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Cantargia resolves on a fully covered rights issue of approximately SEK 250 million

21 June 2022 – Cantargia AB (publ) ("Cantargia" or the "Company") (Nasdaq Stockholm: CANTA) announces that the board of directors has resolved to carry out a fully covered new share issue of approximately SEK 250 million with pre-emptive rights for the Company's shareholders (the "Rights Issue"). The purpose of the Rights Issue is to, based on the strong results recently presented, secure financing for future value-adding activities for nadunolimab (CAN04) such as the preparation of an upcoming randomized clinical study in lung cancer starting 2023, phase II/III study in pancreatic cancer in collaboration with PanCAN as well as further advancing other clinical programs for nadunolimab and CAN10. The board of director's resolution on the Rights Issue is subject to approval by an extraordinary general meeting, which is intended to be held on 21 July 2022. A notice to the extraordinary general meeting will be published through a separate press release. Due to the Rights Issue, the Company has resolved to postpone the announcement of the interim report for the second quarter 2022 to 30 August 2022.

"Cantargia recently presented new robust clinical results within both pancreatic cancer as well as lung cancer, which have generated substantial international interest. It is therefore logical to give nadunolimab the best possible opportunity to increase the commercial value and reach the goal of providing cancer patients a new effective treatment in the future", says Göran Forsberg, CEO of Cantargia.

Summary

- The board of directors of Cantargia has today resolved on the Rights Issue of approximately SEK 250 million. The board's resolution on the Rights Issue is subject to approval by an extraordinary general meeting, which is intended to be held on 21 July 2022. A notice to the meeting will be published through a separate press release.
- The purpose of the Rights Issue is to secure financing for (i) preparation of a randomized study regarding non-small cell lung cancer, NSCLC, starting 2023 (ii) PDAC phase II/III in collaboration with PanCAN and (iii) advancing some second wave clinical opportunities for nadunolimab (in e.g., pancreatic cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, colorectal cancer or biliary tract cancer), after prioritization during 2022.
- The Rights Issue is fully covered by a combination of intentions to subscribe, subscription undertakings and guarantee commitments, including underwriting commitments from the Joint Global Coordinators (as defined below):
    - the existing shareholders Fjärde AP-fonden, Alecta Pensionsförsäkring, Första AP-fonden, Handelsbanken Fonder through the investment fund Hälsovård Tema and Brushamn Invest AB have undertaken to subscribe for their respective pro rata share of the Rights Issue. In addition, Handelsbanken Fonder through the investment fund Hälsovård Tema has, subject to customary conditions, undertaken to subscribe for shares corresponding to an amount of approximately SEK 1.6 million, corresponding to approximately 0.6 percent of the Rights Issue;
    - all shareholding members of the Company's management team and board of directors, which jointly hold approximately 1.0 percent of the number of shares in the Company, have committed to subscribe for their respective pro rata share of the Rights Issue, or alternatively subscribe for an amount corresponding to the proceeds of subscription rights sold;
    - Total subscription undertakings from existing shareholders amount to approximately 27.3 percent of the Rights Issue;
    - certain existing shareholders, including Swedbank Robur through the investment funds Folksam LO Sverige and Swedbank Robur Sverige have expressed their support for the Rights Issue and have declared their intention to subscribe for their respective pro-rata share of the Rights Issue, corresponding to approximately 7.7 percent of the Rights Issue;
    - total subscription undertakings and intentions from existing shareholders amount to approximately SEK 87 million, equivalent to approximately 35.0 percent of the Rights Issue;
    - Barclays Bank Ireland PLC and Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) (the "**Joint Global Coordinators**"), Fjärde AP-fonden and two former shareholders of the Company have provided guarantee commitments, subject to customary conditions, which in aggregate,

amount to approximately SEK 163 million, corresponding to approximately 65.0 percent of the Rights Issue.

- The full terms for the Rights Issue, including subscription price, increase in share capital and number of new shares are expected to be announced around 18 July 2022. Provided that the Rights Issue is approved by the extraordinary general meeting, the record date for the Rights Issue is expected to be 25 July 2022 and the subscription period is expected to run from 27 July 2022 until 10 August 2022.

Background and reasons

Cantargia is a Swedish clinical-stage biotech company developing antibody-based pharmaceuticals for cancer and autoimmune diseases. Its drug candidates target the protein IL1RAP. It is overexpressed in many solid tumor types and where Cantargia has specific patents – giving it broad therapeutic potential and many opportunities to develop unique projects through the CANxx platform built up internally.

Cantargia's lead candidate, nadunolimab (CAN04), is a first-in-class drug candidate designed to counteract tumor promoting systems and stimulate the immune system to recognize and destroy tumor cells. It has shown promising data when combined with standard chemotherapy in 30 patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and 73 patients with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC). In PDAC, the interim data indicate a clinically relevant survival benefit (12.7 months vs 8.5 months for historic control), PFS of 7.2 months, with 12 patients still receiving treatment. Strong effects were also observed in NSCLC patients in combination with first-line chemotherapy (response rate of 53 percent, median progression-free survival 6.8 months and median survival of 13.7 months). These results show stronger efficacy than expected from cytotoxic drugs alone and a very good safety with the possibility of reducing some serious side effects that limit the use of certain cytotoxic drugs.

These data, together with early results in combination with the immunotherapy Keytruda, were presented and discussed at three sessions during the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in June 2022. Moreover, the Company presented biomarker data, providing support for the mechanism of action and highlight unique properties providing significant potential in different combination treatments.

Preparations are ongoing for a potential pivotal trial in PDAC at leading US centres in collaboration with PanCAN. The formal preparatory activities with regulatory authorities are ongoing with the aim of starting the study during 2022. Following the strong effects of nadunolimab observed in NSCLC patients, Cantargia is preparing for a randomized study starting 2023.

Cantargia's second program, CAN10 for myocarditis and systemic sclerosis, is planned to enter clinical development early 2023. Strong preclinical efficacies have been shown in animal models of these and several other autoimmune/inflammatory diseases.

Based on the recently presented positive data for both nadunolimab and CAN10, Cantargia has decided to carry out the Rights Issue of approximately SEK 250 million.

The Rights Issue

For the reasons set out above, the Company's board of directors has decided to carry out the Rights Issue of approximately SEK 250 million before transaction costs, subject to approval by an extraordinary general meeting.

The right to subscribe for new shares in the Rights Issue shall vest in the Company's shareholders with pre-emptive rights. The record date for the right to participate in the Rights Issue shall be 25 July 2022. Subscription for shares can also be made without pre-emptive rights.

Full terms for the Rights Issue, including the amount by which the share capital is to be increased, the number of new shares to be issued and the amount to be paid for each new share, are expected to be announced around 18 July 2022.

The subscription period is expected to run from 27 July 2022 to 10 August 2022. Trading in subscription rights is expected to take place on Nasdaq Stockholm during the period from 27 July 2022 to 5 August 2022 and trading in BTAs (paid subscribed shares) is expected to occur between 27 July 2022 to 11 August 2022.

Extraordinary general meeting

The board of directors' decision regarding the Rights Issue is subject to approval by an extraordinary general meeting, which is intended to be held on 21 July 2022. The board of directors also proposes that the general meeting resolves on necessary changes to the articles of association. The notice to the extraordinary general meeting will be announced in a separate press release.

Subscription undertakings, guarantee commitments and voting commitments

Provided that the extraordinary general meeting approves the board of directors' resolution on the Rights Issue, the existing shareholders Fjärde AP-fonden, Alecta Pensionsförsäkring, Första AP-fonden, Handelsbanken Fonder through the investment fund Hälsovård Tema and Brushamn Invest AB have undertaken to subscribe for their respective pro rata share of the Rights Issue. In addition, Handelsbanken Fonder through the investment fund Hälsovård Tema has, subject to customary conditions, undertaken to subscribe for shares corresponding to an amount of approximately SEK 1.6 million, corresponding to approximately 0.6 percent of the Rights Issue.

All shareholding members of the Company's management team and board of directors, which jointly hold approximately 1.0 percent of the number of shares in the Company, have also committed to subscribe for their respective pro rata share of the Rights Issue, or alternatively subscribe for an amount corresponding to the proceeds of subscription rights sold.

These shareholders have also undertaken to vote in favor of the board's resolution at the extraordinary general meeting. Total subscription undertakings from existing shareholders amount to approximately 27.3 percent of the Rights Issue.

In addition, certain shareholders, including Swedbank Robur through the investment funds Folksam LO Sverige and Swedbank Robur Sverige, have expressed their support for the Rights Issue and have declared their intention to subscribe for their pro-rata share in the Rights Issue, corresponding to approximately 7.7 percent of the Rights Issue.

Total subscription undertakings and intentions to subscribe from existing shareholders amount to approximately SEK 87 million, equivalent to approximately 35.0 percent of the Rights Issue.

The Joint Global Coordinators, Fjärde AP-fonden and two former shareholders of the Company have provided guarantee commitments subject to customary conditions, which in aggregate, amount to approximately SEK 163 million, corresponding to approximately 65.0 percent of the Rights Issue.

Hence, the Rights Issue is fully covered by subscription undertakings, guarantee commitments, and declaration of intention to participate.

For the Joint Global Coordinators' guarantee undertakings, a guarantee commission of 5 percent of the guaranteed amount shall be paid as cash remuneration. No remuneration shall be paid for the subscription undertakings nor for Fjärde AP-fonden's guarantee undertaking. A guarantee commission of 5 percent of the guaranteed amount shall be paid for the remaning guarantee undertakings. Neither the subscription undertakings nor the guarantee commitments are secured by bank guarantee, blocked funds, pledges or similar arrangements. Further information regarding the parties who have entered subscription undertakings and guaranteed commitments will be available in the prospectus that will be published before the start of the subscription period.

Indicative timetable for the Rights Issue

- Announcement of the full terms of the Rights Issue,18 July 2022.
- Extraordinary general meeting, 21 July 2022.
- The prospectus is published 22 July 2022.
- Last day of trading in the Company's shares, including the right to participate in the Rights Issue, 21 July 2022.
- First day of trading in the Company's shares, excluding the right to participate in the Rights Issue, 22 July 2022.
- Record date for the Rights Issue, 25 July 2022.
- Trading in subscription rights, 27 July 2022 – 5 August 2022.
- Subscription period, 27 July 2022 – 10 August 2022.
- Trading in paid subscribed shares (BTAs), 27 July 2022 – 11 August 2022.

Prospectus

A prospectus will be made available before the subscription period commences on Cantargia's website, www.cantargia.com, as well as on Carnegie Investment Bank AB's (publ) website, www.carnegie.se.

Interim report

Due to the Rights Issue, the Company has resolved to postpone the announcement of the interim report for the second quarter 2022, from the originally planned date 18 August 2022, to 30 August 2022.

Advisers

In conjunction with the Rights Issue, the Company has engaged Barclays Bank Ireland PLC and Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) as Joint Global Coordinators and Bookrunners. Advokatfirman Vinge acts as legal counsel to the Company and Baker & McKenzie Advokatbyrå KB acts as legal counsel to the Joint Global Bookrunners.

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About Cantargia

Cantargia AB (publ), reg. no. 556791-6019, is a biotechnology company that develops antibody-based treatments for life-threatening diseases and has established a platform based on the protein IL1RAP, involved in a number of cancer forms and inflammatory diseases. The main project, the antibody nadunolimab, is being studied clinically in combination with chemotherapy or immune therapy with a primary focus on non-small cell lung cancer and pancreatic cancer. Positive interim data from the combination with chemotherapy indicate stronger efficacy than would be expected from chemotherapy alone. Cantargia's second project, the antibody CAN10, addresses treatment of serious autoimmune/inflammatory diseases, with initial focus on systemic sclerosis and myocarditis.

Cantargia is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm (ticker: CANTA). More information about Cantargia is available at www.cantargia.com.

About nadunolimab (CAN04)

The antibody CAN04 binds strongly to its target IL1RAP and functions by inducing ADCC and blocking IL-1α and IL-1β signaling. Thereby, CAN04 can counteract the contribution of the IL-1 system to the immune suppressive tumor microenvironment and development of resistance to chemotherapy. CAN04 is investigated in multiple ongoing clinical trials. In the phase I/IIa study CANFOUR, first line combination therapy is investigated with standard chemotherapies in patients with PDAC (gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel) and patients with NSCLC (cisplatin/gemcitabine) (NCT03267316). Positive interim data for the combination therapies show durable responses in 73 patients with PDAC, resulting in median iPFS of 7.2 months and median survival of 12.7 months. Stronger efficacy was also observed in 30 NSCLC patients with median PFS of 6.8 months. A response rate of 53 percent was achieved, with even higher responses in non-squamous NSCLC patients previously treated with pembrolizumab. These results show stronger efficacy than expected from chemotherapy alone. CAN04 is investigated with chemotherapy also in the phase I study CAPAFOUR, with the FOLFIRINOX regimen for first line treatment of metastatic PDAC (NCT04990037), and in two further clinical studies, CESTAFOUR (NCT05116891) and TRIFOUR (NCT05181462), in additional forms of cancer, including biliary tract cancer, colorectal cancer and triple negative breast cancer. CAN04 is also evaluated with the immune checkpoint inhibitor pembrolizumab, with or without chemotherapy, in the phase I study CIRIFOUR (NCT04452214).

Important information

The information in this press release does not contain or constitute an offer to acquire, subscribe or otherwise trade with shares or other securities in Cantargia. No action has been taken and measures will not be taken to permit a public offering in any other jurisdictions besides Sweden.

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Information to distributors

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