



Planned development of inhaled triple therapy QVM149 for asthma

Tokyo, Japan, June 18, 2015 – Sosei Group Corporation (“Sosei”; TSE Mothers Index:4565) confirms the plan to be announced later today by Novartis at a “Meet Novartis Management” investor event in Boston, USA to develop a new inhaled triple therapy for patients with moderate to severe asthma uncontrolled by standard ICS/LABA medication.

QVM149 is a fixed dose, once daily combination of the long-acting beta₂-agonist (LABA) indacaterol, the long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) glycopyrronium bromide and the inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) mometasone fuorate.

First regulatory filings of QVM149 are planned for 2018.

Glycopyrronium bromide was licensed exclusively to Novartis in April 2005 by Sosei and its co-development partner Vectura.

Under the terms of the Licence Agreement, Sosei is eligible to receive development, filing and approval milestones. In addition, Sosei will receive royalties on QVM149 sales in the event of a successful product launch.

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About Asthma

Asthma is characterized by variable symptoms of wheeze, shortness of breath, chest tightness and/or cough and by variable expiratory airflow limitation. Risk factors for developing asthma include allergens, viruses, tobacco smoke and chemical irritants. In many patients symptoms may resolve spontaneously or in response to medication, however continued exposure to allergens may lead to worsening of symptoms. Persistent symptoms can trigger inflammatory responses in the airways and can deteriorate the condition.¹

Some 235 million people, both children and adults, currently suffer from asthma.²

About Sosei

Sosei is a biopharmaceutical company originating from Japan but with global presence. Sosei’s primary business model is based on identifying novel and/or differentiated product assets or technology platforms and, through supporting these in preclinical and

clinical development and establishing commercial partnerships, advancing new medicines to patients worldwide. For more information about Sosei, please visit www.osei.com/en.

Reference:

1. Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention, 2015 update. (<http://www.ginasthma.org/>)
2. WHO Fact sheet N°307 (<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs307/en/>)

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