

Neuren Pharmaceuticals Ltd

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26 April 2010

Dear Shareholder

Please find enclosed the notice for the Annual Shareholders' Meeting which we are holding at 11.30 am (NZT) on Tuesday 25 May 2010 at the offices of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Level 22, 188 Quay Street, Auckland, New Zealand. Also enclosed is a notice in lieu of our Annual Report for 2009, an electronic copy of which is available for download from our website. Should you require a hard copy please contact the Company as set out in the notice.

If you would like to attend the Annual Shareholders' Meeting in Auckland we would be grateful if you could r.s.v.p for catering purposes either by email to **enquiries@neurenpharma.com** or by phoning (09) 529 3940.

I look forward to seeing you at the above meetings.

Yours sincerely

Dr Robin Congreve Chairman



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# RECEIVING SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS NOTICE UNDER SECTION 209 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1993

#### Dear Shareholder

In prior years Neuren has been sending you an Annual Report and a half year Interim Report unless you elected not to receive these. There has recently been a change to the Companies Act which reflects the growing use of the internet as an effective means of communication. As a result of this change we no longer automatically send you these reports unless you ask for them, but instead they will be available on the Company's website: www.neurenpharma.com.

The Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2009 is already posted on the website and is available for downloading. The Interim Report for the six months ending 30 June 2010 will be available on the website from around the end of August 2010.

If within 15 working days of receiving this notice you return this form asking us to do so, we are obliged to send you free of charge hard copies of the Annual Report and also the Interim Report once it is available. Your request will remain effective in future years and you will not need to provide us with further requests, although you will notice that each year we will send a reminder to all shareholders of their right to receive hard copies of the Annual and Interim Reports.

The changes to the Companies Act also permit a company to issue a concise Annual Report. The Board has chosen not to prepare such a document for the year ending 31 December 2009.

The Company is required to provide to you details of substantial security holders. Overleaf is a list of all persons who as at 31 March 2010 were recorded as substantial security holders of the Company, along with the recorded details of their holdings and the total number of the Company's listed voting securities at that date.

To receive hard copies of Neuren's Annual and Interim Reports, please tick the box below, sign at the bottom of the page, and return this form by mail to Neuren Annual Report, PO Box 9923, Newmarket, Auckland 1149, New Zealand or fax it to +64 9 361 7981. Alternatively, you can scan and email this completed form to enquiries@neurenpharma.com.

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Rob Turnbull CFO 26 April 2010



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### Appendix 1

# **Substantial Security Holders**

Set out below is a table of all persons who as at 22 April 2010 were recorded by the Company as substantial security holders along with the recorded details of their holdings. The total number of listed voting securities in the Company as at that date was 373,867,328 all of which are ordinary shares.

Substantial Security Holders who have notified the Company as at 22 April 2010 are:	Number of Ordinary Shares		
CNF Investments LLC and associates K One W One Limited	23,188,005 19,305,865		



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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of Neuren Pharmaceuticals Limited will be held at the offices of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Level 22, 188 Quay Street, Auckland, New Zealand, on Tuesday 25 May 2010 commencing at 11.30 am (NZT). In accordance with the Constitution, the Board has fixed 20 April 2010 as the date of shareholder entitlement to notice of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

### **BUSINESS**

### Chairman's address

### Chief Executive Officer's review

### **Annual Report**

To receive and consider the annual report of the Company.

# **Ordinary Resolutions**

- 1. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:
  - "That Dr Trevor Scott be re-elected as director of the Company."
- 2. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:
  - "That Dr Doug Wilson be re-elected as director of the Company."
- 3. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.4 of the Listing Rules of ASX Limited and for all other purposes, the issue to SpringTree Special Opportunities Fund, LP of:

- A convertible note of A\$400,000 issued on 20 January 2010;
- A convertible note of A\$100,000 issued on 22 February 2010;
- A convertible note of A\$100,000 issued on 24 March 2010; and
- A convertible note of A\$100,000 issued on 23 April 2010;

all on the terms and conditions outlined in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Notice of Meeting, be ratified."

