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## MARSHALL EDWARDS AND AUSIO PHARMACEUTICALS ANNOUNCE EXCLUSIVE LICENCE AGREEMENT

Novogen Limited's subsidiary, Marshall Edwards, Inc., (NASDAQ: MSHL) together with Ausio Pharmaceuticals, LLC has made the following announcement.

San Diego and Cincinnati – 27 October, 2011 – Marshall Edwards, Inc. (Nasdaq: MSHL), an oncology company focused on the clinical development of novel therapeutics targeting cancer metabolism, and Ausio Pharmaceuticals, LLC, a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of safe and effective medicines for the aging population, announced today the signing of an exclusive, royalty-bearing licence agreement.

The agreement gives Ausio exclusive, worldwide rights under certain Marshall Edwards patents to develop, manufacture and sell products utilising the isoflavone metabolite known as equal for non-oncology applications. In exchange, Marshall Edwards is entitled to receive royalty payments on sales of any potential Ausio products that contain equal. In addition, the agreement gives Marshall Edwards a royalty-free licence to certain issued manufacturing-related intellectual property owned by Ausio. Further terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"We are very pleased to enter into this licencing agreement with Ausio, our first since completing the acquisition of our isoflavone-based intellectual property portfolio earlier this year," said Daniel P Gold, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Marshall Edwards. "This agreement demonstrates our commitment to maximising the value of these assets while maintaining our focus on the clinical development of our two current lead oncology drug candidates, ME-143 and ME-344."

"This exclusive licence to Marshall Edward's worldwide patents claiming the composition and therapeutic uses of equol further strengthens our global patent portfolio for S and Requol," said Richard L Jackson, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ausio Pharmaceuticals. "S-equol, the S enantiomer of equol, is a first-in-class, non-hormonal, non-steroidal estrogen receptor  $\mathfrak B$  agonist that is in Phase 2 clinical development for the treatment of vasomotor symptoms in postmenopausal women and benign prostatic hyperplasia in men, and for various topical uses."

#### **About Ausio Pharmaceuticals**

Ausio Pharmaceuticals, LLC, is a private biotechnology development company focused on the advancement of safe and effective medicines for the aging population. Ausio was founded in 2006 by Richard Jackson, PhD. based on technologies licensed from the Australian Health and Nutrition Association and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The Company has garnered a strong patent position for its lead compound, AUS 131 (also referred to as S-equol). It has rapidly developed AUS-131 by working with excellent service providers. Ausio's strategic goal is to collaborate with international pharmaceutical partners for AUS-131 in the US and other markets worldwide. For further information on Ausio, please visit the Company's website at www.ausiopharma.com.

#### **About Marshall Edwards**

Marshall Edwards, Inc. (Nasdaq: MSHL) is a San Diego-based oncology company focused on the clinical development of novel anti-cancer therapeutics. The company's lead programs focus on two families of small molecules that result in the inhibition of tumour cell metabolism. The first and most advanced is a NADH oxidase inhibitor program that includes lead candidate ME-143. The second is a mitochondrial inhibitor program that includes lead candidate ME-344. The company initiated a Phase I clinical trial of intravenous ME-143 in September 2011 and expects to submit an IND application for ME-344 by the first quarter of 2012. For more information, please visit www.marshalledwardsinc.com.

### **About Novogen Limited**

Novogen Limited (ASX: NRT Nasdag: NVGN) is an Australian biotechnology company based in Sydney, Australia. Novogen conducts research and development on oncology therapeutics through its subsidiary, Marshall Edwards, Inc., and is developing glucan technology through its subsidiary, Glycotex, Inc. More information on the Novogen group of companies can be found at www.novogen.com.

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