Humanigen Adds to Board of Directors

Burlingame, CA, December 16, 2019 – Humanigen, Inc., (**HGEN**) ("Humanigen"), a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of next generation CAR-T and other cell therapies, announced today that Cheryl Buxton, Korn Ferry's Global Sector Leader of Pharmaceuticals, has agreed to join the Humanigen board of directors.

"I am very happy to be joining Humanigen at an exciting time in their evolution as a cell and gene therapy company," stated Ms. Buxton. "Humanigen's groundbreaking science in making CAR-T therapy potentially more efficacious and less toxic has broad implications for the utility of CAR-T as well as T cell engaging therapies more broadly."

Commenting on the appointment, Dr. Cameron Durrant, Humanigen's chairman and chief executive officer stated, "It is a pleasure to welcome Cheryl to our board. Her extensive international background in organizational and strategic resourcing and enviable network will be instrumental in helping shape our organization."

Ms. Buxton leads the research and development sector for the pharmaceutical and consumer divisions within the Korn Ferry organization. Prior to joining Korn Ferry in 1994, Ms. Buxton was human resources director for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals (Cilag Ltd), based in the U.K., where her focus was on organizational issues and strategic resourcing. She holds a master's degree in employment law and industrial relations from Leicester University, a diploma in personnel management and is a member of the Institute of Personnel and Development, is on the Executive Council for Springboard, a non-profit organization encouraging women entrepreneurs in Life Sciences, and on the Board of Riding with Heart a non-profit organization involved in therapeutic riding.

About Humanigen

Humanigen, Inc. is developing its portfolio of next-generation cell and gene therapies for the treatment of cancers via its novel, cutting-edge GM-CSF neutralization and gene-knockout platforms. There is a direct correlation between the efficacy of CAR-T therapy and the incidence of life-threatening toxicities (referred to as the efficacy/toxicity linkage). We believe that our GM-CSF neutralization and gene-editing platform technologies have the potential to reduce the inflammatory cascade associated with serious and potentially life-threatening CAR-T therapy-related side effects while preserving and potentially improving the efficacy of the CAR-T therapy itself, thereby breaking the efficacy/toxicity linkage. The company's immediate focus is combining FDA-approved and development stage CAR-T therapies with lenzilumab, the company's proprietary Humaneered® anti-human-GM-CSF immunotherapy, which is its lead product candidate. A clinical collaboration with Kite, a Gilead Company, was recently announced to evaluate the sequential use of lenzilumab with Yescarta®, axicabtagene ciloleucel, in a multicenter clinical trial in adults with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma. The company is also focused on creating next-generation combinatory gene-edited CAR-T therapies using strategies to improve efficacy while employing GM-CSF gene knockout technologies to control toxicity. In addition, the company is developing its own portfolio of proprietary first-in-class EphA3-CAR-T for various solid cancers and EMR1-CAR-T for various eosinophilic disorders. The company is also exploring the effectiveness of its GM-CSF neutralization technologies (either through the use of lenzilumab as a neutralizing antibody or through GM-CSF gene knockout) in combination with other CAR-T, bispecific or natural killer (NK) T cell engaging immunotherapy treatments to break the efficacy/toxicity linkage, including to prevent and/or treat graft-versus-host disease (GvHD) in patients undergoing allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). The company has established several partnerships with leading institutions to advance its innovative cell and gene therapy pipeline. For more information, visit www.humanigen.com

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