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## Securities Trading Policy

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**Sydney 4 May 2021: Australian clinical-stage drug development company Noxopharm Limited (ASX:NOX) provides its updated Securities Trading Policy.**

Please find attached:

- Securities Trading Policy.

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*Graham Kelly, CEO and Managing Director of Noxopharm, has approved the release of this document to the market on behalf of the Board of Directors.*

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### **About Noxopharm**

Noxopharm Limited (ASX:NOX) is an Australian clinical-stage drug development company focused on the treatment of cancer and septic shock.

Veyonda® is the Company's first pipe-line drug candidate currently in Phase 2 clinical trialling. Veyonda® has two main drug actions – a moderating effect on the ceramide/sphingosine-1-phosphate balance and inhibition of STING signalling. Activity against the former target contributes to its dual-acting oncotoxic and immunology functions designed to enhance the effectiveness and safety of standard oncology treatments, i.e., chemotherapies, radiotherapy and immune checkpoint inhibitors. Activity against the latter target provides an anti-inflammatory effect, also contributing to an anti-cancer action, but also potentially blocking septic shock.

Noxopharm also is the major shareholder of US biotechnology company Nyrada Inc (ASX:NYR).

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# **Securities Trading Policy**

**NOXOPHARM LIMITED**

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## 1 Purpose

This Securities Trading Policy (**Policy**) sets out the policy of Noxopharm Limited (**Noxopharm** or the **Company**) regarding the trading in Company securities. In this Policy:

- **Securities** include Shares as well as options, warrants, debentures and any other security on issue from time to time.

## 2 Scope

This policy applies to all executive and non-executive Directors, officers and employees of the Company (including those defined as Key Management Personnel according to AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures) and their associates (collectively, **Restricted Persons**) of the Company, and its subsidiaries (collectively, **Group**).

## 3 Policy

The Company has adopted this Policy to regulate dealings by Restricted Persons in Securities.

All Restricted Persons must comply at all times with the provisions of the Corporation Act 2001 (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) and Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) Listing Rules concerning Share dealings including:

- Insider trading provisions;
- Market manipulation provisions; and
- Notification requirements.

It is each Restricted Person's own responsibility to ensure that they are fully aware of their legal obligations with respect of security dealings.

All trading in securities by Restricted Persons must be in accordance with this Policy. Despite anything else in this Policy, Restricted Persons should not deal in the Company's securities when they possess price sensitive information relating to the Company that is not generally available to the market.

## 4 Insider Trading

Restricted Persons who possess material price sensitive information (collectively, **inside information**) relating to the Company, are prohibited in all circumstances from:



- Trading in securities in the Company;
- Procuring others to trade in securities in the Company; and
- Directly or indirectly communicating the inside information to another person who the Restricted Person believes is likely to trade in the securities in the Company in any way or procure a third person to trade in the securities in the Company.

Insider trading is strictly prohibited by law, and it is incumbent upon all Restricted Persons to uphold that prohibition. Insider trading, or the perception of insider trading, by any Restricted Person will not be tolerated.

Insider trading is a crime and can result in imprisonment, fines, orders to pay compensation and other penalties against the Company and Restricted Persons.

## **5 Price Sensitive Inside Information**

Non-public price sensitive information or inside information is information which is not generally available to the public and which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of securities. The person who holds the information knows, or ought reasonably to know, that the information is not generally available and, if it were, it might have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities.

Examples of inside information include, but are not limited to:

- A material variance in the financial performance of the Company; or
- The signing or termination of a joint venture; or
- A proposed or actual takeover; or
- An unexpected liability or legal claim against the Company; or
- Proposed share issue; or
- Changes in management.

Information is considered generally available if:

- It can be easily observed; or
- It has been released to the ASX, published in an Annual Report or prospectus or is generally available to the investing public and a reasonable time has elapsed since the information was communicated; or

- It may be deduced, inferred or concluded from the above.

Information would be likely to have a material effect on the price or value of Company securities if the information might influence persons who commonly acquire Securities in deciding whether or not to acquire or dispose of Company securities.

## **6 Black Out Periods/Closed Periods**

In addition to the prohibitions on insider trading set out in the Corporations Act, the Company requires that Restricted Persons must not trade in the Company's securities during the following periods:

- a) From 1 January of each year until midnight of the day of the release of the Company's Half Year Accounts to ASX;
- b) From 1 July of each year until midnight of the day of the release of the Company's Preliminary Final Report to ASX;
- c) From 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October until midnight of the day of release of the Company's Quarterly Cash Flow and Activity Reports to ASX; and
- d) Any other time the Board decides.

