

WPD Pharmaceuticals and CNS Pharmaceuticals Identify Leading Polish Medical Institutions for Berubicin Phase 2 Clinical Trial

Trials to be funded by a US\$6 million grant previously awarded to WPD Pharmaceuticals

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, April 30, 2020 -- **WPD Pharmaceuticals Inc.** (CSE: WBIO) (FSE: 8SV1) (the “**Company**” or “**WPD**”) a clinical stage pharmaceutical company, is pleased to announce that in collaboration with CNS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNSP) (“**CNS**”), a biopharmaceutical company, it has identified several leading medical institutions in Poland to conduct its Berubicin Phase 2 clinical trial in adults with glioblastoma multiforme (“**GBM**”), an aggressive and incurable form of brain cancer.

The US Phase 2 trial Sponsor will be CNS and the Polish Phase 2 trial Sponsor will be WPD, a Polish corporation founded by Professor Waldemar Priebe, founder of both WPD and CNS. The Company expects to initiate both its Phase 2 US and Polish trial of Berubicin in adults with GBM during the second half of 2020.

As previously announced, WPD entered into a sublicense agreement with CNS, which gives WPD commercial rights in selected territories in Europe and Asia to Berubicin. WPD was subsequently awarded a reimbursement grant that was valued at \$6 million as at the date the grant was announced from the EU/Polish National Center for the research and development of Berubicin. Proceeds from this grant will be used to support the Company’s upcoming Phase 2 clinical trial of Berubicin in adults with GBM in Poland.

Mariusz Olejniczak, CEO of WPD Pharmaceuticals commented, “*We are honored to have the leading cancer research and treatment facilities in Poland interested in further development of Berubicin.*” He continued, “*We are doing our best to assure that Phase 2 trial in adults and Phase 1 pediatric trial will start during the second half of 2020. The continued enthusiasm remains a key driver in our development pipeline.*”

“*The grant awarded to WPD by the National Centre for Research and Development is a testament to the unmet medical need facing patients with GBM,*” commented **John M. Climaco, CEO of CNS Pharmaceuticals**. “*We look forward to initiating this investigation of a unique topoisomerase II inhibitor that appears to cross the blood-brain barrier, with the goal of bringing a much-needed new treatment to GBM patients around the world.*”

About Berubicin

Berubicin is an anthracycline, a class of anticancer agents that are among the most powerful chemotherapy drugs and effective against more types of cancer than any other class of chemotherapeutic agents. Anthracyclines are designed to utilize natural processes to induce deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) damage in targeted cancer cells by interfering with the action of topoisomerase II, a critical enzyme enabling cell proliferation. Berubicin treatment of brain cancer patients appeared to demonstrate positive responses that include one durable complete response in a Phase 1 human clinical trial conducted by Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

About WPD Pharmaceuticals

WPD is a biotechnology research and development company with a focus on oncology, namely research and development of medicinal products involving biological compounds and small molecules. WPD has 10 novel drug candidates with 4 that are in clinical development stage. These drug candidates were researched at institutions including the Mayo Clinic and Emory University, and WPD currently has ongoing collaborations with Wake Forest University and leading hospitals and academic centers in Poland.

WPD has entered into license agreements with Wake Forest University Health Sciences and sublicense agreements with Moleculin Biotech, Inc. and CNS Pharmaceuticals, Inc., respectively, each of which grant WPD an exclusive, royalty-bearing sublicense to certain technologies of the licensor. Such agreements provide WPD with certain research, development, manufacturing and sales rights, among other things. The sublicense territory from CNS Pharmaceuticals and Moleculin Biotech includes 31 countries in Europe and Asia, including Russia.

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