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# **Dear Sesen Bio Stockholders:**

On behalf of the entire Carisma management team and board of directors, merger with Sesen Bio. We believe we will do great things together to rev diseases and are confident that this merger will create significant value 1 Carisma shareholders. We appreciate that many of you are new to the Car

Carisma was founded in 2017 at the University of Pennsylvania by Dr. Mich Chair of our Scientific Advisory Board, who invented the revolutionary CAI the underlying technology foundation for our company. I joined the compary years of pharma and biotech experience across multiple therapeutic areas a and commercialization. We've accomplished a great deal since founding ( technology we are developing and the company we have built.

As you may know, cell therapy and immunology have transformed the w proprietary technology is a next generation cell therapy designed to geneti same way they would respond to foreign pathogens such as bacteria. While kill tumor cells, genetically engineered macrophages identify a cell as cance

Based on a similar process, genetically engineered T-Cells (CAR-T) are curre become a successful treatment option for patients with certain forms of ad multiple myeloma. Since the first CAR-T therapy was approved in 2017, CA However, success against solid tumors has remained elusive.

That is where Carisma comes in: We believe our CAR-M approach has the metastatic solid tumors the same way CAR-T has revolutionized the treat to have the only demonstrated proof of mechanism and safety data in CAR-be evaluating our first CAR-M program in the clinic and are encouraged

We couldn't have made this much progress without the support of our worl and strategic partners.



Our leadership team



The board of directors has



We have

renowned experts and leaders in their fields with **decades of cell therapy experience and strong track records in oncology and drug development** to deliver on the promise of engineered macrophages as a transformative approach to the treatment of cancer. deep expertise in science, паг юс technology, drug development, develop finance, and strategy, positioning of in viv Carisma to be an **industry** therape leader in the development cancer \ and commercialization of next prograr generation cell therapies. already Michael Torok, a principal in recently Sesen Bio's largest stockholder leading group, will join our Board at who ove closing, bringing a public investor with Ca focused perspective. Advisor

This is a great time for Sesen Bio stockholders to have an ownership positic to grow, and we have **multiple potential value inflection points over the n** 

- Our lead program is currently in a phase 1 monotherapy study, which w KEYTRUDA, for which the CAR-M product will be manufactured at No
- Our CAR monocyte program is expected to file an IND in the second has stage asset into our pipeline
- Our next generation mesothelin targeted program is incorporating our
- 4 out of 12 in-vivo programs with Moderna have already been initiated
- And finally, we have a few programs outside of oncology that are currer

The funding that Sesen Bio is contributing to the combined company will he **unlock significant value for all stockholders**, including you by virtue of yo

Several of Sesen Bio's largest stockholders have pledged their support for Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. and Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC have bo merger. These endorsements are an important vote of confidence that the option for Sesen Bio stockholders, **but we can't complete the merger witl proposals listed on the WHITE proxy card enclosed with the previously** 

We look forward to working together to revolutionize the treatment of car stockholder value.

Regards,

**Steven Kelly** President & CEO Carisma Therapeutics

### **Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements**

Any statements in this communication about future expectations, plans and prospects for Sesen Bio, Inc. (Sesen Bio), CARISMA Therapeutics Inc. (Carisma) or the combined company, Sesen Bio's, Carisma's or the combined company's strategy or future operations, and other statements containing the words "anticipate," "believe," "contemplate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "predict," "target," "potential," "possible," "will," "would," "could," "should," "continue," and similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For example, statements concerning the proposed transaction, the concurrent financing, the contingent value rights and other matters, including without limitation: statements relating to the satisfaction of the conditions to and consummation of the proposed transaction, the expected timing of the consummation of the proposed transaction, the expected ownership percentages of the combined company, Sesen Bio's and Carisma's respective businesses, the strategy of the combined company, future operations, advancement of the combined company's product candidates and product pipeline, clinical development of the combined company's product candidates, including expectations regarding timing of initiation and results of clinical trials of the combined company, the ability of Sesen Bio to remain listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, the completion of the concurrent financing, the receipt of any payments under the contingent value rights, and the amount and timing of distributions to be made to Sesen Bio stockholders, if any, in connection with any potential dissolution or liquidation scenario are forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ

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