

Zealand increases its share capital as a consequence of exercise of employee warrants

Copenhagen, 6 September 2016 – Zealand has increased its share capital with nominal DKK 7,400 divided into 7,400 new shares with a nominal value of DKK 1 each. The increase is a consequence of the exercise of warrants granted under one of Zealand's employee warrant programs. Employee warrant programs are part of Zealand's incentive scheme, and each warrant gives the owner the right to subscribe for one new Zealand share at a pre-specified price, the exercise price, in specific pre-defined time periods before expiration. For further description of Zealand's warrant programs, see the company's Articles of Association, which are available on the homepage: www.zealandpharma.com.

The exercise price is DKK 77 per share and the total proceeds to Zealand from the capital increase amounts to DKK 569,800.

The new shares give rights to dividend and other rights from the time of the warrant holder's exercise notice. Each new share carries one vote at Zealand's general meetings. Zealand only has one class of shares.

The new shares will be listed on Nasdaq Copenhagen after registration of the capital increase with the Danish Business Authority. Following registration of the new shares, the share capital of Zealand will be nominal DKK 24,541,575 divided into 24,541,575 shares with a nominal value of DKK 1 each.

The amendment of Zealand's Articles of Association entailed by the share capital increase has today been registered with the Danish Business Authority.

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About Zealand Pharma A/S

Zealand Pharma A/S (Nasdaq Copenhagen: ZEAL) ("Zealand") is a biotechnology company focused on the discovery, design and development of innovative peptide-based medicines. Zealand has a portfolio of medicines and product candidates under license collaborations with Sanofi, Boehringer Ingelheim and Helsinn and a pipeline of proprietary product candidates, which primarily target specialty diseases with significant unmet needs.

The company's first invented medicine, lixisenatide, a once-daily prandial GLP-1 analog for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, is licensed to Sanofi. Lixisenatide is marketed as Lyxumia® outside the United States and approved as Adlyxin™ in the United States. Lixisenatide has been developed in a fixed-ratio combination with Lantus® (insulin glargine) which product is under regulatory review in the United States and in Europe.



Zealand's proprietary pipeline includes: *Dasiglucagon** (ZP4207) as *single-dose rescue treatment* for acute, severe hypoglycemia (Phase II); *Glepaglutide*** (ZP1848) for treatment of short bowel syndrome (Phase II); *Dasiglucagon** (ZP4207) *multiple-dose version* intended for use in a dual-hormone artificial pancreas system for better hypoglycemia control and diabetes management (in preparation for Phase II); and other earlier stage clinical and preclinical peptide therapeutics.

Zealand is based in Copenhagen (Glostrup), Denmark. For further information about the company's business and activities, please visit www.zealandpharma.com or follow Zealand on Twitter @ZealandPharma.

* Dasiglucagon is a proposed International Nonproprietary Name (pINN)

** Glepaglutide is a proposed International Nonproprietary Name (pINN)