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Horizon Technology Finance Provides \$20 Million Venture Loan Facility to Encore Dermatology

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FARMINGTON, Conn. and MALVERN, Pa., April 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Horizon Technology Finance Corporation (NASDAQ: HRZN) ("Horizon"), a leading specialty finance company that provides capital in the form of secured loans to venture capital backed companies in the technology, life science, healthcare information and services, and cleantech industries, announced today it has provided a \$20 million venture loan facility to Encore Dermatology, Inc. ("Encore"), of which \$15 million has been initially funded.

Encore is a dermatologically-focused specialty pharmaceutical company led by a management team with a strong history of acquiring and successfully marketing domestic prescription dermatology products. Their primary concentration is with topical corticosteroids available via prescription to treat a variety of skin conditions. Encore is backed by investors including EW Healthcare Partners (formerly known as Essex Woodlands), 1315 Capital and Longitude Capital. Encore has used a portion of the proceeds to acquire several dermatology products to add to its product portfolio, and will use the remainder for strategic corporate purposes.

"Encore provides innovative topical skin condition products to dermatologists that are of significant benefit to their patients, and is led by a management team that has a long track record of successfully marketing similar products at previous companies, including two of the top branded prescription products currently available," said Gerald A. Michaud, President of Horizon. "Encore is also supported by a syndicate of committed, experienced and knowledgeable life science equity investors making Encore a strong addition to our life sciences portfolio and we are pleased to support its growth initiatives."

"We are excited to be partnering with Horizon as we grow our portfolio and work toward providing innovative dermatological solutions for both doctors and patients," said Bob Moccia, President and Chief Executive Officer of Encore. "The funding we've received enables us to acquire three commercial dermatological products to add to our portfolio and help our customers successfully treat skin diseases such as psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and acne. Horizon's investment in Encore's growth serves to reinforce our strategy and positions us well for continued growth and innovation."

About Horizon Technology Finance

Horizon Technology Finance Corporation (NASDAQ: HRZN) is a leading specialty finance company that provides capital in the form of secured loans to venture capital backed companies in the technology, life science, healthcare information and services, and cleantech industries. The investment objective of Horizon is to maximize its investment portfolio's return by generating current income from the debt investments it makes and capital appreciation from the warrants it receives when making such debt investments. Headquartered in Farmington, Connecticut, Horizon also has regional offices in Pleasanton, California, Reston, Virginia and Boston, Massachusetts. To learn more, please visit www.horizontechfinance.com.

About Encore Dermatology

Headquartered in Malvern, Pennsylvania, Encore Dermatology is a privately held, fully integrated specialty dermatology company committed to delivering innovative prescription therapies and medical devices to dermatologists while focusing on customer service and improving the quality of life of patients. In addition to the founders, Encore Dermatology's principal investors are EW Healthcare Partners, 1315 Capital and Longitude Capital. To learn more about Encore Dermatology, please visit www.encorederm.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included herein may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements other than statements of historical facts included in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements and are not guarantees of future performance, condition or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Horizon undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statement made herein. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release.

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