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## Xbrane announces its intention to carry out a directed issue of shares of approximately SEK 200 million

**Xbrane Biopharma AB (publ) ("Xbrane" or the "Company") hereby announces its intention to carry out a directed issue of shares of approximately SEK 200 million to Swedish and international institutional, and other qualified, investors through an accelerated book-building procedure (the "Directed Issue"). The Directed Issue is subject to the Board of Directors of the Company resolving on the Directed Issue, and that the Directed Issue is subsequently approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting (the "EGM"). The Company has received pre-commitments from a new international strategic industrial partner and an associated investor, as well as its largest shareholder Systematic Group AB<sup>[1]</sup>, corresponding to a total of approximately SEK 91 million. The Company has appointed Pareto Securities AB as Sole Manager and Bookrunner (the "Sole Manager and Bookrunner") in connection with the Directed Issue.**

On 4 June 2025, Xbrane announced that the transaction with Alvotech hf and its subsidiary Alvotech Sweden AB (jointly "**Alvotech**") regarding the sale of the Company's biosimilar candidate XB003 (Cimzia) as well as parts of its organization, including approximately 40 employees and laboratory equipment, has been completed, and that all regulatory conditions have been fulfilled. The transaction, which was announced on 20 March 2025, and approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting on 14 April 2025, entails a total purchase price of approximately SEK 275 million, of which approximately SEK 102 million will be received by Xbrane as a cash payment, while Alvotech will assume the remaining convertible debt from CVI Investments of approximately SEK 153 million, as well as approximately SEK 20 million in XB003-related accounts payable.

The reduction in Xbrane's organization is expected to reduce annual fixed costs by approximately SEK 120 million, resulting in anticipated annual fixed costs of approximately SEK 40 million. With a more lean and flexible organization after the divestment, Xbrane will be better positioned to fully leverage the significant potential of Ximluci® and Xdivane™, with the aim to generate meaningful royalties/profit sharing from these programs in the coming years.

## Use of proceeds

The net proceeds from the Directed Issue will primarily finance:

- i. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") regulatory process for Lucamzi™ and pre-filled syringe development for Ximluci® / Lucamzi™ (approx. 40 percent);
- ii. Payment of accumulated accounts payable to suppliers related to Xdivane™, as well as upcoming costs related to production of clinical trial material and Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls (CMC) development (approx. 55 percent); and
- iii. General corporate purposes (approx. 5 percent).

Provided successful execution of the business plan, including timely FDA approval, the net proceeds from the Directed Issue are expected to fulfil the Company's working capital requirements until the Company becomes cash-flow positive.

## The Directed Issue

The Directed Issue is subject to the Board of Directors of the Company resolving on the Directed Issue, and that the Directed Issue is subsequently approved at the EGM. The Directed Issue will be directed to Swedish and international investors. The price of the new shares in the Directed Issue (the "**Offer Price**") will be determined through an accelerated book-building procedure, to be performed by the Sole Manager and Bookrunner. It is the Board of Directors' assessment that the Offer Price will be in accordance with market conditions. The accelerated book-building procedure will commence immediately after publication of this press release and end before commencement of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm on 10 June 2025. 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 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 significantly lower subscription price given the discount levels in rights issues that historically have been carried out on the market.

The Directed Issue will, among other things, (i) provide the Company with 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 and negative effect on the Company's share price 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 Issue outweigh the reasons that motivate the main rule that issues are to be made with preferential rights for the shareholders.

No prospectus will be prepared in connection with the Directed Issue. The Company will prepare and publish a disclosure document in the form prescribed by Regulation (EU) 2024/2809 ("Listing Act") Annex IX.

### **Lock-up undertakings**

In connection with the Directed Issue, the Company has, subject to customary exceptions, entered into lock-up undertakings on future share issuances for a period of 90 days from pricing of the Directed 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 from pricing of the Directed Issue.

### **Voting undertakings and EGM**

The EGM is scheduled to be held on or around 3 July 2025. A notice to the EGM will be published through a separate press release after this press release. Major shareholders, who together hold approximately 25.3 percent of the shares and votes in Xbrane, have undertaken to vote in favour of the Directed Issue at the EGM.

### **Advisers**

Pareto Securities has been appointed Sole Manager and Bookrunner in connection with the Directed Issue. Baker & McKenzie Advokatbyrå KB is acting as legal adviser to the Company in connection with the Directed Issue. Advokatfirman Delphi KB is acting as legal adviser to Pareto Securities in connection with the Directed Issue.

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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 23 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 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](http://www.xbrane.com)

Since Xbrane has made the assessment that the Company conducts activities worthy of protection according to the Swedish Foreign Direct Investments Act (Sw. *lag (2023:560) om granskning av utländska direktinvesteringar*), certain investments in the Directed Issue may require review by the Swedish Inspectorate for Strategic Products (Sw. *Inspektionen för strategiska produkter*). For more information, please visit the Swedish Inspectorate for Strategic Products' website, [www.isp.se](http://www.isp.se), or contact the Company.

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This announcement does not constitute a recommendation concerning any investor's option with respect to the Directed Issue. Each investor or prospective investor should conduct his, her or its own investigation, analysis and evaluation of the business and data described in this announcement and publicly available information. The price and value of securities can go down as well as up. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

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This press release is not a prospectus for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the "**Prospectus Regulation**") and has not been approved by any regulatory authority in any jurisdiction. No prospectus will be prepared in connection with the Directed Issue. The Company will prepare and publish a disclosure document in the form prescribed by the Listing Act Annex IX.

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### **Forward-looking statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements that reflect the Company's intentions, beliefs, or current expectations about and targets for the Company's future results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, performance, prospects, anticipated growth, strategies and opportunities and the markets in which the Company operates. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and may be identified by words such as "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "may", "plan", "estimate", "will", "should", "could", "aim" or "might", or, in each case, their negative, or similar expressions. The forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurances that they will materialize or prove to be correct. Because these statements are based on assumptions or estimates and are subject to risks and uncertainties, the actual results or outcome could differ materially from those set out in the forward-looking statements as a result of many factors. Such risks, uncertainties, contingencies and other important factors could cause actual events to differ materially from the expectations expressed or implied in this release by such forward-looking statements. The Company does not guarantee that the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements in this press release are free from errors and readers of this press release should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements in this press release. The information, opinions and forward-looking statements that are expressly or implicitly contained herein speak only as of its date and are

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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 Directed issue. 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.

[1] Systematic Group AB and Ashkan Pouya.

*This information is information that Xbrane Biopharma is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact persons set out above, at 2025-06-09 17:31 CEST.*

## Attachments

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