in the manner and form reasonably requested by Axogen.

4.2 Ownership of Intellectual Property.

(1) Employee agrees to assign and hereby does assign to Axogen all right, title and interest, worldwide in and to any and all Intellectual Property made, conceived, developed, reduced to practice or authored by Employee alone or with others for AXOGEN during the course of Employee's employment (or after the period of Employee's employment and which rely upon or use Axogen's Confidential Information and/or non-public Intellectual Property), whether made, conceived, developed or reduced to practice, whether or not the foregoing are within the scope of Axogen's actual or anticipated research and development business.

(2) Axogen's rights in Section 4.2(a) above shall not apply to any Intellectual Property conceived and developed without reliance upon and/or without the use of Axogen's equipment, supplies, facilities, Confidential Information or other non-public Intellectual Property, and which was developed entirely on Employee's own time, unless (a) the Intellectual Property relates (i) to Axogen's actual or anticipated business; (ii) to Axogen's actual or anticipated research and development; or (iii) the Intellectual Property results from or relates to any work performed by Employee for Axogen.

(3) For avoidance of doubt, it shall be Axogen's sole decision, in its sole discretion how to protect its Confidential Information and/or Intellectual Property and/or Copyrightable Works and whether to formally seek registration of any of its Intellectual Property and/or Copyrightable Works.

Copyrightable Works. Employee acknowledges that all Copyrightable Works shall to the fullest 4.3 extent permissible be considered "works for hire" in the United States as defined in the U.S. Copyright Laws and in any other country adhering to the "works made for hire" or similar notion. All such Copyrightable Works shall from the time of creation be owned solely and exclusively by Axogen throughout the world. If any Copyrightable Work or portion thereof shall not be legally qualified as a work made for hire in the United States or elsewhere or shall subsequently be held to not be a work made for hire. Employee agrees to assign and does hereby assign to Axogen all Employee's right, title and interest in, including all moral rights in and to the Copyrightable Works, and all registered and applied for copyrights therein. To the extent the assignment of all rights, title and interest in, including of all moral rights in, the Copyrightable Works, is prohibited in full or in part by any applicable law, Employee hereby grants to Axogen a fully-paid-up, royalty-free, exclusive, sublicensable, transferrable, irrevocable and perpetual, worldwide license in and to the Copyrightable Works and hereby waives Employee's enforcement of any moral rights which Employee may hold in any existing or future Copyrightable Works worldwide and hereby consents to any action of Axogen that would violate its moral rights in the absence of such consent. Employee hereby further agrees that Axogen is not required to designate Employee as author of any Copyrightable Works when such Copyrightable Works are distributed publicly or otherwise, and hereby waives any cause of action against Axogen for not so identifying Employee as an author of such Copyrightable Works.

4.4 <u>License</u>. In the event that any of the rights in any Copyrightable Works or other Intellectual Property ("<u>Intellectual Property Rights</u>") cannot be transferred to Axogen pursuant to the terms of this IP and NCNS Agreement, Employee hereby (i) unconditionally and irrevocably waives the enforcement of any Intellectual Property Rights retained by Employee, and all claims and causes of action of any kind against Axogen with respect to those rights; and (ii) grants to Axogen an irrevocable, perpetual, fully paid-up, transferable, sublicensable, royalty-free, exclusive worldwide right and license to use, reproduce, distribute, display, perform, prepare derivative works of, modify, enforce, and otherwise use and exploit all or any portion of such existing and future Intellectual Property Rights.

4.5 <u>Causes of Action</u>. Employee further irrevocably assigns to Axogen all causes of action, including accrued, existing and future causes of action, arising out of or related to the Intellectual Property Rights.

4.6 <u>Cooperation</u>. When requested to do so by Axogen, either during or subsequent to Employee's employment with Axogen, Employee shall: (a) execute all documents requested by Axogen for the vesting in Axogen of the entire right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property and Confidential Information, and all patent, copyright, trademarks or other applications filed and issuing on the Intellectual Property; (b) execute all documents requested by Axogen for filing and obtaining of patents, trademarks or copyrights; and (c) provide assistance that Axogen reasonably requires to protect its right, title and interest in the Intellectual Property and Confidential Information. Employee acknowledges that the obligations herein shall continue beyond the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen with respect to Intellectual Property conceived, authored or made by Employee during Employee's period of employment and shall be binding on Employee's executors, administrators or other legal representatives.

4.7 <u>Appointment of Attorney-In-Fact.</u> Employee irrevocably appoints any AXOGEN-selected designee to act, at all times hereafter, as Employee's agent and attorney-

in-fact to perform all acts necessary to file for registration of and/or register Copyrightable Works or other Intellectual Property as required by this IP and NCNS Agreement if Employee (i) refuses to perform those acts or (ii) is unavailable, within the meaning of the United States Patent and Copyright laws. It is expressly intended by Employee that the foregoing power of attorney is coupled with an interest.

4.8 <u>Assignability</u>. All Intellectual Property Rights and representations made or granted by Employee in this IP and NCNS Agreement are assignable by Axogen and are for the benefit of Axogen's successors, assigns, and parties contracting with Axogen.

4.9 <u>Prior Intellectual Property</u>. Attached as <u>Schedule 2</u> is a complete list, if any, of all of Employee's Intellectual Property and Copyrightable Works made, conceived or first reduced to practice by Employee, alone or jointly with others, prior to Employee's employment with Axogen ("<u>Prior Intellectual Property</u>"). If in the course of Employee's employment with Axogen Employee incorporates into an Axogen product, process or machine any Prior Intellectual Property to which Employee possesses all right, title and interest, then Employee hereby grants, and agrees to grant, Axogen a non-exclusive, royalty- free, irrevocable, perpetual, transferable, sublicensable worldwide license to make, modify, use and sell such Prior Intellectual Property as part of or in connection with such product, process or machine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Employee agrees not to, and shall not, use at or on behalf of Axogen any Prior Intellectual Property that is owned by a third party and/or the use of which would require a license from a third party, and/or to which Axogen has not otherwise acquired the right to use, and/or which would be in violation of Section 5.3 of this IP and NCNS Agreement.

5. EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIONS.

5.1. <u>Performance</u>. During Employee's employment with Axogen, Employee shall devote Employee's best efforts, attention and energies to the performance of Employee's duties as an employee of Axogen.

5.2 <u>Code of Conduct; Conflicts of Interest</u> Employee agrees to adhere to Axogen's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, including but not limited to the provisions regarding Conflicts of Interest, as defined therein. Employee will not engage in any activity or have any outside interest that could interfere with the satisfactory performance of Employee's duties or be detrimental to Axogen or be engaged in any other occupation or activity that conflicts with Employee's obligations to Axogen. Employee agrees to promptly notify Axogen of any potential conflict of interest.

5.3. <u>Agreements with Prior Employers</u>. Employee has not signed any non- competition, non-solicitation, or other agreement that Employee has not disclosed to Axogen that prohibits Employee from being employed by Axogen, fully performing Employee's duties or fully providing services to or on behalf of Axogen during Employee's employment or assigning works and ideas to Axogen ("<u>Prior Non-Compete Agreement</u>"). Employee has not and will not disclose to Axogen or use for Axogen's benefit any information that to Employee's knowledge is proprietary or confidential to any of Employee's prior employers without proper consent from the prior employer. If Employee has signed a Prior Non-Compete Agreement with a prior employer, Employee has provided a copy of such agreement to Axogen's Human Resources Department under separate cover.

5.4 <u>At-Will Employment</u>. Employee acknowledges that this IP and NCNS Agreement does not obligate Employee to remain employed by Axogen nor does it confer upon Employee the right to continued employment by Axogen. Employee and Axogen each have the right to terminate the employment relationship at any time, for any reason or no reason, with or without notice and with or without cause.

5.5 <u>Theft of Trade Secrets</u>. Employee acknowledges that Employee is aware that a theft of trade secrets of an employer by an employee is an offense under federal law and the state laws of Florida and is prohibited by this IP and NCNS Agreement. Employee further acknowledges that such theft of trade secrets constitutes a criminal violation of Florida Statute 812.081, punishable as a third-degree felony under Florida Statute 775.082, conviction for which carries a term of imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years. Employee acknowledges AXOGEN will vigorously prosecute its rights under federal law and the state laws of Florida for any violation arising out of a breach by Employee of any of the material terms of this IP and NCNS Agreement.

5.6 <u>Advice of Counsel</u>. Employee acknowledges and agrees that Employee has read and understands the terms set forth in this IP and NCNS Agreement and has been given a reasonable opportunity to consult with an attorney of their choosing prior to execution of IP and NCNS Agreement and has either done so, or knowingly declined to do so.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

6.1. <u>Inside Information</u>. Employee hereby acknowledges that Employee is aware (and that Employee's representatives who are apprised of this matter have been advised) that the United States securities laws prohibit Employee and any person or entity that has received material non-public information about Axogen from Employee ("<u>Inside Information</u>") from purchasing or selling securities of Axogen or from communicating such information to any person under circumstances under which such other person may purchase or sell securities of Axogen.

6.2 Essence of the Agreement. The restrictive covenants set forth in Sections 2-4 are the essence of this IP and NCNS Agreement and they shall be construed as agreements independent of (i) any other agreements, or (ii) any other provision in this IP and NCNS Agreement. The existence of any claim or cause of action of Employee against Axogen, whether predicated on this IP and NCNS Agreement or otherwise, regardless of who was at fault and regardless of any claims that either Employee or Axogen may have against the other, will not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Axogen against Employee of the restrictive covenants set forth in Sections 2-4. Axogen shall not be barred from enforcing the restrictive covenants set forth in Sections 2-4 by reason of any breach of

(i) any other part of this IP and NCNS Agreement, or (ii) any other agreement with Employee.

6.3. Entire Agreement; Prior Agreements. This IP and NCNS Agreement including its Schedules sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties as it relates to the subject matter of this IP and NCNS Agreement; this IP and NCNS Agreement supersedes and replaces prior agreements between Employee and Axogen with respect to the subject matter addressed in the IP and NCNS Agreement. The provisions of this IP and NCNS Agreement shall not be amended, supplemented, waived or changed orally; any such alteration shall only be valid through a written amendment to this IP and NCNS Agreement signed by both Parties.

6.4 <u>Severability</u>. This IP and NCNS Agreement shall be enforceable to the fullest extent allowed by law. In the event that a court holds any provision of this IP and NCNS Agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, the Parties agrees that, if allowed by law, that provision shall be deemed severable from the remainder of this IP and NCNS Agreement, and the remaining provisions contained in this IP and NCNS Agreement shall be construed to preserve to the maximum permissible extent the intent and purposes of this IP and NCNS Agreement.

6.5 <u>Assignment</u>. This IP and NCNS Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and assigns. This IP and NCNS Agreement may not be assigned by Employee.

