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Novogen Ltd (Company)

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## **Capital Structure**

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#### **MARKET RELEASE**

6th April 2017

#### TERMINATION OF ATM-3507 PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- ATM-3507 (Anisina) will not be progressed into clinical trials due to unfavourable balance of preclinical activity relative to emerging toxicology findings, and likely regulatory and commercial barriers to success
- Novogen will continue to focus on two clinical-stage programs: GDC-0084 in glioblastoma multiforme, and TRXE-002-01 (Cantrixil) in ovarian cancer
- Recently-announced CRC-P grant for next-generation ATM program is unaffected by the decision, and represents an opportunity to develop a candidate with superior activity and toxicity profile

Sydney, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Australian oncology-focused biotechnology company, Novogen Limited (ASX: NRT; NASDAQ: NVGN) announces that it is terminating further development of its preclinical program ATM-3507 (Anisina), with immediate effect.

The decision follows a careful review by the internal Scientific Committee of the Board of Directors, which concluded that the balance of available preclinical data did not support a transition into clinical trials, and that the future commercial potential of the asset was likely to be low. In particular, a level of toxicity was observed that raised significant concern around the ability to safely dose patients to a therapeutic level. In addition, the recent evolution of the treatment landscape for patients with the kinds of cancer in which Anisina might be tested suggested that there would likely be regulatory and commercial barriers to success.

Novogen CEO, Dr James Garner, commented, "the work that has been done on the Anisina program has been first-class, and it is important to acknowledge the efforts of the many dedicated scientists that have been involved. However, our responsibility to patients and to shareholders lies in taking forward only those development programs which are likely to provide benefit in the treatment of cancer. Our view is that the data that has been collected for Anisina does not, in aggregate, make it an appropriate candidate for clinical development."

He added, "while this has been a difficult decision, we believe it to be the most responsible course of action. The considerable quantum of funds that would have been devoted to a clinical trial of Anisina can now be reallocated to activities that are more likely to benefit patients and drive economic value for the company. We have a strong pipeline, and we are tightly focused on driving forward our clinical programs, GDC-0084 and Cantrixil. These are entirely independent of Anisina in scientific terms."

Under the terms of a License Deed with Genscreen Pty Ltd which was executed in 2013, it is anticipated that the intellectual property associated with the program will revert to Genscreen, and Novogen will work closely with the Genscreen team to execute any necessary handover.

Novogen anticipates significant future cost savings associated with the termination. A reduction in headcount will be implemented, and other employees will be reallocated to new responsibilities, focused on driving forward the clinical-stage programs and the 'next-generation ATM' program. Professor Peter Gunning, as one of Australia's preeminent cancer researchers, will remain a member of the company's Scientific Advisory Board.

Professor Gunning, who discovered the anti-tropomyosin technology and is named as an inventor on the patent that covers ATM-3507, commented, "we remain fundamentally confident that targeting tropomyosin is a sound approach to the development of new cancer therapies. While this program has ultimately yielded mixed results, much has been learned that will no doubt help enormously to advance both the development of new ATM drugs and the basic science in this field."

The decision to terminate the development of ATM-3507 does not affect the 'next-generation ATM' program that is the subject of a \$3 million CRC-P grant from the Federal Government, as announced on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The next-generation ATM program is based on an entirely novel approach to targeting tropomyosin, with distinct intellectual property, and it offers an opportunity to produce a therapy with a superior profile to ATM-3507.

## **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 development candidates, diversified across several distinct technologies, with the potential to yield first-in-class and best-in-class agents in 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. A second clinical program, TRXE-002-01 (Cantrixil) commenced a phase I clinical trial in ovarian cancer in December 2016. In addition, the company has several preclinical programs in active development, the largest of which is substantially funded by a CRC-P grant from the Australian Federal Government.

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