



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Starpharma raises \$3.5M through SPP following \$18M Placement**

**Melbourne, Australia; 30 October 2014:** Starpharma Holdings Ltd (ASX: SPL, OTCQX: SPHRY) today announced it has raised a total of approximately \$21.5 million following the closing of its Share Purchase Plan (SPP) on Wednesday 29 October 2014. The Company raised approximately \$3.5 million from existing eligible shareholders through the SPP. The SPP followed the Company's recent \$18 million share placement to sophisticated and institutional investors, which was significantly oversubscribed.

Participation in the SPP reflected 70% of the \$5 million capped amount. There was strong participation in the placement from existing investors, including Allan Gray Australia, which increased its holding in the Company. The Company also welcomed six new domestic, and seven new international, funds to its register through the share placement. The SPP and placement were conducted at \$0.65 per share.

Starpharma Chief Executive Officer Dr Jackie Fairley said: "We are very pleased with the strong demand shown in the recent capital raising by both new and existing institutional investors, and retail shareholders, particularly through what has been a very volatile time in global equity markets. We thank our shareholders for their ongoing support of the Company."

The additional funds will allow Starpharma to confidently advance programs across all areas of the business including commercialisation activities for VivaGel<sup>®</sup> for Symptomatic Relief of BV and pivotal Phase 3 clinical trials for VivaGel<sup>®</sup> prevention of recurrence of BV; advancing the drug delivery and agrochemical programs; and strengthen the balance sheet for the various commercialisation discussions already underway.

#### ABOUT STARPHARMA

Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHRY), located in Melbourne Australia, is an ASX 300 company and is a world leader in the development of dendrimer products for pharmaceutical, life science and other applications.

Starpharma's underlying technology is built around dendrimers – a type of synthetic nanoscale polymer that is highly regular in size and structure and well suited to pharmaceutical and medical uses. Starpharma has three core development programs: VivaGel<sup>®</sup> portfolio, drug delivery, and agrochemicals with the Company developing a number of products internally and others via commercial partnerships.

Starpharma's lead products are based on VivaGel<sup>®</sup> (SPL7013, astodimer sodium), a proprietary dendrimer which is a potent microbicidal agent. VivaGel<sup>®</sup> formulated as a water based gel and delivered vaginally is under clinical development for the management and prevention of bacterial vaginosis (BV). Starpharma has also signed separate licence agreements with Ansell Limited (ASX:ANN) and Okamoto Industries, Inc., (TSE: JP3192800005) to market a value-added, VivaGel<sup>®</sup> condom. Okamoto is the market leader for condoms sold in Japan, which is the world's second largest condom market. Ansell manufactures and sells leading condom brands worldwide, including LifeStyles<sup>®</sup>, ZERO<sup>®</sup> and SKYN<sup>®</sup>.

In the wider pharmaceutical and life science fields, Starpharma has both partnered and internal programs in Drug Delivery. Drug Delivery partners include GSK, Lilly and AstraZeneca. A number of dendrimer-enhanced, or DEP™ versions of existing drugs are under development. The most advanced of these is DEP™ docetaxel, a dendrimer-enhanced version of docetaxel (Taxotere®), which is in clinical development. In preclinical studies DEP™ docetaxel has shown significant tumour-targeting and superior anti-cancer effects across a range of important cancer types including breast, prostate, lung and ovarian tumour, when compared to Taxotere® (docetaxel).

In agrochemicals Starpharma has a series of partnerships with leading industry players including global leader Adama (formerly Makhteshim Agan) as well as internal programs including an enhanced version of glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup®).

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