6.6 <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. Employee acknowledges that because of the difficulty of measuring economic losses to Axogen as a result of a breach or threatened breach of any of the covenants in this IP and NCNS Agreement, and because of the immediate and irreparable damage that would be caused to the Company and for which monetary damages would not be a sufficient remedy and which harm would not be fully or adequately compensated by recovery of damages alone, the Parties agree that, in addition to all other remedies or damages that may be available to Axogen hereunder and at law or in equity, in the event of a breach or a threatened breach by Employee of any covenants in this IP and NCNS Agreement, Axogen shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctions restraining such breach.

6.7 <u>Disputes and Litigation</u>. In the event of any dispute or litigation between or among the Parties with respect to this IP and NCNS Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

6.8 <u>Governing Law; Jurisdiction and Venue and Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. The Parties acknowledge that a substantial portion of negotiations, anticipated performance and execution of this IP and NCNS Agreement and the attached Schedules occurred, or shall occur, in Hillsborough County, Florida, and the Parties irrevocably and unconditionally (a) agree that any suit, action or legal proceeding arising out of, or relating to, this IP and NCNS Agreement or the attached Schedules shall be brought in the courts of record of the State of Florida in Hillsborough County, or the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division; (b) consent to the jurisdiction of each such court in any such suit, action or proceeding; (c) waive any objection which they may have to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any of such courts; and (d) agree that service of any court paper may be effected on such party by mail, as provided in this IP and NCNS Agreement, or in such other manner as may be provided under applicable laws or court rules in said state. <u>The Parties further agree to waive any right to a trial by jury should any action be brought to enforce this Agreement.</u>

6.9 <u>Counterparts: Transmission</u>. This IP and NCNS Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be considered one and the same document. This IP and NCNS Agreement may be executed by facsimile or electronic transmission.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this IP and NCNS Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

AXOGEN	CORPORATION	EMPLOYEE		
Ву	/s/ Marc Began	/s/ Nir Nac	Dr	
Name:	Marc Began	Name:	Nir Naor	
Title:	EVP, Legal/HR-General Counsel, Secretary			

Competing Organizations

Amniox Medical Inc. Applied Biologics Inc. Baxter International, Inc. Checkpoint Surgical Inc. Guangzhou Zhongda Medical (China) Integra LifeSciences Inc. Medovent GmbH MiMedx Group Inc. Neuraptive Therapeutics Polyganics B.V. Stryker Corporation Vivex Biomedical Inc. Schedule 2

List of Prior Intellectual Property

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Exhibit 3 – Notice of Immunity

As required by law, the Company hereby notifies you of the following provisions of the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016.

Immunity from Liability for Confidential Disclosure of a Trade Secret to the Government or in a Court Filing-

- (1) Immunity.—An individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that—
 - (A) is made -
 - (i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and(ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or
 - (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal.
- (2) Use of Trade Secret Information in Anti-Retaliation Lawsuit—An individual who files a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual—
 - (A) files any document containing the trade secret under seal; and
 - (B) does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), effective as of May 12, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), is made by and between AXOGEN CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation ("AXOGEN"), and Lindsey Hartley ("Employee") (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, AXOGEN and the Employee desire to enter into this Agreement to state the terms and conditions of the Agreement in its entirety on the Effective Date on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises set forth in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is acknowledged by this Agreement, the Parties to this Agreement, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. <u>Employment.</u> AXOGEN hereby employs Employee, and Employee hereby accepts such employment, all upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, including those set forth in the attached Schedules and Exhibits.

(a) <u>Duties of Employee</u>. The duties of Employee, as may be amended from time to time, are set forth on Schedule 1 of this Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(b) <u>Compensation and Benefits</u>. The compensation and benefits to which Employee may be entitled pursuant to this Agreement are set forth on Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 of this Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. <u>Confidentiality, Intellectual Property, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement</u>. Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Employee shall enter into a Confidentiality, Intellectual Property, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Agreement, which shall be incorporated herein by reference.

3. <u>Termination</u>.

(a) <u>At-will</u>. Either AXOGEN or Employee may terminate this Agreement at any time during the course of Employee's employment and for any reason, upon giving written notice to the other party. Other than as described in this Agreement, AXOGEN shall have no further liability or obligation to Employee other than to pay for services rendered through Employee's last date of employment. If Employee elects to terminate this Agreement and provides AXOGEN with any notice period prior to the date of termination, AXOGEN may elect to terminate this Agreement immediately thereon and incur no further obligation to Employee other than for wages worked through the date of termination of this Agreement and any other remuneration expressly set forth herein or as otherwise set forth in AXOGEN's policies. It is the intention of the Parties that at all times this shall be an at-will employment relationship during the course of Employee's employment with AXOGEN. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create a contractual relationship between the Parties for a specific duration of time.

(b) <u>Death</u>. In the event of the death of the Employee, this Agreement shall terminate on the date of Employee's death, without any liability to or upon AXOGEN other than to pay for services rendered prior to the date of the Employee's death, subject to the terms of AXOGEN's plans and policies, as may be amended.

(c) <u>Permanent Disability</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Permanent Disability" shall mean a physical or mental incapacity of Employee as determined by an independent medical examination, which renders Employee unable to perform Employee's duties pursuant to this Agreement, and which shall continue for ninety (90) consecutive days or one hundred and eighty (180) days during any twelve-month period. If AXOGEN or Employee terminates Employee's employment by reason of Permanent Disability of Employee, this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon written notice by AXOGEN to Employee, or the date Employee gives notice to terminate employment to AXOGEN, without any liability to or upon AXOGEN other than to pay for services rendered through the termination date, subject to the terms of AXOGEN's plans and policies, as may be amended.

4. Change in Control.

(a) <u>Definition</u>. For the purposes of this Agreement, a "Change in Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) any "person" (as that term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act")), who holds less than twenty percent (20%) of the combined voting power of the securities of AXOGEN or its parent company Axogen, Inc. ("INC."), becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of AXOGEN or INC. representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the securities of either AXOGEN or INC. then outstanding; or

(ii) during any period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, individuals, who, at the beginning of such period constitute all members of the Board of Directors of INC. (the "Board") and cease, for any reason, to constitute at least a majority of the Board, unless the election of each director who was not a director at the beginning of the period was either nominated for election by, or approved by a vote of, at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period; or

(iii) AXOGEN or INC. consolidates or merges with another company, and AXOGEN or INC. is not the continuing or surviving corporation, provided, however, that any consolidation or merger whereby INC. continues as the majority holder of AXOGEN securities or a merger or consolidation of AXOGEN and INC. will not constitute a Change in Control; or

(iv) shares of AXOGEN's or INC.'s common stock are converted into cash, securities, or other property, other than by a merger of AXOGEN or INC., pursuant to Section 4(a)(iii), in which the holders of AXOGEN's or INC.'s common stock immediately prior to the merger have the same proportionate ownership of common stock of the surviving corporation as immediately after the merger; or

(v) AXOGEN or INC. sells, leases, exchanges, or otherwise transfers all, or substantially all, of its assets (in one transaction or in a series of related transactions), provided, however, that any such transaction related to AXOGEN whereby INC. continues as the majority holder of AXOGEN securities or INC. is the sole other party to the transaction, will not constitute a Change in Control; or

(vi) the holders of AXOGEN's or INC.'s stock approve a plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of AXOGEN or INC.

(b) <u>Separation</u>.

(i) <u>Termination in Connection with a Change in Control</u>. In the event of Employee's termination of employment without Substantial Cause (as defined below) or by Employee for Good Reason during the Protection Period, Employee will be entitled to a separation payment consisting of: (A) twenty-four (24) months of Employee's base salary; and (B) an amount equal to a 200% of Employee's target bonus or commission for the year in which termination occurs.

(ii) For purposes of this Agreement, "Protection Period" means the period commencing on the date of the Change in Control and ending three hundred sixty five (365) days following the Change in Control; provided, however, that in the case of an Anticipatory Termination, the Protection Period shall also include the ninety (90) day period preceding the Change of Control. For purposes of this Agreement, an "Anticipatory Termination" means a termination of Employee's employment without Substantial Cause in anticipation of a Change in Control (by reason of the request of the individual, entity or other person (or their representatives) who subsequently acquire AXOGEN or INC. (the "Acquirer")).\

(iii) For purposes of this Agreement, "Substantial Cause" is the occurrence of any of the following during the course of Employee's employment with AXOGEN:

- a) the commission by Employee of any act of fraud, theft, or embezzlement involving AXOGEN or INC.;
- b) any material breach by Employee of this Agreement, provided that AXOGEN shall have first delivered to Employee written notice of the alleged breach, specifying the exact nature of the breach in detail, and provided, further, that Employee shall have failed to cure or substantially mitigate such breach within twenty (20) days after receiving such written notice;
- c) a conviction of any felony, or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
- d) willful and material failure to adhere to AXOGEN's or INC.'s corporate

codes, policies or procedures which have been adopted in good faith for a valid business purpose as in effect from time to time; or

- e) a material failure to meet reasonable performance standards as determined by AXOGEN or INC.
- (iv) For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean Employee's resignation from employment upon or within three hundred sixty five (365) days following a Change in Control, provided that Substantial Cause for termination of Employee's employment does not exist at the time of such resignation and the resignation is the result of the occurrence of any one or more of the following:

a) the assignment to Employee of any duties inconsistent with Employee's (including status, offices, titles, and reporting requirements), authorities, duties, or other responsibilities as in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control of AXOGEN or INC. or any other action of AXOGEN, INC., or the Acquirer that results in a material diminishment in such position, authority, duties, or responsibilities, other than an insubstantial and/or inadvertent action which is remedied by AXOGEN, INC., or the Acquirer promptly after receipt of notice thereof given by Employee;

b) a reduction by AXOGEN, INC., or the Acquirer, absent Substantial Cause, in Employee's base salary as in effect on the date hereof and as the same shall be increased from time to time hereafter; or

c) Employee is required to perform a substantial portion of her duties at a facility which is more than 50 miles from the facility for which Employee performed a substantial portion of her duties immediately prior to the Change in Control.

However, the foregoing events or conditions will constitute Good Reason only if (i) such event or condition occurs during the period commencing on the date of the Change in Control and ending three hundred sixty fifty (365) days thereafter and (ii) the Employee provides AXOGEN, INC., or the Acquirer with written objection to the event or condition within sixty (60) days following the occurrence thereof, AXOGEN, INC., or the Acquirer does not reverse or otherwise cure the event or condition within thirty (30) days of receiving that written objection and the Employee resigns the Employee's employment within ninety (90) days following the expiration of that cure period.

