Lonza announces the launch of an accelerated bookbuilding

Basel, 31 January 2017 – Following the announcement on 15 December 2016 regarding the contemplated acquisition of Capsugel S.A. ("Capsugel") by Lonza Group AG ("Lonza", VTX: LONN.VX), Lonza launches an accelerated bookbuilding by offering up to 5.0 million registered shares, sourced from authorised capital. As a result, Lonza's share capital will increase by a maximum of 9.4% of the share capital as currently registered in the commercial register. The net proceeds from the capital increase are intended to be used to partially finance the acquisition of Capsugel.

The transaction will be executed by way of a primary placement (the "Placement") of shares excluding subscription rights of the existing shareholders. The offer price will be determined in an accelerated bookbuilding procedure and the shares to be placed will be offered exclusively to pre-selected investors in Switzerland (private placement) and outside of Switzerland to institutional investors and qualified institutional buyers (in reliance on Regulation S and 144A of the U.S. Securities Act). The offer price of the new shares will be announced upon completion of the bookbuilding procedure.

Additionally, Lonza has entered into lock up undertakings ending on the later of (1) 180 days following the first day of trading of the new shares issued in the Placement and (2) if the additional equity issuance proceeds, as referenced in Lonza’s announcement of the Capsugel acquisition on 15 December 2016, 90 days following the first day of trading of the shares issued in that equity issuance. Such lock up undertakings are subject to customary exceptions and waiver by the joint bookrunners, and also exclude the equity issuance referred to above, underwritten by UBS and BofA Merrill Lynch, which will be reduced by the gross proceeds raised in this accelerated bookbuilding.

The new shares are expected to be listed and admitted to trading on the SIX Swiss Exchange on 3 February 2017. Payment and settlement is expected to take place on the same date.

UBS and BofA Merrill Lynch are acting as Joint Bookrunners on this primary accelerated placing.
Press Release

About Lonza
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Not only is Lonza a custom manufacturer and developer, the company also offers services and products ranging from active pharmaceutical ingredients to drinking water sanitizers, from nutritional and personal care ingredients to agricultural products, and from industrial preservatives to microbial control solutions that combat dangerous viruses, bacteria and other pathogens.

Founded in 1897 in the Swiss Alps, Lonza today is a well-respected global company with approximately 40 major manufacturing and R&D facilities and more than 10,000 full-time employees worldwide. The company generated sales of CHF 4.13 billion in 2016 and is organized into two market-focused segments: Pharma&Biotech and Specialty Ingredients.

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