# vTv Therapeutics Amends License Agreement with Newsoara Biopharma Co. Ltd. for PDE4 inhibitor, HPP737

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*Strategic amendment transforms regional partnership into global collaboration; Newsoara gains exclusive worldwide license to develop and commercialize novel PDE4 inhibitor*

*vTv to receive $20 million upfront payment immediately upon execution of the amended license agreement*

HIGH POINT, N.C., Feb. 02, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- vTv Therapeutics Inc. (Nasdaq: VTVT), a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of *cadisegliatin,* a novel, potential first-in-class oral adjunctive therapy to insulin being investigated for the treatment of type 1 diabetes ("T1D"), today announced that it has expanded its license agreement with Newsoara Biopharma Co. Ltd. ("Newsoara") to provide Newsoara with global rights to the Company's PDE4 inhibitor, HPP737. Pursuant to the amended license agreement, Newsoara has obtained an exclusive, worldwide license to develop and commercialize Company's PDE4 inhibitor, HPP737, in exchange for an upfront payment and potential future milestone payments and royalties on net sales.

"We are pleased to expand our license with Newsoara to allow the further development and commercialization of HPP737 globally. The amendment strengthens our balance sheet with the upfront payment of $20 million and underscores the intrinsic value of our deep pipeline of differentiated therapeutic assets," said Paul Sekhri, Chairman, President and CEO of vTv Therapeutics. "As we continue to advance *cadisegliatin* in our ongoing Phase 3 CATT1 trial, our wholly owned pipeline provides shareholders with another significant source of potential value creation. We remain opportunistic in exploring potential collaborations for advancing these exciting drug candidates."

In addition to the upfront payment of $20 million, the amended license with Newsoara includes future development milestones of up to approximately $50 million, future sales milestones of up to $65 million, and tiered royalties based on sales.

"Over the last several years, vTv and Newsoara have enjoyed a productive and collaborative relationship, and this exciting expansion of the relationship will help accelerate the clinical development of our highly differentiated and potential best-in-class PDE4 inhibitor, HPP737," said Rich Nelson, Executive Vice President, Chief Business Officer of vTv Therapeutics. "Alliance management is a major strategic priority for vTv, and our strong relationship with Newsoara demonstrates this commitment and our mutual desire to advance new and innovative therapies for inflammation-mediated disease."

"We are pleased to expand our collaboration with vTv and secure global rights to HPP737, a highly differentiated oral PDE4 inhibitor with the potential to address unmet needs in inflammation-mediated disease," said Dr. Benny Li, Chief Executive Officer of Newsoara. "With this expanded license, we plan to leverage our development and commercialization capabilities to advance HPP737's progress and, if approved, bring it to patients worldwide."

HPP737, a selective phosphodiesterase type 4 (PDE4) inhibitor, has shown therapeutic activity in several animal models of inflammation. In phase 1 studies, HPP737 was well tolerated with little or no gastrointestinal distress. Preclinical and clinical data suggest that HPP737 may be able to expand the therapeutic use for this target, which has been limited by the side-effects of currently available PDE4 inhibitors.

**About HPP737**

HPP737 is a novel, potent, and selective phosphodiesterase type 4 (PDE4) inhibitor in development for the treatment of psoriasis. HPP737 has shown potent inhibition of interleukin-23 (IL-23) and tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF-α) production *in vitro* and *in vivo*, as well as therapeutic activity in several animal models of inflammation. In addition, HPP737 showed target engagement *ex vivo*. PDE4 inhibitors increase intracellular cyclic adenosine monophosphate (AMP) levels, resulting in broad anti-inflammatory effects. However, the therapeutic potential of PDE4 inhibitors has historically been limited by dose-limiting adverse events, including nausea and emesis. Preclinical and clinical data to date suggest HPP737 may avoid some of the gastrointestinal side effects (e.g., nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) commonly associated with other PDE4 inhibitors.

**About Cadisegliatin**

*Cadisegliatin (TTP399)* is a novel, oral small molecule, liver-selective glucokinase activator being investigated in the US as a potential first-in-class oral adjunctive treatment for type 1 diabetes (T1D). In non-clinical studies, *cadisegliatin*, acting selectively on the liver, increased the activity of glucokinase independently from insulin which supports clinical investigation of improvement in glycemic control through hepatic glucose uptake and glycogen storage. *Cadisegliatin* has been granted Breakthrough Therapy designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

*Cadisegliatin* is under investigation, and the safety and efficacy have not been established. There is no guarantee that this product

will receive health authority approval or become commercially available for the use being investigated.

**About vTv Therapeutics**

vTv Therapeutics is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing oral, small molecule drug candidates intended to help treat people living with diabetes and other chronic diseases. vTv's clinical pipeline is led by *cadisegliatin*, currently in a US Phase 3 trial, a potential first-in-class oral glucokinase activator being investigated for the treatment of type 1 diabetes. vTv and its development partners are investigating multiple molecules across different indications for chronic diseases. Learn more at vtvtherapeutics.com or follow the company on LinkedIn or X.

**About Newsoara**

Newsoara is a biopharmaceutical company established in 2018 dedicated to the discovery and development of innovative therapies that deliver differentiated and clinically valuable benefits to patients in three strategically focused therapeutic areas, namely, (i) autoimmune diseases, (ii) oncology and (iii) metabolic diseases. Each of these therapeutic areas is characterized by substantial unmet medical needs and high growth potential, positioning Newsoara to capture significant market opportunities in these therapeutic areas.

Newsoara adopts a global development strategy with a number of product candidates advancing clinical trials in China, U.S. and Australia. Newsoara has also been actively pursuing dual regulatory filings for internally discovered product candidates in China and the U.S. As part of global development strategy, Newsoara fosters an open and collaborative mindset and has established an array of value-accreditive strategic partnerships.

**Forward-Looking Statement**

This release contains forward-looking statements, which involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "should," "target," "will," "would" and, in each case, their negative or other various or comparable terminology. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this release, including statements regarding the satisfaction of the closing conditions set forth in the securities purchase agreement, the expected use of proceeds from the offering, the timing of our clinical trials, the anticipated effect of Phase 3 topline data on the Company, the benefits of *cadisegliatin* to people living with T1D, our strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenue, projected costs, prospects, plans, objectives of management and expected market growth are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause our results to vary from expectations include those described under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our other filings with the SEC. These forward-looking statements reflect our views with respect to future events as of the date of this release and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this release and, except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or review publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise after the date of this release. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our views to change. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, merger, dispositions, joint ventures, or investments we may undertake. We qualify all our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

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