Corporate Governance and Section 172 statements for applicable UK subsidiaries

For financial periods beginning on and after 1 January 2019, UK companies meeting certain criteria are required to provide additional disclosures on how the directors of those companies have had regard to section 172(1) of the Companies Act 2006 when discharging their duties. Additionally, certain companies are required to provide a statement of their corporate governance arrangements in the Directors’ Report.

Throughout the year, companies in the AstraZeneca Group have continued to follow the Group’s approach to good governance. The ultimate parent company of the Group is AstraZeneca PLC, a listed company that applies the UK Corporate Governance Code. Details of AstraZeneca PLC’s corporate governance arrangements can be found in its latest published Annual Report.

The Group’s UK subsidiaries which have met the relevant reporting criteria and have included the required disclosures within their latest set of annual accounts filed at Companies House are:

AstraZeneca UK Limited (S.172(1) Statement & Corporate Governance Statement)
AstraZeneca Treasury Limited (S.172(1) Statement)
AstraZeneca Intermediate Holdings Limited (S.172(1) Statement)
Cambridge Antibody Technology Group Limited (S.172(1) Statement)
MedImmune U.K. Limited (S.172(1) Statement)
AstraZeneca UK Limited
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Companies Act 2006 section 172(1) statement in respect of Directors actions

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- likely consequences of any decisions in the long term
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In discharging their s.172(1) duties the Directors have had regard to the relevant factors set out above, as well as other factors relevant to the decisions being made. The Directors acknowledge that every decision made will not necessarily result in a positive outcome for all stakeholders of the Company. The Directors also acknowledge that the Company is a member of the AstraZeneca Group and by considering AstraZeneca PLC’s purpose and values, together with the Company’s strategic priorities, the Directors aims to ensure that the decisions made are consistent and intended to promote the long-term success of the Company and the AstraZeneca Group.

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The Directors held active meetings throughout the reporting year and reviewed and considered their skills and expertise applicable to their position as Directors of the Company.

Statement of Corporate Governance arrangements

The Company is a member of the AstraZeneca Group whose ultimate parent company is AstraZeneca PLC, a listed company that applies the UK Corporate Governance Code. The Company has adopted its own Corporate Governance Principles that is appropriate for the Company considering its position in the AstraZeneca Group and is aligned with the AstraZeneca Group’s approach to good governance.

Details of how the Board of AstraZeneca PLC operates and matters considered by the Board at Group level are set out in the Corporate Governance Report from page 108 of the AstraZeneca Annual Report and Form 20-F Information 2020.
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AstraZeneca Intermediate Holdings Limited

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