

Media Release as of March 19, 2020

Shareholders at BB Biotech AG's AGM vote in favor of all proposals and approve the dividend of CHF 3.40 per share

All proposals of BB Biotech AG's Board of Directors were approved by shareholders at its Annual General Meeting held today. In accordance with the Covid-19 Ordinance 2, the voting rights of shareholders were exclusively exercised through the independent proxy as per their instructions, since shareholders were not allowed to attend the meeting in person.

Shareholders voted in favor of the proposal to pay out a dividend of CHF 3.40 per share. Payment will be made on March 25, 2020, the record date is March 24, 2020 and the ex-dividend date is March 23, 2020. The Chairman affirmed, "We intend to maintain our current dividend policy, also during the coming years."

Shareholders elected the previous board members Dr. Erich Hunziker, Chairman, Dr. Clive Meanwell and Dr. Thomas von Planta to another one-year term of office. Prof. Dr. Klaus Strein announced last year that he was stepping down from the Board and there did not stand for re-election. The Board of Directors thanks Klaus for his valuable contribution and personal commitment to BB Biotech over the past seven years.

Two new directors were elected – Prof. Dr. Mads Krogsgaard Thomsen and, with effect from October 1, 2020, Dr. Susan Galbraith.

Susan Galbraith joined AstraZeneca in 2010 and heads its Oncology Research and Early Development Department. She oversaw the successful development of several cancer drugs that have been approved worldwide. She also co-leads the Cambridge Cancer Center Onco-Innovation Group. Susan Galbraith is also on the Board of Directors of Horizon Discovery PLC, a member of the Scientific advisory board of the ICR Cancer Research Center of Excellence and she sits on the AACR Finance Committee as well as the AACR 2020 Annual Meeting Scientific Program Committee.

Mads Krogsgaard Thomsen has been with Novo Nordisk since 1991. He has held several executive roles in the company's growth hormone and diabetes research operations. He currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Science Officer with responsibility for global drug and device research, CMC and global drug development, regulatory affairs and drug safety. Professor Thomsen has chaired Danish Research Council programs within endocrinology and he is a former president of Denmark's National Academy of Technical Sciences. He is a member of the board of the Symphogen A/S, Denmark, and chaired the governing board of the University of Copenhagen until the end of 2019.

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Company profile

BB Biotech AG is an investment company domiciled in Schaffhausen/Switzerland and listed on the stock exchanges in Switzerland, Germany and Italy. Since 1993, the company has invested in innovative drug development companies that are mainly located in the US and Western Europe. BB Biotech is one of the leading investors in this sector. BB Biotech builds on the long-standing experience of its distinguished Board of Directors and on the fundamental analysis of the experienced Investment Management Team of Bellevue Asset Management AG when making its investment decisions.

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