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Cassiopea announces EUR 23.25 million capital increase by way of rights offering through the issuance of 750,000 shares at an offer price of EUR 31.00 per share

Lainate, Italy – 29 May 2020 – Cassiopea S.p.A. (SIX: SKIN), a specialty pharmaceutical company developing and preparing to commercialize prescription drugs with novel mechanisms of action (MOA) to address long-standing and essential dermatological conditions, today announces a capital increase by way of a rights offering to existing shareholders.

Following the approval of yesterday's Extraordinary General Meeting, the share capital of Cassiopea will be increased by the way of a rights offering by EUR 750,000 through the issuance of 750,000 registered shares with a par value of EUR 1 each, corresponding to 7.5% of the current share capital.

The offer price per new share is being set at EUR 31.00 (equivalent to c. CHF 33.10, calculated at the exchange rate EUR/CHF published by the Swiss National Bank as of 11:00 CEST yesterday), corresponding to a small discount of 5% vs yesterday's closing price of CHF 34.80.

Existing shareholders will receive one subscription right for every share held on 2 June 2020 (after market close) to subscribe for new shares to be issued in the capital increase. The new shares will be offered to existing shareholders at a ratio of 3 new shares for every 40 shares held, subject to certain restrictions based on residency. Moreover, the shareholders will be entitled to subscribe for offered shares for which other shareholders have not exercised their rights. The subscription rights will neither be listed nor traded and will lapse unless exercised during the rights exercise period.

The rights exercise period is expected to start on 3 June 2020 and end on 17 June 2020 at 12:00 noon CEST. The offering and listing prospectus will be published on or around 2 June 2020.

Cassiopea's main shareholder Cosmo Pharmaceuticals N.V. has committed to fully exercise its rights and to subscribe for all new shares for which rights have not been exercised at the offer price, partly by way of off-setting the outstanding debt amount plus fees and accrued interest under Cassiopea's credit facility.

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Cassiopea expects to raise gross proceeds of EUR 23.25 million in the offering, which will be used to (i) finance the Company's operations up to the planned approval of Clascoterone cream 1% in H2 2020 and the preparation of Clascoterone cream 1%'s subsequent launch in the US and (ii) for general corporate purposes.

The listing and first trading day of the Offered Shares on SIX Swiss Exchange is planned for 18 June 2020.

An investor call will be held on 3 June 2020; 16:00 CEST. For the dial-in details of the investor call and further information, visit <u>www.cassiopea.com</u> as of 3 June.

Expected timeline for the rights offering:

Investor call	June 3, 2020 at 16:00 CEST
Start of rights exercise period	June 3, 2020
End of rights exercise period	June 17, 2020, at 12:00 noon (CEST)
Book-entry delivery of the new shares	June 17, 2020
Listing and first day of trading of new shares	June 18, 2020

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About Cassiopea

Cassiopea is a specialty pharmaceutical company developing and preparing to commercialize prescription drugs with novel mechanisms of action to address long-standing and essential dermatological conditions, particularly acne, androgenetic alopecia and genital warts. Cassiopea is investing in innovation that is driving scientific advancement in areas that have been largely ignored for decades. The portfolio comprises four unencumbered clinical candidates, for which Cassiopea owns the worldwide rights. Cassiopea plans to determine the most efficient way to effectively commercialize the products in the U.S. after the planned approval of Clascoterone Cream 1% and to partner the products for countries outside of the US. For further information on Cassiopea, please visit www.cassiopea.com.

About Clascoterone

Clascoterone, a new chemical entity, is a proposed first in class topical androgen receptor inhibitor under FDA review for the treatment of acne (in a 1% cream) and in late stage development for androgenetic alopecia (in a higher strength solution). Laboratory studies suggest Clascoterone competes with androgens, specifically DHT, for binding to the androgen receptors within the sebaceous gland and hair follicles. When applied directly to the skin surface, Clascoterone appears to target only local androgen receptors within the skin. Because of Clascoterone's likely local effect at the site of application, the risk of off-target, or systemic side effects, is minimized.

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