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Cardiol Therapeutics Closes \$22 Million Bought Deal Offering

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Oakville, ON – May 12, 2021 – Cardiol Therapeutics Inc. (TSX: CRDL) (“Cardiol” or the “Company”), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing innovative anti-inflammatory therapies for the treatment of cardiovascular disease, is pleased to announce the closing of its previously announced “bought deal” short form prospectus offering (the “Offering”) of units of the Company (“Units”) for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$22 million.

The Offering was completed by a syndicate of underwriters led by Raymond James Ltd., as lead underwriter and sole bookrunner and included Leede Jones Gable Inc. and ATB Capital Markets Inc.

Under the Offering, the Company sold a total of 6,112,000 Units at a price of \$3.60 per Unit. Each Unit is comprised of one Class A common share of the Company (a “Unit Share” and each Class A common share, a “Common Share”) and one-half of one Common Share purchase warrant of the Company (each full warrant, a “Warrant”). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share (a “Warrant Share”) at a price of \$4.60 per Warrant Share for a period of 36 months from issuance. The Common Shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol “CRDL” and the Warrants will commence trading on the TSX under the symbol “CRDL.WT.A”.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to advance the Company’s research and clinical development programs, for additional commercial product development, and for general corporate purposes.

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About Cardiol Therapeutics

Cardiol Therapeutics Inc. (TSX: CRDL) is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the research and clinical development of innovative anti-inflammatory therapies for the treatment of cardiovascular disease (“CVD”). The Company’s lead product, CardiolRx™, is a pharmaceutically

produced oral cannabidiol formulation that is being investigated in a Phase II/III outcomes study in hospitalized patients testing positive for the COVID-19 virus. This potentially registrational trial is designed to evaluate the efficacy and safety of CardiolRx as a cardioprotective therapy to reduce mortality and major cardiovascular events in COVID-19 patients who have a prior history of, or risk factors for, CVD, and to investigate the influence CardiolRx has on key markers of inflammatory heart disease.

Cardiol is also planning to file an investigational new drug (“IND”) application for a Phase II international trial that will investigate the anti-inflammatory and anti-fibrotic properties of CardiolRx in patients with acute myocarditis, which remains the most common cause of sudden cardiac death in people under 35 years of age. In addition, Cardiol is developing a subcutaneous formulation of CardiolRx and other anti-inflammatory therapies for the treatment of chronic heart failure – a leading cause of death and hospitalization in North America, with associated annual healthcare costs in the U.S. alone exceeding \$30 billion.

Cardiol recently commercialized Cortalex™ (cortalex.com), a pharmaceutically produced cannabidiol formulation developed to address underserved segments of the Canadian medicinal cannabidiol market.

For more information about Cardiol Therapeutics, please visit cardiolrx.com.

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