- (v) <u>Termination not in Connection with a Change in Control</u>. In the event of Employee's termination of employment by AXOGEN without Substantial Cause not in connection with a Change in Control, Employee shall be entitled to a separation payment consisting of: (a) fifteen (15) months of Employee's base salary; and (b) an amount equal to 125% of Employee's target bonus of commission for the year in which the termination occurs.
- (c) <u>Payment of Separation Pay</u>. As a condition of receiving any separation pay under

this Section 4, Employee must sign (and not revoke) a separation, waiver and release agreement (to be prepared by AXOGEN at the time of Employee's termination) of all claims (known and unknown) against AXOGEN and INC. arising out of or relating to Employee's employment with AXOGEN or termination thereof, excluding claims for separation pay under this Section 4, as well as any other terms and conditions reasonably required by AXOGEN. The Separation Payment will be made in a lump sum on the first payroll date following the 60th day following the date of Employee's execution of the separation, waiver and release agreement; provided, however, that if the 60 day period spans two (2) calendar years, the payments will commence in the second calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Employee is a "specified employee" on Employee's termination date, the postponement provisions of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), as described in Section 8(n) below, shall apply, if applicable.

Further, in the event Employee is entitled to separation payments pursuant to this Agreement and so long as AXOGEN or INC. is subject to federal COBRA and Employee timely elects continuation coverage under COBRA, AXOGEN or INC. shall pay the premiums for the Employee and Employee's covered dependent's COBRA (i) for the first twenty-four (24) months of the COBRA continuation period in the event that the termination is in connection with a Change in Control or the first fifteen (15) months of the COBRA continuation period in the event that the termination is not in connection with a Change in Control, or (ii) until such time as the Employee obtains new employment that provides reasonable and comparable health care coverage (including without limitation, coverage of dependents), whichever period is shorter. Employee has the duty to immediately notify the applicable entity, in writing, if the event in (ii) above occurs.

(d) Limitation on Payments.

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other plan, arrangement or agreement to the contrary, if any of the payments or benefits provided or to be provided to Employee pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise ("Covered Payments") constitute parachute payments ("Parachute Payments") within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and would, but for this Section 4(d) be subject to the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Code (or any successor provision thereto) or any similar tax imposed by state or local law or any interest or penalties with respect to such taxes (collectively, the "Excise Tax"), then prior to making the Covered Payments, a calculation shall be made comparing (a) the Net Benefit (as defined below) to the Employee of the Covered Payments after payment of the Excise Tax to (b) the Net Benefit to the Employee if the Covered Payments are limited to the extent necessary to avoid being subject to the Excise Tax. Only if the amount calculated under (a) above is less than the amount under (b) above will the Covered Payments be reduced to the minimum extent necessary to ensure that no portion of the Covered Payments is subject to the Excise Tax (that amount, the "Reduced Amount"). "Net Benefit" shall mean the present value of the Covered Payments net of all federal, state, local, foreign income, employment and excise taxes.

(ii) The Covered Payments shall be reduced in a manner that maximizes the Employee's economic position. To the extent that Section 409A of the Code is applicable, then in applying this principle, the reduction shall be made in a manner

consistent with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and where two economically equivalent amounts are subject to reduction but payable at different times, such amounts shall be reduced on a pro rata basis but not below zero.

(iii) Any determination required under this Section 4(d) shall be made in writing in good faith by an independent accounting firm or other independent consultant selected by the Company (the "Accountants") which shall provide detailed supporting calculations to AXOGEN and the Employee as requested by AXOGEN. AXOGEN and the Employee shall provide the Accountants with such information and documents as the Accountants may reasonably request in order to make a determination under this Section 4(d). For purposes of making the calculations and determinations required by this Section 4(d), the Accountants may rely on reasonable, good faith assumptions and approximations concerning the application of Section 280G and Section 4999 of the Code. The Accounting Firm's determinations shall be final and binding on AXOGEN and the Employee. AXOGEN shall be responsible for all fees and expenses incurred by the Accountants in connection with the calculations required by this Section 4(d).

(iv) It is possible that after the determinations and selections made pursuant to this Section 4(d) the Employee will receive Covered Payments that are in the aggregate more than the amount provided under this Section ("Overpayment") or less than the amount provided under this Section ("Underpayment").

(v) In the event that: (a) the Accountants determine, based upon the assertion of a deficiency by the Internal Revenue Service against either AXOGEN or the Employee which the Accountants believe has a high probability of success, that an Overpayment has been made or (b) it is established pursuant to a final determination of a court or an Internal Revenue Service proceeding that has been finally and conclusively resolved that an Overpayment has been made, then the Employee shall pay any such Overpayment to AXOGEN.

(vi) In the event that: (a) the Accountants, based upon controlling precedent or substantial authority, determine that an Underpayment has occurred or (b) a court of competent jurisdiction determines that an Underpayment has occurred, any such Underpayment will be paid promptly by AXOGEN to or for the benefit of the Employee.

5. <u>Surrender of Records and all AXOGEN and INC. Property</u>. Upon termination of Employee's employment with AXOGEN or INC for any reason, or at any time as AXOGEN or INC. requests, Employee will immediately return to AXOGEN and INC., as applicable all Confidential Information and other tangible property that belongs to AXOGEN or INC. in Employee's possession; such tangible property includes but is not limited to: all keys and security and credit cards; all products, product samples, computers, cellular phones and other electronic devices; and all customer and account files, price lists, product information, training manuals, advertising and promotional materials, handbooks and polices (in physical or electronic format). Employee shall not retain possession of any copies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, notebooks, drawings, photographs notes, research and scientific data, and tangible communications concerning the same, or other documents in any form whatsoever (including information contained in computer memory or any portable storage device (e.g., a "thumb drive") relating in any way to the Confidential Information obtained by

or entrusted to Employee during Employee's employment. and confirm such return in writing.

6. <u>Miscellaneous Provisions</u>.

- (a) <u>Amendments to this Agreement only in Writing</u>. The provisions of this Agreement and the attached Schedules and Exhibits shall only be modified by a written agreement executed by both a duly authorized officer of AXOGEN and Employee.
- (b) <u>Assignments</u>. Employee shall not assign Employee's rights and/or obligations pursuant to this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits. AXOGEN may assign its rights and/or obligations pursuant to this Agreement and the attached Schedules and Exhibits at any time without prior notice to Employee. In the event of a Change in Control in which AXOGEN or INC. is not the surviving entity, any reference to AXOGEN or INC. shall be deemed to refer to the surviving entity.
- (c) <u>Binding Effect</u>. All of the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the attached Schedules and Exhibits, whether so expressed or not, shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the Parties and their respective administrators, executors, legal representatives, heirs, successors and permitted assigns.
- (d) <u>The Provisions of this Agreement are Severable</u>. If any part of this Agreement, or any of the Schedules or Exhibits entered into pursuant to this Agreement, is contrary to, prohibited by, or deemed invalid under any applicable law or regulation, such provision shall be inapplicable and deemed omitted to the extent so contrary, prohibited or invalid, but the remainder of this Agreement and its Schedules and Exhibits shall not be so invalidated, and shall be given full force and effect so far as possible.
- (e) <u>Survival</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the provisions of Sections 1 through 6 shall survive and remain in effect beyond the execution and delivery of this Agreement in accordance with their respective terms of duration.
- (f) <u>Waivers</u>. The failure or delay of AXOGEN or Employee at any time to require performance of any provision of this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits, even if known, shall not affect the rights of AXOGEN or Employee to require performance of that provision or to exercise any right, power or remedy pursuant to this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits. Any waiver by AXOGEN or Employee of any breach of any provision of this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits shall not be construed as a waiver of any continuing or succeeding breach of such provision, a waiver of the provision itself, or a waiver of any right, power or remedy pursuant to this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits.
- (g) <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, consents and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be (i) delivered via electronic notification; (ii) hand-delivered by messenger or courier service; (iii) sent by an overnight-mail service (e.g. FedEx or UPS); or (iv) mailed (airmail, if

international) by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid), return receipt requested, and addressed to:

If to Employee:

Employee's most current address on file with AXOGEN.

If to AXOGEN: With a copy to:

AXOGEN Corporation AXOGEN Corporation 13631 Progress Blvd., Ste. 400 13631 Progress Blvd., Ste. 400 Alachua, FL 32615 Alachua, FL 32615 Attn: Office of the General Counsel Attn: Human Resources

or to such other address as any party may designate by written notice complying with the terms of this Section. Each such notice shall be deemed delivered (a) on the date delivered, if by personal delivery, or (b) on the date upon which the return receipt is signed, delivery is refused, or the notice is designated by the postal authorities as not deliverable, as the case may be, if mailed.

- (h) <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement and the attached Schedules and Exhibits and all transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida.
- (i) <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. The Parties acknowledge that a substantial portion of negotiations, anticipated performance and execution of this Agreement and the attached Schedules and Exhibits occurred, or shall occur, in Hillsborough County, Florida, and the Parties irrevocably and unconditionally (a) agree that any suit, action or legal proceeding arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits shall be brought in the courts of record of the State of Florida in Hillsborough County, or the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division; (b) consent to the personal jurisdiction of each such court in any such suit, action or proceeding; (c) waive any objection which they may have to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any of such courts; and (d) agree that service of any court paper may be effected on such party by mail, as provided in this Agreement, or in such other manner as may be provided under applicable laws or court rules in said state.
- (j) <u>Remedies Available to Either Party Cumulative</u>. No remedy conferred upon any party pursuant to this Agreement (or the attached Schedules and Exhibits) is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given pursuant to this Agreement (or the attached Schedules and Exhibits) now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power or remedy pursuant to this Agreement (or the attached Schedules and Exhibits) shall preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power or remedy.

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(k) Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the attached Schedules and Exhibits

represents the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all other agreements, negotiations, understandings and representations (if any) made by and between the Parties regarding such subject matter. The Parties represent that they have not relied on any statement, promise, or representation not set forth herein in entering into this Agreement.

- (I) <u>Section and Paragraph Headings</u>. Section and paragraph headings used throughout this Agreement and the attached Schedules and Exhibits are for convenience of reference only and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this Agreement or the attached Schedules and Exhibits.
- (m) <u>Preparation of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall not be construed more strongly against any party regardless of who is responsible for its preparation. The Parties acknowledge that each party contributed to its negotiations and is equally responsible for its preparation.
- Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement is intended to (n) meet the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") to the extent applicable, the Parties intend to administer this Agreement in a manner that is consistent with those requirements or an exception thereto, and this Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. Any payments that are considered deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code and that are paid to a "specified employee" (as defined in Section 409A of the Code) upon separation from service shall be subject to a six (6) month delay, if required by Section 409A of the Code. If required by Section 409A of the Code, any amounts otherwise payable during the six (6) month period that commences on and follows the Employee's termination date shall be paid in one lump sum amount on the first payroll date following the six (6) month period following the Employee date of termination (or within thirty (30) days of the Employee's death, if earlier). For purposes of Section 409A of the Code, all payments to be made upon a termination of employment under this Agreement may only be made upon a "separation from service" (within the meaning of such term under Section 409A of the Code). Each payment made under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate payment. In no event shall the Employee, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of a payment. All reimbursements under this Agreement shall be provided in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code, if applicable. If required by regulations or other guidance issued under Section 409A of the Code or a court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions regarding payments hereunder shall be amended to provide for such payments to be made at the time allowed under such regulations, guidance or authority that most closely achieves the intent of this Agreement.
- (o) <u>Liability Insurance</u>. AXOGEN shall cover, at its sole cost and expense, the Employee under directors and officers liability insurance both during the term of this Agreement and for the one year period following the termination of this Agreement, in the same amount and to the same extent as AXOGEN covers its officers and directors.

