UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION November 27, 2017

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

bluebird bio, Inc.

File No. 1-35966 - CF#35609

bluebird bio, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on November 1, 2017.

Based on representations by bluebird bio, 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 10.19 through November 1, 2022 Exhibit 10.21 through May 5, 2021

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

Brent J. Fields Secretary