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## **Capiro Announces Acquisition of Unilabs**

- **Transaction creates a leading laboratory services group in Europe operating under the name "Unilabs"**
- **Binding purchase agreement signed with Unilabs' majority shareholders to acquire 50.08% of the Unilabs voting rights and 38.10% of the capital**
- **Intention to launch public tender offer at CHF 57.50 per Unilabs bearer share and CHF 28.75 per registered share**
- **Unanimous support of transaction by Unilabs Board of Directors**

Gothenburg, Sweden/Geneva, Switzerland, 7 August 2007 – Capiro announced today that it has entered into a binding agreement signed with the majority shareholders of Unilabs, among them Edgard Zwirn, Executive Chairman of Unilabs, to purchase their entire stake of registered and bearer shares and options of the company for a total consideration of CHF 282 million. This represents a purchase price of CHF 35.75 per registered share and CHF 71.50 per bearer share. The combination of Unilabs and Capiro Diagnostics will create a strong and compelling laboratory services group in Europe. Capiro intends to use the Unilabs name for the combined entity and to establish the headquarters for the combined diagnostics business in Geneva.

Subject to merger control clearance, Capiro will hold 50.08% of the Unilabs voting rights and 38.1% of the capital. Following the closing of the agreement with the majority shareholders, Capiro intends to make a public tender offer under Swiss law to the public shareholders for CHF 57.50 per bearer share and CHF 28.75 per registered share. The offer price represents a 30.3% premium to the volume weighted average share price of the 60 days prior to the announcement or a 27.3% premium to the 30 days before the announcement. Financing for the transaction is in place. Full details of the offer will be disclosed in the offer document. The offer is expected to close in late 2007. The Board of Directors unanimously supports and endorses the transaction including the offer to be made to the public shareholders.

Edgard Zwirn said: "Having founded Unilabs in 1987 and developed the company over the last 20 years, the combination with Capiro Diagnostics enables Unilabs to expand its current footprint to Scandinavia and to the UK. In addition it provides access to capital to fund further European expansion and to profit from upcoming consolidation opportunities. The attractive offer enables all shareholders to profit from future growth of our company. That is why the Board of Directors unanimously supports the transaction and will support the combined company in the future."

“This acquisition transforms Capiro’s Diagnostics business and the combined group will become a strong force in the European laboratory services market that will be able to play an active role in the expected further consolidation of the industry,” said Paul Hokfelt, President and CEO of Capiro. “The companies are a perfect fit with over 100 laboratories and testing facilities across Europe. Together with Unilabs management and employees, we will create a leading laboratory service company with a pan-European strategy, with excellent market synergies and good consolidation opportunities. We intend to use the Unilabs name for the combined entity and to establish the headquarters for the combined diagnostics business in Geneva.”

### **The combined group**

Capiro’s Diagnostics division will be combined with Unilabs’s existing operations. The combination of two successful operating models of running laboratories will result in the most effective and quality-driven supplier in Europe. The headquarters of this business will be in Geneva, Switzerland. Based on their latest published full year financials, the combined group would have pro-forma sales in excess of CHF 510 million and about 2,800 employees.

### **Press and Analyst conference today 9.30 AM at SWX Convention Point Zurich**

A Conference for the Press and Financial Analysts will be held today 9.30 AM at SWX Convention Point, Selnaustrasse 30, in Zurich. Paul Hokfelt, President and CEO of Capiro AB, and Edgard Zwirn, Executive Chairman of Unilabs, will attend and comment the combination of the companies. No registration needed.

### **Meeting with the Press in Geneva today 2.30 PM, Mandarin Oriental Hotel du Rhone, Geneva**

Paul Hokfelt, President and CEO of Capiro AB, and Edgard Zwirn, Executive Chairman of Unilabs, will attend. No registration needed.

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