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To Listing Department, <b>NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE OF INDIA LIMITED</b> Exchange Plaza, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), <b>MUMBAI -400 051</b>  <b>Company Code No. AUROPHARMA</b>	To The Corporate Relations Department <b>BSE LIMITED</b> Phiroz Jeejeebhoy Towers, 25 <sup>th</sup> floor, Dalal Street, <b>MUMBAI -400 001</b>  <b>Company Code No. 524804</b>
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Dear Sirs,

**Sub: Press Release – Aurobindo announces DCGI’s permission to manufacture and market its generic version of Molnupiravir to be marketed as Molnaflu®, licensed from MSD and Ridgeback**

We enclose a copy of the Press Release that is being issued by the Company in connection with receipt of the DCGI’s (Drugs Controller General of India) permission to manufacture and distribute its in-licensed generic version of MSD (a trade name of Merck & Co., Inc, Kenilworth, NJ, USA) and Ridgeback’s Molnupiravir, to be marketed as Molnaflu®.

Please take the information on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
**For AUROBINDO PHARMA LIMITED**

  
B. Adi Reddy  
Company Secretary



Encl: As above

Hyderabad, India, December 28, 2021

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Aurobindo Pharma Limited (along with its subsidiaries together referred to as "Aurobindo") is pleased to announce the receipt of the DCGI's (Drugs Controller General of India) permission to manufacture and distribute its in-licensed generic version of MSD (a trade name of Merck & Co., Inc, Kenilworth, NJ, USA) and Ridgeback's Molnupiravir, to be marketed as Molnaflu<sup>®</sup>. Earlier this year, Aurobindo had signed a non-exclusive voluntary licensing agreement with Merck Sharpe Dohme, Singapore (MSD), a subsidiary of Merck & Co. (US) to manufacture and supply Molnupiravir to over 100 low and middle-income countries (LMIC), including India.

Molnupiravir is the first oral antiviral approved by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (UKMHRA) for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID -19 in adults. It has also been recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) and under Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA). Last week, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) granted Special Approval for Emergency in Japan for Molnupiravir for infectious disease caused by SARS-CoV-2.

Mr. K. Nithyananda Reddy, Vice Chairman, Aurobindo said, "We are delighted with the timely permission from DCGI for the generic version of Molnupiravir as it opens up access to an affordable treatment option for COVID-19 patients and enable us to help battle the pandemic with effective and high-quality pharmaceutical products. We are glad to have partnered with MSD on this product and are committed to enhance access to this product for patients in need, in our partnered territories. The product progresses our mission of being committed to healthier life".

For the generic version of Molnupiravir, Aurobindo enjoys backward integration with in-house API manufacturing which equips it with stronger control on supply chain and cost efficiencies. The product will be manufactured at the Company's manufacturing facilities in India that are approved by global regulatory agencies including USFDA and UKMHRA. The Company has adequate capacities to meet the global demand across the 100 plus LMIC for the product.

The DCGI, based on the review of clinical data of Molnupiravir has given permission to manufacture and market anti COVID-19 pill Molnupiravir for restricted emergency use for treatment of adult COVID-19 patients in India, subject to certain conditions.

**About Aurobindo Pharma Limited**

Aurobindo Pharma Limited ([www.aurobindo.com](http://www.aurobindo.com)), (NSE: AUROPHARMA, BSE: 524804, Reuters: ARBN.NS, Bloomberg: ARBP IN) is an integrated global pharmaceutical company headquartered in Hyderabad, India. The Company develops, manufactures, and commercializes a wide range of generic pharmaceuticals, branded specialty pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients globally in over 155 countries.

The company has 27 manufacturing and packaging facilities that are approved by leading regulatory agencies including USFDA, UK MHRA, EDQM, Japan PMDA, WHO, Health Canada, South Africa MCC, Brazil ANVISA. The company's robust product portfolio is spread over 7 major therapeutic/product areas encompassing CNS, Anti-

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