



**XTL BIOPHARMACEUTICALS ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH YEDA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD. TO AMEND LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR LUPUS ASSET**

**RAANANA, ISRAEL - (October 13, 2015) – XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. (NASDAQ: XTLB, TASE: XTL)** (“XTL” or the “Company”), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of unmet clinical needs with a focus on treatments for autoimmune diseases, today announced that it has reached agreement with Yeda Research and Development Company Ltd. (“Yeda”) to amend the development milestones in the License Agreement signed between the parties in January 2014 for the development of hCDR1 for the treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

The amended agreement extends the time for achievement of key development milestones by approximately five additional months including delivery to Yeda of a full protocol for an upcoming clinical trial on hCDR1, raising an aggregate of US\$5 million (of which US\$4 million was raised in April 2015), and commencing a clinical trial on hCDR1 by January 2017.

Josh Levine, Chief Executive Officer of XTL, commented, “We are pleased with Yeda’s affirmation of their support and confidence in our ability to develop hCDR1 for the treatment of SLE. The amended agreement recognizes XTL’s efforts to date to advance hCDR1 to a clinical trial including: assembling a world-class Clinical Advisory Board with leading names in SLE, strengthening the Company’s Board with Directors with drug development and financial market experience, transferring the IND relating to hCDR1 from Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited to the Company, manufacturing the drug substance for the upcoming trial, engaging in ongoing discussions with the FDA to seek opportunities to strengthen hCDR1 intellectual property and optimize the regulatory pathway, and raising US \$4 million out of the aggregate amount of US \$5 million as required by the License Agreement.”

“We believe the amended agreement provides XTL with the time needed to properly develop our hCDR1 program and bring the product to an advanced clinical trial in the near future. We believe our operational plan and activities over the last several months should allow us to achieve the amended development milestones well within the revised timeline. The recent publication of the encouraging results of a previous Phase 2b trial (the PRELUDE trial) on hCDR1 in a peer reviewed article in the Lupus Science and Medicine journal ([full article](#)), showing favorable safety and efficacy data on over 300 patients, further strengthens our commitment to advance the development of hCDR1 as soon as possible.”

Amir Naiberg, Chief Executive Officer of Yeda commented: “We are encouraged by the progress that XTL has made to date with hCDR1. We look forward to XTL’s continued development of the drug for the treatment of SLE.”



### **About Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)**

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease involving many systems in the human body, including joints, kidneys, central nervous system, heart, hematological system and others. The biologic basis of the disease is a defect in the immune (defense) system, leading to production of self (auto) antibodies, attacking the normal organs and causing irreversible damage. According to the Lupus Foundation of America, at least 1.5 million Americans have the disease (more than 5 million worldwide) with more than 16,000 new cases diagnosed each year. The majority of patients are women of childbearing years. There has been only one drug approved by the FDA in the last over 50 years and recently two of the few drugs in advanced development did not meet their primary endpoints in Phase 3 trials.

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### **About XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. (XTL)**

XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd., a biopharmaceutical company, focuses on the acquisition, development, and commercialization of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of unmet clinical needs with a focus on treatments for autoimmune diseases.

XTL is a public company, traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market (NASDAQ: XTLB) and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE: XTL). XTL shares are included in the following indices: Tel-Aviv Biomed, Tel-Aviv MidCap, and Tel-Aviv Tech Index.

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