



Summit Therapeutics Bolsters Its Board of Directors with Seasoned Regulatory & Clinical Research Executive Dr. Urte Gayko

Cambridge, Massachusetts – Summit Therapeutics Inc. (NASDAQ: SMMT) today announced that Dr. Urte Gayko, PhD, has been appointed to our Board of Directors, effective immediately. Dr. Gayko is currently the Senior Vice President of Drug Development & Regulatory Affairs at Nektar Therapeutics.

Dr. Gayko previously served as the Global Head of Regulatory Affairs and Pharmacovigilance at Pharmacyclics, Inc., and has over 20 years of experience in areas encompassing regulatory and clinical development ranging from pre-commercial entities to large biopharmaceutical companies, including Amgen and AbbVie. Dr. Gayko performed her PhD research in molecular and cellular biology at Harvard University.

“As we continue to mature and build a viable, long-lasting organization poised to fulfill our mission, Urte’s regulatory and clinical savvy and experience will provide key counsel to Team Summit and our world-class executives,” said Robert W. Duggan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Summit. “As we continue to develop our pipeline molecules, contemplate adding new drugs to our pipeline, and look towards commercializing these important medicinal therapies, adding Urte strengthens our already impressive Board as we take the next step in our journey to make a meaningful impact on the health and lives of patients facing serious unmet medical needs.”

“Having worked with Urte previously and benefiting from her incredible expertise in navigating regulatory approvals across the largest agencies in the world, Bob and I are honored to add Urte as a member of our Board,” added Dr. Maky Zanganeh, Chief Operating Officer and a member of Summit’s Board of Directors. “We continue to progress ridinilazole’s clinical development, and we are seeking to expand our pipeline product portfolio into additional therapeutic areas that target the cause or effect of the disease, while sparing the rest of the human body and minimizing the trauma experienced by patients. Urte’s level-headed experience in working through the complex process of successfully developing a drug and coordinating with regulatory agencies, ultimately seeking their approval for commercialization, will provide incredible value in our journey.”

“Summit emphasizes taking full responsibility for its mission to design, develop, gain approval, and commercialize its medicinal therapies in order to meaningfully improve the quality and potential duration of patients’ lives. This mindset and focus across the full drug development process, I believe, are critical to breaking through and making a meaningful impact on the healthcare ecosystem,” stated Dr. Gayko. “Few things are more rewarding in life than seeing beneficial impacts of the work of bringing a drug through the clinical development and regulatory approval process in such a manner that changes the lives of the patients who needed the medicinal therapy most. I am excited to get the opportunity to work alongside Bob and Maky again and help Team Summit build the organization into a leader in improving the lives of patients with serious unmet medical needs.”

About Summit Therapeutics

The overriding objective of Summit Therapeutics is to create value for patients, hospital caregivers, and community-based healthcare providers, as well as healthcare payers around the world. We seek to create value by developing drugs with high therapeutic efficacy - curing the cause of the patient's condition with minimal or zero disease recurrence or antimicrobial resistance, for the longest extent possible - and minimizing the trauma caused to the patient and healthcare ecosystem by minimizing serious side effects, disease recurrence, and inaccessibility to our treatments as a result of financial or other barriers. Summit Therapeutics, empowered by its Discuva Platform, the Company’s innovative antibiotic discovery engine, and supported by BARDA and CARB-X funding, intends to be the leader in patient-friendly and paradigm-shifting treatments for infectious diseases and other significant unmet medical needs while being an ally to physicians. Our new mechanism pipeline product candidates are designed with the goal to become the patient-friendly, new-era



standard of care, by working in harmony with the human microbiome to treat prospective patients suffering from infectious diseases, initially focusing on *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI). Currently, Summit's lead product candidate, ridinilazole, is a novel, first-in-class drug engaged in a global Phase III trial program versus vancomycin, for use as first-line therapy for the treatment of initial and recurrent *Clostridioides difficile* infection, and to show superiority in sustained clinical response. Commercialization of ridinilazole is subject to regulatory approvals. SMT-738, the second candidate within Summit's portfolio, is currently in the IND-enabling phase for the treatment of multidrug resistant infections, specifically those caused by carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE).

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