

# PASCAL BIOSCIENCES ANNOUNCES CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH SŌRSE TECHNOLOGY AND TESTING OF CANNABINOIDS FOR COVID-19 TREATMENT

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**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, May 27, 2020** – Pascal Biosciences Inc. (TSX.V: PAS) ("**Pascal**") entered into a non-binding term sheet with SōRSE Technology Corporation ("**SōRSE**") in February 2020 with an exclusivity period ending May 27. Due to the challenging financial environment created by COVID-19, efforts to complete this transaction have been paused. Pascal has further decided to examine the potential of cannabinoids for treating COVID-19.

Pascal determined that certain cannabinoids increase expression of the Major Histocompatibility Complex, which is critical for providing a strong immune response to cancer cells. This same activity could be beneficial for cells infected with the novel coronavirus, because the immune system will better recognize viral infected cells. We are in the process of testing our cannabinoids in a COVID-19 direct viral assay, which may lead to animal studies. In addition, Pascal will be testing PAS-403, our lead compound for glioblastoma, in a COVID-19 direct viral assay. PAS-403 is a mitotic inhibitor with the same mechanism of action as colchicine, which is currently being tested in human clinical trials as a potential treatment for COVID-19.

As part of the initial agreement, SōRSE purchased units of Pascal, each unit consisting of one share and one warrant of Pascal, for gross proceeds of US\$250,000 on a private placement basis. Pascal is using the proceeds of the Private Placement for working capital purposes. In addition to these funds, Pascal applied to the US Small Business Administration for emergency funds from the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) and received US\$159,000 for funding its operations in Seattle WA. The PPP is a forgivable loan which does not need to be repaid if used to retain employees.

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SoRSE is a leading emulsion technology provider. SoRSE's technology is designed for producers to provide consumers with a better experience with near-perfect dosing, stability, and safe ingredients. SoRSE's patented technology converts oil into SōRSE, its water-soluble emulsion, for seamless integration as an ingredient in a beverage, food item or topical. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.sorsetech.com">www.sorsetech.com</a>.



#### ABOUT PASCAL BIOSCIENCES INC.

Pascal is a biotechnology company focused on advancing innovative approaches for the treatment of cancer including targeted therapies for acute lymphoblastic leukemia and cannabinoid-based therapeutics. Pascal's leading portfolio also comprises a small molecule therapeutic, PAS-403, that is advancing into clinical trials for the treatment of glioblastoma, and PAS-393, an immuno-stimulatory cannabinoid to be used in combination with checkpoint inhibitor therapy. For more information, visit <a href="www.pascalbiosciences.com">www.pascalbiosciences.com</a>.

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