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Fisher Scientific International Inc. acquires 93.6 per cent of Perbio Science AB

On 26 June 2003, Fisher Scientific International Inc. ("Fisher") announced a recommended cash offer (the "Offer") to purchase all of the outstanding shares and all of the outstanding warrants issued under the 1999 warrant program of Perbio Science AB (publ) ("Perbio" or the "Company").

The Offer was made through FSII Sweden Holdings AB ("Fisher Sweden"), a wholly owned Swedish subsidiary of Fisher. On 20 August 2003, Fisher Sweden increased the Offer to SEK 155 per share and SEK 106 per warrant (the "Final Offer") and the acceptance period was extended until 17.00 on 28 August 2003.

- **Acceptance level** Shareholders representing 34,536,900 shares, corresponding to 93.6 per cent of the total number of shares and votes of the Company, have accepted the Final Offer.
- **All conditions fulfilled** The condition that Fisher Sweden becomes the owner of more than 90 per cent of the total number of the votes and share capital in Perbio is thus fulfilled and, since all other conditions to the Final Offer have also been satisfied, the Final Offer will be completed.
- **Cash settlement** For shareholders who have already accepted the Final Offer, cash settlement is expected to begin on or around 8 September 2003.
- **Additional extension** In order to provide an opportunity for the remaining shareholders to accept the Final Offer, the acceptance period for the Final Offer relating to the shares¹ in Perbio is further extended until 16.00 (CET) on Friday, 19 September 2003, without any remaining conditions. As a result thereof, the right to withdraw acceptances does not apply during the extended acceptance period. For shares tendered during the extended acceptance period cash settlement is expected to occur on or about 26 September 2003.
- **Next Steps** Fisher will initiate mandatory redemption of the outstanding shares within a short period of time and thereafter apply for delisting of the Perbio shares no later than October after discussions with the Stockholm Stock Exchange. Fisher intends to request that an extra general meeting of the shareholders of Perbio be convened as soon as

¹ In accordance with the limitations in respect of the Offer for the warrants (see page 7 in the offering document), the warrants are not covered by the extension.

possible to appoint new board members. Fisher Sweden reserves the right to acquire additional shares in Perbio on the stock market during the extended acceptance period.

Neither Fisher nor Fisher Sweden owned any shares or warrants in the Company upon launch of the Offer. Since then, Fisher Sweden has acquired a total of 243,750 warrants issued under the 1999 warrant program outside the Offer at the offer price SEK 106. Fisher has chosen not to exercise the warrants and they have therefore lapsed in accordance with their terms.

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