

Zentiva N.V.
Results of Extraordinary General Meeting held on February 9, 2009

Prague, London, February 9, 2009 - Zentiva N.V. ("Zentiva" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it held its Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") in Amsterdam today. The number of shares registered for, and present at, the EGM was 12,122,464 shares, representing 31.79% of the issued share capital of Zentiva.

The main item on the agenda of the EGM was the recommended voluntary takeover offer by Sanofi-Aventis Europe, a wholly owned subsidiary of sanofi-aventis, at a price of CZK 1,150 per share (the "Improved Sanofi Offer"). At the EGM, the Board reiterated its support for the Improved Sanofi Offer and recommend that shareholders accept it.

There were no resolutions to vote on at the EGM.

The presentation presented to shareholders present at the EGM can be found on the Company's website www.zentiva.cz (go to "Investors", "General Meeting"). The Company will provide a more detailed update on the EGM, including the discussion therein, in several days in accordance with its past practice.

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Zentiva N.V. is an international pharmaceutical company focused on developing, manufacturing and marketing modern generic pharmaceutical products. The Company has leading positions in the pharmaceutical markets in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, and Turkey and is growing rapidly in Poland, Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary, the Ukraine and the Baltic States. Zentiva's strategy is to further this growth by increasing patient access to modern medicines through primary care providers within the EU and Eastern Europe. This growth will be based on further organic development of Zentiva's existing business and through selective acquisitions, whilst maintaining profitable growth.

The Company addresses a wide range of therapeutic areas but has a particular focus on cardiovascular disorders, inflammatory conditions, pain, infections and diseases of the central nervous system and the gastrointestinal and urology fields.

The Zentiva Group employs almost 6,000 people and has production sites in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, and Turkey.

Zentiva is listed on the Prague and London Stock Exchanges. Based on official notifications by shareholders to the Dutch regulator, the Company's largest shareholders are Sanofi-Aventis (24.9%), PPF Group and Generali PPF Holding B.V. acting in concert (24.3%), Belviport Trading Ltd. (10.1%) and Fervent Holdings Limited (7.6%). Zentiva's management holds 5.9% of the Company shares. Other institutional and private investors hold a combined 27.2% of Company shares.