

## **EVOTEC FORMS COLLABORATION WITH PETRA PHARMA ON INDIGO PLATFORM**

- ▶ *PETRA PHARMA CORPORATION TO HARNESS EVOTEC'S INDIGO PLATFORM TO ACCELERATE ITS LEAD PROGRAMME (PETRA-01 FOR ONCOLOGY INDICATIONS) THROUGH IND FILING*
- ▶ *EVOTEC ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUCCESS-BASED MILESTONES AND RESEARCH FUNDING*
- ▶ *EVOTEC'S INDIGO, A KEY VALUE-DRIVING COMPONENT OF ITS EVT EXECUTE BUSINESS SEGMENT, ACCELERATES EARLY DRUG CANDIDATES INTO THE CLINIC BY REDUCING TIME FROM NOMINATION TO REGULATORY SUBMISSION*

### **Hamburg, Germany, 11 April 2018:**

Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT, TecDAX, ISIN: DE0005664809) announced today a strategic collaboration with Petra Pharma Corporation ("Petra"). Through the collaboration, Petra will access Evotec's INDiGO platform to accelerate the development of its lead programme Petra-01, which is being developed for a range of oncological indications, through to the submission of an Investigational New Drug Application ("IND") with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration by the close of 2018. Evotec will leverage its highly skilled experts across all disciplines, primarily oncology, to implement a tailored drug development strategy for Petra-01 and will receive undisclosed research funding and success-based milestones.

"Evotec has a strong track record of successful integrated development and INDiGO packages on behalf of their clients," **said Brian O'Callaghan, President and Chief Executive Officer at Petra Pharma.** "Our team at Petra is excited to progress our lead programme and look forward to achieving our goal to file an IND by the end of 2018. We are confident Evotec's INDiGO programme and the team they assembled are the best partner to ensure the rapid and high-quality progression of Petra-01."

**Dr Mario Polywka, Chief Operating Officer of Evotec, added:** "Our INDiGO platform has proven to reduce the development time and cost of taking a pre-clinical candidate through to producing a quality data package for CTA and IND filings. Petra

is a leader in the emerging NY life science ecosystem and we look forward to working with them long-term. We are excited for the opportunity to work with Petra on advancing its promising oncology candidate, Petra-01.”

#### *ABOUT EVOTEC'S INDIGO PLATFORM*

The INDiGO platform is a key value-generating component of Evotec's broad EVT Execute business segment. INDiGO accelerates early drug candidates into the clinic by reducing time from nomination to regulatory submission in 52 weeks, and under circumstances, even less. We achieve accelerated development by tightly integrating traditional drug silos into a single project managed under one roof. The programme has been proven to reduce time and cost while achieving a quality data package for CTA/IND level regulatory filings.

Evotec's INDiGO projects are managed by our most experienced, dedicated project managers and leading world-class drug development professionals implementing tailored development strategies designed specifically for the molecule, therapeutic area and strategic needs. The project plan is designed to integrate development areas: API Manufacture, Formulation Development, Clinical Supply, Safety Assessment, DMPK, Bioanalysis Studies and Regulatory Submission Documents Preparation.

#### *ABOUT PETRA PHARMA CORPORATION*

*Petra is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to discovering and developing novel therapies that modulate phosphoinositide (PI) signaling pathways for the treatment of cancer and other serious diseases. PI pathways regulate fundamental processes of cellular growth and metabolism. PI-modifying enzymes are among the most frequently mutated proteins in cancer. Petra was founded in 2016 to advance the cutting-edge research of Dr. Lewis Cantley from Weill Cornell Medical Center and Dr. Nathanael Gray from Harvard Medical School and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Petra Pharma's office and lab headquarters is located at the Alexandria Center for Life Science, in New York. For more information, visit [www.petrapharmacorp.com](http://www.petrapharmacorp.com).*

#### *ABOUT PETRA-01*

*The lead program targets PIP4K2, an enzyme that phosphorylates PI(5)P (phosphoinositide 5 phosphate) to yield PI(4,5)P2 (phosphoinositide 4, 5, phosphate). Both substrate and product are important signaling molecules involved in regulation of cellular metabolism and growth. Published reports and Petra's internal data support a role for inhibitors of PIP4K2 in selective killing of cancerous cells. This program has benefited from a highly productive collaboration with Sprint Biosciences, a leading fragment based drug discovery company. For more information, visit [www.petrapharmacorp.com](http://www.petrapharmacorp.com).*

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#### *ABOUT EVOTEC AG*

*Evotec is a drug discovery alliance and development partnership company focused on rapidly progressing innovative product approaches with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academics, patient advocacy groups and venture capitalists. We operate worldwide providing the highest quality stand-alone and integrated drug discovery solutions, covering all activities from target-to-clinic to meet the industry's need for innovation and efficiency in drug discovery (EVT Execute). The Company has established a unique position by assembling top-class scientific experts and integrating state-of-the-art technologies as well*

*as substantial experience and expertise in key therapeutic areas including neuroscience, diabetes and complications of diabetes, pain and inflammation, oncology and infectious diseases. On this basis, Evotec has built a broad and deep pipeline of more than 80 partnered product opportunities at clinical, pre-clinical and discovery stages (EVT Innovate). Evotec has established multiple long-term discovery alliances with partners including Bayer, CHDI, Sanofi or UCB and development partnerships with e.g. with Sanofi in the field of diabetes, with Pfizer in the field of tissue fibrosis and Celgene in the field of neurodegenerative diseases. For additional information please go to [www.evotec.com](http://www.evotec.com) and follow us on Twitter [@EvotecAG](https://twitter.com/EvotecAG).*

**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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