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Simcere Pharmaceutical Group Limited 先聲藥業集團有限公司 (Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability) (Stock code: 2096)

VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT IN RELATION TO THE CLINICAL TRIAL APPROVAL FOR SIM0417 (3CL) ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL MEDICAL PRODUCTS ADMINISTRATION

This announcement is made by Simcere Pharmaceutical Group Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") on a voluntary basis to inform shareholders and potential investors of the Company about the latest business development of the Group.

The board (the "**Board**") of directors ("**Directors**", and each a "**Director**") of the Company is pleased to announce that, on May 13, 2022, SIM0417, a candidate drug against SARS-Cov-2 ("**SARS-Cov-2**"), for which the Company holds license from Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica and Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, has obtained the Clinical Trial Approval issued by the National Medical Products Administration (國家藥品監督管理局) in China, and is proposed for Post-exposure prophylaxis for close contacts of individuals who test positive for SARS-CoV-2.

ABOUT SIM0417

SIM0417 (molecule serial number SSD8432) targets 3CL protease, which is a key protease required for SARS-CoV-2 replication. It is currently under clinical development for SARS-COV-2 infected patients. SIM0417 has shown broad-spectrum antiviral activity, good in vivo pharmacokinetic properties and safety in per-clinical studies. It is a highly active, low toxicity, orally administrable small molecule anti-SARS-CoV-2 drug candidate.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

The Company is an innovation and R&D-driven pharmaceutical company. It has established a National Key Laboratory of Translational Medicine and Innovative Drug Development. The Company focuses on three therapeutic areas, oncology, central nervous system and autoimmune diseases, with forward-looking layout of disease areas that may have significant clinical needs in the future, aiming to achieve the mission of "providing today's patients with medicines of the future." Leveraging its R&D capability and commercialization excellence, the Company has built a market-leading product portfolio in China. Its vigorous in-house R&D efforts and extensive R&D collaborations have made it a strategic cooperation partner with world leading innovative companies and research institutes.

> By order of the Board of Simcere Pharmaceutical Group Limited Mr. Ren Jinsheng Chairman and executive Director

Hong Kong, May 16, 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. REN Jinsheng as the Chairman and executive Director, Mr. WAN Yushan and Mr. TANG Renhong as the executive Directors; Mr. ZHAO John Huan as the non-executive Director; and Mr. SONG Ruilin, Mr. WANG Jianguo and Mr. WANG Xinhua as the independent non-executive Directors.