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PRESSRELEASE

PledPharma announces intention of a Directed New Share Issue

Stockholm, May 21, 2019. PledPharma AB (publ) ("PledPharma" or the "Company") today announces its intention of a Directed New Share Issue of up to 4,866,665 shares to institutional investors. PledPharma has engaged Pareto Securities AB ("Pareto Securities") to investigate the conditions for a new issue of shares through a so-called accelerated bookbuilding.

PledPharma announces its intention to carry out a directed new share issue of up to 4,866,665 shares to institutional investors (the "**Directed New Share Issue**"), which is intended to be carried out based on the authorization granted by the annual general meeting on May 7, 2019. PledPharma has engaged Pareto Securities to investigate the possibilities to conduct the Directed New Share Issue through a so-called accelerated bookbuilding.

The subscription price for the shares in the Directed New Share Issue is to be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure, which will begin no earlier than 17:31 today, May 21 2019, and end before the commencement of trading on Nasdaq First North on May 22 2019. The bookbuilding procedure may, at the discretion of the Company or Pareto Securities, close earlier or later and may be cancelled at any time. The Company will on closing of the bookbuilding procedure inform via press release the outcome of Directed New Share Issue.

The reason for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights are mainly to diversify the shareholder base in the Company among institutional investors and at the same time take advantage of the opportunity to raise capital in a time- and cost-efficient manner. Further, the Directed New Share Issue intends to finance an accelerated clinical development of Aladote® given the positive results of the first clinical study and the newly granted orphan drug designation in the US; an indication expansion of PledOx® in Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN) caused by taxanes; as well as initial preparations for the market authorization application of PledOx® in oxaliplatin-induced CIPN. The board of directors' assessment is that the subscription price in the Directed New Share Issue will be in accordance with market conditions, since it will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure.

In connection with the Directed New Share Issue, the Company has undertaken, with customary exceptions, not to issue additional shares for a period of nine calendar months after the outcome of the Directed New Share Issue. In addition, board members and persons of the management have undertaken not to sell any shares in PledPharma for a period of 90 calendar days after the outcome of the Directed New Share Issue, with customary exceptions.

The Directed New Share Issue is subject to a resolution by the board of directors of PledPharma, pursuant to the authorization given by the annual general meeting on May 7 2019 to issue new shares, following the close of the bookbuilding.

Advisers

Pareto Securities AB is acting Sole Manager and Bookrunner and Lindahl is legal adviser in connection with the Directed New Share Issue.

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This information is such that PledPharma AB (publ) is obliged to disclose pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was released for public disclosure, through the agency of the contact persons above, at 17:31 CET on 21 May 2019.

About PledPharma

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For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the shares in PledPharma.

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