

## Starpharma receives \$3.7M R&D tax incentive refund

**Melbourne, Australia; 22 February 2018:** Starpharma (ASX: SPL, OTCQX: SPHRY) today announced that it has received a \$3.7M R&D tax incentive refund associated with FY17 expenditures. The refund relates to eligible R&D expenditure across Starpharma's portfolio, including VivaGel<sup>®</sup> and DEP<sup>®</sup> programs.

The R&D tax incentive is a flagship program in the Australian Government's innovation agenda. The program encourages companies like Starpharma to engage in R&D activities to develop world-class technology with the potential to significantly benefit global health outcomes.

Commenting on the refund, Starpharma CEO Dr Jackie Fairley said: "Starpharma is highly supportive of the R&D tax incentive program and we believe that it has been a significant driver of innovation in Australia and has assisted Starpharma to advance its dendrimer technology into late-stage and commercial products. The refund enables the Company to further build its portfolio, including clinical stage products - DEP<sup>®</sup> docetaxel and DEP<sup>®</sup> cabazitaxel."

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### 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 two core development programs: VivaGel<sup>®</sup> portfolio and DEP<sup>®</sup> drug delivery with the Company developing a number of products internally and others via commercial partnerships.

**VivaGel<sup>®</sup>:** Starpharma's portfolio includes women's health products based on VivaGel<sup>®</sup> (SPL7013, astodimer sodium), a proprietary dendrimer. VivaGel<sup>®</sup> BV is approved for marketing in the EU and Australia for bacterial vaginosis (BV). Starpharma has a license agreement with Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd for the sales and marketing of VivaGel<sup>®</sup> BV in Australia and New Zealand. Starpharma has also developed an antiviral condom which uses VivaGel<sup>®</sup> in the lubricant, which is available in Australia and Canada under the Lifestyles<sup>®</sup> Dual Protect™ brand. Starpharma has a number of license agreements to market the VivaGel<sup>®</sup> condom in other regions, including China and Japan (Okamoto).

**DEP<sup>®</sup> - Dendrimer Enhanced Product<sup>®</sup>:** Starpharma's DEP<sup>®</sup> drug delivery platform has demonstrated reproducible preclinical benefits across multiple internal and partnered DEP<sup>®</sup> programs, including improved efficacy, safety and survival. Starpharma has two internal DEP<sup>®</sup> products – DEP<sup>®</sup> docetaxel and DEP<sup>®</sup> cabazitaxel - in clinical development in patients with solid tumours, and further DEP<sup>®</sup> products approaching clinical development. Starpharma's partnered DEP<sup>®</sup> programs include a multiproduct DEP<sup>®</sup> licence with AstraZeneca, which involves the development and commercialisation of two novel oncology compounds, with potential to add more.

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