

## **Living Cell Technologies Limited**

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#### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

# LCT JV adopts new strategy for DIABECELL

**5 March 2015 – Sydney, Australia & Auckland, New Zealand –** Living Cell Technologies Limited today announced that its 50% owned joint venture Diatranz Otsuka Limited (DOL) has adopted a new development strategy for DIABECELL®. DOL will partner with its other 50% shareholder, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc. (OPF) to support the development and launch of DIABECELL in United States of America. DOL retains a royalty-free right to commercialise DIABECELL outside USA and Japan.

DOL's funding requirements have reduced as a result of the new development strategy and the OPF loan facility has been amended to provide funding of up to NZD28m.

The new strategy will mean that DOL and OPF will focus on developing a DIABECELL product that will meet FDA regulatory requirements. Approval by the FDA will facilitate approval for the product across the rest of the world.

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## **About Living Cell Technologies**

Living Cell Technologies (LCT) is an Australasian biotechnology company researching and developing cell therapies to treat diseases with high unmet clinical need. LCT's lead product NTCELL® is an alginate coated capsule containing clusters of neonatal porcine choroid plexus cells. After transplantation NTCELL functions as a biological factory producing factors to promote new central nervous system growth and repair disease induced nerve degeneration.

NTCELL is in Phase I/IIa clinical trial in New Zealand as an advanced therapy for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Results of this clinical trial will be presented in June, 2015 at the International Congress of Movement Disorders and Parkinson's disease, San Diego, USA.

NTCELL has the potential to be used in a number of other central nervous system indications such as Huntington's, Alzheimer's and motor neurone diseases.

LCT's proprietary encapsulation technology, IMMUPEL $^{\text{TM}}$ , allows cell therapies to be used without the need for co-treatment with drugs that suppress the immune system.

LCT holds a 50% interest in Diatranz Otsuka Limited which is developing a cell therapy for type 1 diabetes.

LCT is listed on the Australian (ASX: LCT) and US (OTCQX: LVCLY) stock exchanges. The company is incorporated in Australia, with its operations based in New Zealand.

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