

## **RepliCel Pursues Non-Diluting Grant Funding to Accelerate Value Creation and Commercialization**

**VANCOUVER, BC – March 7, 2017 - RepliCel Life Sciences Inc.** (OTCQB:REPCF) (TSXV:RP) (FRA:P6P2) (“RepliCel” or the “Company”), a clinical stage regenerative medicine company developing unique biologic products for pattern baldness and thinning hair, aging and sun-damaged skin, and chronic tendon degeneration, today announced the company has retained The FreeMind Group (“FreeMind”), a premier international firm that assists life science organizations in securing non-dilutive funding from granting agencies and private foundations. RepliCel aims to secure non-dilutive capital to support research, clinical development, and/or manufacturing priorities to accelerate value creation and the commercialization of its products.

“We have a number of strategic clinical and non-clinical projects which are ideally positioned for external collaborations and non-dilutive funding. These include basic research, manufacturing optimization, product development, and clinical objectives which have the potential to create significant intellectual property and shareholder value,” stated RepliCel President and CEO, R. Lee Buckler. “FreeMind has a proven track record and commitment to success-based remuneration that convinces us they will bring significant value to our programs. I look forward to updating our shareholders over the coming months with their progress.”

### **About The FreeMind Group**

Established in 1999, The FreeMind Group is the largest consulting group of its kind working with academics and industry alike. Their goal is to assist in maximizing potential to receive funding from non-dilutive sources. They have experience in seeking funding from nearly all NIH Institutes, Department of Defense, NSF, FDA, BARDA, etc., as well as private foundations. FreeMind’s team is dedicated to guiding non-dilutive funding efforts from identification of the most suitable opportunity, through to submission and subsequent award. Their expertise in applying for grants and contracts extends throughout every government mechanism, as well as private foundations open to funding the life sciences. FreeMind’s proven long-term approach has garnered over \$1.5 billion to date; awards range from \$150,000 to \$150 million per client project. For more information, visit <http://www.freemindconsultants.com>.

### **About RepliCel Life Sciences**

RepliCel is a regenerative medicine company focused on developing autologous cell therapies that address conditions caused by a deficit of healthy cells required for normal tissue healing and function. The Company’s product pipeline is comprised of two ongoing clinical trials (RCT-01 for tendon repair and RCS-01 for skin rejuvenation) as well as its RCH-01 hair restoration product under exclusive license by Shiseido Company for certain Asian countries. All product candidates are based on RepliCel’s innovative technology, utilizing cell populations isolated from a patient’s healthy hair follicles. RepliCel has also developed a proprietary injection device (RCI-02) optimized for the administration of its products and licensable for use with other dermatology applications. Please visit <http://replixel.com/> for additional information.

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