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# Valneva Announces the Success of its Private Placement Raising approximately €60 Million

**Saint-Herblain (France), September 13, 2024** – <u>Valneva SE</u> (Nasdaq: VALN; Euronext Paris: VLA) ("**Valneva**" or the "**Company**"), a specialty vaccine company, today announces the successful pricing of its Private Placement (as defined below) for a final amount of €61,180,000.

**Peter Bühler, Valneva's Chief Financial Officer**, commented, "We would like to thank our existing shareholders for their continued support, as well as the new healthcare specialist investors joining us through this raise. In addition to supporting our current commercial and R&D activities, this additional capital will give us greater flexibility to invest in our future growth, including in the Shigella vaccine program for which we recently acquired an exclusive worldwide license".

## **Context of the Offering**

The Issuer intends to use the net proceeds of the Private Placement primarily to fund the continuing development of the Company's clinical programs which include notably the Phase 3 pediatric and Phase 4 programs for the chikungunya vaccine as well as the anticipated Phase 2 programs for the Shigella and Zika vaccine candidates. A portion of the net proceeds will also be used for the further commercialization of the Company's existing chikungunya vaccine, IXCHIQ<sup>®</sup>, to fund the acceleration of the Company's pre-clinical research and development activities and for general corporate purposes. Valneva believes this new funding will provide greater flexibility to invest in its future growth, including in its Shigella vaccine program for which it recently obtained an exclusive worldwide license.

The Company believes it will have sufficient resources to finance its operational business, excluding debt repayment, until potential milestone and commercial revenues from its program against the Lyme disease enable the Company to operate in a sustained profitable way.

Conclusion of the Lyme disease VALOR Phase trial 3 is still expected by the end of 2025, with the aim for Pfizer to submit a Biologic License Application (BLA) to the Food and Drug Administration and a Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) to the European Medicine Agency in 2026, subject to positive data.

At the end of June 2024, the Company's debt amounted to \$200 million. Reimbursements of the first \$100 million tranche will start in January 2026 and mature in the first quarter of 2027. Reimbursements of the second \$100 million tranche will start in the first quarter of 2027 and mature in the fourth quarter of 2028.

## **Terms of the Private Placement**

A total of 23,000,000 new ordinary shares (the "**Offer Shares**"), each with a nominal value of  $\in 0.15$ , have been issued at a price of  $\in 2.66$  each, without shareholders' preferential subscription rights, (i) to a limited number of institutional investors within the United States, or that are U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S ("**Regulation S**") of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**")) who have represented that they are qualified institutional buyers (as defined in Rule 144A)

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under the Securities Act) in an offering exempt from registration under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, and (ii) outside of the United States to non-U.S. persons in an offering exempt from registration under Regulation S, in the European Union (including France) to qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(e) of Regulation 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017, as amended (the "**Prospectus Regulation**") and outside of the European Union (with the exception of the United States, Australia and Japan), in each case for the benefit of categories of investors defined by the 33<sup>rd</sup> resolution of the Company's combined ordinary and extraordinary general shareholders' meeting of 26 June 2024 ("**General Meeting**") (the "**Private Placement**").

## Dilution

The Offer Shares represent 16.5% of the Company's share capital on a non-diluted basis prior to the completion of the Private Placement and 14.2% of the Company's share capital on a non-diluted basis following the Private Placement. By way of illustration a shareholder holding 1% of the share capital of the Company prior to the launch of the Private Placement will now hold an interest of 0.86%.

Shareholder	Shares	% Capital	Voting Rights	% of Voting Rights
Groupe CDC	13,539,703	9.72%	22,159,181	14.21%
Pfizer Inc.	9,554,395	6.86%	9,549,761	6.13%
Groupe Grimaud La Corbière	6,744,702	4.84%	12,949,533	8.31%
Polar Capital	5,423,702	3.89%	5,423,702	3.48%
Free Float	104,014,399	74.68%	105,812,191	67.87%
Total	139,276,901	100.00%	155,894,368	100.00%

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Polar Capital	8,123,702	5.01%	8,123,702	4.54%
Groupe Grimaud La Corbière	6,744,702	4.16%	12,949,533	7.24%



Braidwell LP	5,400,000	3.33%	5,400,000	3.02%
Free Float	118,364,399	72.94%	120,162,191	67.17%
Total	162,276,901	100.00%	178,894,368	100.00%

# Admission to trading of the Offer Shares

The settlement and delivery of the Offer Shares to be issued in the Private Placement and their admission to trading on the regulated market of Euronext Paris ("**Euronext Paris**") are expected on September 17, 2024. Other than being "restricted securities" in the United States, the Offer Shares will be of the same category and fungible with the existing ordinary shares, will be entitled to all rights associated with the existing ordinary shares and will be admitted to trading on Euronext Paris under the same ISIN as the existing ordinary shares: ISIN FR0004056851.

