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## Opthea Provides Corporate Update

*Four members of the Board of Directors to depart as of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025*

*Dr Julia Haller, Dr Susan Orr, Mr Quinton Oswald and Mr Anshul Thakral to step down*

**Melbourne, Australia, and Princeton, N.J., 2 June 2025** -- Opthea Limited (ASX/NASDAQ: OPT, "Opthea", the "Company"), today provided a corporate update following the resignation of four directors following both Opthea's Phase 3 trials missing their primary endpoints and the 65% reduction in work force announced in April 2025.

Considering the negative trial results and reduction in work force, four of Opthea's eight directors decided to step down from the Board to streamline the governance of the organization. Dr Julia Haller, Dr Susan Orr, Mr Quinton Oswald and Mr Anshul Thakral have resigned, effective as of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

"I would like to wholeheartedly thank the departing directors for their contribution to Opthea over many years and their dedication to progressing the science in ophthalmology" said Dr Jeremy M. Levin, Chairman of the Board. "I am grateful for Ms Kathy Connell, Mr Lawrence Gozlan and Mr Sujal Shah who will continue to serve moving forward with me."

As previously disclosed, the Company remains in active negotiations with its Development Funding Agreement ("DFA") investors, pursuant to and as required under the DFA, to explore possible options to deliver the best outcome for the Company and its shareholders.

A copy of the DFA is included as Exhibit 4.19 to Opthea's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission on August 30, 2024.

Opthea is currently relying on the "safe harbour" provisions in section 588GA of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

Trading in Opthea's listed securities has been suspended by ASX under ASX Listing Rule 17.3 until Opthea is in a position to provide an announcement to the market providing more clarity on these issues and the impact on Opthea's financial position. There remains material uncertainty as to Opthea's ability to continue as a going concern.<sup>1</sup> As noted above, discussions with the DFA Investors are ongoing and Opthea cannot be certain as to the outcome of those discussions or when that outcome may become known. Trading in Opthea's American Depositary Shares has also been halted on Nasdaq.

Management plans to hold an investor call to discuss the Phase III trial results and next steps of the Company once active negotiations with the DFA investors have been concluded.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Investors should refer also to the 'going concern' statements contained in Note 2 to Opthea's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the half year ended 31 December 2024 released on 28 February 2025.