CHARTER OF ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIVANDRUM INSTITUTE OF PALLIATIVE SCIENCES

26 June 2006

Pallium India, a registered charitable non-profit trust,

Being committed to providing pain relief and palliative care and to providing education on palliative care,

Having been registered with the income tax department of Government of India under section 12 AA of the I.T act of 1961vide CIT/ CHN/12A/Tech 37/2004-05 of 8.12.2005,

Having been registered with the Government of India under the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act of 1976 with the registration number 052850487,

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Hereby establishes TRIVANDRUM INSTITUTE OF PALLIATIVE SCIENCES with the following conditions:

- Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences (hereinafter called TIPS) will be an autonomous body primarily aimed at palliative care education, at improved opioid availability for pain relief and at delivery of quality palliative care to the needy.
- 2. TIPS will provide free treatment to the poor (For this purpose, any one holding a Government- issued BPL (Below the Poverty Line) card or anyone, even if not holding such a card, who has been found by a screening system established by TIPS to be deserving free treatment will be considered poor and deserving free treatment).
- 3. TIPS will develop courses and other educational programs with a view to improving access to palliative care for the needy in India.

- 4. TIPS will develop curricula and educational materials needed for quality palliative care education in the country.
- 5. TIPS will develop minimum standards for palliative care delivery by its own clinical services and make them available to other palliative care services in the country.
- 6. Administration of TIPS will be the responsibility of the director who will be appointed by Pallium India and who will be assisted by the following:
 - a. A deputy director who will be in charge of all clinical services and educational activities and who will report to the director,
 - b. A senior administrator who will be in charge of general administration of the institute and who will report to the director, and
 - c. A treasurer who will be responsible for the financial management of TIPS and who will also report to the director.
- 7. For running the clinical services, TIPS will be part of a hospital. Pallium India has entered into collaboration with Sree Uthradam Thirunal (S.U.T) Hospital at Pattom, Trivandrum for this purpose.
- 8. Funding for TIPS will be the responsibility of Pallium India (Trust). However, TIPS is free to find additional funding by taking up specific projects with the approval of Pallium India (Trust), provided such funding is not obtained from the pharmaceutical industry or from other companies which may have a conflict of interest with the cause of palliative care development in the country.