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Singapore: Takeda Pharmaceuticals America has entered into a supply agreement for sourcing and supply of Omontys (peginesatide) Injection to Fresenius Medical Care North America and certain of its affiliates. Omontys by Affymax is the only once-monthly erythropoiesis-stimulating agent (ESA) for anemia available to the dialysis patient population with chronic kidney disease (CKD) in the US.

The agreement, which ends in April 2013, allows Fresenius Medical Care North America to purchase Omontys for use in US centers within its organization and provides for discounts and rebates on the product, subject to certain requirements. Fresenius Medical Care North America has stated that its initial plans are to adopt the product into more than 100 dialysis centers in the US over the next few weeks, and then, based on its experience, evaluate the potential to expand to additional centers. Financial terms were not disclosed.

"We are excited to partner with Fresenius Medical Care North America, one of the world's leading dialysis providers, to offer a new therapeutic option for the treatment of anemia in its chronic kidney disease patients on dialysis," said Nicole Mowad-Nassar, vice president, marketing at Takeda.

"As a biotechnology company dedicated to advancing new therapies for renal diseases, Affymax shares Fresenius Medical Care North America's commitment to innovation," stated John Orwin, chief executive officer of Affymax. "We are very pleased to support Fresenius Medical Care in these efforts to integrate Omontys into its organization and to collaborate with them

moving forward."

Omontys was approved by the FDA on March 27, 2012, for the treatment of anemia due to CKD in adult patients on dialysis.