



Press Release

RedHill Biopharma Receives Notice of Allowance for Additional U.S. Patent for RHB-105 *H. pylori* Bacterial Infection Treatment

- **The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has issued a Notice of Allowance for a new formulation patent application covering RHB-105 *H. pylori* bacterial infection treatment, to expire no earlier than 2034**
- **Top-line results from the ongoing Phase III study with RHB-105 are expected in June 2015**
- **RHB-105 targets a significantly broader indication than existing *H. pylori* therapies, as a first line treatment of *H. pylori* infection regardless of ulcer status, with the U.S. market for *H. pylori* eradication therapies estimated at approximately \$1-1.5 billion annually**
- **RHB-105 has been granted a QIDP designation by the FDA under the GAIN Act, thus benefiting from Fast-Track development status, Priority Review of a potential New Drug Application (NDA) and additional five years of exclusivity, for a total of 8 years of market exclusivity**

TEL-AVIV, Israel, April 16, 2015 RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (NASDAQ/TASE: RDHL) (“RedHill”), an Israeli biopharmaceutical company primarily focused on late clinical-stage, proprietary, orally-administered drugs for inflammatory and gastrointestinal diseases, including gastrointestinal cancers, today announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has issued a Notice of Allowance for U.S. Patent No. 14/179,197 covering the RHB-105 formulation. RHB-105 is a proprietary fixed-dose combination therapy of two antibiotics

and a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), in an all-in-one oral capsule, targeting an indication of first line treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection.

The new RHB-105 patent application is entitled “*Pharmaceutical Compositions for the Treatment of Helicobacter Pylori*”. Once granted, the patent is expected to be valid until at least 2034.

“This new patent application strengthens the RHB-105 intellectual property estate and extends patent protection until at least 2034.” **said Guy Goldberg, RedHill's Chief Business Officer.** “RHB-105 is intended to overcome the growing resistance of *H. pylori* bacteria to standard antibiotic treatments, which results in increasing treatment failure rates. With the new patent protection and QIDP designation from the FDA, which extends the market exclusivity period to a total of 8 years, RHB-105 could be well positioned commercially in the *H. pylori* treatment market, if approved. We look forward to receiving top-line results from the ongoing Phase III study with RHB-105 in June 2015.”

RHB-105 is currently undergoing a first Phase III clinical study in the U.S. (the ERADICATE Hp study). The randomized, placebo-controlled study is intended to evaluate the safety and efficacy of RHB-105 as a first-line treatment for confirmed *H. pylori* bacterial infection, a major cause of chronic gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, gastric cancer, and mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma. Top-line data from the Phase III study is expected in June 2015.

With RHB-105, RedHill is pursuing an indication of first line treatment of *H. pylori* infection regardless of ulcer status, a significantly broader indication than current standard treatments for *H. pylori*, which are typically limited and indicated to treat patients with an active or recent history of ulcers. If approved, RHB-105 may be the first *H. pylori* eradication therapy to target this broader indication, which would significantly expand the potential patient population on the label for this drug.

In November 2014, the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) designated RHB-105 as a Qualified Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) under the FDA's Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now (GAIN) Act, which is intended to encourage new antibiotic drugs for the treatment of serious or life-threatening infections. The designation allows RedHill to benefit from Fast-Track development status for RHB-105, providing for an expedited development pathway as well as Priority Review status, potentially leading to a shorter review time by the FDA of a New Drug Application (NDA), if filed. If approved, RHB-105 will also receive an additional five years of U.S. market exclusivity on top of the standard exclusivity period, for a total of 8 years of market exclusivity.

It is estimated that approximately two-thirds of the world's population is infected with *H. pylori*, and the potential market of *H. pylori* eradication therapies in the U.S. is estimated at approximately \$1-1.5 billion annually¹.

¹ Approximately three million *H. pylori* infected patients are treated per annum in the U.S. (Colin W. Howden, MD, et. al (2007), The American Journal of Managed Care). Market size is estimated by the Company based on the above number and the price of current treatments.

