

# ASX:NRT NASDAQ:NVGN

Novogen Ltd (Company)

ABN 37 063 259 754

#### **Capital Structure**

Ordinary Shares on issue:

424 M

#### **Board of Directors**

Mr Ian Phillips MNZM Interim Chairman

Mr Iain Ross Director Acting CEO

Mr Steve Coffey Non-Executive Director

Mr John O'Connor Non-Executive Director

**Prof Peter Gunning**Non-Executive Director

Mr Bryce Carmine Non-Executive Director

#### **ASX RELEASE**

12 November 2015

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

Shareholders

Welcome to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Novogen Limited. I'm pleased to be here today as Interim Chairman of the Board of Directors.

I would like to start by introducing our Directors and key management personnel who are also here.

On our Board are:

- Mr lain Ross, a Director and Acting CEO
- Mr John O'Connor, a Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chair
- Mr Bryce Carmine, a Non-Executive Director
- Mr Steven Coffey, a Non-Executive Director, and
- Professor Peter Gunning, a Non-Executive Director

I would also like to acknowledge the presence of Dr Andrew Heaton, President and CEO of Novogen North America, and Dr David Brown, Novogen Group Chief Scientific Officer.

Both Andrew and David will provide a more specific update on the Company's science programs after the meeting.

It has been a very busy and full year for the Company, completing a number of fundraising campaigns that have raised capital to enable us to continue to progress our leading three (3) candidates to the clinic.

In August, we undertook a comprehensive strategic review of our science and business generally. In line with our business strategy, we are applying our resources to progress our lead drug candidates to the clinic in the coming 12-18 months and the Company is

well placed to create the best value for shareholders in the short to medium term and achieve better outcomes for patients.

Our business is built on novel and leading edge science, and the Company is ensuring that all of our decisions are science based and commercially driven.

We are also actively looking at all opportunities such as licensing, partnering and collaboration, which may provide a diverse source of funds.

Novogen ended the 2014/15 financial year having significantly strengthened our financial position and as of today, the Company has \$40M in the bank to support the development of our proprietary technology platforms and progression of our lead programs through to the clinic.

The Company has considered the foreign exchange movements and the weakening Australian dollar against the USD. As part of our cash flow planning, Novogen has a currency risk minimization strategy, maintaining as much as is practicable, significant funds in USD (up to \$30M) with the majority of research and development payable being USD. Given the volatility of global markets, particularly foreign exchange, our strategy is to be as FX risk neutral as possible.

Novogen is fortunate in that we have two proprietary technologies that are first-in-class and have different modes of anti-cancer action. Over the past 12 months, we have made significant progress in the development of the SBP and ATM platforms. As David will elaborate on later, all steps are being taken to enter Phase 1 clinical trials for each drug candidate.

It is also important to acknowledge the depth of the Company's medicinal chemistry expertise across our two technology platforms. This supports future growth opportunities, provides back-ups to our existing lead compounds and opens up new avenues for future discovery.

Further, over the past 12 months, Novogen has continued to take steps to secure its patent position across both technology platforms and protect these critical assets for the Company.

A change in the past year was the resignation of former Executive Chairman and CEO, Dr Kelly, who showed great commitment in steering the Company to a position where it was well placed to proceed to the clinic with its lead oncology drug candidates. As he stated when he resigned, Dr Kelly left to resume his work in non-oncology based early stage research.

Since August, the Board has undertaken a global search for a new CEO to transition our technology from discovery to clinical development. We have shortlisted a number of potential candidates to be interviewed by a sub-Committee. The final three (3) candidates, I'm delighted to say, are of a very high calibre and would certainly bring strong, new leadership, experience and knowledge.

I would also like to acknowledge the productive relationships that Novogen has built with key organisations. We, of course, have a significant partnership with Yale University and their team is working collaboratively with us on our lead drug candidate, Cantrixil, and our latest data suggests that Cantrixil may be used as an adjuvant therapy when dosed in combination with platinum-based drugs.

We also have a solid relationship with the University of New South Wales and The Kids' Cancer Project who have strongly supported the development of Anisina and our ATM platform.

We value these strategic partnerships and on behalf of the Board, I'd like to thank these organisations for their ongoing support. The Board is confident that we have the best strategy to deliver investor value in the medium to long-term.

I would also like to thank all of our shareholders for their patience and support as the Company moves through this period of transition. We are looking forward to continuing the journey to when Novogen can make a real difference to the lives of people living with cancer. Finally, I would like to thank the team at Novogen for their exceptional dedication, hard work and loyalty to the Company during a challenging period.

Ian Phillips MNZM
Director and Interim Chairman

## **About Novogen Limited**

Novogen is a public, Australian-US drug development company whose shares trade on both The Australian Securities Exchange (NRT) and NASDAQ (NVGN). The Novogen group includes US-based, CanTx Inc., a joint venture company with Yale University. Novogen has two drug technology platforms [the superbenzopyrans (SBPs) and anti-tropomyosins (ATMs)] yielding drug candidates that are first-in-class with potential application across a range of degenerative diseases. Given the encouraging data from *in vitro* and *in vivo* preclinical proof-of-concept studies in the field of oncology, our immediate focus is to undertake their respective toxicology programs. Our target indication for Cantrixil is ovarian cancer, and Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) for Trilexium. While the initial target pediatric indication for Anisina has been identified as neuroblastoma, we are yet to identify the adult indication and are intending to open an all-comers Phase 1 trial initially based on our preclinical studies. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.novogen.com">www.novogen.com</a>

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