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Theralase Strengthens Its Patent Portfolio with an Additional US Patent Covering Metal-Glycoprotein Complexes, Including Rutherrin® Based Photo Dynamic Therapy, in Immune Privileged Sites

Toronto, Ontario –June 22, 2018, Theralase Technologies Inc. (“**Theralase®**” or the “**Company**”) (**TSXV: TLT**) (**OTCQX: TLTF**), a clinical stage pharmaceutical company dedicated to the research and development of light activated Photo Dynamic Compounds (“**PDCs**”) and their associated drug formulations used to safely and effectively destroy various cancers is pleased to announce that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“**USPTO**”) has issued a Notice of Allowance for the U.S. Patent Application No. 15/291,025: “*Metal-Glycoprotein Complexes And Photodynamic Therapy Of Immune Privileged Sites With Same*” that encompasses the Company’s Rutherrin® Based Photo Dynamic Therapy (“**PDT**”) for the treatment of cancers localised in immune privileged sites, such as: the eyes, brain and testis.

Inflammation, particularly at an immune-privileged site, induced by surgery, radiation or another anti-cancer modality may act as a “double edged sword”.

On the positive side, an increase in inflammation may help trigger the activation of the body’s innate immune response, used to help protect the body from cancer.

On the negative side, an increase in inflammation may also activate the function of intra-tumoural neutrophils and macrophages, whose role is to negate the body’s natural immune response, by minimizing the anti-cancer activity of CD8⁺ cytolytic T lymphocytes.

Therefore, it is critical to control the amount of inflammation within an immune privileged site to optimize the generation and proliferation of tumour specific CD8⁺ cytolytic T lymphocytes.

Arkady Mandel M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Scientific Officer, Theralase stated that, “Our latest technology holds significant potential in the advancement of anti-cancer Photo Dynamic Therapy (“**PDT**”) and its associated immune response, in the destruction of cancer in immune privileged sites. I am pleased that the USPTO has issued a Notice of Allowance for the patent application that protects our advanced PDC formulations and the technology behind it.”

Dr. Mandel continued, “Theralase’s patented PDT approach currently enables the delivery of PDCs inside cancer cells targeting tumours and has now advanced to encompass immune-privileged sites. The Company continues to build its patent portfolio for its anti-cancer division, providing enhanced protection from competition, as the Company advances towards commercialization of this technology through the clinical study process. A comprehensive intellectual property portfolio provides added security for investors and potential partners, as we embark on the pivotal phase of clinical development, with our Phase II clinical study for Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer, as well as working on the regulatory path for a Phase Ib clinical study in Glioblastoma Multiforme (“**GBM**”) brain cancer.

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About Theralase Technologies Inc.

Theralase® is a clinical stage pharmaceutical company dedicated to the research and development of light activated Photo Dynamic Compounds and their associated drug formulations to safely and effectively destroy various cancers. The Company in its Cool Laser Division designs, manufactures and distributes patented and proprietary super-pulsed cool laser technology for the treatment of knee pain, and in off-label use, the treatment of numerous nerve, muscle and joint conditions.

Additional information is available at www.theralase.com and www.sedar.com.

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