Transcenta Holding Limited

創勝集團醫藥有限公司

(registered by way of continuation in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT
BUSINESS UPDATE ON COLLABORATION WITH AGILENT TO DEVELOP A CLAUDIN18.2 COMPANION DIAGNOSTIC TO SUPPORT OSEMITAMAB (TST001) GLOBAL PHASE III TRIAL

This announcement is made by Transcenta Holding Limited (the "**Company**") on a voluntary basis to inform the shareholders and potential investors of the Company about the latest business update. Capitalized terms used herein but no otherwise defined shall have the same meaning ascribed thereto in the prospectus of the Company dated September 14, 2021.

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") is excited to announce a collaboration with Agilent Technologies to develop a Claudin18.2(CLDN18.2) companion diagnostic to support TranStar301 global Phase III pivotal trial of Osemitamab (TST001) in combination with Nivolumab and chemotherapy as first-line treatment in patients with CLDN18.2 expressing locally advanced or metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal (G/GEJ) adenocarcinoma.

The Company has developed a mouse anti-CLDN18.2 monoclonal antibody, clone 14G11 which specifically binds to CLDN18.2 but not CLDN18.1. This antibody, generated against a linear epitope located on the extracellular domain of loop1, has a binding site that overlaps with the binding site of therapeutic antibody Osemitamab (TST001).

The Company has been collaborating with Agilent, a world leader in CDx development, to further develop this antibody for use in a companion diagnostic assay. Agilent is developing CLDN18.2 IHC 14G11 pharmDx, an immunohistochemistry (IHC) assay for the detection of CLDN18.2 protein in gastric and gastroesophageal junction (GEJ) adenocarcinoma with the potential for other indications. Agilent and the Company presented the early results of the CLDN18.2 IHC 14G11 pharmDx assay at AACR Annual Meeting. CLDN18.2 IHC 14G11 pharmDx for Investigational Use Only/for Performance Evaluation Only will be used for patient selection in the phase III trial of gastric/gastroesophageal GEJ adenocarcinoma where applicable ethics committee and regulatory approvals have been granted.

"Agilent's expertise in the development of companion diagnostics is impressive, as is their strong track record of developing companion diagnostics across the precision oncology sector," said Dr. Caroline Germa, the Company's Executive Vice President, Global Medicine Development and Chief Medical Officer. "We are excited about the collaboration and look forward to working together to pave the way for enhanced patient health outcomes."

"We are excited to be working with Transcenta on the development of the CLDN18.2 IHC 14G11 pharmDx companion diagnostic assay," said Dr. Paul Beresford, VP/GM of CDx, Agilent. "This partnership with Transcenta will further pave the way for enhanced precision medicine products for those with gastric and gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma, and continue transforming diagnostics, treatments, and patient health outcomes."

INFORMATION ABOUT OSEMITAMAB (TST001)

Osemitamab (TST001) is a high affinity humanized anti-CLDN18.2 monoclonal antibody with enhanced antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity ("**ADCC**"). It has shown potent anti-tumor activities in tumor xenograft models. Osemitamab (TST001) is the second most advanced CLDN18.2 targeting antibody being developed globally. Osemitamab (TST001) was generated using the Company's Immune Tolerance Breaking Technology (IMTB) platform. Osemitamab (TST001) kills CLDN18.2 expressing tumor cells by mechanisms of ADCC. Leveraging advanced bioprocessing technology, the fucose content of Osemitamab (TST001) was significantly reduced during the production, which further enhanced NK cells mediated ADCC activity of Osemitamab (TST001). Clinical trials for Osemitamab (TST001) are ongoing in China and the U.S. (NCT05190575, NCT04396821, NCT04495296, NCT05608785/CTR20201281). Osemitamab (TST001) has been granted Orphan Drug Designation in the U.S. by FDA for the treatment of patients with gastric or gastroesophageal junction (G/GEJ) and pancreatic cancer.

Cautionary statement: We cannot guarantee that we will be able to develop, or ultimately market Osemitamab (TST001) successfully. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise due care when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By Order of the Board
Transcenta Holding Limited
Xueming Qian
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, April 9, 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Dr. Xueming Qian as executive Director and chief executive officer, Mr. Xiaolu Weng as executive Director, Dr. Yining Zhao as chairman and non-executive Director, and Mr. Jiasong Tang, Mr. Zhihua Zhang, Dr. Kumar Srinivasan and Ms. Helen Wei Chen as independent non-executive Directors.