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## **Seahorse Scientific Services (UK) has been appointed by the Pakistan Ministry of Health to accelerate the reform of its national bioethics and regulatory infrastructures**

Seahorse Scientific Services (S3), UK based experts in clinical and regulatory consulting and core laboratory data services has been appointed by the Federal Ministry of Health to design and implement a national bioethics and regulatory structure, and to ensure the associated infrastructures are in compliance with international standards.

Under this agreement S3 will exclusively act on behalf of the ministry to redesign the national ethics and associated regulatory structures, and to facilitate resource investment and guidance from international development organisations

S3 will ensure that Pakistan benefits from an internationally recognised ethics review infrastructure that elevates unparalleled and highly reputable levels of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) compliance. S3 will assist the Ministry of Health and key academic, medical and research institutions in implementing internationally recognised clinical development practices and to ensure these are fully clinically auditable. These developments will enable the establishment and growth of an advanced clinical research sector within Pakistan.

We are honoured to have been invited to facilitate and guide this strategic initiative and look forward to contributing to the development of clinical research in Pakistan,” said Dr Art Tucker, CEO, S3.

“This collaboration injects expertise and leverages the lessons-learned from other regions across the world, enabling Pakistan to devise and implement a national ethics and regulatory infrastructure that is unparalleled within Asia and comparatively more advanced than some European regions”. said Professor Rasheed Jooma, Director General of the Ministry of Health

Pakistan, an emerging economy with a population of 173 million is ripe with clinical research related opportunities; offering the world great recruitment potential and some of its best centres for clinical research studies manned by internationally trained and capable research staff. Clinical research within Pakistan equates to a potential \$750M to \$1Bn foreign investment opportunity. However, in order for this to be realised, Pakistan understands that it must legislate the legal requirement for ICG-GCP compliance and implement advanced Ethics Review structures.

Most importantly, from the national perspective, a sustained development will facilitate inward investment, improve national healthcare, and enhance the translational medicine and biotechnology developments currently emerging from within Pakistan.

## About S3

Founded in 2007, Seahorse Scientific Services is a privately owned, academically centred laboratory data services and regulatory support company specialising in the provision of centralised reading and data capture services for early and late stage clinical development. S3 was created to offer consultative services to the Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology and Medical Device companies to investigate and rapidly determine the potential of new and existing products.

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