



Burjeel Holdings partners with OncoHelix Inc. to bring Advanced Molecular Genetics and Immune Profile Testing Laboratory in UAE

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 13 April 2023: - Burjeel Holdings announces that it has partnered with OncoHelix Inc. to establish a cutting-edge laboratory in Abu Dhabi to provide advanced molecular genetics, cellular and immunological profile testing to patients in the UAE. Through this exclusive agreement, Burjeel Holdings and OncoHelix Inc. strive to bring personalized medicine to clinics and hospitals in the UAE.

The agreement between Burjeel Holdings and OncoHelix was signed by John Sunil, CEO, Burjeel Holdings, and Dr. Faisal Khan, CEO, OncoHelix.

The new lab will be divided into two areas. An advanced diagnostic lab arm will focus on offering groundbreaking molecular genetics and immunological profiling tests to assist oncologists and physicians in the diagnosis, risk stratification, and tailored treatment for patients with cancer, genetic diseases, or immune disorders. The second arm will expand on Burjeel Holdings' existing translational research program and analyze cancer patients' genomic and immune signatures to develop innovative approaches for diagnosis and treatment.

Burjeel Holdings expects to commence the operation of the new laboratory by the end of this year, and it will be capable of facilitating the requirements of the region's hospitals.

OncoHelix Inc., based in Western Canada, has the largest breadth of clinically validated comprehensive genomic profiling (CGP) panels for cancer in the country. As part of its academic roles at the University of Calgary, OncoHelix's scientists and clinicians have an impeccable record in translational research with over 350 publications in major scientific journals. Their translational research team has developed impactful precision oncology and immunology pipelines aimed at improving clinical outcomes for cancer patients and transplant recipients.

Burjeel Holdings is one of the largest healthcare services providers in the MENA region with a network of 61 assets, including 16 hospitals and 23 medical centers, as well as pharmacies and other allied services. The group provides the highest standard of patient care in the region. Its Laboratory Services arm, coLAB, operates a network of 12 internationally accredited laboratories including 4 labs accredited by the College of American Pathologists.

John Sunil, CEO of Burjeel Holdings said: "Burjeel Holdings continues to invest in and establish new partnerships that help promote the expansion of our translational research program and improve patient outcomes. This new venture will utilize the clinical & academic experience of OncoHelix Inc to build a state-of-the-art laboratory, through which we will offer testing services not widely available in the UAE.

"Through this agreement, we hope to solidify our position as a leading provider of complex care in the UAE and increase our capabilities to serve the country's growing medical tourism market. Collaborations like these will benefit the UAE as it transforms into a global leader in healthcare."

Dr. Faisal Khan, CEO of OncoHelix and Associate Professor at the University of Calgary, said: "We are joining forces with Burjeel Holdings to create a local advanced diagnostic program that will not only aid in the early and accurate diagnosis of malignancies and immunological disorders, but also pave the road for newer treatment options guided by disease-specific molecular signatures. The translational research program will investigate the somatic and germline variant landscapes of cancer patients, as well as the



immune profile patterns of transplant recipients and donors from the region, to lead the development of precision medicine-based treatment methods.”

The partnership between OncoHelix Inc. and Burjeel Holdings represents an essential step forward in the expansion of clinical diagnostics and translational research, as well as in improving healthcare outcomes for patients in the UAE.

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About Burjeel Holdings

Founded in 2007, Burjeel Holdings is one of the leading private healthcare services providers in the MENA region. With a network of 61 assets, including 16 hospitals and 23 medical centers, as well as pharmacies and other allied services, the group provides the highest standard of patient care in the region. Burjeel Holdings’ brands include Burjeel Hospitals, Medeor Hospitals, LLH Hospitals, Lifecare Hospitals, and Tajmeel. It has 12 JCI-accredited facilities, with a total 1,660 patient beds across its operations in UAE and Oman, and holds a leading position in the UAE. The Group has comprehensive cancer care facilities in the UAE, and is the country’s leading mother and child care provider.

The group continues to set new benchmarks for healthcare in the region with state-of-the-art facilities and world-class service standards. With a team of highly experienced, world-class practitioners, Burjeel Holdings is committed to driving innovation and bringing the latest advances in global healthcare to the region.

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