

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Provisional Result of Exchange Offer for Berna Biotech**

**Leiden, The Netherlands, February 9, 2006** - Dutch biotechnology company Crucell N.V. (Euronext, NASDAQ: CRXL) announces today that until the end of the additional acceptance period on February 8, 2006, 37,167,393 Berna shares have been tendered. This represents 96.56% of the issued Berna shares at that date. Subject to certain conditions subsequent, the Exchange Offer will be settled on February 22, 2006.

Crucell N.V. has applied for a listing of the Crucell shares issued for purposes of the exchange offer on Euronext Amsterdam's Eurolist for a first trading day on the settlement date, i.e. on February 22, 2006. In addition, Crucell N.V. has applied for an additional listing of its shares on SWX Swiss Exchange for a first trading day on February 22, 2006.

Crucell N.V. intends to pursue, following settlement, the squeeze-out of the remaining minority shareholdings and to delist Berna Biotech A.G. in connection therewith.

#### **About Crucell**

Crucell (Euronext and NASDAQ Exchanges: CRXL) is a biotechnology company focused on developing vaccines and antibodies that prevent and treat infectious diseases, including Ebola, influenza, malaria, West Nile virus and rabies. The Company's development programs include collaborations with: Sanofi Pasteur for influenza vaccines; the U.S. National Institutes of Health for Ebola and malaria vaccines; and, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and New York University for a malaria vaccine. Crucell's products are based on its PER.C6 production technology. The Company also licenses its PER.C6 technology to the biopharmaceutical industry. Licensees and partners include DSM Biologics, GSK, Centocor/J&J and Merck & Co., Inc. Crucell is headquartered in Leiden, The Netherlands. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.crucell.com">www.crucell.com</a>.

#### **About Berna**

Berna (Swiss Exchange: BBIN) develops, produces and markets vaccines and immunotherapeutics for private and public markets worldwide. Headquartered in Berne, Switzerland, with subsidiaries in Europe and Korea, Berna is a fully



integrated vaccines company, employing around 700 people. Berna's range of novel and validated proprietary technology platforms support a strong product portfolio. The company markets its core vaccine products in the field of hepatitis B/paediatric, respiratory and travel vaccines and has a broad development pipeline. Development is supported through alliances with academic and commercial partners. Further information on Berna please visit: www.bernabiotech.com.

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### Forward-looking statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve inherent risks and uncertainties. We have identified certain important factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in such forward-looking statements. For information relating to these factors please refer to our Form 20-F, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2005, and the section entitled "Risk Factors". The company prepares its financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (US GAAP).

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