

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Amendment No. 1
to
Form 10**

**GENERAL FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Prothena Corporation plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Not Applicable
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

650 Gateway Boulevard
South San Francisco, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94080
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 837-8550

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class to be so Registered
Ordinary Shares, par value \$0.01 per share

Name of Each Exchange on Which
Each Class is to be Registered
The Nasdaq Global Market

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Check one):

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| Large accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT
CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET BETWEEN INFORMATION STATEMENT AND ITEMS OF FORM 10

The information required by the following Form 10 Registration Statement items is contained in the Information Statement sections that we identify below, each of which we incorporate in this report by reference:

Item 1. *Business*

The information required by this item is contained under the sections “Summary,” “Risk Factors,” “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions,” “Capitalization,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and “Business” of the Information Statement, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. *Risk Factors*

The information required by this item is contained under the section “Risk Factors” of the Information Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. *Financial Information*

The information required by this item is contained under the sections “Summary,” “Risk Factors,” “Capitalization,” “Selected Historical Carve-out Combined Financial Data,” “Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” “Description of Share Capital” and “Index to Financial Statements,” and the financial statements referenced therein, of the Information Statement, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3. *Properties*

The information required by this item is contained under the section “Business — Facilities” of the Information Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management*

The information required by this item is contained under the section “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” of the Information Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. *Directors and Executive Officers*

The information required by this item is contained under the section “Corporate Governance and Management” of the Information Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. *Executive Compensation*

The information required by this item is contained under the sections “Executive Compensation” and “Corporate Governance and Management — Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation” of the Information Statement, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence*

The information required by this item is contained under the sections “Arrangements between Elan and Prothena,” “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” and “Corporate Governance and Management” of the Information Statement, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8. *Legal Proceedings*

The information required by this item is contained under the section “Business — Legal Proceedings” of the Information Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. *Market Price of and Dividends on the Registrant’s Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters*

The information required by this item is contained under the sections “Risk Factors,” “Capitalization,” “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions,” “Listing and Trading of our Ordinary Shares,” “Dividend Policy” and “Executive Compensation” of the Information Statement, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 10. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

Item 11. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered

The information required by this item is contained under the section "Description of Share Capital" of the Information Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The information required by this item is contained under the section "Indemnification of Directors and Officers" of the Information Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The information required by this item is contained under the sections "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements" and "Index to Financial Statements," and the financial statements referenced therein, of the Information Statement, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 15. Financial Statements and Exhibits**(a) Financial Statements**

The information required by this item is contained under the section "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements" and "Index to Financial Statements," and the financial statements referenced therein, of the Information Statement, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Exhibits

The following documents are filed as exhibits hereto:

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1*	Form of Demerger Agreement
3.1*	Form of Memorandum and Articles of Association of Prothena Corporation plc
10.1*	Form of Tax Matters Agreement
10.2*	Form of Transitional Services Agreement
10.3*	Form of Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement
10.4*	Form of Research and Development Services Agreement
10.5*	Form of Amended and Restated Intellectual Property License and Contribution Agreement
10.6*	Form of Indemnification Agreement
21.1*	List of Subsidiaries
99.1	Information Statement, preliminary and subject to completion, dated [1], 2012

* To be filed by amendment.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Prothena Corporation plc

By: /s/ Neil McLoughlin
Name: Neil McLoughlin
Title: Company Secretary

Date: November 7, 2012

[ELAN LETTERHEAD]

[•], 2012

Dear fellow Elan shareholder:

In August 2012, we announced our intention to separate a substantial portion of our drug discovery business platform, which we refer to as the “Prothena Business,” into a new, publicly traded company incorporated in Ireland which we have named Prothena Corporation plc (“Prothena”).

We believe that the transaction will provide a number of benefits, including (i) greater strategic focus of financial resources and management’s efforts, (ii) direct and differentiated access to capital resources, (iii) enhanced investor choice through investment opportunities in two separate companies and (iv) enhanced management incentive tools.

The separation of the Prothena Business from Elan will be completed through a “demerger” under Irish law. The demerger will be effected by Elan transferring the Prothena Business to Prothena, in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan American Depositary Shares (“ADSs”), on a *pro rata* basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena’s outstanding shares (with the remaining 0.01% of Prothena’s outstanding shares, which were previously issued to the original incorporators of Prothena and which we refer to as the “incorporator shares,” being mandatorily redeemed by Prothena after the demerger as described below). Prothena’s issuance of 99.99% of its outstanding shares will constitute a deemed “*in specie* distribution,” or a distribution in the form of assets other than cash (in this case, Prothena shares), by Elan to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs as of 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, which will be the record date. Pursuant to the demerger, each Elan shareholder will receive 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs held as of the record date.

Prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [•] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. Immediately after the consummation of Elan’s subscription for 18% of Prothena’s outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), the incorporator shares will be mandatorily redeemed by Prothena pursuant to their terms for their initial subscription price, and cancelled.

Immediately following the separation and distribution, our subscription for Prothena ordinary shares and Prothena’s redemption of the incorporator shares, Elan shareholders will own directly 82% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena, and Elan will own the remaining 18%. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the separation and distribution from each of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and KPMG LLP to the effect that the separation and distribution should qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and the distribution, as such, should qualify as a distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders under section 355 of the Code. If the separation and distribution are so treated, Elan shareholders should not recognize any gain for U.S. federal income tax purposes on the receipt of our ordinary shares, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares. However, the separation and distribution are not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected U.S. federal income tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service addressing the separation and distribution and related transactions.

For Irish tax purposes, Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the separation and distribution from KPMG Ireland to the effect that save with respect to the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional entitlements to Prothena ordinary shares, the distribution should not give rise to a taxable event for those classes of Irish shareholders specifically referred to in the section below entitled “Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution.” However, the distribution is not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected Irish tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a specific confirmation from the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland in respect of the anticipated tax treatment of the distribution.

On [•], 2012, Elan shareholders voted to approve the making of the deemed *in specie* distribution by Elan. You do not need to take any further action to receive the Prothena ordinary shares to which you are entitled as an Elan shareholder. Furthermore, you do not need to pay any consideration to Elan or Prothena or surrender or exchange your Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in connection with the separation and distribution.

Immediately following the separation and distribution, you will own ordinary shares and/or ADSs in Elan, and ordinary shares in Prothena. Elan ordinary shares will continue to trade on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange, and Elan ADSs will continue to trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ELN." Prothena's ordinary shares are expected to be traded on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "[•]."

We encourage you to read the attached information statement, which is being provided to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and ADSs on [•], 2012. The information statement describes the separation and distribution in detail and contains important business and financial information about Prothena.

On [•], 2012, the board of directors of Elan approved the separation and distribution and our subscription for Prothena ordinary shares. We believe that these transactions are in the best interests of Elan, our shareholders, and Prothena. We remain committed to working on your behalf to continue to build long-term shareholder value.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Ingram
Chairman of the Board
Elan Corporation, plc

Dear future Prothena Corporation plc shareholder:

On behalf of the entire Prothena team, I welcome you as a future shareholder. Prothena is a biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of novel antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of diseases that involve protein misfolding or cell adhesion. Following the separation of the Prothena business from Elan Corporation, plc, Prothena will continue to focus on innovation, differentiated scientific advancement, unique intellectual property creation and translational capability to transform science into clinical assets.

As an independent, publicly-traded company, we believe we can more effectively focus on and execute our objectives and satisfy the capital needs of our company. We believe this will bring more value to you as a shareholder than we could as an operating segment of Elan. In addition, we will have the ability to offer our employees incentive opportunities linked to our performance as an independent, publicly-traded company, which we believe will further enhance employee performance.

Our focused management team is highly motivated to be a growth-oriented company and to enhance value for our shareholders. We believe that following the separation, our talented management and scientific team, who at Elan discovered Tysabri® and an approach to immunotherapy for Alzheimer's disease, will have the resources to accomplish these goals.

I encourage you to learn more about Prothena and our strategic initiatives by reading the attached information statement. We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “[•].”

We look forward to continuing our research and development programs and rewarding our shareholders as we begin a new and exciting chapter in our company's history.

Very truly yours,

Lars Ekman, MD, PhD
Chairman of the Board
Prothena Corporation plc

PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2012
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION STATEMENT

Prothena Corporation plc

Ordinary Shares

(par value \$0.01 per share)

This information statement is being furnished in connection with the separation of a substantial portion of the drug discovery business platform of Elan Corporation, plc (“Elan”), which we describe more specifically herein and which we refer to as the “Prothena Business,” into a new company, Prothena Corporation plc (“Prothena”), an Irish public limited company. The separation of the Prothena Business from Elan will be completed through a “demerger” under Irish law. The demerger will be effected by Elan transferring the Prothena Business to Prothena, in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan American Depositary Shares (“ADSs”), on a *pro rata* basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena’s outstanding shares (with the remaining 0.01% of Prothena’s outstanding shares, which were previously issued to the original incorporators of Prothena and which we refer to as the “incorporator shares,” being mandatorily redeemed by Prothena after the demerger as described below). Prothena’s issuance of 99.99% of its outstanding shares will constitute a deemed “*in specie* distribution,” or a distribution in the form of assets other than cash (in this case, Prothena shares), by Elan to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs as of 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, which will be the record date. Pursuant to the demerger, each Elan shareholder will receive 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs held as of the record date. We refer to this demerger, including the transfer of the Prothena Business to Prothena and the *pro rata* issuance by Prothena of 99.99% of its outstanding shares, as the “distribution” and we refer to the reorganization transactions (which will precede the distribution) and the distribution collectively as the “separation and distribution.” The distribution is expected to be effective at 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, subject to certain conditions described in this information statement; provided, that if the conditions have not been satisfied or waived on or before the effective date of the distribution, the distribution date may be extended until the conditions are satisfied or waived.

Prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [•] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. Immediately after the consummation of Elan’s subscription for 18% of Prothena’s outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), the incorporator shares will be mandatorily redeemed by Prothena pursuant to their terms for their initial subscription price, and cancelled. We refer to the separation and distribution, together with Elan’s subsequent subscription for an aggregate of 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) and the redemption of the incorporator shares, as the “Prothena Transactions.”

We will not distribute any fractional Prothena ordinary shares. Instead, the distribution agent will aggregate fractional shares into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing market prices, and distribute the aggregate net cash proceeds from the sales on a *pro rata* basis to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the distribution.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the Prothena Transactions from each of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and KPMG LLP to the effect that the separation and distribution should qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and the distribution, as such, should qualify as a distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders under section 355 of the Code. If the separation and distribution are so treated, Elan shareholders should not recognize any gain for U.S. federal income tax purposes on the receipt of our ordinary shares, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares. However, the separation and distribution are not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected U.S. federal income tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) addressing the separation and distribution and related transactions. See “The Separation and Distribution — Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions.”

For Irish tax purposes, Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the separation and distribution from KPMG Ireland to the effect that, save with respect to the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional entitlements to Prothena ordinary shares, the distribution should not give rise to a taxable event for those classes of Irish shareholders specifically referred to in the section below “Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution.” However, the distribution is not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected Irish tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a specific confirmation from the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland in respect of the anticipated tax treatment of the distribution.

On [•], 2012, Elan shareholders voted to approve the declaration of the deemed *in specie* distribution by Elan described above. No further shareholder approval of the separation and distribution is required or sought. We are not asking you for a proxy and you are requested not to send us a proxy. Elan shareholders will not be required to pay for the Prothena ordinary shares to be received by them in the separation and distribution, or to surrender or to exchange Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in order to receive Prothena ordinary shares, or to take any other action in connection with the separation and distribution.

There is currently no trading market for Prothena ordinary shares, although we expect that a limited market, commonly known as a “when issued” trading market, will develop on or shortly before the record date for the distribution, and we expect “regular-way” trading of Prothena ordinary shares to begin on the first trading day following the completion of the separation and distribution. We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “[•].”

In reviewing this information statement, you should carefully consider the matters described under the caption “Risk Factors” beginning on page 18.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this information statement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This information statement does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities.

**The date of this information statement is [•], 2012.
This information statement was first mailed to Elan shareholders on or about [•], 2012.**

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Industry and Market Data

This information statement includes industry and trade association data, forecasts and information that we have prepared based, in part, upon data, forecasts and information obtained from independent trade associations, industry publications and surveys and other independent sources available to us. Some data are also based on our good faith estimates, which are derived from management's knowledge of the industry and from independent sources. These third-party publications and surveys generally state that the information included therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but that the publications and surveys can give no assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Trademarks and Service Marks

Unless otherwise indicated, the logos, trademarks, trade names, and service marks mentioned in this information statement are currently the property of, or are used with the permission of, Prothena or Elan. We own or have rights to use the trademarks, service marks and trade names that we use in conjunction with the operation of our business. Some of the more important trademarks that we own or have rights to use that appear in this information statement may be registered in the United States and other jurisdictions. Each trademark, trade name or service mark of any other company appearing in this information statement is owned by such company (including the trademark VELCRO, which is owned by Velcro Industries, B.V.).

About this Information Statement

Except as otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "we," "our," "us," "Prothena" or the "Company" refer to Prothena Corporation plc, an Irish public limited company, together with its consolidated subsidiaries. References in this information statement to "Elan" refer to Elan Corporation, plc and its consolidated subsidiaries (other than, for all periods following the separation and distribution, Prothena). All references to "we," "our," "us," "Prothena" or the "Company" in the context of historical results refer to the Prothena Business. Except as otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, the information included in this information statement, including the combined financial statements of Prothena, which are comprised of the assets and liabilities of the Prothena Business, assumes the completion of all the transactions referred to in this information statement in connection with the separation of the Prothena Business from Elan (including the issuance of Prothena ordinary shares to Elan immediately following the separation and distribution).

This information statement is being furnished solely to provide information to Elan shareholders who will receive ordinary shares of Prothena in connection with the separation and distribution. It is not provided as an inducement or encouragement to buy or sell any securities. You should not assume that the information contained in this information statement is accurate as of any date other than the date set forth on the cover. Changes to the information contained in this information statement may occur after that date, and we undertake no obligation to update the information contained in this information statement, unless we are required by applicable securities laws to do so.

SUMMARY

The following is a summary of some of the information contained in this information statement. This summary is included for convenience only and should not be considered complete. This summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this information statement. You should read the entire information statement carefully, including the risks discussed under “Risk Factors” beginning on page 18 and the financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in the information statement. Some of the statements in this summary constitute forward-looking statements. See “Forward-Looking Statements.”

Our Company

Overview

Prothena’s business consists of a substantial portion of Elan Corporation, plc’s former drug discovery business platform, including the following former wholly owned subsidiaries of Elan and related tangible assets and liabilities, which we refer to as the “Prothena Business:”

- **Neotope Biosciences Limited (“Neotope Biosciences”).** Neotope Biosciences, a wholly owned subsidiary of Prothena, is engaged in the discovery and development of antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of indications, including
 - AL and AA forms of amyloidosis, complex diseases caused by tissue deposition of misfolded proteins that result in progressive organ damage;
 - Parkinson’s disease and related synucleinopathies; and
 - Autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma in which melanoma cell adhesion molecule (“MCAM”) mediated cell adhesion may contribute to disease pathology or progression.

Neotope Biosciences’ strategy is to apply its expertise in generating novel therapeutic antibodies, working with a broad range of collaborators in specific disease models, to select candidates for further clinical development. Neotope Biosciences’ portfolio of targets includes alpha-synuclein for the potential treatment of synucleinopathies, such as Lewy body dementia and Parkinson’s disease, MCAM for autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma, and tau for Alzheimer’s disease and other tauopathies. Neotope Biosciences also has a program focused on the potential treatment of type 2-diabetes.

- **Onclave Therapeutics Limited (“Onclave”).** Onclave, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, is engaged in the development of our lead program NEOD001, which is being evaluated for the potential treatment of AL amyloidosis. In 2012, Onclave was granted orphan drug designation of NEOD001 by the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”). The FDA may grant orphan drug designation to potential therapeutics intended to treat a rare disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, which means that, if an applicant is the first to receive FDA approval for a particular active ingredient to treat a particular disease for which it was granted orphan drug designation, the FDA may not approve any other applications to market the same drug for the same orphan indication, except in limited circumstances, for seven years. In September 2012, Onclave filed an Investigational New Drug Application (“IND”) with the FDA for NEOD001 for AL amyloidosis. In October 2012, the FDA accepted the IND for NEOD001, allowing Onclave to proceed with plans to test NEOD001 in a phase 1 clinical trial. Onclave expects to initiate a phase 1 clinical trial of NEOD001 in AL amyloidosis patients in early 2013.
- **Prothena Biosciences Inc (“Prothena US”).** Prothena US, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, was organized as part of the reorganization transactions and will provide research and development services to Neotope Biosciences. Pursuant to the terms of the Research and Development Services Agreement, Prothena US will provide research and development services to Elan for a period of no less than 2 years following the separation and distribution.

Neotope Biosciences, Onclave, and Prothena US are collectively referred to herein as the “Prothena Subsidiaries.”

Strategy

We intend to advance and develop novel and proprietary therapeutic antibodies discovered by our scientists internally. Our goal is to be a leading biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of novel antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of diseases that involve protein misfolding or cell adhesion. Key elements of our strategy to achieve this goal are to:

- Continue to discover potential therapeutic antibodies directed against novel targets involved in protein misfolding and cell adhesion;
- Quickly translate our research discoveries into clinical development;
- Establish early clinical proof of concept with our potentially therapeutic antibodies;
- Strategically collaborate or out-license select programs;
- Highly leverage external talent and resources; and
- Collaborate with scientific and clinical experts in disease areas of interest.

Reasons for the Separation and Distribution

The board of directors of Elan has determined that the separation and distribution are in the best interests of Elan and its shareholders because it will provide both Elan and Prothena the following key benefits: (i) greater strategic focus of financial resources and management's efforts, (ii) direct and differentiated access to capital resources, (iii) enhanced investor choice through investment opportunities in two separate companies and (iv) enhanced management incentive tools.

Risk Factors

Our new company faces both general and specific risks and uncertainties that are described in detail under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 18. These risks and uncertainties relate to:

- Our financial position, our need for additional capital and our business, including without limitation, risks arising out of the fact that we (i) have not generated any third party external revenues to date, (ii) expect to incur substantial losses for the foreseeable future, (iii) believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to support us through June 30, 2015, following which we will require additional capital, which may or may not be available, (iv) are highly dependent on our ability to retain and attract qualified personnel and (v) will need to provide assurances to collaborators, prospective collaborators and suppliers that our financial resources and stability on a stand-alone basis is sufficient to satisfy their requirements for doing or continuing to do business with us;
- The discovery, development and regulatory approval of drug candidates, including without limitation, risks arising out of the fact that (i) we are highly dependent on research and development programs that are at an early stage, (ii) we have no drug candidates in clinical trials and may not be able to progress drug candidates in the clinic or obtain regulatory approval for such drug candidates at all, or in a timely manner, and (iii) our drug candidates will be subject to regulatory requirements, both before and after receipt of marketing approval, violation of which may subject us to administrative or judicially imposed sanctions;
- The commercialization of our drug candidates, including without limitation, risks arising out of the fact that even if any of our candidates receive regulatory approval, (i) the approved product(s) may not achieve broad market acceptance or significant revenue, (ii) we may not be able to establish sufficient sales and marketing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to sell the approved product(s), (iii) the government and third-party payors may fail to provide adequate coverage and reimbursement rates for such drug candidate(s), (iv) the markets for our drug candidate(s) will be subject to intense competition, (v) we could incur substantial liabilities if a successful product liability or clinical trial claim or series of claims is brought against us for uninsured liabilities or in excess of insured liabilities and (vi) we deal with hazardous materials and must comply with environmental laws and regulations;
- Our dependence on third parties, including without limitation, risks arising out of the fact that we (i) will rely on third parties to conduct our clinical trials, (ii) may have to alter our research and development plans if we do not establish strategic collaborations, (iii) have no manufacturing capacity and have to rely on third-party manufacturers to produce our pre-clinical and clinical trial drug supplies, and (iv) will depend on third-party suppliers for key raw materials used in our manufacturing process;

- Our intellectual property, including without limitation, risks arising out of the fact that (i) we may be unable to adequately protect the intellectual property relating to our drug candidates, (ii) our ability to successfully commercialize our drug candidates will be harmed if we infringe on the intellectual property rights of others, (iii) licenses to patent rights that we intend to enter into may be subject to termination if we fail to comply with our obligations under such licenses, (iv) litigation regarding patents, patent applications and other proprietary rights may be expensive, time consuming and result in delays in bringing drug candidates to market, (v) we may be unable to adequately prevent disclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary information and (vi) we may be subject to claims that our employees have wrongfully used or disclosed alleged trade secrets of their former employees;
- The separation and distribution, including without limitation, risks arising out of the fact that (i) we may not realize some or all of the potential benefits we expect from our separation, (ii) our ability to operate our business effectively may suffer if we do not establish our own financial, administrative and other support functions, (iii) our accounting and other management systems and resources may not be adequately prepared to meet our financial reporting and other requirements, (iv) our historical and pro forma financial information is not necessarily representative of the results we would have achieved as a separate, publicly-traded company, (v) the agreements entered into with Elan involve conflicts of interest, (vi) the IRS or the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland may successfully challenge the tax-free treatment of the separation and distribution, (vii) we expect to be treated as a “passive foreign investment company” for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (viii) the combined post-separation of value of Elan and Prothena shares may not equal or exceed the pre-separation value of Elan shares, (ix) certain of our executive officers and directors may have conflicts of interest after the distribution and (x) so long as we continue to be an emerging growth company, we will be exempt from certain reporting requirements; and
- Our ordinary shares, including without limitation, risks arising out of the fact that (i) substantial sales of our ordinary shares may occur following the distribution, (ii) there is no existing market for our ordinary shares and a trading market that will provide you with adequate liquidity may not develop for our ordinary shares, (iii) we do not anticipate paying cash dividends, (iv) your percentage ownership in Prothena may be diluted in the future, (v) future sales of our ordinary shares could adversely effect the trading price of our ordinary shares and (vi) Irish law may afford less protection to holders of our ordinary shares than the laws of the United States.

