



Scopus BioPharma Announces Closing of \$9 Million Follow-On Public Offering

New York, New York, January 29, 2021 – Scopus BioPharma Inc. (Nasdaq: “SCPS”) today announced the closing of a \$9 million follow-on public offering. The offering consisted of 1,000,000 shares of common stock at a public offering price of \$9.00 per share. The company has granted the underwriters a 45-day option to purchase up to an additional 150,000 shares of common stock at the public offering price.

Scopus is a biopharmaceutical company developing transformational therapeutics based on groundbreaking scientific and medical discoveries. The company’s lead drug candidate is a novel, targeted immuno-oncology gene therapy for the treatment of multiple cancers. This drug candidate is highly distinctive, encompassing both gene therapy and immunotherapy by synthetically linking siRNA to an oligonucleotide TLR9 agonist, creating the potential for targeted gene silencing with simultaneous TLR stimulation and immune activation in the tumor microenvironment.

Scopus intends to use the proceeds of the offering principally for further development of the company’s lead drug candidate, including in combination with checkpoint inhibitors.

The Benchmark Company, LLC acted as Sole Bookrunning Manager and Joseph Gunnar & Co., LLC acted as Co-Manager for the offering.

Greenberg Traurig, LLP is acting as counsel to the company. Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. is acting as counsel to the underwriters.

An offering statement relating to the shares of common stock was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and became qualified on January 26, 2021. The offering is being made only by means of an offering circular, copies of which may be obtained, when available, by contacting: The Benchmark Company, LLC, Attention: Prospectus Department, 150 E. 58th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10155, by calling (212) 312-6700 or by e-mail at prospectus@benchmarkcompany.com; or Joseph Gunnar & Co., LLC, Attention: Prospectus Department, 30 Broad Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10004, by calling (212) 440-9600 or by email at prospectus@jgunnar.com. The offering circular is also available on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission website at www.sec.gov.

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About Scopus BioPharma

Scopus BioPharma Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company developing transformational therapeutics capitalizing on groundbreaking scientific and medical discoveries from leading research and academic institutions. The company's lead drug candidate is a novel, targeted immuno-oncology gene therapy for the treatment of multiple cancers. The company is also developing additional new chemical entities to treat other serious diseases with significant unmet medical needs, including systemic sclerosis.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may include forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks (including those set forth in the company's offering circular filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements. The company expressly disclaims any obligations or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the company's expectations with respect thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based. Investors should realize that if our underlying assumptions for the projections contained herein prove inaccurate or that known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results could vary materially from our expectations and projections.

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