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AstraZeneca PLC

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Possible Offer by Pfizer Inc. for AstraZeneca PLC ("AstraZeneca")

Disclosure of total AstraZeneca shares in issue pursuant to Rule 2.10

In accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Code"), AstraZeneca confirms that, as at the date of this announcement, it has 1,261,948,451 ordinary shares of US\$0.25 admitted to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange under the International Securities Identification Number ("ISIN") GB0009895292. No shares are held in Treasury.

AstraZeneca has an American Depositary Receipts ("ADR") programme for which JPMorgan Chase Bank acts as Depositary. One ADR represents one ordinary share of US\$0.25. The ADRs trade on the New York Stock Exchange. The ISIN for these securities is US0463531089.

The total number of shares attracting voting rights in AstraZeneca is therefore 1,261,948,451. This figure may be used by shareholders to determine the percentage of issued share capital they hold in AstraZeneca.

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Further Information

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

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Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AstraZeneca PLC

Date: 01 May 2014

By: /s/ Adrian Kemp
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