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BB Biotech AG: Shareholders at the general meeting vote in favor of all proposals and approve the distribution of CHF 14.50 as well as a new share buyback program of up to 10%

All proposals of BB Biotech AG's Board of Directors were approved by shareholders at its Annual General Meeting held today.

Shareholders voted in favor of the proposal to pay out CHF 14.50 per share in cash, drawn in part from capital contribution reserves (CHF 12.25, exempt from Swiss withholding tax) and retained earnings (CHF 2.25). Payment will be made on March 23, 2016, the date of record is March 22, 2016 and the ex-dividend date is March 21, 2016.

The 5-for-1 stock split was approved. After the stock split the total number of registered shares outstanding will increase to 59'250'000. Splitting par value per share is intended to increase the stock's liquidity and tradability. The legal efficacy of the split is conditional upon the registration of the resolution by the Swiss Commercial Register planned for March 24, 2016. March 29, 2016 is scheduled to be the first day of trading for the shares with the new par value of CHF 0.20 each.

After the conclusion of the previous share buyback program on March 11, 2016, shareholders voted to cancel the repurchased shares and approved another share buyback program of up to 10% for the purpose of capital reduction/cancellation of shares. This ensures the continuation of the structured distribution policy that was adopted in 2012 to return capital to shareholders, providing them with a 10% annual return.

Shareholders elected the previous board members to another term of office. Dr. Erich Hunziker was confirmed as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Dr. Clive Meanwell and Prof. Dr. Klaus Strein as directors for a one-year term of office extending until completion of the next Annual General Meeting.

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Company profile

BB Biotech invests in companies in the fast growing market of biotechnology and is one of the world's largest investors in this sector. BB Biotech is listed in Switzerland, Germany and Italy. Its investments are focused on listed companies that are developing and commercializing novel medical treatments and cures. BB Biotech's investment selection process is guided by the fundamental research and analysis of physicians and molecular biologists. Its Board of Directors has many years of experience in industry and science.

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