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Opthea Receives A\$10.8 million R&D Tax Incentive

Melbourne, Australia and Princeton, NJ, US, October 6, 2025 – Opthea Limited (ASX/NASDAQ:OPT, “Opthea”, the “Company”), a biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapies to treat diseases known to be mediated by VEGF-C and/or VEGF-D, today announced that it has received an A\$10.8 million (US\$7.2 million) research and development (R&D) tax incentive from the Australian Taxation Office. The R&D tax incentive is for research and development costs incurred in the 2024/2025 financial year, and represents the amount disclosed as a current tax receivable in the Company’s audited financial statements at 30 June 2025. The R&D tax incentive relates to both Australian and eligible overseas expenditure for the development of Opthea’s candidate, sozinibercept. The R&D Tax Incentive is an Australian Federal Government program under which companies can receive cash incentives for 43.5% of eligible research and development expenditure.

Jeremy Levin, Executive Chairman of Opthea, commented: “Australia’s R&D Tax Incentive is a vital program that encourages innovation and supports companies like Opthea as we move forward. We are taking clear and deliberate steps to advance the opportunities within our assets, with a focus on creating value for our shareholders. We will share an update on our strategic plan later this year. In the meantime, we remain committed to fiscal discipline while pursuing the best path forward for the Company.”

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