

**ASX:NRT** 

NASDAQ:NVGN

Novogen Ltd (Company)

ABN 37 063 259 754

### **Capital Structure**

Ordinary Shares on issue:

250 M

#### **Board of Directors**

**Dr Graham Kelly**Chairman &
Executive Director

**Steve Coffey**Non Executive Director

John O'Connor

Non Executive Director

**Prof Peter Gunning**Non Executive Director

### **ASX RELEASE**

4 March 2015

# NOVOGEN GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Meeting was called to consider three resolutions.

Welcome to this General Meeting of Novogen Shareholders.

The first two relate to the ongoing need to fund a rapidly growing company. The third relates to allowing our employees, on which this Company is dependent for its future, to share in the financial rewards that we believe lie ahead for the Company.

It is just over 2 years since Novogen was rejuvenated by the reverse takeover from Triaxial Pharmaceuticals. At the time, I indicated that I had a 10-year plan to turn Novogen into a major global biotechnology force. The progress that we have made these past two years has changed my timetable – I believe that we will be that force in a much shorter timeframe.

In 2 short years our team of scientists have taken 2 novel ideas and turned them into reality. In that short time and at a cost of \$10M we have created two ground-breaking drug technology platforms that have generated 3 lead drug candidates (Cantrixil, Trilexium, Anisina), each of which has the potential to bring a new and significant level of hope to cancer patients. By any pharmaceutical industry standards, that is a remarkable achievement and one that underlines the fact that Novogen has the management, technical and strategic expertise to take this dream all the way.

We operate in a crowded space. There are many hundreds of biotech companies, both public and private, out there, competing for the market's attention and for limited investor dollars. Many of these companies are already in the clinic. The vast majority of them also are working with the latest 'hot' technologies such as gene silencing, immune checkpoint inhibitors, cancer vaccines, and so on, which predictably capture market attention.

Novogen is swimming against a significant current. To start with, we are pre-clinical stage, to which we add the fact that our technologies are so new as to be largely unknown. The task over the next 12 months is to change both of those matters.

And we certainly have the means to do so. We have one technology that is producing a unique family of cytotoxic drugs with a potent ability to kill cancer stem cells, and another technology that has the ability to make existing, commonly prescribed chemotherapies work up to 100-times better. These are not technologies that we expect to work in isolated forms of cancer, or in a small proportion of patients with a particular form of cancer, or to deliver very modest survival benefits, as is the case with most of our competitors. These are potentially transformative drug opportunities that we expect to deliver meaningful survival benefits across most forms of cancer

and for most patients. The potential for doing good is significant; the potential for commercial return is enormous.

The challenge for the coming 18 months is how to take the opportunity we have created with our 3 lead drug candidates and to exploit that opportunity to the full. A conservative strategy of funding a single candidate through the clinic is both high-risk and under-selling of shareholder value. For that reason we intend to bring at least 2 drug candidates into the clinic over the next 18 months.

The balance between shareholder equity and shareholder value is something of which your Board is acutely aware. Nevertheless, if you believe that you have the potential to be 'the next big thing in biotech', then a conservative, one-step-at-a-time approach is hardly going to see that happen.

Novogen is a company with enormous growth potential. Managing that growth while retaining our independence and protecting shareholder equity is the challenge that your Board currently is addressing.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Kelly, PhD

Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman

## **About Novogen Limited**

Novogen is a public, drug-development company whose shares trade on both the Australian Securities Exchange ('NRT') and NASDAQ ('NVGN'). The Novogen Group includes a New Haven CT – based joint venture company, CanTx Inc., with Yale University.

Novogen has two Novogen has two main drug technology platforms: super-benzopyrans (SBPs) and anti-tropomyosins (ATMs). SBP compounds have been created to kill the full range of cells within a tumor, but particularly the cancer stem cells. The ATM compounds target the microfilament component of the cancer cell and when used in conjunction with standard anti-microtubular drugs, result in comprehensive and fatal destruction of the cancer cell's cytoskeleton. Ovarian cancer, colorectal cancer, malignant ascites, prostate cancer, neural cancers (glioblastoma, neuroblastoma in children) and melanoma are the key clinical indications being pursued, with the ultimate objective of employing both technologies as a unified approach to first-line therapy.

Further information is available on our websites www.novogen.com

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