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## Acasti Announces Grant of Stock Options

**Laval, Québec, CANADA – May 30, 2016** – Acasti Pharma Inc. (“Acasti” or the “Corporation”) (NASDAQ:ACST – TSX-V:APO), an emerging biopharmaceutical company focused on the research, development and commercialization of new krill oil-based forms of omega-3 phospholipid therapies for the treatment of severe hypertriglyceridemia, announces the grant of 310,400 stock options under its Stock Option Plan to its employees, including 200,000 to the Chairman of the Board and 61,400 to the officers. Each option will vest gradually over a period of 3 years (1/3 per year) and will allow its holder to acquire one class A common share of the Company at a price of \$1.99 until May 29, 2023.

### **About Acasti Pharma Inc.**

Acasti is an emerging biopharmaceutical company focused on the research and development of a prescription drug candidate, CaPre<sup>®</sup>, for the treatment of severe hypertriglyceridemia, a condition characterized by abnormally high levels of triglycerides in the bloodstream. CaPre<sup>®</sup> is a krill oil-derived mixture of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs), primarily composed of omega-3 fatty acids, principally eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) present as a combination of phospholipid esters and free fatty acids. Krill is a major source of phospholipids and omega-3 fatty acids well known to be beneficial for human health.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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*The forward-looking statements contained in this news release are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement and the “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information” section contained in Acasti’s latest Annual Information Form, which also forms part of Acasti’s latest annual report on Form 20-F, and which is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), on EDGAR at [www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml) and on the investor section of Acasti’s website at [acastipharma.com](http://acastipharma.com) (the “AIF”). All forward-looking statements in this press release are made as of the date of this press release. Acasti does not undertake to update any such forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. The forward-looking statements contained herein are also subject generally to other risks and uncertainties that are described from time to time in Acasti’s public securities filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Canadian securities commissions. Additional information about these assumptions and risks and uncertainties is contained in the AIF under “Risk Factors”.*

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