EMPLOYEE AND AXOGEN have executed this Agreement as of the 12th day of May 2025.

AXOGEN CORPORATION

/s/ Michael Dale

Name: Michael Dale Time: President and CEO

EMPLOYEE

/s/ Lindsey Hartley Lindsey Hartley

SCHEDULE AND EXHIBIT LIST

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Exhibit A - Confidentiality, Intellectual Property, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement

SCHEDULE 1 - DUTIES OF EMPLOYEE

The duties of Employee with AXOGEN CORPORATION ("AXOGEN") are as follows:

- 1. <u>Employee's Title</u>: AXOGEN hereby employs Employee as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), which title may change at AXOGEN's discretion.
- 2. <u>Employee's Duties</u>: Employee shall perform all duties in connection with Employee's position, or as otherwise designated by AXOGEN, including, without limitation, the following duties:

Reporting to the CEO, the CFO is a key member of Axogen's executive leadership team with a high degree of visibility and impact across the organization. This role, collaborating with the CEO, Board of Directors, and senior leaders across the organization, brings a strong strategic and visionary mindset and is a key contributor to the overall corporate strategy.

Primary Responsibilities: The specific duties of the CFO include but are not limited to:

- Works with the CEO in coordinating the overall strategic planning process for the company including but not limited to annual update
 of company mission/vision/strategic initiatives, long range financial planning, capital and related projects and associated financing
 requirements, and industry evaluation using external information and analyses to determine opportunistic investments for growth.
- Provides financial leadership appropriate for a publicly held global company and execute financial plans.
- Works in a cross functional team. Interact with the management team to provide support to planning initiatives through financial and management information analyses, reports and recommendations.
- Helps initiate, advise, value and critique all financial arrangements such as acquisitions, licensing arrangements, joint ventures and strategic alliances.
- Contributes to the company's dynamic growth and provide strategic management to ensure competitiveness in the marketplace, maximum profitability and enhanced public image.
- Establishes, conducts, and participates in the company's relationship with outside auditors, institutions, investors, analysts and the financial community.
- Manages financial processes and programs and support information systems of the company to meet all regulatory requirements and the needs of the company including budgeting, financial reporting, inventory, and asset management and planning.
- Oversees control and approval of revenue and expenditures, departmental budgets, salary management, inventory management, general ledger and account maintenance, and data entry.
- Manages all accounting, billing and auditing functions maintaining appropriate internal control safeguards. Ensures all records and systems are in accordance with GAAP.
- Coordinates preparation of financial statements and reporting internally as well as for external reporting purposes. Also manage debt structure, cash flow and overall financing requirements with bank and other outside sources.
- · Manages internal data analysis and reporting for management purposes.
- Manages capital budgeting, project approval process, and auditing procedures to ensure effective project management and appropriate return on investment results.
- Ensures company compliance with local, state, federal and international reporting regulations.

- Participates in negotiating cost and pricing of contract proposals with major partners. Implement necessary departmental goals linked to the company's strategic direction and implement procedures necessary to achieve objectives.
- Plans and directs IT functions, and administrative operations of the company.
- Expands and manages investor relations' functions. Builds relationships and be the primary point of communication with investors, analysts, investment banks and others in the investment community.
- Assists CEO as company spokesperson representing the company with a variety of constituencies such as regulators, Wall Street analysts, shareholders, rating agencies, trade associations and bankers.
- Other duties as needed by the CEO and the company.
 - (a) <u>Compliance with Employee Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations.</u>

Employee shall comply with all AXOGEN policies, procedures, rules and regulations for employees as such policies and procedures may exist or be established from time to time.

(b) No Other Business Activities.

(i) Employee shall devote Employee's entire professional time, energy and skill to the performance of Employee's duties pursuant to the Agreement, the service of AXOGEN, and promotion of AXOGEN's interests. The Parties agree that Employee may not during Employee's employment, except as permitted in writing by AXOGEN, be engaged in any other business activity, whether or not such activity is pursued for gain, profit, or other pecuniary advantage including, without limitation, management or management consulting activities.

(ii) Notwithstanding the preceding subsection, Employee may invest Employee's personal assets in businesses or real estate that are not in competition with AXOGEN where the form or manner of such investment will not require services on the part of Employee, and in which Employee's participation is solely that of a passive investor.

SCHEDULE 2 - COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Subject to the terms and conditions of the EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), Employee may be entitled to receive from AXOGEN Corporation ("AXOGEN") the following compensation and benefits:

1. Base Salary.

(a) <u>Amount. Employee's salary during employment with AXOGEN will be at the rate of</u> \$440,000.00 annually, (the "Base Salary") effective on May 12, 2025 and delivery of the Agreement to AXOGEN.

(b) <u>Payment</u>. The Base Salary shall be payable in accordance with the existing payroll practices of AXOGEN, which practices may be changed by AXOGEN from time to time at its sole discretion. The Base Salary shall be subject to all appropriate withholding taxes.

(c) <u>Review of Base Salary</u>. The Base Salary may be reviewed by AXOGEN from time to time; however, AXOGEN reserves the right to increase or decrease the Base Salary at any time during the employment relationship in its sole discretion.

(d) <u>Additional Compensation</u>. In addition to the Base Salary, Employee may also be eligible to receive stock options, benefits, paid vacations and holidays during Employee's Employment.

2. <u>Business Expenses and Reimbursements</u>. Employee shall be eligible for reimbursement by AXOGEN in accordance with AXOGEN's normal reimbursement practices for ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred by Employee in the performance of Employee's duties for AXOGEN, so long as Employee timely submits to AXOGEN accurate invoices and receipts of all expenses submitted for reimbursement pursuant to this section or as otherwise permitted pursuant to Schedule 3.

3. <u>Benefits</u>. Employee will be permitted to participate in such benefit plans of AXOGEN that may be in effect from time to time, to the extent Employee is eligible under the terms of those plans. Nothing herein shall be construed to require AXOGEN to institute or continue any particular plan or benefit. AXOGEN reserves the right to add, change, or eliminate any benefits at any time at its sole discretion.

4. <u>Vacations and Holidays</u>. Employee will be entitled to a flexible vacation plan and paid holidays in accordance with the holiday policies of AXOGEN. PTO must be approved by AXOGEN in advance. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Employee will not accrue PTO and, consequently, upon termination of employment for any reason, Employee will not be entitled to any payment for unused vacation or PTO.

5. <u>Bonus</u>.

(a) <u>Calculation</u>. During the Employment Period, Employee may receive a bonus based on an AXOGEN bonus plan, as determined by AXOGEN from time to time in its sole discretion. Bonuses will be pro-rated based on Employee start date and his target rate set at a percentage of salary subject to the conditions of such bonus as established by AXOGEN executive management and/or the compensation committee of the INC. Board of Directors, as applicable.

(b) <u>Payment</u>. The Bonus if paid shall be paid in accordance with, and subject to, the normal payroll policies of AXOGEN with respect to similar forms of compensation, including, without limitation, being subject to all appropriate withholding taxes.

6. <u>Compensation Review</u>. AXOGEN may, from time to time, review Employee's compensation (including benefits) and may, in its sole discretion, increase, or decrease, or eliminate any or all of the benefits. Any such increase or decrease in the compensation package shall be in writing, executed by a duly authorized officer of AXOGEN, and such writing shall constitute an amendment to this Paragraph 6 (and to the Agreement and any applicable Schedules or Exhibits) solely as to the benefits, without waiver or modification of any other terms, conditions or provisions of the Agreement.

7. <u>No Other Compensation</u>. Employee agrees that the compensation and benefits set forth in the Agreement, this Schedule 2, and Schedule 3 contain the sole and exclusive compensation and benefits to which Employee is eligible and that Employee shall have no rights to receive any other compensation or benefits of any nature from AXOGEN. With regard to Schedule 3, Salary, Bonus, and Effective Date terms set forth in the April 29, 2025 Promotion Letter supersede those same terms as set forth in the September 30, 2021 Offer Letter; the remaining terms set forth in the September 30, 2021 Offer Letter remain unchanged. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any and all equity awards granted to the Employee remain in full force under the terms upon which they were originally granted.

SCHEDULE 3 – OFFER/PROMOTION LETTERS

April 29, 2025 Via email Lindsey Hartley 6115 Kipps Colony Dr. W. Gulfport, FL 33707-3969 Ipeterson@axogeninc.com

Re: Promotion

Dear Lindsey,

I am pleased to send you this letter informing you of your promotion to the salaried exempt position of Chief Financial Officer. You have demonstrated leadership and commitment to Axogen's mission, and we feel your background, skill set, and accomplishments are ideally suited for the challenges and extraordinary opportunity ahead. We look forward to your continued expertise to guide and support activities as we work to make peripheral nerve repair the expected standard of care.

The details of the compensation package are listed below and are contingent upon completion of a background check and approval of the Compensation Committee of the Axogen Board of Directors:

Salary:	\$440,000.00, paid bi-weekly.
Bonus:	Target 50% based on company performance, paid annually.
Effective Date:	On or about May 10, 2025.
RSU:	Restricted Stock Units for the grant of 26,000 shares of Axogen, Inc. Common stock. Such RSUs will vest over 4 years, with 50% vesting after the second year and 25% of the total shares granted vesting every year thereafter for the next two years, provided that you have been continuously employed through each vesting date as to the particular number of shares vesting.
PSU:	Performance Stock Units for the grant of 26,000 shares of Axogen, Inc. Common stock. Such PSUs will vest based on the performance criteria approved by the Compensation Committee on March 25, 2025.



The compensation and the current benefits provided to you are contingent on your continued employment and subject to the particular terms of any further documentation provided to you. These employment terms are also subject to change at the discretion of the Axogen Corporation. Neither this letter nor other documentation between the parties is intended to convey a right to a particular length of time of employment.

Please let me know if you have questions. I look forward to working with you in your new role.

Congratulations and Kind Regards,

/s/ Michael Dale

Michael Dale President and CEO

PROMOTION ACCEPTANCE

I understand that my employment will be as an at-will employee. Although I am an at-will employee, Axogen may issue me company property and I understand that if my employment is terminated for any reason, I am responsible for returning that company property in usable or salable condition. I consent to Axogen withholding any payments due to me post termination until all of my company property is returned in good condition.

This promotion offer shall remain open until May 2, 2025, unless an extension of the consideration time is agreed to in writing by an Officer of the company.

To confirm your acceptance of this offer, please sign below. A copy will be provided to you upon full execution by both parties.

