#### **SECURITY NOTE**

#### PHARMING GROUP N.V.

(a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands, with its corporate seat in Leiden)

# Admission to listing and trading of newly issued ordinary shares with a nominal value of €0.04 per share

This security note (the "Security Note") is published in connection with the admission to listing and trading of 75,849,057 ordinary shares (the "New Shares") in the capital of Pharming Group N.V. ("Pharming" or the "Company", which shall, where the context so requires, include one or more of its subsidiaries) with a nominal value of €0.04 per share, which will be issued by Pharming on or about the date hereof under its e12 million Note Programme entered into with Socius CG II, LTD. ("Socius") on 2 December 2010 (the "Programme Agreement"), pursuant to which Pharming will issue notes to Socius with a principal amount of €12 million due December 2020, bearing an interest of 10% per annum (the "Notes") (as further described in Chapter 6 "Working Capital – Summary of the Programme Agreement" of this Security Note);

In this Security Note, any reference to "Shares" shall refer to ordinary shares of the Company, including the New Shares, outstanding from time to time (unless indicated otherwise herein). The Shares outstanding immediately prior to the issuance of the New Shares are listed and traded on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext ("Euronext Amsterdam") under the symbol "PHARM" and ISIN Code NL0000377018. Application will be made to admit the New Shares to listing and trading on Euronext Amsterdam. Pharming expects that listing and trading in the New Shares on Euronext Amsterdam will commence on or about [16] December 2010.

Any investment in the Shares involves significant risks. These risks are described in Chapter 1 "Risk Factors Relating to the Shares" beginning on page 3 of this Security Note and in Chapter 1 "Risk Factors Relating to Pharming" beginning on page 3 of the Registration Document (as defined below).

This Security Note constitutes a security note for the purpose of article 6 of EC Regulation 809/2004 and has been prepared pursuant to article 5:2 of the Financial Markets Supervision Act (*Wet op het financiael toezicht* (the "AFS")) and the rules promulgated thereunder. This Security Note has been approved by and filed with the AFM.

This Security Note may only be used in connection with the admission to listing and trading of the New Shares on Euronext Amsterdam and constitutes a prospectus in accordance with Directive 2003/71/EC, when supplemented by the registration document for the purpose of article 4 of EC Regulation 809/2004, dated 27 May 2010 (the "Registration Document") and the summary, dated [14] December 2010 (the "Summary"), each of which have been approved by the AFM (the "Prospectus").

Capitalised terms used but not (otherwise) defined herein are used as defined in the Registration Document.

[14] December 2010

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#### 1. RISK FACTORS RELATING TO SHARES

Investing in the Shares involves a high degree of risk. Investors should carefully consider the risks relating to the Shares described below, all of the other information set forth in this Security Note before deciding to invest in any of the Shares and the risks relating to the Company described in Chapter 1 "Risk Factors Relating to Pharming" of the Registration Document. If any of the events or developments described below or in Chapter 1 "Risk Factors Relating to Pharming" of the Registration Document occurs, Pharming's business, financial condition or results of operations could be negatively affected. In that case, the trading price of the Shares could decline, and investors could lose all or part of their investment in the Shares.

The risks listed below and the risk described in Chapter 1 "Risk Factors Relating to Pharming" of the Registration Document do not necessarily comprise all risks associated with investments in the Shares, but take into account those which are known to the Company and which the Company considers material. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to Pharming or that the Company currently deems immaterial may also have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations or financial condition and could negatively affect the price of the Shares.

## Dilutive effects may reduce future profitability per Share and subsequently the market price of the Shares.

Investors will face dilution as a result of the issuance of the New Shares, the exercise of already issued or newly issued options and/or warrants for Shares and future issuances of Shares under the SEDA or otherwise.

## Future sales, or the possibility of future sales, of a substantial amount of Shares may depress the price of the Shares.

Future sales of Shares, or the perception that such sales will occur, could cause a decline in the market price of the Shares. Pharming cannot predict whether substantial numbers of Shares will be sold in the open market. In particular, there can be no assurance that the current shareholders will not reduce their holdings of Shares. Future sales of Shares could be made by shareholders or through a capital increase undertaken by the Company for additional working capital, to fund an acquisition or for another purpose. A sale of a substantial number of Shares, or the perception that such sale could occur, could materially and adversely affect the market price of the Shares and could also impede Pharming's ability to raise capital through the issue of equity securities in the future.

# The market price of the Shares may be volatile and investors may not be able to sell Shares at or above the price paid for by them.

The market price of the Shares is subject to many factors, including the liquidity of the market for the Shares, the public opinion about general economic and market conditions and the public opinion about the biotech industry. In addition, the market price of the Shares could fluctuate substantially due to any of the risks described in the Registration Document materialising or the sale of large blocks of Shares. Moreover, stocks of life science companies who currently do not have a product on the market, such as Pharming, and stock markets in general, have from time to time experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that may be unrelated or disproportional to the operational performance of particular companies. Because of all these different factors, the market price of the Shares has been, and may be in the future, highly volatile.

## The pre-emptive rights of the shareholders may be restricted or excluded by the Management Board.

The shareholders of Pharming will generally have pre-emptive rights to subscribe for a pro-rata amount of

any new Shares issued by Pharming. These rights, however, are subject to certain provisions of the articles of association of Pharming (the "Articles of Association") and may be restricted or even excluded by a resolution of the board of managing directors of Pharming (the "Management Board"), subject to the approval of its board of supervisory directors (the "Supervisory Board"). See Chapter 8 "Description of Share Capital and Corporate Governance" of the Registration Document and Chapter 7 "Description of Share Capital" of this Security Note.

#### Pharming does not intend to pay dividends for the foreseeable future.

Pharming does not intend to pay any dividends for the foreseeable future. Payment of future dividends to shareholders will effectively be at the discretion of the Management Board, subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board after taking into account various factors including Pharming's business prospects, cash requirements, financial performance and new product development. In addition, payment of future dividends may be made only if Pharming's shareholders' equity exceeds the sum of the called up and paid-in share capital plus the reserves required to be maintained by law and by the Articles of Association. Accordingly, investors cannot rely on dividend income from the Shares and any returns on an investment in the Shares will likely depend entirely upon any future appreciation in the price of the Shares.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about Pharming's business, or if they change their recommendations regarding the Shares adversely, the price and trading volume of the Shares could decline.

The trading market for the Shares may be influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about Pharming or Pharming's business. If one or more of the analysts who cover Pharming or Pharming's industry downgrade the Shares, the market price of the Shares would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts ceases coverage of Pharming or fails to regularly publish reports on Pharming, the Company could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause the market price of the Shares or trading volume to decline.

