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## Vicore Pharma intends to carry out a directed share issue

**Gothenburg, February 9, 2021 – Vicore Pharma Holding AB (publ) (“Vicore Pharma” or the “Company”) today announces its intention to carry out a directed share issue corresponding to approximately SEK 300 million to institutional investors through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure (the “Directed New Share Issue”).**

The Directed New Share Issue is intended to be carried out through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure which commences immediately after announcement of this press release. Pricing and allocation of the new shares is expected to take place before beginning of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm at 09:00 CET on February 10, 2021. The timing for last application to subscribe, pricing and allocation in the bookbuilding is decided at the discretion of the Company in consultation with its financial advisors. The Company will announce the outcome of the Directed New Share Issue through a press release when the bookbuilding procedure has closed.

Vicore Pharma intends to use the potential issue proceeds to finance (i) the Phase III clinical trial in COVID-19 patients anticipated to start in Q2 2021 and expected to be fully recruited by the end of Q4 2021, (ii) C21 manufacturing and scale up activities including tech transfer, GMP manufacturing and GMP production of capsules, (iii) strengthening the Company’s IPF franchise and (iv) general corporate purposes.

The reasons for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights is to further diversify the ownership base in the Company among Swedish as well as international institutional investors, and to raise capital in a time and cost-efficient manner. Given that the subscription price in the Directed New Share Issue will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure, it is the board of directors’ assessment that the subscription price will be determined in accordance with market conditions.

Provided that the board of directors resolves upon the Directed New Share Issue, a notice to an Extraordinary General Meeting will be published in order to approve the board of directors’ resolution on the Directed New Share Issue. A notice is expected to be published in connection with the announcement of the outcome of the bookbuilding. Existing shareholders, including the Company's principal owners HealthCap VII L.P., Swedbank Robur Fonder, AP4, Proteom Wessman AB, Handelsbanken Fonder and Länsförsäkringar Fonder, together holding approximately 58 percent of the shares and votes in the Company, have undertaken, or indicated an intention, to vote in favour of the board of directors’ resolution to issue new shares at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

In connection with the Directed New Share Issue, the Company has agreed to a lock-up undertaking, with customary exceptions, on future share issuances for a period of 180 days following the date of



completion of the Directed New Share Issue. In addition, HealthCap VII L.P. as well as the Company's board of directors and management have agreed not to sell any currently held shares in the Company during the lock-up period of 90 days from the date of completion of the Directed New Share Issue, subject to customary exceptions.

Vicore Pharma's cash position as of December 31, 2020 amounted to approximately SEK 319 million.

#### **Advisors**

The Company has appointed 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 person set out above on February 9, 2021 at 17:31 CET.*

#### **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.*

*The VP01 project aims to develop the substance C21 for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), systemic sclerosis and COVID-19. The VP02 project is based on a new formulation and delivery route of an existing immunomodulatory compound (an "IMiD"). The VP02 project focuses on the underlying disease and the severe cough associated with IPF. Both projects are also being actively evaluated for other indications within the field of interstitial lung diseases which have a significant unmet need. The VP03 project includes follow-up molecules for C21.*

*The company's shares (VICO) are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm's main market. For more information, see [www.vicorepharma.com](http://www.vicorepharma.com).*

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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 the Company 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 “EU Target Market Assessment”). Solely for the purposes of each manufacturer's product approval process in the United Kingdom, the target market assessment in respect of the shares in the Company has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for such shares is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“UK MiFIR”); and (ii) all channels for distribution of such shares to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate (the “UK Target Market Assessment” and, together with the EU Target Market Assessment, the “Target Market Assessment”). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of the shares in the Company may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in the Company offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in the Company 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 New Share Issue. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the 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 UK MiFIR; 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 the Company.

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