## **7 Excluded Trading**

Trading that is not covered by the restrictions in this Policy, includes:

- Transfer of securities in a superannuation fund or other saving scheme in which the Restricted Person is a beneficiary, but the Restricted Person has no control or influence over the investment decisions made by the superannuation fund or saving scheme;
- A disposal of securities arising from the acceptance of a takeover offer, scheme of arrangement or equal access buy-back;
- A disposal of rights acquired under a pro rata issue;
- An acquisition of securities under a pro rata issue;
- An investment in, or trading units of, a fund or other scheme (other than a scheme only investing in Company securities) where the assets of the fund or other scheme are invested at the discretion of a third party;



- Where a Restricted Person is a trustee, trading in securities by that trust provided the Restricted Person is not a beneficiary of the trust and any decision to trade during a Closed Period is taken by the other trustees or by the investment managers independently of the Restricted Person;
- Undertakings to accept, or the acceptance of, a takeover offer;
- Trading under an offer or invitation made to all or most of the security holders, such as, a rights issue, a security purchase plan, a dividend or distribution reinvestment plan (DRP) and an equal access buy- back, where the plan that determines the timing and structure of the offer has been approved by the Board. In the case of a DRP, the Restricted Person:
  - must not commence or amend their participation in the DRP during a Closed Period; and
  - withdraw from the DRP during a Closed Period, other than in exceptional circumstances;
- An involuntary disposal of securities of the entity that is the result of a secured lender exercising their rights, for example, under a margin lending arrangement;
- The exercise (but not the sale of securities following exercise) of an option or a right under an employee incentive scheme, or the conversion of a convertible security, where the final date for the exercise of the option or right, or the conversion of the security, falls during a Closed Period and where the Restricted Person could not reasonable have been able to exercise at a time when free to do so; and
- Trading under a non-discretionary trading plan for which prior written approval has been provided in accordance with procedures set out under section 9 of this Policy and where:
  - The Restricted Person did not enter into the plan or amend the plan during a Closed Period; and
  - The trading plan does not permit the Restricted Person to exercise any influence or discretion over how, when, or whether to trade.
  - This Policy does not allow a Restricted Person to cancel the trading plan or cancel or otherwise vary the terms of his or her participation in the trading plan during a Closed Period other than in exceptional circumstances.



## **8 Trading inside a Black Out Period - Exceptional Circumstances**

A Restricted Person, who is not in possession of inside information affecting securities, may be given prior written approval to sell or otherwise dispose of securities during a Closed Period where there are exceptional circumstances.

Whether severe financial hardship or other exceptional circumstances exist is to be determined by the Managing Director/CEO or, if in the case of the Managing Director/CEO, by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion.

Exceptional circumstances may include:

- severe financial hardship which means a Restricted Person has a pressing financial commitment that cannot be satisfied otherwise than by selling the securities. By example, the tax liability of a Restricted Person would not normally constitute severe financial hardship unless the Restricted Person has no other means of satisfying the liability;
- if the Restricted Person is required by a court order, or there are court enforceable undertakings to transfer or sell the securities or there is some other overriding legal or regulatory requirement for the Restricted Person to do so; or
- a situation determined by the Chair or, in the case of the Chair, the non-executive Directors, to be an exceptional circumstance.

A Restricted Person, who is not in possession of inside information affecting securities, may also be given prior written approval to buy securities during a Closed Period where there are exceptional circumstances.

Whether exceptional circumstances exist is to be determined by the Managing Director/CEO or, if in the case of the Managing Director/CEO, by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion. Exceptional circumstances may include:

- a situation determined by the Chair or, in the case of the Chair, the non-executive directors, to be an exceptional circumstance.

## **9 Procedure for obtaining written approval**

Prior written approval is required by Restricted Persons to sell or otherwise dispose of securities. A Restricted Person must submit an application in writing (which can be by email) to the Chair, generally through the Company Secretary (in the case of the Chair an application in writing (which can be by email) to the non-executive Directors, and in the case



of other Directors, to the Chair or their nominee) including the reasons for requesting approval and confirming the Restricted Person is not in possession of non-public price sensitive information. Restricted Persons should bear in mind the following:

- an approval, if granted, will be in writing (which can be by email) and will specify a time period for which the approval applies;
- an approval to trade can be given or refused by the entity in its discretion, without giving any reasons;
- an approval to trade can be withdrawn if new information comes to light or there is a change in circumstances;
- if a request to trade is not approved, that decision is final and binding on the Restricted Person seeking the approval; and
- if a request to trade is not approved, the Restricted Person seeking the clearance must keep that information confidential and not disclose it to anyone.

