

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Cordlife Philippines secures back-to-back AABB reaccreditation and ISO 9001:2015 recertification

- Cordlife Philippines' facility has simultaneously achieved the fourth consecutive accreditation and the fifth consecutive certification from AABB and ISO 9001:2015 respectively.
- AABB is renowned worldwide for setting patient safety standards in the fields of blood banking, transfusion medicine, blood management, and cellular therapy. Conversely, ISO 9001:2015 is an international standard for quality management systems that helps organisations meet customer requirements, enhance product or service quality, and comply with applicable regulations and standards.
- Attaining these quality certifications consistently underscores Cordlife Group's steadfast commitment to delivering the highest level of care to families who have entrusted their children's cord blood to the Group, ensuring it is readily accepted by physicians worldwide.

**SINGAPORE, 10 Nov 2023** – Cordlife Group Limited ("**Cordlife**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**"), a Singapore Exchange mainboard listed company, is proud to announce that its wholly-owned Philippines subsidiary, Cordlife Medical Philippines., Inc. ("Cordlife Philippines" or the "Company"), has not only achieved the AABB accreditation but has also successfully undergone assessment and re-certification, confirming compliance with the ISO 9001:2015 operating requirements. This would mark Cordlife Philippines' fourth consecutive year for the AABB accreditation and the fifth consecutive year for the ISO 9001:2015 certification, reflecting the Group's commitment to high quality standards.

Established in 1957, AABB has earned global recognition as the authoritative body for shaping and maintaining standards for blood banking, transfusion medicine, blood management, and cellular therapies. The accreditation bestowed by AABB, following an intensive on-site inspection led by expert assessors, serves as a testament to a facility's adherence to stringent quality standards. Throughout this exhaustive evaluation, assessors meticulously verify whether the facility's performance in medical, technical, and administrative aspects not only meets but exceeds the rigorous standards set forth by AABB.

In a similar vein, ISO, renowned worldwide, stands as one of the most extensively embraced quality management standards. Specifically, ISO 9001:2015 is an international benchmark for quality management systems, designed to empower organisations to align with customer expectations, elevate the quality of their products or services, and adhere diligently to the gamut of applicable regulations and standards.

As the only private cord blood banking facility in the Philippines to receive these prestigious accolades, Cordlife Philippines stands out as an industry leader. These accolades ensure that the



cord blood units cryopreserved by the Company on behalf of families are of the highest quality and can be readily accepted by physicians and healthcare professionals not only in the Philippines but on a global scale.

Ms Tan Poh Lan, Group CEO and Executive Director of Cordlife Group Limited, commented, “We want to be responsible operators in the healthcare industry by delivering safe and top-quality services to our clients, fostering a relationship built on trust and security. The Group’s dedication to stringent quality standards traces back to as early as 2005, when our Singapore facility became the first private cord blood bank in Southeast Asia to earn accreditation from AABB. All our Group’s facilities hold AABB accreditation, and it remains paramount to us that our facilities continue to undergo voluntary assessments for ongoing improvement, ensuring we maintain the trust bestowed upon us by our stakeholders.”

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## **ABOUT CORDLIFE GROUP LIMITED**

Cordlife Group Limited (“Cordlife”, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”), founded in 2001, is a leading company dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of mother and child. Listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange since 2012, the Group is a pioneer in private cord blood banking in Asia. Cordlife operates Asia’s largest network of cord blood banks. With full stem cell banking facilities in six key markets, Cordlife is an industry leader in Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and the Philippines, and one of the top three market leaders in India and Malaysia. Through its majority-owned subsidiary in Malaysia, Stemlife Berhad, Cordlife has an indirect stake in Thailand’s largest private cord blood bank, Thai Stemlife. In addition to cord blood, cord lining, cord tissue and lenticule banking, Cordlife offers families a comprehensive suite of diagnostics services, including non-invasive prenatal testing, paediatric vision screening, and newborn metabolic screening.

Two of Cordlife’s primary focus areas are providing reliable quality and being customer-centric. All of the Group’s facilities are accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (“AABB”), an organisation dedicated to its mission of improving lives by making transfusion medicine and biotherapies safe, available, and effective worldwide. Furthermore, Cordlife Singapore and Healthbaby Hong Kong are the only two private cord blood banks in Asia and five worldwide to be accredited by both AABB and the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (“FACT”), another world-class accreditation body for cord blood banks worldwide. In the area of clinical diagnostics, Cordlife India and Healthbaby Hong Kong are both accredited by the College of American Pathologists (“CAP”). This makes Healthbaby Hong Kong the only private cord blood bank in the world to be accredited by three international standard-setting bodies, and Cordlife India one of the only two medical laboratories in West Bengal to be holding accreditations from the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (“NABL”) and CAP. These quality achievements reinforce the Group’s commitment to providing reliable healthcare



solutions through innovation and technological advancement. For more information, visit <http://cordlife.listedcompany.com>.

## **ABOUT CORDLIFE MEDICAL PHILIPPINES., INC.**

Cordlife Medical Philippines., Inc. was officially launched in February 2010 as Philippines' first and only cord blood processing and cryopreservation facility. Registered with the Department of Health ("DOH"), the facility was built in accordance with global gold standards such as the Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies ("AABB"). The facility is equipped with one of the world's most advanced fully automated cord blood processing system, and has a storage capacity of 30,000 cord blood units. It is housed in a building that can withstand major earthquakes, in a location with multiple backup systems to provide 24/7 uninterrupted power. To date, it remains the country's sole DOH-registered, ISO 9001:2015 certified, and AABB-accredited facility. Cordlife Medical Philippines., Inc. is a subsidiary of Cordlife Group Limited.

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