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The Manager Companies ASX Limited 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Madam,

## BIOTRON TO PRESENT LATEST HIV-1 DATA AT INTERNATIONAL HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE and NEW PATENT APPLICATIONS

The Directors are pleased to advise that Biotron Limited ('Biotron' or 'the Company') will be presenting its latest clinical trial data at the Conference on Retroviral and Opportunistic Infections ('CROI'), to be held in Boston MA, USA in March 2020.

CROI is the preeminent international HIV-1 conference and brings together top basic, translational and clinical researchers from around the world to share the latest studies and developments in the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases.

Since completing the BIT225-009 Phase 2 HIV-1 clinical trial and releasing positive results in late 2018, Biotron has continued to characterise the unique mechanism of action of its lead antiviral drug, BIT225. This has involved detailed post-trial analyses of trial samples. These analyses now provide key information on how BIT225 induces the significant beneficial immunological changes observed in the completed Phase 2 clinical trial and form the basis of the paper to be presented at CROI.

The Directors are also pleased to advise that the new data from the Phase 2 trial, resulting from these post-trial analyses, have significantly enhanced the Company's intellectual property position. Two new patent applications have been filed, expanding the use of BIT225 and other Biotron anti-HIV-1 compounds.

The Company is focused on achieving a commercial outcome for its promising antiviral programs whilst continuing to progress its clinical HIV-1 program to prepare for more advanced clinical trials, including Phase 3 studies. To this end, Biotron has engaged an international contract research organisation to complete chronic toxicology studies of BIT225 to enable the long-term human dosing required for this next stage of clinical development.

Yours faithfully

Peter J. Nightingale Company Secretary

## **About Biotron**

Biotron Limited is engaged in the research, development, and commercialisation of drugs targeting significant viral diseases with unmet medical need. The Company has BIT225 in clinical development for HIV-1 and a promising preclinical program for HBV. In addition, Biotron has several earlier stage programs designing drugs that target a class of virus protein known as viroporins which have a key role in the virus life cycle of a very broad range of viruses, many of which have caused worldwide health issues such as Dengue, Ebola, Middle East Respiratory virus, Influenza and Zika viruses.

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