Celyad Highlights Abstracts from mCRC Clinical Program Released for SITC 34th Annual Meeting

- Management to host webcast on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 12:35 p.m. ET/ 6:35 p.m. CET

Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium - Celyad (Euronext Brussels and Paris, and Nasdaq: CYAD), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of CAR-T cell therapies, today announced that abstracts highlighting clinical and translational research data from the company’s pipeline of NKG2D-based candidates focused on the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC), including the allogeneic cell therapy CYAD-101, were published today ahead of the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer’s 34th Annual Meeting (SITC).

Filippo Petti, chief executive officer at Celyad, commented, “We are excited to provide additional updates at the upcoming SITC annual meeting from our current CAR-T program in metastatic colorectal cancer, including translational data from multiple approaches we have pursued with our NKG2D-based candidates for the treatment of the disease. Over the past few years, we have treated over thirty metastatic colorectal cancer patients within the program assessing various conditions. We continue to be encouraged by the results and prospects for the program and, in particular, from clinical data of our lead allogeneic candidate CYAD-101 where we have observed an absence of graft versus host disease and preliminary signals of clinical activity in a refractory, difficult to treat patient population.”

SITC Analyst/Investor Event and Webcast Information

Celyad will host an analyst/investor event on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, beginning at 12:35 p.m. ET / 6:35 p.m. CET to review both clinical and translational data that will be presented at the SITC 34th Annual Meeting. The event will be webcast live and can be accessed under Events & Webcasts in the Investors section of the Company’s website.

Poster Presentation Details

The following abstracts published today are now available on the SITC website, www.sitcancer.org/2019. Following presentation at the meeting, the posters will be available in the library section of Celyad’s website.

Abstract P147: Effect of chemotherapy on cellular kinetics of NKG2D-based CAR T-cells in metastatic colorectal cancer patients
Date & Time: November 8, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET
Abstract P331: Results from the completed dose-escalation phase I SHRINK study evaluating the autologous NKG2D-based CAR T-cell therapy CYAD-01 in metastatic colorectal cancer patients

Date & Time: November 8, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET

Abstract P330: Results from the completed dose-escalation of the alloSHRINK phase I study evaluating the allogeneic NKG2D-based CAR T-cell therapy CYAD-101 in metastatic colorectal cancer patients

Date & Time: November 9, 7 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. ET

Background on SHRINK and alloSHRINK Trials

SHRINK is an open-label, dose-escalation Phase 1 trial assessing the safety and activity of CYAD-01 administered concurrently with FOLFOX chemotherapy in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC). Patients are planned to receive consecutive cycles of FOLFOX (combination of 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin and oxaliplatin) chemotherapy every two weeks concurrently with multiple administrations of CYAD-01.

alloSHRINK is an open-label, dose-escalation Phase 1 trial assessing the safety and clinical activity of three consecutive administrations of CYAD-101 every 2 weeks administered concurrently with FOLFOX chemotherapy in patients with refractory mCRC.

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About Celyad

Celyad is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of specialized CAR-T cell-based product candidates and utilizes its expertise in cell engineering to target cancer. Celyad’s CAR-T cell platform has the potential to treat a broad range of solid and hematologic tumors. The company’s lead clinical candidate, CYAD-01, an autologous NKG2D-based CAR-T therapy, is currently being evaluated in several Phase 1 clinical trials to assess safety and clinical activity for the treatment of hematological malignancies, such as acute myeloid leukemia, and solid cancers, such as metastatic colorectal cancer. Celyad is also developing CYAD-101, an investigational, non-gene edited, allogeneic (donor derived) NKG2D-based CAR-T therapy, which is currently being evaluated in a Phase 1 trial for the treatment of patients with metastatic colorectal cancer. Celyad was founded in 2007 and is based in Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium, and New York, NY. Celyad’s ordinary shares are listed on the Euronext Brussels and Euronext Paris exchanges, and its American Depositary Shares are listed on the Nasdaq Global Market, all under the ticker symbol CYAD.

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Forward-looking statements
This release may contain forward-looking statements, including statements regarding: the safety and clinical activity of CYAD-01, CYAD-101 and CYAD-02; statements regarding the ongoing and planned clinical development of CYAD-01, CYAD-101 and CYAD-02, including the timing of trials, enrollment, data readouts and presentations; the clinical and commercial potential of CYAD-01, CYAD-101 and CYAD-02; and our mAb manufacturing processes. Forward-looking statements may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which might cause actual results, financial condition and liquidity, performance or achievements of Celyad, or industry results, to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In particular it should be noted that the data summarized above are preliminary in nature. There is limited data concerning safety and clinical activity following treatment with the CYAD-01, CYAD-101 and CYAD-02 drug product candidates. Our therapeutic candidates manufactured using our OptimAb process have not yet been evaluated in clinical trials. Prior clinical and preclinical results may not be repeated or observed in ongoing or future clinical studies involving the CYAD-01 and CYAD-101 drug product candidates. These forward-looking statements are further qualified by important factors and risks, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including statements about: the initiation, timing, progress and results of our preclinical studies and clinical trials, and our research and development programs; our ability to advance drug product candidates into, and successfully complete, clinical trials; our ability to successfully manufacture drug product for our clinical trials, including with our OptimAb manufacturing process and with respect to manufacturing drug product with the desired number of T cells under our clinical trial protocols; our reliance on the success of our drug product candidates, including our dependence on the regulatory approval of CYAD-01, CYAD-101 and CYAD-02 in the United States and Europe and subsequent commercial success of CYAD-01, CYAD-101 and CYAD-02, both of which may never occur; the timing or likelihood of regulatory filings and approvals; our ability to develop sales and marketing capabilities; the commercialization of our drug product candidates, if approved; the pricing and reimbursement of our drug product candidates, if approved; the implementation of our business model, strategic plans for our business, drug product candidates and technology; the scope of protection we are able to establish and maintain for intellectual property rights covering our drug product candidates and technology; our ability to operate our business without infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating the intellectual property rights and proprietary technology of third parties; cost associated with enforcing or defending intellectual property infringement, misappropriation or violation; product liability; and other claims; regulatory development in the United States, the European Union, and other jurisdictions; estimates of our expenses, future revenues, capital requirements and our needs for additional financing; the potential benefits of strategic collaboration agreements and our ability to maintain and enter into strategic arrangements; our ability to maintain and establish collaborations or obtain additional grant funding; the rate and degree of market acceptance of our drug product candidates, if approved; our financial performance; developments relating to our competitors and our industry, including competing therapies and statements regarding future revenue, hiring plans, expenses, capital expenditures, capital requirements and share performance. A further list and description of these risks, uncertainties and other risks can be found in Celyad’s U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings and reports, including in its Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on April 5, 2019 and subsequent filings and reports by Celyad. Given these uncertainties, the reader is advised not to place any undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of publication of this document and Celyad’s actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Celyad expressly disclaims any obligation to update any such forward-looking statements in this document to reflect any change in its expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based, unless required by law or regulation.