**IMPORTANT:** Restricted Persons who possess inside information about Noxopharm's securities are generally prohibited from trading in those securities under insider trading laws and this applies even where the Restricted Person may have been given approval under this Policy to trade (whether in exceptional circumstances or otherwise). If the Restricted Person is unsure, he or she should consult the Company Secretary.

## **10 Front Page Test**

It is important that public confidence in the Group is maintained. It would be damaging to the Group's reputation if the market or the general public perceived that Restricted Persons might be taking advantage of their position in the Group to make financial gains (by dealing in securities on the basis of confidential information).

As a guiding principle, Restricted Persons should ask themselves:

*If the market was aware of all the current circumstances, could the proposed dealing be perceived by the market as the Restricted Person taking advantage of his or her position in an inappropriate way? How would it look if the transaction were reported on the front page of the newspaper? (The **Front Page Test**).*

If the Restricted Person is unsure, he or she should consult the Company Secretary. Where any approval is required for a dealing under this Policy, approval will not be granted where the dealing would not satisfy the Front Page Test.

## **11 Extension of restrictions to family members and others**

A number of the restrictions described in this Policy prohibit the communication of non-public price sensitive information to other people or arranging for another person to trade in securities.

Where a person related to or closely connected with a Restricted Person undertakes trading in securities, which are restricted by this Policy, there is often a presumption that such person has been privy to information, which is held by the Restricted Person. If that presumption is correct, both the Restricted Person and the other person may have engaged in insider trading. Even if that presumption is incorrect, such trading may create a perception of insider trading.

Accordingly, to the extent that it is within Restricted Persons' power to do so, Restricted Persons should ensure that any securities trading which is prohibited by this Policy is not undertaken by their:

- spouse or partner;
- immediate family members such as a parent, child, sibling, in-laws or other relative living in the Restricted Persons home or to whom material support is contributed;
- a company or trust over which the Restricted Person has influence or control (regardless of who is the beneficiary);
- a trust of which the Restricted Person is a beneficiary (other than a trust over which the Restricted Person exercises no control, i.e. a third person or entity exercises exclusive discretionary authority); and
- any other person over whom Restricted Person has investment control or influence.

## **12 Notifiable Interests**

Executive and non-executive Directors must provide to the Company Secretary, all information regarding the trading of the Company securities within 2 (two) days of a trade in the Company's securities to ensure compliance with all requirements of the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules.

## **13 Short Term Trading, Margin lending and Anti-hedging Policy**

Restricted Persons are not permitted to enter into transactions with securities (or any derivative thereof) in associated products which limit the economic risk of any unvested entitlements under any equity-based remuneration schemes offered by the Company.



Restricted Persons are also prohibited from engaging in short-term trading and short selling of Noxopharm securities.

Restricted Persons are required to seek approval prior to entering into any margin lending or other secured financing arrangements in respect of Noxopharm securities. Approval is to be obtained following the process described under section 9 of this Policy.

#### **14 Review of this Policy**

This Policy will be reviewed when legislation relating to Insider Trading changes and otherwise at least every two years by the Board, having regard to the changing circumstances of the Company and any changes to this Policy will be notified to affected persons in writing. Material changes in the Policy will be notified to the ASX in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules.

#### **15 Breaches of this Policy**

Strict compliance with this Policy is mandatory for all Restricted Persons. Breaches of this Policy may damage the Company's reputation in the investment community and undermine confidence in the market for Company securities.

Any Restricted Person who becomes aware of a violation of this Policy should immediately report the violation to the Company Secretary.

It should also be noted that, in some circumstances, the Company may be obliged to notify regulatory and/or criminal authorities of a serious breach of this Policy.

#### **16 Further Information**

If you have any questions or need further information on how to comply with this Policy, please contact the Company Secretary.

#### **17 Glossary of Terms**

Trading Window	A period not subject to a Black Out Period. A Trading Window commences after midnight following the end of a Black Out Period. It continues until such time as a Black Out Period commences again, subject to any other trading restrictions.
Black Out Period	Is a Closed Period in which Restricted Persons are prohibited from trading in Company securities, unless under exceptional circumstances.



Closed Period	Is a Black Out Period in which Restricted Persons are prohibited from trading in Company securities, unless under exceptional circumstances.
Restricted Person	Includes all executive and non-executive Directors, officers and employees of the Company, including their associates.
Inside Information	Price sensitive information relating to the Company that is not generally available to the public, which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of Company securities.

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