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## **OPKO Investee SciVac Ltd. Enters into Transaction with Levon Resources**

MIAMI--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- OPKO Health, Inc. (NYSE: OPK) announced today that SciVac Ltd. ("SciVac"), an Israeli entity in which OPKO has a forty-five percent ownership interest, has entered into an agreement pursuant to which Levon Resources Ltd. (LVN.TO) (OTC:LVNVF)(LO9.F) will acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares of SciVac by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement"). Upon closing, Levon intends to change its name to SciVac Inc. ("New SciVac"), and the current officers and directors of SciVac will be the officers and directors of New SciVac post-closing. The current owners of SciVac will own 68.4% of the outstanding shares of New SciVac post-closing, with OPKO owning approximately 30% of the outstanding shares.

New SciVac will retain CAD \$27 million in cash following the transaction. All other assets and other liabilities of the current Levon business are being transferred to a newly formed company to be owned 100% by the current Levon shareholders.

"This transaction provides capital to SciVac and should further our goal of expanding market opportunities for SciVac products in development, including Sci-B-Vac™, a next generation hepatitis B vaccine which has already been approved in several countries, including Israel, where it has been provided to thousands of newborn children," said Phillip Frost, Chairman and CEO of OPKO. "SciVac intends to pursue marketing approvals for Sci-B-Vac in the United States and other territories worldwide, initially focusing on at-risk populations such as End-Stage Renal Disease and HIV patients. SciVac also expects to develop a pipeline of other therapeutics to address various diseases with significant unmet medical needs."

### **About SciVac Ltd.**

SciVac Ltd., headquartered in Rehovot, Israel, is in the business of developing, producing and marketing biological products for human healthcare. SciVac's flagship product, Sci-B-Vac, is a recombinant mammalian cell produced next generation vaccine which has in multiple clinical studies demonstrated enhanced antibody response in a population of documented non and low-responders for which conventional hepatitis B vaccines do not elicit adequate antibody production. In addition, studies indicate that the vaccine induces rapid seroprotection and can be used for immunotherapy of chronic hepatitis B. Sci-B-Vac is currently marketed in Israel and has received marketing authorizations in several countries.

SciVac also offers contract development and manufacturing services to the life sciences and biotechnology markets.

### **About OPKO Health, Inc.**

OPKO is a multi-national biopharmaceutical and diagnostics company that seeks to establish industry-leading positions in large and rapidly growing medical markets by leveraging its discovery, development and commercialization expertise and novel and proprietary

technologies.

## **SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT**

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