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Report of Foreign Issuer

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For period ending March 2015

GlaxoSmithKline plc
(Name of registrant)

980 Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9GS
(Address of principal executive offices)

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12 March 2015, London UK – LSE announcement

GSK announces intention to sell part of its holding in Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd

GlaxoSmithKline announces that it intends to sell approximately half of its 12.4% stake in Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd ("Aspen"). The disposal will be through a placing of ordinary shares in Aspen to institutional investors (the "Offering").

The Offering is expected to comprise 28.2 million Aspen ordinary shares equivalent to c.6.2% of Aspen's issued share capital. The offer price will be determined by means of an accelerated bookbuild offering process which is to start immediately.

A further announcement will be made following completion of the bookbuild and pricing of the Offering.

After the proposed transaction, GSK would remain a c.6.2% shareholder in Aspen and has undertaken not to dispose of any shares in Aspen for a period of 180 days following completion, subject to certain limited exceptions.

Simon Dingemans, GSK's Chief Financial Officer, said: "GSK has a long and successful commercial partnership with Aspen and our investment in the company has grown in value significantly over time. As we continue to reshape the Group around our core franchises and drive the benefits from the Novartis transaction, optimizing our financial flexibility to invest behind these priorities is key. As a result we have decided now is the right time to realise further value from this successful relationship. We continue to believe in the strategy of Aspen and we remain committed to working together in the future."

GSK has entered into a placing agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Limited and UBS Limited to act as the Joint Bookrunners in relation to the Offering.

Proceeds from the transaction will be used for general corporate purposes. The net profit on disposal will not be included in core operating profit and core EPS in 2015 and it is expected that GSK will no longer account for Aspen as an associate going forward.

GSK – one of the world's leading research-based pharmaceutical and healthcare companies – is committed to improving the quality of human life by enabling people to do more, feel better and live longer. For further information please visit www.gsk.com.

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Citigroup Global Markets Limited and UBS Limited, which are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, are acting for GSK and for no one else in connection with the Offering and will not be responsible to anyone other than GSK for providing the protections afforded to their customers or for affording advice in relation to the Offering, the contents of this announcement or any transaction, arrangement or other matter referred to in this announcement. Citigroup Global Markets Limited and UBS Limited may participate in the Offering on a proprietary basis.

This announcement does not represent the announcement of a definitive agreement to proceed with the Offering and, accordingly, there can be no certainty that the Offering will proceed. GSK reserves the right not to proceed with the Offering or to vary the terms of the Offering in any way.

GSK cautions investors that any forward-looking statements or projections made by GSK, including those made in this announcement, are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Such factors include, but are not limited to, those described in Item 3.D "Risk factors" in GSK's Annual Report on Form 20-F for 2014.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

GlaxoSmithKline plc
(Registrant)

Date: March 13, 2015

By: VICTORIA WHYTE

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Authorised Signatory for and on
behalf of GlaxoSmithKline plc