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Notice regarding Filing an Appeal for a Lawsuit against the Company

Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Osaka, Japan; President, Representative Director, Gyo Sagara; “ONO”) announced today that ONO was filed with a lawsuit by Tasuku Honjo on June 19, 2020 and received the complaint.

Details

1. Filing Court and Date of Lawsuits

- (1) Court: Osaka District Court
- (2) Date: June 19, 2020

2. Names of Person Filing Lawsuits

Tasuku Honjo

3. Contents of Lawsuit

- (1) Content: Dividends claim form the lawsuit against the third-party regarding PD-1 patent
- (2) Claimed amount: JPY22,623,331,677

4. The Company's Policy and Future

ONO signed a license agreement on the PD-1 patent with Mr. Tasuku Honjo in 2006, and has paid the patent fee appropriately based on the agreement. At the time of signing the agreement, there were many skeptical views on immune-oncology therapy and other pharmaceutical companies refused the development in this field. Under such a situation, ONO decided to take significant risks and proceed with research and development. Therefore, we believe that the contract level is appropriate.

We intend to dispute and cope with this lawsuit appropriately.

At the stage of receiving the complaint, it is difficult to predict the impact on our business performance. We will promptly inform if any matters that should be disclosed occur in the future.

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