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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **DEFENCE RETAINS CATO SMS TO ADVISE ON ITS PHASE I CLINICAL TRIAL ON ACCUTOX™ FOR BREAST CANCER**

**Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - Defence Therapeutics Inc. (“**Defence**” or the “**Company**”), a pre-clinical biotechnology company developing various products for the immunoncology space, is pleased to announce the establishment of an agreement with Cato SMS, to advise on the submission of its clinical application to Health Canada in order to initiate a Phase I trial using AccuTOX™ against breast cancer.

CATO SMS is a consulting firm with more than 30 years of global experience to guide clinical development of biopharma pipelines. With offices across North America, Europe, and the Middle East, CATO SMS has experience conducting trial designs in more than 25 countries. Their specialists deliver innovative regulatory consulting solutions to guide complex challenges with a proven center of excellence in oncology.

"We are very pleased to work with Cato SMS on our AccuTOX™ program. This step is central to Defence as it ensures the achievement of important milestones for our clinical program. Cato SMS will be designing the clinical protocol, pre-CTA meeting package, CTA Compilation and Submission as well as regulatory affairs for our AccuTOX™ Phase I trial" says Mr. Plouffe, the CEO of Defence.

The AccuTOX™ program consists of using a lead variant of the Accum™ molecule to trigger cell death in cancer cells. When combined with the immune-checkpoint inhibitor CTLA-4, this lead Accum™ triggered potent anti-tumoral response in several cancer models including, T-cell lymphoma, melanoma, colon and breast cancer. As such, Defence plans to use AccuTOX™ in its Phase I to treat breast cancer patients in Q4 of 2022.

According to Fortune Business Insights™, the Global Breast Cancer Therapeutics Market to exhibit 13.1% CAGR and hit USD 55.27 Billion till 2027.

### **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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