

Neural Therapeutics Announces Closing of First Tranche of Private Placement and Debt Settlement and Change of Auditors

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - October 2, 2023) - Neural Therapeutics Inc. ("**Neural**" or the "**Company**"), an ethnobotanical drug-discovery and development company, is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of the private placement ("**Private Placement**") for gross proceeds of \$293,346.42 and completed debt settlement of approximately \$327,845.49 ("**Debt Settlement**").

Ian Campbell, CEO of Neural Therapeutics commented: "*While the capital markets environment for junior life sciences companies remains challenging, we are very grateful for the support of our stakeholders. Completion of the private placement and the debt settlement significantly bolsters our ability to satisfy our ongoing financial commitments and continue to advance our research and development programs. We expect that there will be a subsequent closing of the private placement in due course and invite any qualified investors to reach out for more information.*"

Private Placement

Further to the announcements in Neural press releases dated June 13, 2023 and July 14, 2023, Neural is pleased to announce that on September 21, 2023 it closed the first tranche of the Private Placement for gross proceeds of \$293,346.42 through issuance of 9,778,209 common shares in the capital of Neural ("**Neural Shares**") at a price of \$0.03 per Neural Share. In connection with closing the first tranche of the Private Placement, Neural paid cash finders' fees of \$12,587 and issued 419,564 finders' warrants ("**Finders' Warrants**"). Each Finders' Warrant is exercisable into Neural Shares at a price of \$0.05 per Neural Share until September 21, 2025. Neural anticipates that it may close additional rounds of the Private Placement, which will be announced by way of press releases.

The net proceeds of the Private Placement are expected to be used for general and administrative purposes, and to fund the Company's research and development programs.

Neural also wishes to convey that the subscription receipt financing that Neural anticipated to carry out, as announced in a press release of Vertical Peak Holdings Inc. (formerly High Fusion Inc.) dated March 21, 2023, has now been terminated and replaced by the Private Placement. All of the subscribers of the said subscription receipt financing have participated in the Private Placement or the rights offering of Neural, which closed on July 14, 2023.

Debt Settlement

Neural wishes to announce that on September 21, 2023 pursuant to the Debt Settlement, it has settled an aggregate of \$327,845.49 of indebtedness owed to certain arm's length and non-arm's length creditors through the issuance of an aggregate of 10,928,181 Neural Shares at a price of \$0.03 per Neural Share.

Humber Capital Advisors Inc. ("**HCA**"), a company controlled by John Durfy, Chairman of the board of Neural has acquired 2,250,000 Neural Shares pursuant to the Debt Settlement. Prior to the Debt Settlement and the Private Placement, John Durfy and HCA held 4,465,967 Neural Shares, which represents 9.91% of the issued and outstanding Neural Shares. Following the completion of the Debt Settlement, HCA and Mr. Durfy collectively held 6,715,967 Neural Shares, representing approximately 10.21% of issued and outstanding Neural Shares, not taking into consideration any future issuances by Neural. A copy of the Early Warning Report for each of HCA and Mr. Durfy will appear on Neural's SEDAR+ profile and may also be obtained by calling +1 (647) 697-NURL (6875).

The participation of those HCA in the Debt Settlement, respectively, constitutes a "related party transaction" within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("**MI 61-101**"). Neural has relied on exemptions from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 contained in sections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101 in respect of related party participation in the Debt Settlement as neither the fair market value (as determined under MI 61-101) of the subject matter of, nor the fair market value of the consideration for, the transaction, insofar as it involved the related parties, exceeded 25% of the Neural's market capitalization (as determined under MI 61-101).

All securities issued pursuant to the first tranche of the Private Placement and the Debt Settlement (which includes Neural Shares, Finders' Warrants and Neural Shares issuable on exercise of Finders' Warrants) are subject to a statutory hold period of four months plus a day from the date of issuance in accordance with applicable securities legislation.

Change of Auditor

Neural also wishes to announce that it has changed its auditors from Kreston GTA LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants ("**Former Auditor**") to DNTW Toronto LLP ("**Successor Auditor**") effective September 28, 2023.

At the request of Neural, the Former Auditor resigned as the auditor of Neural and the Board of Directors of Neural appointed the Successor Auditor as the new Auditor effective September 28, 2023, until the close of the Company's next Annual General Meeting.

There were no reservations in the Former Auditor's audit reports for any financial period during which the Former Auditor was the Neural's auditor. There are no "reportable events" (as the term is defined in National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*) between Neural and the Former Auditor.

In accordance with National Instrument 51-102, the Notice of Change of Auditor, together with the required letters from the Former Auditor and the Successor Auditor, have been reviewed by Neural's Audit Committee and will be filed on SEDAR+ accordingly.

Investment in securities of Neural shall be considered highly speculative and anyone considering purchasing such securities should consult their financial advisors and review the Company's continuous disclosure record on www.sedarplus.ca.

About Neural Therapeutics

Neural is a drug-discovery company focusing on plant based active substances with the goal of delivering beneficial over-the-counter dietary-supplements and psychedelic-based therapeutic-medicines to treat serious mental ailments where no significant treatment is available today. Neural's key ingredient is mescaline derived from cacti. Neural has established a supply chain in Peru to source certain specimen of mescaline containing cacti, such as the San Pedro cactus, and has applied for and received the requisite permits with the National Service for Forest and Wildlife or Servicio Nacional Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre ("**SERFOR**"), to collect wild species of cacti within Peru for research purposes.

Neural Therapeutics is an unlisted reporting issuer in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec.

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