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Elicera Therapeutics' CSO takes temporary leave to undergo medical treatment – Di Yu appointed Acting CSO

Gothenburg, May 13, 2026 – Elicera Therapeutics AB (publ), a clinical stage cell and gene therapy company developing next generation cancer treatments based on oncolytic viruses and CAR T-cell therapies, armed with immune-activating properties via the company's commercially available iTANK platform, announces today that the Company's co-founder, Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) and board member Professor Magnus Essand is taking temporary leave from his duties in the Company in order to undergo medical treatment. Di Yu is appointed Acting CSO.

CEO Jamal El-Mosleh comments:

"Magnus has started treatment and will not be participating in the Company's operations or board work for the foreseeable future. To ensure continuity and progress in the business, Di Yu has temporarily taken over the role of Acting Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) with immediate effect."

Di Yu has, in recent years, held the greatest operational responsibility for the Company's scientific and clinical development. He has been deeply involved in the day-to-day management of the research and development programs. Magnus Essand has played a central role in the planning and design of the CARMA study (ELC-301) and the planned glioblastoma study (ELC-401). These study designs are now finalized, which is why Magnus Essand's operational involvement has gradually decreased thereafter.

Elicera has, in recent years, systematically strengthened the organization to reduce dependence on individual key persons. The Company has recruited several senior researchers internally from academia as well as external expertise, including a senior clinical project manager with extensive experience from early-phase oncology studies.

The Company's operational activities, including the ongoing CARMA study and preparations for the clinical study with ELC-401, continue according to the established plan.

"The Board and management would like to emphasize that Elicera has a strong and well-equipped organization that is ready to drive the development of the Company's drug candidates forward. The Company wishes Magnus Essand all strength and support during his treatment and will now continue the operations that build on his invaluable contributions to Elicera since the Company was founded," continues Jamal El-Mosleh.

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About the CARMA Study

CARMA is a phase I/IIa clinical study evaluating the safety and efficacy of the CAR T-cell therapy ELC-301 in the treatment of patients with B-cell lymphoma. The study is divided into a dose-escalation phase (phase I) and a dose-expansion phase (phase IIa). Phase I primarily aims to establish the optimal dose and safety profile in up to 12 patients, while phase IIa will further evaluate the efficacy of the maximum tolerated dose in an additional six patients. Phase I is planned to include three cohorts (dosing groups), with three patients in the first and second cohorts, and six patients in the third cohort, who are expected to receive the maximum tolerated dose. The CARMA study is being conducted at Uppsala University Hospital and Karolinska University Hospital in Huddinge.

About ELC-301

ELC-301 is a fourth-generation CAR T-cell therapy targeting the CD20 antigen, armed with the company's iTANK platform to activate a broader and more comprehensive parallel immune response against cancer. CAR T-cells are a form of cell therapy created by genetically modifying a patient's T-cells to express a synthetic receptor (chimeric antigen receptor, CAR). This receptor is specifically designed to target a single tumor antigen—a molecule visible on the surface of cancer cells—and enables the T-cells to locate, bind to, and destroy the cancer cells.

About the iTANK-platform

The iTANK technology platform has been developed for arming and enhancing CAR T-cells to meet two of the major challenges CAR T-cell therapies face in the treatment of solid tumors: a very diverse set of tumor antigen targets and a very hostile tumor microenvironment. The technology is used to incorporate a transgene into CAR T-cells encoding a neutrophil activating bacterial protein (NAP). NAP secreted from the CAR(NAP) T-cells has been shown to be able to enhance the function of CAR T-cells and importantly activating a parallel bystander immune response against the cancer via CD8+ killer T-cells. This is expected to lead to a broad attack against most antigen targets on cancer cells. The iTANK platform is used to enhance the company's own CAR T-cells but can also be universally applied to other CAR T-cell therapies under development. Proof-of-concept data was published in Nature Biomedical Engineering in April 2022. The publication, titled "CAR T cells expressing a bacterial virulence factor triggers potent bystander antitumor responses in solid cancers" (DOI number: 10.1038/s41551-022-00875-5) can be found here:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41551-022-00875-5>. More information about iTANK platform is available here: <https://www.elicera.com/technology>

About Elicera Therapeutics AB

Elicera Therapeutics AB (publ) has developed the patented gene technology platform iTANK that enables the arming of new and existing CAR T-cell therapies targeting aggressive and relapsing cancer forms. Elicera Therapeutics thereby addresses a well-defined and vast market. The company's CAR T-cell therapies have shown a potent effect toward solid tumors which are recognized as particularly difficult to treat and constitute the majority of cancer cases. The company addresses a global multibillion market in cell therapy through its offering of non-exclusive licensing of the iTANK-platform to companies in the pharmaceutical industry. Elicera Therapeutics has four internal development projects in immune therapy that separately have the potential to generate substantial value through exclusive out-licensing agreements. The company's share is traded on Nasdaq First North Growth Market. For additional information, visit www.elicera.com.