

## Pharming Group announces completion of minority investment in BioConnection BV

### Highlights:

- Pharming takes a significant minority stake in BioConnection BV, its world class fill & finish partner
- Pharming has acquired its shareholding through the conversion of €2.5 million of existing credits and €1.6 million of new cash subscription for a total of €4.1 million in BioConnection shares, plus additional shares acquired from existing investors.
- BioConnection's independent management team is investing in increasing manufacturing and production capacity

**Leiden, The Netherlands, 9 April 2019:** Pharming Group N.V. ("Pharming" or "the Company") (Euronext Amsterdam: PHARM) announces that following the Company's announcement on 29 March 2019, it has completed its investment of €1.6 million in cash and conversion of €2.5 million of prepayments into new equity in its Fill & Finish partner BioConnection BV, which manufactures the sterile sealed vials of Pharming's product RUCONEST® from the purified drug substance.

Other current shareholders of BioConnection are also supporting the company with additional investments. No further details are being disclosed.

As previously announced, BioConnection BV is a fast-growing profitable private company with a global customer base. To match a growing demand of GMP Fill & Finish services in the biopharmaceutical market, BioConnection is seeking to expand its manufacturing and production capacity. Pharming is one of BioConnection's largest customers and will benefit strongly from the increased capacity in due course.

### Chief Executive Officer Sijmen de Vries said:

*"We are pleased to have completed our investment into BioConnection which has been an excellent partner for Pharming for many years, and is an important part of our future growth plans. While we do not intend to take an active operational role in the company, its successful expansion will directly benefit Pharming as we look to increase capacity to support growing demand for RUCONEST® and as we expand our pipeline."*

### About BioConnection B.V.

BioConnection B.V. ([www.bioconnection.eu](http://www.bioconnection.eu)) is a Dutch contract manufacturing organization which offers flexible state-of-the-art development and GMP-compliant manufacturing services for sterile drug products. BioConnection is specialized in Fill and Finish including freeze-drying, technology transfers, scale-up and validations. BioConnection offers complete drug product manufacture service packages based on tailor-made solutions and customer-oriented flexibility from its own FDA and EMA accredited facility in Oss in the Netherlands.

### About Pharming Group N.V.

Pharming is a specialty pharmaceutical company developing innovative products for the safe, effective treatment of rare diseases and unmet medical needs. Pharming's lead product, RUCONEST® (conestat alfa) is a recombinant human C1 esterase inhibitor approved for the treatment of acute Hereditary Angioedema ("HAE") attacks in patients in Europe, the US, Israel and South Korea. The product is

available on a named-patient basis in other territories where it has not yet obtained marketing authorization.

RUCONEST® is commercialized by Pharming in Algeria, Andorra, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Morocco, the Netherlands, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Syria, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Yemen.

RUCONEST® is distributed by Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB (publ) (SS: SOBI) in the other EU countries, and in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Norway, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine.

RUCONEST® is distributed in Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Panama, and Venezuela by Cytobioteck, in South Korea by HyupJin Corporation and in Israel by Kamada.

RUCONEST® has recently completed a clinical trial for the treatment of HAE in young children (2-13 years of age) and is also evaluated for various additional follow-on indications.

Pharming's technology platform includes a unique, GMP-compliant, validated process for the production of pure recombinant human proteins that has proven capable of producing industrial quantities of high quality recombinant human proteins in a more economical and less immunogenetic way compared with current cell-line based methods. Leads for enzyme replacement therapy ("ERT") for Pompe and Fabry's diseases are being optimized at present, with additional programs not involving ERT also being explored at an early stage at present.

Pharming has a long-term partnership with the China State Institute of Pharmaceutical Industry ("CSIPI"), a Sinopharm company, for joint global development of new products, starting with recombinant human Factor VIII for the treatment of Haemophilia A. Pre-clinical development and manufacturing will take place to global standards at CSIPI and are funded by CSIPI. Clinical development will be shared between the partners with each partner taking the costs for their territories under the partnership.

Additional information is available on the Pharming website: [www.pharming.com](http://www.pharming.com)

## Forward-looking Statements

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