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# Vicore Pharma intends to carry out a directed share issue

Gothenburg, July 2, 2020 – Vicore Pharma Holding AB (publ) ("Vicore Pharma" or the "Company"), today announces its intention to execute a directed share issue corresponding to approximately SEK 160 million to institutional investors. HealthCap VII L.P., representing approximately 27.3 percent of the total number of shares in the Company, has expressed its intention to subscribe for shares corresponding to SEK 40 million in the issue. Vicore Pharma has engaged DNB Markets, Pareto Securities and Zonda Partners to explore the possibilities to conduct the directed share issue.

Vicore Pharma intends to use the potential issue proceeds to finance (i) preparations for a pivotal study of VP01 in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), including toxicity studies, development of a commercial formulation and production related activities, (ii) preparations for a pivotal study of VP01 in COVID-19, (iii) the acceleration of the development of follow-on molecules to VP01 through funding of preclinical development and a Phase I study (healthy volunteers), and (iv) general corporate purposes in order to prolong the time period before the Company may require additional funding until the second quarter of 2023.

The share issue is intended to be carried through an accelerated bookbuilding process which commences immediately after the announcement of this press release. The directed share issue is contingent on a resolution by the board of directors, which alongside pricing and allocation of the new shares is expected to take place before the beginning of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm at 09:00 CEST on July 3, 2020. The timing for the last application to subscribe, pricing and allocation in the bookbuilding is decided at the discretion of the Company in consultation with its financial advisors and the board of directors may at any moment decide to terminate the bookbuilding process. The Company will announce the outcome of the bookbuilding and the share issue through a press release.

The share issue is intended to be carried out with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights and pursuant to the share issue authorisation granted by the annual general meeting held on May 20, 2020. The purpose of the share issue and the reason for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights is to be able to carry out a capital raise in a timely and cost effective manner to finance the development of the Company's projects. The share issue is subject to a resolution to issue shares by Vicore Pharma's board of directors, pursuant to the share issue authorisation granted by the annual general meeting held on May 20, 2020, following the close of the bookbuilding process.



A resolution to issue shares by virtue of the authorisation in accordance with the above entails that the company, during the previous twelve month period, has issued shares exceeding 20 percent of the total number of outstanding shares in the company during the same period. Thus, the company will have to prepare a prospectus for the admission of trading of the newly issued shares. In the interest of an efficient settlement of the directed share issue, the company's main owner HealthCap VII L.P. ("HealthCap") has entered into a share lending agreement with the company, through which HealthCap lend the company shares to enable settlement. The lent shares will be redelivered to HealthCap as soon as a prospectus has been approved by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority. A prospectus is expected to be approved in August 2020 and in connection with the approval, the directed share issue will be registered with the Swedish Companies Registration Office.

In connection with the share issue, the Company has agreed to a lock-up undertaking, with customary exceptions, on future share issuances for a period of 90 days following the settlement date. In addition, in connection with the share issue, HealthCap VII L.P. and the Company's board of directors and management have agreed not to sell any shares in the Company during the lock-up period of 90 days from the settlement date, subject to customary exceptions.

The Company has retained DNB Markets, Pareto Securities and Zonda Partners as Joint Bookrunners in the transaction. Vinge acts as legal adviser to Vicore Pharma and Baker McKenzie acts as legal adviser to the Joint Bookrunners.

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This information is such that Vicore Pharma Holding AB (publ) 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 on July 2, 2020 at 17:31 CEST.

## About Vicore Pharma Holding AB (publ)

Vicore Pharma is a rare disease pharmaceutical company focused on rare lung disorders and related indications. The company currently has three drug development programs, VP01, VP02 and VP03.

VP01 (C21) is being developed for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis ("IPF"), pulmonary fibrosis in systemic sclerosis ("SSc") and COVID-19. VP02 is based on a new formulation and delivery route of an existing immunomodulatory compound (an "IMiD"). VP02 focuses on the underlying disease and the severe cough associated with IPF. VP01 and VP02 are also being actively evaluated for other indications within the field of interstitial lung diseases where there are significant unmet needs. VP03 includes follow-up molecules for VP01.

*The company's shares (VICO) are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm's main market. For more information, see <u>www.vicorepharma.com</u>.* 

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