

# WPD PHARMACEUTICALS COMPLETED THE ACQUISITION OF TWO DRUG CANDIDATES BRINGING TOTAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SPENT ON DRUGS UNDER LICENSE TO OVER USD \$100 MILLION

**Vancouver, British Columbia** –Feb 3, 2020 – WPD Pharmaceuticals Inc. (CSE: WBIO)(FSE: 8SV1) (the "**Company**" or "**WPD**"), a clinical stage pharmaceutical company, provides an update on the completed acquisition of exclusive sublicenses for two drug candidates from Moleculin Biotech, Inc. a leading global pharmaceuticals company focused on the treatment of highly resistant cancers. The acquisitions bring the total development funding spent on WPD's portfolio of drugs under license to over USD\$100 million. The territory covered by the patents includes 30 countries in Europe and Asia, including Russia.

The licensed drug candidates, WP1122 and WP1732 were developed at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, a leading comprehensive cancer center located in Houston, TX. Both drug candidates are considered promising potential therapies for treating pancreatic cancer, among other highly resistant tumors.

WP1732 appears capable of a disproportionately high accumulation in the pancreas, making it a promising candidate for treating pancreatic cancer. WP1122 is capable of inhibiting glycolysis, a process by which cells convert glucose into energy and one on which many tumor cells are known to be much more dependent for their survival than normal cells. In particular, pancreatic cancer is known to be highly dependent on glycolysis.

**Mariusz Olejniczak, CEO of WPD commented,** "The acquisition of these two pancreatic cancer drug candidates brings the total development funding for our license portfolio to over USD\$100 million. Working with one of the best comprehensive cancer centers in North America, and a team of world class scientists continues to demonstrate our determination to develop novel treatments for cancer. The acquisitions are an important step for WPD, and we are focused on developing our portfolio of eight drugs across five different indications."

## About WPD Pharmaceuticals

WPD is a biotechnology research and development company with a focus on oncology, namely research and development of medicinal products involving biological compounds and small molecules. WPD has 10 novel drug candidates with 5 that are in clinical development stage and 5 in pre-clinical development. These drug candidates were researched at institutions including MD Anderson Cancer Center, Mayo Clinic and Emory University, and WPD currently has ongoing collaborations with Wake Forest University and leading hospitals and academic centers in Poland.

WPD has entered into license agreements with Wake Forest University Health Sciences and sublicense agreements with Moleculin Biotech Inc. and CNS Pharmaceuticals, Inc., respectively, each of which grant WPD an exclusive, royalty-bearing sublicense to certain technologies of the licensor. Such agreements provide WPD with certain research, development, manufacturing and sales rights, among other things.

### On Behalf of the Board

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