

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
January 12, 2009**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

File No. 1-12465 - CF#23010

Cell Therapeutics, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibit to a Form 8-K filed on December 19, 2008.

Based on representations by Cell Therapeutics, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 2.1 through December 19, 2013

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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