



BetterLife Announces Closing of a Private Placement

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Dec. 18, 2023 -- BetterLife Pharma Inc. ("BetterLife" or the "Company") (CSE: [BETR](#) / OTCQB: [BETRF](#) / FRA: [NPAU](#)), an emerging biotech company focused on the development and commercialization of cutting-edge treatments for mental disorders, is pleased to announce that it has closed a non-brokered private placement pursuant to which the Company issued 2,000,000 units ("Units") at a price of \$0.10 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$200,000 (the "Offering"). Each Unit is comprised of one common share and one warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.10 at any time up to 24 months from the closing of the Offering. The Units sold pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a four month hold period pursuant to applicable Canadian securities laws. Dr. Ahmad Doroudian, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, subscribed for a total of 1,000,000 Units under the Offering.

The participation of Dr. Doroudian in the private placement constituted a "related party transaction" as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 ("MI 61-101"). The issuance to the insider was exempt from the formal valuation requirements of MI 61-101 by virtue of the exemption contained in section 5.5(b) as none of the securities of the Company are listed on a specified stock exchange. The transaction is exempt from the minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 by virtue of exemption contained in section 5.7(a) of MI 61-101. At the time the transaction was agreed to, neither the fair market value of, nor the fair market value of the consideration for, the transaction, insofar as it involves interested parties, exceeded 25% of the Company's market capitalization. The Company did not file a material change report at least 21 days prior to the expected closing of the Offering as Dr. Doroudian's participation was not determined at that time.

About BetterLife Pharma

BetterLife Pharma Inc. is an emerging biotechnology company primarily focused on developing and commercializing two compounds, BETR-001 and BETR-002, to treat neuro-psychiatric and neurological disorders.

BETR-001, which is in preclinical and IND-enabling studies, is a non-hallucinogenic and non-controlled LSD derivative in development and it is unique in that it is unregulated and therefore can be self-administered. BetterLife's synthesis patent for BETR-001 eliminates regulatory hurdles and its pending patent, for composition and method of use, covers treatment of major depressive disorder, anxiety disorder and neuropathic pain and other neuro-psychiatric and neurological disorders.

BETR-002, which is in preclinical and IND-enabling studies, is based on honokiol, the active anxiolytic ingredient of magnolia bark. BetterLife's pending method of use and formulations patent covers treatment of anxiety related disorders including benzodiazepine dependency.

BetterLife also owns a drug candidate for the treatment of viral infections such as COVID-19 and is in the process of seeking strategic alternatives for further development.

For further information, please visit [BetterLife Pharma](#).

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