We urge you to see “Risk Factors” beginning on page 18 for a more thorough discussion of risk factors associated with our business, the separation and distribution and our ordinary shares.

Other Information

Prothena Corporation plc was incorporated as a private limited company, under the name “Neotope Corporation Limited”, under the laws of Ireland on September 26, 2012 and re-registered as a public limited company and changed its name to “Neotope Corporation plc” on October 25, 2012. On November 1, 2012, the shareholders of Prothena resolved, by way of special resolution, to change the name of the company to “Prothena Corporation plc”, and this was approved by the Irish Registrar of Companies on November 7, 2012. Our principal executive offices are located at 650 Gateway Boulevard, South San Francisco, California. Our telephone number is (650) 837-8550. Our registered office is 25-28 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland. Our website address is [www.\[1\].com](http://www.[1].com). Information contained on any website referenced in this information statement is not incorporated by reference in this information statement or in the Form 10 of which this information statement is a part.

Emerging Growth Company

We are an “Emerging Growth Company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (or “JOBS Act”), and are eligible to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “Emerging Growth Companies.” These include, but are not limited to, (i) reduced obligations with respect to the disclosure of selected financial data in registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including the registration statement on Form 10 of which this information statement is a part), (ii) reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, (iii) an exception from compliance with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and (iv) exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and the requirement to obtain shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

In addition, Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that an “Emerging Growth Company” can take advantage of the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) for complying with new or revised accounting standards. In other words, an “Emerging Growth Company” can delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We intend to take advantage of such extended transition period, and as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for private companies. Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that we can elect to opt out of the extended transition period at any time and that election is irrevocable.

We could remain an “Emerging Growth Company” for up to five years, or until the earliest of (i) the last day of the first fiscal year in which our annual gross revenues exceed \$1 billion, (ii) the date that we become a “large accelerated filer” as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), which would occur if the market value of our ordinary shares held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter or (iii) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt during the preceding three-year period.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE SEPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION

The following is a brief summary of the terms of the separation and distribution. Please see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions” for a more detailed description of the matters described below.

Q: What is the separation and distribution?

A: The separation and distribution is a series of transactions by which Elan will separate its Prothena Business from Elan’s other businesses. To complete the separation and distribution, we will issue 99.99% of our outstanding shares to holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, creating two separate, publicly traded companies. We expect that our ordinary shares will be listed on The Nasdaq Global Market.

Q: Will Elan hold any interest in Prothena after the separation and distribution?

A: Prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [•] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution and immediately prior to the mandatory redemption by Prothena of the incorporator shares.

Q: What is Prothena Corporation plc?

A: Prothena Corporation plc is a newly formed, public limited company incorporated in Ireland that was created for the purpose of completing the separation and distribution. It will hold, directly or indirectly, all of the assets and liabilities of the Prothena Business, including 100% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Neotope Biosciences. Neotope Biosciences will in turn hold 100% of the outstanding shares of Onclave and 100% of the outstanding common stock of Prothena US. Following the separation and distribution, Prothena will be a separate company from Elan. The number of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs that you own prior to the separation and distribution will not change as a result of the separation and distribution.

Q: How will the separation and distribution work?

A: The separation of the Prothena Business from Elan will be completed through a “demerger” under Irish law. The demerger will be effected by Elan transferring the Prothena Business to Prothena, in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, on a *pro rata* basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena’s outstanding shares. Prothena’s issuance of 99.99% of its outstanding shares will constitute a deemed “*in specie* distribution” by Elan to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and ADSs as of the record date. Immediately after the separation and distribution and consummation of the subscription by Elan for 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), the remaining 0.01% of Prothena’s outstanding shares, which we refer to as the “incorporator shares,” and which are beneficially held by Goodbody Subscriber One Limited, a private limited company incorporated under the laws of Ireland and unrelated to Elan, will be mandatorily redeemed by Prothena pursuant to their terms for their initial subscription price, and cancelled. For additional information on the distribution, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Manner of Effecting the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions.”

Q: What is being distributed in the separation and distribution?

A: At the effective time of the separation and distribution, we will issue to you 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs that you hold of record on the record date. Based on approximately [•] Elan ordinary shares and [•] Elan ADSs outstanding as of [•], 2012, a total of approximately [•] Prothena ordinary shares will be issued. For a more detailed description, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions.”

Q: After the separation and distribution, the consummation of the subscription by a wholly owned subsidiary of Elan for 18% of Prothena’s outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) and Prothena’s mandatory redemption of the incorporator shares will the Elan shareholders have the same proportionate ownership in the Prothena Business as they did before these transactions?

A: Yes. Before these transactions, the Elan shareholders owned 100% of the Prothena Business through their direct ownership of 100% of the outstanding shares of Elan, which in turn owned the Prothena Business. Immediately after these transactions, Elan shareholders will directly and indirectly own 100% of the Prothena Business, by virtue of their (i) direct ownership of 82% of Prothena's outstanding shares and (ii) indirect ownership of 18% of Prothena's outstanding shares. Elan shareholders "indirectly" own 18% of Prothena's outstanding shares because they own 100% of the outstanding shares of Elan, which in turn (through a wholly owned subsidiary) owns 18% of Prothena's outstanding shares.

Q: Why is the separation of Prothena structured as a distribution and not a sale?

A: Elan believes that a tax-free distribution of Prothena ordinary shares to Elan shareholders is an efficient way to separate the Prothena Business from the rest of Elan that will ultimately enhance value for Elan shareholders. Compared to a sale of Prothena, the distribution offers a higher degree of certainty of completion in a timely manner. The distribution is consistent with Elan's Articles of Association and is customary in demergers by Irish companies.

The Elan business, which generates significant revenue and cash flow from its marketed product, has significantly different operating characteristics than the Prothena Business, which consists entirely of early stage research programs that require significant ongoing cash investment and generate substantial losses. Elan believes that a separation will ultimately enhance value for Elan shareholders because it will enable Elan's management team to focus solely on its marketed product and late-stage development programs, and our management team to focus solely on our business. The dilution of attention involved in managing a combination of businesses with competing goals and needs will thus be eliminated. In addition, the distribution permits investors to have the flexibility to choose to own Elan, Prothena, or both businesses.

Q: What is the record date for the distribution?

A: Record ownership will be determined as of 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, which we refer to as the "record date." The person in whose name Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs are registered at 11:59 p.m. on the record date is the person to whom the Prothena ordinary shares will be issued in the distribution.

Q: When will the distribution occur?

A: We expect that Prothena ordinary shares will be distributed by the distribution agent, on behalf of Elan, effective at 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time on [•], 2012, subject to certain conditions described in this information statement; provided, that if the conditions have not been satisfied or waived on or before the effective date of the distribution, that date may be extended until the conditions are satisfied or waived. We refer to the effective date of the distribution as the "distribution date."

Q: What will the relationship between Elan and us be following the Prothena Transactions?

A: Following the Prothena Transactions, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan will own an aggregate of 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares for a limited period of time. However, following the Prothena Transactions, no officers, directors or key employees of Elan will serve as officers or directors, or act on behalf of, Prothena or any of our subsidiaries. In connection with the separation and distribution, we and Elan will enter into the Demerger Agreement and several other agreements for the purpose of accomplishing the separation of our business from Elan's other businesses. These agreements also will govern our relationship with Elan subsequent to the separation and distribution and provide for the allocation of tax and certain other liabilities and obligations attributable to periods prior to the separation and distribution. These agreements will also include arrangements with respect to transition services, the provision of research services by Prothena for Elan and the acquisition, voting and disposition of Prothena shares subscribed for by Elan immediately after the separation and distribution. The Demerger Agreement will provide that we and Elan agree to provide each other with appropriate indemnities with respect to liabilities arising out of the Prothena Businesses. See "Arrangements between Elan and Prothena."

Q: What does Elan intend to do with the 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares that its wholly-owned subsidiary will subscribe for immediately following the separation and distribution?

A: Elan has agreed to dispose of our ordinary shares as soon as a disposition is warranted, consistent with the business purposes for Elan's retention of our ordinary shares.

Q: How will Elan vote our ordinary shares that it subscribes for immediately following the separation and distribution?

A: Elan has agreed to vote any of our ordinary shares that it subscribes for immediately following the separation and distribution in proportion to the votes cast by our other shareholders and will grant us a proxy with respect to such shares. For additional information on these voting arrangements, see “Arrangements between Elan and Prothena – Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement.”

Q: What do I have to do to participate in the distribution?

A: On [•], 2012, Elan shareholders voted to approve the declaration of the deemed *in specie* distribution by Elan of 99.99% of Prothena’s outstanding shares. No further action is required on your part. Elan shareholders are not required to pay for the Prothena ordinary shares to be received by them in the separation and distribution, or to surrender or to exchange Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in order to receive Prothena ordinary shares, or to take any other action in connection with the separation and distribution. However, we encourage you to read this information statement carefully.

Q: How will Elan distribute Prothena ordinary shares to me?

A: Depending on the manner in which you hold your Elan ordinary shares or ADSs, the distribution agent will deliver the Prothena ordinary shares to which you are entitled to your broker or nominee in electronic form, which shares will be credited to your account by such broker or nominee, or the distribution agent will deliver to you physical stock certificates evidencing your Prothena ordinary shares. For a detailed description of the manner in which your Prothena ordinary shares will be distributed, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions—Distribution of Our Ordinary Shares.”

Q: If I sell Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs that I held on the record date on or before the distribution date, am I still entitled to receive Prothena ordinary shares distributable with respect to the Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs I sold?

A: If you sell your Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs on or before the distribution date, you may also be selling your right to receive Prothena ordinary shares. See “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Trading Between the Record Date and Distribution Date.” You are encouraged to consult with your financial advisor regarding the specific implications of selling your Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs on or before the distribution date.

Q: How will fractional shares be treated in the separation and distribution?

A: We will not distribute any fractional Prothena ordinary shares. Instead, as soon as practicable after the distribution date, the distribution agent will aggregate fractional Prothena share interests into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing market prices, and distribute the aggregate net cash proceeds (after deduction of any required costs and taxes) from the sales on a pro rata basis to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the distribution. The distribution agent may select one or more broker-dealers, provided that no such entity is an affiliate of Elan or Prothena. None of Elan, Prothena or the distribution agent will guarantee any minimum sale price for the fractional Prothena ordinary share interests aggregated and sold on the open market, or pay any interest with respect to such sale proceeds. Payment of cash in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares will be made solely for the purpose of avoiding the expense and inconvenience to Prothena of issuing fractional Prothena ordinary shares and will not represent separately bargained-for consideration.

Q: How will options and other awards linked to Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs be treated in the separation and distribution?

A: Employees of Elan hold stock options to purchase Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and restricted stock units (“RSUs”) representing a right to receive Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs upon settlement.

With respect to Elan options and RSUs held by the majority of Elan employees that become employees of Prothena effective upon the separation and distribution:

- unvested Elan options and RSUs that would otherwise have vested within twelve months following the effective date of the separation and distribution will vest immediately upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms;
- other unvested Elan options and RSUs will be forfeited; and

- all vested Elan options (including options the vesting of which were accelerated as described above) will be required to be exercised for Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs within twelve months of the effective date of the separation and distribution, or will be forfeited.

However, for Elan employees who are aged 55 or over with at least five years of service and who become employees of Prothena, unvested Elan options and RSUs will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms, are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for one year following the separation and distribution. Similarly, unvested Elan options and RSUs held by certain Elan executives who were employed by Elan in April 2007 and who become employees of Prothena, will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for two years following the separation and distribution.

Elan's Leadership Development and Compensation Committee ("LDCC") may make such adjustments as it deems appropriate and in such manner as it may deem equitable to awards made under the Elan equity incentive plans, in the event that the market value of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs immediately prior to the separation and distribution is higher than the market value of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs immediately after the separation and distribution. Any such adjustments will be applied equally to all outstanding Elan awards (including, for the avoidance of doubt, options to purchase Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs held by employees of Elan who become employees of Prothena that have vested or will vest upon the separation and distribution) and will be strictly in accordance with the terms of the applicable Elan equity incentive plan.

Q: What are the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the receipt of Prothena ordinary shares by holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs?

A: For U.S. federal income tax purposes, Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the Prothena Transactions from each of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and KPMG LLP to the effect that the separation and distribution should qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, and the distribution, as such, should qualify as a distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders under section 355 of the Code. If the separation and distribution are so treated, Elan shareholders should not recognize any gain for U.S. federal income tax purposes on the receipt of our ordinary shares, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares. However, the separation and distribution are not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected U.S. federal income tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a ruling from the IRS addressing the separation and distribution and related transactions. For further information concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the separation and distribution, see "The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions."

Q: What are the Irish tax consequences of the receipt of Prothena ordinary shares by holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs?

A: For Irish tax purposes, Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the Prothena Transactions from KPMG Ireland to the effect that, save with respect to the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional entitlements to Prothena ordinary shares, the distribution should not give rise to a taxable event for those classes of Irish shareholders specifically referred to in the section below entitled "Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution." However, the distribution is not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected Irish tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a specific confirmation from the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland in respect of the anticipated tax treatment of the distribution. For further information concerning the Irish tax consequences of the separation and distribution, see "Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution."

Q: What is the reason for the separation and distribution?

A: The board of directors of Elan has determined that the separation and distribution are in the best interests of Elan and its shareholders because these transactions will provide both Elan and Prothena the following key benefits: (i) greater strategic focus of financial resources and management's efforts, (ii) direct and differentiated access to capital resources, (iii) enhanced investor choice through investment opportunities in two separate companies and (iv) enhanced management incentive tools.

For a more detailed discussion of the reasons for the separation and distribution, as well as of the potential negative consequences that Elan's board of directors considered, see "The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Reasons for the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions."

Q: Are there significant costs to the separation and distribution?

A: Elan currently expects to incur, non-recurring pre-tax separation transaction costs of approximately \$[•] in connection with the consummation of the separation and distribution. To the extent additional separation costs are incurred by Prothena after the separation and distribution, they will be the responsibility of Prothena. In addition, there are expected to be total net incremental costs incurred by Prothena on a going-forward basis in connection with operating Prothena as an independent publicly traded company. These costs, excluding non-cash expenses, are currently expected to be approximately \$[•] annually. For more information regarding the costs of the separation and distribution and ongoing incremental costs, see the section entitled "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements."

Q: Can Elan decide to cancel the distribution of the Prothena ordinary shares even if all of the conditions have been met?

A: Yes. The distribution is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions. For more information, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Conditions to the Distribution.” However, Elan also has the right to terminate the distribution, even if all of the other conditions are satisfied, if at any time the board of directors of Elan determines an event or development shall have occurred or shall exist that, in the judgment of Elan’s board of directors, in its sole and absolute discretion, would make it inadvisable to effect the distribution.

Q: What will Prothena’s dividend policy be after the separation and distribution?

A: We do not expect to pay any cash dividends on our ordinary shares for the foreseeable future.

Q: How will Prothena ordinary shares trade?

A: There is not currently a public market for our ordinary shares. We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “[•].” It is anticipated that trading will commence on a “when-issued” basis prior to the distribution. On the first trading day following the distribution date, “when-issued” trading in respect of our ordinary shares will end and “regular-way” trading will begin.

Q: Will the separation and distribution affect the trading price of my Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs?

A: Until the market has evaluated the operations of Elan without Prothena, the trading price of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs may fluctuate as a result of the separation and distribution. Elan believes the separation and distribution of Prothena from Elan provides the opportunity to unlock significant value for the separated companies and their respective shareholders. However, there can be no assurance as to trading prices after the separation and distribution and it is possible that the combined trading prices of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs and Prothena ordinary shares after the separation and distribution may be lower than the trading price of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs prior to the separation and distribution. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 18.

Q: Do I have appraisal rights?

A: No. Holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs are not entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the separation and distribution.

Q: Following the separation and distribution, will Prothena have cash on hand to fund its working capital expenses?

A: In connection with the reorganization transactions that precede the distribution, Elan intends to make a cash investment of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries and, immediately following the separation and distribution, a wholly owned subsidiary of Elan will consummate the subscription for [•] newly issued Prothena ordinary shares in exchange for a cash payment of \$26.0 million to Prothena. Immediately following the Prothena Transactions, we expect that we will have approximately \$125.0 million in cash and cash equivalents, which, we believe will provide us with sufficient liquidity and capital resources to meet our working capital needs through approximately June 30, 2015.

Q: What are the risks associated with the separation and distribution?

A: There are a number of risks associated with the separation and distribution and ownership of Prothena ordinary shares. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 18.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: If you have questions relating to the mechanics of the distribution, you should contact the distribution agent:

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.
250 Royall Street
Canton, Massachusetts 02021
Tel. 877-498-8861

Before the separation and distribution, if you have questions relating to the separation and distribution, you should contact:

Elan Corporation, plc
Treasury Building
Lower Grand Canal Street
Dublin 2, Ireland
Tel. 353-1-709-4000

After the separation and distribution, if you have questions relating to Prothena, you should contact:

Prothena Corporation plc
c/o Prothena Biosciences Inc
650 Gateway Blvd,
South San Francisco 94080
Tel. 650-837-8550

Summary Historical Carve-out Combined and Pro Forma Carve-out Combined Financial Data

The following tables set forth our summary historical carve-out combined and pro forma carve-out combined financial data for the periods indicated below. Our summary historical carve-out combined income statement data for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 and our summary historical carve-out combined balance sheet data as of September 30, 2012 have been derived from our unaudited interim condensed carve-out combined financial statements included in this information statement. Our results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 presented below are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year. Our summary historical carve-out combined income statement data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and our summary historical carve-out combined balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 have been derived from our audited historical carve-out combined financial statements included elsewhere in this information statement.

The pro forma adjustments and notes to the pro forma financial information give effect to the following transactions:

- the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries;
- the issuance of 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares to holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs in the distribution; and
- the issuance by Prothena of [•] ordinary shares to Elan in exchange for a cash payment of \$26.0 million.

The unaudited pro forma carve-out combined balance sheet as of September 30, 2012 has been prepared as if the separation and distribution and related transactions had occurred on September 30, 2012. The pro forma adjustments are based on the best information available and assumptions that management believes are reasonable given the information available. While such adjustments are subject to change based upon the finalization of the terms of the separation and distribution and the underlying separation and distribution agreements, in management's opinion, the pro forma adjustments are not expected to materially differ from the final adjustments. The unaudited pro forma financial statements are for illustrative and information purposes only and are not intended to represent, or be indicative of, what Prothena's operating results or financial position would have been had the Prothena Transactions occurred on the dates indicated.

The historical statements of operations of Prothena include allocations of expenses from Elan which reasonably approximate the costs that would have been incurred as an autonomous entity. In addition, the allocation of general corporate overhead expenses from Elan to Prothena was made on a reasonable basis. As such, pro forma adjustments to revenues or expenses in the statements of operations are not necessary. There are expected to be incremental costs incurred by Prothena on a going forward basis in connection with operating Prothena as an independent publicly traded company. Prothena may also incur separation costs after the separation and distribution. These incremental costs are not included as pro forma adjustments.

