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Commencement of Negotiations

Ventracor and HeartWare wish to advise that negotiations have commenced in relation to the patent dispute between the parties.

Both parties and their respective advisers are presently endeavouring, in good faith, to achieve a mutually beneficial outcome.

Whilst these negotiations are ongoing, Ventracor and HeartWare would note that it is not possible to guarantee that a negotiated settlement will be achieved in relation to the matters in dispute.

Notwithstanding the above, both Ventracor and HeartWare remain committed to achieving an equally advantageous outcome for their respective stakeholders.

In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules, the market will be kept informed of developments as they occur.

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