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Medexus Announces New Chief Executive Officer, Chair of the Board of Directors, Other Organizational Updates and Equity Incentive Grants

MONTREAL, Dec. 17, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Medexus Pharmaceuticals Inc. (formerly Pediapharm Inc.) (the "**Company**") (TSXV: PDP, OTCQB: PDDPF) today announced organizational changes designed to better position the Company as it continues to integrate the transformative acquisitions of Medexus Inc. ("**Medexus**") and medac Pharma, Inc. ("**Medac Pharma**").

ORGANIZATIONAL AND CORPORATE UPDATES

The Company is pleased to announce that the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") has appointed Ken d'Entremont as Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. d'Entremont joined the Company as a director and Chief Operating Officer following the Company's acquisition of Medexus, of which he was the founder, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the board of directors. Mr. d'Entremont has over 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry and will lead a strong commercial team focussed on the Company's growth going forward.

Pierre Lapalme, the Chair of the Board since 2009, has determined to step down as a member of the Board effective December 19, 2018. Mr. Lapalme commented that: "it has been a privilege and an honour to have been associated with Pediapharm and its directors, executives and employees, and I thank the entire Pediapharm team for their relentless pursuit of the dream to develop and successfully market speciality pharmaceutical products in Canada."

The Company is pleased to announce that effective upon Mr. Lapalme's resignation, the Board has appointed Peter van der Velden as Chair of the Board. Mr. van der Velden is the Managing General Partner of Lumira Ventures and has significant private and public market experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Mr. van der Velden commented that: "I am very pleased to take on this role and to have the opportunity to work with the Company's outstanding team of proven pharmaceutical executives as they strive to leverage the Company's portfolio of best-in-class products. The Company is well positioned to efficiently integrate the operations of Medexus and Medac Pharma and to execute on its growth strategies in each of its key markets."

Sylvain Chrétien, the founder of Pediapharm Inc., has been appointed as President of the Canadian Operations of the Company. Terri Shoemaker, the President of Medac Pharma prior to its acquisition by the Company, has been appointed as President of the United

States Operations of the Company.

Further to the Company's announcement on December 13, 2018, the common shares of the Company are expected to be trading on the TSX Venture Exchange under the new corporate name, on a post-consolidated basis, and under the new stock symbol "MDP" at market opening on December 19, 2018.

EQUITY INCENTIVE GRANTS

The Company also announced that the Board has approved the issuance of an aggregate of 1,884,219 restricted share units ("**RSUs**") (28,263,332 RSUs before giving effect to the consolidation of the Company's common shares announced on December 13, 2018 (the "**Consolidation**")) to certain directors, officers and employees of the Company and 3,333 stock options ("**Options**") (50,000 Options before giving effect to the Consolidation) to a director of the Company under the Company's 2018 omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**Plan**"). The Company anticipates issuing all RSUs and Options effective December 19, 2018. The RSUs will vest in equal amounts upon the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the effective issuance date and the Options will vest upon issuance. The exercise price of the Options will be the closing price of the Company's common shares on the day prior to issuance. Each vested RSU and Option entitles the holder to receive one common share of the Company by delivering an exercise notice in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the applicable award agreement.

About the Company

Medexus Pharmaceuticals Inc. is a leading specialty pharmaceutical company with a strong North American commercial platform. The Company's vision is to provide the best healthcare products to healthcare professionals and patients, through our core values of Quality, Customer Service, Innovation and Teamwork. Medexus Pharmaceuticals is focused on the therapeutic areas of auto-immune disease and pediatrics. The leading products are Rasuvo and Metoject, a unique formulation of methotrexate (auto-pen and pre-filled syringe) designed to treat rheumatoid arthritis and other auto-immune diseases; and Rupall, an innovative allergy medication with a unique mode of action.

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