

# ASX:NRT NASDAQ:NVGN

Novogen Ltd (Company)

ABN 37 063 259 754

#### **Capital Structure**

Ordinary Shares on issue:

429 M

#### **Board of Directors**

Mr John O'Connor Chairman Non-Executive Director

# Mr Bryce Carmine Deputy Chairman Non-Executive Director

**Dr James Garner** Chief Executive Officer Managing Director

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## **ASX RELEASE**

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# NOVOGEN APPOINTS KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL TO DRIVE TRANSITION TO A DEVELOPMENT-FOCUSED ORGANISATION

- Dr Gordon Hirsch appointed as Chief Medical Officer, with responsibility for clinical development of Novogen's pipeline - formerly Vice President and Regional Medical Officer at Sanofi.
- Dr Peng Leong appointed as Chief Business Officer, with responsibility for partnering and corporate strategy - formerly Global Head of Oncology Business Development at Merck Serono.
- New appointments will support Novogen's evolution into a broad-based drug development company with world-class capabilities across discovery, development, and partnering.

Sydney, 29 August 2016 – Australian oncology-focused biotechnology company, Novogen Ltd (ASX: NRT; NASDAQ: NVGN) today announced the appointment of two internationally experienced pharmaceutical industry executives to its management team. The newly-created positions will support Novogen's strategy of emphasising clinical development and partnering, while maintaining its existing core strengths in drug discovery.

Dr Gordon Hirsch will join the company as Chief Medical Officer, commencing in the fourth quarter, with primary responsibility for driving global clinical development of Novogen's pipeline of cancer therapies.

Dr Hirsch has spent almost twenty years in the pharmaceutical industry where he has worked with Pfizer Inc (NYSE: PFE), Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY), Sanofi SA (NYSE: SNY), and The Takeda Pharmaceutical Company (TYO: 4502). His career has involved a broad range of global responsibilities, stretching from early development to commercialisation, and including appointments in Australia, Japan, France, and the United States, and encompassing a portfolio of products with global sales in the billions of dollars. He holds a medical degree from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, and an MBA from Henley Business College in the UK. Dr Hirsch will be based in Sydney, Australia.

Dr Peng Leong will join the company as Chief Business Officer, commencing in September. Dr Leong will be primarily responsible for identifying and negotiating in-licensing and out-licensing opportunities for Novogen, and will take a central role in the ongoing development and execution of Novogen's corporate strategy.

Dr Leong has spent eighteen years in the pharmaceutical industry, beginning as a scientist, and followed by eight years in healthcare investment banking and private equity, and eight years in business development. Dr Leong started his career at Chiron Corporation, a pioneering biotechnology company based in California that was subsequently acquired by Novartis International AG (NYSE: NVS). While working in healthcare investment banking at CIBC World Markets and Piper Jaffray, he was involved in raising more than US\$ 1.4 billion for over 20 biotechnology companies. In his various roles, including his most recent position at Merck Serono (FWB: MRK), Dr Leong has had a leadership role in the acquisition or sale of over US\$ 1 billion in pharmaceutical product rights. He holds a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Canada and an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr Leong will be based in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In addition to these senior management appointments, Novogen has bolstered its operational capabilities by hiring David Cain, formerly of Aviragen Therapeutics Inc (NASDAQ: AVIR), previously known as Biota Pharmaceuticals. Mr Cain will join Novogen as Director of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls (CMC) and will commence work with the company in October.

Dr James Garner, CEO of Novogen, commented, "as we highlighted at the Shareholder Meeting in March, a key part of our strategy for Novogen this year has been to evolve from a scientific, discovery-focused company to a development organisation, focused on moving programs into and through human trials. As our development candidates transition successively into clinical studies, strong medical and development capabilities will be essential to oversee the progression of our portfolio.

Moreover, in order to realise sustainable long-term shareholder value from our pipeline, we will be looking to actively engage with potential partners to explore licensing opportunities, which may include both outlicensing of our existing development candidates and carefully-considered addition of complementary assets to our portfolio. To succeed in these ambitions, we will need access to a more commercially-focused set of skills and relationships, working alongside the strong scientific capabilities that already exist in Novogen.

It is therefore a great pleasure to have Gordon, Peng, and David join the Novogen team. Their expertise and experience in their respective fields will bring a greater breadth to the organisation, and we are very much looking forward to working with them."

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### **About Novogen Limited**

Novogen Limited (ASX: NRT; NASDAQ: NVGN) is an oncology-focused biotechnology company based in Sydney, Australia. Novogen has two proprietary drug discovery platforms (superbenzopyrans and anti-tropomyosins) with the potential to yield first-in-class agents across a range of oncology indications. The three lead molecules Cantrixil, Anisina, and Trilexium are in preclinical development, with the most advanced molecule, Cantrixil, slated to enter clinical trials in late 2016. For more information, please visit: www.novogen.com.

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