Kiadis Pharma appoints Jan Feijen as Chief Operations Officer

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 20, 2017, – Kiadis Pharma N.V. **("Kiadis Pharma" or the "Company") (Euronext Amsterdam and Brussels: KDS)**, a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing innovative T-cell immunotherapy treatments for blood cancers and inherited blood disorders, today announces the appointment of Jan Feijen as Chief Operations Officer (COO) effective from April 1, 2017.

Jan Feijen brings significant professional management skills and extensive experience in manufacturing, operations and project management to Kiadis Pharma. He is a seasoned leader who, most recently, was Vice President Manufacturing and Technical Operations, Platform Lead Vaccines and Advanced Therapies at Janssen (Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson). Prior to that he held various executive and project lead positions at Crucell, Avebe and Gist Brocades. Jan has built and run many clinical and commercial manufacturing facilities and operations across multiple sites in Europe, the US and Asia. In his role as COO at Kiadis Pharma, Jan will be responsible for manufacturing, supply chain, QA and project management.

Arthur Lahr, CEO designate of Kiadis Pharma, said: *"We are very pleased that an industry leader like Jan has accepted this opportunity to join Kiadis Pharma. His vast experience in pharma production precedes him, and his experience in running complex, just-in-time logistics will be of great value in scaling up our patient specific supply chain. I have known Jan for many years and he is one of those few people that can thrive in both large and small organizations. I am confident that Jan will ensure the smooth running of our Phase III operations and will successfully set up and run our commercial supply chain."*

Commenting on his appointment Jan Feijen said: *"I am very pleased to be joining Kiadis Pharma at this important time in its development. With the Company's pivotal Phase III trial with ATIR101™ now underway, it is vital that the necessary steps are taken to ensure everything continues to run smoothly and that we have all logistics in hand ready to roll out commercially in the future."*

About ATIR101™

For patients suffering from blood cancers, an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) is generally regarded as the most effective curative approach. During an HSCT treatment, the bone marrow, harboring the diseased cancer cells, is completely destroyed and subsequently replaced by stem cells in the graft from a healthy donor. After an HSCT treatment it usually takes the patient at least six to twelve months to recover to near-normal blood cell levels and immune cell functions. During this period, the patient is highly vulnerable to infections caused by bacteria, viruses and fungi but also to disease relapse.

ATIR101™ (Allodepleted T-cell ImmunotheRapeutics) provides for a safe donor lymphocyte

infusion (DLI) from a partially matched (haploidentical) family member without the risk of causing severe Graft-versus-Host-Disease (GVHD). The T-cells in ATIR101™ will help fight infections and remaining tumor cells and thereby bridge the time until the immune system has fully re-grown from stem cells in the transplanted graft.

In ATIR101™, T-cells that would cause GVHD are eliminated from the donor lymphocytes using Kiadis Pharma's photodepletion technology, minimizing the risk of GVHD and eliminating the need for prophylactic immune-suppression. At the same time, ATIR101™ contains potential cancer killing T-cells from the donor that could eliminate residual cancer cells and help prevent relapse of the disease, known as the Graft-versus-Leukemia (GVL) effect.

ATIR101™, administered as an adjunctive immuno-therapeutic on top of HSCT, provides the patient with functional, mature immune cells from a partially matched family donor that can fight infections and tumor cells but that do not cause GVHD. ATIR101™ thus has the potential to make curative HSCT a viable option to many more patients.

The Company estimates that approximately 35% of patients who are eligible and in urgent need of HSCT will not find a matching donor in time. A partially matched (haploidentical) family donor, however, will be available to over 95% of patients.

ATIR101™, consisting of donor T-cells that fight infections and residual tumor cells while not eliciting severe GVHD, is designed to result in low relapse rates and low rates of death due to infections, in the absence of severe acute GVHD.

About Kiadis Pharma

Kiadis Pharma is focused on cell-based immunotherapy products for the treatment of blood cancers and inherited blood disorders. The Company's products have the potential to address the risks and limitations connected with allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), namely Graft-versus-Host-Disease (GVHD), cancer relapse, opportunistic infections and limited matched donor availability. The Company believes that HSCT could become a first-choice treatment for blood cancers, inherited blood disorders and possibly autoimmune diseases and solid organ transplantations.

On December 5, 2016 at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH), the Company reported positive Phase II results with its lead product ATIR101™ in patients with blood cancer. The data showed that ATIR101™ significantly reduced Transplant Related Mortality and significantly improved Overall Survival. In addition, ATIR101™ did not elicit grade III-IV GVHD in any patient. Based on these positive results, a Phase III clinical trial has been initiated. ATIR101™ has been granted Orphan Drug Designations both in the US and Europe.

The Company's second product candidate, ATIR201™, addresses inherited blood disorders with an initial focus on thalassemia, a disease which results in destruction of red blood cells in patients. ATIR201™ Phase I/II clinical development has been initiated recently.

Kiadis Pharma, based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, was granted an Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product (ATMP) certificate for manufacturing quality and non-clinical data by the European Medicines Agency (EMA). The Company's shares are listed on Euronext Amsterdam and Euronext Brussels. For more information visit www.kiadis.com

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