- 4. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:
  - "That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1 of the Listing Rules of ASX Limited and for all other purposes, the Company approves and authorises the issue of Convertible Notes up to a maximum value of A\$1,000,000, and the issue of ordinary shares and options upon the conversion of the Convertible Notes, on the terms and conditions described in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Notice of Meeting."
- 5. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:
  - "That PricewaterhouseCoopers be re-appointed as auditor to:
  - (a) hold office from the conclusion of this meeting to the conclusion of the next annual meeting;
  - (b) audit the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2010;



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and to authorise the board of directors to fix the auditor's remuneration."

### **Voting Exclusions**

The Company will disregard any votes cast:

- (a) in relation to Resolution 3, by the persons who participated in the issues and their associates;
- (b) in relation to Resolution 4, by the persons who may participate in the proposed issues and a person who might obtain a benefit, except a benefit solely in the capacity of a holder of ordinary securities, if the resolution is passed, and their associates.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- (a) it is cast by such person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the proxy form; or
- (b) it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

Each of these resolutions is described in the attached Explanatory Memorandum which forms part of this Notice of Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

By order of the Board

Mr Rob Turnbull

**CFO** 

Neuren Pharmaceuticals Limited

26 April 2010

### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Explanatory Memorandum (which forms part of the Notice of Annual Shareholders' Meeting dated 26 April 2010) ("Meeting" or "Annual Shareholders' Meeting") is to provide shareholders with an explanation of the resolutions to be proposed and considered at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting on 25 May 2010 and to allow shareholders to determine how they wish to vote on these resolutions.

### 2. ANNUAL REPORT

The Company's Annual Report containing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 was lodged with the ASX on 30 March 2010 and is available for viewing and download on the Company's website www.neurenpharma.com. Shareholders should note that they will be able to ask questions or discuss matters arising from the financial statements at the Meeting however it is not the purpose of the Meeting that the Annual Report be accepted, rejected or modified in any way.

### 3. RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS 1 and 2)

The ASX Listing Rules provide that an entity which has directors must hold an election of directors each year. Accordingly Dr Trevor Scott and Dr Doug Wilson being the longest serving directors, offer themselves for re-election. Their details are set out on page 3 of the Annual Report.

# 4. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS ISSUE OF SECURITIES TO SPRINGTREE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND, LP (ORDINARY RESOLUTION 3)

### 4.1. General

On 18 November 2009 the Company entered into a Convertible Loan Agreement (the "Agreement") with SpringTree Special Opportunities Fund, LP ("SpringTree") for convertible loan funding of up to A\$6.7 million over two years.

The proceeds from the issue of convertible notes under the Agreement will be used to support Neuren's contribution to the Phase 2 trial of NNZ-2566 in Traumatic Brain Injury and for working capital purposes.

SpringTree is a fund managed by SpringTree Global Investors, LLC, a New York-based asset management company that makes debt and equity investments in public companies around the world.

At a Special Meeting of Shareholders in December 2009 shareholders approved the issue of the initial convertible note of A\$550,000 and other securities under the Agreement. Since that time the Company has issued the following further convertible notes under the Agreement as follows:

- a. A convertible note of A\$400,000 issued on 20 January 2010 which matured on 16 February 2010.
- b. A convertible note of A\$100,000 issued on 22 February 2010 which matured on 22 March 2010;
- c. A convertible note of A\$100,000 issued on 24 March 2010 which matured on 21 April 2010; and
- d. A convertible note of A\$100,000 issued on 23 April 2010 and which will mature on 21 May 2010 on the terms set out in 4.3(c) below.

