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CALADRIUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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On April 26, 2017, Caladrius Biosciences, Inc. (“**Caladrius**”) made the following communication in connection with Caladrius' upcoming shareholder meeting encouraging employees to vote their shares in favor of the proposed transactions under that certain Interest Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 16, 2017, by and among Caladrius, PCT, LLC, a Caladrius Company, a majority owned subsidiary of Caladrius (“**PCT**”), and Hitachi Chemical Co. America, Ltd. (“**Hitachi**”).

David J. Mazzo, PhD sent the following email on April 26, 2017 to Caladrius employees:

Colleagues,

For those of you who hold CLBS stock, you either have received or will shortly receive the proxy materials associated with our upcoming shareholders' meeting on May 16. As you probably know, we will need >50% of all outstanding shares to vote in favor of the transaction with Hitachi in order for it to pass. Please vote your shares as soon as you receive the proxy material, preferably on-line through proxyvote.c.com or using the phone number provided with the materials. In this manner, there is no risk of a delay or loss of your vote associated with a problem with US mail. Our full management team and the full board of directors recommends that you vote in favor of the transaction as well as the other items for which your vote is requested. If you have any questions about whether all of your shares have been represented in the materials you receive and/or if you don't receive materials in a timely fashion, please contact Todd or Jacquelyn for resolution of the problem. Many thanks,

DJM

David J. Mazzo, PhD

President and Chief Executive Officer