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Moderna to supply 25 M vaccine doses to Australia

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Moderna, Inc., has announced a new supply agreement with the government of Australia for 25 million doses. This includes 10 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine against the ancestral strain (mRNA-1273) to be delivered in 2021 and 15 million doses of Moderna's updated variant booster vaccine candidate to be delivered in 2022.

Purchase under this agreement is subject to regulatory approval of mRNA-1273 and booster vaccine candidates by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) of Australia.

The Company expects to submit an application to the TGA shortly. As Moderna has continued to scale its commercial network, the Company announced earlier this year that it also plans to open a commercial subsidiary in Australia in 2021.

Stéphane Bancel, Chief Executive Officer of Moderna, said "As we seek to protect people around the world with our COVID-19 vaccine and potentially our variant booster candidates, we look forward to continuing discussions with Australia about establishing potential local manufacturing opportunities."

The Science and Industry Technical Advisory Group, the Australian Government's expert group advising on vaccine purchases, has recommended the purchase of the Moderna vaccine.

A complete course of Moderna's vaccination is likely to be two doses given 28 days apart.