



## **Oramed Subsidiary Oravax Medical and Genomma Lab Internacional Announce Joint Venture to Develop and Commercialize Oral COVID-19 Vaccine in Mexico and Drive Business Development in Latin America**

- *Millions of people in the region could benefit from the COVID-19 vaccine candidate—faster, easier, without the cold chain: The Oravax Oral Vaccine*
- *The new partnership builds on the respective strengths of Oravax Medical and Genomma Lab to create compelling value for both companies and their stakeholders*
- *Press conference with Nadav Kidron, CEO of Oramed & Chairman of Oravax, and Rodrigo Herrera, Chairman of Genomma Lab, to take place today, Thursday, November 18 at 11:00 am EST*

**NEW YORK, NY and MEXICO CITY - November 18, 2021** – Oramed Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Nasdaq/TASE: ORMP) ([www.oramed.com](http://www.oramed.com)), a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company focused on the development of oral drug delivery systems, and Genomma Lab Internacional, S.A.B. de C.V. (BMV: LABB) ([www.genommalab.com/en/](http://www.genommalab.com/en/)), a leading pharmaceutical and personal care product company in Latin America with an expanding international presence, today announced the formation of a 50/50 joint venture between Genomma Lab and Oramed’s majority-owned subsidiary Oravax Medical Inc. ([www.ora-vax.com](http://www.ora-vax.com)) to develop and commercialize Oravax’s oral COVID-19 vaccine candidate in Mexico.

Genomma Lab is expected to contribute resources to the joint venture’s oral COVID-19 vaccine development, as well as clinical, regulatory, and commercial activities in Mexico supported by close strategic cooperation between the two companies. Genomma Lab will leverage its extensive supply chain capabilities, partnerships and market presence in Latin America to support the business development process and vaccine roll-out throughout the region. To align interests and deepen the collaboration, Oramed and Genomma Lab announced their intention to enter into a US\$20 million share swap based on the average closing price of their respective shares during the past 15 trading days. Genomma Lab has also committed to participate in a future investment in Oravax.

**Nadav Kidron, Oramed CEO and Oravax Chairman, and Rodrigo Herrera, Genomma Lab Chairman, will hold a joint press event today, Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 11:00 am EST.**

**To view the press event:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QTGUI13dTdmWdUfKrg\\_Tbg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QTGUI13dTdmWdUfKrg_Tbg)

“We are very excited to be partnering with Genomma. The synergies between our respective companies’ core competencies made it clear that the combination of our particular strengths represents a unique and significant opportunity. The winning combination of Oravax’s cutting edge science and Genomma’s exceptional sales and distribution network throughout Mexico and Latin America, as well as their local regulatory expertise, results in a powerful venture,” stated Nadav Kidron CEO of Oramed and Chairman of Oravax.



Rodrigo Herrera Chairman of Genomma Lab, commented, “The joint venture announced today represents a unique opportunity for Genomma and its stakeholders. We are thrilled to be forming this strategic alliance with Oramed to bring Oravax’s next-generation oral vaccine and booster candidate once developed and authorized, to Mexico and potentially throughout Latin America to protect our populations from the COVID-19 virus. Based on our initial discussion with the authorities, we are already beginning to prepare for a Phase 2 trial immediately upon successful completion of the Phase 1 trial of the oral vaccine in South Africa. Oravax’s oral vaccine’s superior target profile makes it an ideal candidate for an expedited approval process (Emergency Use Approval). We are excited to play a pivotal role in bringing this revolutionary solution to a vaccine market of an estimated 662 million Latin Americans. Our partnership with Oravax is therefore closely aligned with Genomma’s mission to empower people in 20 countries throughout the Americas to have excellent health and well-being.”

Oravax’s oral VLP vaccine in development targets three SARS CoV-2 virus surface proteins, including proteins less susceptible to mutation, thus making the oral vaccine potentially more effective against current and future variants of the COVID-19 virus. If approved, it would be used either as a standalone or as a booster for previously vaccinated individuals. The oral method of administration may result in greater safety by reducing potential side effects. Oravax’s VLP vaccine technology is highly scalable for manufacturing and is easily transferable for wide scale logistical distribution as there is no need for freezer storage.

#### **About Genomma Lab Internacional**

Genomma Lab Internacional S.A.B. de C.V, is a leading pharmaceutical and personal care products company in Mexico with an increasing international presence. Genomma develops, sells, and markets a broad range of premium branded products, many of which are leaders in their categories. The company operates in 20 countries in the Americas, selling over 50 brands through more than 300,000 points of sale.

Genomma Lab’s shares are listed on the Mexican Stock Exchange under the ticker “LAB B” (Bloomberg: LABB:MM). For more information, please visit [www.genommalab.com/en/](http://www.genommalab.com/en/)

#### **About Oravax**

Oravax Medical Inc. was established in 2021 by Oramed Pharmaceuticals Inc., the largest shareholder in Oravax, along with Premas Biotech, MyMD Pharmaceuticals, and certain other shareholders with a mission to bring an oral COVID-19 vaccine to the market. Oravax combines cutting-edge vaccine technology acquired from Premas Biotech and the proprietary POD™ oral delivery technology of Oramed Pharmaceuticals.

For more information, please visit [www.ora-vax.com](http://www.ora-vax.com)

#### **About Oramed Pharmaceuticals**

Oramed Pharmaceuticals (Nasdaq/TASE: ORMP) is a platform technology pioneer in the field of oral delivery solutions for drugs currently delivered via injection. Established in 2006, with offices in the United States and Israel, Oramed has developed a novel Protein Oral Delivery (POD™) technology. Oramed is seeking to transform the treatment of diabetes through its proprietary lead candidate, [ORMD-0801](#), which is being evaluated in two pivotal Phase 3 studies and has the potential to be the first commercial oral insulin capsule for the treatment of diabetes. In addition, Oramed is developing an oral GLP-1 (Glucagon-like peptide-1) analog capsule ([ORMD-0901](#)). For more information, please visit [www.oramed.com](http://www.oramed.com)



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