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PRESS RELEASE

DEFENCE ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL AND FINAL EXERCISES OF WARRANTS FOR GROSS PROCEEDS OF OVER \$2.3 MILLION

Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 26th, 2023 - Defence Therapeutics Inc. (“**Defence**” or the “**Company**”), a Canadian biopharmaceutical company specialized in the development of immune-oncology vaccines and drug delivery technologies, is pleased to announce that, in addition to the previously announced proceeds of \$5,494,375 on March 17, 2023, it has received additional proceeds in the aggregate amount of \$2,308,625 from the exercise of warrants, pursuant to an early warrant exercise program (the “**Early Warrant Exercise Program**”).

As final part of the Early Warrant Exercise Program, 1,846,900 common share purchase warrants (each a “**Warrant**”) issued by the Company on December 24, 2020 have been exercised at an exercise price of \$1.25 per share for gross proceeds of \$2,308,625, under the Early Warrant Exercise Program (the “**Final Exercises**”). The Final Exercises conclude the Early Warrant Exercise Program.

Canaccord Genuity Corp (“**Canaccord**”) was compensated with a cash fee equal to 5% of the total gross proceeds raised from the exercise of the Warrants and was issued compensation warrants exercisable at \$4.00 per share for a period of two years from the date of issuance (each a “**Compensation Warrant**”). The Company paid Canaccord an aggregate cash fee of \$115,431 and issued to Canaccord a total of 92,345 Compensation Warrants, equals to 5% of the total number of Warrants exercised from the Final Exercises of the Early Warrant Exercise Program.

The Company currently has outstanding, 43,675,674 shares, 1,497,780 share purchase warrants exercisable at \$2.50 per share, 632,120 finders’ share purchase warrants exercisable ranging from \$0.15 to \$4.00 per share, 1,600,000 stock options exercisable ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.90 per share for a total of 47,405,574 shares outstanding on a fully-diluted basis.

About Defence:

Defence Therapeutics is a publicly-traded biotechnology company working on engineering the next generation vaccines and ADC products using its proprietary platform. The core of Defence Therapeutics platform is the ACCUM™ technology, which enables precision delivery of vaccine antigens or ADCs in their intact form to target cells. As a result, increased efficacy and potency can be reached against catastrophic illness such as cancer and infectious diseases.

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