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Q-linea has carried out a directed issue of 2.2 million shares, raising gross proceeds of SEK 301 million

Q-linea AB (publ) ("Q-linea" or the "Company") (Nasdaq Stockholm: QLINEA) has successfully completed a directed share issue of 2.2 million shares, at an offer price of SEK 137 per share, raising gross proceeds of SEK 301 million (the "Directed Issue").

The Directed Issue

The Board of Directors of Q-linea has, as indicated in the Company's press release earlier today, in accordance with the issue authorization granted by the Annual General Meeting on May 25, 2021, resolved on a directed issue of 2.2 million new shares at an offer price of SEK 137 per share, consequently raising gross proceeds of SEK 301 million. The offer price in the Directed Issue has been determined through an accelerated book building procedure, why it is the assessment of the Board of Directors that the offer price accurately reflects current market conditions and demand.

The offer price corresponds to a discount of approximately 5.8 percent in relation to the closing price on Nasdaq Stockholm on June 10, 2021. A number of Swedish and international institutional investors and sector specialist investors participated in the Directed Issue.

The reason for deviating from the shareholders' preferential right was to carry out a capital raise for the development of ongoing projects in a time and cost-effective manner. Moreover, the Company further diversified the shareholder base with Swedish and international institutional investors and sector specialist investors.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Directed Issue for:

- i. funding of the final stages of the commercial launch of ASTar® together with its Global sales
 partner; including ramp-up and increased preparedness to meet higher than initially expected sales
 volumes, as its Global sales partner increases internal application and sales personnel numbers for
 their joint conceptual launch;
- ii. acceleration of development of ASTar® additional assays, including urine and isolates, as well as acceleration of development of the portable blood culturing technology product, preparing for the start of clinical studies in 2022;
- iii. enhancement of the Company's financial flexibility to pursue additional commercialization activities and geographical expansion; and
- iv. general corporate purposes.



The Directed Issue entails a dilution of approximately 7 percent of the number of shares and votes in the Company. Through the Directed Issue, the number of outstanding shares and votes will increase by 2,200,000 from 27,337,947 to 29,537,947. The share capital will increase by SEK 110,000 from SEK 1,366,897.35 to SEK 1,476,897.35.

As announced, Jonas Jarvius, CEO of Q-linea, has agreed to divest 95,000 shares to the Company's largest shareholder Nexttobe AB. Jonas Jarvius remains highly committed to Q-linea where he retains approximately 75 percent of his fully diluted holding. Jonas Jarvius co-founded Q-linea in 2008 and has been the CEO from start.

In connection with the Directed Issue, the Company has agreed to a lock-up undertaking, with customary exceptions, on future share issuances for a period of 180 days after the completion of the Directed Issue. In addition, the Company's largest shareholder Nexttobe AB, members of the Board of Directors and management representatives, have agreed not to sell any shares in Q-linea for a period of 180 days after the completion of the Directed Issue, subject to customary exceptions. Jonas Jarvius, CEO, has agreed to not sell any shares in Q-linea for a period of 365 days after the completion of the Directed Issue.

Advisers

ABG Sundal Collier, Carnegie Investment Bank and Kempen & Co are Joint Bookrunners in connection with the Directed Issue. Advokatfirman Lindahl is legal adviser to the Company and White & Case Advokatbyrå is legal adviser to the Joint Bookrunners in connection with the Directed Issue.

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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 Q-linea.

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

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About Q-linea

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