HBM **BioVentures**

Press Release

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Closing of the sale of mtm laboratories to Roche

The sale of mtm laboratories to Roche was closed today. With the closing, HBM BioVentures received net proceeds of EUR 42 million. Additional funds up to EUR 4.7 million will be due upon release of escrow. Approx. EUR 20 million may be obtained upon reaching performance-related milestones. With its investment in mtm laboratories, HBM BioVentures realized an annualized return over the investment period of 19%. This trade sale in July 2011 doubled the book value of the investment position and increased the net asset value by 5.8%.

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About HBM BioVentures Ltd

HBM BioVentures is invested globally in some 25 mature companies in the biotechnology/human medicine, diagnostics and medical technology sectors. The lead products of many companies in HBM BioVentures' portfolio are either at an advanced stage of development or already available on the market. The investment focus currently is on follow-on financing for still-private companies in the portfolio that offer high value-creation potential. HBM BioVentures is an interesting alternative to investments in big pharma and biotech companies. HBM BioVentures has an international shareholder base and is listed on SIX Swiss Exchange (ticker: HBMN).

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