ESSA Provides an Update to the Acquisition of Realm Therapeutics

Houston, Texas and Vancouver, Canada, June 26, 2019 – ESSA Pharma Inc. (“ESSA” or the “Company”) (Nasdaq: EPIX; TSX-V: EPI), a pharmaceutical company focused on developing novel therapies for the treatment of prostate cancer provides an update, further to the announcement made on May 16, 2019 announcing the acquisition of Realm Therapeutics plc ("Realm") by ESSA pursuant to a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the U.K. Companies Act 2006 (the “Scheme”). The Court Meeting and General Meeting in relation to the Scheme were each held by Realm on June 24, 2019 in London, United Kingdom and all resolutions proposed by Realm at such meetings were approved. The Court Hearing to sanction the Scheme has been postponed to July 8, 2019, later than expected, due to a Realm shareholder opposing the Scheme. ESSA expects that the Scheme will become effective (and the acquisition will complete) on July 10, 2019, if the Court sanctions the Scheme on July 8, 2019. ESSA will provide an updated timetable of principal events in due course.

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms and expressions used in this announcement shall have the meanings given to them in the Scheme Document prepared by Realm dated May 29, 2019.

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About Prostate Cancer
Prostate cancer is the second-most commonly diagnosed cancer among men and the fifth most common cause of male cancer death worldwide (Globocan, 2018). Adenocarcinoma of the prostate is dependent on androgen for tumor progression and depleting or blocking androgen action has been a mainstay of hormonal treatment for over six decades. Although tumors are often initially sensitive to medical or surgical therapies that decrease levels of testosterone, disease progression despite castrate levels of testosterone generally represents a transition to the lethal variant of the disease, metastatic CPRC (“mCRPC”), and most patients ultimately succumb to the illness. The treatment of mCRPC patients has evolved rapidly over the past five years. Despite these advances, additional treatment options are needed to improve clinical outcomes in patients, particularly those who fail existing treatments including abiraterone or enzalutamide, or those who have contraindications to receive those drugs. Over time, patients with mCRPC generally experience continued disease progression, worsening pain, leading to substantial morbidity and limited survival rates. In both in vitro and in vivo animal studies, ESSA's novel approach to blocking the androgen pathway has been shown to be effective in blocking tumor growth when current therapies are no longer effective.

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