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**Ascendas' Singapore Science Park partners Heidelberg Technology Park,
Germany's leading BioPark**

- *Sisterpark partnership will explore synergies in providing
network and collaboration opportunities for life sciences***

26 September 2001 – The Singapore Science Park has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Germany's leading biopark, Heidelberg Technology Park, to explore synergies in providing network and collaboration opportunities for life science companies in hi-tech science parks.

Ascendas Pte Ltd, developer, manager and owner of the Singapore Science Park, sealed the MOU with Technologiepark Heidelberg GmbH in Singapore today. This is its second sisterpark partnership, the first of which was signed with Sophia Antipolis Science Park of France last year.

President and CEO of Ascendas Pte Ltd, Ms Chong Siak Ching said: "We are very pleased to partner Heidelberg Technology Park, Germany's leading biopark, to create a two-way springboard for our tenants in biomedical sciences. Through this unique sisterpark partnership, we seek to accelerate the commercialization of technology achievements, facilitate business networking among tenants in the two parks, and to provide new ways to bridge the gap between science and business."

The MOU covers several areas of collaboration, including:

- A proactive sharing of information on the management of the parks, tenant networks and operations.
- Provide assistance to tenants in accessing each other's markets and business networks.
- Promote trade and investment in the parks through joint activities and a collaborative approach.
- Provide quality services and conducive environments in the parks to attract foreign investments.
- Encourage the establishing of mutual business networks and exchange of experiences between tenants in the parks.

The MOU was signed by Mr Swee Kee Siong, CEO of Ascendas Land (Singapore) Pte Ltd and Dr Klaus Plate, CEO of Technologiepark Heidelberg GmbH. The signing ceremony provided a platform for the official introduction of Heidelberg Technology Park to its Singapore counterpart. Witnessing the signing were representatives from life sciences companies in the Singapore Science Park, and research institutions such as National University of Singapore and Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology.

Dr Plate said: “The Singapore Science Park is renowned as a research and development hub, well managed and excellently maintained. It is a living testimony of Ascendas’ total business space solutions. With Ascendas experience, coupled with our mutual interest in promoting the biomedical sciences industry, I am confident that the partnership will provide the strong support our tenants need to excel in the industry.”

The partnership will leverage on the many common features of the two parks, both of which will focus on the development and management of hi-tech business space and specialist laboratory space for biomedical sciences tenants.

Ms Chong said the success of this partnership will spur Ascendas to the next step in its initiative to promote and encourage research and development in the biomedical sciences industry

About Heidelberg Technology Park

The Heidelberg Technology Park, founded in 1985, is a rapidly growing international science park, offering facilities and management services to companies specialising in biotechnology, bioinformatics, medicine techniques and environmental technologies. Its shareholders are City of Heidelberg and Chamber of Industry and Commerce Rhine-Neckar.

Renowned as a centre for life sciences, the Heidelberg Technology Park is spread over 16,500 square metres of space at the University Campus and other locations in the city of Heidelberg. An additional 32,000 square meters are now under construction, aside of planning a new BioMed Park. The Park enjoys easy access to major transport links (Frankfurt International Airport is only 25 minutes away by train or 45 minutes by car) and is a central gateway to European science, business and public life.

Offering highly flexible laboratory and office space, Heidelberg has won major awards including: Best City for Start-Ups (*Focus Magazine*, April 1999), Germany’s Number 2 in Future Potential and Economic Power (*Focus Magazine*, December 2000), Germany’s

Number 4 in Future Economic Growth (*Capital Magazine*, April 2001) and Most Important Research Place in Germany (*Study of the Institute for Scientific Information*, Philadelphia, U.S, May 2001).

Heidelberg Technology Park enjoys science and industry relationships with the following major institutions: European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ), Centre for Molecular Biology of Heidelberg University (ZMBH), Knoll GmbH, Roche Diagnostics GmbH, among others, and about 80 small and medium-sized biotechnology and life science companies in the BioRegion Rhine-Neckar-Triangle. Its government relations extend to the City of Heidelberg, State of Wurttemberg and Federal Government of Germany.

About Singapore Science Park

The internationally renowned Singapore Science Park is Asia-Pacific's most prestigious address for R&D and technology, unique for its lushly landscaped grounds and unrivalled for its range of high quality facilities and services. Acknowledged as the most successful in Asia for attracting multinational corporations, the Park's campus-like setting provides the ideal ambience and working environment for an exclusive community of over 8,000 staff for more than 250 MNCs, local companies and research organisations.

Some of our tenants include AT&T, Lucent, Citibank, Motorola, Schering Plough, Sony, Seagate, ExxonMobil, Shell, Pacific Internet, Johns Hopkins and organisations such as NSTB, PSB, the Institute of High Performance Computing, and the Centre for Wireless Communications.

Offering a work-play concept, the Singapore Science Park is spread over two locations – the 30-hectare Science Park I along Ayer Rajah Expressway, and the 20-hectare Science Park II along Pasir Panjang Road. Development of a new 15-hectare Science Park III along Pasir Panjang Road is in progress.

About Ascendas

Ascendas is the developer, manager and owner of the Singapore Science Park. Ascendas, the synergistic merger between Arcasia Land and JTC International's (JTCi) Business Parks and Facilities Group, combines a well-established track record as a global partner in providing of total business space solutions. These solutions include the development, management and marketing of science parks, business, high-tech and industrial parks in key markets in Asia, such as Singapore, China, India and the Philippines.

Backed by a strong team of over 280 professionals across its key markets, Ascendas has a total of S\$1.2 billion in assets and business environments spread over 1.2 million square metres. We have a clientele of some 1,000 customers from the world over, including Fortune 500 corporations, multinational corporations, leading local enterprises and research organisations. Ascendas has 8 offices around the world including Singapore, China, India, the Philippines, the United States and Japan.

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