

## **Soligenix Announces \$20 Million Strategic Convertible Debt Financing Agreement with Pontifax Medison Debt Financing**

**- Extends cash runway through 2022**

**- Debt can be converted into equity at a price of \$4.10 per share**

PRINCETON, N.J., Dec. 16, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Soligenix, Inc. (Nasdaq: SNGX) (Soligenix or the Company), a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products to treat rare diseases where there is an unmet medical need, announced today that it has entered into a \$20 million convertible debt financing agreement with Pontifax Medison Debt Financing (Pontifax), the healthcare-dedicated venture and debt fund of the Pontifax life science funds.

"The access to less dilutive capital provided by this facility is designed to increase our financial flexibility as we continue to advance our rare disease pipeline, and build toward commercialization in the United States with SGX301 for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) and SGX942 for the treatment of oral mucositis in head and neck cancer patients," stated Christopher J. Schaber, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Soligenix.

"Pontifax is pleased to enter into this strategic financing partnership with Soligenix as it continues to advance its pipeline of clinically meaningful products for treating rare diseases," said Momi Karako, Partner at Pontifax. "Soligenix has deep expertise in development of products that treat diseases such as CTCL and oral mucositis in head and neck cancer patients, which is a perfect fit with our portfolio of transformative, cutting-edge life science companies."

Under the terms of the agreement with Pontifax, Soligenix will have access to up to \$20 million in convertible debt financing in three tranches, which will mature over a four and a half year period and have an interest-only period for the first two years. Upon the closing of this transaction, the Company has accessed the first tranche of \$10 million, and has the option to draw the second tranche of \$5 million at any time over the next 12 months and the third tranche of \$5 million upon filing of the SGX301 new drug application, subject to certain conditions.

Pontifax may elect to convert the outstanding loan drawn under the first two tranches into shares of Soligenix's common stock at any time prior to repayment at a conversion price of \$4.10 per share. Soligenix also has the ability to force the conversion of the loan into shares of its common stock at a conversion price of \$4.92 per share, subject to certain conditions.

### **About Pontifax Ventures**

Founded in 2004, Pontifax is a healthcare-dedicated venture capital firm with over \$775 million under management. It seeks transformative, cutting-edge life sciences technologies at all development stages. Its portfolio comprises of about 80 companies that develop breakthrough solutions to substantial unmet needs.

### **About Soligenix, Inc.**

Soligenix is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products to treat rare diseases where there is an unmet medical need. Our Specialized BioTherapeutics business segment is developing SGX301 as a novel photodynamic therapy utilizing safe visible light for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, our first-in-class innate defense regulator (IDR) technology, dusquetide (SGX942) for the treatment of oral mucositis in head and neck cancer, and proprietary formulations of oral beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate (BDP) for the prevention/treatment of gastrointestinal (GI) disorders characterized by severe inflammation including pediatric Crohn's disease (SGX203) and acute radiation enteritis (SGX201).

Our Public Health Solutions business segment includes active development programs for RiVax<sup>®</sup>, our ricin toxin vaccine candidate, SGX943, our therapeutic candidate for antibiotic resistant and emerging infectious disease, and our research programs to identify and develop novel vaccine candidates targeting viral infection including Ebola, Marburg and SARS-CoV-2 (the cause of COVID-19). The development of our vaccine programs incorporates the use of our proprietary heat stabilization platform technology, known as ThermoVax<sup>®</sup>. To date, this business segment has been supported with government grant and contract funding from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Defense Threat Reduction Agents (DTRA) and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA).

For further information regarding Soligenix, Inc., please visit the Company's website at [www.soligenix.com](http://www.soligenix.com).

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