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NeuroTrauma Sciences Announces Key Appointments To Its Executive Leadership Team

NeuroTrauma Sciences, LLC (NTS), a private biopharmaceutical company developing neuroprotective therapeutics for treating Central Nervous System (CNS) injuries, including stroke and Traumatic Brain Injury announced the expansion of its executive management team with key appointments: Marc de Somer, MD, ScD, MPH, MSc, MBA, has been appointed Chief Medical Officer and Martin Rabe, MSc, joins as Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance.

Dr. de Somer brings more than 30 years of leadership in the biopharmaceutical industry to the NTS management team in his role as Chief Medical Officer. As a therapeutic development executive with comprehensive neurological experience and critical expertise in quantitative methods/biostatistics to inform clinical design, Dr. de Somer led the development of nine novel medicines to successful global NDAs and launch. He held clinical development leadership responsibilities in Europe, the UK, and the US at Sandoz/Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Subsequently, he co-founded three VC-backed clinical-stage neuroscience start-ups where he served as Chief Medical Officer and Head of Research & Development, most recently as CMO for Maxona Pharmaceuticals. Earlier in his career, Dr. de Somer also was Vice President of Product Development, Neuroscience at PPD (part of Thermo Fisher Scientific) and Vice President of Clinical Development and Medical Affairs for Alkermes, Inc., where he helped build and transform the clinical R&D operation through the company's growth to a fully integrated biopharmaceutical company. Dr. de Somer earned an MD from Brussels Free University, Belgium, a doctorate from the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium, an MSc in biostatistics (a joint program of Harvard School of Public Health, Imperial College London, and Leuven University, Belgium), and an executive MBA from Columbia University Business School. Additionally, he has an MPH, a postgraduate degree in epidemiology, and an MSc in pharmaceutical medicine.

Mr. Rabe joins NeuroTrauma Sciences as Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance, bringing over 25 years of global drug development and regulatory expertise with biologics and small molecules focusing on neurological diseases, and has helped oversee and support six new drug/biologic approvals. Most recently, Mr. Rabe served as Senior Vice President and Head of Global Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance for Kira Pharmaceuticals. Prior, he spent more than a decade of his career at Eisai, Inc., in senior global regulatory positions that include Vice President and Head of Global Regulatory Strategy and Commercial Regulatory Affairs Neurology Business Group; and Executive Director, Global Regulatory Affairs, where he headed the neuroscience and general medicine therapeutic areas. His big pharma experience also includes six years at Pfizer, Inc., in worldwide regulatory strategy positions, and at Merck & Co. Mr. Rabe holds an MSc from Laval University, Quebec, Canada, and a BSc from Concordia University, Montréal, Canada.

"We are pleased to welcome these industry veterans to our leadership team," said Carl Long, Chief Executive Officer. "Marc and Martin bring complementary records of excellence in clinical development and successful interactions with key regulatory and industry stakeholders, which will be invaluable as we prepare to initiate dosing in a Phase 1 trial of our lead program NTS-104 in stroke. We will value their leadership and direction as we advance NTS-104 through the clinic."

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