Name: Lindsey Hartley

Signature: /s/ Lindsey Hartley

Date: 5/6/2025

EXHIBIT A

CONFIDENTIALITY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, NON-COMPETITION AND NON-SOLICITATION AGREEMENT

This Confidentiality, Intellectual Property, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement (this "IP and NCNS Agreement") is effective as of May 24, 2021 (the "Effective Date") by and between Axogen Corporation, having a place of business at 13631 Progress Blvd., Suite 400, Alachua, FL 32615 ("Axogen") and Lindsey Peterson ("Employee"). Axogen and Employee may each be referred to herein as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Axogen is a global leader in developing, marketing, selling and distributing surgical and non-surgical solutions for peripheral nerve damage or discontinuity, as well as of instruments and devices in connection with the foregoing and in diagnosis, surgery for, therapy associated with and recovery in connection with nerve damage and/or nerve discontinuity, and has spent substantial time, resources and monies developing its Confidential Information (as defined below);

WHEREAS, Employee has accepted employment with or is currently an employee of Axogen who will or does, as the case may be, receive certain compensation and other employment- related benefits from Axogen in return for Employee performing Employee's job duties and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, during Employee's employment Employee will be (or has been) provided with periodically supplemented Confidential Information, including trade secrets, as well as the opportunity to contribute to the creation and/or maintenance of Confidential Information;

WHEREAS, Employee recognizes that Axogen's Confidential Information is an important and valuable asset to Axogen and that Axogen has a legitimate business interest in protecting these assets;

WHEREAS, Employee recognizes that Axogen's relationships with Axogen Customers and the goodwill associated with Axogen Customers, Axogen's business and Axogen's reputation in the industry, are important and valuable assets to Axogen and that Axogen has a legitimate business interest in protecting those assets; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for Employee's initial employment or continued employment, as the case may be, with Axogen, Employee agrees to abide by the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, including initial or continued employment, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties to this IP and NCNS Agreement hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS.

The following terms, when used in this IP and NCNS Agreement with initial capital letters, shall have the respective meanings set forth in this Section 1.

"<u>Axogen Customers</u>" means accounts, customers, physicians, therapists, hospitals, acute surgical care centers, group purchasing organizations, integrated delivery networks, treatment centers or other clients that: (a) have purchased Axogen products during the prior one (1) year; or (b) have received or requested a proposal during the prior one (1) year for

the purchase Axogen products; as well as all such entities or individuals that come to purchase Axogen products and/or request or receive a proposal for the purchase of Axogen products during the time of Employee's employment by Axogen.

"<u>Competing Organization</u>" means any person or organization which is engaged in or about to become engaged in research on, consulting regarding, or development, production, marketing or selling of a Competing Product including, but not limited to, the organizations identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>, effective as of the Effective Date and as may be amended from time to time, attached hereto.

"<u>Competing Product</u>" means any product, process, technology, service, machine or invention of any person or organization other than Axogen in existence or under development which is similar to, resembles, competes with, is substitutable for, or is intended to be similar to, resemble, compete with, or be substitutable for a product, process, technology, service, machine or invention of Axogen.

"Confidential Information" means Axogen's confidential, proprietary, trade secret or any other non-public information, including without limitation: (a) Axogen Customers; (b) actual or potential vendors, suppliers, distributors or referral sources; (c) products, product know-how, product manufacturing and distribution systems and processes, product technology, product development plans and strategies; (d) marketing and sales strategies and plans, product pricing policies, offerings and structures; (e) business and financial information of a non-public nature (e.g., strategy plans, forecasts, budgets); (f) employee, personnel or payroll policies, records and information; (g) corporate development strategies including acquisitions, divestitures, growth plans and other plans; (h) clinical study design, management, evaluation, and interpretation; (i) inventions, ideas, innovations, improvements, know-how, methods, processes, specifications, procedures, invention disclosures, certifications, and proposed and/or actual research and development activities, regardless of whether or not any of the foregoing is patentable or otherwise protectable under the intellectual property laws of the United States; and (j) information disclosed by third parties to Axogen pursuant to a confidentiality agreement. Confidential Information does not include information that is or becomes part of the public domain through no fault of Employee, or without any third-party violation of any confidentiality agreement with Axogen.

"<u>Copyrightable Works</u>" means all works of authorship, fixed in any tangible medium of expression known or later developed, including but not limited to writings, reports, articles, white papers, compilations, summaries, graphics, computer programs, user interfaces, drawings, designs, documentation and publications.

"Intellectual Property" means all inventions, patents, patent applications, designs, discoveries, ideas, innovations, improvements, modifications, know-how, trade secrets, methods, processes, specifications, procedures, trademarks, certifications, and invention disclosures, whether or not patentable or otherwise protectable under the intellectual property laws of the United States.

"<u>Material Contact</u>" means (i) any interaction between Employee and an Axogen Customer which takes place in an effort to establish, maintain, and/or further a business relationship on behalf of Axogen, (ii) any Axogen Customer whose dealings with Axogen were coordinated or supervised by Employee, (iii) any Axogen Customer about whom Employee obtained Confidential Information in the ordinary course of business as result of Employee's association with Axogen, or (iv) any Axogen Customer who receives product or services from Axogen, the sale or provision of which results or resulted in compensation, commissions or earnings for Employee, all within the last year of Employee's employment with Axogen (or during Employee's employment if employed less than a year).

2. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND PROPERTY.

2.1. <u>Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information</u>. Employee acknowledges that the Confidential Information is of great value to Axogen, that Axogen has legitimate business interests in protecting its Confidential Information, and that the disclosure to anyone not authorized to receive such information, including any Competing Organization, will cause irreparable injury to Axogen. Employee agrees: (a) not to make use of the Confidential Information for any purpose other than is necessary to perform Employee's duties while an employee of Axogen; (b) not to disclose, use, disseminate, identify, or publish Confidential Information for five (5) years after the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason; (c) to provide to Axogen's Office of General Counsel immediate notice of any

(i) inadvertent or otherwise improper disclosure of Confidential Information; and (ii) theft of Confidential Information, including breach of security, hacking, or other improper act by a third party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Employee agrees not to, and shall not for any reason disclose, use, disseminate, identify or publish Confidential Information that is an Axogen trade secret, as long as that Confidential Information remains a trade secret and does not become publicly known through no fault of Employee.

2.2. <u>Return of Confidential Information and Axogen Property</u>. Upon termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, or at any time as Axogen requests, Employee shall immediately return to Axogen all Confidential Information and other tangible property that belongs to Axogen in Employee's possession; such tangible property includes but is not limited to: all keys and security and credit cards; all products, product samples, computers, cellular phones and other electronic devices; and all customer and account files, price lists, product information, training manuals, advertising and promotional materials, handbooks and polices (in physical or electronic format). Employee shall not retain possession of any physical or electronic copies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, notebooks, drawings, photographs notes, research and scientific data, and tangible communications concerning the same, or other documents in any form whatsoever (including information contained in computer memory or any portable storage device (e.g., a "thumb drive") relating to or reflecting in any way to the Confidential Information obtained by or entrusted to Employee during Employee's employment with Axogen.

2.3 <u>Defend Trade Secrets Act</u>. Pursuant to the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016, 18 U.S.C. §1833, Employee acknowledges that Employee shall not have criminal or civil liability under any federal or state trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that (A) is made (i) in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. In addition, if Employee files a lawsuit for retaliation by Axogen for reporting a suspected violation of law, Employee shall not have criminal or civil liability under any federal or state trade secret law if Employee discloses the trade secret to Employee's attorney and (X) files any document containing the trade secret under seal and (Y) does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

3. <u>RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS</u>.

3.1. Employee Acknowledgment.

(a) Employee acknowledges that: (a) Employee's position and employment with Axogen gives Employee access to and knowledge of Axogen Customers and its vendors, suppliers, distributors or referral sources (collectively, "Axogen Business Partners"), which represent important and unique business assets that have resulted from a significant investment of time, resources and monies by Axogen; (b) Employee would cause Axogen great loss, damage and immediate irreparable harm if Employee were to engage in unfair or unlawful competitive activity by improperly using or disclosing any information related to

Axogen Business Partners for Employee's own benefit or for the benefit of any Competing Organization.

(b) Employee acknowledges and agrees that the restrictions contained in this Section 3, are reasonable and necessary to protect Axogen's legitimate business interests, promote and protect the purpose and subject matter of this IP and NCNS Agreement and Employee's employment, and deter any potential conflict of interest. Employee agrees that Employee knows of no reason why any restriction contained in this Section 3 is not reasonable and enforceable and that all such restrictions are necessary and reasonable to protect Axogen's interests. Employee also acknowledges and agrees that the restrictions contained in this Section 3 will not impair or infringe upon Employee's right to work or earn a living when Employee's employment with Axogen ends.

3.2. Non-Compete.

(a) During Employee's employment with Axogen and for a period of one (1) year following the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, Employee will not work for (as an employee, consultant, contractor, agent or otherwise) or render services directly or indirectly to any Competing Organization whereby the services Employee would provide for, to, or on behalf of the Competing Organization (i) are the same as or similar to those services that Employee provided for, to, or on behalf of Axogen during Employee's employment, (ii) involve the development, sale, marketing, or distribution of a Competing Product, or (iii) could enhance the use or marketability of a Competing Product. This restriction covers (i) the United States, (ii) any state or territory in which Axogen is engaged in its business at the time of and during the year prior to Employee's separation from Axogen, and (iii) any state or territory in which Employee was providing services for Axogen at the time of and during the year prior to Employee's separation from the Company.

(b) The restrictions herein shall not prohibit Employee from accepting employment with a Competing Organization whose business is diversified and which is, as to that part of its business in which Employee accepts employment, not a Competing Organization. If Employee accepts employment with a Competing Organization, Employee will provide Axogen written assurances satisfactory to Axogen that Employee will not render services, directly or indirectly, for the time period herein in connection with any Competing Product.

3.3 Non-Solicitation of Employees and Axogen Business Partners.

(a) During Employee's employment with Axogen and for a period of two (2) years following the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, Employee will not in any capacity, directly or indirectly, solicit, induce or influence, or attempt to solicit, induce or influence, any person engaged as an employee, independent contractor, or agent of Axogen to terminate his or her employment and/or business relationship with Axogen or do any act which may result in the impairment of the relationship between Axogen and its employees, independent contractors or agents.

(b) During the term of Employee's employment with Axogen and for a period of one (1) year following the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen for any reason, Employee will not in any capacity, directly or indirectly: (i) solicit, contact, accept solicited business from, provide competitive services to, or sell any Competing Product to an Axogen Customer; (ii) divert, entice or otherwise take away from Axogen the business or patronage of any Axogen Business Partner; or (iii) solicit or induce any Axogen Business Partner to terminate or reduce its relationship with Axogen or otherwise interfere with Axogen's relationship with any Axogen Business Partner. This restriction applies only to those Axogen Customers and Axogen Business Partners with whom Employee had Material Contact.



