Chr. Hansen Holding A/S - Major shareholder announcement from Novo Holdings A/S and Novo Nordisk Fonden

Chr. Hansen Holding A/S (the “Company” or “Chr. Hansen”) has as set out in the Danish Capital Markets Act, section 38, received a major shareholder announcement from Novo Holdings A/S, CVR-no. 28318677, according to which Novo Holdings A/S as part of an accelerated bookbuilding (the “Transaction”) has disposed of 4,850,000 shares in Chr. Hansen of a nominal value of DKK 10, corresponding to 3.68 percent of the total share capital and voting rights of the Company.

Following the settlement of the Transaction, Novo Holdings A/S will hold directly 28,983,112 shares corresponding to 21.98 % of the total share capital and the total voting rights of the Company. Settlement is expected to occur on November 13, 2018.

The major shareholder notification has been made on behalf of Novo Nordisk Fonden, CVR-no 10582989. Novo Nordisk Fonden owns 100% of the shares in Novo Holdings A/S. Upon settlement of the Transaction, Novo Nordisk Fonden will hold indirectly 28,983,112 shares in Chr. Hansen of a nominal value of DKK 10, corresponding to 21.98 % of the total share capital and the total voting rights of the Company.

Novo Holdings A/S has confirmed that it has undertaken a lock-up of 365 days on customary terms to the banks involved regarding sale of additional shares in Chr. Hansen.

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About Chr. Hansen

Chr. Hansen is a leading global bioscience company that develops natural ingredient solutions for the food, nutritional, pharmaceutical and agricultural industries. We develop and produce cultures, enzymes, probiotics and natural colors for a rich variety of foods, confectionery, beverages, dietary supplements and even animal feed and plant protection. Our product innovation is based on more than 30,000 microbial strains – we like to refer to them as “good bacteria.” Our solutions enable food manufacturers to produce more with less – while also reducing the use of chemicals and other synthetic additives – which makes our products highly relevant in today’s world. We have been delivering value to our partners – and, ultimately, end consumers worldwide – for more than 140 years. We are proud that more than 1 billion people consume products containing our natural ingredients every day.