### 4.2. ASX Listing Rule 7.4

ASX Listing Rule 7.4 provides that an issue of equity securities without approval of shareholders under Listing Rule 7.1 is treated as having been made with approval for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1 if:

- a. the issue of securities did not breach Listing Rule 7.1; and
- b. holders of ordinary securities subsequently approve the issue.

Broadly speaking, ASX Listing Rule 7.1 prevents a listed company from issuing securities in excess of 15% of its issued capital at any point in time unless shareholders approve.

The effect of this Ordinary Resolution 3 is that the Company will be able to refresh its 15% issuing capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 with effect from the date of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

### 4.3. Technical Information required by ASX Listing Rule 7.5

In compliance with ASX Listing Rule 7.5, the following information is provided

- a. ASX Listing Rule 7.5.1: The number of securities allotted.
  - One convertible note of A\$400,000 on 20 January 2010 which matured on 16 February 2010 with the issue of 14,234,876 ordinary shares and 14,234,876 options;
  - One convertible note of A\$100,000 on 22 February 2010 which matured on 22 March 2010 with the issue of 3,597,122 ordinary shares and 3,597,122 options;
  - One convertible note of A\$100,000 on 24 March 2010 which matured on 21 April 2010 with the issue of 3,787,789 ordinary shares and 3,787,789 options; and
  - One convertible note of A\$100,000 issued on 23 April 2010 and which will mature on 21 May 2010 on the terms set out in 4.3(c) below.
- b. ASX Listing Rule 7.5.2: Issue price of securities

The convertible notes set out in 4.3(a) above were issued at their face value as noted.

c. ASX Listing Rule 7.5.3: Terms of securities

Each convertible note has the following terms:

- The convertible note does not bear interest and is unsecured;
- The convertible note has a term of 28 days;
- The convertible note, or part thereof, shall convert to new ordinary shares in the Company determined by dividing the principal amount, or part thereof to be converted, by the lesser of:
  - a. 130% of the average of the Volume Weighted Average Prices per share of the Company's ordinary shares quoted on the ASX ("VWAPs") for the twenty (20) business days immediately prior to the execution date of the Agreement; and
  - b. 85% of the lowest of the daily VWAPs during the term of the convertible note;
- The convertible note, or part thereof, shall also convert into a number of options in the Company determined as one option for each new ordinary share issued on conversion of the convertible note with an exercise price of 120% of the per share price at which the convertible note converts (as noted above) and have a 48 month term. These options otherwise have the following terms:
  - Each option is exercisable into one new ordinary share;
  - · Exercisable at any time prior to expiry;
  - The options do not entitle the option holder to participate in any new issue of ordinary shares by the Company prior to exercise of the options;
  - Any new ordinary shares issued pursuant to the exercise of the options shall have attached to them the same rights, privileges, limitations and conditions as the existing ordinary shares in the Company at the exercise date, except as to rights to any dividend declared prior to the exercise date;
  - Except in the case of a capital reorganisation of the Company, the option holder has no right to a change in the exercise price of the options, or a change in the number of ordinary shares over which the options can be exercised. If between the date of issue of the options and the earlier of their expiry and the date on which all of the options are exercised, all or any of the Company's ordinary shares are subdivided, consolidated, or otherwise reorganised, the number of options held by the option holder at such time shall be reduced or increased (as the case may require) in proportion to such subdivision, consolidation or reorganisation. To the extent necessary the rights of the option holder will be changed at the time of the reorganisation to comply with the ASX Listing Rules applying to the reorganisation of capital.
  - The terms of the options must at all times comply with the ASX Listing Rules. Should there be any inconsistency between the terms of the options and the ASX Listing Rules, then the ASX Listing Rules will prevail.
- The ordinary shares issued upon conversion of the convertible note will rank equally in all respects with the then existing ordinary shares on issue;
- The convertible note does not carry any voting rights at meetings of shareholders of the Company, and has no rights of participation in any rights issue undertaken by the Company prior to conversion of the convertible note.
- d. ASX Listing Rule 7.5.4: Name of allottees

SpringTree Special Opportunities Fund, LP.

e. ASX Listing Rule 7.5.5: Intended use of the funds raised

The funds raised from the issue of the securities will be used to support Neuren's contribution to the Phase 2 trial of NNZ-2566 in Traumatic Brain Injury and for working capital purposes.