Employees of Elan hold stock options to purchase Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and RSUs representing a right to receive Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs upon settlement. With respect to Elan options and RSUs held by a majority of Elan employees that become employees of Prothena effective upon the separation and distribution:

- unvested Elan options and RSUs that would otherwise have vested within twelve months following the effective date of the separation and distribution will vest immediately upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms;
- other unvested Elan options and RSUs will be forfeited; and
- all vested Elan options (including options the vesting of which were accelerated as described above) will be required to be exercised for Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs within twelve months of the effective date of the separation and distribution, or will be forfeited.

However, for Elan employees who are aged 55 or over with at least five years of service and who become employees of Prothena, unvested Elan options and RSUs will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms, are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for one year following the separation and distribution. Similarly, unvested Elan options and RSUs held by certain Elan executives who were employed by Elan in April 2007 and who become employees of Prothena, will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for two years following the separation and distribution.

We will not recognize any expense going forward in relation to the existing Elan equity-based awards as our employees are not required to provide service after the separation and distribution in order to receive the awards.

The estimated net charge of \$1.4 million relating to the changes described above is a non-recurring charge that is directly attributable to Elan as part of the separation and distribution of the Prothena Business; therefore it has not been recorded in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements or the unaudited pro forma financial statements of the Prothena Business.

Our pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$[1] and \$[1], respectively. The computation of pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share assumes pro forma weighted-average shares outstanding of [1] million, which is equal to the distribution ratio of 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs outstanding as of [1], 2012 and the [1] million ordinary shares issued to Elan in connection with the separation and distribution.

The following summary historical and unaudited pro forma combined financial data should be read in conjunction with “Capitalization,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” “Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena,” and historical and pro forma financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this information statement.

Statement of Operations Data:

	Historical Nine Months Ended September 30,		Historical Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2011	2010	2009
	(In millions, except per share data)				
Revenue	\$ 2.1	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.5	\$ 1.2	\$ 2.5
Operating expenses:					
Research and development expenses	24.3	15.9	24.2	9.8	3.0
General and administrative expenses	7.0	4.2	5.6	3.6	0.7
Total operating expenses	31.3	20.1	29.8	13.4	3.7
Operating loss and net loss before income taxes	(29.2)	(19.7)	(29.3)	(12.2)	(1.2)
Provision for income taxes	—	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1
Net loss	(29.2)	(20.1)	(29.8)	(12.5)	(1.3)
Pro forma basic and diluted net loss per share ⁽¹⁾	\$ [1]		\$ [1]		

(1) Pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$[•] and \$[•], respectively. The computation of pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share assumes pro forma weighted-average shares outstanding of [•] million, which is equal to the distribution ratio of 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs outstanding as of [•], 2012, and the [•] million ordinary shares issued to Elan in connection with the separation and distribution.

Balance Sheet Data:

	Historical At September 30, 2012	Pro Forma At September 30, 2012	Historical At December 31,	
			2011	2010
(In millions)				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 125.0(1)	\$ —	\$ —
Prepaid and other current assets	0.1	0.1	0.1	\$ —
Total current assets	0.1	125.1	0.1	—
Non-Current assets:				
Property, plant and equipment, net	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4
Intangible assets, net	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
Other non-current assets	0.9	—(2)	0.9	0.9
Total assets	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>127.7</u>	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.3</u>
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ —	\$ —(3)	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.1
Accruals and other current liabilities	4.8	1.7(3)	7.9	1.7
Total current liabilities	4.8	1.7	8.3	1.8
Other non-current liabilities	1.9	—(2)	1.7	1.4
Total liabilities	6.7	1.7	10.0	3.2
Parent company and shareholders' equity:				
Share capital	—	0.4(4)	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	—	125.6(4)(5)	—	—
Parent company equity	(3.1)	—(5)	(6.4)	0.1
Parent company and shareholders' equity	(3.1)	126.0	(6.4)	0.1
Total liabilities and parent company equity (shareholders' equity pro forma)	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>127.7</u>	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.3</u>

- (1) Amount represents the pro forma cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million and the consideration received of \$26.0 million for the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscribed for by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan as of September 30, 2012.
- (2) In connection with the Prothena Transactions, certain assets and liabilities that were allocated from Elan to Prothena are not transferable to Prothena, including, employee deferred compensation plan assets and liabilities and deferred rent liabilities. As such, on the effective date of the distribution, Prothena would not record these assets and liabilities on its books. The amount of such assets was \$0.9 million and amount of such liabilities was \$1.9 million as of September 30, 2012.
- (3) Under the terms of the Demerger Agreement, Elan is obligated to pay 50% of all trade payables and operating accruals and 100% of all payroll and bonus accruals that were incurred by Prothena through the effective date of the distribution. As such, these pro forma adjustments reflect that on the effective date of the distribution, Prothena would record 50% of all trade payable and operating accruals on its books.
- (4) Amounts represent the pro forma capitalization of Prothena, including (i) the assumed issuance of approximately [•] million Prothena ordinary shares at \$0.01 par value to the to the shareholders of Elan, which is based on the number of Elan's outstanding ordinary shares as of [•], 2012 and the distribution ratio; (ii) the redemption by Prothena of all of the incorporator shares; (iii) the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) issued to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan and (iv) the cash investment by Elan in Prothena of \$99.0 million.
- The pro forma adjustment to additional paid-in capital is equal to the amount of net assets transferred by Elan to Prothena of \$1.0 million (taking account of the current liabilities that will not transfer to Prothena); the consideration of \$26.0 million for the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) issued to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan; the cash investment by Elan in Prothena of \$99.0 million; the reclassification of parent company equity to additional paid-in capital less the nominal value of the shares issued of \$0.4 million.
- (5) Amount represents the reclassification of Elan's parent company equity to additional paid-in capital.

Terms of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions

The following provides a summary of the material terms of the separation and distribution.

Distributed company	Prothena Corporation plc is the distributed company. Prothena is a newly-formed public limited company incorporated in Ireland that was formed to acquire all of the assets and liabilities of the Prothena Business. After the distribution, Prothena will be an independent publicly traded company.
Distributed company structure	Prothena is a holding company. At the effective time of the distribution, Prothena will own directly, 100% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Neotope Biosciences. Neotope Biosciences will own directly 100% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Onclave and 100% of the outstanding common stock of Prothena US.
Distribution method	The separation of the Prothena Business from Elan will be completed through a “demerger” under Irish law. The demerger will be effected by Elan transferring the Prothena Business to Prothena, in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, on a pro rata basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena’s outstanding shares. Prothena’s issuance of 99.99% of its outstanding shares will constitute a deemed in specie distribution by Elan to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and ADSs as of 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, which will be the record date.
Distribution ratio	Each holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs will receive 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs held on the record date.
Distributed securities	We will issue our ordinary shares to holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs. Based on the approximately [•] Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs outstanding on [•], 2012, and applying the distribution ratio of 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs, approximately [•] Prothena ordinary shares will be distributed to Elan shareholders who hold Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs as of the record date.
Distribution mechanics	Depending on the manner in which you hold your Elan ordinary shares or ADSs, the distribution agent will deliver the Prothena ordinary shares to which you are entitled to your broker or nominee in electronic form, which shares will be credited to your account by such broker or nominee, or the distribution agent will deliver to you physical stock certificates evidencing your Prothena shares. For a detailed description of the manner in which your Prothena ordinary shares will be distributed, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions—Distribution of Our Ordinary Shares.”

Fractional shares	No fractional Prothena ordinary shares will be issued. The shareholders who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share will (after the deduction of all expenses and commissions including any amounts in respect of value added tax or any applicable sales tax payable thereon) receive a cash payment for the value thereof.
Record date	The record date for the distribution is 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012.
Distribution date	The distribution date is expected to be 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, subject to certain conditions described in this information statement; provided, that if the conditions have not been satisfied or waived on or before the distribution date, the distribution date may be extended until the conditions shall be satisfied or waived.
Conditions to the distribution	The distribution is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions. For more information, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Conditions to the Distribution.” However, the satisfaction of the foregoing conditions does not create any obligations on Elan’s part to effect the separation and distribution, and Elan’s board of directors has reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to abandon, modify or change the terms of the separation and distribution, including by accelerating or delaying the timing of the consummation of all or part of the separation and distribution, at any time prior to the distribution date.
Subscription for Prothena Ordinary Shares by Elan	Prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [•] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution and immediately prior to the mandatory redemption by Prothena of the incorporator shares.
Trading market and symbol	We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “[•].”
U.S. federal income tax consequences	Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the Prothena Transactions from each of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and KPMG LLP to the effect that the separation and distribution should qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, and the distribution, as such, should qualify as a distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders under section 355 of the Code. If the separation and distribution are so treated, Elan shareholders should not recognize any gain for U.S. federal income tax purposes on the receipt of our ordinary shares, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares. However, the separation and distribution are not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected U.S. federal income tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a ruling from the IRS addressing the separation and distribution and related transactions.
Irish tax consequences	For Irish tax purposes, Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the Prothena Transactions from KPMG Ireland to the effect that, save with respect to the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional entitlements to Prothena ordinary shares, the distribution should not give rise to a taxable event for those classes of Irish shareholders specifically referred to in the section below “Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution.” However, the distribution is not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected Irish tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a specific confirmation from the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland in respect of the anticipated tax treatment of the distribution.

Certain agreements with Elan

In connection with the separation and distribution, we and Elan will enter into the Demerger Agreement and several other agreements for the purpose of accomplishing the separation of our business from Elan's other businesses. These agreements also will govern our relationship with Elan subsequent to the separation and distribution and provide for the allocation of tax and certain other liabilities and obligations attributable to periods prior to the separation and distribution. These agreements will also include arrangements with respect to transition services, the provision of research services by Prothena for Elan, and the acquisition, voting and disposition of Prothena shares subscribed for by Elan immediately after the separation and distribution.

For a discussion of these arrangements, see the section entitled "Arrangements between Elan and Prothena."

Dividend policy

We do not anticipate paying any dividends on our ordinary shares in the foreseeable future. See "Dividend Policy."

Distribution agent

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. ("Computershare").

RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider each of the following risks, which we believe are the principal risks that we face, and all of the other information in this information statement. Some of the risks described below relate to our business, while others relate to our separation from Elan. Other risks relate principally to the securities markets and ownership of our ordinary shares. Should any of the following risks and uncertainties develop into actual events, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected and the trading price of our ordinary shares could decline or even lose all of their value.

Risks Relating to Our Financial Position, Our Need for Additional Capital and Our Business

We have not generated any third party external revenue to date, we anticipate that we will incur losses for the foreseeable future and we may never achieve or sustain profitability.

We may not generate the cash that is necessary to finance our operations in the foreseeable future. We have not generated any third party external revenues to date. We have incurred losses of \$29.8 million, \$12.5 million and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and a loss of \$29.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. We expect to continue to incur substantial losses for the foreseeable future as we:

- conduct our planned Phase 1 clinical trial for NEOD001 and initiate additional clinical trials, if supported by the results of the Phase 1 trial;
- complete preclinical development of other product candidates and initiate clinical trials, if supported by positive preclinical data;
- pursue our early stage research and seek to identify additional drug candidates and potentially acquire rights from third parties to drug candidates through licenses, acquisitions or other means; and
- add operational, financial and management information systems and other personnel.

We must generate significant revenue to achieve and sustain profitability. Even if we succeed in discovering, developing and commercializing one or more drug candidates, we may not be able to generate sufficient revenue and we may never be able to achieve or sustain profitability.

We will require additional capital to fund our operations, and if we are unable to obtain such capital, we will be unable to successfully develop and commercialize drug candidates.

Following our separation from Elan, we believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents, will be sufficient to support us through approximately June 30, 2015. We will require additional capital in order to continue the research and development of our drug candidates. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors that are currently unknown to us, including:

- the timing of initiation, progress, results and costs of our clinical trials;
- the results of our research and preclinical studies;
- the costs of clinical manufacturing and of establishing commercial manufacturing arrangements;
- the costs of preparing, filing, and prosecuting patent applications and maintaining, enforcing, and defending intellectual property-related claims;
- the costs and timing of capital asset purchases;

- our ability to establish research collaborations and strategic collaborations and licensing or other arrangements;
- the costs to satisfy our obligations under potential future collaborations; and
- the timing, receipt, and amount of revenues or royalties, if any, from any approved drug candidates.

We cannot assure you that additional funds will be available when we need them on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all. If adequate funds are not available on a timely basis, we may be required to:

- terminate or delay clinical trials or other development for one or more of our drug candidates;
- delay arrangements for activities that may be necessary to commercialize our drug candidates; or
- curtail or eliminate our drug research and development programs that are designed to identify new drug candidates or cease operations.

Immediately following the Prothena Transactions, we expect that we will hold cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$125 million and an immaterial amount of working capital. Our cash flow projections through the period ended June 30, 2015, estimate average negative net cash flows of between \$3 million to \$4 million per month. These cash flows exclude any potential net cash inflows from any of our future financing and investing activities through the period ended June 30, 2015.

We are not able to provide specific estimates of the timelines or total costs to complete the Phase 1 clinical trial for NEOD001. In the pharmaceutical industry, the research and development process is lengthy and involves a high degree of risk and uncertainty. This process is conducted in various stages and, during each stage, there is a substantial risk that potential products in our research and development pipeline will experience difficulties, delays or failures. This makes it very difficult for us to estimate the total costs to complete the Phase 1 clinical trial for NEOD001, or any potential future drug candidates, and to estimate the anticipated completion date with any degree of accuracy, and raises concerns that attempts to provide estimates of timing may be misleading by implying a greater degree of certainty than actually exists.

We may seek to raise any necessary funds through public or private equity offerings, debt financings, strategic alliances, joint ventures and licensing arrangements. We may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us, if at all. General market conditions may make it very difficult for us to seek financing from the capital markets. We may be required to relinquish rights to our technologies or drug candidates or grant licenses on terms that are not favorable to us in order to raise additional funds through strategic alliances, joint ventures or licensing arrangements.

Our future success depends on our ability to retain our chief executive officer and [•] and to attract, retain, and motivate qualified personnel.

We are highly dependent on Dr. Dale Schenk our President and Chief Executive Officer, and [•], our [•]. We expect that we will pay our key executives less cash compensation than what they were paid by Elan. There can be no assurance that we will be able to retain any of our key executives. The loss of the services of either of these persons might impede the achievement of our research and development objectives. Recruiting and retaining qualified scientific personnel will also be critical to our success. We may not be able to attract and retain these personnel on acceptable terms given the competition among numerous pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for similar personnel. We also experience competition for the hiring of scientific personnel from universities and research institutions.

Our collaborators, prospective collaborators and suppliers may need assurances that our financial resources and stability on a stand-alone basis is sufficient to satisfy their requirements for doing or continuing to do business with us.

Some of our collaborators, prospective collaborators and suppliers may need assurances that our financial resources and stability on a stand-alone basis is sufficient to satisfy their requirements for doing or continuing to do business with us. If our collaborators, prospective collaborators or suppliers are not satisfied with our financial resources and stability, it could have a material adverse effect on our ability to develop our drug candidates, enter into licenses or other agreements and on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Risks Related to the Discovery, Development and Regulatory Approval of Drug Candidates

Our success is largely dependent on the success of our research and development programs which are at an early stage. We have no drug candidates in clinical trials and may not be able to progress drug candidates in the clinic. In the next two years we only have plans to conduct a phase 1 clinical trial in an orphan indication. We may not be able to successfully develop, obtain regulatory approval for or successfully commercialize any drug candidates.

We will continue to invest most of our time and financial resources in our research programs. We have no drug candidates in clinical trials and may not be able to progress drug candidates in the clinic. In the next two years we only have plans to conduct a phase 1 clinical trial in an orphan indication. We have not identified product candidates for many of our research programs. Our success will depend on the discovery, development, receipt of regulatory approval and successful commercialization of drug candidates. The success of drug candidates will depend on many factors, including the following:

- our ability to provide acceptable evidence of their safety and efficacy;
- receipt of marketing approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) and any similar foreign regulatory authorities;
- obtaining and maintaining commercial manufacturing arrangements with third-party manufacturers;
- collaborating with pharmaceutical companies or contract sales organizations to market and sell any approved drug; and
- acceptance of any approved drug in the medical community and by patients and third-party payors.

Many of these factors are beyond our control. Accordingly, we may never generate revenues through the sale of products.

Our drug candidates are still in early stages of development and remain subject to clinical testing and regulatory approval. If we are unable to successfully discover, develop and test our drug candidates, we will not be successful.

We have not marketed, distributed or sold any drugs. The success of our business depends substantially upon our ability to discover, develop and commercialize our drug candidates successfully. We have no drug candidates in clinical trials and may not be able to progress drug candidates in the clinic. In the next two years we only have plans to conduct a phase 1 clinical trial in an orphan indication. Our research programs are prone to the significant and likely risks of failure inherent in drug development. Before obtaining regulatory approvals for the commercial sale of any drug candidate for a target indication, we must demonstrate with substantial evidence gathered in well-controlled clinical trials, and, with respect to approval in the United States, to the satisfaction of the FDA and, with respect to approval in other countries, similar regulatory authorities in those countries, that the drug candidate is safe and effective for use for that target indication. Satisfaction of these and other regulatory requirements is costly, time consuming, uncertain, and subject to unanticipated delays. Despite our efforts, our drug candidates may not:

- offer improvement over existing, comparable drugs;
- be proven safe and effective in clinical trials;
- meet applicable regulatory standards; or
- be successfully commercialized.

Positive results in preclinical studies of a drug candidate may not be predictive of similar results in humans during clinical trials, and promising results from early clinical trials of a drug candidate may not be replicated in later clinical trials. Interim results of a clinical trial do not necessarily predict final results. A number of companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries have suffered significant setbacks in late-stage clinical trials even after achieving promising results in early-stage development. Accordingly, the results from completed preclinical studies and clinical trials for our drug candidates may not be predictive of the results we may obtain in later stage trials or studies. Our preclinical studies or clinical trials may produce negative or inconclusive results, and we may decide, or regulators may require us, to conduct additional preclinical studies or clinical trials, or to discontinue clinical trials altogether. We do not expect any of our drug candidates to be commercially available for at least seven years and some or all may never become commercially available.

If clinical trials for our drug candidates are prolonged, delayed, suspended or terminated we may be unable to commercialize our drug candidates on a timely basis, which would require us to incur additional costs and delay our receipt of any revenue from potential product sales.

We cannot predict whether we will encounter problems with our planned clinical trials that will cause us or any regulatory authority to delay or suspend those clinical trials or delay the analysis of data derived from them. A number of events, including any of the following, could delay the completion of our planned clinical trials and negatively impact our ability to obtain regulatory approval for, and to market and sell, a particular drug candidate:

- conditions imposed on us by the FDA or any foreign regulatory authority regarding the scope or design of our clinical trials;
- delays in obtaining, or our inability to obtain, required approvals from institutional review boards, or IRBs, or other reviewing entities at clinical sites selected for participation in our clinical trials;
- insufficient supply or deficient quality of our drug candidates or other materials necessary to conduct our clinical trials;
- delays in obtaining regulatory agency agreement for the conduct of our clinical trials;
- lower than anticipated enrollment and retention rate of subjects in clinical trials for a variety of reasons, including size of patient population, nature of trial protocol, the availability of approved effective treatments for the relevant disease and competition from other clinical trial programs for similar indications;
- serious and unexpected drug-related side effects experienced by patients in clinical trials; or
- failure of our third-party contractors to meet their contractual obligations to us in a timely manner.

Clinical trials may also be delayed or terminated as a result of ambiguous or negative interim results. In addition, a clinical trial may be suspended or terminated by us, the FDA, the IRBs at the sites where the IRBs are overseeing a trial, or a data safety monitoring board, or DSMB, overseeing the clinical trial at issue, or other regulatory authorities due to a number of factors, including:

- failure to conduct the clinical trial in accordance with regulatory requirements or our clinical protocols;
- inspection of the clinical trial operations or trial sites by the FDA or other regulatory authorities resulting in the imposition of a clinical hold;
- varying interpretation of data by the FDA or similar foreign regulatory authorities;

- failure to achieve primary or secondary endpoints or other failure to demonstrate efficacy;
- unforeseen safety issues; or
- lack of adequate funding to continue the clinical trial.

