

Defence Begins Trading on the OTCQB and Arranges Financing

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - January 12, 2024) - Defence Therapeutics Inc. (CSE: DTC) (OTCQB: DTCFF) (FSE: DTC), ("**Defence**" or the "**Company**"), one of the leading Canadian biotechnology companies working in the field of immune-oncology is pleased to announce that it arranges a financing, and its common shares have been upgraded to OTCQB.

The Company announces a non-brokered private placement of up to \$2,790,000 comprised of 1.5 million units of the Company. Each unit is comprising of one common share in the capital of the Company and one share purchase warrant. Each warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one additional share at a price of \$2.25 per share for a period of 24 months of the closing date.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds to advance its preclinical and clinical programs, including as previously announced the Phase I clinical trial of Defence's AccuTOX[®] administered intratumorally in patients with stage IIIB to IV melanoma, and for general working capital. The Company may pay a finder's fee in connection with the offering in accordance with the policies of the CSE. The securities issued in connection with the offering will be subject to a statutory hold period of four months and one day following the closing date in accordance with the CSE.

The Company is also pleased to announce that Defence's common shares have been upgraded to OTCQB on December 19, 2023, and since that date Defence's common shares are now trading on the OTCQB under the symbol "DTCFF". Defence's common shares are also already eligible for book entry and depository services of the Depository Trust Company (DTC).

About Defence:

Defence Therapeutics is a publicly-traded biotechnology company working on engineering the next generation vaccines and ADC products using its proprietary platform. The core of Defence Therapeutics platform is the ACCUM[®] technology, which enables precision delivery of vaccine antigens or ADCs in their intact form to target cells. As a result, increased efficacy and potency can be reached against catastrophic illness such as cancer and infectious diseases.

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