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**Annual report 2017** 

The Annual General Meeting adopted the annual report on 17.04.2018

Chairman of the General Meeting

Name: Lars Terp, Lawyer

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# **Entity details**

### **Entity**

Ace BioSciences A/S Roskildevej 12 C 3400 Hillerød

Central Business Registration No: 25616715

Registered in: Hillerød

Financial year: 01.01.2017 - 31.12.2017

Phone: 48250054

### **Board of Directors**

Jens Morten Fogh, Chairman Claes Magnus Andersson Mark Parry-Billings

## **Executive Board**

Mark Parry-Billings, CEO

### Auditors

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# Statement by Management on the annual report

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board have today considered and approved the annual report of Ace BioSciences A/S for the financial year 01.01.2017 - 31.12.2017.

The annual report is presented in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position at 31.12.2017 and of the results of its operations for the financial year 01.01.2017 - 31.12.2017.

We believe that the management commentary contains a fair review of the affairs and conditions referred to therein.

We recommend the annual report for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Hillerrød, 19.03.2018

**Executive Board** 

Mark Parry-Billings

CEO

**Board of Directors** 

Jens Morten Fogh

Chairman

Claes Magnus Andersson

Mark Parry-Billings

# **Independent auditor's report**

## To the shareholders of Ace BioSciences A/S Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ace BioSciences A/S for the financial year 01.01.2017 - 31.12.2017, which comprise the income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position at 31.12.2017 and of the results of its operations for the financial year 01.01.2017 - 31.12.2017 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of this auditor's report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Management's responsibilities for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act, and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and for using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements unless Management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exits. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

# Independent auditor's report

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a
  material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
  involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements, and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures in the notes, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### Statement on the management commentary

Management is responsible for the management commentary.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the management commentary, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the management commentary and, in doing so, consider whether the management commentary is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether the management commentary provides the information required under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

# **Independent auditor's report**

Based on the work we have performed, we conclude that the management commentary is in accordance with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act. We did not identify any material misstatement of the management commentary.

København, 19.03.2018

#### **Deloitte**

Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab Central Business Registration No: 33963556

Flemming Larsen

State A) thorised Public Accountant
Identification number (MNE) mne27790

# Management commentary

#### **Primary activities**

As in previous years, ACE Biosciences A/S main activity has been the development of enzyme replacement therapy for the treatment of rare genetic diseases.

The ACE pipeline has been focused mainly on projects for the therapeutic indications of lysosomal disease Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy (Krabbe Disease) and Aspartylglucosaminuria (AGU disease).

#### **Project Status**

As in previous years, in 2017 ACE Biosciences A/S focused research and development around the recombinant enzymes:

- Galaczym (rhGALC) for enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) for the lysosomal storage disease Krabbe disease and
- AGA (rhAGA) for enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) for Aspartylglucosaminuria (AGU), as monogenic, autosomal recessive metabolic disorder caused by mutations leading to N- Aspartylglucosaminuria (AGA) deficiency and accumulation of undigested glycoasparagines in lysosomal vacuoles in CNS, in visceral organs and skin.

Both projects are in pre-clinical development.

At the end of 2014 ACE Biosciences divested all rights and know-how concerning projects "Krabbe" and "AGU" to Chiesi Farmaceutici S.p.A. Chiesi Farmaceutici S.p.A. has subcontracted certain development and ancillary activities related to the Galaczym (rhGALC) "Krabbe" and AGA (rhAGA) project to ACE Biosciences A/S. At the end of 2017, headcount numbered 3 (in Sweden).

#### **Development in activities and finances**

The income statement for the period 01.01.17 – 31.12.17 showed a profit of tDKK 545 against tDKK 8,375 for the period 01.01.16 – 31.12.16. The balance sheet showed equity of tDKK 13.160 as at 31.12.17.

Pharmaceutical development is in general an area with extensive risk. This includes delays in the development process, lack of effect of the product candidate in clinical trials or lack of approval from authorities in connection with production or marketing of the product candidate.

Mid-February the board of directors determined to cease the activity of Ace BioSciences A/S, and transfer relevant activity to one or more entities within the Chiesi Farmaceutici S.p.A. Group. The transfer will be effective mid-2018. Subsequent to the transfer of activity, management will commence a solvent liquidation of the company. Management does not expect that the transfer will impact the measurement of assets and liabilities of the company 31.12.2017. Likewise, management believes that the company can be liquidated by means of a solvent liquidation and has therefore prepared the 2017 financial statements using the accounting policies applied in prior periods.

#### Events after the balance sheet date

Except for the above mentioned about the transfer of the business no events have occurred after the balance sheet date to this date, which would influence the evaluation of this annual report.

# **Income statement for 2017**

	Notes	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
Revenue		17.972	21.006
Gross profit/loss		17.972	21.006
Research and development costs Administrative costs		(14.670) (2.052)	(17.444) (2.371)
Operating profit/loss		1.250	1.191
Other financial income		55	3
Other financial expenses	2	(434)	(67)
Profit/loss before tax		871	1.127
Tax on profit/loss for the year		(326)	7.248
Profit/loss for the year		545	8.375
Proposed distribution of profit/loss			
Proposed distribution of profit/loss Retained earnings		545	8.375
		545	8.375

# Balance sheet at 31.12.2017

	Notes	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment  Property, plant and equipment	3	1.495 1.495	1.483 1.483
Fixed assets		1.495	1.483
Receivables from group enterprises Other receivables Joint taxation contribution receivable Receivables	4	4.426 900 7.536 <b>12.862</b>	4.643 907 7.622 13.172
Cash		1.697	1.007
Current assets		14.559	14.179
Assets		16.054	15.662

