

iCo Therapeutics Inc. Announces Closing of Upsized Subscription Receipt Private Placement

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - April 27, 2021) - iCo Therapeutics Inc. (TSXV: ICO) (OTC: ICOTF) ("iCo" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced private placement (the "Financing") in connection with its proposed business combination with Satellos Bioscience Inc. ("Satellos") by way of a plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement") in accordance with Section 192 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. The completion of the Arrangement will result in the reverse takeover of the Company as defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") and the resulting entity will continue to operate in the life sciences industry under the name "Satellos Bioscience Inc." (the "Resulting Issuer").

Pursuant to the Financing, the Company issued 85,294,117 subscription receipts (the "Subscription Receipts") at a price of \$0.085 per Subscription Receipt for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately C\$7.25 million. Each Subscription Receipt will entitle the holder thereof to receive, upon satisfaction of certain escrow release conditions, including without limitation, the completion of the Arrangement, and without payment of additional consideration, one common share of the Resulting Issuer (a "Resulting Issuer Share"). The proceeds from the Financing have been placed in escrow and, upon satisfaction of the escrow release conditions, will be used for research, development, and general corporate expenses of the Resulting Issuer.

The Resulting Issuer Shares issued in connection with the Financing will be subject to a hold period expiring 4 months and one day from the date of issuance in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws. Additionally, in connection with the Financing, certain Resulting Issuer Shares issued to former shareholders of Satellos pursuant to the Arrangement will be subject to a lock-up agreement.

The Financing was led by Bloom Burton Securities Inc. and includes Richardson Wealth Ltd.

About iCo

iCo is a Canadian biotechnology company principally focused on the identification, development and commercialization of drug candidates to treat ocular and infectious diseases.

iCo generally focuses on in-licensing drug candidates with a clinical history and re-dose, reformulate and develop drug candidates for the treatment of ocular and infectious diseases. iCo assumes the clinical, regulatory and commercial development activities for its product candidates and advances such candidates along the regulatory and clinical pathway toward commercial approval. iCo believes its approach may reduce the risk, time and cost of developing therapeutics by avoiding some of the uncertainty associated with certain research and pre-clinical stages of drug development.

iCo currently has two in-licensed product candidates in various stages of development: iCo-008 (or for potential use in eotaxin-1 mediated indications, sub-licensed to Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc., and an oral Amphotericin B delivery system under internal development for potential use in fungal infections).

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