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Noxopharm Limited (ASX:NOX)

Noxopharm Appoints US Corporate Advisory and Consulting Firm

Sydney, 18 September 2020: Australian clinical-stage drug development company **Noxopharm Limited (ASX:NOX)** is pleased to announce that it has appointed US corporate advisory and consulting firm, Destum Partners, to advise on its immuno-oncology drug business.

Destum in the first instance will advise specifically on the Company's DARRT program and the opportunity it offers as a treatment for end-stage prostate cancer, leading onto transaction advice on strategic partnerships, licensing and merger and acquisition deals.

Immuno-oncology (I-O) therapy is the emerging force in oncology, offering the opportunity for dramatic anti-cancer responses. However, current I-O therapies including CAR-T therapy and immune checkpoint inhibitors are expensive (with the average I-O cost in the U.S. estimated at 4 times the average U.S. household income¹) and their benefit is limited to a relatively small number of cancer types (eg. melanoma, lung cancer, bladder cancer²).

Noxopharm believes that its DARRT treatment regimen comprising a combination of Veyonda® and low-dose radiotherapy offers a considerably more cost-effective, more accessible and better tolerated I-O treatment across more cancer types.

Noxopharm CEO, Dr Graham Kelly, said: "The I-O therapy market currently generates sales of about US\$30 billion p.a., and that is regarded as just the tip of the iceberg given the current limited response rates. Every major pharma company is looking for a way to become involved in this rapidly expanding market. We believe that Veyonda® and the DARRT regimen have enormous potential value. The appointment of Destum is intended to help ensure that we maximise that value."

Destum Partners is a boutique advisory and consulting firm focused on creating value for biopharma companies through transformative deals, and empowering decision making through unparalleled insight. Its Advisory Practice has completed over US\$3 billion in deals, with a variety of deal structures, and across a range of therapeutic areas and geographies. Its consulting practice has completed over 200 successful engagements, including many specifically in oncology.

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Graham Kelly, CEO and Managing Director of Noxopharm, has approved the release of this document to the market on behalf of the Board of Directors.

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**About Noxopharm**

Noxopharm Limited (ASX:NOX) is an Australian clinical-stage drug development company focused on the treatment of cancer and septic shock.

Veyonda® is the Company's first pipe-line drug candidate currently in Phase 2 clinical trialling. Veyonda® has two main drug actions – inhibition of sphingosine kinase and inhibition of STING signalling. Activity against the former target contributes to its dual-acting oncotoxic and immuno-oncology functions designed to enhance the effectiveness and safety of standard oncology treatments, i.e., chemotherapies, radiotherapy and immune checkpoint inhibitors. Activity against the latter target provides an anti-inflammatory effect, also contributing to an anti-cancer action, but also potentially blocking sepsis.

Noxopharm also is the major shareholder of US biotechnology company Nyrada Inc (ASX:NYR).

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