#### 2. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

No person is or has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation in connection with the New Shares, other than as contained in the Prospectus, and, if given or made, any other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by Pharming. The delivery of the Prospectus at any time after the date hereof will not, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the Company's affairs since the date hereof or that the information set forth in the Prospectus is correct as of any time since its date.

Pharming Group N.V. accepts responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus. Having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, Pharming Group N.V. further declares that the information contained in the Prospectus is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

#### **Notice to Investors**

The distribution of this Security Note may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons in possession of this Security Note are required to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

This Security Note may not be used for, or in connection with, and does not constitute, any offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, Shares or any other securities issued by the Company.

The New Shares have not been approved or disapproved by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, any State securities commission in the US or any other US regulatory authority, nor have any of the foregoing passed upon or endorsed the merits of the New Shares or the accuracy or adequacy of this Security Note. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the US.

## **Presentation of Financial and Other Information**

Certain figures contained in this Security Note have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, in certain instances the sum of the numbers in a column or a row in tables contained in this Security Note may not conform exactly to the total figure given for that column or row.

All references in this Security Note to "euros" or "€" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the Economic and Monetary Union, pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, as amended by the Treaty on the EU. All references to "US dollars", "US\$" or "\$" are to the lawful currency of the US.

## **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

Pharming's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended 30 September 2010, pages 6-8, are incorporated by reference in the Prospectus.

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## 3. CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS

The financial information in the table below has been extracted from Pharming's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended 30 September 2010. This table should be read together with the information in Chapter 4 "Operating and Financial Review" of the Registration Document and Pharming's consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference therein.

## Capitalisation and Indebtedness

(€ in thousands)	30 September 2010	
	unaudited	
Capitalisation Total current debt Total non-current debt Total Financial Indebtedness <sup>1</sup>	18,678 17,741 36,419	
Share capital <sup>2</sup> Share premium Other reserves Shareholders' equity Non-controlling interest <sup>3</sup> Equity	14,352 212,450 (214,494) 12,308 5,628 17,936	
Indebtedness Cash and cash equivalents <sup>4</sup> Liquidity	16,801 16,801	
Convertible bonds Derivative financial liability Trade and other payables Deferred revenue Current Financial Debt	11,115 573 5,579 1,411 (18,678)	
Net Current Financial Indebtedness	(1,877)	
Deferred tax liability Deferred revenue	4,276 13,284	
Other non-current debt Non-current Financial Indebtedness	181 (17,741)	
Net Financial Indebtedness	(19,618)	

At 30 September 2010, the actual net asset value per Share (based on Shareholders' equity) was €0.03 (unaudited).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The liabilities have not been secured or guaranteed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The nominal value of the Shares has been reduced from €0.50 to €0.04 following an amendment of the articles of association dated 1 April 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The non-controlling interest refers to the interest in DNage B.V. in which Pharming holds 51% and the remaining 49% is held by various parties as a result of the spin-out of DNage which was effected in August 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Excluding non-current restricted cash of €176.

See Chapter 4 "Operating and Financial Review – Contractual Obligations" of the Registration Document for information about certain contingent obligations of the Company.

## Financial and Trading Update

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of Pharming since 30 September 2010, save for (a) the payment by Pharming of €10.9 million of principal amount and €0.4 million of interest pursuant to the exercise by the remaining holders of the Bonds of their put option on 31 October 2010, and (b) the receipt by Pharming of €2.5 million as milestone payment from its European partner Swedish Orphan Biovitrum International AB (until 24 June 2010 known as Swedish Orphan International AB) ("SOBI") in November 2010 pursuant to the agreement dated April 2010, as a result of the granting of marketing authorisation by the European Commission for its lead product Ruconest™ on 28 October 2010. The remaining €2.5 million of this milestone payment is expected to be received by Pharming prior to year end 2010. (See Chapter 4 "Operating and Financial Review – Rhucin and Recombinant Human C1 Inhibitor" of the Registration Document for a summary of this agreement.)

#### 4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Since the publication of the Registration Document, the following significant developments have occurred:

## Positive EMA Opinion and Market Authorisation for Ruconest™ (Rhucin)

The Company announced on 24 June 2010 that the European Medicines Agency's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use ("CHMP") adopted a positive opinion on its lead product Rhucin for the treatment of acute angioedema attacks in patients with Hereditary Angioedema ("HAE"). With this positive opinion, the CHMP recommends the European Commission to grant marketing authorisation. On 28 October 2010, Pharming announced that the European Commission granted Pharming marketing authorisation for Ruconest for the treatment of acute attacks of HAE. The product is marketed in the EEA under the name Ruconest™ as the CHMP concluded that the name Rhucin may lead to confusion with a similarly sounding product marketed in some EU countries.

In Europe, Pharming has marketing and distribution partnerships in place covering all countries of the EEA, Switzerland and Turkey, with Laboratorios del Dr Esteve for Spain, Portugal, Greece and Andorra, with Eczacibaşi Ilaç Pazarlama AS for Turkey and with SOBI for all other European countries. (See Chapter 4 "Operating and Financial Review – Rhucin and Recombinant Human C1 Inhibitor" of the Registration Document). Following the completion of national and local administrative procedures, Pharming expects initial launch of Ruconest in Germany, the UK, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. Pricing and reimbursement discussions with the various relevant national and regional relevant authorities are being initiated.

As a result of the granting of the marketing authorisation by the European Commission, Pharming became entitled to receive a €5 million milestone payment from SOBI in Q4 2010 (see Chapter 3 "Capitalisation and Indebtedness – Financial and Trading Update" of this Security Note).

## **Manufacturing Agreement with Sanofi for Ruconest**

On 6 July 1010, Pharming announced that it entered into a manufacturing agreement to increase the production capacity of the drug substance of Ruconest/Rhucin (rhC1INH) with Sanofi Chimie, a wholly owned subsidiary of sanofi-aventis.

Since 2005, Pharming has an ongoing manufacturing agreement with Merck, Sharpe & Dhome (formerly Schering-Plough/Organon) for the manufacturing of rhC1INH. Pharming supplies the European markets with material from Merck, Sharpe & Dhome. The agreement with Sanofi Chimie provides a second supply chain of rhC1INH. This enables Pharming to lower cost of goods and provides Pharming with sufficient production capacity, at one of Sanofi Chimie's existing manufacturing facilities, to meet future global demands. The financial details of the agreement have not been disclosed.

## Agreement with Santarus, Inc for the Commercialisation of Rhucin®

On 13 September 2010, Pharming announced that it entered into an agreement with specialty biopharmaceutical company Santarus, Inc ("Santarus") for the commercialisation of Rhucin® (recombinant human C1 inhibitor; Ruconest $^{\text{TM}}$  in Europe) in the United States, Canada and Mexico for the treatment of acute angioedema attacks in patients with HAE and other future indications.

