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1.
Atacand Agreement with Cheplapharm Completed

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Agreement with Cheplapharm for rights to
Atacand in 28 European countries completed

AstraZeneca has completed an agreement with Cheplapharm Arzneimittel GmbH (Cheplapharm) for the commercial rights to Atacand (candesartan cilexetil) and Atacand Plus (fixed-dose combination of candesartan cilexetil and hydrochlorothiazide) in Europe.

Under the terms of the agreement, AstraZeneca has received a payment of $200 million from Cheplapharm. A time-bound payment of $10 million as well as sales-contingent milestones will also be payable. The present value of the upfront and time-bound payments will be reported as Other Operating Income in the company's financial statements in the third quarter of 2018.

AstraZeneca will continue to manufacture and supply Atacand and Atacand Plus under a supply agreement and will continue to commercialise the medicines in all markets where it still holds the rights.

About Atacand
Atacand (candesartan cilexetil) is a selective, AT1 subtype angiotensin II receptor antagonist blocker (ARB) that is indicated for the treatment of hypertension and heart failure. Atacand is also available in Europe as a fixed-dose combination of candesartan cilexetil and hydrochlorothiazide (Atacand Plus). Atacand is indicated for the management of hypertension in adults and children/adolescents, as well as heart failure in adults. Atacand Plus is indicated for the management of hypertension when monotherapy is not sufficiently effective. Atacand was developed in collaboration with Takeda. Each company holds the exclusive rights to the product in certain markets. In other markets, Atacand is co-marketed by both parties.

About AstraZeneca
AstraZeneca is a global, science-led biopharmaceutical company that focuses on the discovery, development and commercialisation of prescription medicines, primarily for the treatment of diseases in three therapy areas - Oncology, Cardiovascular, Renal & Metabolism and Respiratory. AstraZeneca operates in over 100 countries and its innovative medicines are used by millions of patients worldwide.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AstraZeneca PLC

Date: 01 October 2018

By: /s/ Adrian Kemp
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