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Independent Proxy Advisory Firms ISS and Glass Lewis Recommend Bristol-Myers Squibb Shareholders Vote “FOR” Proposed Merger with Celgene

Bristol-Myers Squibb Urges Shareholders to Vote “FOR” the Merger-Related Proposals on the WHITE Proxy Card Today

NEW YORK– (BUSINESS WIRE)– Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE:BMJ) today announced that independent proxy advisory firms Institutional Shareholder Services (“ISS”) and Glass Lewis & Co. (“Glass Lewis”), recommend that Bristol-Myers Squibb shareholders vote “FOR” the approval of the issuance of shares of Bristol-Myers Squibb common stock in connection with the Company’s pending merger with Celgene Corporation (NASDAQ:CELG).

In their March 29, 2019 reports, ISS and Glass Lewis stated¹:

“Overall, the deal’s strategic rationale is sound. The two companies have a complementary overlap in therapeutic focus, and the transaction diversifies BMJ’s revenue stream... The transaction also significantly enhances BMJ’s pipeline, raising the number of late-stage drugs from one to six. Moreover, the combination could result in meaningful synergies – the certainty of which seems bolstered by the facts that the two companies have headquarters in New Jersey as well as overlapping R&D centers.” (ISS)

“Celgene has a pipeline of new compounds focused on cancer and blood diseases, building off its existing strengths and complementing BMJ’s existing drugs, which are targeted at those same areas. The acquisition should therefore strengthen BMJ’s pipeline considerably.” (ISS)

“Both companies’ current products and their pipelines are focused on drugs that fight cancer and blood disorders. As such, the merger appears logical strategically, and likely to generate more synergies than one involving disparate pharmacological areas of focus. This clinical overlap should increase synergies available to the combined company in areas such as sales and marketing, manufacturing, and research and development, in terms of both costs and expertise.” (ISS)

“Based on our research, review and analysis, we believe the proposed merger is strategically compelling and presents the opportunity for potentially significant returns to shareholders of the combined company, including existing Bristol-Myers holders.” (Glass Lewis)

“In particular, the merger represents an attractive, risk-adjusted opportunity to enhance Bristol-Myers’ product portfolio by leveraging Celgene’s current “Big Five” late-stage, near-term product launches to significantly enhance Bristol-Myers’ pipeline, thereby placing the Company in a strong position to supplement and eventually replace the revenues currently generated by Bristol-Myers’ existing products.” (Glass Lewis)

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Commenting on the reports, the Company issued the following statement:

“We are pleased that ISS and Glass Lewis share our belief that a combination with Celgene is in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders, and supports our Board’s recommendation that shareholders vote ‘FOR’ proposals related to the merger at the upcoming Special Meeting. We believe this transaction is the best option to continue to deliver innovative medicines to our patients as a means to create long-term value for our fellow shareholders.

“Celgene’s strategic fit, compelling value proposition, and strong pipeline make this the ideal combination. The combined company will be stronger today, and better positioned for sustainable long-term growth, with six expected near-term product launches, strong commercialization capabilities, and a deep and broad early-stage pipeline that will position the combined company for sustained leadership.

“We are confident that combining Bristol-Myers Squibb and Celgene will create a leading focused specialty biopharma company that is well positioned to address the needs of patients across disease areas and generate meaningful financial benefits for all shareholders through 2025 and beyond. We look forward to continuing to work with Celgene to complete the transaction, and strongly urge all Bristol-Myers Squibb shareholders to follow the recommendations of ISS and Glass Lewis by voting ‘FOR’ the proposals relating to the proposed transaction with Celgene at the upcoming Special Meeting.”

Bristol-Myers Squibb and Celgene expect the transaction to close in the third quarter of 2019, subject to approval by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Celgene shareholders and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals. The Bristol-Myers Squibb Special Meeting of Stockholders to vote on matters relating to the proposed merger is scheduled to take place on April 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. All shareholders of record of Bristol-Myers Squibb common stock as of the close of business on March 1, 2019 will be entitled to vote their shares either in person or by proxy at the stockholder meeting.

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the combined company's ability to obtain necessary regulatory approvals or obtaining these without delay, the risk that the combined company's products prove to be commercially successful or that contractual milestones will be achieved. Similarly, there are uncertainties relating to a number of other important factors, including: results of clinical trials and preclinical studies, including subsequent analysis of existing data and new data received from ongoing and future studies; the content and timing of decisions made by the U.S. FDA and other regulatory authorities, investigational review boards at clinical trial sites and publication review bodies; the ability to enroll patients in planned clinical trials; unplanned cash requirements and expenditures; competitive factors; the ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patent and other intellectual property protection for any product candidates; the ability to maintain key collaborations; and general economic and market conditions. Additional information concerning these risks, uncertainties and assumptions can be found in Bristol-Myers Squibb's and Celgene's respective filings with the SEC, including the risk factors discussed in Bristol-Myers Squibb's and Celgene's most recent Annual Reports on Form 10-K, as updated by their Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and future filings with the SEC.

It should also be noted that projected financial information for the combined businesses of Bristol-Myers Squibb and Celgene is based on management's estimates, assumptions and projections and has not been prepared in conformance with the applicable accounting requirements of Regulation S-X relating to pro forma financial information, and the required pro forma adjustments have not been applied and are not reflected therein. None of this information should be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, the historical financial statements of Bristol-Myers Squibb or Celgene. Important risk factors could cause actual future results and other future events to differ materially from those currently estimated by management, including, but not limited to, the risks that: a condition to the closing of the proposed acquisition may not be satisfied; a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed acquisition is delayed, is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; Bristol-Myers Squibb is unable to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed acquisition; Bristol-Myers Squibb is unable to promptly and effectively integrate Celgene's businesses; management's time and attention is diverted on transaction related issues; disruption from the transaction makes it more difficult to maintain business, contractual and operational relationships; the credit ratings of the combined company decline following the proposed acquisition; legal proceedings are instituted against Bristol-Myers Squibb, Celgene or the combined company; Bristol-Myers Squibb, Celgene or the combined company is unable to retain key personnel; and the announcement or the consummation of the proposed acquisition has a negative effect on the market price of the capital stock of Bristol-Myers Squibb and Celgene or on Bristol-Myers Squibb's and Celgene's operating results.

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Bristol-Myers Squibb Issues Statement on Celgene's Settlement
with Alvogen on Revlimid® Patent Litigation

NEW YORK—(BUSINESS WIRE)— Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE:BMJ) today issued the following statement regarding Celgene's (NASDAQ:CELG) settlement with Lotus Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. and Alvogen Pine Brook, LLC (collectively, "Alvogen") relating to patents for Revlimid:

"We are pleased that Celgene has reached a settlement with Alvogen related to patents for Revlimid. This announcement is consistent with our assumptions during due diligence and provides further clarity and security around the patent estate for Revlimid. We are confident in the strength of our combination with Celgene and our ability to create a premier biopharma company with leading franchises and a deep and broad pipeline that will drive sustainable growth.

We look forward to continuing to work with Celgene to complete the transaction, and strongly urge all Bristol-Myers Squibb shareholders to vote 'FOR' the proposals relating to the proposed transaction with Celgene at the upcoming Special Meeting."

Additionally, the Company noted that in a March 29, 2019 report published prior to the disclosure of the settlement, Institutional Shareholder Services, an independent proxy advisory firm, concluded¹:

"BMJ's perspective [about Revlimid] appears to be shared by a majority of the analyst community, and it has been strengthened since announcement of the deal by intervening events such as the PTAB's recent IPR rulings in favor of Celgene."

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