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AbbVie, a global research and development-based biopharmaceutical company, opened its Biologics Manufacturing Facility, expanding its capabilities to include biological products in addition to its existing small molecule active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) facility.

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“Today’s milestone represents our dedication to providing life-changing treatments for patients. Just as we are focused on uncovering therapies to address unmet patient needs, equally important is enhancing our capabilities to ensure supply of these medicines for our patients,” said Azita Saleki-Gerhardt, Ph.D., senior vice president, operations, AbbVie.

“We are delighted that AbbVie has chosen Singapore as the location for the establishment of their first biologics manufacturing facility in Asia. AbbVie’s latest investment is testament to Singapore’s strong track record of high-quality biopharmaceutical manufacturing. We continue to see strong growth in this industry sector, and EDB remains committed to invest in areas such as talent, technology and infrastructure to support this growth.” said Ho Weng Si, Director, Biomedical Sciences, Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB).

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the manufacturing facility, Minister of Trade and Industry, S. Iswaran congratulated Abbvie on the S$400 million investment and said the inauguration of the facility comes at a timely moment especially with ageing populations, growing healthcare demand and technological changes that are changing healthcare paradigms.

At the same time, he said that technologies such as additive manufacturing and industrial internet-of-things are changing the nature of manufacturing and those firms that leverage these technologies can achieve significant productivity gains and differentiate themselves from the competition.

Minister S. Iswaran also assured that Singapore will continue to invest in innovation and work closely with the industry to strengthen their competitiveness. As a part of this, he said that Singapore is committed to partner with industry in training and

equipping its citizens with relevant skills to benefit from the emerging opportunities.