Pfizer files for European regulatory review of axitinib

Singapore, June 2, 2011: Pfizer, a global research-based pharmaceutical company, announced that the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has accepted Pfizer's filing for regulatory review of axitinib for patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) after failure of prior systemic treatment. This submission was based on phase III data from the AXIS 1032 trial. Pfizer will present full results from this trial, as well as additional data on axitinib, at the 47th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), being held in Chicago from June 3-7, 2011.

"While the prognosis for patients with advanced RCC has improved dramatically over the past five years thanks to the availability of new treatments, there is still a need for new options in this patient population," said Mr Garry Nicholson, president and general manager, Pfizer Oncology Business Unit. "This regulatory filing for our innovative investigational therapy axitinib, as well as ongoing studies of our existing medications, underscores Pfizer's commitment to patients with advanced RCC and our leadership in helping physicians treat this disease."

Each year, approximately 210,000 people worldwide are diagnosed with kidney cancer and nearly 102,000 people are expected to die from the disease. Within the last five years, great advances have been made in the treatment of patients with advanced RCC, the most prevalent form of kidney cancer. However, five-year survival rates for patients with advanced RCC remain low, at around 20 percent.