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ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The coronavirus (“COVID-19”), which emerged in the People's Republic of China in the last months of 2019 and rapidly spread to the world, was announced as “Global Pandemic” by the World Health Organization on March 11th, 2020. In Turkey, the first case was reported on March 11th, 2020. As of March 23rd, 2020, 1,529 people were diagnosed with the COVID-19, and unfortunately 37 people passed away due to this virus.

From the very beginning, our Group has been fulfilling all its responsibilities to fight against the pandemic. In this context, all preparations have completed in our hospitals, and all our healthcare professionals are ready to support this cause with devotion.

Following the circular order No: 14500235-403.99 dated March 20th, 2020 published by the Ministry of Health of Turkey on “Pandemic Hospitals”, extent of our aforementioned support will be expanded. Because with this circular order, it was decided to evaluate private hospitals that meet certain criteria as “Pandemic Hospital”. Accordingly, hospitals that have level-3 adult intensive care beds and employing at least two of the infectious diseases and clinical microbiology, pulmonology, and internal diseases specialists are defined as “Pandemic Hospital” and the necessary arrangements should be set for the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 patients in these hospitals.

Pursuant to the determined criteria, 97% of our total bed capacity is classified as “Pandemic Hospital”. Although the Circular Order requires a certain part of the hospitals to be reserved for the pandemic, it is foreseen that the services related to the pandemic will increase in many of our hospitals considering the increase both in cases and also the need for the measures to be taken to protect patient and employee health.

All our hospitals are ready to provide all kinds of healthcare services as always. Moreover, all necessary committees have been established within our group to implement treatment protocols for COVID-19 patients, in coordination with Ministry of Health of Turkey, and are all ready to take action. Considering the nature of COVID-19 and transmission parameters, all kinds of precautions have been taken including implementation of disinfection procedures for the protection of our employees and hospitals.

Our company is also included in the Economic Stability Shield General Communiqué, announced by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance of Turkey for many industries including healthcare organizations, which we believe it is a concrete and effective step in the fight against the pandemic.

As MLP Sağlık Hizmetleri A.Ş., we would like to indicate that in order to ensure that our country and citizens to be affected by the pandemic as little as possible, we will participate in this challenge with our fullest devotion and will mobilize every possible means to overcome this situation.

Respectfully announced to all our investors and the public.

(In case of a discrepancy between the Turkish and the English versions of this disclosure, the Turkish version shall prevail.)

We proclaim that our above disclosure is in conformity with the principles set down in “Material Events Communiqué” of Capital Markets Board, and it fully reflects all information coming to our knowledge on the subject matter thereof, and it is in conformity with our books, records and documents, and all reasonable efforts have been shown by our Company in order to obtain all information fully and accurately about the subject matter thereof, and we’re personally liable for the disclosures.

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