

VIRALEZE™ distribution agreement for Hong Kong and Macau

Melbourne, Australia; 21 October 2022: Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHRY) today announces it has signed a sales and distribution agreement for its nasal spray product VIRALEZE™ in Hong Kong and Macau with Hengan Pharmacare Company Limited, a subsidiary of Hengan International Group Company Limited (“**Hengan Group**”). VIRALEZE™ will be available in Hong Kong and Macau through an extensive network of retail stores and other channels, including via leading pharmacy chains.

Hengan is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEX:HKG) with an annual turnover of >RMB20 billion (~A\$4.5 billion) employing 23,000 staff.

Hengan Group is engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sales of products, including personal care, face masks and hygiene products, in Hong Kong, Macau, the People’s Republic of China and certain overseas markets. Hengan Group has an extensive distribution network, which includes leading pharmacy chains in Hong Kong and Macau. In addition to the VIRALEZE™ brand, the product will also carry Hengan Group’s local brand which is also used for their COVID-19 related products such as face masks and rapid antigen tests. Marketing activities for VIRALEZE™ will be supported with investment by Hengan Group.

The exclusive distribution agreement has an initial 2-year term and covers Hong Kong and Macau. It incorporates launch performance obligations. Under the agreement, Starpharma will supply VIRALEZE™, with Hengan Group responsible for sales, final packing, distribution, and marketing in Hong Kong and Macau. Launch of the product is expected to occur in the next 2-3 months. Starpharma is working with Hengan Group to support importation and regulatory activities. The termination provisions are customary for commercial sales and distribution agreements. At this early stage Starpharma is unable to estimate sales of VIRALEZE™ in these markets.

Hengan Pharmacare Company Limited Managing Director Ms. Wong Pui Wai, Nancy commented, “VIRALEZE™ is an ideal product to add to Hengan Group’s range, which aims to provide added peace of mind in the post-pandemic world.”

Starpharma CEO Dr Jackie Fairley commented: “We are delighted to partner with the Hengan Group to make VIRALEZE™ available in Hong Kong and Macau, including through two of the region’s major pharmacy chains.”

This announcement is intended for investors and market participants only.

VIRALEZE™ is not approved for sale or supply in Australia.

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About Starpharma

Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHY) is a global biopharmaceutical company and a world leader in the development of new pharmaceutical and medical products based on proprietary polymers called dendrimers, with programs for respiratory viruses, DEP[®] drug delivery and VivaGel[®]. Starpharma has developed VIRALEZE™ nasal spray that is registered in a number of countries, including in Europe and the UK. VIRALEZE™ is not approved for sale or supply in Australia. SPL7013 is also utilised in the following products - the VivaGel[®] condom and VivaGel[®] BV. VivaGel[®] products have been licensed in >160 countries and are registered in >45 countries, including the UK, Europe, Japan, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

As a leading company in dendrimer-based drug delivery, Starpharma's proprietary drug delivery platform technology, DEP[®], is being used to improve pharmaceuticals, to reduce toxicities and enhance their performance. There are numerous internal and partnered programs underway to develop DEP[®] versions of existing drugs, particularly in the area of anti-cancer therapies. DEP[®] partnerships include oncology programs with AstraZeneca, with MSD in the area of Antibody Drug Conjugates (ADCs), with Chase Sun in the area of anti-infectives and other world leading pharmaceutical companies. Partnered DEP[®] programs have the potential to generate significant future milestones and royalties.

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