

# Endo Announces Agreement for Paladin Labs to Develop, Commercialize and Supply Quoin Pharmaceuticals' QRX003 in Canada

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The product is under investigation for the treatment of Netherton syndrome, a rare disease

DUBLIN, July 15, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Endo International plc (NASDAQ: ENDP) announced today that its subsidiary Endo Ventures Limited has entered into agreements with Quoin Pharmaceuticals Inc. (NASDAQ: QNRX) for the development, registration, supply, commercialization and distribution of QRX003 on an exclusive basis in Canada. If the product is approved, Paladin Labs Inc., an operating company of Endo, will be responsible for all commercial activities in Canada.



QRX003 is Quoin's lead product for Netherton syndrome. Netherton syndrome, a form of ichthyosis, is a rare hereditary skin disorder caused by a mutation in the SPINK5 gene (serine protease inhibitor, Kazal Type 5) that leads to severe skin barrier defects and recurring infections, as well as a pronounced predisposition to allergies, asthma and eczema. Patients also often suffer from severe dehydration, chronic skin inflammation and stunted growth.<sup>1</sup>

There is currently no cure or satisfactory treatment option available for Netherton syndrome.<sup>2</sup>

"We're pleased to help bring this potential treatment to appropriate pediatric patients," said Livio Di Francesco, Vice President and General Manager of Paladin. "One of our company's strategic priorities is to be a force for good, and we hope that QRX003 can help families coping with this rare disease."

Paladin currently expects to launch the product in 2025 in Canada.

## About Endo and Paladin Labs

Endo (NASDAQ: ENDP) is a specialty pharmaceutical company committed to helping everyone we serve live their best life through the delivery of quality, life-enhancing therapies. Our decades of proven success come from passionate team members around the globe collaborating to bring the best treatments forward. Together, we boldly transform insights into treatments benefiting those who need them, when they need them. Learn more at <a href="https://www.endo.com">www.endo.com</a> or connect with us on <a href="https://www.endo.com">LinkedIn</a>.

Paladin Labs Inc., headquartered in Montreal, Canada, is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on acquiring or in-licensing innovative pharmaceutical products for the Canadian market. Paladin has a focused marketing and sales organization that has helped it evolve into one of Canada's leading specialty pharmaceutical companies. Paladin is an operating company of Endo International plc. For more information visit: <a href="https://www.endo.com">www.paladin-labs.com</a>.

### About Quoin Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Quoin Pharmaceuticals Inc. is an emerging specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing therapeutic products that treat rare and orphan diseases. We are committed to addressing unmet medical needs for patients, their families, communities and care teams. Quoin's innovative pipeline comprises four products in development that collectively have the potential to target a broad number of rare and orphan indications, including Netherton Syndrome, Peeling Skin Syndrome, Palmoplantar Keratoderma, Scleroderma, Epidermolysis Bullosa and others. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.guoinpharma.com">www.guoinpharma.com</a> or <a href="https://www.guoinpharma.com">LinkedIn</a> for updates.

#### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain information in this press release may be considered "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and any applicable Canadian securities legislation including, but not limited to, the statements by Mr. Di Francesco and any statements relating to the development, registration, supply, commercialization, distribution or launch of products. Statements including words or phrases such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "plan," "will," "may," "look forward," "intend," "future," "potential" or similar

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