3 . 4 <u>New Employer Notification</u>. To enable Axogen to monitor Employee's compliance with the obligations set forth in this IP and NCNS Agreement, Employee agrees to notify Axogen in writing before commencing employment with a new employer; such notification shall include the identify of Employee's new employer, job title and responsibilities. Employee will continue to notify Axogen, in writing, any time Employee accepts or changes employment during the time periods set forth in this Section 3. Employee agrees that Axogen is permitted to contact any new or prospective employer regarding Employee's obligations owed to Axogen.

3.5 <u>Modification of Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Provisions</u> The parties agree that a court of competent jurisdiction may modify any invalid, overbroad or unenforceable term of this Section 3 so that such term, as modified, is valid and enforceable under applicable law; such court is also authorized to extend the time periods set forth in this Section 3 for any period of time in which Employee is in breach of this IP and NCNS Agreement or as necessary to protect the legitimate business interests of Axogen. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any term of this Section 3 is invalid, overbroad, or unenforceable, in whole or in part, and cannot be modified as set forth in the prior sentence to make such term valid and enforceable under applicable law, the Parties agree that any such term, in whole or in part as the case may, shall be severable and the remainder of this Section 3 and this IP and NCNS Agreement shall nevertheless be enforceable and binding on the Parties.

4. INVENTIONS.

4.1. <u>Disclosure of Developments</u>. Employee agrees that during and subsequent to Employee's employment with Axogen, Employee will promptly disclose and furnish complete information to Axogen relating to all inventions, ideas, improvements, modifications, discoveries, research, data, know-how, methods and developments, whether patentable or not, and whether or not otherwise protectable under the intellectual property laws of the United States, that are made, conceived, developed, reduced to practice, or authored by Employee or under Employee's direction during Employee's employment whether or not made, conceived, developed, reduced to practice or authored during normal business hours or on Axogen premises. Employee shall keep complete, accurate, and organized information and records of all Copyrightable Works or other Intellectual Property and Confidential Information in the manner and form reasonably requested by Axogen.

4.2 Ownership of Intellectual Property.

(a) Employee agrees to assign and hereby does assign to Axogen all right, title and interest, worldwide in and to any and all Intellectual Property made, conceived, developed, reduced to practice or authored by Employee alone or with others for AXOGEN during the course of Employee's employment (or after the period of Employee's employment and which rely upon or use Axogen's Confidential Information and/or non-public Intellectual Property), whether made, conceived, developed or reduced to practice, whether or not the foregoing are within the scope of Axogen's actual or anticipated research and development business.

(b) Axogen's rights in Section 4.2(a) above shall not apply to any Intellectual Property conceived and developed without reliance upon and/or without the use of Axogen's equipment, supplies, facilities, Confidential Information or other non-public Intellectual Property, and which was developed entirely on Employee's own time, unless (a) the Intellectual Property relates (i) to Axogen's actual or anticipated business; (ii) to Axogen's actual or anticipated research and development; or (iii) the Intellectual Property results from or relates to any work performed by Employee for Axogen.

(c) For avoidance of doubt, it shall be Axogen's sole decision, in its sole discretion how to protect its Confidential Information and/or Intellectual Property and/or Copyrightable Works and whether to formally seek registration of any of its Intellectual Property and/or Copyrightable Works.

Copyrightable Works. Employee acknowledges that all Copyrightable Works shall to the fullest 4.3 extent permissible be considered "works for hire" in the United States as defined in the U.S. Copyright Laws and in any other country adhering to the "works made for hire" or similar notion. All such Copyrightable Works shall from the time of creation be owned solely and exclusively by Axogen throughout the world. If any Copyrightable Work or portion thereof shall not be legally qualified as a work made for hire in the United States or elsewhere or shall subsequently be held to not be a work made for hire. Employee agrees to assign and does hereby assign to Axogen all Employee's right, title and interest in, including all moral rights in and to the Copyrightable Works, and all registered and applied for copyrights therein. To the extent the assignment of all rights, title and interest in, including of all moral rights in, the Copyrightable Works, is prohibited in full or in part by any applicable law, Employee hereby grants to Axogen a fully-paid-up, royalty-free, exclusive, sublicensable, transferrable, irrevocable and perpetual, worldwide license in and to the Copyrightable Works and hereby waives Employee's enforcement of any moral rights which Employee may hold in any existing or future Copyrightable Works worldwide and hereby consents to any action of Axogen that would violate its moral rights in the absence of such consent. Employee hereby further agrees that Axogen is not required to designate Employee as author of any Copyrightable Works when such Copyrightable Works are distributed publicly or otherwise, and hereby waives any cause of action against Axogen for not so identifying Employee as an author of such Copyrightable Works.

4.4 <u>License</u>. In the event that any of the rights in any Copyrightable Works or other Intellectual Property ("<u>Intellectual Property Rights</u>") cannot be transferred to Axogen pursuant to the terms of this IP and NCNS Agreement, Employee hereby (i) unconditionally and irrevocably waives the enforcement of any Intellectual Property Rights retained by Employee, and all claims and causes of action of any kind against Axogen with respect to those rights; and (ii) grants to Axogen an irrevocable, perpetual, fully paid-up, transferable, sublicensable, royalty-free, exclusive worldwide right and license to use, reproduce, distribute, display, perform, prepare derivative works of, modify, enforce, and otherwise use and exploit all or any portion of such existing and future Intellectual Property Rights.

4.5 <u>Causes of Action</u>. Employee further irrevocably assigns to Axogen all causes of action, including accrued, existing and future causes of action, arising out of or related to the Intellectual Property Rights.

4.6 <u>Cooperation</u>. When requested to do so by Axogen, either during or subsequent to Employee's employment with Axogen, Employee shall: (a) execute all documents requested by Axogen for the vesting in Axogen of the entire right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property and Confidential Information, and all patent, copyright, trademarks or other applications filed and issuing on the Intellectual Property; (b) execute all documents requested by Axogen for filing and obtaining of patents, trademarks or copyrights; and (c) provide assistance that Axogen reasonably requires to protect its right, title and interest in the Intellectual Property and Confidential Information. Employee acknowledges that the obligations herein shall continue beyond the termination of Employee's employment with Axogen with respect to Intellectual Property conceived, authored or made by Employee during Employee's period of employment and shall be binding on Employee's executors, administrators or other legal representatives.

4.7 <u>Appointment of Attorney-In-Fact.</u> Employee irrevocably appoints any AXOGEN-selected designee to act, at all times hereafter, as Employee's agent and attorney-

in-fact to perform all acts necessary to file for registration of and/or register Copyrightable Works or other Intellectual Property as required by this IP and NCNS Agreement if Employee (i) refuses to perform those acts or (ii) is unavailable, within the meaning of the United States Patent and Copyright laws. It is expressly intended by Employee that the foregoing power of attorney is coupled with an interest.

4.8 <u>Assignability</u>. All Intellectual Property Rights and representations made or granted by Employee in this IP and NCNS Agreement are assignable by Axogen and are for the benefit of Axogen's successors, assigns, and parties contracting with Axogen.

4.9 <u>Prior Intellectual Property</u>. Attached as <u>Schedule 2</u> is a complete list, if any, of all of Employee's Intellectual Property and Copyrightable Works made, conceived or first reduced to practice by Employee, alone or jointly with others, prior to Employee's employment with Axogen ("<u>Prior Intellectual Property</u>"). If in the course of Employee's employment with Axogen Employee incorporates into an Axogen product, process or machine any Prior Intellectual Property to which Employee possesses all right, title and interest, then Employee hereby grants, and agrees to grant, Axogen a non-exclusive, royalty- free, irrevocable, perpetual, transferable, sublicensable worldwide license to make, modify, use and sell such Prior Intellectual Property as part of or in connection with such product, process or machine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Employee agrees not to, and shall not, use at or on behalf of Axogen any Prior Intellectual Property that is owned by a third party and/or the use of which would require a license from a third party, and/or to which Axogen has not otherwise acquired the right to use, and/or which would be in violation of Section 5.3 of this IP and NCNS Agreement.

5. <u>EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIONS</u>.

5.1. <u>Performance</u>. During Employee's employment with Axogen, Employee shall devote Employee's best efforts, attention and energies to the performance of Employee's duties as an employee of Axogen.

5.2 <u>Code of Conduct; Conflicts of Interest</u> Employee agrees to adhere to Axogen's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, including but not limited to the provisions regarding Conflicts of Interest, as defined therein. Employee will not engage in any activity or have any outside interest that could interfere with the satisfactory performance of Employee's duties or be detrimental to Axogen or be engaged in any other occupation or activity that conflicts with Employee's obligations to Axogen. Employee agrees to promptly notify Axogen of any potential conflict of interest.

5.3. Agreements with Prior Employers. Employee has not signed any non- competition, non-solicitation, or other agreement that Employee has not disclosed to Axogen that prohibits Employee from being employed by Axogen, fully performing Employee's duties or fully providing services to or on behalf of Axogen during Employee's employment or assigning works and ideas to Axogen ("Prior Non-Compete Agreement"). Employee has not and will not disclose to Axogen or use for Axogen's benefit any information that to Employee's knowledge is proprietary or confidential to any of Employee's prior employers without proper consent from the prior employer. If Employee has signed a Prior Non-Compete Agreement with a prior employer, Employee has provided a copy of such agreement to Axogen's Human Resources Department under separate cover.

5.4 <u>At-Will Employment</u>. Employee acknowledges that this IP and NCNS Agreement does not obligate Employee to remain employed by Axogen nor does it confer upon Employee the right to continued employment by Axogen. Employee and Axogen each have the right to terminate the employment relationship at any time, for any reason or no reason, with or without notice and with or without cause.

5.5 <u>Theft of Trade Secrets</u>. Employee acknowledges that Employee is aware that a theft of trade secrets of an employer by an employee is an offense under federal law and the state laws of Florida and is prohibited by this IP and NCNS Agreement. Employee further acknowledges that such theft of trade secrets constitutes a criminal violation of Florida Statute 812.081, punishable as a third-degree felony under Florida Statute 775.082, conviction for which carries a term of imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years. Employee acknowledges AXOGEN will vigorously prosecute its rights under federal law and the state laws of Florida for any violation arising out of a breach by Employee of any of the material terms of this IP and NCNS Agreement.

5.6 <u>Advice of Counsel</u>. Employee acknowledges and agrees that Employee has read and understands the terms set forth in this IP and NCNS Agreement and has been given a reasonable opportunity to consult with an attorney of their choosing prior to execution of IP and NCNS Agreement and has either done so, or knowingly declined to do so.

6. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>.

6.1. <u>Inside Information</u>. Employee hereby acknowledges that Employee is aware (and that Employee's representatives who are apprised of this matter have been advised) that the United States securities laws prohibit Employee and any person or entity that has received material non-public information about Axogen from Employee ("<u>Inside Information</u>") from purchasing or selling securities of Axogen or from communicating such information to any person under circumstances under which such other person may purchase or sell securities of Axogen.

