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Australia's Viral Vector Manufacturing Facility and Gene2Cure enters strategic collaboration

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Viral Vector Manufacturing Facility Pty Ltd (VVMF), Australia's first commercial viral vector Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO), and Gene2Cure Foundation, a US-based non-profit organisation dedicated to the development, translation and clinical implementation of experimental gene therapies for incurable rare and ultra-rare genetic conditions affecting children, have co-signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to jointly promote the use of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) in the treatment of rare diseases for Australian and global markets.

The MoU affirms a shared focus on building national capabilities and advancing sector growth in Australia, improving access for Australian and international patients.

Stephen Thompson, Chief Executive Officer of VVMF, said: "Patients living with rare diseases often face limited treatment options and long journeys to access promising new therapies. Through our collaboration with Gene2Cure, VVMF aims to help increase access to advanced therapies for Australian patients while strengthening the local ecosystem needed to develop, manufacture and deliver these treatments. By working together, we can help build Australia's capability in cell and gene therapies and create new opportunities to improve the lives of patients both locally and globally."

Prof. Leszek Lisowski, co-Founder and President, Gene2Cure Foundation, said: "Our collaboration with VVMF is an important step in this strategy, helping us accelerate the development and manufacturing of high-quality experimental therapies in a time- and cost-efficient manner, ultimately bringing much-needed treatments closer to the children and families who are waiting for them"