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BEGINNING ON MARCH 27, 2010, CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC. (THE COMPANY) PUBLISHED AN ITALIAN ADVERTISEMENT IN ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS REGARDING THE COMPANY S SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 9, 2010. THE FOLLOWING IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ITALIAN ADVERTISEMENT.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ITALIAN ADVERTISEMENT

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GIVE TIME TO THE SPECIAL MEETING AND MORE VALUE TO RESEARCH

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC. SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS APRIL 9, 2010

If you are a shareholder of Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company) you can help bring a potential new cancer treatment to patients and support your own investment by participating and voting in the Company s Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 9, 2010 (the Special Meeting).

The two items on the agenda are to increase the Company s authorized shares (by amending the Company s amended and restated articles of incorporation) and to increase the number of shares available for issuance under the Company s 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. The Company is characterized by an extremely widespread and fragmented shareholder base, and reaching the quorum and voting requires the effort of each shareholder, from the smallest to the largest.

Depending on how you will cast your vote, your participation in the Special Meeting could allow the Company to raise additional capital to fund future operations and help the Company to retain outstanding professionals.

The first step towards the future of the Company will be the Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 9, 2010.

Shareholders holding shares in Cell Therapeutics, Inc., accredited with Monte Titoli S.p.A. as of February 19, 2010, may participate in the Special Meeting by requesting certification from their broker and obtaining a proxy card. A proxy card can be obtained at the Company s website too: http://www.celltherapeutics.com/assemblea_straordinaria. Both the certification and the signed proxy card must be sent to the following address either by mail or by fax: Cell Therapeutics, Inc., 501 Elliott Ave. W., Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98119; FAX- 00 +1 (206) 284-6206.

Your proxy card and certification must be received at the above address (by mail or fax) no later than April 8, 2010.

Please read the Special Meeting summons notice, published in Il Sole 24 Ore on February 5, 2010 and available on the Company s website (www.celltherapeutics.com) carefully.

CELL THERAPEUTICS NEEDS YOUR TIME, RESEARCH NEEDS OUR COMMITMENT.

PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL MEETING

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