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Sanofi signs Statement of Intent with Queensland Government to explore mRNA clinical manufacturing unit in Australia

Brisbane, Friday 9th June 2023 – Sanofi, one of the world’s largest vaccine innovators, has signed a Statement of Intent with the Queensland Government to explore mRNA GMP-grade clinical manufacturing in Australia.

Queensland Deputy Premier Steven Miles MP signed the statement alongside Sanofi’s Global Head of Vaccine Research and Development Dr Jean-Francois Toussaint at the BIO International Convention in the United States.

The mutual statement of intent outlines the possibility of Sanofi setting up mRNA GMP-grade clinical manufacturing in Queensland. It would mean Sanofi could conduct more early phase clinical trials in Australia via the Translational Science Hub announced in December. Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) are principles by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to ensure therapeutic goods are of the highest quality.

Dr Jean-Francois Toussaint

Global Head of Vaccine Research and Development, Sanofi

"Sanofi is delighted to sign this statement of intent that shows our willingness to work together on creating a clinical manufacturing unit based in Queensland. The production of small-scale batches of clinical grade mRNA product for use in clinical trials is important to support innovation around this emerging technology platform. A production unit in Queensland that works closely with the Translational Science Hub would be another important advancement for medical research in Queensland and Australia."

Queensland Deputy Premier Steven Miles

"Queensland is home to world-class research facilities and a highly-skilled workforce driving the development of new vaccines and healthcare breakthroughs. The Translational Science Hub is a global centre of excellence for biomedical science and research in Queensland. Adding clinical manufacturing capabilities would help put Queensland at the forefront of vaccine development globally. The Queensland Government is proud to partner with Sanofi, one of the world’s largest healthcare companies, who has chosen Queensland to reshape 21st century medicine."

A delegation of Queensland businesses, universities and research institutions attended the BIO International Convention this week to encourage international investment in Queensland’s fast-growing biomedical sector. The Queensland Deputy Premier, along with representatives from Griffith University and the University of Queensland also toured the Sanofi mRNA Centre of Excellence based in Boston. This facility is part of Sanofi’s global R&D network that now includes the Translational Science Hub in Queensland.

The Translational Science Hub, announced by Sanofi and the Queensland Government in December, links world-class researchers in Queensland with scientists at the Sanofi mRNA Centre of Excellence in France and the US. This first-of-its-kind partnership,

which includes the University of Queensland and Griffith University, is putting Queensland at the forefront of vaccine development and biomedical research in Australia.

About Sanofi

Sanofi is an innovative global healthcare company, driven by one purpose: we chase the miracles of science to improve people's lives. Our team, across some 100 countries, is dedicated to transforming the practice of medicine by working to turn the impossible into the possible. We provide potentially life-changing treatment options and life-saving vaccine protection to millions of people globally, while putting sustainability and social responsibility at the centre of our ambitions. Sanofi is listed on Euronext: SAN and NASDAQ: SNY

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