

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT 18 October 2010

# **Bionomics' CEO & Managing Director Extends Contract**

**18 October 2010; Adelaide, Australia:** Bionomics Limited (ASX:BNO) is pleased to announce that its CEO & Managing Director, Dr Deborah Rathjen, has agreed to extend her current employment contract for a 5 year period, commencing 15 October 2010. Dr Rathjen's previous contract expires in August next year and she has agreed to renew it well ahead of its expiration. All other terms and conditions of that contract remain unchanged.

The Chairman of Bionomics, Mr Chris Fullerton, said "After 10 years of leadership at Bionomics, during which time your Company has built a solid base of opportunity, shareholders will be delighted to know that Deborah will be leading the Bionomics team for a further 5 year period. We expect the next few years to be an outstanding, transformational era for Bionomics".

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#### **About Bionomics Limited**

Bionomics (ASX: BNO) is a leading international biotechnology company which discovers and develops innovative therapeutics for cancer and diseases of the central nervous system. Bionomics has small molecule product development programs in the areas of cancer, anxiety, epilepsy and multiple sclerosis. BNC105, which is undergoing clinical development for the treatment of cancer, is based upon the identification of a novel compound that potently and selectively restricts blood flow within tumours. A clinical program is also underway for the treatment of anxiety disorders based on BNC210 which exhibits strong anxiolytic activity without side effects in preclinical models. Both compounds offer blockbuster potential if successfully developed.

Bionomics' discovery and development activities are driven by its three technology platforms: Angene®, a drug discovery platform which incorporates a variety of genomics tools to identify and validate novel angiogenesis targets (involved in the formation of new blood vessels). MultiCore® is Bionomics' proprietary, diversity orientated chemistry platform for the discovery of small molecule drugs. ionX® is a set of novel technologies for the identification of drugs targeting ion channels for diseases of the central nervous system.

For more information about Bionomics, visit www.bionomics.com.au

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