

## **Starpharma CEO to retire in 2024**

**Melbourne, Australia; 9 June 2023: Starpharma** (ASX: SPL, OTCQX: SPHRY) wishes to advise that following her significant tenure as the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr Jackie Fairley has advised the Board that she intends to retire during 2024. Jackie and the Board are keen to ensure an orderly transition and have agreed that she will continue in the role until a successor is ready to commence, providing leadership and continuity throughout the transition period.

Starpharma Chair, Mr Rob Thomas commented: "On behalf of the Starpharma Board and all our staff, I respectfully acknowledge Jackie's advice of her intention to retire and understand her desire to move on to the next chapter of her career in non-executive roles after more than 16 years as Chief Executive. Over her time as CEO Jackie has demonstrated a remarkable dedication to the Company's development. Under her leadership and vision, Starpharma has successfully transformed from a startup with promising technology to a mature organisation with multiple commercial partnerships, marketed products around the world, and a strong portfolio of preclinical and clinical-stage assets. She has also built a stable and highly skilled workforce and positive organisational culture which will serve the Company well into the future. Jackie's contribution to the Australian biotechnology industry is outstanding. I sincerely thank Jackie for her vision, leadership, drive, personal support and contribution throughout her time with Starpharma as CEO."

Jackie has agreed with the Board's request to remain available under a consultancy agreement for a period of up to 12 months after her successor commences to provide Starpharma maximum flexibility for the transition.

Dr Jackie Fairley said: "I am extremely proud of what we have achieved at Starpharma and am honoured to have served as Starpharma's CEO since 2006. It has been a privilege to work with the incredibly talented and dedicated Starpharma team, and I strongly believe the Company has an exciting future ahead. It will be the right time for me to step down as CEO once a suitable successor has been found. I am very confident that the successful progression of our products, programs and commercial partnerships will continue, which will in turn deliver important medical outcomes and commercial returns. I would especially like to thank the Board and senior executive team as well as our highly skilled and committed Starpharma employees and the Company's many long-term shareholders. I look forward to working with my successor, once appointed, for an effective handover and to following the Company's success in the future."

The Board has engaged executive search firm Heidrich & Struggles to conduct a global search for a new CEO who will lead the Company's next phase of commercial development, building on Jackie's legacy.

## About Starpharma

Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHY) is a biopharmaceutical company, focussed on the development of pharmaceutical and medical products for unmet patient needs, including in the areas of oncology and infectious diseases.

Starpharma's innovative technology is based on proprietary polymers called dendrimers, which are precise, synthetically manufactured, nanoscale molecules. The unique properties of dendrimers – including their size, structure, high degree of branching, polyvalency, and water solubility – are advantageous in medical and pharmaceutical applications.

Starpharma uses its dendrimer technology to develop novel therapeutics and to improve the performance of existing pharmaceuticals. Starpharma's portfolio includes multiple clinical stage oncology products, which utilise its Dendrimer Enhanced Product ('DEP®') drug delivery technology; and marketed products, including VIRALEZE™ and VivaGel® BV, which utilise SPL7013, a proprietary dendrimer with antimicrobial properties.

Starpharma's DEP® drug delivery platform is being used to enhance the effectiveness of existing and novel therapies and to reduce drug-related toxicities through controlled and specified drug delivery.

In addition to Starpharma's internal DEP® programs, Starpharma has multiple DEP® partnerships with international biopharmaceutical companies including AstraZeneca (oncology); MSD (antibody drug conjugates); Chase Sun (anti-infectives); and other world leading pharmaceutical companies. Due to the broad applicability and optionality of Starpharma's DEP® platform, partnered DEP® programs have the potential to generate significant future milestones and royalties.

Starpharma's topical antiviral nasal spray, VIRALEZE™, is now registered in more than 35 countries\*, including in Europe, in the U.K., and in Asia. Starpharma's novel non-antibiotic vaginal gel, VivaGel® BV, for treatment of bacterial vaginosis (BV) and prevention of recurrent BV, is registered in more than 45 countries, including in the UK, in Europe, in Southeast Asia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

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