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Statement by Canadian Plasma Resources on the release of the Expert Panel Report on Immune Globulin Product Supply and Related Impacts in Canada

Today, the Expert Panel on Immune Globulin Product Supply and Related Impacts in Canada released its final report. Among its findings, the report concluded that:

- There is no evidence to suggest that commercial plasma collection negatively affects the supply of whole blood, but ongoing monitoring will be needed.
- Plasma products, including immune globulins, are very safe. There have been no confirmed cases of disease transmission through plasma products in more than 20 years, which reflects effective regulation and oversight.
- Across Europe, Australia and North America, the only jurisdictions that have achieved 100% self-sufficiency for plasma collection are those that have permitted paid plasma donors. Jurisdictions that permit payment of source plasma donors have a significantly higher plasma collection capacity on a per capita basis compared to those jurisdictions where compensating source plasma donors is prohibited.
- In addition, the cost of collecting large volumes of source plasma utilizing volunteer donors is 2-4 times more expensive than the commercial plasma collection model and thus it remains more economical for jurisdictions to purchase IG and PDPs from the commercial market, all of which are made from plasma from paid donors.
- Finally evidence indicates that notwithstanding the funding for blood operators to meet collection targets to achieve self-sufficiency, often source plasma programs based on volunteer donors just simply can't make their targets

“The expert panel has made its conclusions based on facts, and objective evidence” said Canadian Plasma Resources CEO, Dr. Barzin Bahardoust. “From the beginning, our mission has been to collect plasma from Canadian donors to manufacture life-saving plasma protein products for Canadian patients. This remains our goal today. We thank the panel members for their work and look forward to ongoing discussions with the provinces and territories, and Canada’s blood agencies as to how best meet Canada’s objectives in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible”

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