Sona Nanotech Closes Non-Brokered Private Placement Financing to Raise $1.1M in Gross Proceeds

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February 24, 2023 (Source) – Sona Nanotech Inc. (CSE: SONA) (OTCQB: SNANF) (the "Company" or "Sona") is pleased to announce that it has closed its non-brokered private placement that was announced on January 26, 2023 and subsequently upsized as announced on February 21, 2023, with the issuance of 11,000,000 shares at $0.10 per share (the "Financing"). As previously disclosed, the Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Financing for corporate development and general working capital purposes.

The Company also previously announced on January 26, 2023 that it had entered into a binding agreement (the "Definitive Agreement") to acquire Siva Therapeutics, Inc. ("Siva"), the developer of Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy photo thermal therapy for treating cancer tumors using Sona's uniquely biocompatible gold nanorods (the "Proposed Transaction"). The Financing is necessary and integral for Sona to be able to complete the Proposed Transaction but is not contingent upon the closing of the Proposed Transaction.

In addition to the Proposed Transaction, the Company continues to develop its proprietary, biocompatibility gold nanorod

technology, as well as its portfolio of rapid diagnostic test prototypes, particularly those for concussion and bovine tuberculosis.

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About Sona Nanotech Inc.
Sona Nanotech is a nanotechnology life sciences firm that has developed multiple proprietary methods for the manufacture of various types of gold nanoparticles. The principal business carried out and intended to be continued by Sona is the development and application of its proprietary technologies for use in multiplex diagnostic testing platforms that will improve performance over existing tests in the market. Sona Nanotech's gold nanorod particles are CTAB (cetyltrimethylammonium) free, eliminating the toxicity risks associated with the use of other gold nanorod technologies in medical applications. It is expected that Sona's gold nanotechnologies may be adapted for use in applications, as a safe and effective delivery system for multiple medical treatments, subject to the approval of various regulatory boards, including Health Canada and the FDA.

About Siva Therapeutics, Inc.
Siva Therapeutics Inc is developing Targeted Hyperthermia™, a photothermal cancer therapy, which uses therapeutic heat to treat solid cancer tumors. The heat is delivered to tumors by infrared light that is absorbed by SivaRods™ gold nanorods in the tumor and re-emitted as heat. Therapeutic heat (44°C) stimulates the immune system, shrinks tumors, inactivates cancer stem cells, and increases tumor perfusion – thus enabling drugs to reach all tumor compartments more effectively. The size, shape, and surface chemistry of the nanorods target the leaky

vasculature of solid tumors, and the selective thermal sensitivity of tumor tissue enables the therapy to deliver clean margins. Targeted Hyperthermia promises to be safe, effective, minimally invasive, competitive in cost, and a valuable adjunct to drug therapy and other cancer treatments. Siva's initial clinical targets include colorectal, esophageal, and pancreatic cancers.

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