Under the agreement, Santarus has paid Pharming a US\$15 million upfront fee upon signing. Furthermore, Santarus will pay a US\$5 million milestone payment upon acceptance of the Rhucin Biologic License Application ("BLA") by the US Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") (see below under

"USA"). Additional payments are payable upon completing clinical and commercial milestones. Santarus will purchase its commercial supply of Rhucin from Pharming at a tiered supply price, based on a percentage of net sales of Rhucin.

Pharming is responsible under the agreement for the clinical development of Rhucin for HAE and all HAE related regulatory activities in the US, whereas Santarus will be responsible for regulatory approval in Canada and Mexico. In addition, Santarus and Pharming will share responsibility and costs for the clinical development of Rhucin for the treatment or prevention of renal transplantation rejection.

#### **USA**

Pharming is preparing for filing for market authorisation of Rhucin in the USA. The Company initiated the pre-BLA process with the FDA early December 2009. Following pre-BLA discussions with the FDA, Pharming is preparing the BLA dossier for submission towards the end of this year but no later than January 2011.

## **Appointment of CFO**

At the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held on 1 October 2010, Mr. Karl Keegan was appointed as Chief Financial Officer of Pharming.

Karl Keegan, BSc MPhil PhD MSc, is responsible for the financial management of the Company. Dr Keegan has extensive senior level experience in both the financial services and biotechnology industries. He joined Pharming from Minster Pharmaceuticals where he was CFO. Prior to this he was one of the leading financial analysts covering the biotechnology industry on a global basis and spent almost 12 years in such a role with a number of major banks including UBS and Bank of America. His most recent analyst role was at Canaccord Adams, as Managing Director, UK Head of Equity Research and Global Head of Life Sciences Research.Dr Keegan has a BSc in pharmacology from University College Dublin, Ireland, MPhil and PhD degrees in pharmacology from the University of Cambridge, UK and a Masters degree in Finance from London Business School, UK. He is the author of a book on valuation, "Biotechnology Valuation; An introductory guide", published by Wiley Financial and lectures on the Masters in Biotechnology Entrepreneurship degree programme at the University of Cambridge, UK.

Upon his appointment, Mr. Keegan received 350,000 options to acquire Shares at an exercise price of €0.19 subject to the existing option plan of the Company.

Mr. Keegan has not been, (i) subject to any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences in the last five years, (ii) in the last five years associated with any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations of any entities in which such members held any office, directorships or senior management positions, or (iii) subject to any official public incrimination and/or sanctions of such person by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies), or disqualification by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer for at least the previous five years. He does not have a potential conflict of interest between his private interests and his duties and responsibilities with respect to the Company. No family ties exist between Mr. Keegan and any other members of the Management Board, any member of the Supervisory Board and Senior Management.

#### 5. THE ISSUE

## Reasons for the Issuance

Pharming will issue the New Shares to Socius on or about the date hereof in connection with the Programme Agreement at the nominal value of €0.04 per Share (or €3,033,962 in the aggregate), payable in cash. Socius has agreed to make an additional capital contribution (*agiostorting*) on the New Shares equal to €0.172 (or €13,046,038 in the aggregate) by means of the issuance by Socius of a promissory note to Pharming.

In addition, Socius shall pay to Pharming €12 million (in two tranches) following the issuance of the Notes on or about [30] December 2010.

The main terms of the promissory note and the Notes are described in Chapter 6 "Working Capital – Summary of the Programme Agreement" of this Security Note.

The gross proceeds of the issuance of the Notes plus the issuance of the New Shares at €0.04 amount to €15 million. The fees and expenses incurred in connection with the set-up of the Programme Agreement and the issue of the New Shares amount to approximately €1.3 million.

The net proceeds of approximately €13.7 million will be used primarily for activities associated with the registration of Rhucin in the US as a pharmaceutical product to treat acute attacks of HAE, further development of Rhucin/Ruconest for other indications, including the development of rhC1INH beyond the current scope of acute HAE, and for working capital purposes.

#### **Dilution**

The dilution resulting from the issuance of the New Shares amounts to 17.5%.

Upon exercise of all Warrants granted to Socius (see Chapter 6 "Working Capital – Summary of the Programme Agreement" of this Security Note), the dilution increases to 21.8%.

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#### 6. WORKING CAPITAL

## **Working Capital Statement**

Pharming's current cash resources provide Pharming with sufficient working capital for its present requirements, which is for at least the next 12 months from the date of this Security Note.

## **Summary of the Programme Agreement**

On 3 December 2010 and 6 December 2010, Pharming announced that it had entered into the Programme Agreement with Socius and that Socius had exercised its right to acquire the New Shares further to the call by the Company to issue Notes to Socius for the maximum principal amount of €12 million. Below is a summary of the issuances of securities by Pharming under the Programme Agreement and the main terms and conditions relating hereto.

## **New Shares**

On 3 December 2010, Socius has exercised its right to acquire the New Shares. The New Shares will be issued on or about the date hereof at the nominal value of €0.04 per Share payable in cash, resulting in gross proceeds of €3 million.

Socius has agreed to make an additional capital contribution (*agiostorting*) in respect of the New Shares equal to €0.172 per Share, i.e. the difference between the closing bid price of the Shares on 2 December 2010 and the nominal value of €0.04, (or €13.1 million in total). This additional capital contribution will be paid upon the issuance of the New Shares by means of the issuance by Socius of a promissory note to Pharming ("Promissory Note I"). See below under "Promissory Notes".

The total amount of the investment by Socius in respect of the New Shares will therefore amount to €16.1 million.

## **Notes**

On 3 December 2010, Pharming has made a call to issue Notes to Socius for the maximum principal amount of €12 million. The Notes will be issued following a period of ten trading days after the issuance of the New Shares (i.e. on or about [30] December 2010). Socius will pay €3 million on the date of issuance of the Notes and the remaining €9 million ten trading days thereafter.

## Warrants

On 3 December 2010, Socius has acquired from Pharming 24,339,623 warrants (the "Warrants") with an exercise period of two years, entitling Socius to subscribe for one Share per Warrant (the "Warrant Shares"). The Warrants shall become exercisable following a period of ten trading days after the admission of the New Shares to listing and trading on Euronext Amsterdam. Upon exercise, the Warrant Shares will be issued at the nominal value of €0.04 per Share payable in cash, resulting in gross proceeds of €1 million.

