

## Addex Shareholders Approve All Board Proposals at Annual General Meeting

**Geneva, Switzerland, 9 May 2012** – <u>Addex Therapeutics</u> (SIX:ADXN), a leading organization pioneering allosteric modulation-based drug discovery and development, announced today that its shareholders approved all the proposals of the board of directors at its 2012 annual general meeting (AGM) and that it has completed the organizational changes announced on 13 April 2012.

The new organization's headcount is now 54 full-time employees. Following the consultation period, required under Swiss law, 24 employees were made redundant from the Geneva site. Addex revised its 2012 cash utilization guidance to CHF20-23 million and extended cash reach into the fourth quarter 2013. The organization also reported that Andrew Galazka has resigned from the board of directors; Laurent Galibert and Tatiana Pont-Carteret have stepped down from the executive management.

"We believe that Addex is now at the right size to deliver on our strategy of advancing innovative small molecule therapeutics in a more efficient and cost effective way." said Bharatt Chowrira, President & Chief Executive Officer of Addex. "On behalf of Addex, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Andrew Galazka, Laurent Galibert and Tatiana Pont-Carteret for their contributions to Addex over the years and wish them well in their future endeavors."

Addex is developing a robust in-house pipeline of novel oral small molecule allosteric modulator drug candidates through clinical proof of concept before pursuing high value partnerships with larger organizations that are able to offer significant development and marketing capabilities. Addex recently reported positive top line Phase 2 data for dipraglurant in Parkinson's disease levodopa-induced dyskinesia and is expecting to report Phase 2 data for ADX71149 (partnered with Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc.) in schizophrenia by the end of 2012. The Company's R&D goal is to achieve one novel product IND-filing each calendar year. The next product IND filing is expected to be for the GABA-B receptor positive allosteric modulator (PAM) compound for the treatment of overactive bladder, scheduled for 4Q12.

## **Summary of AGM results**

Shareholders of Addex Pharmaceuticals Ltd approved:

- Election of Bharatt Chowrira to the board of directors for a period of 3 years;
- Re-election of André J. Mueller and Vincent Lawton to the board of directors for a period of 3 years;
- The annual report, financial statements and consolidated financial statements for the business year 2011;
- The appropriation of the results, namely that Addex Pharmaceuticals Ltd will carry forward the accumulated loss of CHF 28,875,755 for the business year 2011; release CHF 117 from the general reserve from capital contribution to the treasury share reserve; and offset the accumulated loss of CHF 32,640,152 with the general reserve from capital contribution;
- Granting full discharge to the members of the board of directors and the executive management for their activities during the business year 2011; and
- The re-election of PricewaterhouseCoopers SA, Geneva, as the auditors for the 2012 business year.

And finally, shareholders of Addex Pharmaceuticals Ltd approved the following amendments to the Articles of Association:

- The change of the name of the Company to Addex Therapeutics Ltd (Addex Therapeutics SA);
- The extension and increase of the authorized share capital authorizing the Board of Directors, at anytime
  until 9 May 2014, to increase the share capital in an amount of CHF3,917,939 through the issuance of
  3,917,939 fully paid registered shares with a nominal value of CHF1 each;
- The increase of the conditional capital reserved for the exercise of option and/or subscription rights attached to bons de jouissance, which the employees or directors of the Company or a Group company are granted according to respective regulations of the Board of Directors in an amount of CHF 400,000 raising the conditional share capital reserved to this effect from CHF 1,300,000 to CHF 1,700,000; and
- The creation and issue of 400 registered bons de jouissance (Genussscheine/profit sharing certificates) within the meaning of article 657 of the Swiss Code of Obligations to be granted to employees and/or directors of the Company or Group companies.

Addex Therapeutics (www.addextherapeutics.com) discovers and develops an emerging class of small molecule drugs, called allosteric modulators, which have the potential to be more specific and confer significant therapeutic advantages over conventional "orthosteric" small molecule or biological drugs. The Company uses its proprietary discovery platform to address receptors and other proteins that are recognized as attractive targets for modulation of important diseases with unmet medical needs. The Company's two lead products are being investigated in Phase 2 clinical testing: dipraglurant (ADX48621, an mGluR5 negative allosteric modulator or NAM) is being developed by Addex to treat Parkinson's disease levodopa-induced dyskinesia (PD-LID); and ADX71149 (mGluR2 positive allosteric modulator or PAM) is being developed by our partner Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. to treat schizophrenia. Addex also is advancing several preclinical programs including: GABA-BR PAM for overactive bladder, pain and other disorders; mGluR4 PAM for Parkinson's, anxiety and other diseases; GLP1R PAM for type 2 diabetes; mGluR2 NAM for treating Alzheimer's disease and depression; and FSHR/LHR NAM for sex hormone dependent tumors & reproductive system disorders. In addition, Addex has discovery programs to identify allosteric modulators of: receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) superfamily, including TrkB PAM for treating neurodegenerative diseases (e.g. Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases); and TNF receptor superfamily, including TNFR1 NAM for inflammation (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis) and other diseases.

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