

Xbrane announces its intention to carry out a directed share issue and an issue of convertible bonds totaling approximately SEK 325 million in financing

Xbrane Biopharma AB (publ) ("Xbrane" or the "Company") hereby announces its intention to carry out a directed share issue of approximately SEK 100 million to institutional investors through an accelerated book-building procedure, pursuant to the authorization granted by the annual general meeting held on 4 May 2023 (the "Directed Share Issue"). The Company further announces that, in connection with the Directed Share Issue, it intends to enter into a binding agreement with CVI Investments, Inc. for a convertible bond financing of SEK 250 million in aggregate principal amount, maturing in 2027 (the "Bonds" and together with the Directed Share Issue, the "Transaction"). The Company has appointed Pareto Securities AB as sole manager and bookrunner (the "Sole Manager and Bookrunner") in connection with the Transaction.

Use of proceeds

The net proceeds from the Transaction will primarily finance:

- i. Scale-up of production capacity for Ximluci® to meet demand both in Europe and globally while also reducing production cost (c. 30%)
- ii. Complete pre-clinical development including scale-up and production of clinical material for BII801 triggering milestone payments from commercialization partner Biogen (c. 30%)
- iii. Scale-up and production of clinical material for Xdivane™ (c. 20%)
- iv. Continued early-stage portfolio development, next generation candidate selection and general corporate purposes (c. 20%)

The contemplated Transaction is expected to take the Company successfully to its mid-term target of becoming cash-flow positive in 2024.

Xbrane provides an update on cash position as of 31 March 2023 and preliminary revenues for the first quarter of 2023

As of 31 March 2023, the Company had a cash position of approximately SEK 119 million. For the period between 1 January – 31 March 2023, the Company generated revenues of approximately SEK 62 million, with approximately SEK 48 million coming from sales of Ximluci® and approximately SEK 14 million coming from a periodized upfront payment from Biogen.

The full quarterly report for the first quarter of 2023 will be published on 31 May 2023, as previously announced.

The Directed Share Issue

The Directed Share Issue is intended to be resolved by the Board of Directors pursuant to the authorization granted by the annual general meeting held on 4 May 2023 and is intended to be carried out with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights. The Directed Share Issue will be directed to Swedish and international institutional investors. The price of the new shares in the Directed Share Issue (the "**Offer Price**") will be determined through an accelerated book-building procedure, to be performed by the Sole Manager and Bookrunner. The accelerated book-building procedure will commence immediately after publication of this press release and end before commencement of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm on 23 May 2023. The book-building procedure may be shortened or extended and may at any time be cancelled by the Company.

The board of directors has concluded that a rights issue, compared to the Directed Share Issue, (i) would take significantly longer time to execute and thereby entail increased market risk exposure, (ii) would require significant underwriting commitments from an underwriting syndicate given the current market volatility, which would entail additional costs and/or additional dilution depending on the type of consideration paid for such underwriting commitments, and (iii) likely would have had to be made at a lower subscription price given the discount levels in rights issues completed on the market in recent time. The subscription price will be determined through an accelerated book-building procedure, and it is the board of directors' assessment that the subscription price will be in accordance with market conditions. The Directed Share Issue will, among other things, (i) provide the Company with a significant and reputable long-term shareholders, which diversifies and strengthens the Company's shareholder base, (ii) further strengthen the Company's financial position to enable the Company to continue executing on developing and commercialization of biosimilars, (iii) be conducted in a more time efficient way and at a lower cost and with less complexity than a rights issue, and (iv) ensure strong balance sheet in the current market situation, the board of directors' overall assessment is that the reasons for carrying out the Directed Share Issue outweigh the reasons that motivate the main rule that share issues are to be made with preferential rights for the shareholders.

The Bonds

In connection with the Directed Share Issue, the Company intends to enter into a binding agreement with CVI Investments, Inc. an affiliate of Susquehanna International Group, LLP (the "**Investor**") for a convertible bond financing of SEK 250 million in aggregate principal amount, issued at an original issue discount, implying net proceeds of SEK 225 million. Key terms of the intended convertible bond financing include:

- Final maturity date four (4) years from closing.
- Interest rate of 6% per annum on the outstanding principal amount, payable every two months. Upon formal approval by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Company's application in connection with its investigational biosimilar candidate to LUCENTIS® (ranibizumab), the interest rate shall be reduced to 0% per annum.

- Amortization in twenty-four (24) equal instalments, payable every two (2) months after issuance. At the full discretion of the Company, instalment payments can be made in cash at 100% of the applicable instalment amount or in shares at 90% of the market price (lowest VWAP during the six trading-day period immediately preceding the applicable date), with cash payments being the default payment option.
- The Investor has the right, on any number of occasions, to give notice to bring forward the payment date of up to two (2) amortization payments per interest period to any date at least three business days after delivery of such notice.
- The Investor may elect to convert the Bonds at any time during the term of the Bonds at a conversion price equal to 125% of the Offer Price.

Lock-up

In connection with the Transaction, the Company has, subject to customary exceptions, agreed to a lock-up undertaking on future share issuances for a period of 90 days following completion of the Directed Share Issue. Members of the Company's Board of Directors and management, have, subject to customary exceptions, agreed to not sell their shares in the Company for a period of 90 days after the date of registration of the shares issued in connection with the Directed Share Issue with the Swedish Companies Registration Office. Existing shareholders Serendipity Group AB and STADA Arzneimittel AG have, subject to customary exceptions, agreed to not sell their shares in the Company for a period of 90 calendar days after the date of registration of the shares issued in connection with the Directed Share Issue with the Swedish Companies Registration Office.

Advisers

Pareto Securities has been appointed Sole Manager and Bookrunner in connection with the Transaction. Baker & McKenzie Advokatbyrå KB is acting as legal adviser to the Company in connection with the Transaction. White & Case is acting as legal adviser to Pareto Securities in connection with the Directed Share Issue. Conv-Ex has been appointed to act as Calculation Agent in respect of the Bonds.

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Information to distributors

Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("**MiFID II**"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "**MiFID II Product Governance Requirements**"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the shares in Xbrane have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that such shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the "**Target Market Assessment**"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, Distributors should note that: the price of the shares in Xbrane may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in Xbrane offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in Xbrane is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Transaction. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the Sole Manager and Bookrunner will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties.

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 Xbrane.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares in Xbrane and determining appropriate distribution channels.

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About Us

Xbrane Biopharma AB develops biological drugs based on a patented platform technology that provides significantly lower production costs compared to competing systems. Xbrane has a portfolio of biosimilar candidates targeting EUR 53 billion in estimated annual peak sales of the respective reference product. The lead candidate Ximluci® is granted market authorization approval in Europe and was launched during the first quarter 2023. Xbrane's head office is in Solna, just outside Stockholm. Xbrane is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm under the ticker XBRANE. For more information, visit www.xbrane.com

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Attachments

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