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Set forth below are excerpts from the AbbVie Inc. Q1 2015 earnings release conference call on April 23, 2015:

*Excerpts:*

**Richard A. Gonzalez Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer**

Importantly, we recently announced the acquisition of Pharmacyclics a strategic addition to our business that will provide significant benefit for our shareholders and the patients which we serve. Pharmacyclics acquisition will add another compelling growth platform to add these existing strong prospects in immunology and virology. It will accelerate AbbVie's clinical and commercial presence in oncology, broadening our portfolio in hematological oncology, an attractive and rapidly growing market in a segment where we have several other assets in mid- and late-stage development.

While strategically important, this acquisition will also drive strong financial benefits. It further diversifies our revenue base and significantly enhances our revenue growth across our long-range plan. We expect the transaction will be accretive beginning in 2017 and significantly accretive in the years that follow. Specifically, as we have outlined, we expect accretion in excess of \$0.60 per share in 2019, ramping to more than \$1 per share by 2021. The addition of Pharmacyclics will augment AbbVie's already strong position and growth prospects. We remain on track to complete the acquisition in the second quarter.

Our 2015 guidance underscores our goal of driving industry leading growth this year, as we expect earnings per share growth of nearly 27% at the midpoint of our guidance range. Our strong first quarter performance certainly supports our ability to deliver on this objective, and we expect to be among the top performers over our long-range plan. In fact, given our execution across a number of fronts and the strategic actions that we have taken in the business and now the addition of Pharmacyclics, we're well-positioned to generate top tier growth through the rest of this decade and beyond.

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As we look at our business following the acquisition, we are strategically positioned with a number of compelling growth platforms. Clearly, we're enthusiastic about our oncology franchise. The acquisition of Pharmacyclics is highly complementary with our existing oncology pipeline, which is comprised of five late-stage assets poised to launch over the next few years. This includes our BCL2 inhibitor, Venetoclax, and our dual PI3 kinase inhibitor, Duvelisib, both being investigated for the treatment of a wide range of blood cancers.

We also anticipate numerous readouts on IMBRUVICA, including data from the RESONATE-2 study in CLL, Phase III monotherapy data in relapsed refractory mantle cell lymphoma, and additional details from the Phase III trial on relapsed refractory CLL. Our combined late-stage oncology franchise will represent a significant source of growth for AbbVie in the coming years with peak year sales estimated to exceed \$15 billion.

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In closing, since AbbVie became an independent company, we've been focused on executing our key strategic priorities. We've established a strong track record, consistently exceeding our financial commitments, generating strong shareholder returns and driving leading performance of HUMIRA and other products in our portfolio. We've also built a promising late-stage pipeline, which will fuel our future growth, and we gained regulatory approval on several important products and advanced many more. We've set a strong foundation for the company. The addition of Pharmacyclics significantly strengthens our long-term growth prospects, positioning AbbVie for top tier growth for the rest of the decade and beyond.

**William J. Chase** Executive Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Our 2015 adjusted guidance range includes the previous communicated \$0.20 dilutive impact of the Pharmacyclics acquisition. It excludes \$0.53 of amortization and specified costs, including Pharmacyclics' transaction costs booked in the first quarter. We plan to communicate specific profile guidance for the combined company as well as the 2015 accounting impacts of the transaction on our second quarter call in July.

Regarding the second quarter, we expect adjusted earnings per share of \$1.04 to \$1.06. This excludes roughly \$0.09 of specified items and noncash amortization and includes a modest of Pharmacyclics dilution based on a partial quarter impact.

**Operator**

Thank you. Our next question is from Steve Scala from Cowen.

<Q - Steve M. Scala>:

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And then lastly, what has been the tone and the substance of your conversations with partners J&J with the ibrutinib and Roche with ABT-199 post the news of the Pharmacyclics acquisition? It would seem that there could be some issues and/or concerns and I'm just wondering if that's the case? Thank you.

**<A - Richard A. Gonzalez>**: The partner aspect of it, I mean first let me start with J&J. Obviously Pharmacyclics is an independent company right now, and the relationship that they have with J&J is not something that we can interfere with or be directly involved in. We've had communication with J&J. It's been very, very positive. You know, we've worked with J&J in other aspects of relationships that we've had in our prior experience with Abbott, and they're a fine company. I think the relationship will work extremely well. I'd make similar comments about Roche. I think Roche, Genentech we've had very good relationships with and we don't anticipate any challenges in managing our way through this relationship between the two partners.

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**Operator**

Thank you. Our next question is from Chris Schott from JPMorgan.

**<Q - Christopher Thomas Schott>:**

Second question was on leverage and business development priorities post PCYC. What is the sense of urgency at this point to add or build upon existing growth verticals with further end market product acquisitions post this deal? Is that still a priority or should we think about AbbVie kind of coming back to focusing on some of these earlier stage, more R&D-focused transactions going forward? Thanks very much.

**<A - Richard A. Gonzalez>:**

On the BD priorities post-deal, if I understand the question correctly, are we looking to go out and find another large growth platform? The answer is no. We've obviously made a significant commitment here with the acquisition of Pharmacyclics, and it positions us well in this sector. And ultimately, it was a platform play for us and it's a platform play that we would assume that we needed or wanted going forward. So now I think you will see us go back to a similar kind of strategy that we had before, which is more looking for individual products that we can build out the areas that we have specific therapeutic interest in, like immunology, like virology, like oncology, and continuing to add on to that, potentially some tuck-in kinds of acquisitions, smaller acquisitions to add to it, but more of what you've seen from us in the past.

**<Q - Christopher Thomas Schott>:** Great. Thanks very much.

**<A - Larry Peepo>:** Thanks, Chris. And operator, we have time for one more question, please.

**Operator**

Thank you. Our final question today is from Colin Bristow from Bank of America.

**<Q - Colin N. Bristow>:**

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And then just one quick one on IMBRUVICA, where your peers recently entered into a partnership with a BTK inhibitor for autoimmune conditions including RA; is this something you plan to pursue with IMBRUVICA? Thanks.

**<A - Michael E. Severino>:**

With respect to IMBRUVICA with BTK inhibition in autoimmune disorders, obviously that's something that has been a focus of research for a number of companies, including ourselves. It's something we'll continue to investigate. I think we will be positioned very well to pursue that aggressively given our

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extensive experience in immunology and post-close, given PCYC's experience in BTK inhibition. So it's certainly something that we would keep a close eye on, something that we would pursue.

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