# Balance sheet at 31.12.2017

	Notes	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
Contributed capital Retained earnings	5	500 12.660	500 11.705
Equity		13.160	12.205
Trade payables		333	942
Payables to group enterprises		1.102	930
Income tax payable		272	203
Other payables		1.187	1.382
Current liabilities other than provisions		2.894	3.457
Liabilities other than provisions		2.894	3.457
Equity and liabilities		16.054	15.662
Uncertainty relating to recognition and measurement	1		
Unrecognised rental and lease commitments	6		
Contingent liabilities	7		

# Statement of changes in equity for 2017

	Contributed capital DKK'000	Retained earnings DKK'000	Total DKK'000
Equity beginning of year	500	11.705	12.205
Exchange rate adjustments	0	410	410
Profit/loss for the year	0	545	545
Equity end of year	500	12.660	13.160

### **Notes**

1. Uncertainty relating to recognition and measurement

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	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
2. Other financial expenses		
Interest expenses	434	67
	434	67
		Other
		fixtures and
		fittings,
		tools and
		equipment
and the second s		DKK'000
3. Property, plant and equipment		
Cost beginning of year		1.847
Additions		367
Cost end of year		2.214
Depreciation and impairment losses beginning of the year		(364)
Depreciation for the year		(470)
Reversal regarding disposals		115
Depreciation and impairment losses end of the year		(719)
Carrying amount end of year		1.495

#### 4. Joint taxation contribution receivable

The company is taxed jointly with other Danish Companies in the group, and, as from the 2013 finical year, the company is liable for tax claims on a pro rata basis and most comply with any obligations to withhold tax at source on interest, royalties and dividends for the jointly taxed companies. The maximum liability totals an amount corresponding to the share of the capital in the company which is owned directly or indirectly by the ultimate parent. As at the balance date, the total liability amounts to DKK 0.

## **Notes**

			Nominal
		Par value	value
	Number	DKK'000	DKK'000
5. Contributed capital			
Share Capital	500_	1 _	500
	500	_	500

#### 6. Unrecognised rental and lease commitments

The Entity has not entered into any operating lease agreements.

#### 7. Contingent liabilities

The Entity participates in a Danish joint taxation arrangement in which Zymenx Holding A/S serves as the administration company. According to the joint taxation provisions of the Danish Corporation Tax Act, the Entity is therefore alternatively liable from the financial year 2013 for income taxes etc for the jointly taxed entities, but only for the share by which the Entity is included in the Group, and from 1 July 2012 also for obligations, if any, relating to the withholding of tax on interest, royalties and dividends for these entities. The total known net liability of the jointly taxed entities under the joint taxation arrangement is evident from the administration company's financial statements.

# **Accounting policies**

#### Reporting class

This annual report has been presented in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act governing reporting class B enterprises.

The accounting policies applied to these financial statements are consistent with those applied last year.

Management believes that the contemplated liquidation does not impact the measurement of assets and liabilities as at 31.12.2017

#### Recognition and measurement

Assets are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable as a result of a prior event that future economic benefits will flow to the Entity, and the value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the Entity has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a prior event, and it is probable that future economic benefits will flow out of the Entity, and the value of the liability can be measured reliably.

On initial recognition, assets and liabilities are measured at cost. Measurement subsequent to initial recognition is effected as described below for each financial statement item.

Anticipated risks and losses that arise before the time of presentation of the annual report and that confirm or invalidate affairs and conditions existing at the balance sheet date are considered at recognition and measurement.

Income is recognised in the income statement when earned, whereas costs are recognised by the amounts attributable to this financial year.

### Income statement

#### Revenue

Revenue consist of founding from the parent company Chiesi Farmaceutici for the research and development cost as well as administration cost that the company have based on a cost plus agreement.

#### Research and development costs

Research and development costs comprise cost related to research and development activities, including salaries and wages, depreciations and other indirect cost.

Research and development cost, include ongoing cost of patent rights, recognized in the income statement as and when incurred.

#### **Administrative costs**

Administrative costs comprise expenses incurred for the Entity's administrative functions, including wages and salaries for administrative staff and Management, stationery and office supplies as well as amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses relating to property, plant and equipment.

## **Accounting policies**

#### Other financial income

Other financial income comprises dividends etc received on other investments, interest income, including interest income on receivables from group enterprises, net capital gains on securities, payables and transactions in foreign currencies, amortisation of financial assets as well as tax relief under the Danish Tax Prepayment Scheme etc.

#### Other financial expenses

Other financial expenses comprise interest expenses, including interest expenses on payables to group enterprises, net capital losses on securities, payables and transactions in foreign currencies, amortisation of financial liabilities as well as tax surcharge under the Danish Tax Prepayment Scheme etc.

#### Tax on profit/loss for the year

Tax for the year, which consists of current tax for the year and changes in deferred tax, is recognised in the income statement by the portion attributable to the profit for the year and recognised directly in equity by the portion attributable to entries directly in equity.

#### **Balance sheet**

### Property, plant and equipment

Plant and machinery as well as other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Cost comprises the acquisition price, costs directly attributable to the acquisition and preparation costs of the asset until the time when it is ready to be put into operation.

The basis of depreciation is cost less estimated residual value after the end of useful life. Straight-line depreciation is made on the basis of the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

Plant and machinery
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment

5 years

3-5 years

Estimated useful lives and residual values are reassessed annually.

Items of property, plant and equipment are written down to the lower of recoverable amount and carrying amount.

#### Receivables

Receivables are measured at amortised cost, usually equalling nominal value less writedowns for bad and doubtful debts.

# **Accounting policies**

## Income tax payable or receivable

Current tax payable or receivable is recognised in the balance sheet, stated as tax computed on this year's taxable income, adjusted for prepaid tax.

#### Cash

Cash comprises cash in hand and bank deposits.

#### Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost, which usually corresponds to nominal value.