

# Living Cell Technologies Limited

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# US choroid plexus cells patent application published

**11 January 2017 – Sydney, Australia & Auckland, New Zealand –** Living Cell Technologies Limited has just received notice from the United States Patent and Trademark Office that its patent application "TREATMENT OF CNS DISEASE WITH INDUCIBLE CHOROID PLEXUS CELLS" No. 15/154,709 was published with a date of 15 December 2016. The application was filed on 13 May 2016 and the provisional application No. 62/162,390 was filed on 15 May 2015.

The abstract of the application is:

"Compositions and methods are disclosed that relate to improved treatments for nervous system diseases and disorders using CNS-implanted semi-permeable biocompatible capsules containing encapsulated pathogen-free xenogeneic choroid plexus (CP) cells that are induced to produce altered (and in certain embodiments increased) levels of one or more cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) components. Capsules are selected as disclosed to be capable of induction of elevated CSF production levels by CP cells that are remarkably (>16 months post implant) long lived, without eliciting immunological rejection, inflammation or foreign body response reactions."

"The published application recognises a significant number of claims relating to our lead product, NTCELL<sup>®</sup>," says Dr Ken Taylor, CEO of LCT.

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## About Living Cell Technologies

Living Cell Technologies Limited (LCT) is an Australasian biotechnology company improving the wellbeing of people with serious diseases worldwide by discovering, developing and commercialising regenerative treatments which restore function using naturally occurring cells.

LCT's lead product, NTCELL<sup>®</sup>, 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.

The Phase I/IIa NTCELL clinical trial in New Zealand for the treatment of Parkinson's disease met the primary endpoint of safety and reversed progression of the disease two years after implant. Results from this trial were used to design a larger Phase IIb trial to confirm the most effective dose of NTCELL, define any placebo component of the response and further identify the initial target Parkinson's disease patient sub group. This trial commenced in March 2016. If the trial is successful, the company will apply in late 2017 for provisional consent to treat paying patients in New Zealand and launch NTCELL as the first disease modifying treatment for Parkinson's disease.

In addition to Parkinson's disease, NTCELL has the potential to be used in a number of other central nervous system indications, including Huntington's, Alzheimer's and motor neurone diseases including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

LCT's proprietary encapsulation technology, IMMUPEL<sup>™</sup>, allows cell therapies to be used without the need for co-treatment with drugs that suppress the immune system.

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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