## **Lock-Up Commitments**

In connection with the Private Placement, the Company, members of the management and of the Board of Directors have signed a lock-up commitment pursuant to which they have each agreed to a lock-up period of 90 days following the settlement and delivery of the Private Placement, subject to certain customary exceptions.

## **Financial Intermediaries**

Jefferies GmbH and Bryan, Garnier & Co are acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners in connection with the Private Placement.

#### **Risk Factors**

Attention is drawn to the risk factors associated with the Company and its activity presented in section 1.5 of the universal registration document registered with the French Financial Market Authority (*Autorité des Marchés Financiers*) (the "**AMF**") on March 22, 2024 under number D.24-0157 as updated in chapter I.5 of the Company's interim financial report for the first half of 2024 published and filed with the AMF on August 13, 2024, which are available free of charge on the Company's website (<u>https://valneva.com/investors</u>). The occurrence of all or part of these risks could have a negative impact on the Company's activity, financial situation, results, development or outlook.

Additionally, investors are invited to consider the following risks specific to this Private Placement: (i) the market price of the Company's shares may fluctuate and fall below the subscription price of the Offer Shares, (ii) the volatility and liquidity of the Company's shares may fluctuate significantly, (iii) sales of the Company's shares may take place on the market and have a negative impact on the market price of its shares,(iv) the Company's shareholders could suffer potentially significant dilution resulting from any future capital increases required to provide the Company with additional financing and (v) the Company has broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from the Private Placement.

# **Prospectus**

The Private Placement is not subject to a prospectus requiring an approval from the AMF.



## **About Valneva**

We are a specialty vaccine company that develops, manufactures, and commercializes prophylactic vaccines for infectious diseases addressing unmet medical needs. We take a highly specialized and targeted approach, applying our deep expertise across multiple vaccine modalities, focused on providing either first-, best- or only-in-class vaccine solutions.

We have a strong track record, having advanced multiple vaccines from early R&D to approvals, and currently market three proprietary travel vaccines, including the world's first and only chikungunya vaccine, as well as certain third-party vaccines.

Revenues from our growing commercial business help fuel the continued advancement of our vaccine pipeline. This includes the only Lyme disease vaccine candidate in advanced clinical development, which is partnered with Pfizer, the world's most clinically advanced Shigella vaccine candidate, as well as vaccine candidates against the Zika virus and other global public health threats. More information is available at <u>www.valneva.com</u>.

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements concerning the Private Placement, including the anticipated use of proceeds from the Private Placement, the anticipated dates of the pricing and closing of the Private Placement, the admission of the Offer Shares to trading on Euronext Paris and potential dilution to existing investors. In addition, even if the actual results or development of Valneva are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this press release, those results or developments of Valneva may not be indicative of future results. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by words such as "could," "should," "may," "expects," "anticipates," "believes," "intends," "estimates," "aims," "targets," or similar words. Such forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that the Company considers to be reasonable as of the date of this press release and are subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievement expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In particular, the expectations of the Company could be affected by, among other things, uncertainties involved in the development and manufacture of vaccines, unexpected clinical trial results, unexpected regulatory actions or delays, competition in general, currency fluctuations, the impact of the global and European credit crisis, and the ability to obtain or maintain patent or other proprietary intellectual property protection, as well as the risks set forth in section 1.5 of the universal registration document registered with the French Financial Market Authority (Autorité des Marchés Financiers) (the "AMF") under number D.24-0157 on March 22, 2024 (copies of which are available on the Company's website) as updated in chapter I.5 of the Company's interim financial report for the first half of 2024 published and filed with the AMF on



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