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Date: 04th September, 2021.

To, BSE Limited, Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001.

Dear Sir,

## Ref : Script Id "BAJAJHCARE", Script Code "539872".

Sub : Business Updates- launched 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose formulation under the brand name "DGJAJ", for the treatment of moderate to severe COVID-19.

In terms of regulation 30 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, please find attached herewith business updates – Launched 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose formulation under the brand name "DGJAJ", for the treatment of moderate to severe COVID-19.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Bajaj Healthcare Limited

Aakash Keshari Company Secretary

## **BAJAJ HEALTHCARE LIMITED**

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BHL launched 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose formulation under the brand name "DGJAJ", for the treatment of moderate to severe COVID-19.

**Thane, 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**: Bajaj Healthcare Limited (BHL) a leading manufacturer of APIs, Intermediates and Formulations has announced the launch of API and Formulation of **"DGJAJ"** (2-Deoxy-D-Glucose), an antiviral drug used for treating COVID patients, in collaboration with **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**. BHL had received a license agreement from DRDO on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, to manufacture and market 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose (2-DG). The production of "DGJAJ" commenced from today onwards.

2-Deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) is a glucose analogue, which has the 2-hydroxyl group replaced by hydrogen. 2-DG is transported in cells by the glucose transporters on the cell membrane but it cannot undergo further glycolysis and act as inhibitor of glycolysis. Therefore, cells with higher glucose uptake, for example tumour cells, virally infected cells, inflammatory cells have also a higher uptake of 2-DG. Since, it accumulates selectively more in such cells with high glucose demand; it offers an attractive approach of inhibiting tumour cell growth, viral infection and inflammation.

2-Deoxy-D-Glucose (2-DG) helps in the faster recovery of hospitalised patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence. The drug works by selectively accumulating in the virus-infected cells and prevents virus growth by stopping viral synthesis and energy production. It can be administered only upon prescription and under the supervision of a qualified physician to hospitalised moderate to severe COVID-19 patients as an adjunct therapy to the existing standard of care.

The drug comes in powder form in a sachet, which is taken orally by dissolving it in water. Its selective accumulation in virally infected cells makes this drug unique.

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Anil Jain, Joint Managing Director, Bajaj Healthcare said "We are pleased to commence the production of 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose under our brand name "DGJAJ", after receiving license from DRDO. We are quite delighted to add yet another product in our product portfolio. This product will further help us in growing our formulation business.

Health experts are anticipating a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of COVID-19, which may be even more severe as the virus has undergone several mutations over the time. We hope the availability of an effective treatment such as 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose (2-DG) will offer patients with much needed and timely therapy option. Most patients ailing from moderate to severe symptoms can benefit from the use of 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose."

## About Bajaj Healthcare Limited

Bajaj Healthcare Limited a leading manufacturer of APIs, Intermediates and Formulations established in the year 1993. It specializes in manufacturing of Amino Acids, Intermediates, API, formulations & Nutraceuticals. The company has state-of-art manufacturing facilities, of which 6 units are dedicated to APIs, 2 units to Intermediates and 1 unit for formulation. These facilities are designed to meet the requirements of both advanced as well as emerging market opportunities. BHL has a strong presence globally in countries like Europe, USA, Australia, Africa, Middle East and South America.

For further information on the Company, please visit www.bajajhealth.com

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