

press release

Novo Nordisk to acquire Calibrium LLC and MB2 LLC

Acquisition expands Novo Nordisk's portfolio of projects within diabetes and obesity

Bagsværd, Denmark, 27 August 2015 – Novo Nordisk today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement under which Novo Nordisk will acquire Calibrium LLC and MB2 LLC, two privately held biopharmaceutical research companies based in Indiana, US.

Formed in 2013 and 2014, respectively, Calibrium and MB2 are focused on developing a portfolio of novel drug candidates for the treatment of diabetes and related metabolic diseases. The acquisition will expand Novo Nordisk's portfolio of projects and intellectual property rights within diabetes and obesity and provide a basis for expanding Novo Nordisk's research presence in the US.

Mads Krogsgaard Thomsen, executive vice president and chief science officer of Novo Nordisk says: "We are always on the lookout for ways to strengthen our leadership position within therapeutic proteins. This research team has demonstrated world-class capabilities in protein design and created a project portfolio of innovative product leads that fit very well with our aspirations within diabetes and obesity."

Dr Richard DiMarchi, chief scientific officer and co-founder of Calibrium and MB2 says: "It's an honour to join the global Novo Nordisk research community. Their intense focus on metabolic diseases, which over the years has led to numerous breakthrough protein-based medicines, aligns perfectly with my career-long priorities. I'm optimistic that together we can create novel, transformative therapies in the fight against the global epidemic of diabetes and obesity."

The parties have agreed not to disclose the financial details of the transactions.

The closing of the transaction is subject to US regulatory approval and is expected to occur during the third quarter of 2015.

About Calibrum and MB2

Calibrum is an emerging biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and early development of novel peptides for the treatment of diabetes and related metabolic diseases. Calibrum was co-founded by Fritz French, chief executive officer, and Richard DiMarchi, PhD, chief scientific officer.

MB2 is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company advancing a pipeline of first-in-class, mixed agonist drugs for the treatment of diabetes and obesity. MB2 was co-founded by Kent Hawryluk, chief executive officer and Richard DiMarchi, PhD, chief scientific officer.

Both companies are privately held and located in Carmel, IN, US.

Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company with more than 90 years of innovation and leadership in diabetes care. This heritage has given us experience and capabilities that also enable us to help people defeat other serious chronic conditions: haemophilia, growth disorders and obesity. Headquartered in Denmark, Novo Nordisk employs approximately 39,700 people in 75 countries and markets its products in more than 180 countries. For more information, visit novonordisk.com, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#)

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