

Response to media article

Melbourne, Australia; 4 March 2022: Starpharma (ASX: SPL, OTCQX: SPHRY) notes the media article published in The Age / Sydney Morning Herald this morning, titled 'Nasal spray not on Australian shelves', and provides the following information.

Starpharma confirms that it has submitted an application to Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for its antiviral nasal spray as a medical device, which is in keeping with the approach taken in multiple other jurisdictions. The regulatory process for Starpharma's medical device application is ongoing. Starpharma does not normally comment on ongoing regulatory processes and was not anticipating the TGA to make public comment, given we are currently awaiting a response from the TGA, having provided additional information as recently as last week, including information related to the nasal spray mechanism of action and the appropriateness of its classification as a medical device.

Starpharma's submission for this product as a medical device is consistent with multiple other nasal sprays with antiviral indications that are registered by the TGA as medical devices and have been marketed in Australia for several years, including by multinational companies. These products are all similar to Starpharma's nasal spray and share the same fundamental mechanism of action against viruses. VIRALEZE™ and these other antiviral nasal sprays are all registered as medical devices in Europe and multiple other regions.

We appreciate the TGA's important role in regulating the supply of therapeutic goods in Australia and look forward to working with the TGA to achieve registration of the nasal spray in Australia to make the product available to Australian consumers.

For further information in relation to Starpharma's antiviral nasal spray, please refer to www.Starpharma.com. Most recently, Starpharma [announced](#) impressive antiviral data against Omicron, where SPL7013 significantly outperformed other registered antiviral agents, including being approximately 30 times more potent than iota-carrageenan.

VIRALEZE™ is registered in more than 30 countries, including Europe, Vietnam, India, New Zealand, and Saudi Arabia, and available in certain markets online.

About Starpharma

Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHY) is a global biopharmaceutical company and a world leader in the development of new pharmaceutical and medical products based on proprietary polymers called dendrimers, with programs for respiratory viruses, DEP[®] drug delivery and VivaGel[®]. Starpharma has developed VIRALEZE[™], an antiviral nasal spray that is registered for sale in the Europe, Vietnam, India, Saudi Arabia, and New Zealand, and available outside Australia in certain markets online. VIRALEZE[™] is not approved for sale or supply in Australia. SPL7013 is utilised in approved products - the VivaGel[®] condom and VivaGel[®] BV. VivaGel[®] products have been licensed in >160 countries, are registered in >45 countries and available for sale in the UK, Europe, Japan, South East Asia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

As a leading company in dendrimer-based drug delivery, Starpharma's proprietary drug delivery platform technology, DEP[®], is being used to improve pharmaceuticals, to reduce toxicities and enhance their performance. There are numerous internal and partnered programs underway to develop DEP[®] versions of existing drugs, particularly in the area of anti-cancer therapies. DEP[®] partnerships include oncology programs with AstraZeneca, with Merck in the area of Antibody Drug Conjugates (ADCs), with Chase Sun in the area of anti-infectives and other world leading pharmaceutical companies. Starpharma's partnered DEP[®] programs have the potential to generate significant future milestones and royalties.

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