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Roche issues statement regarding Illumina offer

Roche (SIX: RO, ROG; OTCQX: RHHBY) released the following statement regarding its pending offer for Illumina, Inc. (NASDAQ: ILMN):

“We continue to believe that on the basis of the public information that has been available to us, our offer price of \$51 per share is full, fair and extremely attractive by every conceivable financial metric. Illumina has to date not provided any quantitative support for their aggressive growth assumptions. We believe that their long term growth expectations are unrealistic and ignore the inherent and significant market and technology risks,” said Severin Schwan, CEO of Roche Group.

Schwan continued, “As we have said earlier, if Illumina were to engage with us, we would consider any information supporting Illumina’s contention that our offer undervalues the company and its prospects. However, because Illumina has refused to enter into negotiations with us, our current analysis is by necessity based solely on publicly available information, and that information does not justify a price in excess of \$51 per share. Our goal has always been to enter into a negotiated transaction with Illumina and we firmly believe that our present offer is more than adequate to serve as a basis to begin that negotiation with Illumina.”

Copies of the Offer to Purchase, Letter of Transmittal and other related materials are available on the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov> or may be obtained from MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the information agent for the offer, at (212) 929-5500 or (800) 322-2885 (Toll-Free).

Additional information about the transaction, including the offering documents, is available at www.transactioninfo.com/roche.

Greenhill & Co., LLC and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. are acting as financial advisors to Roche and Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP is acting as legal counsel.

About the Offer

On January 27, 2012, Roche commenced a tender offer to acquire all outstanding shares of Illumina for \$44.50 per share in cash and increased its offer on March 29, 2012 to \$51.00 per share in cash for an aggregate of approximately \$6.8 billion on a fully diluted basis. The increased offer represents a substantial premium to Illumina's unaffected market prices: a premium of 88% over Illumina's closing stock price on December 21, 2011 – the day before market rumors about a potential transaction between Roche and Illumina drove Illumina's stock price significantly higher – and an 84% premium over the one-month historical average and a 64% premium over the three-month historical average of Illumina's share price, both as of December 21, 2011.

In addition to its cash tender offer, Roche has nominated a slate of highly qualified, independent candidates for election to Illumina's Board of Directors and proposed certain other matters for the consideration of Illumina's shareholders at Illumina's 2012 annual meeting, which if adopted, would result in Roche-nominated directors comprising a majority of the Illumina board.

About Roche

Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Roche is a leader in research-focused healthcare with combined strengths in pharmaceuticals and diagnostics. Roche is the world's largest biotech company with truly differentiated medicines in oncology, virology, inflammation, metabolism and CNS. Roche is also the world leader in in-vitro diagnostics, tissue-based cancer diagnostics and a pioneer in diabetes management. Roche's personalized healthcare strategy aims at providing medicines and diagnostic tools that enable tangible improvements in the health, quality of life and survival of patients. In 2011, Roche had over 80'000 employees worldwide and invested over 8 billion Swiss francs in R&D. The Group posted sales of 42.5 billion Swiss francs. Genentech, United States, is a wholly owned member of the Roche Group. Roche has a majority stake in Chugai Pharmaceutical, Japan. For more information: www.roche.com.

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Additional information

Additional detail regarding the offer can be found on www.transactioninfo.com/Roche.

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