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**PHARMANIAGA FIRST TO COMPLETE GOVERNMENT'S  
COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIREMENT AND SINOVAC IS  
STILL AN APPROVED VACCINE FOR THE NATION**

*Two million doses of order by the Ministry of Health in the pipeline*

**SHAH ALAM, 16 July, 2021** – Pharmaniaga Berhad (Pharmaniaga) refers to the published news reports yesterday that we found to have confusing statements and headlines on the discontinuation of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine supply for National Immunisation COVID-19 Programme (NIP).

The Group has contacted the relevant parties and found that the statements and headlines of the news reports are misleading and untrue. Here are the actual facts on the reported issue.

Pharmaniaga's contractual obligation with the Federal Government is to supply 12 million doses of the Sinovac COVID-19 Fill & Finish vaccines by its high-tech plant Pharmaniaga LifeScience Sdn Bhd (PLS). The contract obliges Pharmaniaga to supply the vaccines within 7 months, between May and November 2021.

Due to the surge in the number of COVID-19 cases from March 2021, Pharmaniaga has taken proactive steps to meet the needs of the country by expediting the supply of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines by importing finished vaccines from Sinovac to be distributed in parallel with the distribution of Fill & Finish vaccines by PLS.

With these efforts, Pharmaniaga has managed to supply a total of 12 million doses with the last batch of doses will be delivered on 21 July 2021, 4.5 months ahead of the initial contract schedule.

The supply of 12 million doses of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines involved 6 million doses for the first injection and 6 million doses for the second injection. Since the number of first dose injections in all states is close to 6 million recipients, the Ministry of Health has instructed ceasing of first dose administration and to continue with second dose administration. This is to avoid insufficient number of vaccines for second dose if more than 6 million recipients are administered with first dose.

Pharmaniaga would like to thank the Federal Government for its trust and we are proud to be the first company to have successfully delivered all the contractual supply of vaccines to the Federal Government far ahead of the contract schedule in order to help protecting the rakyat from the COVID-19 virus.

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Pharmaniaga is also ready to provide additional supplies if the Federal Government intends to continue the usage of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines in NIP. The Group has made an offer of additional supply of 2 million doses to the Federal Government and is waiting for an official decision on it.

Meanwhile, Pharmaniaga will continue to embark on its initiative to supply Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines to state governments, government agencies and private sectors. These agencies have been waiting to procure Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines, whilst helping to speed up the completion of the NIP.

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With a vision to be the premier Malaysian pharmaceutical company, Pharmaniaga is guided by its philosophy of 'Do It Right Always' and is empowered by its motto of Passion for Patients. Strengthened by nine manufacturing plants, nationwide logistics and distribution in Malaysia and Indonesia as well as products registered in 15 countries, Pharmaniaga Group is positioned to be a regional player in the international pharmaceutical arena.

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