### f. ASX Listing Rule 7.5.6: Voting exclusion statement

A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice accompanying this Explanatory Statement.

### 4.4. Director's Recommendation

The directors of the Company recommend that shareholders approve this Resolution to approve the issue of securities to SpringTree.

# 5. APPROVAL FOR ISSUE OF SECURITIES TO SPRINGTREE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND, LP (ORDINARY RESOLUTION 4)

### 5.1. General

As noted above, on 18 November 2009 the Company entered into the Agreement with SpringTree for convertible loan funding of up to A\$6.7 million over two years through a series of monthly convertible notes.

The proceeds from the issue of convertible notes under the Agreement will be used to support Neuren's contribution to the Phase 2 trial of NNZ-2566 in Traumatic Brain Injury and for working capital purposes.

Ordinary Resolution 3 above deals with convertible notes which have been issued prior to the Annual Shareholders' Meeting. By this Ordinary Resolution 4 the Company seeks shareholder approval to issue to SpringTree under the Agreement convertible notes with an aggregate value of up to A\$1,000,000 on or about the following dates:

- 26 May 2010;
- 23 June 2010;
- 23 July 2010; and
- 23 August 2010.

Each of the convertible notes will be issued on the terms set out in 4.3(c) above except the May 2010 convertible note which shall have a term of 26 days but will otherwise have the terms set out in 4.3(c) above.

### 5.2. Technical Information required by ASX Listing Rule 7.3

In compliance with ASX Listing Rule 7.3, the following information is provided

 a. ASX Listing Rule 7.3.1: Maximum number of securities to be issued pursuant to Ordinary Resolution 4

Four convertible notes with an aggregate principal amount of up to A\$1,000,000. An indication of the maximum number of securities that could be issued under the convertible note can be obtained if one assumes that the relevant conversion price is \$0.0264, which was the conversion price for the March 2010 convertible note and represented 85% of the lowest of the daily VWAPs during the term of the convertible note. Based on this assumption, the maximum number of securities that would be issued on conversion of the maximum aggregate amount of all of the convertible notes is 37,878,788 ordinary shares and 37,878,788 options. A lesser number of shares and options would be issued on conversion of the convertible notes if the conversion price was equivalent to 130% of the average of the Volume Weighted Average Prices per share of the Company's ordinary shares quoted on the ASX ("VWAPs") for the twenty (20) business days immediately prior to the execution date of the Agreement i.e. a conversion price of \$0.04823.

b. ASX Listing Rules 7.3.2 and 7.3.7: Date of issue and allotment of securities

The convertible notes will be issued within three months of the date of this Annual Shareholders' Meeting on or about the following dates:

- 26 May 2010;
- 23 June 2010;
- 23 July 2010; and
- 23 August 2010.
- c. ASX Listing Rule 7.3.3: Issue price of securities

The convertible notes will be issued at face value with an aggregate principal amount of up to A\$1,000,000.

d. ASX Listing Rule 7.3.4: Name of allottees

SpringTree Special Opportunities Fund, LP.

e. ASX Listing Rule 7.3.5: Terms of securities

The convertible notes shall have the same terms as set out in 4.3(c) above with the exception of the May 2010 convertible note as set out in 5.1 above.

f. ASX Listing Rule 7.3.6: Intended use of the funds raised

The funds raised from the issue of the securities will be used to support Neuren's contribution to the Phase 2 trial of NNZ-2566 in Traumatic Brain Injury and for working capital purposes.

g. ASX Listing Rule 7.3.8: Voting exclusion statement

A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice accompanying this Explanatory Statement.