Additionally, changes in regulatory requirements and guidance may occur and we may need to amend clinical trial protocols to reflect these changes. Amendments may require us to resubmit our clinical trial protocols to IRBs for reexamination, which may impact the cost, timing or successful completion of a clinical trial.

We do not know whether our clinical trials will begin as planned, will need to be restructured or will be completed on schedule, if at all. Delays in our clinical trials will result in increased development costs for our drug candidates. In addition, if we experience delays in completion of, or if we terminate, any of our clinical trials, the commercial prospects for our drug candidates may be harmed and our ability to generate product revenues will be jeopardized. Furthermore, many of the factors that cause, or lead to, a delay in the commencement or completion of clinical trials may also ultimately lead to the denial of regulatory approval of a drug candidate.

Even if our drug candidates receive regulatory approval in the United States, we may never receive approval or commercialize our products outside of the United States.

In order to market any products outside of the United States, we must establish and comply with numerous and varying regulatory requirements of other countries regarding safety and efficacy. Approval procedures vary among countries and can involve additional product testing and additional administrative review periods. The time required to obtain approval in other countries might differ from that required to obtain FDA approval. The regulatory approval process in other countries may include all of the risks detailed above regarding FDA approval in the United States as well as other risks. Regulatory approval in one country does not ensure regulatory approval in another, but a failure or delay in obtaining regulatory approval in one country may have a negative effect on the regulatory process in others. Failure to obtain regulatory approval in other countries or any delay or setback in obtaining such approval would impair our ability to develop foreign markets for our drug candidates.

Both before and after marketing approval, our drug candidates are or would be subject to ongoing regulatory requirements, and if we fail to comply with these continuing requirements, we could be subject to a variety of sanctions and the sale of any approved products could be suspended.

Both before and after regulatory approval to market a particular drug candidate, the manufacturing, labeling, packaging, adverse event reporting, storage, advertising, promotion and record keeping related to the drug are subject to extensive regulatory requirements. If we fail to comply with the regulatory requirements of the FDA and other applicable U.S. and foreign regulatory authorities, we could be subject to administrative or judicially imposed sanctions, including:

- restrictions on the products or manufacturing processes;
- warning letters;
- civil or criminal penalties;
- fines;
- injunctions;
- product seizures or detentions;
- import bans;
- voluntary or mandatory product recalls and related publicity requirements;
- suspension or withdrawal of regulatory approvals;
- total or partial suspension of production; and
- refusal to approve pending applications for marketing approval of new products or supplements to approved applications.

If side effects are identified during the time our drug candidates are in development or after they are approved and on the market, we may be required to perform lengthy additional clinical trials, discontinue development of the affected drug candidate, change the labeling of any such products, or withdraw any such products from the market, any of which would hinder or preclude our ability to generate revenues.

Even if any of our drug candidates receives marketing approval, as greater numbers of patients use a drug following its approval, if the incidence of side effects increases or if other problems are observed after approval that were not seen or anticipated during pre-approval clinical trials, a number of potentially significant negative consequences could result, including:

- regulatory authorities may withdraw their approval of the product;

- regulatory authorities may require the addition of labeling statements, such as warnings or contraindications;
- we may be required to change the way the product is administered, conduct additional clinical trials or change the labeling of the product;
- we could be sued and held liable for harm caused to patients; and
- our reputation may suffer.

Any of these events could substantially increase the costs and expenses of developing, commercializing and marketing any such drug candidates or could harm or prevent sales of any approved products.

We deal with hazardous materials and must comply with environmental laws and regulations, which can be expensive and restrict how we do business.

Some of our research and development activities involve the controlled storage, use, and disposal of hazardous materials. We are subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the use, manufacture, storage, handling, and disposal of these hazardous materials. Although we believe that our safety procedures for the handling and disposing of these materials comply with the standards prescribed by these laws and regulations, we cannot eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials. In the event of an accident, state or federal authorities may curtail our use of these materials, and we could be liable for any civil damages that result, which may exceed our financial resources and may seriously harm our business. Because we believe that our laboratory and materials handling policies and practices sufficiently mitigate the likelihood of materials liability or third-party claims, we currently carry no insurance covering such claims. An accident could damage, or force us to shut down, our operations.

Risks Related to the Commercialization of Our Drug Candidates

Even if any of our drug candidates receives regulatory approval, if the approved product does not achieve broad market acceptance, the revenues that we generate from sales of the product will be limited.

Even if any drug candidates we may develop or acquire in the future obtain regulatory approval, they may not gain broad market acceptance among physicians, healthcare payors, patients, and the medical community. The degree of market acceptance for any approved drug candidate will depend on a number of factors, including:

- the indication and label for the product and the timing of introduction of competitive products;
- demonstration of clinical safety and efficacy compared to other products;
- prevalence and severity of adverse side effects;
- availability of reimbursement from managed care plans and other third-party payors;
- convenience and ease of administration;
- cost-effectiveness;
- other potential advantages of alternative treatment methods; and
- the effectiveness of marketing and distribution support of the product.

Consequently, even if we discover, develop and commercialize a product, the product may fail to achieve broad market acceptance and we may not be able to generate significant revenue from the product.

If we are unable to establish sales and marketing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to market and sell an approved product, we may be unable to generate product revenue.

We do not currently have an organization for the sales, marketing and distribution of pharmaceutical products. In order to market any products that may be approved by the FDA, we must build our sales, marketing, managerial and other non-technical capabilities or make arrangements with third parties to perform these services. If we are unable to establish adequate sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, whether independently or with third parties, we may not be able to generate product revenue and may not become profitable.

If government and third-party payors fail to provide adequate coverage and reimbursement rates for any of our drug candidates that receive regulatory approval, our revenue and prospects for profitability will be harmed.

In both domestic and foreign markets, our sales of any future products will depend in part upon the availability of reimbursement from third-party payors. Such third-party payors include government health programs such as Medicare, managed care providers, private health insurers, and other organizations. These third-party payors are increasingly attempting to contain healthcare costs by demanding price discounts or rebates and limiting both coverage and the amounts that they will pay for new drugs, and, as a result, they may not cover or provide adequate payment for our drug candidates. We might need to conduct post-marketing studies in

order to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of any future products to such payors' satisfaction. Such studies might require us to commit a significant amount of management time and financial and other resources. Our future products might not ultimately be considered cost-effective. Adequate third-party reimbursement might not be available to enable us to maintain price levels sufficient to realize an appropriate return on investment in product development.

U.S. and foreign governments continue to propose and pass legislation designed to reduce the cost of healthcare. For example, in some foreign markets, the government controls the pricing and profitability of prescription pharmaceuticals. In the United States, we expect that there will continue to be federal and state proposals to implement similar governmental controls. In addition, recent changes in the Medicare program and increasing emphasis on managed care in the United States will continue to put pressure on pharmaceutical product pricing. Cost control initiatives could decrease the price that we would receive for any products in the future, which would limit our revenue and profitability. Accordingly, legislation and regulations affecting the pricing of pharmaceuticals might change before our drug candidates are approved for marketing. Adoption of such legislation could further limit reimbursement for pharmaceuticals.

The markets for our drug candidates are subject to intense competition. If we are unable to compete effectively, our drug candidates may be rendered noncompetitive or obsolete.

The research, development and commercialization of new drugs is highly competitive. We will face competition with respect to all drug candidates we may develop or commercialize in the future from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies worldwide. The key factors affecting the success of any approved product will be its indication, label, efficacy, safety profile, drug interactions, method of administration, pricing, reimbursement and level of promotional activity relative to those of competing drugs.

Furthermore, many large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions, governmental agencies, and other public and private research organizations are pursuing the development of novel drugs that target the same indications we are targeting with our research and development program. We face, and expect to continue to face, intense and increasing competition as new products enter the market and advanced technologies become available. Many of our competitors have:

- significantly greater financial, technical and human resources than we have and may be better equipped to discover, develop, manufacture and commercialize drug candidates;
- more extensive experience in preclinical testing and clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approvals and manufacturing and marketing pharmaceutical products;
- drug candidates that have been approved or are in late-stage clinical development; and/or
- collaborative arrangements in our target markets with leading companies and research institutions.

Competitive products may render our research and development program obsolete or noncompetitive before we can recover the expenses of developing and commercializing our drug candidates. Furthermore, the development of new treatment methods and/or the widespread adoption or increased utilization of any vaccine or development of other products or treatments for the diseases we are targeting could render any of our drug candidates noncompetitive, obsolete or uneconomical. If we successfully develop and obtain approval for a drug candidate, we will face competition based on the safety and effectiveness of the approved product, the timing of its entry into the market in relation to competitive products in development, the availability and cost of supply, marketing and sales capabilities, reimbursement coverage, price, patent position and other factors. Even if we successfully develop drug candidates but those drug candidates do not achieve and maintain market acceptance, our business will not be successful.

If a successful product liability or clinical trial claim or series of claims is brought against us for uninsured liabilities or in excess of insured liabilities, we could incur substantial liability.

The use of our drug candidates in clinical trials and the sale of any products for which we obtain marketing approval will expose us to the risk of product liability and clinical trial liability claims. Product liability claims might be brought against us by consumers, health care providers or others selling or otherwise coming into contact with our products. Clinical trial liability claims may be filed against us for damages suffered by clinical trial subjects or their families. If we cannot successfully defend ourselves against product liability claims, we could incur substantial liabilities. In addition, regardless of merit or eventual outcome, product liability claims may result in:

- decreased demand for any approved drug candidates;
- impairment of our business reputation;
- withdrawal of clinical trial participants;
- costs of related litigation;
- distraction of management's attention;
- substantial monetary awards to patients or other claimants;

- loss of revenues; and
- the inability to successfully commercialize any approved drug candidates.

We have obtained product and clinical trial liability insurance coverage for our clinical trials with a \$[*] million annual aggregate coverage limit; however, our insurance coverage may not be sufficient to reimburse us for any expenses or losses we may suffer. Moreover, insurance coverage is becoming increasingly expensive, and, in the future, we may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or in sufficient amounts to protect us against losses due to liability. If and when we obtain marketing approval for any of our drug candidates, we intend to expand our insurance coverage to include the sale of commercial products; however, we may be unable to obtain this product liability insurance on commercially reasonable terms. On occasion, large judgments have been awarded in class action lawsuits based on drugs that had unanticipated side effects. A successful product liability claim or series of claims brought against us could cause our share price to decline and, if judgments exceed our insurance coverage, could decrease our cash and adversely affect our business.

Risks Related to Our Dependence on Third Parties

We will rely on third parties to conduct our clinical trials, and those third parties may not perform satisfactorily, including failing to meet established deadlines for the completion of any such clinical trials.

We do not have the ability to independently conduct clinical trials for our drug candidates, and we will need to rely on third parties, such as consultants, contract research organizations, medical institutions, and clinical investigators, to perform this function. Our reliance on these third parties for clinical development activities will reduce our control over these activities. Furthermore, these third parties may also have relationships with other entities, some of which may be our competitors. Although we have and will enter into agreements with these third parties, we will be responsible for confirming that our clinical trials are conducted in accordance with their general investigational plans and protocols. Moreover, the FDA requires us to comply with regulations and standards, commonly referred to as good clinical practices, for conducting, recording and reporting the results of clinical trials to assure that data and reported results are credible and accurate and that the trial participants are adequately protected. Our reliance on third parties does not relieve us of these responsibilities and requirements. To date, we believe our consultants, contract research organizations and other similar entities with which we are working have performed well; however, if these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties or meet expected deadlines, we may be required to replace them. Although we believe that there are a number of other third-party contractors we could engage to continue these activities, it may result in a delay of our planned clinical trials. Accordingly, we may be delayed in obtaining regulatory approvals for our drug candidates and may be delayed in our efforts to successfully develop our drug candidates.

If we do not establish strategic collaborations, we may have to alter our research and development plans.

Our drug research and development programs and potential commercialization of our drug candidates will require substantial additional cash to fund expenses. Our strategy includes potentially collaborating with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to assist us in furthering development and potential commercialization of some of our drug candidates, in some or all geographies. It may be difficult to enter into one or more of such collaborations in the future. We face significant competition in seeking appropriate collaborators and these collaborations are complex and time-consuming to negotiate and document. We may not be able to negotiate collaborations on acceptable terms, or at all. If that were to occur, we may have to curtail the development of a particular drug candidate, reduce or delay its development program or one or more of our other development programs, delay its potential commercialization or increase our expenditures and undertake development or commercialization activities at our own expense. If we elect to increase our expenditures to fund development or commercialization activities on our own, we will need to obtain additional capital, which may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. If we do not have sufficient funds, we will not be able to bring our drug candidates to market and generate product revenue.

We have no manufacturing capacity and depend on third-party manufacturers to produce our pre-clinical and clinical trial drug supplies.

We do not currently operate manufacturing facilities for pre-clinical or clinical production of any of our drug candidates. We have limited experience in drug manufacturing, and we lack the resources and the capabilities to manufacture any of our drug candidates on a clinical or commercial scale. As a result, we will rely on a third-party manufacturer to supply, store, and distribute drug supplies for our planned clinical trials until we increase the number of manufacturers with whom we contract. Any performance failure on the part of our existing or future manufacturers could delay clinical development or regulatory approval of our drug candidates or commercialization of any approved products, producing additional losses and depriving us of potential product revenue.

Our drug candidates require precise, high quality manufacturing. Failure by our contract manufacturer to achieve and maintain high manufacturing standards could result in patient injury or death, product recalls or withdrawals, delays or failures in testing or delivery, cost overruns, or other problems that could seriously hurt our business. Contract manufacturers may encounter difficulties involving production yields, quality control, and quality assurance. These manufacturers are subject to ongoing periodic unannounced

inspection by the FDA and corresponding state and foreign agencies to ensure strict compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practice, or cGMP, and other applicable government regulations and corresponding foreign standards; however, we do not have control over third-party manufacturers' compliance with these regulations and standards.

If for some reason our contract manufacturer cannot perform as agreed, we may be required to replace it. Although we believe there are a number of potential replacements as our manufacturing processes are not manufacturer specific, we may incur added costs and delays in identifying and qualifying any such replacements because the FDA must approve any replacement manufacturer prior to manufacturing our drug candidates. Such approval would require new testing and compliance inspections. In addition, a new manufacturer would have to be educated in, or develop substantially equivalent processes for, production of our drug candidates after receipt of FDA approval.

We anticipate continued reliance on third-party manufacturers if we are successful in obtaining marketing approval from the FDA and other regulatory agencies for any of our drug candidates.

To date, our drug candidates have been manufactured in small quantities for preclinical testing by third-party manufacturers. If the FDA or other regulatory agencies approve any of our drug candidates for commercial sale, we expect that we would continue to rely, at least initially, on third-party manufacturers to produce commercial quantities of approved drug candidates. These manufacturers may not be able to successfully increase the manufacturing capacity for any approved drug candidates in a timely or economic manner, or at all. Significant scale-up of manufacturing may require additional validation studies, which the FDA must review and approve. If third party manufacturers are unable to successfully increase the manufacturing capacity for a drug candidate, or we are unable to establish our own manufacturing capabilities, the commercial launch of any approved products may be delayed or there may be a shortage in supply.

We depend on third-party suppliers for key raw materials used in our manufacturing processes, and the loss of these third-party suppliers or their inability to supply us with adequate raw materials could harm our business.

We rely on third-party suppliers for the raw materials required for the production of our drug candidates. Our dependence on these third-party suppliers and the challenges we may face in obtaining adequate supplies of raw materials involve several risks, including limited control over pricing, availability, quality and delivery schedules. We cannot be certain that our suppliers will continue to provide us with the quantities of these raw materials that we require or satisfy our anticipated specifications and quality requirements. Any supply interruption in limited or sole sourced raw materials could materially harm our ability to manufacture our products until a new source of supply, if any, could be identified and qualified. Although we believe there are several other suppliers of these raw materials, we may be unable to find a sufficient alternative supply channel in a reasonable time or on commercially reasonable terms. Any performance failure on the part of our suppliers could delay the development and potential commercialization of our drug candidates, including limiting supplies necessary for clinical trials and regulatory approvals, which would have a material adverse effect on our business.

Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property

If we are unable to adequately protect the intellectual property relating to our drug candidates, or if we infringe the rights of others, our ability to successfully commercialize our drug candidates will be harmed.

Following the separation and distribution, we will own or hold licenses to a number of issued patents and U.S. pending patent applications, as well as foreign patents and pending Patent Corporation Treaty applications and foreign counterparts. In connection with our program targeting AL and AA amyloid for the potential treatment of amyloidosis, we have ownership rights in patents expiring between 2020 and 2029. In connection with our program targeting synuclein for the potential treatment of Parkinson's disease and other synucleinopathies, we have ownership rights and licenses related to patents expiring between 2024 and 2029. We also own patent applications relating to AL and AA, synuclein, MCAM and various discovery programs that are pending in the United States and other countries, which, if issued, would have expiration dates in the range of 2020 through 2032, excluding any available patent term adjustment. See "Business — Patents and Intellectual Property Rights" for a detailed description of our owned and licensed intellectual property rights.

Our success depends in part on our ability to obtain patent protection both in the United States and in other countries for our drug candidates. Our ability to protect our drug candidates from unauthorized or infringing use by third parties depends in substantial part on our ability to obtain and maintain valid and enforceable patents. Due to evolving legal standards relating to the patentability, validity and enforceability of patents covering pharmaceutical inventions and the scope of claims made under these patents, our ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patents is uncertain and involves complex legal and factual questions. Accordingly, rights under any issued patents may not provide us with sufficient protection for our drug candidates or provide sufficient protection to afford us a commercial advantage against competitive products or processes.

In addition, we cannot guarantee that any patents will issue from any pending or future patent applications owned by or licensed to us. Even if patents have issued or will issue, we cannot guarantee that the claims of these patents are or will be valid or enforceable or will provide us with any significant protection against competitive products or otherwise be commercially valuable to us. Patent applications in the United States are maintained in confidence for up to 18 months after their filing. In some cases, however, patent applications remain confidential in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, or the U.S. Patent Office, for the entire time prior to issuance as a U.S. patent. Similarly, publication of discoveries in the scientific or patent literature often lags behind actual discoveries. Consequently, we cannot be certain that we or our licensors or co-owners were the first to invent, or the first to file patent applications on, our drug candidates or their use as drugs. In the event that a third party has also filed a U.S. patent application relating to our drug candidates or a similar invention, we may have to participate in interference or derivation proceedings declared by the U.S. Patent Office to determine priority of invention in the United States. The costs of these proceedings could be substantial and it is possible that our efforts would be unsuccessful, resulting in a loss of our U.S. patent position. Furthermore, we may not have identified all U.S. and foreign patents or published applications that affect our business either by blocking our ability to commercialize our drugs or by covering similar technologies.

The laws of some foreign jurisdictions do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as in the United States and many companies have encountered significant difficulties in protecting and defending such rights in foreign jurisdictions. If we encounter such difficulties in protecting or are otherwise precluded from effectively protecting our intellectual property rights in foreign jurisdictions, our business prospects could be substantially harmed.

We intend to license patent rights from third-party owners. Such licenses may be subject to early termination if we fail to comply with our obligations in our licenses with third parties.

We intend to enter into licenses that will give us rights to third-party intellectual property that is necessary or useful for our business. We expect that any such licensors may be able to terminate any agreements with us in the event we breach the applicable license agreement and fail to cure the breach within a specified period of time. Under potential license agreements we may be obligated to pay the licensor fees, which may include annual license fees, royalties, a percentage of revenues associated with the licensed technology and a percentage of sublicensing revenue. In addition, under most such agreements, we will be required to diligently pursue the development of products using the licensed technology.

Litigation regarding patents, patent applications and other proprietary rights may be expensive and time consuming. If we are involved in such litigation, it could cause delays in bringing drug candidates to market and harm our ability to operate.

Our success will depend in part on our ability to operate without infringing the proprietary rights of third parties. Although we are not currently aware of any litigation or other proceedings or third-party claims of intellectual property infringement related to our drug candidates, the pharmaceutical industry is characterized by extensive litigation regarding patents and other intellectual property rights. Other parties may obtain patents in the future and allege that the use of our technologies infringes these patent claims or that we are employing their proprietary technology without authorization. Elan is involved in litigation with the Alzheimer's Institute of America ("AIA"). While the law suit was dismissed with prejudice, AIA appealed the result and if the appeal is successful, AIA may institute suit against us related to our research activities. If we become entangled in this matter it will be a distraction to management and a potential cash drain, although Elan is contractually obligated pursuant to the terms of the Demerger Agreement to reimburse us for our expenses and indemnify us for any damages.

