

# SenzaGen intends to carry out a directed issue of shares

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SenzaGen AB (publ) ("SenzaGen" or the "Company") announces today, June 12, 2024, that the Company intends to carry out a directed issue of shares corresponding to approximately SEK 34 million directed to a number of Swedish and international institutional investors and other qualified investors (the "Directed Issue"). The Directed Issue is carried out with the purpose of financing the Company's portfolio expansion and other growth-enhancing initiatives within nonanimal test methods. SenzaGen has engaged Sedermera Corporate Finance AB ("Sedermera") as sole bookrunner in connection with the Directed Issue.

#### The Directed Issue

The Directed Issue is intended to be carried out with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights, with existing authorization from the annual general meeting held on 15 May 2024. The Company has engaged Sedermera to investigate the conditions for the Directed Issue through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure.

The subscription price and the number of issued shares in the Directed Issue will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure that will be initiated immediately after the publication of this press release and carried out by Sedermera. The outcome of the accelerated bookbuilding procedure, pricing, and announcement of allotment of new shares is expected to take place prior to the commencement of trading on Nasdaq First North Stockholm on June 13, 2024. The timing of the final expression of interest, pricing, and allotment in the accelerated bookbuilding procedure is determined by the Company and the Company may at any time shorten, extend, increase, reduce, or cancel and refrain from carrying out the Directed Issue in whole or in part. The outcome of the Directed Issue will be announced by the Company through a press release after the accelerated bookbuilding procedure has been completed.

The net proceeds from the Directed Issue are intended to be utilized as follows:

- Inclusion in the ISO standard for GARD®skin for expansion in the medical device industry,
- OECD approval for GARD®skin Dose-Response to meet demand from the chemical and cosmetics industries,
- Development of the VitroScreen ORA® platform for production of spheroids for the pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries,
- Technical platform upgrade for gene expression analysis, and



• Expansion of the sales organization.

It is the Company's assessment that the investments will have a significant positive effect on the Company's growth rate. Revenues related to the investments are expected to be approximately SEK 50 million from 2027 and approximately SEK 100 million from 2029. In addition, the gross margin for GARD® is expected to increase by 5 percentage points as a result of the investments.

### Considerations

The Company's Board of Directors has made an overall assessment and carefully considered the possibility of raising capital through a rights issue, but has concluded that a rights issue compared to a directed issue (i) unlike a rights issue, the Directed Issue is expected to strengthen the shareholder and capital base in the long term. The Company wishes to strengthen and expand its base of institutional, professional, and strategically important shareholders, in order to further strengthen the liquidity of the Company's share, (ii) would take significantly longer to implement and thus entail a risk of increased general market risk exposure, and (iii) the implementation of a directed share issue can be done at a significantly lower cost and with less complexity than a rights issue would risk to require external guarantees from an underwriting consortium in order to ensure a sufficient subscription rate, which would entail significant additional costs and potentially further dilution for the Company's shareholders depending on the type of consideration paid for such guarantee commitments.

In view of the above, the Board of Directors has made the assessment that the Directed Issue with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights is the most advantageous option for SenzaGen to finance the Company's portfolio expansion and other growth-enhancing initiatives, while maintaining the most value in the Company and being most favorable for the Company's shareholders.

As the subscription price in the Directed Issue will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure, the Board of Directors considers that the marketability of the subscription price is ensured.

### Advisors

SenzaGen has engaged Sedermera Corporate Finance AB as sole bookrunner and Markets and Corporate Law Nordic AB as legal advisor in connection with the Directed Issue. Nordic Issuing AB acts as issuing agent.

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/1129 (the "Prospectus Regulation"). No prospectus has been or will be prepared in connection with the Directed Issue. In any EEA Member State, this communication is only addressed to and is only directed at "qualified investors" in that Member State within the meaning of the Prospectus Regulation.

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### Information for distributors

For the purpose of complying with the product governance requirements contained in: (a) Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments, as consolidated, ("MiFID II"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593, which complements MiFID II; and (c) national implementing measures (together, the "MiFID II Product Governance Requirements") and to disclaim any non-contractual, contractual or other liability to which any "manufacturer" (within the meaning of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) might otherwise be subject, the offered shares in SenzaGen have been subject to a



product approval process, which has determined that such shares are: (i) suitable for a target market of retail investors and investors meeting the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) suitable for distribution through all distribution channels permitted by MiFID II (the "Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of SenzaGen's shares may fall and investors may lose all or part of their investment; there is no guarantee of return or capital protection associated with the Company's shares; and an investment in the Company's shares is only suitable for investors who do not require a guaranteed return or capital protection and who (alone or with the assistance of an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any losses that may result from such an investment. The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to any other requirements relating to contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Directed Issue. It is further noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the Sole Bookrunner will only seek 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 of SenzaGen.

Each distributor is responsible for conducting its own Target Market Assessment in respect of SenzaGen shares and for determining appropriate distribution channels.

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The Act (2023:560) on the Screening of Foreign Direct Investments ("FDI Act") applies to the company's operations. In the event that the subscription of shares would result in an investor, after the investment, directly or indirectly, holding votes representing or exceeding any of the thresholds of 10, 20, 30, 50, 65, or 90 percent of the votes in the Company, the investor is required to notify their investment to the Inspectorate for Strategic Products in accordance with the FDI Act.

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#### About us

SenzaGen is a corporate group that aims to be a leader in *in vitro* science and testing, driving the transition from animal testing to methods better suited to reflect human biology. The Company provides high-performance, non-animal test methods and innovation and consulting services based on state-of-the-art technology. Non-animal methods are more effective, more accurate and less expensive than traditional animal-based methods while also helping to reduce the number of laboratory animals. The Company has a growth strategy centered around continued commercialization of its proprietary GARD® and VitroScreen ORA® test platforms, expansion of its test portfolio and evaluation of acquisition opportunities of profitable and growing companies with complementary offerings. SenzaGen has its headquarters and GLP-certified laboratory in Lund, Sweden and subsidiaries in the US and Italy. For more information, please visit: www.senzagen.com.

SenzaGen is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm First North (ticker: SENZA). FNCA Sweden AB is the company's Certified Adviser.

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#### Attachments

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