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Investors can obtain more information when the Schedule 13e-3 and the proxy statement become available. Investors should read the Schedule 13e-3 and proxy statement carefully when they become available before making any voting decision.

Message to Chiron Vaccines Employees

Dear all

Following today's announcement regarding the Novartis acquisition, one of the key messages I want to send to everyone is that we must focus on driving Vaccines forward as usual. While this may appear easier said than done, there are a number of simple things we can do to ensure that we really do focus on business as normal. Firstly, this means all of us working closely with our teams to make sure we are clear on our objectives and how we are going to reach them. As mentioned at the meetings we held at all sites on Monday, these objectives remain as before and it is incumbent on us to drive towards these. Secondly, we must reassure our customers, collaborators and partners that this is truly business as usual - we will continue to deliver our products as before and push forward with the development of our life-saving vaccines. Of course the level of this communication needs to be judged locally based on individual relationships and needs.

Over the coming days and weeks, we hope to provide more information on the Novartis acquisition, with updates as appropriate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support to date, and for your ongoing support as we push forward with our important work.

Kind regards

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President