



## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Alpha Cognition Announces Cancellation and Grant of Stock Options**

January 19, 2023 – Alpha Cognition Inc. (TSX-V: ACOG) (OTCQB: ACOGF) ("Alpha Cognition", or the "Company"), a biopharmaceutical company committed to developing novel therapies with the potential to transform the lives of people with debilitating neurodegenerative disorders announced today that it has cancelled an aggregate of 4,655,000 incentive stock options with exercise prices ranging from \$0.64 CAD to \$1.05 CAD. The board of directors (the "Board") has also approved the grant of options totaling 4,655,000 to certain directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company at \$0.28 per share, with vesting in monthly installments over either an 8 month, 18 month or 24 month term.

The option grant included an aggregate of 4,540,000 options granted to directors and officers of the Company and the exercise of those options is subject to stock exchange and disinterested shareholder approval. The Company intends to seek the requisite shareholder approval at its next annual general meeting.

The option cancellation and new grant is intended to maintain appropriate incentives as necessary to retain valued team members. Recognizing that option grants are a critical element of the Company's compensation policy, the Board is of the view that it is in the best interest of the Company to cancel certain existing options and grant the new options to certain directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company at current market pricing.

## **About Alpha Cognition Inc.**

Alpha Cognition Inc. is a clinical stage, biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing treatments for patients suffering from neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), for which there are limited treatment options.

ALPHA-1062, is a patented new chemical entity being developed as a new generation acetylcholinesterase inhibitor for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, with expected minimal gastrointestinal side effects. ALPHA-1062's active metabolite is differentiated from donepezil and rivastigmine in that it binds neuronal nicotinic receptors, most notably the alpha-7 subtype, which is known to have a positive effect on cognition. ALPHA-1062 is also being developed in combination with memantine to treat moderate to severe Alzheimer's dementia, and as an intranasal formulation for traumatic brain injury.

ALPHA-0602 (Progranulin) is expressed in several cell types in the central nervous system and in peripheral tissues, promotes cell survival, regulates certain inflammatory processes, and plays a significant role in regulating lysosomal function and microglial responses to disease. Its intended use for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases has been patented by the Company and Alpha-0602 has been granted an orphan drug designation for the treatment of ALS by the FDA. ALPHA-0702 and ALPHA-0802 are granulin epithelin motifs ("GEMs"), derived from full length progranulin which have therapeutic potential across multiple neurodegenerative diseases. GEMs



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have been shown to be important in regulating cell growth, survival, repair, and inflammation. ALPHA-0702 and ALPHA-0802 are designed to deliver this with potentially lower toxicity, and greater therapeutic effect.

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