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**Active Biotech announces rights issue of approximately SEK 48 million**

**The board of directors of Active Biotech AB (publ) ("Active Biotech" or the "Company") has resolved to make a rights issue of approximately SEK 48 million before issue costs.**

**The shareholders of the Company shall be entitled to subscribe for the new shares with pre-emptive rights, whereby two existing shares shall entitle to subscription for one new share. The subscription price shall be SEK 1 per share. Subscription shall be made during the period 28 March – 11 April 2018. The Board's proposal is submitted to an extraordinary general meeting to be held on 19 March 2018.**

**The Company has entered subscription commitments and issue guarantee of approximately SEK 30 million, corresponding to approximately 61 percent of the rights issue.**

**Background and reasons**

The partnership agreements with Teva and NeoTX remain a decisive factor to the Company's future revenues and financial position. Teva finances a Phase 2 study of laquinimod for Huntington's disease, where results are expected during the second half of 2018. In addition, NeoTX is expected to initiate the clinical development of ANYARA in combination with an immunostimulating PD-1 inhibitor during the second half of 2018. The Company focuses its activities to secure value growth and to conduct commercial activities aimed at entering new partnership agreements for the other projects; tasquinimod in multiple myeloma, paquinimod for SSc and SILC in immuno-oncology.

The rights issue that is now being made aims at providing Active Biotech with the financial stability required to await the outcome of the ongoing clinical studies and to conduct negotiations with partners regarding the other development projects. The proceeds from the rights issue, approximately SEK 48 million at full subscription, are intended to be used mainly for general working capital purposes. The Company's existing liquidity, the proceeds from the rights issue, proceeds from planned divestment of the Company's property, together with revenues from existing and anticipated partnership agreements, are expected to finance the operations in accordance with existing plans.

**The rights issue**

The Board of Directors proposes that the Company's share capital shall be increased with not more than SEK 250,000 through issue of not more than 48,412,160 new shares.

The shareholders of the Company shall be entitled to subscribe for the new shares with pre-emptive rights, whereby two existing shares shall entitle to subscription for one new share. Subscription can also be made without any pre-emptive rights, as set forth in the complete issue resolution.

The subscription price in the rights issue shall be SEK 1 per share. The record date for the right to participate in the rights issue shall be 26 March 2018. Subscription for new shares shall be made during the period 28 March – 11 April 2018. The last day for trading in the Active Biotech share including the right to participate in the rights issue is 22 March 2018.

MGA Holding AB, Nordstjernan AB, Peter Sjöstrand and Peter Thelin (with companies) have undertaken to subscribe for their respective pre-emptive parts of the rights issue, corresponding to approximately 41 percent of the rights issue. In addition, Peter Thelin has entered an issue guarantee of SEK 10 million,

corresponding to approximately 21 percent of the rights issue. Accordingly, the rights issue is covered by subscription commitments and issue guarantee of approximately SEK 30 million, corresponding to approximately 61 percent of the rights issue. The above mentioned parties have also undertaken to vote in favour of the rights issue at the extraordinary general meeting.

The Board's proposal on the rights issue will be submitted to an extraordinary general meeting to be held on 19 March 2018. Notice of the general meeting will be announced through a separate press release today. A prospectus regarding the rights issue will be made public before the subscription period begins.

#### **Preliminary timetable**

22 March 2018	Last day for trading in the Active Biotech share including the right to participate in the rights issue.
26 March 2018	Record date for the right to participate in the rights issue.
28 March – 11 April 2018	Subscription period
28 March – 9 April 2018	Trading in subscription rights

#### **Financial calendar**

In light of the rights issue, Active Biotech will make public its interim report for the first quarter 2018 on 17 May 2018, instead of 26 April 2018 as previously announced.

#### **Advisors**

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