



## Prescient Therapeutics welcomes James McDonnell as Chief Executive Officer

**MELBOURNE Australia, 17 December 2024:** Prescient Therapeutics Limited (Company; ASX: PTX), a clinical stage oncology company developing personalised therapies for cancer, is pleased to announce the appointment of James McDonnell as Chief Executive Officer, effective 20 January 2025.

Mr McDonnell is an accomplished senior biopharmaceutical leader with over 25 years of experience in the global pharmaceutical industry, including significant involvement in blood disorders and hematological malignancies such as Myeloma, Myelodysplasia, and CML. His strategic vision and leadership have been instrumental in delivering exceptional commercial results complemented by his ability to build high-performing team cultures.

Mr McDonnell has held numerous senior leadership positions at top pharmaceutical companies, including Pharmion and CSL Vifor. James spent time in the US as Head of Global Marketing at Pharmion, eventually acquired by Celgene Corporation for \$2.9 billion, where his role involved leading a global marketing team in oncology and hematology markets, driving the growth and success of the portfolio while also contributing as the commercialization representative on the development committee. Most recently, he served as the Global Commercial Lead for Patient Blood Management at CSL Vifor, where he collaborated with the global enterprise taskforce to develop a comprehensive PBM strategy. His role at Vifor Pharma as Vice President, General Manager for Australia and New Zealand, saw him manage a broad portfolio including nanomedicines, nephrology, iron deficiency, and rare diseases, achieving substantial revenue growth while demonstrating an ability to navigate access challenges.

Mr McDonnell is a registered pharmacist in Australia and a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. He has a Graduate Diploma in Marketing from Monash University and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Mr Steven Engle, Non-Executive Chair of the Company, commented, "On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to welcome James McDonnell as the new CEO of Prescient Therapeutics. The Board conducted a thorough selection process and is confident that James's strategic vision and leadership will significantly contribute to our ambitious development plans."



Commenting on his appointment, Mr McDonnell said: "It is an honour to join Prescient Therapeutics, a company with a remarkable history and a bright future. I am dedicated to leveraging my expertise in drug development and commercialisation to advance Prescient's innovative therapies, bringing them to market, and diversifying treatment options for patients. I look forward to working with the Board and team to drive long-term value for the Company and its shareholders."

A summary of the material terms of Mr McDonnell's employment agreement is included at Annexure A.

The Board of Prescient Therapeutics Limited has approved the release of this announcement.

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### **About Prescient Therapeutics Limited (Prescient)**

Prescient Therapeutics (ASX: PTX) is a clinical stage oncology company developing personalised medicine approaches to cancer, including targeted and cellular therapies.

#### **Targeted Therapy**

**PTX-100** is a first in class compound with the ability to block an important cancer growth enzyme known as geranylgeranyl transferase-1 (GGT-1). It disrupts oncogenic Ras pathways by inhibiting the activation of Rho, Rac and Ral circuits in cancer cells, leading to apoptosis (death) of cancer cells. PTX-100 is believed to be the only GGT-1 inhibitor in the world in clinical development. PTX-100 demonstrated safety and early clinical activity in a previous Phase 1 study and recent PK/PD basket study of hematological and solid malignancies. PTX-100 is now in a Phase 1b expansion cohort study in T cell lymphomas, where it is showing encouraging efficacy and safety. The US FDA has granted PTX-100 Orphan Drug Designation for all T Cell Lymphomas. A Phase 2 study is in planning.

#### **Cell Therapy Platforms**

**CellPryme-M:** Prescient's novel, ready-for-the-clinic, CellPryme-M technology enhances adoptive cell therapy performance by shifting T towards a central memory phenotype, improving persistence, and increasing the ability to find and penetrate tumours. CellPryme-M is a 24-hour, non-disruptive process during cell manufacturing. Cell therapies that could benefit from additional productivity in manufacturing or increased potency and durability in-vivo, would be good candidates for CellPryme-M.

**CellPryme-A:** CellPryme-A is an adjuvant therapy designed to be administered to patients alongside cellular immunotherapy to help them overcome a suppressive tumour microenvironment. CellPryme-A significantly decreases suppressive regulatory T cells; increases expansion of CAR-T cells in vivo; increases tumour penetration of CAR-T cells. CellPryme-A improves tumour killing and host survival of CAR-T cell therapies, and these benefits are even greater when used in conjunction with CellPryme-M pre-treated CAR-T cells.



**OmniCAR:** is a universal immune receptor platform enabling controllable T-cell activity and multi-antigen targeting with a single cell product. OmniCAR's modular CAR system decouples antigen recognition from the T-cell signalling domain. It is the first universal immune receptor allowing post-translational covalent loading of binders to T-cells. OmniCAR is based on technology licensed from Penn; the SpyTag/SpyCatcher binding system licensed from Oxford University; and other assets. OmniCAR is in pre-clinical development.

The targeting ligand can be administered separately to CAR-T cells, creating on-demand T-cell activity post infusion and enables the CAR-T to be directed to an array of different tumour antigens. OmniCAR provides a method for single-vector, single cell product targeting of multiple antigens simultaneous or sequentially, whilst allowing continual re-arming to generate, regulate and diversify a sustained T-cell response over time.

Find out more at [www.ptxtherapeutics.com](http://www.ptxtherapeutics.com) or connect with us via Twitter [@PTX\\_AUS](https://twitter.com/PTX_AUS) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ptxtherapeutics).

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#### **Supplemental COVID-19 Risk Factors**

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**ANNEXURE A**

The Company confirms that the material terms of the employment agreement between Mr McDonnell and the Company for the role of Chief Executive Officer are as follows:

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| <b>Position Title</b>        | Chief Executive Officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Commencement Date</b>     | 20 January 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Fixed Remuneration</b>    | Fixed remuneration will be \$390,250 per annum including statutory superannuation contribution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Options Offer</b>         | <p>Mr McDonnell will be eligible to receive unlisted options upon his acceptance of the employment agreement.</p> <p>The terms of the unlisted options are set out below:</p> <p>24,000,000 unlisted options to vest in four equal tranches as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25% to vest 12 months following the issue date;</li> <li>• 25% to vest 24 months following the issue date;</li> <li>• 25% to vest 36 months following the issue date;</li> <li>• 25% to vest 48 months following the issue date.</li> </ul> <p>The final date and time for exercise of the unlisted options is 5pm (AEST) 5 years from the date of grant. If such date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the final date will be the preceding Business Day.</p> <p>The exercise price for the unlisted options will be a price calculated at a 75% premium to the 5-day Volume Weighted Average Market Price of the Company's shares (5 Day VWAP) for the 5 ASX trading days immediately prior to, and including, the date of grant.</p> |
| <b>Short-Term Incentives</b> | Mr McDonnell will be eligible to receive an annual bonus of up to 30% of base salary based on the achievement of agreed priorities between Mr McDonnell and the Board.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Long-Term Incentives</b>  | Mr McDonnell will be eligible to participate in any long-term incentive arrangements operated or introduced by the Company from time to time, in accordance with the terms and conditions governing those arrangements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Termination</b>           | Termination of employment by either party with 6 months' written notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |