

Schaffhausen, November 19, 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, a change to the composition of the Group due to the addition of WestLB Mellon Asset Management Kapitalanlage-Gesellschaft mbH as a direct holder; and Mellon JV Limited, BNY Mellon Investment Management Holdings (Germany) Limited and BNY Mellon Asset Management International Holdings Limited as indirect holders of registered shares BB Biotech AG (ISIN CH0038389992).

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, New York, USA, held 1 228 022 voting rights (9.45% of the proportion of voting rights) as per November 9, 2012, indirectly by the companies listed below:

Direct Holders:

- Newton Investment Management Ltd., London, England
- BNY Mellon Service Kapitalanlage-Gesellschaft mbH, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- WestLB Mellon Asset Management Kapitalanlage-Gesellschaft mbH, Düsseldorf, Germany

Indirect Holders:

- The Bank of New York Mellon, 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
- Mellon JV Limited, London, England
- BNY Mellon Asset Management International Holdings Limited, London, England
- BNY Mellon Investment Management Holdings (Germany) Limited, London, England

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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.