

# ASX:NRT NASDAQ:NVGN

Novogen Ltd (Company)

ABN 37 063 259 754

#### **Capital Structure**

Ordinary Shares on issue:

450 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

Mr Ian Phillips MNZM Non-Executive Director

Mr lain Ross Non-Executive Director

Mr Steven Coffey
Non-Executive Director

## **MARKET RELEASE**

31 October 2016

## NOVOGEN ACQUIRES PRIVATELY-HELD NEURO-ONCOLOGY COMPANY TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF GDC-0084 IN GLIOBLASTOMA

- Glioblast Pty Ltd, a privately-held neuro-oncology company based in Sydney, Australia, will be acquired for AU\$ 2.1 million and performancerelated milestones
- Acquisition provides capabilities, expertise, and relationships that will support the development of GDC-0084 in glioblastoma multiforme

Sydney, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – Australian oncology-focused biotechnology company, Novogen Ltd (ASX: NRT; NASDAQ: NVGN) today announced that it has fully-acquired Glioblast Pty Ltd, a privately-held, neuro-oncology-focused Australian biotechnology company.

The transaction includes an upfront payment of AU\$ 2.1 million, comprising AU\$ 600,000 in cash and ordinary fully-paid shares valued at AU\$ 1.5 million, with the actual number of shares determined on the basis of the volume-weighted average price of Novogen shares on the ASX in the seven days prior to this announcement.

The shareholders of Glioblast will be eligible for further payments in cash or equity on the achievement of performance-related milestones. The first two of these milestones provide for the issue of ordinary fully-paid shares valued at AU\$ 1.25 million respectively on commencement and successful completion of a phase II clinical trial of GDC-0084, with the actual number of shares determined on the basis of the volume-weighted average price of Novogen shares on the ASX in the seven days prior to satisfaction of the relevant milestone being announced. A further two milestones may trigger payments in cash or equity at Novogen's sole discretion. Any issue of equity in Novogen will be subject to a minimum six-month escrow period.

The addition of Glioblast will add important capabilities and relationships to Novogen, allowing it to more effectively move forward with the GDC-0084 program. Paul Hopper, a highly-experienced life sciences executive, and Leslie Chong, who was formerly Clinical Program Lead for GDC-0084 at Genentech, both shareholders of Glioblast, will become consultants to Novogen and will advise on clinical development.

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### About the GDC-0084 development candidate

GDC-0084 is a small molecule inhibitor of the PI3K / AKT / mTOR pathway, which is distinguished from other molecules in the class by its ability to penetrate the blood-brain barrier. The molecule was developed by Genentech, who completed a phase I study in recurrent glioblastoma patients, and was licensed to Novogen in October 2016. A phase II clinical trial is slated to begin in 2017.

### **About Novogen Limited**

Novogen Limited (ASX: NRT; NASDAQ: NVGN) is an emerging oncology-focused biotechnology company, based in Sydney, Australia. Novogen has a portfolio of four development candidates, diversified across three distinct technologies, with the potential to yield first-in-class and best-in-class agents across a range of oncology indications.

The lead program is GDC-0084, a small molecule inhibitor of the PI3K / AKT / mTOR pathway, which is being developed to treat glioblastoma multiforme. Licensed from Genentech in late 2016, GDC-0084 is anticipated to enter phase II clinical trials in 2017. Three further molecules have been developed in-house from two proprietary drug discovery platforms (superbenzopyrans and anti-tropomyosins) to treat ovarian cancer and a range of solid tumours. Cantrixil, the most advanced of these, is slated to enter clinical trials in late 2016, while Anisina and Trilexium are in preclinical development.

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