

XTL Biopharmaceuticals implements restructuring plan

Valley Cottage, NY, December 8, 2008 - XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. (NASDAQ: XTLB, TASE: XTL) announced today that it is restructuring its operations following the failure of the Bicifadine Phase 2b clinical trial. The company is terminating the employment of 9 employees, representing 75% of its workforce. The remaining employees will be responsible for seeking potential assets or a company to merge into XTL, or for assisting in the liquidation and/or disposition of XTL's assets.

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