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Notice of Establishment of US BRANCH

At the meeting of the RaQualia board of directors held today, we resolved to open a U.S. R&D base (US BRANCH) in San Diego, California, U.S. This is the first overseas branch for our group.

Notes

1. Purpose of establishing a US BRANCH

San Diego is widely known as a center for innovation in the high-tech industry, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, and IT. In the area of life sciences, there is one of the largest research centers in the together with world-class universities and research laboratories, including the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) and the Scripps Institute, pharmaceutical companies and bio-ventures form an innovation ecosystem^{*1} and conduct innovative drug discovery research. In order to accelerate the creation of innovative new drugs, we will create new value by utilizing the San Diego ecosystem. We will strive to achieve further growth and increase our social value.

2. Overview of US BRANCH

(1) Name	RAQUALIA PHARMA INC. US BRANCH
(2) Address	8910 University Center Lane San Diego, CA 92122, U.S.A.
(3) Description of Businesses	Research and development of new drugs

(4) Day to start operation	Dec. 26, 2019 (planned)
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The effect on the consolidated performance of the Group for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 (Jan. 1, 2019-Dec.31,2019) is immaterial use will probably disclose any matters in the future that need to be announced.

[Reference]

※1: About the Innovation Ecosystem (ecosystem)

Ecosystem is a scientific term that essentially refers to an ecosystem. In recent years, however, ecosystem is widely used in the sense that multiple companies, research institutes, and other organizations form partnerships and utilize each other's technologies and capital to coexist and co-prosper across industries and borders.

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