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#### Nabi to implement a share consolidation

Biota Holdings Limited (ASX:BTA) announces that the board of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals (*Nabi*) has approved a share consolidation, which will take effect on 8 November 2012, whereby every six(6) Nabi shares will be consolidated into a single Nabi share.

As a result, on the implementation of the merger between Biota and Nabi, Biota shareholders will receive 0.1249630125 of a share in the merged group, Biota Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for each Biota share held by them on the record date, being 6 November 2012.

As announced to the ASX on 19 October 2012, immediately after the implementation of the merger, Biota shareholders and Nabi shareholders will hold approximately 83% and 17% respectively of Biota Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The share consolidation will not impact this ownership percentage.

#### **About Biota**

Biota is a leading anti-infective drug development company based in Melbourne Australia, with key expertise in respiratory diseases, particularly influenza. Biota developed the first-in-class neuraminidase inhibitor, zanamivir, subsequently marketed by GlaxoSmithKline as Relenza. Biota research breakthroughs include a series of candidate drugs aimed at treatment of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) disease and Hepatitis C (HCV) virus infections. Biota has a well advanced program for human rhinovirus (HRV) infection with a completed Phase IIb study in asthmatic subjects.

In addition, Biota and Daiichi Sankyo co-own a range of second generation influenza antivirals, of which the lead product Inavir<sup>®</sup>, is marketed in Japan. Biota holds a contract from the US Office of Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) for the advanced development of laninamivir in the USA.

Relenza™ is a registered trademark of the GlaxoSmithKline group of companies. Inavir<sup>®</sup> is registered to Daiichi Sankyo.

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