

PRESS RELEASE

Basilea receives request to place repayment of CHF 48 million from capital contribution reserve on the agenda of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders

Basel, Switzerland, February 22, 2013 – Basilea Pharmaceutica Ltd. (SIX: BSLN) has received a request from one of its shareholders, HBM Healthcare Investments (Cayman) Ltd., which holds more than 20% of Basilea’s shares, to place the repayment of CHF 5.00 per registered share from the company’s capital contribution reserve on the agenda of Basilea’s upcoming ordinary general meeting of shareholders, for a total of approximately CHF 48 million.

Basilea’s board of directors will carefully evaluate the request.

Basilea’s ordinary general meeting of shareholders is scheduled for April 9, 2013. The deadline for registration in the share register to vote at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders is March 28, 2013.

About Basilea

Basilea Pharmaceutica Ltd. is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, and listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX: BSLN). Through the fully integrated research and development operations of its Swiss subsidiary Basilea Pharmaceutica International Ltd., the company focuses on innovative pharmaceutical products in the therapeutic areas of bacterial infections, fungal infections and oncology, targeting the medical challenge of rising resistance and non-response to current treatment options.

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