

## **Press release**

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### **Disclosure of shareholdings – HBM BioVentures holds over 3% of its own shares**

With reference to Articles 9 and 17 of the Ordinance of the Federal Banking Commission on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading (SESTO-SFBC), HBM BioVentures Ltd (SWX: HBMN), Bundesplatz 1, 6300 Zug, announces that it holds 343,000 of its own registered shares directly and indirectly via its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBM BioVentures (Cayman) Ltd., Centennial Towers, 2454 West Bay Road, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. The shares correspond to 3.05% of voting rights, thus exceeding the threshold of 3% of voting rights as at 7 October 2008.

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#### **Brief profile of HBM BioVentures Ltd**

As a venture capital company, HBM BioVentures is invested globally in some 40 mature emerging companies in the biotechnology/human medicine, diagnostics and medical technology sectors. The primary products of HBM BioVentures' portfolio companies are either at an advanced stage of development or already available on the market. The company focuses on unquoted emerging companies, with two-thirds of its CHF 1 billion capital invested in private companies that offer high value creation potential. This has enabled HBM BioVentures to carve out a unique and distinctive market position. HBM BioVentures has a broad shareholder base and is listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange (ticker: HBMN).

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