Socius has agreed to make an additional capital contribution (*agiostorting*) in respect of the Warrant Shares (upon exercise of the Warrants) equal to €0.172 per Share, i.e. the difference between the closing bid price of the Shares on 2 December 2010 and the nominal value of €0.04 (or €4.2 million in total). This additional capital contribution will be paid upon the issuance of the Warrant Shares by means of the issuance by Socius of a promissory note to Pharming ("Promissory Note II", and together with "Promissory Note I", the "Promissory Notes"). See below under "Promissory Notes".

The total amount of the investment by Socius in respect of the Warrant Shares (if all Warrants are

exercised) will therefore amount to €5.2 million.

#### Main Terms of the Notes

The Notes have a duration of 10 years and bear an interest of 10% per annum. Payment of interest on the Notes shall be deferred for the first 24 months and may be deferred at any time thereafter at the option of Pharming. The Company may redeem all (but not part of) the Notes prior to maturity at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest and a make whole amount of 143.6%, 131.4%,120.2% or 110% of the principal amount outstanding if redeemed during the first, second, third or fourth interest period, respectively. After four years, Pharming may redeem the Notes without any additional amounts due.

Socius may require Pharming to redeem any outstanding Notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest after four years, on the date any of the Promissory Notes becomes due and payable (see hereafter), by setting off the amount owed by Pharming under the Notes to be redeemed and the amount owed by Socius under the relevant Promissory Note.

In addition, Socius may require Pharming to redeem any outstanding Notes that it holds at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest upon (i) a change of control of Pharming or a liquidation of all or substantially all of its assets or (ii) a delisting or suspension of trading of the Shares for a period of more than 20 trading days.

## Main Terms of the Promissory Notes

The Promissory Notes have similar terms and conditions.

The Promissory Notes have a duration of 4 years and bear an interest of 0.65% per annum. However, the Promissory Notes shall become immediately due and payable by Socius in case it defaults in the payment of the purchase moneys of the Notes to Pharming or in case it becomes insolvent.

#### 7. DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

#### General

Pharming's business was commenced by a company incorporated under Dutch law as a private company with limited liability (besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid), by deed executed on 11 November 1988 under the name GENFARM B.V. GENFARM B.V. was ultimately renamed to Pharming Group B.V. On 29 May 1997 Pharming was converted from a private company with limited liability (besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid) into a public company with limited liability (naamloze vennootschap). Pharming trades under the name Pharming and is registered with the Chamber of Commerce of The Hague under number 28048592. The corporate seat of the Company is in Leiden, the Netherlands. The Articles of Association were last amended on 28 October 2010 before Mr D.F.M.M. Zaman, civil law notary in the Netherlands.

Set out below is an overview of the share capital and certain rights of holders of Shares. The summary does not purport to give a complete overview and should be read in conjunction with the Articles of Association, together with relevant provisions of Dutch law, and does not constitute legal advice regarding these matters and should not be considered as such.

## **Share Capital**

## Authorised and Issued Share Capital

At the date of this Security Note, the authorised share capital of Pharming amounts to €20 million, divided into 500 million ordinary shares, with a nominal value of €0.04 each. There are currently [358,800,199] ordinary shares (in this Security Note referred to as Shares) issued and outstanding.

## Form and Trading of Shares

Shares are either in registered form (aandelen op naam) or in bearer form (aandelen aan toonder). The Shares in bearer form are embodied in one global certificate and are traded through the book-entry facilities of Euroclear Netherlands. No share certificates are issued. The Company is responsible for keeping a shareholders' register.

## **Summary of the Articles of Association**

The following description summarises certain provisions of the Articles of Association and Dutch law, as currently in force. This summary does not purport to be complete, and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Articles of Association, as well as to the relevant provisions of Dutch law

## Right of Attendance and Voting Rights

With respect to the right to attend general meetings of shareholders and the right to exercise voting rights in such meetings, the Company shall consider as shareholders holders of Shares named in a written statement of a financial institution in which statement the financial institution states (i) the number of Shares held by such shareholder (ii) that the Shares form part of the collective depot of such financial institution, (iii) that the shareholder named in the statement is a participant in the collective depot to the extent of the number of Shares stated and (iv) that the shareholder named in the statement shall keep such capacity at least until after the meeting, provided that this statement is deposited at the offices of the Company prior to the meeting. The convocation notice for a general meeting of shareholders shall state the date on which the statement must ultimately be deposited. Subject date cannot be a date prior to the seventh day prior to the date of the meeting.

Under Dutch law, a registration date as referred to in article 2:119 of the Netherlands Civil Code

("Registration Date") shall apply in respect of each general meeting of shareholders. This Registration Date shall be the 28th day before the day of the meeting. The statement of the financial institution referred to above shall only have to include that the Shares mentioned in the statement formed part of the collective depot of the financial institution involved at the Registration Date and that the person mentioned in the statement was a participant in that collective depot at the Registration Date for the number of Shares mentioned.

Holders of registered Shares that do not form part of a *girodepot* or collective depot must inform the Company in writing of their intention to attend the general meeting of shareholders at the place referred to in the convocation notice, at the latest seven days prior to the date of the meeting. Unless a Registration Date has been determined, they can exercise the rights in question at the meeting only in respect of registered Shares which are registered in their names both on the day referred to above and on the day of the meeting.

Those entitled to attend general meetings of shareholders shall only be authorised to attend and to address the general meetings of shareholders, either in person or by proxy authorised in writing, if they have announced to the Management Board in writing at least four days prior to the meeting, that they intend to attend the meeting in person, or that they shall be represented by proxy. The convocation notice shall state such requirement.

Each Share confers the right to cast one vote.

#### **Dividends**

The Company may distribute dividends only in so far as its shareholders' equity exceeds the amount of its paid-up and called-in capital increased by the reserves which are required to be maintained pursuant to Netherlands company law. Under the Articles of Association, the Management Board, subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board, may annually determine to set aside as reserves part or all of the distributable profit of the Company with respect to the preceding financial year. To the extent that the annual profit has not been reserved, it will be distributed as a dividend on the Shares. Upon receipt of a proposal from the Management Board, which has been approved by the Supervisory Board, the general meeting of shareholders may resolve to make a dividend payment in whole or in part in Shares instead of in cash.

At a general meeting of shareholders, the shareholders may also resolve to make payments out of the distributable reserves of the Company upon receipt of a proposal thereto from the Management Board, which is subject to approval by the Supervisory Board.

The Management Board may, upon the approval of the Supervisory Board, distribute interim dividends.

The right of any shareholder to receive dividends shall be terminated if such dividends are not claimed within five years from the date on which this dividend became payable.

Pharming does not intend to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future.

## Amendment of the Articles of Association, Dissolution and Liquidation

A resolution of the general meeting of shareholders to amend the Articles of Association or to dissolve the Company may only be adopted upon a proposal of the Management Board which has been approved by the Supervisory Board.

