

# ASX Announcement | 24 July 2020 Visioneering Technologies (ASX:VTI)

# Visioneering Technologies Achieves First Sales in Canadian Market as North American Expansion Ramps up

# **Highlights**

- NaturalVue Multifocal lenses sold to first several patients in Canada
- Visioneering's NaturalVue Multifocal lenses are used on nearsighted children (pediatric myopia) and on over-40 adults who are losing the ability to see things up close (presbyopia)
- Visioneering is selling into the Canadian market via its existing US sales force and fulfillment channels

Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 23 July 2020: US-based medical device company and producer of the NaturalVue® (etafilcon A) Multifocal 1 Day Contact Lenses (NVMF) Visioneering Technologies, Inc (ASX: VTI) ('Visioneering', 'VTI' or 'the Company') is pleased to announce the first sales of its products to patients in Canada.

Visioneering recently announced receipt of its Medical Device License from Health Canada, allowing the Company to market and sell its existing products in Canada [ASX Announcement: 13 March 2020]. The license covers the use of the Company's NaturalVue Multifocal for the control of myopia progression, and other uses, such as presbyopia.

Visioneering recently completed training and accreditation of its first cohort of Eye Care Professionals (ECPs) in Canada. Several of these now-approved ECPs have prescribed NVMF to patients and have completed their first sales of the product. The launch in Canada follows launches of VTI's products in the United States, Europe, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.

Progressive paediatric myopia affects a high percentage of children in industrialized nations, with an estimated 50% of the world's population being projected to be myopic by 2050. A study published in the peer-reviewed journal, *Eye and Contact Lens*, documented that Visioneering's NaturalVue MF lens reduced myopia progression in children by approximately 96%, with 98.4% of children showing a decrease in the rate of worsening of their myopia. VTI estimates that the addressable markets in Canada for paediatric myopia and presbyopia are approximately US\$400m each.

Visioneering CEO Dr Stephen Snowdy said: "Our launch in Canada marks yet another important milestone delivered by VTI. Since we began selling NVMF in the U.S., many ECPs in Canada have expressed interest in our product. We are very pleased that we have cleared the regulatory and operational hurdles to enter this market, and can now provide a solution for nearsighed children and over-45 adults in the country. Canada is an especially exciting opportunity for us due to its proximity to the U.S., which allows for servicing by our existing sales and fulfillment operations in the US."

# **Ends**

This release was authorized by the CEO, Stephen Snowdy, PhD.



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NaturalVue® (etafilcon A) Multifocal 1 Day Contact Lens Indication for Use Outside the United States: NaturalVue (etafilcon A) Multifocal Daily Disposable Soft (Hydrophilic) Contact Lenses are indicated for daily wear for the correction of refractive ametropia (myopia and hyperopia) and/or presbyopia, and myopia progression control in aphakic and/or non-aphakic persons with non-diseased eyes in powers from -20.00 to +20.00 dioptres and with non-diseased eyes who may require a reading addition of up to +3.00D. The lenses may be worn by persons who exhibit astigmatism of 2.00 dioptres or less that does not interfere with visual acuity.

# **About Visioneering Technologies**

Visioneering Technologies Inc. (ASX:VTI) is an innovative eye care company committed to redefining vision. Since its founding in 2008, Visioneering has brought together clinical, marketing, engineering, manufacturing and regulatory leaders from top vision care businesses to provide new solutions for presbyopia, myopia and astigmatism.

Headquartered in the US, Visioneering designs, manufactures, sells and distributes contact lenses. Its flagship product is the NaturalVue® Multifocal contact lens, and VTI has expanded its portfolio of technologies to address a range of eye care issues. The company has grown operations across the United States, Australia and Europe and is expanding into Asia with a focus on markets with high rates of myopia.

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Management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable when made. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they speak only as of the date when made. VTI does not assume any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. VTI may not actually achieve the plans, projections or expectations disclosed in forward-looking statements. Actual results, developments or events could differ materially from those disclosed in the forward-looking statements.

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