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# Bruce Linton confirms intention to Chair The HighBrid Lab Board of Directors

## Highlights:

- Bruce Linton to Chair the Board of The HighBrid Lab conditional upon shareholder approval and completion of the merger between Creso Pharma and Red Light Holland
- Mr Linton was the founder and served as Chairman and CEO of Canopy Growth Corporation – one of the world's largest cannabis companies
- As Chairman and CEO of Canopy Growth, Mr Linton led over 16 rounds of financing, 31 acquisitions, and US\$6Bn of capital raises, including a C\$5Bn investment by Fortune 500 beverage alcohol company, Constellation Brands
- The HighBrid Lab to benefit from his deep understanding and industry leading experience within both psychedelics and cannabis sectors to drive growth strategy

**Creso Pharma Limited (ASX:CPH, OTC:COPHF, FRA:1X8) ('Creso Pharma' or 'the Company')** is pleased to advise that cannabis and psychedelics industry veteran Mr Bruce Linton has confirmed that he will join the HighBrid Lab Board of Directors as Chairman, conditional upon shareholder approval and the completion of the merger between Creso Pharma and Red Light Holland Corp. ('**Red Light Holland'**) (refer ASX announcement: 17 June 2021).

Mr Linton has a passion for entrepreneurship and making a positive difference in the world. He brings a wealth of experience in building strong technology-driven companies, developing world-class teams, and positioning his companies in sectors driven by waves of public policy change. Mr Linton is the founder and served as the Chairman and CEO of Canopy Growth Corporation (Nasdaq:CGC, TMX:WEED). As Chairman and CEO of Canopy Growth Corporation, Mr Linton led the company through over 16 rounds of financing, 31 acquisitions, and US\$6 billion of capital raises, including a C\$5 billion investment by Fortune 500 beverage alcohol company, Constellation Brands.

Subject to the closing of the merger between Creso Pharma and Red Light Holland and the required shareholder approval, Mr Linton, in his capacity as non-executive Chairman of The HighBrid Lab, will leverage his deep understanding and industry leading experience within both psychedelics and cannabis to support the senior management team as it executes on The HighBrid Lab's defined growth strategies across all business units.

## **Commentary:**

**Incoming Chairman of The HighBrid Lab, Bruce Linton said:** "I'm really excited about the opportunity to work even more closely with The HighBrid Lab upon closing of the Creso Pharma and Red Light Holland merger. The combined company has tremendous optionality to capitalise on several high growth, nascent verticals.

"Additionally, having worked with key team members in the past, I'm confident that the HighBrid Lab's prospects for growth through both decisive M&A and organic growth is extremely exciting."

**Creso Pharma Non-Executive Chairman Adam Blumenthal said:** *"We are very excited to have Bruce commit to his position as Chairman of The HighBrid Lab. Bruce has extensive expertise in the cannabis* 



and psychedelic areas, as well as an unparalleled network, which will be imperative in the combined company's growth trajectory.

"We continue to work closely with Red Light Holland's management team to gain a strong understanding of Red Light Holland's operations, as well as additional synergies between the businesses. We anticipate that further developments across product development and sales channels will be made in the coming months, which will unlock further value for our shareholders."

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