### 5.3. Director's Recommendation

The directors of the Company recommend that shareholders approve this Resolution to approve the issue of securities to SpringTree.

### 6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR (ORDINARY RESOLUTION 5)

The New Zealand Companies Act 1993 provides that at each Annual Shareholders' Meeting the Company must appoint an auditor and fix the auditor's remuneration. PricewaterhouseCoopers has consented to it continuing as auditor.

### 7. HOW TO VOTE

To vote on the resolutions to be put to the meeting follow these steps:

 Complete the Proxy Form and return it by facsimile or mail (to be received no later than 48 hours before meeting commencement) as directed on the Form.

OR

2. Attend the Meeting.

# **Persons Entitled to Vote**

The persons who will be entitled to vote at the Meeting are those persons (or their proxies or representatives) registered as holding Ordinary Shares on Neuren's share register at 7.00 pm (AEST) on 24 May 2010.

### **Proxies and Corporate Representatives**

Shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting may appoint a proxy or representative (in the case of a corporate shareholder) to attend and vote on their behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of Neuren. Proxy Forms must be received at Neuren's offices, level 2, 57 Wellington Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland or PO Box 9923, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand (or facsimile +64 9 361 7981) 48 hours before commencement of the Meeting. The Proxy Form is enclosed with this Notice.



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# **PROXY FORM**

Neuren Pharmaceuticals Limited ARBN 111 496 130

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SRN: <shareholder no.>

# Annointment of Proxy

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Contact Daytime Telephone

Date

Contact Name

# How to complete the Proxy Form

### 1 Your Address

This is your address as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, please make the correction on this form and lodge it in accordance with the instructions below. **Please note, you cannot change ownership of your securities using this form.** 

# 2 Appointment of a Proxy

If you wish to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box. If the individual or body corporate you wish to appoint as your proxy is someone other than the Chairman of the Meeting please write the full name of that individual or body corporate in the space provided. If you leave this section blank, or your named proxy does not attend the Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting will be your proxy. A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company. Do not write the name of the Company or the registered securityholder in the space.

# 3 Votes on Resolutions

You may direct your proxy how to vote by placing a mark in one of the three boxes opposite the resolutions. All your securities will be voted in accordance with such a direction unless you indicate only a portion of voting rights are to be voted on any resolution by inserting the percentage or number of securities you wish to vote in the appropriate boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes on any resolution, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses. If you mark more than one box on any resolution your vote will be invalid.

# 4 Appointment of a Second Proxy

You may appoint a second proxy to attend the meeting and vote on a poll. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, you may copy this form and complete and lodge the additional Proxy Form.

To appoint a second proxy you must:

- (a) Indicate that you wish to appoint a second proxy by marking the box;
- (b) On each of the first Proxy Form and the second Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or number of securities applicable to that form. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded; and
- (c) Return both forms together to the Company in accordance with the lodgement instructions below.

# **5** Signing Instructions

You must sign this form as follows in the spaces provided:

Individual: where the holding is in one name, the holder must sign.

Joint Holding or Trust: where the holding is in more than one name or by Trustees of a Trust, all of the

securityholders or trustees should sign.

Power of Attorney: to sign under Power of Attorney, you must have already lodged this document with the

Company. If you have not previously lodged this document for notation, please attach a

certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney o this form when you return it.

where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Company Secretary (or the company does not have a Company Secretary), this form must be signed by that person. Otherwise

this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company

Secretary. Please indicate the office held by the signatory.

# Lodgement of a Proxy

Companies:

This Proxy Form (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received at an address given below no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting at 11.30 am (NZT) on Tuesday, 25 May 2010. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled meeting.

### Documents may be lodged:

IN PERSON Level 2, 57 Wellington Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland, New Zealand

BY MAIL PO Box 9923, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand

BY FACSIMILE +64 (9) 361 7981