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

Sub: Press Release on collaboration between DBT-BIRAC and Aurobindo Pharma Limited

We enclose a copy of the Press Release that is being issued by DBT - BIRAC and the Company with respect to the collaboration for COVID-19 vaccine development.

Please take the information on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For AUROBINDO PHARMA LIMITED



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Company Secretary



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**Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science and Technology
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Press Release

New Delhi, 15th September 2020

**DBT- BIRAC supports Aurobindo Pharma Limited's COVID-19 vaccine development
under the National Biopharma Mission**

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), set up by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India has facilitated the establishment of the r-VSV vaccine manufacturing platform for the first time in India by supporting Aurobindo Pharma's COVID-19 vaccine development.

Aurobindo Pharma Limited is developing a vaccine for SARS COV-2 (COVID-19) through its wholly owned US subsidiary Auro Vaccines. The SARS COV-2 vaccine candidate is based on the company's proprietary replication-competent, attenuated, recombinant vesicular stomatitis (VSV, VesiculoVax™) vaccine delivery platform.

Aurobindo is in the process of setting up a state-of-art manufacturing facility for viral vaccines which will be used to produce the COVID-19 vaccine and other viral vaccines. The plant will comply to global standards. The Company's COVID-19 vaccine development is going as per plan.

Commenting on the collaboration with Aurobindo, **Dr Renu Swarup, Secretary, DBT and Chairperson, BIRAC** said, "The partnership with Aurobindo is to serve the country's need for a vaccine to fight this pandemic. The government is focussed on creating an ecosystem that nurtures and encourages new product innovation to address the most relevant issues to our society."

Commenting on the collaboration, Mr N. Govindarajan, Managing Director, Aurobindo Pharma Limited, said "It is a matter of immense pride that BIRAC has placed its trust on our vaccine capabilities. The senior leadership of Aurobindo and Auro Vaccines has extensive experience in development, production and commercialization of several vaccines."

About DBT

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the Ministry of Science & Technology, promotes the use and application of biotechnology in the areas of agriculture, healthcare, animal sciences, environment and industry. It is focused on attaining new heights in biotechnology research, shaping biotechnology into a premier precision tool of the future for creation of wealth and ensuring social justice – specially for the welfare of the poor

About BIRAC:

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) is a not-for-profit Section 8, Schedule B, Public Sector Enterprise, set up by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India as an Interface Agency to strengthen and empower the emerging Biotech enterprise to undertake strategic research and innovation, addressing nationally relevant product development needs.

About National Biopharma Mission:

The Industry-Academia Collaborative Mission of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt of India for accelerating discovery research to early development for Biopharmaceuticals approved by the Cabinet for a total cost US\$ 250 million and 50% co-funded by the World Bank is being implemented at Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC). This program is dedicated to deliver affordable products to the nation with an aim to improve the health standards of India's population. Vaccines, medical devices and diagnostics and biotherapeutics are few of its most important domains, besides, strengthening the clinical trial capacity and building technology transfer capabilities in the country.

About Aurobindo Pharma

Aurobindo Pharma Limited (www.aurobindo.com) (NSE: AUROPHARMA, BSE: 524804, Reuters: ARBN.NS, Bloomberg: ARBP:IN), headquartered at Hyderabad, India, manufactures generic pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients. The company's manufacturing facilities are approved by several leading regulatory agencies like US FDA, UK MHRA, Japan PMDA, WHO, Health Canada, MCC South Africa, ANVISA Brazil. The company's robust product portfolio is spread over major therapeutic areas encompassing CVS, CNS, Antibiotics, Anti-Retrovirals, Gastroenterology, Anti-Allergies and Anti-Diabetics, supported by an outstanding R&D, manufacturing and distribution set-up. The Company is marketing these products globally, in over 150 countries. Aurobindo Pharma has several WHO prequalified products. The company is currently engaged in manufacturing Phase 3 materials of its Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine in its state of art vaccine manufacturing facility in India.

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