6.2 <u>Essence of the Agreement</u>. The restrictive covenants set forth in Sections 2-4 are the essence of this IP and NCNS Agreement and they shall be construed as agreements independent of (i) any other agreements, or (ii) any other provision in this IP and NCNS Agreement. The existence of any claim or cause of action of Employee against Axogen, whether predicated on this IP and NCNS Agreement or otherwise, regardless of who was at fault and regardless of any claims that either Employee or Axogen may have against the other, will not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Axogen against Employee of the restrictive covenants set forth in Sections 2-4. Axogen shall not be barred from enforcing the restrictive covenants set forth in Sections 2-4 by reason of any breach of

(i) any other part of this IP and NCNS Agreement, or (ii) any other agreement with Employee.

6.3. Entire Agreement; Prior Agreements. This IP and NCNS Agreement including its Schedules sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties as it relates to the subject matter of this IP and NCNS Agreement; this IP and NCNS Agreement supersedes and replaces prior agreements between Employee and Axogen with respect to the subject matter addressed in the IP and NCNS Agreement. The provisions of this IP and NCNS Agreement shall not be amended, supplemented, waived or changed orally; any such alteration shall only be valid through a written amendment to this IP and NCNS Agreement signed by both Parties.

6.4 <u>Severability</u>. This IP and NCNS Agreement shall be enforceable to the fullest extent allowed by law. In the event that a court holds any provision of this IP and NCNS Agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, the Parties agrees that, if allowed by law, that provision shall be deemed severable from the remainder of this IP and NCNS Agreement, and the remaining provisions contained in this IP and NCNS Agreement shall be construed to preserve to the maximum permissible extent the intent and purposes of this IP and NCNS Agreement.

6.5 <u>Assignment</u>. This IP and NCNS Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and assigns. This IP and NCNS Agreement may not be assigned by Employee.

6.6 <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. Employee acknowledges that because of the difficulty of measuring economic losses to Axogen as a result of a breach or threatened breach of any of the covenants in this IP and NCNS Agreement, and because of the immediate and irreparable damage that would be caused to the Company and for which monetary damages would not be a sufficient remedy and which harm would not be fully or adequately compensated by recovery of damages alone, the Parties agree that, in addition to all other remedies or damages that may be available to Axogen hereunder and at law or in equity, in the event of a breach or a threatened breach by Employee of any covenants in this IP and NCNS Agreement, Axogen shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctions restraining such breach.

6.7 <u>Disputes and Litigation</u>. In the event of any dispute or litigation between or among the Parties with respect to this IP and NCNS Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

6.8 <u>Governing Law; Jurisdiction and Venue and Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. The Parties acknowledge that a substantial portion of negotiations, anticipated performance and execution of this IP and NCNS Agreement and the attached Schedules occurred, or shall occur, in Hillsborough County, Florida, and the Parties irrevocably and unconditionally (a) agree that any suit, action or legal proceeding arising out of, or relating to, this IP and NCNS Agreement or the attached Schedules shall be brought in the courts of record of the State of Florida in Hillsborough County, or the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division; (b) consent to the jurisdiction of each such court in any such suit, action or proceeding; (c) waive any objection which they may have to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any of such courts; and (d) agree that service of any court paper may be effected on such party by mail, as provided in this IP and NCNS Agreement, or in such other manner as may be provided under applicable laws or court rules in said state. <u>The Parties further agree to waive any right to a trial by jury should any action be brought to enforce this Agreement.</u>

6.9 <u>Counterparts: Transmission</u>. This IP and NCNS Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be considered one and the same document. This IP and NCNS Agreement may be executed by facsimile or electronic transmission.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this IP and NCNS Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

AXOGEN CORPORATION		EMPLOY	EMPLOYEE						
Ву	/s/ Karen Zaderej		/s/ Lindsey Peterson						
Name:	Karen Zaderej	Name:	Lindsey Peterson						
Title:	Chairman, CEO and President								

Schedule 1

Competing Organizations

Amniox Medical Inc. Applied Biologics Inc. Baxter International, Inc. Checkpoint Surgical Inc. Guangzhou Zhongda Medical (China) Integra LifeSciences Inc. Medovent GmbH MiMedx Group Inc. Neuraptive Therapeutics Polyganics B.V. Stryker Corporation Vivex Biomedical Inc.

Schedule 2

List of Prior Intellectual Property

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Axogen, Inc. Reports 2025 First Quarter Financial Results

ALACHUA and TAMPA, FL – May 8, 2025 – Axogen, Inc. (NASDAQ: AXGN), a global leader in developing and marketing innovative surgical solutions for peripheral nerve injuries, today reported financial results and business highlights for the first quarter ended March 31, 2025.

First Quarter Financial Results

- First quarter revenue was \$48.6 million, a 17.4% increase compared to the first quarter of 2024.
- For the first quarter of 2025, gross margin was 71.9%, down from 78.8% for the first quarter of 2024.
- Net loss for the quarter was \$3.8 million, or \$0.08 per share, compared to \$6.6 million, or \$0.15 per share for the first quarter of 2024.
- Adjusted net loss for the quarter was \$0.9 million, or \$0.02 per share, compared to \$2.7 million, or \$0.06 per share, for the first quarter of 2024.
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$2.9 million for the quarter, compared to \$1.0 million for the first quarter of 2024.
- The balance of all cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, and investments on March 31, 2025, was \$28.1 million, as compared to a balance of \$39.5 million on December 31, 2024.

"We are pleased with our first quarter 2025 results and progress to date towards our longer-term objectives as described during our March 4th, 2025 Investor Day. Our revenue growth remains robust across our full range of nerve repair and protection solutions, driven by enhanced sales productivity and commercial execution." commented Michael Dale, CEO and Director of Axogen, Inc. "With one quarter behind us into the new year, we remain confident our market development objectives and business model optimization plans remain the right priorities for fulfillment of our business purpose to restore health and improve quality of life by making restoration of peripheral nerve function an expected standard of care."

Summary of Business Highlights

- First quarter 2025 revenue growth was broad-based across our entire product portfolio, including double-digit growth performance in all markets, which include Extremities, Oral Maxillofacial & Head and Neck, and Breast.
- First quarter 2025 gross margin performance is attributable to increased product costs and inventory write-offs.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") accepted the filing of the Company's Biologics License Application ("BLA") for Avance® Nerve Graft on November 1, 2024, and assigned a Prescription Drug User Fee Act goal date of September 5, 2025. During the first quarter 2025, we successfully completed the following regulatory milestones to support our anticipated approval in September 2025: a mid-cycle meeting with the FDA, clinical trial site inspections, and sponsor inspection under the FDA's Bioresearch Monitoring program.

• Named Lindsey Hartley, CPA as the new Chief Financial Officer effective May 12, 2025. She will be succeeding Nir Naor who will be pursuing other opportunities. Nir will remain in an advisory capacity through July 1, 2025, to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities.

2025 Financial Guidance

We are maintaining our full year revenue growth guidance in the range of 15% to 17% and continue to expect gross margin to be in the range of 73% to 75%. This includes one-time costs, mainly related to the anticipated BLA approval, impacting gross margin by approximately 1%. Additionally, we reiterate that we expect to be net cash flow positive for the full year.

Conference Call

The Company will host a conference call and webcast for the investment community today at 8:00 a.m. ET. Investors interested in participating in the conference call by phone may do so by dialing toll free at (877) 407-0993 or use the direct dial-in number at (201) 689-8795. Those interested in listening to the conference call live via the Internet may do so by visiting the Investors page of the Company's website at www.axogeninc.com and clicking on the webcast link.

Following the conference call, a replay will be available in the Investors section of the Company's website at <u>www.axogeninc.com</u> under Investors.

About Axogen

Axogen (AXGN) is the leading company focused specifically on the science, development and commercialization of technologies for peripheral nerve regeneration and repair. Axogen employees are passionate about providing the opportunity to restore nerve function and quality of life for patients with peripheral nerve injuries by providing innovative, clinically proven and economically effective repair solutions for surgeons and healthcare providers. Peripheral nerves provide the pathways for both motor and sensory signals throughout the body. Every day people suffer traumatic injuries or undergo surgical procedures that impact the function of their peripheral nerves. Physical damage to a peripheral nerve or the inability to properly reconnect peripheral nerves can result in the loss of muscle or organ function, the loss of sensory feeling, or the initiation of pain.

Axogen's product portfolio includes Avance [®] Nerve Graft, a biologically active off-the-shelf processed human nerve allograft for bridging severed peripheral nerves without the comorbidities associated with a second surgical site; Axoguard Nerve Connector[®], a porcine (pig) submucosa extracellular matrix ("ECM") coaptation aid for tensionless repair of severed peripheral nerves; Axoguard Nerve Protector[®], a porcine submucosa ECM product used to wrap and protect damaged peripheral nerves and reinforce the nerve reconstruction while minimizing soft tissue attachments; Axoguard HA+ Nerve Protector[™], a porcine submucosa ECM base layer coated with a proprietary hyaluronate-alginate gel, a next-generation technology designed to enhance nerve gliding and provide short- and long-term protection for peripheral nerve injuries; Axoguard Nerve Cap[®], a porcine submucosa ECM product used to protect a peripheral nerve end and separate the nerve from the surrounding environment to reduce the development of symptomatic or painful neuroma; and Avive+ Soft Tissue MatrixTM, a multi-layer amniotic membrane allograft used to protect and separate tissues in the surgical bed during the critical phase of tissue healing. The Axogen portfolio of products is available in the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, South Korea and several other countries.

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Cautionary Statements Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

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"may," "should," "will," "goals," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding our business model optimization plans, market development objectives, our business purpose to restore health and improve quality of life by making restoration of peripheral nerve function an expected standard of care, and our expectation of BLA approval in September 2025, as well as statements under the subheading "2025 Financial Guidance." Actual results or events could differ materially from those described in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including, without limitation, potential disruptions from leadership transitions, global supply chain issues, record inflation, hospital staffing challenges, product development timelines, product potential, expected clinical enrollment timing and outcomes, regulatory processes and approvals, financial performance, sales growth, surgeon and product adoption rates, market awareness of our products, data validation processes, our visibility at and sponsorship of conferences and educational events, global business disruption from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and related sanctions, recent geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East, the evolving macroeconomic environment (including financial market volatility), geopolitical tensions, and escalating trade disputes with U.S. trading partners, as well as those risk factors described under Part I, Item 1A., "Risk Factors," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024 and other risks and uncertainties, which may be detailed from time to time in reports filed by the Company with the SEC. Forward-looking statements are representative only as of the date they are made and, except as required by applicable law, we assume no responsibility to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements, we use the non-GAAP financial measures of EBITDA, which measures earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and Adjusted EBITDA which further excludes noncash stock compensation expense. We also use the non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted Net Income or Loss and Adjusted Net Income or Loss Per Common Share - basic and diluted which excludes noncash stock compensation expense from Net Income or Loss and Net Income or Loss Per Common Share - basic and diluted, respectively. These non-GAAP measures are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles and should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. In addition, these non-GAAP measures should be read in conjunction with our financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. The reconciliations of the non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP should be carefully evaluated.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures for financial and operational decision-making and as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparisons. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our performance and that both management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing our performance and when planning, forecasting, and analyzing future periods. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors because (i) they allow for greater transparency with respect to key metrics used by management in its financial and operational decision-making and (ii) they are used by our institutional investors and the analyst community to help them analyze the performance of our business.

