



Evolva appoints Norbert Bender as Chief Medical Officer

Reinach, Switzerland, 2 May 2011 - Evolva Holding SA (SIX: EVE) announces today that it has appointed Norbert Bender, M.D, Ph.D., an experienced drug development professional, as its Chief Medical Officer (CMO) with immediate effect.

Norbert Bender is an M.D. from the University of Frankfurt, Germany and has a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Pharmacy from the same institution. He practiced for 10 years as a medical doctor in internal medicine at the Frankfurt University Hospital. He subsequently worked for more than 20 years in various senior functions in pharmaceutical (Hoechst, Knoll) and biotech companies (Cardion, Trigen, ViroLogik), in both Europe and North America. Dr. Bender has particular expertise in the cardiovascular space and has been involved in the successful development of Ramipril and its fixed combinations, Reviparine, Sibutramine and Adalimumab. He will take the CMO post that has been vacant since the departure of Jessica Mann in 2010 and will be a member of the Group Management Team. He has been working as a medical consultant to Evolva since October 2010.

Neil Goldsmith, Managing Director and CEO of Evolva commented, "I welcome Norbert to our management team and look forward to his contribution to the progress of our programmes. Norbert has extensive experience both as a drug developer and as a practicing doctor. This will be of great value as our compounds progress along their development paths."

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About Evolva

Evolva is an international, innovative synthetic biology company with a world-class research platform. Evolva strives to improve people's lives by applying its technology and other resources to the discovery and development of new products and processes that benefit the health, well-being and financial economy of patients, consumers and partner companies around the world. Evolva uses biosynthetic and evolutionary technologies to artificially create and optimise small molecule compounds and their production routes. Our approach differs from that of the mainstream in the pharmaceutical and chemical industries. We have discovery partnerships ongoing both in pharma and in nutrition.

In addition we have a pipeline of promising compounds aimed at infectious and cardio-renal indications. For more information visit www.evolva.com.

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