In the event of dissolution of the Company pursuant to a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders, the members of the Management Board will be responsible for the liquidation of the business of the Company and the Supervisory Board will be responsible for supervision thereof.

In the event of the dissolution and liquidation of the Company, the assets remaining after payment of all debts and liquidation expenses will be distributed pro rata (based on the nominal amount of the Shares held) to the holders of Shares.

## Issuance of Shares and Rights to Subscribe for Shares

The Management Board has the authority to issue Shares or grant rights to subscribe for Shares if and insofar as the Management Board has been designated by the general meeting of shareholders as the authorised corporate body for this purpose and subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board. Such a designation may be effective for a specified period of up to five years and may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding five years. As per 27 May 2010, the Management Board has been granted such a designation concerning all the authorised and issued share capital of the Company until 27 May 2011. This period may be extended by an amendment of the Articles of Association, or by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders for a period not exceeding five years in each case.

Upon expiration of this authority of the Management Board, the issuance of Shares or the granting of rights to subscribe for Shares shall require a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders (unless another corporate body has been designated by the general meeting of shareholders). A resolution by the general meeting of shareholders to issue Shares or to grant rights to subscribe for Shares or to designate another corporate body as being competent to do so may only be adopted upon a proposal of the Management Board, which proposal is subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board.

## **Pre-emptive Rights**

Under the Articles of Association, each holder of Shares generally has a pre-emptive right to subscribe to its pro rata portion of any issue of Shares or grant of rights to subscribe for Shares, except for certain issuances to employees and issuances for non-cash consideration. The Management Board has the authority to restrict or exclude the rights of pre-emption for a period not exceeding five years, if and insofar as the Management Board has been designated by the general meeting of shareholders as the authorised corporate body for this purpose and subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board. As per 27 May 2010 the Management Board has been granted such authorisation until 27 May 2011. This period may be extended by an amendment of the Articles of Association, or by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders for a period not exceeding five years in each case.

Upon expiration of this authority of the Management Board, the right to restrict or exclude pre-emptive rights shall require a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders (unless another corporate body has been designated by the general meeting of shareholders). A resolution by the general meeting of shareholders to restrict or exclude pre-emptive rights or to designate another corporate body as being competent to do so may only be adopted upon a proposal of the Management Board, which proposal is subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board.

## Reduction of Share Capital

Upon a proposal by the Management Board, which has been approved by the Supervisory Board, the general meeting of shareholders may reduce the issued share capital of the Company by cancellation of Shares held by the Company or by reducing the nominal value of Shares, subject to certain statutory provisions.

#### Acquisition of Shares by the Company

Subject to the authorisation of the general meeting of shareholders and the approval of the Supervisory Board and subject to certain conditions imposed by Dutch company law, the Company may acquire fully paid-up Shares in its own share capital for consideration if: (i) the shareholders' equity of the Company less the acquisition price of such Shares is not less than the sum of the Company's paid-up and called-up share capital and the reserves which must be maintained in accordance with Dutch law; and (ii) the aggregate nominal value of Shares to be acquired and Shares already held by the Company or pledged for the benefit of the Company, or which are held by a subsidiary of the Company, does not exceed one-half of the Company's issued share capital.

As per 27 May 2010, the Management Board has been granted such authorisation until 27 May 2011.

No voting rights may be exercised on Shares held by the Company. The Management Board may decide to transfer such Shares. The shareholders of the Company do not have a pre-emptive right on such transfers.

## **Dividend Policy**

Pharming currently intends to retain future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and development of its business. As a result, the Company does not anticipate paying any dividends for the foreseeable future.

Pharming's dividend policy will, however, be reviewed from time to time and payment of any future dividends will be effectively at the discretion of the Management Board, subject to approval of the Supervisory Board, after taking into account various factors including Pharming's business prospects, cash requirements, financial performance and the requirements of Dutch law. Under Dutch law, payment of dividends may be made only if the shareholders' equity exceeds the sum of the called up and paid-in share capital plus the reserves required to be maintained by law and by the Articles of Association.

## Obligations of Shareholders to Make a Public Offer

The European Directive on Takeover Bids (2004/25/EC) has been implemented in Dutch legislation in the AFS. Pursuant to the AFS, a shareholder who has acquired 30% of the Shares or of voting rights attached to the Shares has the obligation to launch a public offer for all Shares and depositary receipts issued for shares (if any). The legislation also applies to persons acting in concert who jointly acquire substantial control.

#### **Squeeze Out Procedures**

A shareholder who for his own account holds at least 95% of Pharming's issued capital may institute proceedings against Pharming's other shareholders jointly for the transfer of their shares to the claimant. The proceedings are held before the Enterprise Chamber of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal (Ondernemingskamer van het Gerechtshof te Amsterdam, the "Enterprise Chamber") and can be instituted by means of a writ of summons served upon each of the minority shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the Dutch Code of Civil Procedure (Wetboek van Burgerlijke Rechtsvordering). The Enterprise Chamber may grant the claim for squeeze out in relation to all minority shareholders and will determine the price to be paid for the shares, if necessary upon advice of one or more experts.

An offeror under a public offer is also entitled to start such a squeeze out procedure before the Enterprise Chamber within three months after the offer period, if following the public offer he holds at least 95% of the shares (or class of shares) to which the offer relates, representing at least 95% of the voting rights carried by the shares to which the offer relates. Where the offer is made on a mandatory basis (as described above), the offer price is in principle deemed to be a reasonable price, which has to be accepted by minority shareholders. Where the offer is made on a voluntary basis, the offer price is considered reasonable if the offeror has acquired at least 90% of the shares (or class of shares) to which

the offer relates. The Enterprise Chamber, however, may instruct one or more experts to determine the price.

Following a public offer, each remaining minority shareholder is entitled to demand a sale of its shares to the offeror if the offeror has acquired at least 95% of the shares (or class of shares) to which the offer relates, representing at least 95% of the voting rights carried by those shares. The same rules as for squeeze out proceedings initiated by the offeror apply to the determination of the price.

#### 8. TAXATION

The following is a general summary and the tax consequences as described here may not apply to a holder of New Shares. Any potential investor should consult his own tax adviser for more information about the tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of New Shares in his particular circumstances.

#### **Dutch taxation**

This taxation summary solely addresses the principal Dutch tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposal of New Shares. It does not consider every aspect of taxation that may be relevant to a particular Holder of New Shares under special circumstances or who is subject to special treatment under applicable law. Where in this summary English terms and expressions are used to refer to Dutch concepts, the meaning to be attributed to such terms and expressions shall be the meaning to be attributed to the equivalent Dutch concepts under Dutch tax law. This summary also assumes that Pharming is organised, and that its business will be conducted, in the manner outlined in this Security Note. A change to such organisational structure or to the manner in which Pharming conducts its business may invalidate the contents of this summary, which will not be updated to reflect any such change.