About RHB-105:

RHB-105 is a new and proprietary fixed-dose oral combination therapy of two antibiotics and a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) in an all-in-one oral capsule with a planned indication for treatment of *H. pylori* infection. *H. pylori* bacterial infection is a major cause of chronic gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, gastric cancer, and mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma. RHB-105 is currently undergoing a first Phase III clinical study in the U.S. (named ERADICATE Hp) planned to be followed, if successful, by a second Phase III study. RHB-105 has been granted Qualifying Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) designation by the FDA, providing for a Fast Track development pathway as well as Priority Review status, potentially leading to a shorter review time by the FDA of a New Drug Application (NDA), if filed. If approved, RHB-105 will also receive an additional five years of U.S. market exclusivity on top of the standard exclusivity period, for a total of 8 years of market exclusivity.

About RedHill Biopharma Ltd.:

RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (NASDAQ: RDHL) (TASE: RDHL) is an emerging Israeli biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and acquisition of late clinical-stage, proprietary, orally-administered drugs for the treatment of inflammatory and gastrointestinal diseases, including gastrointestinal cancers. RedHill's current pipeline of proprietary products includes: (i) **RHB-105** - an oral combination therapy for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection, with an ongoing first Phase III study; (ii) **RHB-104** - an oral combination therapy for the treatment of Crohn's disease, with an ongoing first Phase III study; (iii) **BEKINDA™ (RHB-102)** - a once-daily oral pill formulation of ondansetron with a Phase III study in the U.S. for acute gastroenteritis and gastritis and a European marketing application for chemotherapy and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting submitted in December 2014; (iv) **RHB-106** - an encapsulated formulation for bowel preparation licensed to Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.; (v) **ABC294640** - a Phase II-stage orally-administered SK2 inhibitor targeting multiple inflammatory-GI diseases and related oncology indications; (vi) **MESUPRON®** - a Phase II-stage uPA inhibitor, administered by oral capsule, targeting gastrointestinal and other solid tumor cancers; (vii) **RP101** - currently subject to an option-to-acquire by RedHill, RP101 is a Phase II-stage Hsp27 inhibitor, administered by oral tablet, targeting pancreatic and other gastrointestinal cancers; (viii) **RIZAPORT™ (RHB-103)** - an oral thin film formulation of rizatriptan for acute migraines with a U.S. NDA currently under discussions with the FDA and a European marketing application submitted in October 2014; and (ix) **RHB-101** - a once-daily oral pill formulation of the cardio drug carvedilol.

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successfully complete its preclinical studies or clinical trials; (iii) the extent and number of additional studies that the Company may be required to conduct and the Company's receipt of regulatory approvals for its therapeutic candidates, and the timing of other regulatory filings, approvals and feedback; (iv) the manufacturing, clinical development, commercialization, and market acceptance of the Company's therapeutic candidates; (v) the Company's ability to establish and maintain corporate collaborations; (vi) the interpretation of the properties and characteristics of the Company's therapeutic candidates and of the results obtained with its therapeutic candidates in research, preclinical studies or clinical trials; (vii) the implementation of the Company's business model, strategic plans for its business and therapeutic candidates; (viii) the scope of protection the Company is able to establish and maintain for intellectual property rights covering its therapeutic candidates and its ability to operate its business without infringing the intellectual property rights of others; (ix) parties from whom the Company licenses its intellectual property defaulting in their obligations to the Company; (x) estimates of the Company's expenses, future revenues capital requirements and the Company's needs for additional financing (xi) competitive companies and technologies within the Company's industry; and (xii) the impact of the political and security situation in Israel on the Company's business. More detailed information about the Company and the risk factors that may affect the realization of forward-looking statements is set forth in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on February 26, 2015. All forward-looking statements included in this Press Release are made only as of the date of this Press Release. We assume no obligation to update any written or oral forward-looking statement unless required by law.

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