



## Press Release

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### **Daiichi Sankyo Begins Manufacture of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine in Japan**

**Tokyo, Japan (March 12, 2021)** – Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited (hereinafter, Daiichi Sankyo) is pleased to announce that it has started manufacturing the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine (hereinafter, AZD1222) in Japan. The marketing approval application for AZD1222 in Japan was submitted by AstraZeneca K.K. (hereinafter, AstraZeneca) on February 5, 2021.

Daiichi Sankyo is using undiluted solutions provided by AstraZeneca to manufacture AZD1222 in Japan, including the vial filling and packaging, in accordance with the outsourcing agreement to manufacture AZD1222, which was concluded with AstraZeneca in February 2021. The manufacture of AZD1222 is being undertaken by Daiichi Sankyo Biotech Company, Limited, a subsidiary of Daiichi Sankyo, at a facility dedicated to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare’s “project to establish a system for developing and producing novel influenza virus vaccines.”

As a Japanese company that conducts the business of developing vaccines, Daiichi Sankyo is striving to help restore safety and security in society through the early eradication of COVID-19 by ensuring the stable supply of AZD1222 in Japan.

#### **About Daiichi Sankyo**

Daiichi Sankyo Group is dedicated to the creation and supply of innovative pharmaceutical therapies to improve standards of care and address diversified, unmet medical needs of people globally by leveraging our world-class science and technology. With more than 100 years of scientific expertise and a presence in more than 20 countries, Daiichi Sankyo and its 15,000 employees around the world draw upon a rich legacy of innovation and a robust pipeline of promising new medicines to help people. In addition to a strong portfolio of medicines for cardiovascular diseases, under the Group’s 2025 Vision to become a

“Global Pharma Innovator with Competitive Advantage in Oncology,” Daiichi Sankyo is primarily focused on providing novel therapies in oncology, as well as other research areas centered around rare diseases and immune disorders. For more information, please visit: <https://www.daiichisankyo.com/>