

RCT

Small Cap

AI/Tech

Dilution Risk

FMCG

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High Volatility

RCT Rockets 114% on Saudi Deal but Dilution Machine Keeps Grinding

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SUMMARY

RCT exploded 114% pre-market on a Saudi licensing deal, but the celebration masks a deeper story of chronic dilution and unsustainable cash burn that licensing agreements won't fix.

SINCE REPORT -51.5%

DATA BOX

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Volume	144.2K
Float	Not disclosed
Mkt cap	\$25.21M

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Key Data

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The pre-market fireworks tell the story. RCT exploded 114% this morning on news of a licensing agreement with Saudi Arabia worth up to \$30 million over five years to deploy its RAID engine across the Kingdom's \$68 billion FMCG market. The headline sounds impressive. The mechanics tell a different story.

What Actually Happened

RedCloud reaffirmed 2025 revenue guidance of \$51-53 million while targeting \$100 million for 2026. The Turkey deal guarantees \$5 million annually for ten years with 50% revenue sharing, while the Saudi venture targets a \$61 billion market aligned with Vision 2030. Sounds like a rocket ship, right?

Wrong. Revenue jumped from ~\$2.8M to ~\$46.5M over three years, but this growth has been fueled by massive and increasing cash burn, leading to net losses of -\$50.7M in FY2024 with an operating margin of -83%. That's not growth — that's buying revenue with shareholder equity.

The current ratio sits at 0.17, indicating severe short-term liquidity problems. Translation: they can't pay their bills without raising more money. Which brings us to the real story.

The Dilution Playbook

RedCloud's financials show a clear pattern of shareholder dilution, with shares outstanding increasing from 31.3 million in FY2022 to 44.2 million in FY2024, directly resulting from the company's need to raise capital to cover persistent cash burn. But that's just the warm-up act.

The company filed to register 5.2 million shares for resale, with potential proceeds of up to \$30 million from direct equity sales under ELOC purchase agreements. The IPO itself created dilution risk through underwriters' option to purchase additional shares up to 666,666. Every time you blink, more shares hit the market.

This history of dilution is a major red flag, indicating that the business model is not self-sustaining and relies on a constant inflow of external capital at the expense of its owners. The Saudi deal doesn't change that — it might even accelerate it.

The Saudi Mirage

Look past the headline numbers. RedCloud's guidance requires a second-half revenue acceleration to \$33-35 million, nearly double the H1 run rate, meaning the Turkey and Saudi joint ventures must contribute materially alongside core market growth, concentrating risk on execution in unfamiliar regulatory environments.

Success in Saudi Arabia could unlock a \$2.8 billion annual trade opportunity, but if the Turkey model proves replicable, RedCloud could sign similar deals across Southeast Asia or Eastern Europe, creating a licensing flywheel. The operative word is "if."

Despite strong revenue growth of 63% over the last twelve months, the stock has struggled since going public, trading at \$0.68 near its 52-week low of \$0.64, with InvestingPro analysis suggesting the company appears undervalued at current levels though it carries a “WEAK” financial health rating.

What the Tape Says

Friday's close at \$0.57 represented near-death levels for this IPO darling that hit \$5.36 last July. The 114% gap-up sounds impressive until you realize it's bringing RCT back to levels it traded at just days ago. The 52-week range spans from \$0.64 to \$5.36, with the all-time high reached on July 1, 2025, and the all-time low of \$0.80 hit on September 16, 2025.

Volume will tell the story. Short interest stands at 87.6 thousand shares, representing 0.8% of the float, suggesting limited bearish sentiment. But that's misleading — nobody shorts a stock this close to zero. They just avoid it.

The Real Risk

RedCloud's balance sheet shows liabilities (\$86.3 million) far exceeding assets (\$17.6 million), resulting in negative shareholder equity of -\$68.8 million. Operating cash flow has been consistently negative, worsening from -\$12.6 million in FY2022 to -\$34.7 million in FY2024.

The Saudi deal doesn't fix these fundamentals. It might provide breathing room, but with net losses worsening each year (EPS was -\$2.09 in FY2024),

the company's only way to fund itself is by selling more pieces of the business or taking on more debt.

Every licensing deal announcement triggers the same pattern: stock pops, retail gets excited, insiders and early investors lighten up through registered offerings. Rinse, repeat.

What Changes the Story

Look for actual cash generation from these licensing deals, not just announcements. The 2026 target of \$100 million demands a further 90% growth, supported by six global hubs serving nearly 70,000 businesses and the February 2026 launch of the RedAI product interface. That's a massive execution challenge for a company that can't manage its existing cash flows.

The \$30 million Saudi licensing agreement over five years averages \$6 million annually — meaningful for a \$25 million market cap company, but not transformational for the underlying burn rate. Watch for quarterly cash flow improvements, not press release promises.

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