



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

### **VivaGel® condom receives regulatory approval in Canada**

**Melbourne, Australia; 13 September 2016:** Starpharma Holdings Ltd (ASX: SPL, OTCQX: SPHRY) today announced it had been granted a medical device license for the VivaGel® condom by the Canadian regulatory authority, Health Canada.

Starpharma's marketing partner, Ansell (ASX: ANN), plans to launch the VivaGel® condom in Canada as soon as possible under the LifeStyles® Dual Protect™ brand.

The VivaGel® condom is a world-first product based on innovative Australian technology. It is the only condom of its type, providing barrier protection and incorporating the proprietary compound, astodrimer sodium (SPL7013, VivaGel®) in the condom lubricant.

Starpharma Chief Executive Officer, Dr Jackie Fairley, said, "The approval by Health Canada marks a further key commercial milestone for the VivaGel® condom product, and is very significant as the first North American approval for the product."

Jeyan Heper, Ansell's President and General Manager, Sexual Wellness Global Business Unit said "Ansell's mission is to provide innovative solutions for safety, well-being and peace of mind. We pride ourselves on our innovative products and the LifeStyles® Dual Protect™ condom is a great example of this, combining a high-quality condom with Starpharma's VivaGel®, a patented anti-viral technology."

Regulatory reviews continue for the VivaGel® condom in a number of other geographic regions with further approvals anticipated in the coming months.

In May 2016, Starpharma and Ansell announced that VivaGel® condoms were provided to Australian athletes ahead of the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. The antiviral condoms are also available for Australian athletes at the Paralympics.

#### **About VivaGel®**

*VivaGel® has been proven in laboratory studies to inactivate up to 99.9% of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), HSV (herpes simplex virus) and HPV (human papillomavirus), which are viruses that cause STIs. VivaGel® was also recently shown in laboratory studies to have potent antiviral activity against the Zika virus at levels significantly below the concentration in the Dual Protect™ condom. It is now known that Zika virus can be sexually transmitted.*

Customers in Canada can pre-order LifeStyles® Dual Protect™ condoms at [www.lifestyles.com/dual-protect](http://www.lifestyles.com/dual-protect), as of Wednesday 14 September 2016.

#### 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, astodimer 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 signed a license agreement with Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd for the sales and marketing of VivaGel® BV in Australia and New Zealand. Starpharma has also signed separate license agreements with Ansell Limited (ASX:ANN), Okamoto Industries, Inc., (TSE: JP3192800005) and Sky and Land (China) 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®, Manix®, 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](http://www.starpharma.com)

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