In addition, third parties may challenge or infringe upon our existing or future patents. Proceedings involving our patents or patent applications or those of others could result in adverse decisions regarding:

- the patentability of our inventions relating to our drug candidates; and/or
- the enforceability, validity or scope of protection offered by our patents relating to our drug candidates.

Even if we are successful in these proceedings, we may incur substantial costs and divert management time and attention in pursuing these proceedings, which could have a material adverse effect on us. If we are unable to avoid infringing the patent rights of others, we may be required to seek a license, defend an infringement action or challenge the validity of the patents in court. Patent

litigation is costly and time consuming. We may not have sufficient resources to bring these actions to a successful conclusion. In addition, if we do not obtain a license, develop or obtain non-infringing technology, fail to defend an infringement action successfully or have infringed patents declared invalid, we may:

- incur substantial monetary damages;
- encounter significant delays in bringing our drug candidates to market; and/or
- be precluded from participating in the manufacture, use or sale of our drug candidates or methods of treatment requiring licenses.

We may be unable to adequately prevent disclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary information.

We rely on trade secrets to protect our proprietary technologies, especially where we do not believe patent protection is appropriate or obtainable; however, trade secrets are difficult to protect. We rely in part on confidentiality agreements with our employees, consultants, outside scientific collaborators, sponsored researchers, and other advisors to protect our trade secrets and other proprietary information. These agreements may not effectively prevent disclosure of confidential information and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. In addition, others may independently discover our trade secrets and proprietary information. Costly and time-consuming litigation could be necessary to enforce and determine the scope of our proprietary rights, and failure to obtain or maintain trade secret protection could adversely affect our competitive business position.

We may be subject to claims that our employees have wrongfully used or disclosed alleged trade secrets of their former employers.

Many of our employees were previously employed at universities or other Elan or biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies, including our competitors or potential competitors. Although we try to ensure that our employees do not use the proprietary information or know-how of others in their work for us, we may be subject to claims that we or these employees have used or disclosed intellectual property, including trade secrets or other proprietary information, of any such employee's former employer. Litigation may be necessary to defend against these claims. If we fail in defending any such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. Even if we are successful in defending against such claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

Risks Relating to the Separation and the Distribution

We may not realize some or all of the potential benefits we expect from our separation from Elan.

We may not realize the benefits we anticipate from our separation from Elan. These benefits include the following:

- greater strategic focus of financial resources and management's efforts;
- direct and differentiated access to capital resources;
- enhanced investor ability to evaluate our financial performance and strategy against our peer group; and
- improved ability to align management incentive compensation with our performance by issuing Prothena stock options.

We may not achieve the anticipated benefits from our separation for a variety of reasons, including the following:

- the process of separating our business from Elan and the regulatory and other managerial challenges of operating as an independent public company may distract our management team from focusing on our business and strategic priorities;
- we will require substantial ongoing cash investment for the foreseeable future, we will no longer be supported by the revenue and cash flows of Elan's business and we may not be able to issue debt or equity on terms acceptable to us or at all;
- our ability to differentiate our company against our peer group and attract early stage biotechnology investors is largely dependent on the success of our research and development programs, which are at an early stage; and
- we expect to pay our key executives less cash compensation than what they were paid at Elan, so even though we will be able to provide potential equity compensation tied specifically to our business, we may not be able to attract and retain employees as desired.

We also may not fully realize the anticipated benefits from our separation if any of the matters identified as risks in this “Risks Factors” section were to occur. If we do not realize the anticipated benefits from our separation for any reason, our business may be materially adversely affected.

Our ability to operate our business effectively may suffer if we do not establish our own financial, administrative and other support functions in order to operate as a separate, stand-alone company, and the transition services Elan has agreed to provide may not be sufficient for our needs.

Prior to the separation, our business was operated by Elan as part of its broader corporate organization rather than as a standalone company. Historically, we have relied on financial, administrative and other resources, including the business relationships, of Elan to support the operation of our business. In conjunction with our separation from Elan, we will need to expand our financial, administrative and other support systems or contract with third parties to replace some of Elan’s systems. We will also need to maintain our own credit and banking relationships and perform our own financial and operational functions. We have entered into separation-related agreements with Elan, and Elan has agreed to provide transition services for up to 6 months following the separation. However, after the expiration of these transition services, we may not be able to adequately replace those resources or replace them at the same cost. We also may not be able to successfully put in place the financial, operational and managerial resources necessary to operate as a public company or that we will be able to be profitable doing so. Any failure or significant downtime in our own financial or administrative systems or in Elan’s financial or administrative systems during the transition period could impact our results or prevent us from performing other administrative services and financial reporting on a timely basis and could materially harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our accounting and other management systems and resources may not be adequately prepared to meet the financial reporting and other requirements to which we will be subject following the transactions. If we are unable to achieve and maintain effective internal controls, our business, financial position and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Our financial results previously were included within the consolidated results of Elan; however, we were not directly subject to the reporting and other requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act). As a result of the separation, we will be directly subject to the reporting and other obligations under the Exchange Act, including the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which will require annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. The rules governing the standards that must be met for management to assess our internal control over financial reporting are complex and require significant documentation, testing and possible remediation to meet the detailed standards under the rules. During the course of its testing, our management may identify material weaknesses or deficiencies which may not be remedied in time to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. These reporting and other obligations will place significant demands on our management and administrative and operational resources, including accounting resources.

To comply with these requirements, it is anticipated that we will need to upgrade our systems, including information technology, implement additional financial and management controls, reporting systems and procedures and hire additional legal, accounting and finance staff. We expect to incur additional annual expenses for the purpose of addressing these requirements, and those expenses may be significant. If we are unable to upgrade our financial and management controls, reporting systems, information technology and procedures in a timely and effective fashion, our ability to comply with our financial reporting requirements and other rules that apply to reporting companies could be impaired. In addition, if we are unable to conclude that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, we could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports.

Our management will be responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Any failure to achieve and maintain effective internal controls could have an adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

Our historical and pro forma financial information is not necessarily representative of the results we would have achieved as a separate, publicly traded company and may not be a reliable indicator of our future results.

The historical financial and pro forma financial information we have included in this information statement may not reflect what our results of operations, financial position and cash flows would have been had we been an independent, publicly traded company during the periods presented or what our results of operations, financial position and cash flows will be in the future when we are an independent company. This is primarily because:

- Our historical and pro forma financial information reflects allocations for services historically provided to us by Elan, which allocations may not reflect the costs we will incur for similar services in the future as an independent company; and

- Subsequent to the completion of the separation and distribution, the cost of capital for our business may be higher than Elan’s cost of capital prior to the separation and distribution because Elan’s current cost of debt will likely be lower than ours following the separation and distribution; and
- Our historical and pro forma financial information does not reflect changes that we expect to incur in the future as a result of our separation from Elan, including changes in the cost structure, personnel needs, financing and operations of the contributed business as a result of the separation from Elan and from reduced economies of scale.

Following the separation and distribution, we also will be responsible for the additional costs associated with being an independent, public company, including costs related to corporate governance and listed and registered securities. Prior to the separation and distribution, our business was operated by Elan as part of its broader corporate organization, rather than as an independent company. Elan or one of its affiliates performed various corporate functions for us, including, but not limited to, legal, treasury, accounting, auditing, risk management, information technology, human resources, corporate affairs, tax administration, certain governance functions and external reporting. Our historical and pro forma financial results include allocations of corporate expenses from Elan for these and similar functions. These allocations of cash and non-cash expenses are likely to be less than the comparable expenses we expect to incur as a separate publicly traded company, which are estimated to be between \$2 million and \$4 million higher per year than the annualized allocated expenses for the latest interim period, based on currently anticipated activities. Therefore, our financial statements may not be indicative of our future performance as an independent company. For additional information about our past financial performance and the basis of presentation of our financial statements, please see “Selected Historical Financial Data,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this information statement.

In addition, we will incur costs and expenses, including professional fees, to comply with Irish corporate and tax laws and financial reporting requirements and costs and expenses incurred in connection with holding the meetings of our board of directors in Ireland. There can be no assurance that these costs will not exceed the costs historically borne by Elan and those allocated to us in the pro forma financials contained in this information statement.

The agreements we have entered into or will enter into with Elan involve conflicts of interest and therefore may have materially disadvantageous terms to us.

We expect to enter into certain agreements with Elan, including the Demerger Agreement, Tax Matters Agreement, Transitional Services Agreement, Research and Development Services Agreement and the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement, which will set forth the main terms of the separation and will provide a framework for our initial relationship with Elan following the separation. We are negotiating the terms of these agreements and the separation while still a part of Elan, and accordingly these agreements may have terms that are materially disadvantageous to us or are otherwise not as favorable as those that might be negotiated between unaffiliated third parties. For additional information, see “Arrangements between Elan and Prothena.”

If the IRS successfully challenges the tax-free treatment of the separation and distribution, Elan’s U.S. shareholders may incur substantial U.S. federal income tax liability.

Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the Prothena Transactions from each of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and KPMG LLP to the effect that the separation and distribution should qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, and the distribution, as such, should qualify as a distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders under section 355 of the Code. If the separation and distribution are so treated, Elan shareholders should not recognize any gain for U.S. federal income tax purposes on the receipt of our ordinary shares, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares. However, the separation and distribution are not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected U.S. federal income tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a ruling from the IRS addressing the separation and distribution and related transactions. If the distribution of our ordinary shares fails to qualify as a tax-free transaction to Elan shareholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes, you could be taxed on the full value of the Prothena ordinary shares that you receive, without reduction for any portion of your tax basis in your Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs, since distributions generally are presumed to be taxable dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

In addition, under the Tax Matters Agreement, we generally would be required to indemnify Elan against any tax-related losses Elan incurs to the extent such losses are attributable to any action, misrepresentation or omission of Prothena or any of its affiliates.

The tax consequences of the separation and distribution are complicated and depend on your individual situation. You should consult your own tax advisor as to the specific tax consequences of the distribution to you, including the effect of any U.S. federal, state or local or non-U.S. tax laws and of any changes in applicable tax laws. For further information concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the separation and distribution, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions.”

We expect that we will be treated as a passive foreign investment company, which could result in adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to our U.S. shareholders.

Special U.S. federal income tax rules apply to U.S. holders owning stock of a passive foreign investment company (“PFIC”). A non-U.S. corporation will be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year in which, after taking into account the income and assets of the corporation and certain subsidiaries pursuant to the applicable “look through” rules, either (i) 75 percent or more of such corporation’s gross income is passive income, or (ii) 50 percent or more of the average value of such corporation’s assets are considered “passive assets” (generally, assets that generate passive income). Passive income generally includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, annuities, net gains from the sale or exchange of property producing such income and net foreign currency gains. Cash and assets readily convertible into cash are categorized as passive assets. For purposes of determining whether a non-U.S. corporation will be considered a PFIC, the corporation will be treated as holding its proportionate share of the assets, and receiving directly its proportionate share of the income, of any other corporation in which such non-U.S. corporation owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25 percent (by value) of the stock.

While the determination of PFIC status for any taxable year is very fact specific and generally cannot be made until the close of the taxable year in question, we expect to be treated as a PFIC immediately after the distribution and to remain a PFIC in the immediate future. If we are classified as a PFIC in any taxable year during which a U.S. holder holds its Prothena ordinary shares, we generally would continue to be treated as a PFIC as to such holder in all succeeding taxable years, regardless of whether we continue to meet the PFIC income test or PFIC asset test discussed above. In such case, subject to the discussion below of the mark-to-market election, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares would be subject to increased tax liability (generally including an interest charge) upon the sale or other disposition of our ordinary shares or upon the receipt of certain distributions that constitute “excess distributions” under the PFIC rules (generally, the portion of any distributions received by such holder on Prothena ordinary shares in a taxable year in excess of 125% of the average annual distributions received in the preceding three taxable years or, if shorter, such holder’s holding period for the Prothena ordinary shares).

If we are or become a PFIC, and Prothena ordinary shares are treated as “marketable stock” for purposes of the PFIC rules, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares generally could make a mark-to-market election to elect out of the PFIC rules described above regarding excess distributions and recognized gains. In such case, a U.S. holder generally would include in income, as ordinary income, for each taxable year that we are a PFIC the excess, if any, of the fair market value of such holder’s Prothena ordinary shares at the end of such taxable year over such holder’s adjusted tax basis in such Prothena ordinary shares, and generally would be allowed to take an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of such holder’s adjusted tax basis in Prothena ordinary shares over their fair market value at the end of the taxable year (but only to the extent of the net amount of previously included income as a result of the mark-to-market election). A U.S. holder’s tax basis in the Prothena ordinary shares would be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss amounts. Any gain recognized on the sale or other disposition of Prothena ordinary shares would be treated as ordinary income, and any loss recognized would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent of any net mark-to-market income for prior taxable years. The reduced rates of taxation applicable to qualified dividend income under current law generally would not apply.

The mark-to-market election is available only for “marketable stock,” which is stock that is regularly traded other than in *de minimis* quantities on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter for any calendar year on a qualified exchange or other market as defined in the applicable Treasury regulations. Once made, the election cannot be revoked without the consent of the IRS, unless the shares cease to be marketable. Because a mark-to-market election may not be available for equity interests in any lower-tier PFICs that Prothena owns, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares may continue to be subject to the PFIC rules with respect to such holder’s indirect interest in any investments held by Prothena that are treated as an equity interest in a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

In addition to the mark-to-market election, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares may, subject to certain limitations, avoid the PFIC rules described above regarding excess distributions and recognized gains by making a timely qualified electing fund (“QEF”) election to be taxed currently on such holder’s pro rata portion of the PFIC’s net capital gains (as long-term capital gain) and other earnings and profits (as ordinary income). However, this option would not be available to U.S. holders of Prothena ordinary shares because we do not intend to prepare, or share, the information that would enable holders to make a QEF election.

You should consult your own tax advisor as to the specific tax consequences to you of our expected PFIC classification. For additional information, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations.”

If there is any change to Irish tax law or the anticipated tax treatment of the distribution was challenged by the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland, relevant Irish holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs may incur a charge to Irish tax as a result of receiving shares in connection with the distribution.

Statements contained in this information statement concerning the taxation of Irish holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs are based on current Irish tax law and the published practice of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland as at the date of this information statement, either of which is subject to change, possibly with retrospective effect.

The taxation of the distribution depends on the individual circumstances of the Irish holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and the summary of the Irish tax treatment of the distribution set out in the section headed “Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution” is intended as a general guide only. It does not address the specific tax position of every Irish holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and only deals with rules of Irish taxation of general application. Therefore any investors who are in any doubt as to their tax position (from an Irish perspective) as a result of receiving Prothena ordinary shares in connection with the distribution should consult their own independent tax advisers.

No specific confirmation as to the tax treatment of the distribution for relevant Irish holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs will be sought by Elan. Accordingly, the anticipated tax treatment of the distribution as outlined in the section “Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution” may be challenged by the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland. In the event of a successful challenge, Irish holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs may incur a charge to Irish tax as a result of receiving Prothena ordinary shares in connection with the distribution.

The combined post-separation value of Elan and Prothena shares may not equal or exceed the pre-separation value of Elan shares.

After the separation and distribution, Elan’s ordinary shares will continue to be listed and traded on the Irish Stock Exchange (“ISE”) and Elan’s ADSs will continue to be listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “ELN.” We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “[•].” The combined trading prices of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs and our ordinary shares after the separation and distribution, as adjusted for any changes in the combined capitalization of these companies, may not be equal to or greater than the trading price of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs prior to the separation and distribution. Until the market has fully evaluated the business of Elan without the Prothena Business, the price at which Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs trade may fluctuate. Similarly, until the market has fully evaluated our company, the price at which our ordinary shares trade may fluctuate significantly.

After the distribution, certain of our executive officers and directors may have actual or potential conflicts of interest because of their ownership of Elan equity or their current or former positions in Elan.

Certain of the persons we expect will be our executive officers and directors will be former officers and employees of Elan and thus have professional relationships with Elan’s executive officers and directors. Our Chairman of the Board, Lars Ekman, is Elan’s former President of Research and Development and a current member of Elan’s Board of Directors. Our Chief Executive Officer and director, Dale Schenk, has held the position of EVP and Chief Scientific Officer for Elan and beneficially owns 768,173 Elan ordinary shares. Our Chief Scientific Officer, Ted Yednock, has held the position of EVP and Head of Global Research for Elan and beneficially owns 1,037,772 Elan ordinary shares. Our Head of Research and Development, Gene Kinney, has held the position of SVP, Pharmacological Sciences for Elan and beneficially owns 223,142 Elan ordinary shares. Our controller and chief accounting officer, John Randall Fawcett, has held the position of Senior Director, Financial Analysis & Planning for Elan and beneficially owns 28,359 Elan ordinary shares. In addition, many of our other expected officers have a substantial financial interest in Elan as a result of their ownership of Elan ordinary shares, options and other equity awards. These relationships and financial interests may create, or may create the appearance of, conflicts of interest when these expected directors and officers face decisions that could have different implications for Elan than for us.

For as long as we are an emerging growth company, we will be exempt from certain reporting requirements, including those relating to accounting standards and disclosure about our executive compensation, that apply to other public companies.

In April 2012, President Obama signed into law the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, or the JOBS Act. The JOBS Act contains provisions that, among other things, relax certain reporting requirements for emerging growth companies, including certain requirements relating to accounting standards and compensation disclosure. We are classified as an emerging growth company, which is defined as a company with annual gross revenues of less than \$1 billion, that has been a public reporting company for a period of less than five years, and that does not have a public float of \$700 million or more in securities held by non-affiliated holders. We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (i) the end of the fiscal year in which the market value of our ordinary shares

that are held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the end of the second fiscal quarter, (ii) the end of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1 billion or more during such fiscal year, (iii) the date on which we issue more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt in a three-year period or (iv) the end of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the date of the first sale of our ordinary shares pursuant to an effective registration statement filed under the Securities Act (including Form S-8).

For as long as we are an emerging growth company, unlike other public companies, unless we elect not to take advantage of applicable JOBS Act provisions, we are eligible to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not "Emerging Growth Companies." These include, but are not limited to, (i) reduced obligations with respect to the disclosure of selected financial data in registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including the registration statement on Form 10 of which this information statement is a part), (ii) reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, (iii) an exception from compliance with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and (iv) exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and the requirement to obtain shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

As noted above, under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies can delay adopting new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies until such time as those standards apply to private companies. We intend to take advantage of such extended transition period. Since we would then not be required to comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for other public companies, our financial statements may not be comparable to the financial statements of companies that comply with public company effective dates. If we were to elect to comply with these public company effective dates, such election would be irrevocable pursuant to Section 107 of the JOBS Act.

Risks Related to Our Ordinary Shares

Substantial sales of ordinary shares may occur following the distribution, which could cause our share price to precipitously decline.

The ordinary shares that we distribute to holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs generally may be sold immediately in the public market. It is possible that many holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, including possibly some of our large holders, will sell some or all of our ordinary shares received in the distribution for many reasons, such as that our business profile or market capitalization as an independent company does not fit their investment objectives. The sales of significant amounts of our ordinary shares, or the perception in the market that this will occur, could cause the market price of our ordinary shares to sharply decline.

There is no existing market for our ordinary shares and a trading market that will provide you with adequate liquidity may not develop for our ordinary shares. In addition, once our ordinary shares begin trading, the market price of our shares may fluctuate widely.

There is no public market for our ordinary shares. It is anticipated that on or shortly before the record date for the distribution, trading of our ordinary shares will begin on a "when-issued" basis and will continue through the distribution date; however, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for our ordinary shares will develop as a result of the distribution or be sustained in the future. We cannot predict the prices at which our ordinary shares may trade after the distribution. The market price of our ordinary shares may fluctuate widely, depending upon many factors, some of which may be beyond our control, including:

- our ability to obtain financing as needed;
- progress in and results from our planned clinical trials;
- failure or delays in advancing our preclinical drug candidates or other drug candidates we may develop in the future, into clinical trials;
- results of clinical trials conducted by others on drugs that would compete with our drug candidates;
- issues in manufacturing our drug candidates;
- regulatory developments or enforcement in the United States and foreign countries;
- developments or disputes concerning patents or other proprietary rights;
- introduction of technological innovations or new commercial products by our competitors;
- changes in estimates or recommendations by securities analysts, if any, who cover our company;
- public concern over our drug candidates;
- litigation;
- future sales of our ordinary shares;

- general market conditions;
- changes in the structure of healthcare payment systems;
- failure of any of our drug candidates, if approved, to achieve commercial success;
- economic and other external factors or other disasters or crises;
- period-to-period fluctuations in our financial results;
- overall fluctuations in U.S. equity markets;
- the sale of our shares by some Elan shareholders after the separation and distribution because our business profile and market capitalization may not fit their investment objectives;
- our quarterly or annual results, or those of other companies in our industry;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant acquisitions or dispositions;
- the operating and stock price performance of other comparable companies;
- investor perception of our company and the drug development industry;
- natural or environmental disasters that investors believe may affect us; and
- fluctuations in the budget of federal, state and local governmental entities around the world.

