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The Results of the Third Commercial Production Run to Meet the Approval Conditions for the Shipment of AKUUGO[®] Suspension for Intracranial Implantation

SanBio Co, Ltd. (Head office: Tokyo, Representative Director and President: Keita Mori) announced on April 18, 2025, that the expected yield from the third manufacturing of AKUUGO[®] Suspension for Intracranial Implantation (INN: vandefitemcel), was successfully secured, regarding the three production runs required for the release of shipments. The Company has completed specification testing and characteristic analysis for the third manufacturing run and has confirmed its results.

The third manufacturing run cleared all specification requirements and was deemed compliant as well. With the fulfilment of the shipment conditions for AKUUGO[®], the company plans to promptly file a partial change application and proceed with obtaining full product approval. We continue to expect shipments of AKUUGO[®] to commence in the second quarter of the fiscal year ending January 31, 2026 (May–July 2025), in line with our previous projections.

This matter will have only a minimal impact on the financial performance of the current fiscal year.

About "AKUUGO[®] suspension for intracranial implantation"

AKUUGO[®] suspension for intracranial implantation (INN: vandefitemcel) is a human (allogeneic) bone marrow-derived modified mesenchymal stem cell that is produced by modifying and culturing mesenchymal stem cells derived from the bone marrow aspirate of healthy adults. The transplantation of AKUUGO[®] into damaged nerve tissues in the brain is expected to trigger the release of FGF-2 (a type of protein) etc. and other substances, which in turn will promote the natural regenerative ability of damaged nerve cells and induce proliferation and differentiation of nerve cells.

About SanBio

SanBio was founded in California, the US in 2001 with the vision of becoming a global leader in the field of regenerative medicine and is engaged in the regenerative cell business—we research, develop, manufacture, and sell regenerative cell medicines. On July 31 2024, under the Sakigake Designation Program, we obtained conditional and time-limited approval for our mainstay product AKUUGO[®] for the indication of improving chronic motor paralysis associated with traumatic brain injury. Going forward, we will continue focusing our R&D efforts on central nervous system disorders with significant unmet medical needs that cannot be addressed by existing medicine or drugs. The Company is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan and Oakland, California, and additional information about SanBio Group is available at https://sanbio.com/en/

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