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**Aptamer Group plc**

("Aptamer", the "Company" or the "Group")

**New Development Contract**

*Agreement worth up to £155,000 and potential for significant IP transfer fee payment upon success*

Aptamer Group plc (AIM: APTA), the developer of novel Optimer® binders to enable innovation in the life sciences industry, today announces the signing of a new development contract with a rare disease biopharmaceutical company. The agreement, worth up to £155,000, focuses on developing two Optimer binders as critical reagents for therapeutic monitoring. Upon successful development, Aptamer could receive a significant undisclosed IP transfer fee for the use of the Optimers in clinical trial monitoring.

**Dr Arron Tolley, Chief Executive Officer of Aptamer Group, commented:**"This agreement further demonstrates our strategic model of leveraging fee-for-service revenue for the development of Optimer binders and potential licensing revenues.

With a healthy pipeline and increasing traction among both new and repeat customers, we are demonstrating our commercial strategy. These advancements align with our broader vision of driving shareholder value by pairing fee-for-service income with scalable licensing opportunities. We remain focused on delivering on our growth objectives and look forward to sharing updates on our continued progress."

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**About Aptamer Group plc**

Aptamer Group is a leading global developer of aptamer-based ligands that help scientists remove the limits to discovery and innovation. Leveraging a proprietary discovery and development platform, Aptamer delivers custom affinity ligands, supported with a complete suite of characterisation and validation assays that enhance the translation of its binders and optimise scientific outcomes for customers.

Aptamer's cutting-edge technology spans healthcare, research, personal care, and industrial processes, delivering new affinity solutions for novel targets, advanced diagnostics, and precision therapies. By working with industry leaders in pharmaceutical, biotechnology, personal health, academic, and clinical research sectors, Aptamer is accelerating science through the custom development of tools and therapies.

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