These and other external factors may cause the market price and demand for our ordinary shares to fluctuate substantially, which may limit or prevent investors from readily selling their ordinary shares and may otherwise negatively affect the liquidity of our ordinary shares. In particular, stock markets in general have experienced volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of a particular company. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our ordinary shares. In the past, when the market price of a stock has been volatile, some holders of that stock have instituted securities class action litigation against the company that issued the stock. If any of our shareholders brought a lawsuit against us, we could incur substantial costs defending the lawsuit. Such a lawsuit could also divert the time and attention of our management.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends, and accordingly, shareholders must rely on share appreciation for any return on their investment.

We anticipate losing money for the foreseeable future and, even if we do ever turn a profit, we intend to retain future earnings, if any, for the development, operation and expansion of our business. Thus, we do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the success of an investment in our ordinary shares will depend upon appreciation in their value and in order to receive any income or realize a return on your investment, you will need to sell your Prothena ordinary shares. There can be no assurance that our ordinary shares will maintain their price, much less appreciate in value.

Your percentage ownership in Prothena may be diluted in the future.

As with any publicly traded company, your percentage ownership in Prothena may be diluted in the future because of equity issuances by us for acquisitions, capital market transactions or otherwise. We will need to raise additional capital. If we are able to raise additional capital, we may issue equity or convertible debt instruments, which may severely dilute your ownership interest in us. In addition, initially we will grant stock option awards to our directors, officers and employees, which will dilute your ownership stake in us. We have reserved [•] million shares for issuance under our equity plan. For a more detailed description of the long term incentive plan, see “Executive Compensation.”

Future sales of our ordinary shares could adversely affect the trading price of our ordinary shares following the separation and distribution.

All of the ordinary shares will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act unless the shares are “restricted securities” under the Securities Act or are owned by our “affiliates” as that term is defined in the rules under the Securities Act. Restricted Securities and shares held by “affiliates” may be sold in the public market if registered or if they qualify for an exemption from registration under Rule 144 which is summarized under “Listing and Trading of Our Ordinary Shares.” Further, we plan to file a registration statement to cover the shares issuable under our equity-based benefit plans. It is possible that some holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs, including possibly some of our large holders, will sell Prothena ordinary shares received in the distribution for various reasons, for example, if our business profile or market capitalization as an independent company does not fit their investment objectives.

In addition, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan has agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription). This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. The ordinary shares held by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan will be restricted securities, and Elan has agreed to cause the disposition of our ordinary shares as soon as a disposition is warranted consistent with the business purposes for Elan's retention of our ordinary shares. We have agreed that, upon the request of Elan, we will use our reasonable best efforts to effect a registration under applicable federal and state securities laws of any of our ordinary shares acquired by Elan. See "Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena—Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement". The sales of significant amounts of our ordinary shares or the perception in the market that this will occur may result in the lowering of the market price of our ordinary shares.

Index funds that hold Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs likely will be required to sell our ordinary shares that such funds received in the distribution to the extent we are not included in the relevant index. In addition, many of the Elan shareholders may sell their shares immediately following the distribution. The sale of significant amounts of our ordinary shares for the above or other reasons, or the perception that such sales will occur, may cause the price of our ordinary shares to decline.

Irish law differs from the laws in effect in the United States and may afford less protection to holders of our ordinary shares.

It may not be possible to enforce court judgments obtained in the United States against us in Ireland based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal or state securities laws. In addition, there is some uncertainty as to whether the courts of Ireland would recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained against us or our directors or officers based on the civil liabilities provisions of the U.S. federal or state securities laws or hear actions against us or those persons based on those laws. We have been advised that the United States currently does not have a treaty with Ireland providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters. Therefore, a final judgment for the payment of money rendered by any U.S. federal or state court based on civil liability, whether or not based solely on U.S. federal or state securities laws, would not automatically be enforceable in Ireland.

As an Irish company, we are governed by the Irish Companies Acts, which differ in some material respects from laws generally applicable to U.S. corporations and shareholders, including, among others, differences relating to interested director and officer transactions and shareholder lawsuits. Likewise, the duties of directors and officers of an Irish company generally are owed to the company only. Shareholders of Irish companies generally do not have a personal right of action against directors or officers of the company and may exercise such rights of action on behalf of the company only in limited circumstances. Accordingly, holders of our ordinary shares may have more difficulty protecting their interests than would holders of securities of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction of the United States.

Irish law differs from the laws in effect in the United States with respect to defending unwanted takeover proposals and may give our board of directors less ability to control negotiations with hostile offerors.

Prothena is subject to the Irish takeover rules. Under the Irish takeover rules, Prothena's board of directors is not permitted to take any action that might frustrate an offer for the shares of Prothena once Prothena's board of directors has received an approach that may lead to an offer or has reason to believe that such an offer is or may be imminent, subject to certain exceptions. Potentially frustrating actions such as (i) the issue of shares, options or convertible securities, (ii) material acquisitions or disposals, (iii) entering into contracts other than in the ordinary course of business or (iv) any action, other than seeking alternative offers, which may result in frustration of an offer, are prohibited during the course of an offer or at any earlier time during which Prothena's board of directors has reason to believe an offer is or may be imminent. These provisions may give the board of directors less ability to control negotiations with hostile offerors and protect the interests of holders of ordinary shares than would be the case for a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction of the United States. See "Description of Share Capital- Anti-Takeover Provisions — Frustrating Action."

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This information statement contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to, among other things, our and Elan's financial condition, results of operations and business prospects and the products in research that involve substantial risks and uncertainties.

These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "predict," "project," "target," "will" and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions. These statements are contained in sections entitled "Summary," "Risk Factors," and other sections of documents and reports contained or incorporated in this information statement.

These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from those expected, estimated or projected. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- the risks and uncertainties described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 18 of this information statement;
- our ability to obtain additional financing;
- restrictions on our taking certain actions due to tax rules and covenants with Elan;
- our ability to successfully complete research and development of our drug candidates and the growth of the markets for those drug candidates;
- our ability to develop and commercialize products before competitors that are superior to the alternatives developed by such competitors;
- our ability to protect our patents and other intellectual property;
- loss of key employees;
- the impact of our separation from Elan and risks relating to our ability to operate effectively as a stand-alone, publicly traded company, including, without limitation:
 - our ability to achieve benefits from our separation;
 - changes in our cost structure, management, financing and business operations following the separation and distribution;
 - growth in costs and expenses;
 - our ability to maintain financial flexibility and sufficient cash, cash equivalents, and investments and other assets capable of being monetized to meet our liquidity requirements;
 - disruptions in the U.S. and global capital and credit markets;
 - fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;
 - the failure to comply with anti-kickback and false claims laws in the United States;
 - extensive government regulation;
 - risks from potential environmental liabilities;
 - changes in weather conditions, natural disasters and other events beyond our control;
 - the volatility of our share price;
 - general changes in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union; and
- business disruptions caused by information technology failures.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee that the future results, levels of activity, performance or events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur. Moreover, we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason after the date of this document to conform these statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

Background

Elan's board of directors and its management team from time to time assess the optimal alignment of Elan's assets, and in particular the benefits and risks of maintaining both a late-stage products development business and an early-stage discovery business and the income statement dynamics such businesses present to the marketplace and Elan shareholders. On August 13, 2012, Elan announced that its board of directors had approved the separation of Elan and its drug discovery business into two independent, publicly traded companies: Elan and Prothena. On [•], 2012, the Elan board of directors approved a deemed *in specie* distribution that will be satisfied (after the transfer of the Prothena Business to Prothena as described below) by Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, on a *pro rata* basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares (with the remaining 0.01% of Prothena's outstanding shares, which were previously issued to the original incorporators of Prothena and which we refer to as the "incorporator shares," being mandatorily redeemed by Prothena after the demerger as described below). On [•], 2012, shareholders of Elan voted to approve the "*in specie* distribution" as required by Elan's Articles of Association. On [•], 2012, the anticipated distribution date, we expect each holder of Elan ordinary shares or ADSs will receive 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs held at the close of business on the record date, as described below, subject to certain conditions described in this information statement; provided, that if the conditions have not been satisfied or waived on or before the distribution date, the distribution date may be extended until the conditions shall be satisfied or waived.

Prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [•] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. Immediately after the consummation of Elan's subscription for 18% of Prothena's outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), the incorporator shares will be mandatorily redeemed by Prothena pursuant to their terms for their initial subscription price, and cancelled.

Immediately following the separation and distribution and Elan's purchase of Prothena ordinary shares, Elan shareholders will own directly 82% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena, and Elan will own the remaining 18%.

Reasons for the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions

The board of directors of Elan has determined that the separation and distribution are in the best interests of Elan and its shareholders because it will provide both Elan and Prothena the following key benefits: (i) greater strategic focus of financial resources and management's efforts, (ii) direct and differentiated access to capital resources, (iii) enhanced investor choice through investment opportunities in two separate companies and (iv) enhanced management incentive tools.

Greater Strategic Focus of Financial Resources and Management's Efforts

Our business historically exhibited different financial and operating characteristics than Elan's other businesses. In particular, unlike Elan, which generates significant revenue and cash flow from its marketed product, Tysabri, Prothena's business consists entirely of early-stage research programs that require significant on-going cash investment and currently generate substantial losses. As a result, we have very different capital requirements and operating characteristics than Elan. Owing to these and other factors, we and Elan's other businesses employ different capital expenditure and operational strategies. Consequently, Elan has determined that its current structure may not be optimized to design and implement the distinct strategies necessary to operate its businesses in a manner that maximizes the long-term value of each business. We and Elan believe that our respective management resources would be more efficiently utilized if Elan's management concentrated solely on the success of Tysabri and its late-stage development programs and our management concentrated solely on our business. The dilution of attention involved in managing a combination of businesses with competing goals and needs will thus be eliminated.

Both we and Elan expect to more efficiently use management and financial resources as a result of having board and management teams solely focused on our respective businesses. We believe the separation and distribution will allow us to better align our management's attention, compensation and resources to pursue opportunities in our respective fields of operation and to manage our cost structure more actively. Elan similarly expects to benefit from its management's ability to focus on the operation of its businesses.

Direct and Differentiated Access to Capital Resources

After the separation and distribution, we will no longer need to compete with Elan's other businesses for capital resources. We are focused on the development of early-stage research programs, which currently generate no third party, external revenue and will require substantial on-going cash investment for the foreseeable future. As a result, the financial and operating characteristics of our business differ from Elan's other businesses. In order for us to fund the investment required by our business, we expect to require access to additional capital in the future. Both we and Elan believe that direct and differentiated access to capital resources will allow us to better optimize the amounts and terms of the capital needed for our respective businesses, aligning financial and operational characteristics with investor and market expectations. Elan also believes that, as a stand-alone company, we will attract investors who are interested in the unique characteristics of our business.

Enhanced Investor Choices by Offering Investment Opportunities in Separate Entities

We believe that after the separation and distribution, investors will be better positioned to evaluate our financial performance and strategy within the context of our particular field of operations and peer groups and that this will enhance the likelihood that we achieve an appropriate market valuation. Elan's management and financial advisors believe that our investment characteristics may appeal to types of investors who differ from Elan's current investors. We expect that, as a result of the separation and distribution, our management will be better positioned to implement goals and evaluate strategic opportunities in light of investor expectations within the context of our particular field of operation.

Improved Management Incentive Tools

We expect to use our equity to compensate current and future employees. It is more difficult for multi-business companies such as Elan to structure equity incentives that reward managers in a manner directly related to the performance of their respective business units. By granting shares linked to a specific business, we will be able to offer our managers equity compensation that is linked more directly to their work product than Elan's current equity compensation arrangements.

Risks and Costs Relating to the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions

In determining whether to effect the separation and distribution, Elan's board of directors also considered various risks and costs associated with the transaction. The risks and costs of the transaction include the following:

Market Reception and Execution Risk

The Elan board's objective is to consummate the separation and distribution as quickly as reasonably possible so that each of Elan and Prothena can focus on its respective businesses, contribute to overall shareholder value and minimize ongoing business disruption relating to the transaction. The board considered the potential for negative receptions of the announcement of the proposed transaction from its shareholders and other corporate stakeholders, the analyst community and other market participants and relevant legal and regulatory bodies in order to make a reasonable assessment of potential market reaction and the likely time required to complete the transaction.

Loss of Financing Support and the Increased Significance to Prothena of Potential Liabilities

Prior to the separation, our business was operated by Elan as part of its broader corporate organization rather than as a standalone company. As part of Elan, our financing needs were supported by the revenue and cash flows of Elan's other businesses and Elan's ability to access capital markets. We will require significant amounts of capital in order to commercialize our drug candidates, and after the transaction we will no longer be supported by Elan's capital resources. Similarly, potential costs or liabilities of our business, such as possible future commercial litigation, including relating to intellectual property rights or other aspects of our business, will have increased significance to us as a standalone entity with significantly more limited financial resources than Elan, than would be the case if we remained part of Elan. The risks associated with our need for capital are discussed in more detail under "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Financial Position, Our Need for Additional Capital and Our Business".

Potential Loss of Business Focus Pending the Transaction

The separation and distribution requires significant amounts of our and Elan's management's time and attention relating to the transaction, including identifying executive officers and lines of managerial authority, composing our board of directors, establishing and operating our own financial, administrative and public company support functions, and engaging in similar activities involved in establishing and operating an independent publicly traded company and engaging in a strategic transaction like the separation and distribution. These activities could divert both Elan's management's attention from its business and our attention from our primary business purpose of discovering and developing antibodies for the potential treatment of disease.

The Risks of Being Unable to Achieve the Benefits Expected from the Separation and Distribution

The benefits the board of directors of Elan expects the separation and distribution will provide to Elan and Prothena are described above under the heading "Reasons for the Separation and Distribution Related Transactions." However, these anticipated benefits may not ultimately be realized for a variety of reasons, including the following:

- the process of separating our business from Elan and the regulatory and other managerial challenges of operating as an independent public company may distract our management team from focusing on our business and strategic priorities;
- although we will no longer compete with Elan's other businesses for capital, we will require substantial ongoing cash investment for the foreseeable future, we may not be able to issue debt or equity on terms acceptable to us or at all and we will no longer be supported by the revenue and cash flows of Elan's business;
- our ability to differentiate our company against our peer group and attract early stage biotechnology investors is largely dependent on the success of our research and development programs, which are at an early stage; and
- we expect to pay our key executives less cash compensation than what they were paid at Elan, so even with equity compensation tied specifically to our business, we may not be able to attract and retain employees as desired.

In addition, the board considered various other risks associated with the separation and distribution and the operation of our business following the separation and distribution, including those described under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 18. In view of the wide variety of factors considered in connection with the evaluation of the separation and distribution and the complexity of these matters, Elan's board of directors did not find it useful to, and did not attempt to, quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weights to the factors considered.

Manner of Effecting the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions

The general terms and conditions relating to the separation and distribution will be set forth in the Demerger Agreement between Elan and Prothena.

Internal Reorganization

The assets constituting the Prothena Business have historically been held by various Elan legal entities located in both Ireland and the United States. Prior to the effective time of the demerger, pursuant to a series of internal reorganization transactions between and among Elan and certain of its subsidiaries which will remain with Elan following the separation and distribution, on the one hand, and the Prothena Subsidiaries, on the other hand, Elan will allocate, assign and transfer, or cause to be allocated, assigned and transferred, to the Prothena Subsidiaries the assets and liabilities that comprise the Prothena Business. The internal reorganization transactions will also include Elan making a cash investment of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries. The reorganization will result in the Prothena Business being owned prior to the effective time of the demerger by Neotope Biosciences, a private limited company incorporated in Ireland and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Elan, and two direct wholly owned subsidiaries of Neotope Biosciences, Onclave, a private limited company incorporated in Ireland, and Prothena US, a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware.

Formation of Prothena

Prothena Corporation plc was incorporated as a private limited company, under the name "Neotope Corporation Limited", in Ireland (registered number 518146), on September 26, 2012, for the purposes of effecting the demerger and owning the Prothena Business after the demerger is effective. Prothena subsequently re-registered

to a public limited company and changed its name to “Neotope Corporation plc” on October 25, 2012. On November 1, 2012, the shareholders of Prothena resolved, by way of special resolution, to change the name of the company to “Prothena Corporation plc”, and this was approved by the Irish Registrar of Companies on November 7, 2012. Immediately prior to the completion of the demerger, the issued share capital of Prothena will be comprised of 1,750 Euro deferred shares, with a par value of €22 per share, which we refer to as the “incorporator shares”. At all times until the completion of the demerger, Prothena will be an independent company in which Elan will not hold any shares. Prior to the demerger, Prothena will not have conducted any activities other than those incident to its formation, and the preparation of applicable filings under the U.S. securities laws and regulatory filings made in connection with the Prothena Transactions.

Distribution of Our Ordinary Shares

Elan will complete the separation and distribution through a “demerger” under Irish law. The demerger will be effected by Elan transferring to Prothena all of the outstanding ordinary shares of Neotope Biosciences (which, together with its wholly owned subsidiaries Onclave and Prothena US, will then hold the Prothena Business), in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, on a *pro rata* basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena’s outstanding shares (with the remaining 0.01% of Prothena’s outstanding shares consisting of incorporator shares).

Prothena’s issuance of 99.99% of its outstanding shares will constitute a deemed *in specie* distribution by Elan to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and ADSs as of 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, which will be the record date. Pursuant to the demerger, each Elan shareholder will receive 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs held as of the record date.

Under Irish law, in order to make the deemed *in specie* distribution, Elan must have distributable reserves at least equal to the \$[•] value of the Prothena shares being issued directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs. Following the reduction by Elan of its share capital, as approved by the Irish High Court in July 2012, Elan has distributable reserves of approximately \$1.9 billion. The amount of Elan’s distributable reserves will be reduced by the value of the Prothena ordinary shares distributed to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs.

Under the Demerger Agreement, the separation and distribution will be effective at 11:59 p.m., Dublin Time, on [•], 2012, subject to certain conditions described in this information statement; provided, that if the conditions have not been satisfied or waived on or before the distribution date, the distribution date may be extended until the conditions shall be satisfied or waived.

On the distribution date, Prothena will release its ordinary shares to our distribution agent for distribution to Elan shareholders. Depending on the form in which the Elan shareholders hold their Elan ordinary shares or ADSs, the Prothena ordinary shares will be distributed to such holder in the following manner:

- If you beneficially own Elan ADSs through a broker or other nominee, who in turn holds the Elan ADSs through The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), the broker or other nominee would be said to hold the ADSs in “street name” and ownership would be recorded on the broker or other nominee’s books. If you hold your ADSs through a broker or other nominee in this manner, the distribution agent will electronically issue to your broker or other nominee, via DTC, on the distribution date, the Prothena ordinary shares to which you are entitled, and your broker or other nominee will credit your account for the Prothena ordinary shares that you are entitled to receive in the distribution. If you have any questions concerning the mechanics of having Prothena ordinary shares held in “street name,” we encourage you to contact your broker or other nominee.

- If you own Elan ordinary shares through a broker or other nominee, who in turn holds the Elan ordinary shares through CREST, the distribution agent will, prior to the consummation of the separation and distribution, provide such broker or other nominee with an election to transfer the Prothena ordinary shares to be issued in the separation and distribution to a U.S. custodian, which will be a broker or other nominee that is a DTC participant. The transfer of ordinary shares to the U.S. custodian will be completed through a process called Deposit/Withdrawal At Custodian (“DWAC”), pursuant to which a DTC participant in this case, the U.S. Custodian, requests as directed by your broker or other nominee that such ordinary shares be electronically transferred into the U.S. Custodian’s account in DTC to be held on your behalf in a process facilitated by Prothena’s transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services. This election may be submitted to the distribution agent by your broker or other nominee, along with a duly executed stock transfer form, which will include a Medallion Guarantee, at any time prior to the separation and distribution or within 5 business days of the completion of the separation and distribution. If the election is made prior to the separation and distribution, we expect that the U.S. custodian will initiate the DWAC, and the Prothena ordinary shares will be deposited with the DTC, on the distribution date or as soon as practicable thereafter. If the election is made following the separation and distribution but within 5 business days of the separation and distribution, we expect that the U.S. custodian will initiate the DWAC, and the Prothena ordinary shares will be deposited with DTC as promptly as practicable following submission of such election. Once the DWAC is initiated by the U.S. custodian and approved by the transfer agent, the U.S. Custodian would be said to hold the shares in “street name” and the U.S. Custodian will credit your account for the Prothena ordinary shares that you are entitled to receive in the distribution.

