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Company announcement

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17

Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday 22 July 2014: The board and management of Australian biotechnology company Avexa Limited [ASX:AVX] today expressed sympathy for the families of those members of the AIDS community killed on Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, as they travelled to the AIDS 2014 conference in Melbourne.

Those killed included Professor Joep Lange, a prominent and popular researcher and a former president of the International Aids Society (IAS), and his partner Jacqueline van Tongeren.

Professor Lange, a professor of medicine at the University of Amsterdam, had been a member of Avexa's Scientific Advisory Board since 2006.

Dr Jonathan Coates, Avexa's CSO and Interim CEO, said: "Joep was a giant among HIV champions and was a great friend of Avexa, as well as the many patients for whom he cared since the HIV virus emerged in the 1980s. He did great things for HIV research in many parts of the world, including in Africa."

Mr Iain Kirkwood, Avexa's Chairman, said the Avexa board was greatly saddened by the deaths. "Professor Lange made a great contribution to Avexa and its ATC program," he said.

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About Avexa Limited: Avexa Limited is a Melbourne-based biotechnology company with a focus on discovery, development and commercialisation of small molecules for the treatment of infectious diseases. Avexa's key projects include apricitabine (ATC) for the treatment of drug resistant HIV, an HIV Integrase program and an antibiotic program for antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections.

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