

# PharmaDrug Appoints World-Renowned DMT Expert Dr. Steven A. Barker to Its Scientific Advisory Board for Psychedelic Pharmaceuticals

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - February 8, 2021) - PharmaDrug Inc. (CSE: BUZZ) (OTC Pink: LMLLF) ("**PharmaDrug**" or the "**Company**"), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the research, development and commercialization of controlled-substances and natural medicines such as psychedelics, cannabis and naturally-derived approved drugs, is pleased to announce that it has appointed world-renowned chemist and neuroscientist Dr. Steven A. Barker, Ph.D. to the Company's newly-formed scientific advisory board for psychedelic pharmaceuticals to lead the research and development initiatives of N,N-Dimethyltryptamine ("DMT") for mental health, neurological and inflammatory disorders.

Dr. Steven Barker, Ph.D. has been actively involved in the research of psychedelics with a primary focus on DMT since 1976. Dr. Barker, who appeared in the 2010 documentary "DMT: The Spirit Molecule," which was hosted by actor and commentator Joe Rogan, is Professor Emeritus at Louisiana State University in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences at the School of Veterinary Medicine. He held the Everett D. Besch Distinguished Professor award between 2000 and 2006 for his research into the Neurochemistry of hallucinogens, which he continues today in collaboration with academic research institutions.

"I am very excited to join PharmaDrug to lead their research initiatives in unlocking the potential of DMT as a pharmaceutical for various mental health, neurological and inflammatory disorders," said Dr. Steven A. Barker, Ph.D. "I have been involved in the research with DMT for over 40 years and my belief in DMT's potential still holds to this day and even after retirement from LSU I continue to be involved in both the mechanistic and clinical research of DMT with leading academic research institutions across the world."

"We are honoured to have Dr. Barker join our scientific advisory board and lead our psychedelic pharmaceuticals program with a focus on DMT," said Daniel Cohen, CEO of PharmaDrug. "We are quickly laying the groundwork in building a foundation that will enable us to focus our research efforts with DMT and partnering with leading research institutions to achieve our objectives in advancing the clinical development of DMT as a pharmaceutical for unmet medical needs."

DMT (N,N-Dimethyltryptamine), also referred to as the "spirit molecule" due to the intense psychedelic experience similar to lysergic acid diethylamide ("LSD") or psilocybin, is a hallucinogenic tryptamine drug that occurs naturally in plants and animals. In scientific studies at lower doses DMT was shown to have mood-elevating and calming properties and it now being evaluated to treat depression and other neuropsychiatric disorders.

The Company's psychedelic pharmaceutical strategy will focus on DMT by expanding its product pipeline through pre-clinical and clinical research and licensing, forming research collaborations with academic institutions and industry, broadening its intellectual property portfolio with unique formulations, novel uses and delivery systems, and adding medical and clinical experts to its scientific advisory board.

## About PharmaDrug Inc.

PharmaDrug is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the research, development and commercialization of controlled-substances and natural medicines such as psychedelics, cannabis and naturally-derived approved drugs. The Company owns 80% of Pharmadrug Production GmbH, a German medical cannabis distributor, with a Schedule I European Union narcotics license and German

EuGMP certification allowing for the importation and distribution of medical cannabis to pharmacies in Germany and throughout the EU. The Company also owns 100% of Super Smart, a Dutch company building a modern adult use psychedelic retail business with an elevated and educational focus. PharmaDrug recently acquired Sairiyo Therapeutics, a biotech company that specializes in researching and reformulating established natural medicines with a goal of bringing them through regulatory and research driven clinical trials.

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