If your broker or nominee does not submit an election to transfer the Prothena ordinary shares to a U.S. custodian (to be held through DTC) and enable the initiation of the DWAC within the prescribed time period, the distribution agent will deliver to your broker or nominee a physical stock certificate evidencing your Prothena ordinary shares as soon as practicable following such date, registered in the name of your broker or nominee. If you have any questions concerning your Prothena ordinary shares or with respect to the DWAC process, we encourage you to contact your broker or other nominee.

- If you are not a resident of the European Economic Area (“EEA”) and own ordinary shares or ADSs in registered form, either in book-entry form through an account at Elan’s transfer agent and/or in the form of physical stock certificates, the distribution agent will deliver to you physical stock certificates evidencing your Prothena ordinary shares as soon as practicable following the completion of the separation and distribution.
- If you are a resident of the European Economic Area (“EEA”) and own ordinary shares or ADSs in registered form, either in book-entry form through an account at Elan’s transfer agent and/or in the form of physical stock certificates, the distribution agent will electronically issue the Prothena shares to which you are entitled to a corporate sponsored nominee (via DTC) and credit your account with the amount of Prothena ordinary shares to which you are entitled. On or shortly after the distribution date, the nominee will mail to you an account statement evidencing your ownership of the Prothena ordinary shares. Prior to, and following the separation and distribution, you will have the opportunity to opt-out of this arrangement, and instead, receive physical stock certificates by contacting Computershare by phone at +353 1 447 5107 or by post to Computershare Investor Services (Ireland) Limited, PO Box 954, Heron House, Corrig Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18, Ireland.

Elan shareholders that hold (i) their Elan ordinary shares through CREST, (ii) their Elan ordinary shares in the form of physical ordinary stock certificates and/or (iii) their Elan ADSs in certificated form or book-entry form through Elan’s ADS transfer agent should be aware that such holders will not be permitted to trade their Prothena ordinary shares on the Nasdaq Global Market unless such shares are held through DTC. Such holders’ ability to sell their shares and liquidate their investment in the Prothena ordinary shares may be significantly limited until such holders otherwise deposit their Prothena ordinary shares into DTC through a DTC participant.

Any holders that receive their Prothena ordinary shares in electronic form, either via DTC or the corporate sponsored nominee, may request at any time physical stock certificates in respect of their Prothena ordinary shares.

Certain holders beneficially own their ordinary shares of Elan through Elan ADSs. Thus, pursuant to the separation and distribution, at the distribution time, Citibank, N.A., Elan’s ADS Depositary, will be entitled to receive our ordinary shares. In lieu of distributing our shares to the Depositary, the Depositary will provide our distribution agent with records to enable our distribution agent to distribute our ordinary shares to the holders of Elan ADSs entitled thereto. The Depositary will not be responsible for the distribution of any of our shares.

Elan’s shareholders will not be required to pay for Prothena ordinary shares received in the distribution, or to surrender or exchange Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in order to receive Prothena ordinary shares, or to take any other action in connection with the separation and distribution. On [•], 2012, shareholders of Elan voted to approve the

declaration of the deemed *in specie* distribution by Elan of 99.99% of Prothena’s outstanding shares. No additional vote of Elan shareholders is required or sought in connection with the separation and distribution, and Elan shareholders have no appraisal rights in connection with the separation and distribution.

Subscription for 18% of Our Outstanding Ordinary Shares by a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Elan and Redemption of Incorporator Shares

Prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [•] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. Immediately after the separation and distribution and the subscription for 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), the remaining 0.01% of Prothena’s outstanding shares, which were previously issued to the original incorporators of Prothena and which we refer to as the “incorporator shares,” will be mandatorily redeemed by Prothena pursuant to their terms for their initial subscription price, and cancelled. Elan has agreed to cause the disposition of our ordinary shares as soon as a disposition is warranted, consistent with the business purposes for Elan’s retention of our ordinary shares.

Treatment of Fractional Shares

We will not distribute any fractional Prothena ordinary shares. Instead, as soon as practicable after the distribution date, the distribution agent will aggregate fractional Prothena share interests into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing market prices, and distribute the aggregate net cash proceeds (after deduction of any required costs and taxes) from the sales on a pro rata basis to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the distribution. The distribution agent may select one or more broker-dealers, provided that no such entity is an affiliate of Elan or Prothena. None of Elan, Prothena or the distribution agent will guarantee any minimum sale price for the fractional Prothena ordinary share interests aggregated and sold on the open market, or pay any interest with respect to such sale proceeds. Payment of cash in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares will be made solely for the purpose of avoiding the expense and inconvenience to Prothena of issuing fractional Prothena ordinary shares and will not represent separately bargained-for consideration.

Conditions to the Distribution

The distribution of our ordinary shares is subject to the satisfaction or, if permissible under the Demerger Agreement, waiver by Elan of the following conditions, among other conditions described in this information statement:

- Elan shareholders shall have approved the deemed *in specie* distribution at an extraordinary general meeting;
- Elan’s board of directors shall have duly approved the Demerger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby;
- Prothena’s board of directors shall have duly approved the Demerger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby;
- Elan and its subsidiaries shall have completed the internal reorganization;
- Elan and Prothena shall have received all permits, registrations and consents required under the securities or the “blue sky” laws of states or other political subdivisions of the United States or of foreign jurisdictions;
- our registration statement on Form 10, of which this information statement is a part, and a registration statement related to our stock option plan, shall have become effective and no stop order shall be in effect or, to Elan’s or our knowledge, threatened relating to either of such registration statements;
- prior to the distribution, this information statement shall have been mailed to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs as of the record date;

- the Prothena ordinary shares shall have been approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market, subject to official notice of issuance;
- prior to the distribution, all of Elan’s representatives or designees shall have resigned or been removed as officers and from all boards of directors or similar governing bodies of entities affiliated with Prothena, and all of Prothena’s representatives shall have resigned or been removed from all such bodies of Elan;
- Elan and Prothena shall have received all governmental approvals and consents and all third party consents necessary to effect the separation and distribution and to permit the operation of the Prothena Business after the distribution date;
- no order, injunction or decree issued by any court or other governmental authority or other legal restraint preventing consummation of the distribution or any of the transactions contemplated by the Demerger Agreement, shall have been threatened or be in effect;
- each of the Demerger Agreement, Tax Matters Agreement, Transitional Services Agreement, Research and Development Services Agreement and the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement shall have been executed by each party;
- the reorganization transactions to effect the separation of the businesses of Elan and Prothena, as described in the Demerger Agreement, shall have been consummated;
- substantially all of the (i) agreements that are exclusively relating to, and are material to, the Prothena Business have been assigned or novated to Prothena, as the case may be, and (ii) agreements that are related to both the Prothena Business and the business of Elan (after giving effect to the separation and distribution) that are material to the Prothena Business have been partially assigned to Prothena or have been terminated and replaced by separate agreements (collectively, the “Agreements Condition”);
- the distribution shall not violate or result in a breach of applicable law or any material contract of Elan or Prothena or their subsidiaries; and
- no other events or developments shall have occurred or shall exist that, in the judgment of Elan’s board of directors, in its sole and absolute discretion, would make it inadvisable to effect the distribution.

The satisfaction of the foregoing conditions does not create any obligation on Elan’s part to effect the separation and distribution, and Elan’s board of directors has reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to waive any condition to the Demerger (other than (i) the condition that the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement will be executed prior to the separation and distribution, (ii) the Agreements Condition and (iii) any condition that is mandatory under applicable law), and to abandon, modify or change the terms of the separation and distribution, including by accelerating or delaying the timing of the consummation of all or part of the separation and distribution, at any time prior to the distribution date.

Results of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions

After the separation and distribution, we will be a public company owning and operating the Prothena Business. Immediately after the separation and distribution and after giving effect to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan’s subscription for 18% of the outstanding Prothena ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription). Immediately after the distribution, we expect to have approximately [•] holders of record of our ordinary shares and approximately [•] ordinary shares outstanding, based on the number of record shareholders and outstanding Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs on [•], 2012.

In connection with the separation and distribution, we will enter into several agreements with Elan, in addition to the Demerger Agreement, that will be effective from and after the separation and distribution, including the Tax Matters Agreement, Transitional Services Agreement, Research and Development Services Agreement and the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement. See “Arrangements between Elan and Prothena.”

The separation and distribution will not affect the number of outstanding Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs or any rights of Elan’s shareholders

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions

The following discussion summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the separation and distribution and related transactions to certain beneficial owners of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs that hold their shares or ADSs as capital assets. This discussion is based on the Code, the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial opinions, published positions of the IRS, and all other applicable authorities as of the date of this preliminary information statement, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect.

For purposes of this summary, a “U.S. holder” means any beneficial owner of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is (1) an individual U.S. citizen or resident; (2) a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof; (3) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or (4) a trust that (a) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and subject to the authority of one or more U.S. persons to control all substantial trust decisions, or (b) was in existence on August 20, 1996 and has properly elected under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

This summary does not address the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the separation and distribution and related transactions to a beneficial owner of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs that is not a U.S. holder. In addition, this summary does not address the tax consequences of these transactions under U.S. federal estate, gift or alternative minimum tax laws or under any state, local or non-U.S. laws.

This summary is of a general nature and does not purport to deal with all tax considerations that may be relevant to persons in special tax situations, including but not limited to:

- partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and investors in such entities;
- non-resident alien individuals;
- non-U.S. entities;
- non-U.S. estates and trusts and beneficiaries thereof;
- holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- tax exempt entities;
- holders who acquired their Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs pursuant to the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation;
- banks, financial institutions or insurance companies;
- dealers or traders in securities or currencies;
- former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- holders who hold their Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs as part of a “hedge,” “straddle,” “conversion,” “synthetic security,” “integrated transaction,” “constructive sale” or other risk-reduction transaction;
- holders who are subject to the alternative minimum tax; or
- real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies or grantor trusts.

Elan shareholders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax consequences of the separation and distribution and related transactions to them, including the application of U.S. federal, state and local and non-U.S. tax laws in light of their particular circumstances. This summary is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular investor.

Elan expects to receive an opinion on the closing date of the Prothena Transactions from each of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and KPMG LLP to the effect that the separation and distribution should qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, and the distribution, as such, should qualify as a distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders under section 355 of the Code. However, the separation and distribution are not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion confirming these expected U.S. federal income tax consequences, nor will Elan seek a ruling from the IRS addressing the separation and distribution and related transactions.

These opinions, if delivered by the tax advisors, will be based on, among other things, certain assumptions and representations as to factual matters made by Elan (on behalf of itself and us) which, if incorrect or inaccurate in any material respect, would jeopardize the conclusions reached by the tax advisors in the opinions. It also should be noted that there is a lack of binding administrative and judicial authority addressing the qualification under sections 355 and 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code of transactions substantially similar to the separation and distribution and related transactions. As a result, the IRS could subsequently assert, and a court could determine, that the separation and distribution constitute a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders if the Separation and Distribution Qualify as a Tax-Free Reorganization

If the separation and distribution qualify for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a tax-free reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and the distribution, as such, qualifies as a non-taxable distribution under section 355 of the Code, a U.S. holder of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs generally should have the following tax consequences upon receipt of Prothena ordinary shares:

- such holder should recognize no gain or loss upon the receipt of Prothena ordinary shares in the distribution, except with respect to any cash received in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares;
- such holder's aggregate tax basis in its Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs and its Prothena ordinary shares (including any fractional shares to which such holder would be entitled) should equal such holder's aggregate tax basis in its Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs immediately prior to the distribution, allocated between the Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs, on the one hand, and Prothena ordinary shares, on the other, in proportion to the fair market value of each;
- such holder's holding period in its Prothena ordinary shares should include such holder's holding period in its Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs on which the distribution was made; and
- such holder's receipt of cash in lieu of a fractional Prothena ordinary share should be treated as though such holder first received a distribution of the fractional share in the distribution and then sold the fractional share for the amount of cash such holder actually receives, such holder should recognize capital gain or loss measured by the difference between the cash received for the fractional share and the tax basis in that fractional share, determined as described above, and this capital gain or loss should be long-term capital gain or loss if such holder's holding period for the Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs, with respect to which such holder received the fractional share, is more than one year on the distribution date.

U.S. holders that acquired blocks of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs at different times or at different prices should consult their own tax advisors regarding the allocation of their aggregate adjusted tax basis among, and the determination of their holding period in, Prothena ordinary shares received in the distribution.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders if the Separation and Distribution Do Not Qualify as a Tax-Free Reorganization

If it is ultimately determined that the separation and distribution do not qualify as a tax-free reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, each U.S. holder of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs who receives Prothena ordinary shares in the distribution generally would be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as receiving a taxable distribution in an amount equal to the fair market value of the Prothena ordinary shares received. The full value of the Prothena ordinary shares received by a U.S. holder generally would constitute a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of such holder's *pro rata* share of Elan's current and accumulated earnings and profits, including earnings and profits resulting from Elan's recognition of gain pursuant to the separation and distribution. Under Treasury regulations, the distribution of Prothena ordinary shares would be presumed to be a taxable dividend except to the extent Elan demonstrated that the distribution was not from earnings and profits, as computed under U.S. federal income tax principles, which Elan does not expect it would do.

Under current law scheduled to expire at the end of 2012, assuming certain holding period and other requirements are met, U.S. holders of Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs who are individual citizens or residents of the United States may be subject to reduced U.S. federal income tax rates with respect to dividend income recognized pursuant to the distribution. Amounts in excess of a U.S. holder's *pro rata* share of Elan's current and accumulated earnings and profits generally should be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of such holder's tax basis in its Elan ordinary shares and/or Elan ADSs and thereafter as capital gain. Under current law scheduled to expire at the end of 2012, individual citizens or residents of the United States are subject to U.S. federal income tax on long-term capital gains (that is, capital gains on assets held for more than one year on the disposition date) at a maximum rate of 15%. Certain U.S. holders could be subject to additional special rules governing taxable distributions, such as those relating to the dividends received deduction and extraordinary dividends.

A U.S. holder's tax basis in its Prothena ordinary shares received in a taxable distribution generally would equal the fair market value of such ordinary shares on the distribution date, and the holding period for those shares generally would begin on the day after the distribution date.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation and Distribution to Elan

If the separation and distribution qualify as a tax-free reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, Elan generally should not recognize any gain or loss on the contribution of property to Prothena or the distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders. By contrast, Elan generally would recognize gain if the separation and distribution do not qualify as a tax-free reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code or, alternatively, if section 355(e) of the Code applies to the distribution because 50% or more (by vote or value) of Prothena's ordinary shares, on the one hand, or Elan's ordinary shares and/or Elan's ADSs, on the other, are acquired or issued as part of a plan or series of related transactions that includes the distribution. However, any gain recognized by Elan in either case generally should not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

Our Expected Status as a Passive Foreign Investment Company

Special U.S. federal income tax rules apply to U.S. holders owning stock of a passive foreign investment company (“PFIC”). A non-U.S. corporation will be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year in which, after taking into account the income and assets of the corporation and certain subsidiaries pursuant to the applicable “look through” rules, either (i) 75 percent or more of such corporation’s gross income is passive income, or (ii) 50 percent or more of the average value of such corporation’s assets are considered “passive assets” (generally, assets that generate passive income). Passive income generally includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, annuities, net gains from the sale or exchange of property producing such income and net foreign currency gains. Cash and assets readily convertible into cash are categorized as passive assets. For purposes of determining whether a non-U.S. corporation will be considered a PFIC, the corporation will be treated as holding its proportionate share of the assets, and receiving directly its proportionate share of the income, of any other corporation in which such non-U.S. corporation owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25 percent (by value) of the stock.

While the determination of PFIC status for any taxable year is very fact specific and generally cannot be made until the close of the taxable year in question, we expect to be treated as a PFIC immediately after the distribution and to remain a PFIC in the immediate future. If we are classified as a PFIC in any taxable year during which a U.S. holder holds its Prothena ordinary shares, we generally would continue to be treated as a PFIC as to such holder in all succeeding taxable years, regardless of whether we continue to meet the PFIC income test or PFIC asset test discussed above. In such case, subject to the discussion below of the mark-to-market election, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares would be subject to increased tax liability (generally including an interest charge) upon the sale or other disposition of our ordinary shares or upon the receipt of certain distributions that constitute “excess distributions” under the PFIC rules (generally, the portion of any distributions received by such holder on Prothena ordinary shares in a taxable year in excess of 125% of the average annual distributions received in the preceding three taxable years or, if shorter, such holder’s holding period for the Prothena ordinary shares).

If we are or become a PFIC, and Prothena ordinary shares are treated as “marketable stock” for purposes of the PFIC rules, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares generally could make a mark-to-market election to elect out of the PFIC rules described above regarding excess distributions and recognized gains. In such case, a U.S. holder generally would include in income, as ordinary income, for each taxable year that we are a PFIC the excess, if any, of the fair market value of such holder’s Prothena ordinary shares at the end of such taxable year over such holder’s adjusted tax basis in such Prothena ordinary shares, and generally would be allowed to take an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of such holder’s adjusted tax basis in Prothena ordinary shares over their fair market value at the end of the taxable year (but only to the extent of the net amount of previously included income as a result of the mark-to-market election). A U.S. holder’s tax basis in the Prothena ordinary shares would be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss amounts. Any gain recognized on the sale or other disposition of Prothena ordinary shares would be treated as ordinary income, and any loss recognized would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent of any net mark-to-market income for prior taxable years. The reduced rates of taxation applicable to qualified dividend income under current law generally would not apply.

The mark-to-market election is available only for “marketable stock,” which is stock that is regularly traded other than in *de minimis* quantities on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter for any calendar year on a qualified exchange or other market as defined in the applicable Treasury regulations. Once made, the election cannot be revoked without the consent of the IRS, unless the shares cease to be marketable. Because a mark-to-market election may not be available for equity interests in any lower-tier PFICs that Prothena owns, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares may continue to be subject to the PFIC rules with respect to such holder’s indirect interest in any investments held by Prothena that are treated as an equity interest in a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

In addition to the mark-to-market election, a U.S. holder of Prothena ordinary shares may, subject to certain limitations, avoid the PFIC rules described above regarding excess distributions and recognized gains by making a timely qualified electing fund (“QEF”) election to be taxed currently on such holder’s pro rata portion of the PFIC’s net capital gains (as long-term capital gain) and other earnings and profits (as ordinary income). However, this option would not be available to U.S. holders of Prothena ordinary shares because we do not intend to prepare, or share, the information that would enable holders to make a QEF election.

A U.S. holder that owns shares in a PFIC may have to file an IRS Form 8621 (Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund), whether or not a mark-to-market election or QEF election is or has been made, with such U.S. holder’s U.S. federal income tax return and provide such other information as may be required by the United States Treasury Department.

Elan shareholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of owning and disposing of Prothena ordinary shares, particularly the consequences of our classification as a PFIC, the availability and desirability of a mark-to-market election under the PFIC rules and the related reporting requirements.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding Requirements

Each U.S. holder that, immediately before the distribution, owned at least 5% (by vote or value) of Elan's total outstanding ordinary shares and ADSs must attach to such holder's U.S. federal income tax return for the year in which our ordinary shares are received a statement setting forth certain information related to the distribution.

Payments of cash in lieu of fractional Prothena ordinary shares may, under certain circumstances, be subject to backup withholding, unless the holder provides proof of an applicable exemption or a correct taxpayer identification number and otherwise complies with the requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against the applicable holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that such holder furnishes the required information to the IRS.

The foregoing is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the separation and distribution and related transactions under current law and particular circumstances. The foregoing does not purport to address all U.S. federal income tax consequences of the separation and distribution and related transactions or tax consequences that may arise under the tax laws of other jurisdictions or that may apply to particular categories of Elan shareholders. Each Elan shareholder should consult its own tax advisor as to the particular tax consequences of the separation and distribution and related transactions to such shareholder, including the application of U.S. federal, state and local and non-U.S. tax laws, and the effect of possible changes in any tax laws that may affect the tax consequences described above.