This summary is based on the tax law of the Netherlands (unpublished case law not included) as it stands at the date of this Security Note. The law upon which this summary is based is subject to change, perhaps with retroactive effect. Any such change may invalidate the contents of this summary, which will not be updated to reflect such change.

Where in this Dutch taxation paragraph reference is made to a "Holder of New Shares", that concept includes, without limitation:

- 1. an owner of one or more New Shares who in addition to the title to such New Shares, has an economic interest in such New Shares;
- 2. a person who or an entity that holds the entire economic interest in one or more New Shares;
- 3. a person who or an entity that holds an interest in an entity, such as a partnership or a mutual fund, that is transparent for Dutch tax purposes, the assets of which comprise one or more New Shares, within the meaning of 1. or 2. above; or
- 4. a person who is deemed to hold an interest in New Shares, as referred to under 1., pursuant to the attribution rules of article 2.14a, of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*), with respect to property that has been segregated, for instance in a trust or a foundation.

## Taxes on income and capital gains

## **Resident Holders of New Shares**

#### General

The summary set out in this section "Taxes on income and capital gains - Resident Holders of New Shares" applies only to a Holder of New Shares who is a "Dutch Individual" or a "Dutch Corporate Entity".

For the purposes of this section, a Holder of New Shares is a "Dutch Individual" if it satisfies the following tests:

- a. he is an individual;
- b. he is resident, or deemed to be resident, in the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes, or he has

elected to be treated as a resident of the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes;

- c. his New Shares and any benefits derived or deemed to be derived therefrom have no connection with his past, present or future employment, if any; and
- d. his New Shares do not form part of a substantial interest (aanmerkelijk belang) or a deemed substantial interest in Pharming within the meaning of Chapter 4 of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001).

Generally, if a person holds an interest in Pharming, such interest forms part of a substantial interest, or a deemed substantial interest, in Pharming if any one or more of the following circumstances is present:

- 1. Such person either alone or, in the case of an individual, together with his partner (partner), if any or pursuant to article 2.14a, of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001) owns or is deemed to own, directly or indirectly, either a number of shares representing five per cent or more of Pharming's total issued and outstanding capital (or the issued and outstanding capital of any class of shares), or rights to acquire, directly or indirectly, shares, whether or not already issued, representing five per cent or more of Pharming's total issued and outstanding capital (or the issued and outstanding capital of any class of shares), or profit participating certificates (winstbewijzen) relating to five per cent or more of Pharming's annual profit or to five per cent or more of Pharming's liquidation proceeds.
- 2. Such person's shares, profit participating certificates or rights to acquire shares in Pharming are held by him or are deemed to be held by him following the application of a non-recognition provision.
- 3. Such person's partner or any of his relatives by blood or by marriage in the direct line (including foster-children) or of those of his partner has a substantial interest (as described under 1. and 2. above) in Pharming.

A person who is entitled to the benefits from shares or profit participating certificates (for instance a holder of a right of usufruct) is deemed to be a holder of shares or profit participating certificates, as the case may be, and such person's entitlement to such benefits is considered a share or a profit participating certificate, as the case may be.

If a Holder of New Shares is an individual and if he satisfies test b., but does not satisfy test c. and/or test d., his Dutch income tax position is not discussed in this Security Note. If a Holder of New Shares is an individual who does not satisfy test b., please refer to the section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Non-resident Holders of New Shares".

For the purposes of this section a Holder of New Shares is a "Dutch Corporate Entity" if it satisfies the following tests:

- i. it is a corporate entity (*lichaam*), including an association that is taxable as a corporate entity, that is subject to Dutch corporation tax in respect of benefits derived from its New Shares;
- ii. it is resident, or deemed to be resident, in the Netherlands for Dutch corporation tax purposes;
- iii. it is not an entity that, although in principle subject to Dutch corporation tax, is, in whole or in part, specifically exempt from that tax; and
- iv. it is not an investment institution (beleggingsinstelling) as defined in article 28 of the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969).

If a Holder of New Shares is not an individual and if it does not satisfy any one or more of these tests, with the exception of test ii., its Dutch corporation tax position is not discussed in this Security Note. If a Holder of New Shares is not an individual that does not satisfy test ii., please refer to the section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Non-resident Holders of New Shares".

## Dutch Individuals deriving profits or deemed to be deriving profits from an enterprise

Any benefits derived or deemed to be derived by a Dutch Individual from New Shares, including any capital gain realised on the disposal of such New Shares, that are attributable to an enterprise from which such Dutch Individual derives profits, whether as an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) or pursuant to a coentitlement to the net value of an enterprise, other than as a shareholder, are generally subject to Dutch income tax at progressive rates.

## Dutch Individuals deriving benefits from miscellaneous activities

Any benefits derived or deemed to be derived by a Dutch Individual from New Shares, including any gain realised on the disposal of such New Shares, that constitute benefits from miscellaneous activities (resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden), are generally subject to Dutch income tax at progressive rates.

A Dutch Individual may, *inter alia*, derive, or be deemed to derive, benefits from New Shares that are taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities in the following circumstances:

- a. if his investment activities go beyond the activities of an active portfolio investor, for instance in the case of use of insider knowledge (*voorkennis*) or comparable forms of special knowledge; or
- b. if any benefits to be derived from his New Shares, whether held directly or indirectly, are intended, in whole or in part, as remuneration for activities performed by him or by a person who is a connected person to him as meant by article 3.92b, paragraph 5, of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*).

#### Other Dutch Individuals

If a Holder of New Shares is a Dutch Individual whose situation has not been discussed before in this section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Resident Holders of New Shares", benefits from his New Shares are taxed annually as a benefit from savings and investments (*voordeel uit sparen en beleggen*). Such benefit is deemed to be 4 per cent per annum of the average of his "yield basis" (*rendementsgrondslag*) at the beginning and at the end of the year, to the extent that such average exceeds the "exempt net asset amount" (*heffingvrij vermogen*) for the relevant year. The benefit is taxed at the rate of 30 per cent. The value of his New Shares forms part of his yield basis. Actual benefits derived from his New Shares, including any gain realised on the disposal of such New Shares, are not as such subject to Dutch income tax.

#### Attribution rule

Benefits derived or deemed to be derived from certain miscellaneous activities by, and yield basis for benefits from savings and investments of, a child or a foster child who is under eighteen years of age are attributed to the parent who exercises, or to the parents who exercise, authority over the child, irrespective of the country of residence of the child.

