



UCB launches an offer of up to EUR 350 million convertible bonds, due 2015

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Brussels, Belgium, 30 September 2009 – 07:45 (CEST) – regulated information - UCB SA ("UCB" or the "Company") announces today that it has launched an offering (the "Offering") of up to EUR 350 million senior unsecured convertible bonds, due 2015 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds will be placed with institutional investors through an accelerated book building placement conducted by Barclays Capital, BNP Paribas Fortis and KBC Financial Products, acting as Joint Bookrunners.

The Bonds will be issued and redeemed at 100 per cent of their principal amount and are expected to have a coupon of between 4.50 per cent and 5.25 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually in arrear, and unless previously converted, repurchased or redeemed will mature on the 6th anniversary of their issue, in 2015. The initial conversion price is expected to be set at a premium of between 30 per cent and 35 per cent above a reference share price equal to the volume-weighted average price of the Company's ordinary shares on Euronext Brussels from launch to pricing. The final terms of the Bonds are expected to be announced through a separate press release, expected to be later today.

UCB has granted the Joint Bookrunners an over-allotment option of up to EUR 50 million of Bonds which, if exercised in full by the Joint Bookrunners, would increase the aggregate principal amount of the Offering to EUR 400 million. This option can be exercised, in part or in full, at any time up to and including October 22, 2009.

The net proceeds from the issue of the Bonds will be used by UCB for general corporate purposes and form part of a funding diversification policy being implemented by the Board.

The Company agrees to certain restrictions on its ability to issue or dispose of ordinary shares, convertible bonds or related equity-linked securities during a period commencing



today and ending on 90 days after the closing of the Offering, subject to certain exceptions.

Bondholders will have the right to convert the Bonds into new and/or existing ordinary shares of the Company and/or to receive an amount in cash based on the volume weighted average price of UCB's ordinary shares during 10 dealing days following the exercise of the conversion right, at the option of the Company. The conversion of the Bonds into new or existing shares is subject to an extraordinary general shareholders' meeting of the Company approving the increase of the ordinary share capital of the Company in an amount, and for a duration, sufficient for the purposes of converting the Bonds into new ordinary shares of the Company and authorizing the Company to acquire and dispose of own shares. The Company intends to convene an extraordinary general shareholders' meeting to authorize the issue of new ordinary shares upon conversion of the Bonds and the acquisition and disposal of own shares.

Financière de Tubize S.A., who holds 36.20% of the Company's ordinary shares, has expressed its support for the transaction and has advised the Company that it intends to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions at the forthcoming extraordinary general shareholders' meeting.

Application will be made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange to list the Bonds on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and to admit the Bonds to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF Market.

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About UCB

UCB, Brussels, Belgium (www.ucb.com) is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the research, development and commercialization of innovative medicines with a focus on the fields of central nervous system and immunology disorders. Employing approximately 10 000 people in over 40 countries, UCB generated revenue of 3.6 billion euro in 2008. UCB is listed on Euronext Brussels (symbol: UCB).

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