

## Ms Zita Peach appointed Non-Executive Director

**Melbourne, Australia; 26 September 2011:** Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHRY) has today announced the appointment of Ms Zita Peach as a Non-Executive Director.

Zita has more than 20 years of commercial experience in the pharmaceutical industry, particularly in marketing and business development, working for major industry players such as CSL Limited and Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD), the Australian subsidiary of Merck Inc.

Her core strengths include pharmaceutical marketing, commercialization of pharmaceutical portfolios, acquisitions and international partnering.

At CSL Ms Peach was Vice President directing business development, where she oversaw commercialization of CSL's extensive early stage R&D portfolio and licensing agreements, and was involved in due diligence and acquisitions including Zenyth and Aventis Behring.

She is currently the Managing Director and Executive Vice President, South Asia Pacific for Fresenius Kabi Australia, a leader in infusion therapy and clinical nutrition.

Until recently Ms Peach was Vice President/Director, Business Development R&D for CSL, a position she held for ten years. Prior to that she held senior commercial and marketing roles at MSD and Amrad Pharmaceuticals.

Starpharma Chairman Peter Bartels said: "We are very pleased to welcome someone with the extensive nature of Zita's experience in marketing pharmaceuticals, global business development and innovation. Her appointment comes at a time when Starpharma is advancing from strength to strength in the maturation of its extensive portfolio of products and we are confident her skills and experience will be of significant benefit."

Ms Peach is also a Board Member of BioMelbourne Network, and a Non-Executive Director of the ASX-listed Vision Group Holdings.

The appointment is effective from 1 October 2011.

## **ABOUT STARPHARMA**

Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHRY) is a world leader in the development of dendrimer technology for pharmaceutical, life-science and other applications. SPL has two operating companies, Starpharma Pty Ltd in Melbourne, Australia and DNT, Inc in the USA. Products based on SPL's dendrimer technology are already on the market in the form of diagnostic elements and laboratory reagents through licence arrangements with partners including Siemens and Merck KGaA.

The Company's lead pharmaceutical development product is VivaGel<sup>®</sup> (SPL7013 Gel), a vaginal microbicide designed to prevent the transmission of STIs, including HIV, genital herpes and bacterial vaginosis. Starpharma has a licence agreement with Ansell Limited to develop a VivaGel<sup>®</sup>-coated condom, and a licence agreement with Okamoto Industries Inc in relation to the VivaGel<sup>®</sup>-coated condom for the Japanese market. Okamoto is the market leader for condoms sold in Japan, the world's second largest condom market.

Starpharma also has agreements in place with Lilly, Elanco, Stiefel Laboratories (a GSK Company), and Siemens Healthcare as well as many research collaborations with some of the world's leading organisations in the fields of pharmaceuticals, drug delivery, cosmetics and agrochemicals.

A dendrimer is a type of precisely-defined, branched nanoparticle. Dendrimers have applications in the medical, electronics, chemicals and materials industries.

**American Depositary Receipts (ADRs):** Starpharma's ADRs trade under the code **SPHRY** (CUSIP number 855563102). Each Starpharma ADR is equivalent to 10 ordinary shares of Starpharma as traded on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Starpharma's ADRs are listed on International OTCQX, a premium market tier in the U.S. for international exchange-listed companies.

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