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AXOGEN, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited) (In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Ma	rch 31, 2025	Dece	mber 31, 2024
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	18,096	\$	27,554
Restricted cash		6,000		6,000
Investments		3,973		5,928
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$960 and \$788, respectively		26,295		24,105
Inventory		35,504		33,183
Prepaid expenses and other		3,202		2,447
Total current assets		93,070		99,217
Property and equipment, net		83,311		84,667
Operating lease right-of-use assets		13,903		14,265
Intangible assets, net		5,881		5,579
Total assets	\$	196,165	\$	203,728
Liabilities and shareholders' equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	19,658	\$	28,641
Current maturities of long-term lease obligations		2,087		1,969
Total current liabilities		21,745		30,610
Long-term debt, net of debt discount and financing fees		47,716		47,496
Long-term lease obligations		18,640		19,221
Debt derivative liabilities		2,558		2,400
Other long-term liabilities		141		94
Total liabilities		90,800		99,821
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 45,512,623 and 44,148,836 shares issued and outstanding		455		441
Additional paid-in capital		455 400,004		394,726
Additional pard-in capital		(295,094)		(291,260)
		105,365		(291,260) 103,907
Total shareholders' equity	¢	/	<i>ф</i>	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	196,165	\$	203,728

AXOGEN, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited) (In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three M	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024		
Revenues	\$ 48,560	\$ 41,378		
Cost of goods sold	13,62	8,758		
Gross profit	34,93	3 32,620		
Costs and expenses:				
Sales and marketing	21,04	5 19,815		
Research and development	6,09	7,409		
General and administrative	9,45	9,956		
Total costs and expenses	36,594	4 37,180		
Loss from operations	(1,661	.) (4,560)		
Other (expense) income:				
Investment income	27.	2 293		
Interest expense	(2,250)) (2,326)		
Change in fair value of debt derivative liabilities	(158	3) 65		
Other expense	(37)	7) (107)		
Total other expense, net	(2,173	(2,075)		
Net loss	\$ (3,834	\$ (6,635)		
Weighted average common shares outstanding — basic and diluted	45,204,070	43,233,149		
Net loss per common share — basic and diluted	\$ (0.08	3) \$ (0.15)		

AXOGEN INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (unaudited) (In thousands, except per share amounts)

		Three Months Ended		
		March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024	
Net loss	\$	(3,834)	\$ (6,635)	
Depreciation and amortization expense		1,795	1,582	
Investment income		(272)	(293)	
Income tax expense		29	103	
Interest expense		2,250	2,326	
EBITDA - non-GAAP	\$	(32)	\$ (2,917)	
Noncash stock-based compensation expense		2,909	3,919	
Adjusted EBITDA - non-GAAP	<u>\$</u>	2,877	\$ 1,002	
Net loss	\$	(3,834)	\$ (6,635)	
Noncash stock-based compensation expense		2,909	3,919	
Adjusted net loss - non-GAAP	<u>\$</u>	(925)	\$ (2,716)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding — basic and diluted		45,204,076	43,233,149	
Net loss per common share — basic and diluted	\$	(0.08)	\$ (0.15)	
Noncash stock-based compensation expense		0.06	0.09	
Adjusted net loss per common share - basic and diluted - non-GAAP	\$	(0.02)	\$ (0.06)	

AXOGEN, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (unaudited) (In thousands, except per share)

	Common Stock								
	Shares		Amount	A	dditional Paid-in Capital		Accumulated Deficit	Т	otal Shareholders' Equity
Three Months Ended March 31, 2025									
Balance at December 31, 2024	44,148,836	\$	441	\$	394,726	\$	(291,260)	\$	103,907
Net loss	_		_		_		(3,834)		(3,834)
Stock-based compensation	—		—		2,909		—		2,909
Issuance of restricted and performance stock units	1,105,214		11		(11)		_		_
Exercise of stock options and employee stock purchases under the ESPP	258,573		3		2,380		—		2,383
Balance at March 31, 2025	45,512,623	\$	455	\$	400,004	\$	(295,094)	\$	105,365
Three Months Ended March 31, 2024									
Balance at December 31, 2023	43,124,496	\$	431	\$	376,530	\$	(281,296)	\$	95,665
Net loss	_		_		_		(6,635)		(6,635)
Stock-based compensation	—		—		3,919		—		3,919
Issuance of restricted and performance stock units	539,233		5		(5)		_		_
Exercise of stock options and employee stock purchases under the ESPP	24,000		1		206		_		207
Balance at March 31, 2024	43,687,729	\$	437	\$	380,650	\$	(287,931)	\$	93,156

AXOGEN, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(unaudited)			
	Three Mo		
	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss	\$ (3,834)	\$ (6,635)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation	1,728	1,520	
Amortization of right-of-use assets	87	315	
Amortization of intangible assets	67	62	
Amortization of debt discount and deferred financing fees	220	222	
Provision for bad debts	187	255	
Change in fair value of debt derivative liabilities	158	(65)	
Investment gains	(45)	(10)	
Stock-based compensation	2,909	3,919	
Change in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(2,377)	681	
Inventory	(2,321)	(4,616)	
Prepaid expenses and other	(489)	(262)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(9,079)	(7,291)	
Operating lease obligations	(452)	(360)	
Cash paid for interest portion of financing lease obligations	(1)	(1)	
Other long-term liabilities	63	_	
Net cash used in operating activities	(13,179)	(12,266)	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of property and equipment	(256)	(924)	
Purchase of investments	=	(1,910)	
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,000	_	
Cash payments for intangible assets	(405)	(417)	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	1,339	(3,251)	
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Cash paid for debt portion of financing lease obligations	(1)	(3)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and ESPP stock purchases	2,383	207	
Net cash provided by financing activities	2,382	204	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(9,458)	(15,313)	
Cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash, beginning of period	33,554	37,026	
Cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 24,096	\$ 21,713	



Axogen Announces Chief Financial Officer Transition

Lindsey Hartley, CPA, appointed as Chief Financial Officer to succeed Nir Naor

ALACHUA and TAMPA, Fla., May 8, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Axogen, Inc. (NASDAQ: AXGN), a global leader in developing and marketing innovative surgical solutions for peripheral nerve injuries, today announced the appointment of Lindsey Hartley, CPA, as Chief Financial Officer, effective May 12, 2025. Ms. Hartley, who currently serves as Vice President, Corporate Controller at Axogen, will succeed Nir Naor, who is departing to pursue other opportunities. Mr. Naor will remain with the Company in an advisory capacity until July 1, 2025, to ensure a smooth transition.

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to Nir for his service to Axogen," said Michael Dale, President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Axogen. "Nir joined the company at a time of significant leadership transition to provide leadership and stability to the finance function. Under his leadership, our finance team implemented significant improvements in operating expense and cash flow management and successfully supported development of Axogen's new strategic plan. His efforts in strengthening our financial foundation and driving operational efficiencies have been instrumental in the company's improved performance and we wish him continued success in his future endeavors."

"To succeed Mr. Naor, I am delighted to announce the promotion of Lindsey Hartley to the role of Chief Financial Officer for Axogen," continued Dale. "Having worked closely with Lindsey since I joined Axogen, I have grown to appreciate her deep understanding of our business, strong financial acumen, and untiring work ethic and commitment to excellence. I am confident her experience and institutional knowledge make her the ideal partner to the Executive Leadership team to help guide Axogen through our next phase of growth as we work to fulfill our business purpose to restore health and improve quality of life by making restoration of peripheral nerve function an expected standard of care."

Ms. Hartley brings more than 19 years of financial leadership experience to her new role, with significant expertise in corporate finance, accounting, and financial reporting within the healthcare and medical device sectors. Since joining Axogen in October 2021 as Vice President, Corporate Controller, she has overseen all accounting operations including SEC reporting, treasury management, internal controls, and SOX compliance. During her tenure, she has significantly improved financial reporting processes, reduced month-end close time by 40%, and enhanced cash forecasting capabilities. Prior to Axogen, she served as VP of Finance, Accounting and Human Strategy at VERO Biotech, an emerging biotechnology company focused on innovative nitric oxide delivery systems. Earlier in her career, Ms. Hartley held controller positions at Brookhaven Medical, a medical device manufacturing company specializing in peripheral vascular and regenerative medicine products and held management roles at Bluegreen Vacations and as an audit manager at EY. Ms. Hartley holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of South Florida and is a Certified Public Accountant.

"I am honored to step into the CFO role at this pivotal moment for Axogen," said Lindsey Hartley. "Having worked closely with our talented finance team over the past three years, I've witnessed our remarkable progress and tremendous potential. I look forward to focusing on financial discipline and strategic growth initiatives that support our innovative work to restore nerve function and transform patients' lives."

About Axogen

Axogen (AXGN) is the leading Company focused specifically on the science, development, and commercialization of technologies for peripheral nerve regeneration and repair. Axogen employees are passionate about helping to restore peripheral nerve function and quality of life to patients with physical damage or transection to peripheral nerves by providing innovative, clinically proven, and economically effective repair solutions for surgeons and health care providers. Peripheral nerves provide the pathways for both motor and sensory signals throughout the body. Every day, people suffer traumatic injuries or undergo surgical procedures that impact the function of their peripheral nerves. Physical damage to a peripheral nerve, or the inability to properly reconnect peripheral nerves, can result in the loss of muscle or organ function, the loss of sensory feeling, or the initiation of pain.

Axogen's product portfolio includes Avance[®] Nerve Graft, a biologically active off-the-shelf processed human nerve allograft for bridging severed peripheral nerves without the comorbidities associated with a second surgical site; Axoguard Nerve Connector[®], a porcine submucosa ECM coaptation aid for tensionless repair of severed peripheral nerves; Axoguard Nerve Protector[®], a porcine submucosa ECM product used to wrap and protect damaged peripheral nerves and reinforce the nerve reconstruction while preventing soft tissue attachments; Axoguard HA+ Nerve Protector[™], a porcine submucosa ECM base layer coated with a proprietary hyaluronate-alginate gel, a next-generation technology designed to provide short- and long-term protection for peripheral nerve injuries; Avive+ Soft Tissue Matrix[™], a multi-layer amniotic membrane allograft used to protect and separate tissues in the surgical bed during the critical phase of tissue repair; and Axoguard Nerve Cap[®], a porcine submucosa ECM product used to protect a peripheral nerve end and separate the nerve from the surrounding environment to reduce the development of symptomatic or painful neuroma. The Axogen portfolio of products is available in the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, South Korea, and several other countries.

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