

## Neuren (NEU) – ASX Announcement

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# Neuren appoints Vice President, Corporate Development

**Melbourne, Australia:** Neuren Pharmaceuticals (ASX: NEU) has appointed Gerry Zhao to the executive team as Vice President, Corporate Development. Gerry will work with CEO Jon Pilcher on all partnering, M&A and investor activities.

Gerry has more than 16 years of global investment banking and financial services experience, with approximately 12 years at Bank of America Merrill Lynch responsible for healthcare investment banking coverage. He has advised numerous local and international corporations and private equity funds on public and private mergers and acquisitions, capital management and financing. Since 2019, Gerry has been consulting to several Australian and global biotech companies regarding strategic projects, including successfully facilitating the A\$400m strategic license and commercial partnership between China Grand Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Holdings and Telix Pharmaceuticals in November 2020.

Neuren CEO Jon Pilcher commented: "I am pleased to welcome Gerry to the Neuren team as we progress through a transformative phase of our growth. I am very confident that he will make a strong contribution across all areas of corporate development."

## About Neuren

Neuren is developing two new drug therapies to treat multiple serious neurological disorders that emerge in early childhood, none of which have any approved medicines.

The lead compound, trofinetide, achieved positive results in a Phase 3 clinical trial for Rett syndrome and has also completed a Phase 2 clinical trial in Fragile X syndrome. Both programs have Fast Track designation from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Neuren has granted an exclusive licence to Acadia Pharmaceuticals Inc. for the development and commercialisation of trofinetide in North America, while retaining all rights outside North America.

Neuren is preparing to initiate Phase 2 trials of its second drug candidate, NNZ-2591, for each of Phelan-McDermid syndrome, Angelman syndrome, Pitt Hopkins syndrome and Prader-Willi syndrome.

Recognising the urgent unmet need, all six programs have been granted "orphan drug" designation in the United States. Orphan drug designation provides incentives to encourage development of therapies for rare and serious diseases.

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