

Publication of a transparency notification received from Fortress Investment Group LLC (Article 14 §1 of the Law of 2 May 2007)

Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium, September 7, 2023, 10.01 pm CET - regulated information – Celyad Oncology SA (Euronext: CYAD) (“Celyad Oncology” or the “Company”) today announced, in accordance with Article 14 of the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007 regarding the publication of major shareholdings in issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market (the “Transparency Law”), that it received a notification of transparency dated September 5, 2023, indicating that CFIP CLYD (UK) Limited, an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC, has crossed the statutory threshold of 25%, holding 7,954,808 shares i.e. 29.99% of Celyad Oncology’s shares and 27.53% voting rights as of August 30, 2023.

Content of the Notification:

- Reason of the Notification:
Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notification by:
A person that acquires voting rights within the meaning of Article 7 of the Transparency Law and that notifies together with the person that disposes of these voting rights
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:
CFIP CLYD LLC – 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor, New York, NY 10105 USA
CFIP CLYD (UK) Limited - 7 Clarges Street, 4th Floor, London W1J 8AE, United Kingdom
- Persons that dispose of voting rights:
CFIP CLYD LLC – 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor, New York, NY 10105 USA
- Date on which the threshold is crosses:
August 30, 2023
- Threshold that is crossed (in %):
25
- Denominator:
28,893,101
- Notified details:

A) Voting Rights	Previous notification	After the Transaction			
		# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
	# of voting rights	<i>Linked to the securities</i>	<i>Not linked to the securities</i>	<i>Linked to the securities</i>	<i>Not linked to the securities</i>
<i>Holders of voting rights</i>					
CFIP CLYD LLC	6,500,000	0	0	0 %	0 %
CFIP CLYD (UK) Limited	N/A	7,954,808	0	27.53%	0 %
	TOTAL	7,954,808	0	27.53%	0 %

- Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holdings is effectively held:
 - CFIP CLYD (UK) Limited (“CFIP UK”), a United Kingdom limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CFIP, directly holds 7,954,808 Ordinary Shares.
 - CFIP CLYD LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“CFIP”), is the parent of CFIP UK.
 - FIP II UB Investments LP, a Delaware limited partnership (“FIP II”), holds 50% of the membership interests in CFIP.
 - FIP Fund II GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“FIP II GP”), is the general partner of FIP II.
 - Hybrid GP Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Hybrid GP”), is the parent of FIP II GP and indirectly controls the general partners of certain investment funds that hold membership interests in CFIP.
 - FIG LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“FIG LLC”), indirectly controls the investment advisers to certain investment funds that hold membership interests in CFIP.
 - Fortress Operating Entity I LP, a Delaware limited partnership (“FOE I”), is (i) the sole owner of FIG LLC and (ii) the managing member of, and holds the majority of equity interest in, Hybrid GP.
 - FIG Corp., a Delaware corporation (“FIG Corp.”), is the general partner of FOE I.
 - Fortress Investment Group LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Fortress”), is the sole owner of FIG Corp.

- Additional information:

This transparency notification covers the following transactions:

 - (i) sale of 6,500,000 shares of Celyad Oncology from CFIP CLYD LLC to CFIP CLYD (UK) Limited on 30 August 2023 within the scope of an intragroup share transfer; and
 - (ii) subscription to 1,454,808 newly issued shares of Celyad Oncology by CFIP CLYD (UK) Limited on 4 September 2023.

After both transactions, CFIP CLYD (UK) Limited will hold 7,954,808 shares of Celyad Oncology.

Miscellaneous

- The Press Release may be consulted on the website of Celyad Oncology: <https://celyad.com/newsroom/>
- The notification can be consulted on the website of Celyad Oncology: <https://celyad.com/investors/regulated-information/>
- Contact person(s):
Any transparency notification must be sent to our Company by email to the attention of Georges Rawadi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO): investors@celyad.com

About Celyad Oncology

Celyad Oncology is a cutting-edge biotechnology company dedicated to pioneering the discovery and advancement of revolutionary technologies for chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cells. Its primary objective is to unlock the potential of its proprietary technology platforms and intellectual property, enabling to be at the forefront of developing next-generation CAR T-cell therapies. By fully leveraging its innovative technology platforms, Celyad Oncology aims to maximize the transformative impact of its candidate CAR T-cell therapies and redefine the future of CAR T-cell treatments. Celyad Oncology is based in Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium. For more information, please visit www.celyad.com.

Forward-looking statements

This release may contain forward-looking statements, within the meaning of applicable securities laws, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, including, without limitation, statements regarding beliefs about and expectations for the Company's updated strategic business model, including associated potential benefits, transactions and partnerships, statements regarding the potential value of the Company's IP, and statements regarding the transparency notification. The words "will," "believe," "potential," "continue," "target," "project," "should" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Any forward-looking statements in this release are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and important factors which might cause actual events, results, financial condition, performance or achievements of Celyad Oncology to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, risks related to the material uncertainty about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern; the Company's ability to realize the expected benefits of its updated strategic business model; the Company's ability to develop its IP assets and enter into partnerships with outside parties; the Company's ability to enforce its patents and other IP rights; the possibility that the Company may infringe on the patents or IP rights of others and be required to defend against patent or other IP rights suits; the possibility that the Company may not successfully defend itself against claims of patent infringement or other IP rights suits, which could result in substantial claims for damages against the Company; the possibility that the Company may become involved in lawsuits to protect or enforce its patents, which could be expensive, time-consuming, and unsuccessful; the Company's ability to protect its IP rights throughout the world; the potential for patents held by the Company to be found invalid or unenforceable; and other risks identified in Celyad Oncology's U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings and reports, including in the latest Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC and subsequent filings and reports by Celyad Oncology. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of publication of this document and Celyad Oncology's actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Celyad Oncology 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.

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