

Schaffhausen, September 17, 2012

**Announcement according to Art. 9 and Art. 21 SESTO-FINMA
Disclosure of shareholdings**

Pursuant to Art. 9 and Art. 21 SESTO-FINMA, The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, New York, USA, has announced to BB Biotech AG, Schaffhausen, Switzerland, the change to the composition of the Group due to the addition of BNY Mellon Service Kapitalanlage-Gesellschaft mbH as direct holder and The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV as an indirect holder of registered shares BB Biotech AG (ISIN CH0038389992).

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, New York, USA, held 1 230 139 voting rights (9.46% of the proportion of voting rights) as per September 12, 2012, directly or indirectly by the companies listed below:

Direct Holders:

- Newton Investment Management Ltd., London, England
- The Bank of New York Mellon, New York, USA
- BNY Mellon Service Kapitalanlage-Gesellschaft mbH, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Indirect Holders:

- The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, New York, USA
- MBC Investments Corporation, Greenville, Delaware, USA
- Mellon International Holdings S.a.r.l., Luxembourg
- BNY Mellon International Asset Management Group Limited, London, England
- Newton Management Limited, London, England
- The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Brussels, Belgium

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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 with CHF 1.2 billion in assets under management. 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.