## Dutch Corporate Entities

Any benefits derived or deemed to be derived by a Dutch Corporate Entity from New Shares, including any gain realised on the disposal thereof, are generally subject to Dutch corporation tax, except to the extent that the benefits are exempt under the participation exemption as laid down in the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> From 1 January 2011, the yield basis will (generally) be determined at the beginning of the calendar year only.

#### Non-resident Holders of New Shares

The summary set out in this section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Non-resident Holders of New Shares" applies only to a Holder of New Shares who is a Non-resident Holder of New Shares.

For the purposes of this section, a Holder of New Shares is a "Non-resident Holder of New Shares" if it satisfies the following tests:

- a. it is neither resident, nor deemed to be resident, in the Netherlands for purposes of Dutch income tax or corporation tax, as the case may be, and, if he is an individual, he has not elected to be treated as a resident of the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes;
- b. its New Shares and any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from such New Shares have no connection with its past, present or future employment or membership of a management board (bestuurder) or a supervisory board (commissaris);
- c. its New Shares do not form part of a substantial interest or a deemed substantial interest in Pharming within the meaning of Chapter 4 of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*), unless such interest forms part of the assets of an enterprise; and
- d. if it is not an individual, no part of the benefits derived from its New Shares is exempt from Dutch corporation tax under the participation exemption as laid down in the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*).

See the section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Resident Holders of New Shares" for a description of the circumstances under which New Shares form part of a substantial interest or a deemed substantial interest in Pharming.

If a Holder of New Shares satisfies test a., but does not satisfy any one or more of tests b., c., and d., its Dutch income tax position or corporation tax position, as the case may be, is not discussed in this Security Note.

A Non-resident Holder of New Shares will not be subject to any Dutch taxes on income or capital gains (other than the dividend withholding tax described below) in respect of any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from its New Shares, including any capital gain realised on the disposal thereof, except if:

- 1. (i) it derives profits from an enterprise directly, or pursuant to a co-entitlement to the net value of such enterprise, other than as a shareholder, if he is an individual, or other than as a holder of securities, if it is not an individual, such enterprise is either managed in the Netherlands or carried on, in whole or in part, through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Netherlands, and its New Shares are attributable to such enterprise; or
- 2. he is an individual and he derives benefits from New Shares that are taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities in the Netherlands.

See the section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Resident Holders of New Shares" for a description of the circumstances under which the benefits derived from New Shares may be taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities, on the understanding that such benefits will be taxable in the Netherlands only if such activities are performed or deemed to be performed in the Netherlands.

#### Attribution rule

Benefits derived or deemed to be derived from certain miscellaneous activities by a child or a foster child who is under eighteen years of age are attributed to the parent who exercises, or the parents who exercise, authority over the child, irrespective of the country of residence of the child.

#### Dividend withholding tax

#### General

Pharming is generally required to withhold Dutch dividend withholding tax at a rate of 15% from dividends distributed by it. The concept "dividends distributed by Pharming" as used in this section "Dutch Taxation" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- distributions in cash or in kind, deemed and constructive distributions and repayments of capital not recognised as paid-in for Dutch dividend withholding tax purposes;
- liquidation proceeds and proceeds of repurchase or redemption of New Shares in excess of the average capital recognised as paid-in for Dutch dividend withholding tax purposes;
- the par value of New Shares issued by Pharming to a Holder of New Shares or an increase of the par value of New Shares, as the case may be, to the extent that it does not appear that a contribution, recognised for Dutch dividend withholding tax purposes, has been made or will be made; and
- partial repayment of capital, recognised as paid-in for Dutch dividend withholding tax purposes, if and to the extent that there are net profits (*zuivere winst*), unless (a) the general meeting of Pharming's shareholders has resolved in advance to make such repayment and (b) the par value of the New Shares concerned has been reduced by an equal amount by way of an amendment to Pharming's articles of association.

#### **Dutch Individuals and Dutch Corporate Entities**

A Dutch Individual (other than an individual who has elected to be treated as a resident of the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes) or a Dutch Corporate Entity, can generally credit Dutch dividend withholding tax against his Dutch income tax or its Dutch corporation tax liability, as applicable, and is generally entitled to a refund in the form of a negative assessment of Dutch income tax or Dutch corporation tax, as applicable, insofar as such dividend withholding tax, together with any other creditable domestic and/or foreign taxes, exceeds his aggregate Dutch income tax or its aggregate Dutch corporation tax liability, as applicable.

Pursuant to domestic rules to avoid dividend stripping, Dutch dividend withholding tax will only be creditable by or refundable to the beneficial owner (*uiteindelijk gerechtigde*) of dividends distributed by Pharming. A Holder of New Shares who receives proceeds therefrom shall *not* be recognised as the beneficial owner of such proceeds if, in connection with the receipt of the proceeds, it has given a consideration, in the framework of a composite transaction including, without limitation, the mere acquisition of one or more dividend coupons or the creation of short-term rights of enjoyment of shares (*kortlopende genotsrechten op aandelen*), whereas it may be presumed that (i) such proceeds in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, inure to a person who would not have been entitled to an exemption from, reduction or refund of, or credit for, dividend withholding tax, or who would have been entitled to a smaller reduction or refund of, or credit for, dividend withholding tax than the actual recipient of the proceeds; and (ii) such person acquires or retains, directly or indirectly, an interest in New Shares or similar instruments, comparable to its interest in New Shares prior to the time the composite transaction was first initiated.

An individual who is not resident or deemed to be resident in the Netherlands, but who has elected to be treated as a resident of the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes, may be eligible for relief from Dutch dividend withholding tax on the same conditions as an individual who is a Non-resident Holder of New Shares, as discussed below.

See the section "Dividend withholding tax – General" for a description of the concept "dividends distributed by Pharming".

See the section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Resident Holders of New Shares" for a description of the terms Dutch Individual and Dutch Corporate Entity.

#### **Non-resident Holders of New Shares**

If a Non-resident Holder of New Shares is resident in the Netherlands Antilles or Aruba or in a country that has concluded a double taxation treaty with the Netherlands, such holder may be eligible for a full or partial relief from the dividend withholding tax, provided such relief is timely and duly claimed. Pursuant to domestic rules to avoid dividend stripping, dividend withholding tax relief will only be available to the beneficial owner of dividends distributed by Pharming. The Dutch tax authorities have taken the position that this beneficial-ownership test can also be applied to deny relief from dividend withholding tax under double tax treaties and the Tax Arrangement for the Kingdom (Belastingregeling voor het Koninkrijk).

