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Takeda receives clearance from the State Administration for Market Regulation in China for the proposed acquisition of Shire plc

Osaka, Japan, September 14, 2018 --- Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited (“Takeda”) announces that it has received unconditional clearance from the State Administration for Market Regulation in China (“SAMR”) for the proposed acquisition of Shire plc announced on May 8, 2018 (the “Acquisition”).

As announced on July 10, 2018, Takeda has received unconditional clearance for the Acquisition from the United States Federal Trade Commission. As confirmed on August 28, 2018, Takeda has received unconditional clearance from the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense. SAMR’s unconditional clearance of the Acquisition is another key step in the transaction process.

The Acquisition remains subject to a number of conditions, including receipt of other regulatory clearances and approval by the shareholders of both companies.

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About Takeda Pharmaceutical Company

Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited (TSE: 4502) is a global, research and development-driven pharmaceutical company committed to bringing better health and a brighter future to patients by translating science into life-changing medicines. Takeda focuses its R&D efforts on oncology, gastroenterology and neuroscience therapeutic areas plus vaccines. Takeda conducts R&D both internally and with partners to stay at the leading edge of innovation. Innovative products, especially in oncology and gastroenterology, as well as Takeda's presence in emerging markets, are currently fueling the growth of Takeda. Approximately 30,000 Takeda employees are committed to improving quality of life for patients, working with Takeda's partners in health care in more than 70 countries. For more information, visit <https://www.takeda.com/newsroom/>.

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