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**PHARMANIAGA ENTRUSTED BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH
TO MANAGE THE LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION OF
ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 VACCINES**

SHAH ALAM, 3 July 2021 – Pharmaniaga Berhad (Pharmaniaga) is entrusted by Ministry of Health (MOH) to manage the logistics and distribution of all AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines received via AstraZeneca, COVAX Facility and also donations by foreign governments.

Its wholly-owned subsidiary Pharmaniaga Logistics Sdn Bhd (PLSB) was chosen from an open tender by MOH as PLSB has the infrastructure, facilities and capabilities, with more than 26 years of proven track record of handling vaccines.

Yesterday, Pharmaniaga received the first batch of 586,700 AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines shipped from Siam Bioscience Co Ltd, Thailand for the Government under the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP). The vaccines were handed over to Dato' Sri Adham Baba, Minister of Health by AstraZeneca Malaysia Country President, Dr Sanjeev Pachal at Pharmaniaga's warehouse in Shah Alam.

Pharmaniaga Group Managing Director Datuk Zulkarnain Md Eusope said PLSB will manage the logistics and distribution of more than 8 million doses of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines at its four warehouses located in Selangor, Pulau Pinang, Sabah and Sarawak.

"We have earlier handled 828,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines from COVAX Facility and on 1st of July, received 1 million doses donated by the Government of Japan to Malaysia.

"All these vaccines are stored in our Good Distribution Practice (GDP) certified warehouses that have pharmaceutical-grade cold chain facilities that are able to maintain a temperature between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius.

"It will be sent out to Vaccine Storage Centres and Vaccine Distribution Centres nationwide as per instructions by MOH to support the NIP," he said.

Datuk Zulkarnain expressed his utmost appreciation and gratitude to MOH for its continuous trust in Pharmaniaga as MOH's main logistics partner in the national healthcare system.

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“Handling the vaccines is a huge responsibility, and our team has been working diligently round the clock delivering the vaccines. We are proud to be part of the support services for the NIP, and we assure *Rakyat* that these vaccines will be managed and delivered in accordance to the GDP and international standards,” he said.

Pharmaniaga is the leading pharmaceutical Company of Boustead Holdings Berhad group of companies, and together with Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera, are the major shareholders of the Company.

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About Pharmaniaga Berhad

Pharmaniaga is the leading pharmaceutical company of Boustead Holdings Berhad Group of Companies, which together with the Armed Forces Fund Board, are the major shareholders of the Company. Listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia, Pharmaniaga’s core businesses are generic pharmaceuticals manufacturing; research and development; marketing and sales; warehousing and distribution of pharmaceutical and medical products; supply, trading and installation of medical and hospital equipment as well as community pharmacy.

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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