

Valneva announces the successful completion of its EUR 45 million capital increase

- Capital increase was oversubscribed with a subscription ratio of approximately 180.0%
- Final gross proceeds amount to EUR 45,031,721.02 with the issuance of 18,231,466 new ordinary shares
- Completion of the capital increase marks important step towards closing of the acquisition of Crucell Sweden AB and Dukoral®
- Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank and Kempen & Co acted as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners of the offering

Lyon (France), February 4th, 2015 – Valneva SE (“Valneva” or the “Company”) today announces the completion of its capital increase with shareholders preferential subscription rights launched on January 12th, 2015 (the “Rights Issue”). The final gross proceeds of the Rights Issue amount to EUR 45,031,721.02, corresponding to the issuance of 18,231,466 new ordinary shares, at a subscription price of EUR 2.47 per new ordinary share. Total subscription orders for the Rights Issue amounted to approximately EUR 81.1 million, i.e. a subscription rate of approximately 180.0%.

- 17,272,706 new ordinary shares were subscribed on an irreducible basis (“à titre irréductible”), representing approximately 94.7% of the new ordinary shares to be issued.
- Subscription orders on a reducible basis (“à titre réductible”) amounted to 15,551,112 new ordinary shares and will, as a result, be satisfied only in part, i.e. for 958,760 new ordinary shares.
- Final subscription ratio of the 18.2m offered new shares: 180.0%
- Final gross proceeds: EUR 45,031,721.02
- Estimated net proceeds: EUR 42 millions

The Rights Issue is part of the financing for the acquisition of Crucell Sweden AB and all assets, licenses and privileges related to Dukoral®, a vaccine against cholera and traveler's diarrhea caused by ETEC (*Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli*), as well as a Nordics vaccine distribution business of the seller and its affiliates (the “Acquisition”). Valneva will use the proceeds of the Rights Issue to partly fund the Acquisition, to finance the integration and working capital needs of the assets being acquired, to progress the development of clinical stage vaccine products, and for general corporate purposes.

Thomas Lingelbach, President and Chief Executive Officer and Franck Grimaud, President and Chief Business Officer of Valneva commented, “The success of the capital increase is a strong illustration that the strategy to become one of the leading pure-plays sustainable vaccine company's has been well understood and is supported by our current shareholders as well as new investors. The acquisition of Dukoral® and the commercial infrastructure in the Nordic Countries is the next key milestone to comfort this strategic vision. The team will now focus on completing the Crucell Sweden acquisition, on delivering on our key clinical milestones at the end of the year for our Pseudomonas and C. difficile programs and on continuing to improve our financial results.”

Upon completion of the Rights Issue and fulfilment of their subscription commitments described in the Securities Note (as defined below), Groupe Grimaud la Corbière, Bpifrance Participations, Capital Ventures International and Athyrium will hold respectively 16.2%, 10.0%, 3.0% and 2.1% of the Company's share capital.

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The settlement-delivery and the listing of the new ordinary shares are expected to occur on February 6th, 2015. The new ordinary shares will carry full rights ("jouissance courante"). They will be immediately fungible with the Company's existing ordinary shares and will be admitted to trading on the regulated market of Euronext in Paris as well as on the Prime Market segment of the Vienna Stock Exchange on the same listing line under the same ISIN code FR0004056851. Post Rights Issue, the Company's share capital will amount to EUR 11,365,862.04, corresponding to 74,583,299 ordinary shares with a nominal value of EUR 0.15 each and 17,836,719 preferred shares with a nominal value of EUR 0.01 each.

This transaction has been led by Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank and Kempen & Co N.V., acting as Joint Global Coordinators Managers and Joint Bookrunners.

Information available to the public

The French language prospectus, approved by the Autorité des marchés financiers ("AMF") under number 15-020 dated January 12th, 2015 consists of the registration document (the "Registration Document") of Valneva filed with the AMF on April 30th, 2014 under number D.14-0444, a securities note (the "Securities Note"), and a summary of the prospectus (included in the Securities Note).

Copies of the prospectus filed with the AMF may be obtained free of charge from Valneva's administrative office (70, Rue Saint-Jean de Dieu, 69007 Lyon) and are also available on Valneva's website (www.valneva.com) as well as on the AMF's website (www.amf-france.org).

Valneva draws investors' attention to **Chapter 1.1.2 "Risk Factors"** described in the Registration Document, as well as in Section 2 of the Securities Note.

¹ About Dukoral®

Dukoral® is used to protect against cholera - a very serious disease caused by *Vibrio Cholerae* (*V. cholerae*), which is caught from contaminated food or water and causes severe diarrhea. In some regions, i.e. Canada and Switzerland, Dukoral® is indicated for the prevention of and protection against travelers' diarrhea caused by ETEC (*Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli*) and/or cholera.

Dukoral® is used in adults, adolescents and children from two years of age who will be visiting high-risk areas. The vaccine contains four different inactivated strains (types) of the bacterium *V. cholerae* serotype O1, and part of a toxin from one of these strains as active substances.

About Valneva SE

Formed in 2013 through the merger of Intercell AG and Vivalis SA, Valneva is a biotechnology company developing, manufacturing and commercializing innovative vaccines with a vision to protect people from infectious diseases.

The Company seeks financial returns through focused R&D investments in promising product candidates and growing financial contributions from commercial products, striving towards financial self-sustainability.

Valneva's portfolio includes a commercial vaccine for the prevention of Japanese encephalitis (IXIARO®) and proprietary vaccines in development against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Clostridium difficile* and Lyme Borreliosis. A variety of partnerships with leading pharmaceutical companies complement the company's value proposition and include vaccines being developed using Valneva's innovative and validated technology platforms (EB66® vaccine production cell line, IC31® adjuvant).



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Valneva is headquartered in Lyon, France, listed on Euronext-Paris and the Vienna stock exchange and operates out of France, Austria and Scotland with approximately 270 employees. More information is available at www.valneva.com.

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