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**Helsinki, Finland** – Nanoform Finland Plc, an innovative nanoparticle medicine enabling company, and Herantis Pharma Plc, an innovative clinical stage biotech company, today announced that they have signed a Biologics Proof of Concept Agreement for formulation Proof of Concept projects (PoCs) aiming to enhance nasal drug delivery to the brain of Herantis' CDFN therapies for Parkinson's disease using Nanoform's proprietary biological nanoparticle technology. Nanoform has by this Agreement achieved its near-term business target of "First Biologics PoC project signed in 2021".

The agreed and non-exclusive collaboration is intended to assess the utility of Nanoform's latest nanoparticle platform technology for biologic drugs. The technology was launched in late 2020, post filing of a provisional patent application with the US Patent Office, to enable production of biological nanoparticles as small as 50 nm.

Nanoform will carry out, for compensation on standard commercial terms, formulation PoC projects on Herantis' CDFN molecules leveraging Nanoform's novel platform and its in-house formulation expertise. The goal of the planned collaboration is to develop a formulation that increases the probability of success for enhanced penetration into the brain via the nasal drug delivery route for CDFN.

"We are delighted to finalise the Agreement with Herantis and initiate our partnership together. Brain delivery for biologics and small molecules is a hugely challenging route of administration and we firmly believe nanoparticles have a key role to play in enhancing and hopefully enabling this. Since the launch of our Biologics nanoparticle technology platform, we have experienced a high level of interest from the industry in exploring how our nanoparticles can potentially enable drug delivery opportunities and solve challenges in this space and we look forward to onboarding further partners both on the Biologics and Small molecules side." said Christian Jones, Chief Commercial Officer of Nanoform.

"Intranasal delivery of CDFN is a key focus for Herantis. One of our important initiatives in this regard is the work with Nanoform to enhance and enable superior formulations of the pioneering new drugs we have developed and is a key and exciting opportunity for Herantis. Initiating this PoC formulation work is a solid start to 2021 and we look forward to evaluating Nanoform's technologies to explore the potential enhancements of the drug delivery applications in this complex and challenging field. It is our hope that this collaboration will open up new possibilities for improving the lives of patients with Parkinson's and other related diseases. We value the opportunity to enter into collaboration with Nanoform and look forward to what the future brings." said Dr. Craig Cook, Chief Executive Officer of Herantis Pharma.

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### About Nanoform

Nanoform is an innovative nanoparticle medicine enabling company. Nanoform works together with pharma and biotech partners globally to provide hope for patients in developing new and improved medicines utilizing Nanoform's platform technologies. The company focuses on reducing clinical attrition and on enhancing drug molecules' performance through its nanoforming technologies and formulation services. Nanoform's capabilities include GMP manufacturing, and its services span the small to large molecule development space with a focus on solving key issues in drug solubility and bioavailability and on enabling novel drug delivery applications. Nanoform's shares are listed on the Premier-segment of Nasdaq First North Growth Market in Helsinki (ticker: NANOFH) and Stockholm (ticker: NANOFS). Certified Adviser: Danske Bank A/S, Finland Branch, +358 40 562 1806. For more information please visit <http://www.nanoform.com>

### About Herantis Pharma Plc

Herantis Pharma Plc is an innovative clinical stage biotech company with a diverse pipeline of pioneering investigational therapeutics looking to modify the course of debilitating nervous system and lymphatic diseases and break the boundaries of standard therapeutic approaches. Leveraging deep scientific brilliance in protein dysregulation for neurodegenerative diseases, and growth stimulation in lymphatic diseases, Herantis is advancing a rich pipeline of regenerative biological and gene therapies for high impact diseases. These include i. CDFN biological therapy that acts on the proteostatic mechanisms of disease for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases, and ii. Lymfactin® VEGF-C gene therapy for restoring lymphatic structure and function for the treatment of oncology related secondary Lymphedema and other lymphatic based diseases. Herantis is pursuing disease modifying treatments that slow, stop, or even reverse the course of diseases, and bring much needed innovation to these underserved diseases. The shares of Herantis are listed on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market Finland and Nasdaq First North Growth Market Sweden. For more information please visit <https://www.herantis.com>

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