



NERVGEN PHARMA CORP. CLOSES NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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Vancouver, Canada. August 5, 2021— **NervGen Pharma Corp. (TSX-V: NGEN; OTCQX: NGENF)** (“NervGen” the “Company”), a clinical stage biotech company dedicated to creating innovative solutions for the treatment of nervous system damage, is pleased to announce that it has closed a non-brokered private placement (the “Private Placement”) of 1,511,636 units of the Company at a price of CAD\$1.55 per unit, for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of CAD\$2,343,036.

“I want to take this opportunity to thank these investors, including Brian McAlister (200,000 units), one of our co-founders, and Rich Macary (50,000 units), an advisor to our Board of Directors,” said Bill Radvak, Executive Chairman. “This financing provides us with further funds that will support our programs, including the ongoing Phase 1 clinical trial and preparations for the Phase 2 studies to begin next year.”

Each unit (the “Unit”) issued in the Private Placement consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company (a “Common Share”) and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a “Warrant”, and together with the Common Shares, the “Securities”). Each Warrant is exercisable into one Common Share at a price of CAD\$2.10 per Common Share until August 4, 2023. All of the Securities issued pursuant to the Private Placement are subject to a four month and one day hold period in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Private Placement to fund preclinical studies and for general corporate purposes.

In connection with the Private Placement and in accordance with the policies of the TSXV, the Company (i) paid certain finders (the “Finders”) a cash fee totaling \$45,570 and (ii) issued the Finders an aggregate of 29,400 common share purchase warrants (the “Finders’ Warrants”). Each Finders’ Warrant is non-transferable and is exercisable into one Common Share at a price of \$2.10 per Common Share until August 4, 2023.

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About NervGen

NervGen is restoring life’s potential by creating innovative solutions for the treatment of nervous system injury due to trauma or disease as a result of underlying inflammation and/or neurodegeneration. The

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Company is initially developing drugs for the treatment of spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease. NervGen's platform technology modulates protein tyrosine phosphatase (PTP σ), the key receptor for chondroitin sulfate proteoglycans (CSPGs). PTP σ and CSPGs have been shown to impede repair following injury to the nervous system, whether a result of trauma, such as in the case of spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury, or disease-specific mechanisms, such as multiple sclerosis or Alzheimer's disease. NervGen's lead drug candidate, NVG-291, promotes neural repair mechanisms such as axonal regeneration; remyelination; plasticity; autophagy (a cellular self-cleaning mechanism that removes unnecessary or dysfunctional components); and a non-inflammatory phenotype in microglia cells, the innate immune cells of the central nervous system.

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Forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions made by the Company in light of management's experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors that we believe are appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances. In making forward-looking statements, the Company has relied on various assumptions, including, but not limited to: the Company's ability to manage the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; the accuracy of the Company's financial projections; the Company obtaining positive results in its clinical and other trials; the Company obtaining necessary regulatory approvals; and general business, market and economic conditions.

Many factors could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements or future events or developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including without limitation, a lack of revenue, insufficient funding, the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, reliance upon key personnel, the uncertainty of the clinical development process, competition, and other factors set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's Annual Information Form, financial statements and Management Discussion and Analysis which can be found on SEDAR.com. All clinical development plans are subject to additional funding.

Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements made in this news release. Furthermore, unless otherwise stated, the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are made as of the date of this news release, and we have no intention and undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. The forward-looking statements contained in this news release are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.