



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Resignation of Dr Bill Ketelbey as Chief Executive Officer**

**Sydney, 8 February 2021.** Actinogen Medical ASX: ACW ('ACW' or 'the Company') announces that Dr Bill Ketelbey, has resigned from his position as Chief Executive Office and as a Director of the Company, effective today. The Board would like to thank Bill for his considerable and valued services and contribution to Actinogen Medical over the past 6 years.

The Board is in the process of appointing a replacement for Dr Ketelbey. Dr Geoff Brooke will step into the role of Executive Chairman on an interim basis.

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***Announcement authorised by the Board of Directors of Actinogen Medical***

#### **About Actinogen Medical**

Actinogen Medical (ASX:ACW) is an ASX-listed biotechnology company developing novel therapies for neurological, psychiatric and metabolic diseases associated with chronically elevated cortisol. The company is currently developing its lead compound, Xanamem, as a promising new therapy for Alzheimer's disease, Fragile X syndrome, schizophrenia and diabetes. The cognitive dysfunction, behavioural abnormalities, and neuropsychological burden associated with these conditions is significantly debilitating for patients, and there is a substantial unmet medical need for new and improved treatments.

#### **About Xanamem™**

Xanamem's novel mechanism of action works by blocking the production of intracellular cortisol – the stress hormone – through the inhibition of the 11β-HSD1 enzyme in the brain. There is a strong association between persistent stress and the production of excess cortisol that leads to detrimental changes in the brain, affecting memory, cognitive function and behaviour and neuropsychological symptoms. The 11β-HSD1 enzyme is particularly highly concentrated in the hippocampus and frontal cortex, areas of the brain impacted by a number of diseases and disorders, including Alzheimer's disease, Fragile X syndrome, schizophrenia, diabetes and other conditions associated with chronically raised cortisol.

The Company's XanaHES Phase I trial exploring the safety and tolerability of Xanamem 20mg once daily in healthy elderly volunteers, confirmed the drug's safety profile with no treatment-related serious adverse events. Additionally, the trial demonstrated that Xanamem produced a statistically significant improvement in cognition over placebo, which, along with other recently generated data, confirms 11β-HSD1 inhibition by Xanamem as a promising potential treatment for cognitive impairment associated with raised cortisol.

The Company plans to initiate Phase II studies of Xanamem in various disease areas in 2021, including MCI due to Alzheimer's disease, and Fragile X syndrome.

Xanamem is an investigational product and is not approved for use outside of a clinical trial by the FDA or by any global regulatory authority.

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