

Mesoblast Enters into Agreements to Raise A\$170million to Drive Advanced Programs To Commercial Outcomes

Targeted private placement to significant new global funds

Melbourne, Australia, 6 March 2013: Mesoblast Limited (ASX: MSB; OTC ADR: MBLTY) today announced it has entered into agreements to raise A\$170 million through an issue of new fully paid shares at A\$6.30, representing a 2.2% discount to the stock's last traded price of \$6.44 on 1 March 2013. The shares will be placed to a select group of existing and new global institutional investors and are expected to be issued and funds received on or around 13 March 2013.

Following the issue of the ordinary shares, the Company will have cash reserves of A\$332 million.

The intended uses of these funds are for continued development of Mesoblast's proprietary Mesenchymal Precursor Cell (MPCs) technology platform, specifically:

- a Phase 3 clinical trial using MPCs for treatment of degenerative disease of the lumbar spine
- new Phase 2 clinical trials to broaden the indications for intravenous delivery of MPCs in the treatment of systemic inflammatory conditions
- optimization of MPC manufacturing processes and increased product inventory
- staff and overheads.

Mesoblast Chief Executive Professor Silviu Itescu said: "We are delighted to have secured agreements to raise these funds from existing and new global institutional investors.

"In addition to the programs that we have already partnered with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, once the shares have been placed, we can utilise the funds received to drive our independent programs to commercial outcomes."

Teva President and CEO, Dr Jeremy M. Levin, congratulated Mesoblast on reaching this stage of its financing.

"I see Teva as a partner focused on supporting Mesoblast through our alliance. In particular, we are working closely together to develop an important new treatment for cardiovascular diseases," Dr Levin said.

The issue of shares is within the Company's 15% placement capacity pursuant to ASX listing rule 7.1 and therefore shareholder approval is not sought.

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