

nanoTherics Limited

(“nanoTherics” or “the Company”)

nanoTherics Wins “Impact Through Innovation” Lord Stafford Award

nanoTherics, a scientific medical research devices company founded in 2007 following on from cutting-edge biomedical research conducted at Keele University and the University of Florida, is pleased to announce it has won the “Impact Through Innovation” Lord Stafford Award for the commercial exploitation of a novel gene transfection technology.

nanoTherics’s primary business is supply of scientific devices and associated products to research laboratories in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries as well as academia. The Company’s products apply a patented technology using nanoparticles and magnetic fields to facilitate improved delivery of biomolecules, such as DNA, into living cells. The medium to long-term opportunity for this approach relates to more effective non-viral gene therapy, an area demanding safer technology to treat genetic diseases such as cystic fibrosis. Dr Neil Farrow, Chief Operating Officer and Founder Director, said, “We are delighted to have won this Award. For an innovative, technology and product driven company, public acknowledgement like this provides external validation of the value of the systems we are developing.” He added, “This award is given to businesses demonstrating greatest potential for products or services developed in association with a West Midlands University. The research conducted at Keele University into improved non-viral transfection technologies, which have resulted in the efficient, effective transfection-based products now forming the foundation of nanoTherics, provides an excellent example of how these collaborations can result in valuable products with market demand. Using this technology nanoTherics will be introducing a range of systems which will shortly be initiated with the launch of the magneFect nano, a flexible device which provides up to 1000-fold better than cationic lipid agents for short transfection times.”

Notes for editors

About nanoTherics

nanoTherics Ltd was formed in August 2007 to exploit a novel gene transfection technology arising from biomedical research conducted at Keele University and the University of Florida. The patented technology uses nanoparticles and magnetic fields to facilitate improved delivery of foreign molecules, including DNA, into living cells. nanoTherics's gene transfection studies have shown significant performance enhancement over the best non-viral techniques currently on the market, demonstrating high levels of transfection whilst maintaining viability of transfected cells. These key attributes afford a significant competitive advantage over currently available systems.

nanoTherics's mission is to position its novel gene transfection technology as the new "gold standard" for transfection, underpinning research and development of current and future gene therapy programmes.

For more information go to www.nanotherics.com

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About the Lord Stafford Awards

The Lord Stafford Awards, developed in 1997, exist to recognise and encourage development of collaborations between Businesses and Universities. Formerly held solely in the West Midlands, 2008 saw the launch of these Awards in the East Midlands and the East of England. The Awards are a public declaration of the value and importance of such collaborations both to those directly involved, in terms of increased competitiveness and the growth of the knowledge base, and also to the regions as a whole as a result of the contribution they make to economic prosperity. In the context of the Lord Stafford Awards, collaboration is a metaphor for mutual benefit, for partnership, support, growth and a brighter future. It is these elements and the commitment to collaboration, which will provide the businesses and the Universities with whom they work, with the key to unlocking the potential that the future has to offer.

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From left to right: Dr David Carson (Keele University), Mr Stefan Ogradzinski (Chairman, nanoTherics), Lord Stafford, Dr Neil Farrow (COO, nanoTherics) and Nick Paul (Chairman, Advantage West Midlands).