# Antengene Corporation Limited
# 德琪醫藥有限公司

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 6996)**

## VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT

## IND APPROVAL IN CHINA FOR A PHASE II STUDY OF ELTANEXOR (ATG-016) IN PATIENTS WITH HIGH-RISK MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES

This announcement is made by Antengene Corporation Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") on a voluntary basis to inform the shareholders and potential investors of the Company about the latest business updates of the Group. The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") is pleased to announce that the China National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) has approved a Phase II open-label study designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of the next-generation selective inhibitor of nuclear export (SINE) compound ATG-016 in patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS).

This is a voluntary announcement made by the Company. The Group cannot guarantee that ATG-016 will ultimately be successfully developed or marketed. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By the order of the Board
**Antengene Corporation Limited**
**Dr. Jay Mei**
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, March 30, 2022

*As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Dr. Jay Mei, Mr. John F. Chin, Mr. Donald Andrew Lung and Dr. Kevin Patrick Lynch as executive directors; Mr. Yilun Liu and Dr. Kan Chen as non-executive directors; and Mr. Mark J. Alles, Ms. Jing Qian and Mr. Sheng Tang as independent non-executive directors.*

**About SINE Compounds**

Selective Inhibitor of Nuclear Export (SINE) compounds are inhibitors of the major nuclear export protein Exportin 1 (XPO1). Currently, there are three oral SINE compounds, ATG-010 (selinexor), ATG-016 (eltanexor), and ATG-527 (verdinexor), under clinical development. Antengene has obtained the exclusive license from Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc. ("**Karyopharm**") to these compounds in certain APAC markets.

**About Eltanexor (ATG-016)**

ATG-016 and other Selective Inhibitor of Nuclear Export (SINE) compounds inhibit the nuclear export protein called Exportin 1 (XPO1) that helps cancers grow by removing tumor suppressor proteins from the nucleus. ATG-016 is an orally-active, highly-specific next-generation XPO1 inhibitor with an improved pharmacological profile and reduced brain penetration versus the first novel SINE compound, ATG-010/selinexor/XPOVIO®. These attributes can potentially enable more frequent dosing and a better-tolerated dosing regimen. ATG-016 demonstrated preliminary anti-tumor activity in a Phase I study in advanced solid tumors and hematologic malignancies.

SINE compounds also inhibit the replication of viruses that utilize XPO1 machinery. In preclinical studies, ATG-016 demonstrated an inhibitory effect on the growth of cancer induced by viruses such as Epstein Barr Virus (EBV) and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).

Antengene is currently evaluating ATG-016 in the HATCH study, a Phase I/II registration-track study in high-risk MDS patients who have failed in hypomethylating agents-based therapies; the REACH study, a Phase I/II study in advanced solid tumors; and the KCP-8602-801 study, a multi-part open-label Phase I/II study in relapsed/refractory cancer indications initiated by Karyopharm.

ATG-016 received Orphan Drug Designation from the United States Food and Drug Administration for treatment of MDS. ATG-016 is an investigational medicine and has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or any other regulatory agency.

**About Antengene**

Antengene Corporation Limited ("**Antengene**", SEHK: 6996.HK) is a leading commercial-stage R&D-driven global biopharmaceutical company focused on innovative first-in-class/best-in-class therapeutic medicines for cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Driven by its vision of "Treating Patients Beyond Borders", Antengene aims to provide the most advanced anti-cancer drugs to patients in the Asia Pacific Region and around the world. Since initiating operations in 2017, Antengene has obtained 23 investigational new drug (IND) approvals in the US and in Asia, submitted 6 new drug applications (NDAs) in multiple Asia Pacific markets, with the NDA for selinexor/ATG-010/XPOVIO® in China, South Korea, Singapore and Australia approved. Leveraging partnerships as well as in-house drug discovery, Antengene has built a broad and expanding pipeline of 15 clinical and pre-clinical assets. Antengene has global rights on 10 programs and Asia Pacific rights, including the Greater China region, on 5 programs.

**Forward-looking statements**

The forward-looking statements made in this article relate only to the events or information as of the date on which the statements are made in this article. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date on which the statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should read this article completely and with the understanding that our actual future results or performance may be materially different from what we expect. In this article, statements of, or references to, our intentions or those of any of our Directors or our Company are made as of the date of this article. Any of these intentions may alter in light of future development. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could cause future results to differ materially from any forward-looking statement, see the section titled "Risk Factors" in our periodic reports filed with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the other risks and uncertainties described in the Company's Annual Report for year-end December 31, 2020, and subsequent filings with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.