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Xbrane Biopharma has carried out a directed share issue raising gross proceeds of SEK 380 millions

Xbrane Biopharma AB (publ) ("Xbrane Biopharma" or the "Company") has based on the authorization granted by the annual general meeting held on May 6, 2021, and in accordance with what the Company indicated in a press release earlier today on June 30, 2021, successfully carried out a directed share issue of SEK 380 millions at a subscription price of SEK 135 per share (the "Directed Share Issue"). The subscription price was determined through an accelerated book-building procedure. A number of Swedish and international institutional investors, including Lancelot Asset Management, Serendipity Group, Swedbank Robur Fonder and TIN Fonder have subscribed for shares in the Directed Share Issue.

The board of directors of the Company have, pursuant to the authorization granted by the annual general meeting held on May 6, 2021, resolved on the Directed Share Issue of 2,817,700 new shares at a subscription price of SEK 135 per share. Through the Directed Share Issue the Company will receive gross proceeds of SEK 380 millions before transaction related costs. The Board of Directors deems, in the light of the accelerated book building procedure completed by Kempen & Co and Pareto Securities AB acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners and Handelsbanken Capital Markets acting as Co-Manager, that the Directed Share Issue, including the determination of the subscription price, has been determined on market terms. The purpose of the Directed Share Issue and the reason for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights, is to diversify the shareholder base among international institutional investors and at the same time raise capital on favorable terms in a time and cost-efficient manner.

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

- i. Submission of Marketing Authorization Application for Xlucane™ in the US and Europe and production of launch material
- ii. Scale-up of Xcimzane™ production process to commercial scale and initiation of Phase I clinical trial together with commercialization partner
- iii. Continued pre-clinical development of Xdivane™ and initiation of additional biosimilar development programs
- iv. General corporate purposes

"The biosimilar market is one of the fastest growing segments in the pharmaceutical industry with patent expirations of many blockbusters biological drugs in the coming decade. We have a unique opportunity to become a world-leading developer of biosimilars with our patented platform technology, our experienced team and newly established development lab. With this funding, we take one step closer towards our vision, drive our existing development programs ahead according to plan and initiate one new development program per year. We are grateful for the support and trust from existing and new investors" says Martin Åmark, CEO of Xbrane.

The Directed Share Issue will entail a dilution of approximately 11.3 percent. The number of shares and votes outstanding in the Company will increase by 2,817,700 from 22,222,206 to 25,039,906. The share capital will increase by approximately SEK 631,689 from approximately SEK 4,981,909 to approximately SEK 5,613,598. The subscription price corresponds to a discount of approximately 8.5 percent in relation to the closing price on Nasdaq Stockholm on June 30, 2021.

In connection with the Directed Share Issue, the Company has, subject to customary exceptions, agreed to a lock-up undertaking on future share issuances for a period of 180 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 180 days after the date of registration of the shares issued in connection with the Directed Share Issue with the Swedish Companies Registration Office. The existing shareholders STADA Arzneimittel AG and Serendipity Group AB 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

Kempen & Co and Pareto Securities acted as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners. Handelsbanken Capital Markets acted as Co-Manager. Baker McKenzie Advokatbyrå KB is acting as legal adviser to the Company. White & Case Advokat AB is acting as legal adviser to the Joint Bookrunners and Co-Manager in connection with the Directed Share Issue.

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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 Biopharma 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 Biopharma may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in Xbrane Biopharma offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in Xbrane Biopharma 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 Share Issue. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners 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 Biopharma.

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

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About Us

Xbrane Biopharma AB develops biological drugs based on a platform technology that provides significantly lower production costs compared to competing systems. Xbrane's leading product Xlucane™, a Lucentis® biosimilar candidate, addresses the € 10.4bn ophthalmic VEGFa inhibitor market. Marketing authorization of Xlucane™ is expected for the second half of 2022. Xbrane has additionally two biosimilars in its pipeline targeting € 7.9bn in originator sales. 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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