

## WPD Pharmaceuticals Secures Berubicin Sub-License Rights in Perpetuity

Commercially Reasonable Development Expenditures of at least US\$2,000,000 going towards the development, testing, regulatory approval or commercialization of the licensed product, Berubicin, during the applicable development period

Vancouver, British Columbia / February 1, 2022 – WPD Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the "Company" or "WPD") (CSE: WBIO) (FSE: 8SV1), announced that in respect to its sublicense agreement with CNS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "CNS Agreement") on December 23, 2021, CNS confirmed that the Company has used "commercially reasonable development efforts" towards the development of Berubicin, defined as expenditures of at least USD\$2,000,000 on the development, testing, regulatory approval or commercialization of the licensed product during the applicable development period, and as such, the Company, through WPD Poland, is entitled to maintain its sublicense of Berubicin subject to the ongoing obligations under the CNS Agreement. The Company's sub-license of Berubicin allows it geographic exclusivity for development and marketing in a region consisting of select countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Berubicin is an anthracycline, a class of anticancer agents that are among the most powerful chemotherapy drugs and effective against more types of cancer than any other class of chemotherapeutic agents. Anthracyclines are designed to utilize natural processes to induce deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) damage in targeted cancer cells by interfering with the action of topoisomerase II, a critical enzyme enabling cell proliferation. Berubicin treatment of brain cancer patients appeared to demonstrate positive responses that include one durable complete response in a Phase 1 human clinical trial conducted by Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Berubicin, was developed by Dr. Waldemar Priebe, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

## About WPD Pharmaceuticals

WPD is a biotechnology research and development company with a focus on oncology and virology, namely research and development of medicinal products involving biological compounds and small molecules. WPD has licensed in certain countries 10 novel drug candidates with 4 that are in clinical development stage. These drug candidates were researched at institutions, 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. The sublicense territory from CNS Pharmaceuticals and Moleculin Biotech includes for most compounds 30 countries in Europe and Asia, including Russia.

## On Behalf of the Board

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