

Starpharma signs MOU for VivaGel condom in China

Melbourne, Australia; 16 December 2015: Starpharma Holdings Ltd (ASX: SPL, OTCQX: SPHRY) announced today that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a Chinese company who is a major provider of condoms to the Chinese government. The MOU outlines the key commercial and other terms for Starpharma's partner to manufacture and sell a VivaGel[®] coated condom to the Government segment of the Chinese market.

Following the signing of this MOU, Starpharma will work with its partner to proceed with the regulatory process in preparation for market launch and to finalise a complete and binding commercial agreement.

"This MOU is an important step towards expanding the availability for the VivaGel[®] condom to a market not captured by our current licensees" said Dr Jackie Fairley, CEO, Starpharma. "In addition, partnering with a local Chinese company has the potential to facilitate entry into this important market".

The Government Market in China is open to local Chinese companies and manufacturers, with an annual demand estimated at approximately 3 billion condoms. The market spans both the Birth Control Department and the Disease Prevention Department of the Chinese Government.

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[®] portfolio, DEP[™] 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[®] (SPL7013, astodrimer sodium), a proprietary dendrimer which has antimicrobial properties. VivaGel[®] formulated as a water based gel and delivered vaginally now has EU regulatory approval for topical treatment and rapid relief of bacterial vaginosis (BV) and is under clinical development for the prevention of recurrent 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[®] condom. The VivaGel[®] condom is available for purchase in Australia under Ansell's Lifestyles[®] Dual Protect[™] brand. Ansell manufactures and sells leading condom brands

worldwide, including LifeStyles[®], ZERO[®] and SKYN[®]. Okamoto is the market leader for condoms sold in Japan, which is the world's second largest condom market.

In the wider pharmaceutical field, Starpharma has both partnered and internal programs in Drug Delivery. 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 patients with solid tumours. 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). AstraZeneca has signed a licensing agreement with Starpharma for the use of its DEP[™] drug delivery platform in the development and commercialisation of an AstraZeneca oncology compound, with potential for follow on compounds directed at a defined family of targets.

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®). For more information please visit: www.starpharma.com

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