In addition, a Non-resident Holder of New Shares that is not an individual is entitled to an exemption from dividend withholding tax, provided that the following tests are satisfied:

- 1. it is, according to the tax law of a Member State of the European Union or a state designated by ministerial decree, that is a party to the Agreement regarding the European Economic Area, resident there and it is not transparent for tax purposes according to the tax law of such state;
- 2. any one or more of the following threshold conditions are satisfied:
  - a. at the time the dividend is distributed by Pharming, it holds shares representing at least five per cent of Pharming's nominal paid up capital; or
  - b. it has held shares representing at least five per cent of Pharming's nominal paid up capital for a continuous period of more than one year at any time during the four years preceding the time the dividend is distributed by Pharming, provided that such period ended after 31 December 2006; or
  - c. it is connected with Pharming within the meaning of article 10a, paragraph 4, of the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*); or
  - d. an entity connected with it within the meaning of article 10a, paragraph 4, of the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969) holds at the time the dividend is distributed by Pharming, New Shares representing at least five per cent of Pharming's nominal paid up capital;
- 3. it is not considered to be resident outside the Member States of the European Union or the states designated by ministerial decree, that are a party to the Agreement regarding the European Economic Area, under the terms of a double taxation treaty concluded with a third State; and
- 4. it does not perform a similar function as an investment institution (*beleggingsinstelling*) as meant by article 6a or article 28 of the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting* 1969).

The exemption from dividend withholding tax is not available if pursuant to a provision for the prevention of fraud or abuse included in a double taxation treaty between the Netherlands and the country of residence of the Non-resident Holder of New Shares, such holder would not be entitled to the reduction of tax on dividends provided for by such treaty. Furthermore, the exemption from dividend withholding tax will only be available to the beneficial owner of dividends distributed by Pharming. If a Non-resident Holder of New Shares is resident in a Member State of the European Union with which the Netherlands has concluded a double taxation treaty that provides for a reduction of tax on dividends based on the ownership of the number of voting rights, the test under 2.a. above is also satisfied if such holder owns five per cent of the voting rights in Pharming.

#### Credit

If a Non-resident Holder of New Shares is subject to Dutch income tax or Dutch corporation tax in respect of any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from its New Shares, including any capital gain realised on the disposal thereof, it can generally credit Dutch dividend withholding tax against his Dutch income tax or its Dutch corporation tax liability, as applicable, and is generally entitled to a refund pursuant to a negative tax assessment if and to the extent the dividend withholding tax, together with any other creditable domestic and/or foreign taxes, exceeds his aggregate Dutch income tax or its aggregate Dutch corporation tax liability, respectively.

See the section "Dividend withholding tax – Dutch Individuals and Dutch Corporate Entities" for a description of the term beneficial owner.

See the section "Dividend withholding tax – General" for a description of the concept "dividends distributed by Pharming".

See the section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Non-resident Holders of New Shares" for a description of the term Non-resident Holder of New Shares.

See the section "Taxes on income and capital gains – Non-resident Holders of New Shares" for a description of the circumstances under which a Non-resident Holder of New Shares is subject to Dutch income tax or Dutch corporation tax.

#### Gift and inheritance taxes

If a Holder of New Shares disposes of New Shares by way of gift, in form or in substance, or if a Holder of New Shares who is an individual dies, no Dutch gift tax or Dutch inheritance tax, as applicable, will be due, unless:

- (i) the donor is, or the deceased was, resident or deemed to be resident in the Netherlands for purposes of Dutch gift tax or Dutch inheritance tax, as applicable; or
- (ii) the donor made a gift of New Shares, then became a resident or deemed resident of the Netherlands, and died as a resident or deemed resident of the Netherlands within 180 days of the date of the gift.

For purposes of the above, a gift of New Shares made under a condition precedent (*opschortende voorwaarde*) is deemed to be made at the time the condition precedent is satisfied.

## Other taxes and duties

No Dutch registration tax, transfer tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty, other than court fees, is payable in the Netherlands by the Holder of New Shares in respect of or in connection with (i) the subscription, issue, placement, allotment, delivery of New Shares, (ii) the delivery and/or enforcement by way of legal proceedings (including the enforcement of any foreign judgment in the courts of the Netherlands) of the documents relating to the issue of New Shares or the performance by Pharming of its obligations under such documents, or (iii) the transfer of New Shares.

#### 9. GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Available Information**

Pharming publishes its annual accounts, accompanied by an annual report and an auditor's report certificate, within four months after the end of each financial year and its half-yearly figures within two months after the end of the first six months of each financial year. In addition, the Company publishes quarterly financial statements.

The annual accounts must be signed by all members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board. The annual reports (comprising the annual accounts, an annual report and an accountants' certificate) and the half-yearly reports and quarterly reports upon their publication can be inspected by Pharming's shareholders without charge at its head office in Leiden, during regular business hours.

Copies of the annual reports for the years ended 31 December 2007, 2008 and 2009, its (unaudited) report for the nine months ended 30 September 2010, the Articles of Association and the Prospectus may be obtained free of charge for the life of the Registration Document by sending a request in writing to Pharming at its business address: Darwinweg 24, 2333 CR Leiden, the Netherlands and are also available on www.pharming.com for the life of the Registration Document.

The Prospectus will also be available to investors on the website of the AFM at <a href="www.afm.nl">www.afm.nl</a> and through the Euronext Amsterdam website at <a href="www.euronext.com">www.euronext.com</a>.

#### **Corporate Information**

Pharming Group N.V. is a public company with limited liability, incorporated on 11 November 1988 under the laws of the Netherlands, and is registered with the Trade Register of the Chamber of Commerce of The Hague under number 28048592 and has its corporate seat in Leiden, the Netherlands. The Company's business address is Darwinweg 24, 2333 CR Leiden, the Netherlands and its website is www.pharming.com and its telephone number is +31 (0)71 5247400.

## **Corporate Resolutions**

The Management Board has resolved to issue the New Shares and to exclude the related pre-emptive rights of the existing holders of Shares (see Chapter 7 "Description of Share Capital – Share Capital – Issuance of Shares and Rights to Subscribe for Shares and – Pre-emptive Rights" of this Security Note).

## **Share Trading Information**

The Shares are listed and traded on Euronext Amsterdam and are cleared through the book-entry facilities of Euroclear Netherlands, only. The address of Euroclear Netherlands is: Herengracht 459-469, 1017 BS Amsterdam.

The Shares are traded under the following characteristics:

ISIN Code: NL0000377018 Common Code: 15661178

Amsterdam Security Code: 37701 Euronext Amsterdam Symbol: PHARM

## **Paying Agent**

ABN AMRO Bank N.V. is the Paying Agent with respect to the Shares. The address of the Paying Agent is:

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