Material Irish Tax Consequences of the Distribution

The information set out in these paragraphs is intended as a brief and general guide only based on current legislation and the current published practice of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland. It relates only to certain limited aspects of the Irish taxation treatment for holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs. It is intended to apply only, except to the extent stated below, to persons who are resident and, if individuals, ordinarily resident and domiciled in Ireland for Irish tax purposes, and who are absolute beneficial holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and who hold them as investments (and not as securities to be realized in the course of a trade). The information set out below may not apply to certain holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs, such as dealers in securities, insurance companies and those holders who have (or are deemed to have) acquired their Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs by virtue of an office or employment. Such persons may be subject to special rules.

It should be noted that specific confirmation as to the tax treatment of the distribution for relevant holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs has not been sought from the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland.

Taxation of Chargeable Gains

Subject to the point noted below in respect of the receipt of cash proceeds as a result of a sale of a fractional entitlement to a Prothena ordinary share, the distribution should be treated as a reorganization for the purposes of Irish chargeable gains. Accordingly holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs should not be treated, by virtue of the receipt of Prothena ordinary shares pursuant to the distribution, as making a disposal or part disposal of their Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs for the purposes of taxation of chargeable gains. The Prothena ordinary shares, issued to each holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs, on the distribution date, should be treated as the same asset and as having been acquired at the same time as the relevant Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs. On that basis, holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs should not incur a liability to taxation of chargeable gains in respect of the distribution.

Subject to the point noted below in respect of the receipt of cash proceeds as a result of a sale of a fractional entitlement to a Prothena ordinary share, a holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs aggregate base cost in his Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and Prothena ordinary shares immediately after the distribution should be the same as his base cost in his relevant Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs immediately before the distribution. A holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs base cost should be apportioned between his Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and Prothena ordinary shares by reference to their respective market values on the first day on which the market values or prices are quoted or published for such shares.

A holder of Elan ordinary shares which is an Irish resident company owning 5% or more of the share capital of Elan, and which meets all of the conditions for exemption from CGT under s626B Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 will, rather than the treatment described above, be treated for Irish capital gains tax purposes as having made a part disposal of an interest in Elan shares which will be exempt from capital gains tax under the provisions of s626B Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. The receipt of Prothena ordinary shares shall be treated as a new acquisition of Prothena shares at market value on the first day on which market prices or prices are quoted or published for such shares and shall constitute a new acquisition of shares for the purposes of s626B Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 for a future disposal of those shares. The base cost of such holders' Elan ordinary shares shall be reduced by the relative market value of a Prothena share to an Elan share on the first day on which market prices or prices are quoted or published for such shares to adjust for the deemed part disposal described above.

A holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs who receives a cash payment as a result of a disposal of a fractional entitlement to a Prothena ordinary share will be treated as having made a partial disposal of their Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and this may give rise to a chargeable gain, subject to the availability of an applicable relief or exemption. In particular, it should be noted that Irish resident individual shareholders are able to avail themselves of an annual chargeable gains exemption equal to €1,270.

The distribution should have no consequence from an Irish chargeable gains perspective for holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs who are neither resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland and do not hold such shares / ADSs in connection with a trade or business carried on by such holder in Ireland through a branch or agency. This is on the basis that such holders fall outside the scope of the charging provisions contained in the Irish legislation applicable to the taxation of chargeable gains.

Taxation of Income

It is the established practice of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland to treat any distribution that may arise in connection with a transfer of assets by way of demerger and a related issue of ordinary shares by the transferee entity to holders of shares in the transferring entity as not being a distribution taxable as income in the hands of the relevant shareholder. Accordingly the distribution should not give rise to any liability to tax on income for any holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs. In addition, there should be no requirement for Elan Corporation plc to account for Irish dividend withholding tax.

Stamp Duty

Relevant holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs should have no liability to account for any stamp duty in connection with the receipt of Prothena ordinary shares pursuant to the distribution.

For additional information, see “Description of Share Capital—Irish Taxation and Stamp Duty Matters Relating to the Holding of Prothena Ordinary Shares.”

Material U.K. Tax Consequences of the Distribution

The comments set out below are based on current tax law as applied in the United Kingdom (“UK”) and H.M. Revenues Custom (“HMRC”) practice as at the date of this Circular, both of which are subject to change, possibly with retrospective effect. The comments are intended as a general guide and only apply for holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs who are solely resident, and in the case of an individual, ordinarily resident, for tax purposes in the UK, who hold their shares in Elan as an investment and who are the absolute beneficial owners thereof. Certain categories of Elan shareholders, such as traders, brokers, financial institutions, investment companies and collective investment schemes, shareholders who acquired their shares by virtue of an office or employment related to the Elan group, and shareholders who hold 10% or more of the Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs may be subject to special rules and this summary does not apply to such shareholders. Elan shareholders should consult their own professional advisors if they are in any doubt about their own tax position as this summary is not intended to be specific tax advice.

Tax Implications of the Demerger

The proposed demerger will involve a deemed *in specie* distribution of Elan’s entire shareholdings in Neotope Biosciences, Onclave and Prothena US to a newly incorporated Irish company (“Prothena”), held outside the group, in exchange for an issue of ordinary shares by Prothena to all the current holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs in their existing proportions. Each shareholder in Elan will therefore be in receipt of ordinary shares in Prothena, which effectively represent a distribution to them by Elan.

There is currently some uncertainty as to whether HMRC regard distributions from foreign companies, such as Elan, as being income or capital in nature. Whilst UK tax law contains detailed rules as to what constitutes an income distribution by a UK company, these rules do not apply to distributions by foreign companies. The UK tax treatment of foreign company distributions as either income or capital is largely governed by case law and HMRC practice.

Based on the proposed transaction and the underlying Irish legal analysis, it is our view that the above distributions to the shareholders in Elan should be regarded as a capital distribution for UK tax purposes. To confirm the UK tax treatment of the proposed distributions to UK shareholders in Elan, a clearance application was submitted to HMRC seeking their confirmation of the tax analysis based on the proposed demerger plan. The clearance application sought HMRC confirmation that the distributions will be regarded as capital distributions for UK shareholders and that relevant reconstruction reliefs are available. HMRC clearance has now been received confirming that capital gains tax reconstruction reliefs will be available and will not be prevented from applying by anti-avoidance rules. Consequently, the tax implications for UK holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs can be summarised as follows:

Tax Analysis

U.K. Individual Shareholders. On the basis that the distribution from Elan should be regarded as being capital in nature, no UK income tax charge should arise for UK individuals on receipt of the Prothena shares on the basis that the charge does not extend to dividends of a capital nature. The receipt of the Prothena shares will instead be treated as a capital distribution for UK tax purposes.

Receipt of a capital distribution could, in the absence of specific relief, give rise to a UK capital gains tax charge in the hands of UK individuals. However, HMRC have now confirmed that the relevant capital gains tax reconstruction relief should be available, and so no capital gains charge should arise. Instead, the receipt of the shares in Prothena will be treated for UK capital gains tax purposes as a reconstruction of the individual's shareholding in Elan such that there is no disposal of their holding of ordinary shares or ADSs. In effect, the shares / ADSs in Elan and the shares in Prothena after the demerger should, taken together, be treated as the same asset acquired at the same time as their existing Elan ordinary shares / ADSs were acquired by the individual. The individual's original tax base cost in their Elan ordinary shares / ADSs will be proportionately split between their Elan ordinary shares / ADSs and their new shares in Prothena.

However, where a holder of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs receives a cash payment as a result of a disposal of a fractional entitlement to a Prothena ordinary share, a partial disposal of their Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs will arise and this may result in a chargeable gain, subject to the availability of an applicable relief or exemption.

U.K. Corporate Shareholders. The receipt of shares in Prothena by current Elan UK corporate investors in proportion to their existing holding of Elan ordinary shares or ADSs as part of the demerger will be treated as a distribution from Elan. The receipt of company distributions by corporate shareholders (whether from UK or foreign companies, and whether income or capital in nature) is now subject to UK corporation tax in full, but subject to exemption. There are two exemption regimes available for UK companies receiving distributions; one for 'small' companies and one for 'not small' companies as defined. A company is small if it has less than 50 employees and either turnover of less than €10m, or gross assets less than €10m.

Under the 'small' exemption certain distributions (which would include normal dividends and *in specie* distributions) should be exempt as long as the paying company is resident in a qualifying territory and does not receive any form of foreign tax deduction for the payment. It is anticipated that the proposed Elan distribution should meet these conditions for small UK corporate investors so that the receipt should be exempt from UK corporation tax.

Under the 'not small' exemption, the receipt of a distribution is exempt if the distribution falls within a qualifying exempt class and certain anti-avoidance rules do not apply. Again, it is anticipated that the proposed Elan distribution should be exempt under at least one of the exempt classes for not small UK corporate investors so that the receipt should be exempt from UK corporation tax.

There is no required minimum shareholding which a UK corporate investor must hold in Elan to qualify under either the 'small' or 'not small' exemption regimes above.

Stamp Duty. Relevant holders of Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs should have no liability to account for any UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax in connection with their receipt of Prothena ordinary shares pursuant to the distribution.

Treatment of Stock Options and Other Equity Awards

Employees of Elan hold stock options to purchase Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and restricted stock units (“RSUs”) representing a right to receive Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs upon settlement.

With respect to Elan options and RSUs held by the majority of Elan employees that become employees of Prothena effective upon the separation and distribution:

- unvested Elan options and RSUs that would otherwise have vested within twelve months following the effective date of the separation and distribution will vest immediately upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms;
- other unvested Elan options and RSUs will be forfeited; and
- all vested Elan options (including options the vesting of which were accelerated as described above) will be required to be exercised for Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs within twelve months of the effective date of the separation and distribution, or will be forfeited.

However, for Elan employees who are aged 55 or over with at least five years of service and who become employees of Prothena, unvested Elan options and RSUs will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms, are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for one year following the separation and distribution. Similarly, unvested Elan options and RSUs held by certain Elan executives who were employed by Elan in April 2007 and who become employees of Prothena, will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distributions, with the RSUs (which, by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for two years following the separation and distribution.

Elan’s Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (“LDCC”) may make such adjustments as it deems appropriate and in such manner as it may deem equitable to awards made under the Elan equity incentive plans, in the event that the market value of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs immediately prior to the separation and distribution is higher than the market value of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs immediately after the separation and distribution. Any such adjustments will be applied equally to all outstanding Elan awards (including, for the avoidance of doubt, options to purchase Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs held by employees of Elan who become employees of Prothena that have vested or will vest upon the separation and distribution) and will be strictly in accordance with the terms of the applicable Elan equity incentive plan.

Trading Between the Record Date and Distribution Date

Prothena ordinary shares

Beginning on, or shortly before, the record date and continuing up to and including through the distribution date, we expect that there will be a “when-issued” market in Prothena ordinary shares. “When-issued” trading refers to a sale or purchase made conditionally because the security has been authorized but not yet issued. These transactions are conditional, with settlement to occur if and when the security is actually issued and Nasdaq determines transactions are to be settled.

The “when-issued” trading market will be a market for Prothena ordinary shares that will be distributed to Elan shareholders on the distribution date. If you will own Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs at the close of business on the record date, you will be entitled to our ordinary shares distributed pursuant to the distribution. You may trade this entitlement to Prothena ordinary shares, without the Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs you own, on the “when-issued” market. On the first trading day following the distribution date, “when-issued” trading with respect to Prothena ordinary shares will end and “regular-way” trading will begin. “Regular-way” trading transactions are settled by delivery of the securities against payment on the third business day after the transaction.

Elan Ordinary Shares and Elan ADSs

Beginning on or shortly before the record date and continuing up to and including through the distribution date, we expect that there will be two markets in Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs: a “regular-way” market and an “ex-dividend” market. Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs that trade on the “regular-way” market will trade with an entitlement to Prothena ordinary shares distributed pursuant to the distribution. Shares that trade on the “ex-dividend” market will trade without an entitlement to Prothena ordinary shares distributed pursuant to the distribution. Therefore, if you sell Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in the “regular-way” market up to and including through the distribution date, you will be selling your right to receive Prothena ordinary shares in the distribution. If you sell Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs on the “ex-dividend” market, up to and including through the distribution date, you will still receive the Prothena ordinary shares that you would be entitled to receive pursuant to your ownership of the Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs.

Reason for Furnishing This Information Statement

This information statement is being furnished by Elan solely to provide information to shareholders of Elan who will receive Prothena ordinary shares in the separation and distribution. It is not, and is not to be construed as, an inducement or encouragement to buy or sell any of our securities. We will not update the information in this information statement except in the normal course of our respective public disclosure obligations and practices.

ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN ELAN AND PROTHENA

Following the separation and distribution, we will be a separate, stand-alone public company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan will own 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares.

For purposes of governing the ongoing relationships between Elan and us after the separation and distribution and to provide for an orderly transition, Elan and we have entered, or will enter prior to the separation and distribution, into the agreements described in this section. Certain of the agreements summarized in this section have been included as exhibits to the registration statement of which this information statement forms a part, and the following summaries of those agreements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the agreements.

Demerger Agreement

We have entered into a Demerger Agreement with Elan that sets forth the principal actions required in connection with our separation from Elan, and the distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan's shareholders. It also sets forth other agreements that govern certain aspects of our relationship with Elan following the separation and distribution.

Pre-Demerger Restructuring

Prior to the effective time of the demerger, pursuant to a series of internal reorganization transactions between and among Elan and certain of its subsidiaries which will remain with Elan following the separation and distribution, on the one hand, and the Prothena Subsidiaries, on the other hand, Elan will allocate, assign and transfer, or cause to be allocated, assigned and transferred, to the Prothena Subsidiaries the assets and liabilities that comprise the Prothena Business. The reorganization will result in the Prothena Business being owned prior to the effective time of the demerger by Neotope Biosciences, a private limited company incorporated in Ireland and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Elan, and two direct wholly owned subsidiaries of Neotope Biosciences, Onclave, a private limited company incorporated in Ireland, and Prothena US, a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware.

Transfer of Prothena Business

The Demerger Agreement transfers the entire outstanding share capital of Neotope Biosciences to us in consideration for the allotment of 99.99% of our outstanding shares to Elan's Shareholders, so that each of Elan and us ultimately retains the assets of, and the liabilities associated with, our respective businesses. In particular, the Demerger Agreement provides that, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Demerger Agreement:

- all assets to the extent related to the Prothena Business will be retained by or transferred to us, subject to any licenses between the parties;
- all other assets, including those related to Elan's business, will be retained by or transferred to Elan, subject to any licenses between the parties;
- liabilities will be allocated to, and assumed by, us to the extent they are related to the Prothena Business;
- liabilities will be allocated to, and assumed by, Elan to the extent they are related to its business;
- other liabilities will be allocated to either us or Elan; and
- Elan is obligated to pay 50% of all trade payables and operating accruals and 100% of all payroll and bonus accruals that were incurred by Prothena through the effective date of the distribution.

The Distribution

The Demerger Agreement governs the rights and obligations of Elan and us regarding the proposed distribution of 99.99% of our outstanding shares to Elan's shareholders.

Representations and Warranties

Except as expressly set forth in the Demerger Agreement, neither we nor Elan will make any representation or warranty in connection with the separation and distribution.

Releases

Except as otherwise provided in the Demerger Agreement, each party will release and forever discharge the other party and its respective subsidiaries and affiliates from all (a) liabilities existing or arising from any acts or events occurring or failing to occur or alleged to have occurred or to have failed to occur or any conditions existing or alleged to have existed on or before the distribution date and (b) liabilities specifically assumed by a party pursuant to the Demerger Agreement. The releases will not extend to obligations or liabilities under any agreements between the parties that remain in effect following the separation pursuant to the Demerger Agreement.

Indemnification

The Demerger Agreement provides for cross-indemnities principally designed to place financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of the Prothena Business with us and financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of Elan's business with Elan, including indemnification of Prothena by Elan of any liabilities arising out of the litigation with AIA that was previously dismissed with prejudice and is pending appeal. See "Risk Factors — Litigation regarding patents, patent applications and other proprietary rights may be expensive and time consuming."

Further Assurances

To the extent that any transfers contemplated by the Demerger Agreement have not been consummated on the distribution date, the Demerger Agreement provides that the parties will cooperate to effect such transfers as promptly as practicable thereafter. In addition, each of the parties agrees to cooperate with each other and use commercially reasonable efforts to take or to cause to be taken all actions, and to do, or to cause to be done, all things reasonably necessary under applicable law or contractual obligations to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by the Demerger Agreement.

Exchange of Information

The Demerger Agreement provides that we and Elan will exchange certain information reasonably required to comply with reporting, filing, audit, litigation, regulatory and other obligations, subject to certain exceptions.

Confidentiality

Each party agrees to treat as confidential and not disclose confidential information of the other party except in specific circumstances identified in the separation agreement.

Legal Matters

In general, the Demerger Agreement provides that, effective upon the separation and distribution, each party to the Demerger Agreement will assume liability for all pending and threatened legal matters related to its own business or assumed or retained liabilities and will indemnify the other party for any liability to the extent arising out of or resulting from such assumed legal matters. Each party will cooperate in defending any claims against the other for events that took place prior to, on or after the date of the separation of us from Elan.

Business Opportunities

The Demerger Agreement provides that neither we nor Elan nor our respective affiliates will have any duty to refrain from engaging in similar activities or lines of business or doing business with suppliers or customers, and both we and Elan acknowledge that neither of us will have any duty to communicate or offer any business opportunities to the other.

Dispute Resolution

In the event of a dispute relating to the Demerger Agreement between us and our subsidiaries and other affiliates, on the one hand, and Elan and its other subsidiaries and other affiliates, on the other hand, the Demerger Agreement provides for the following procedures:

- first, the parties will use commercially reasonable efforts to resolve the dispute through negotiations between our representatives and Elan's representatives;
- if negotiations fail, then the parties will attempt to resolve the dispute through non-binding mediation; and
- if mediation fails, then the parties may seek relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Contractual Restrictions

During the term of the Transitional Services Agreement, and for one year thereafter, neither we nor Elan will be permitted to solicit each other's employees for employment without the other's consent.

Expenses

Except as expressly set forth in the Demerger Agreement, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with our separation from Elan will be paid by the party incurring such fees or expenses.

Term and Termination

The Demerger Agreement will automatically terminate if all of the conditions to the demerger set forth therein, which are summarized under "The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Conditions to the Distribution," are not satisfied or waived by July 1, 2013. In addition, Elan can terminate the agreement in its absolute discretion by notice in writing to Prothena at any time before the demerger occurs.

Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement

Prior to consummation of the separation and distribution, and as a condition to such completion, we, Elan and Elan Science One Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan (“Subscriber”) will enter into a Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement. The Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement sets forth certain terms and conditions related to the subscription for 18% of the outstanding Prothena ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) by Subscriber immediately following the separation and distribution and concerning the rights of the parties in respect of such ownership from and after the separation and distribution.

Subscription

Immediately following consummation of the separation and distribution, Subscriber will subscribe, and Prothena will issue to Subscriber, [—] ordinary shares of Prothena, representing approximately 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), for a cash payment of \$26.0 million.

Registration Rights

Subscriber shall be entitled to customary demand registration rights, provided, however, that Subscriber may not initiate more than six requests to exercise its demand registration rights (which include any shelf underwritten offerings) in the aggregate. Withdrawn requests will not count toward the total of six requests if certain conditions are satisfied. If Prothena is eligible to do so, the purchasing entity may request that it file an automatic shelf registration statement.

In addition, Subscriber will be entitled to customary piggyback registration rights, pursuant to which it may request that its shares be included in any offering of securities of the same class that Prothena initiates in its own right or on behalf of another shareholder.

Voting

Subscriber will agree to vote our ordinary shares that Subscriber subscribes for immediately after the separation and distribution in proportion to the votes cast by our other shareholders. In connection with such agreement, Subscriber will grant us a proxy to vote our ordinary shares held by Elan in such proportion. This proxy, however, will be automatically revoked as to a particular share upon any sale or transfer of such share from Subscriber to a person other than Elan or any of Elan’s subsidiaries.

DTC Eligibility

We will use our reasonable best efforts to take such other steps as may be requested by Subscriber so as to allow Subscriber to hold its shares in book-entry form and eligible for the depository and book-entry transfer services of The Depository Trust Company.

Term and Termination

Except with respect to the indemnification obligations set forth therein, which will survive the termination, the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement will terminate upon the registration or other sale, transfer or disposition of all the Prothena ordinary shares subscribed for pursuant to the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement to a party other than Elan or any of its subsidiaries.

Tax Matters Agreement

We will enter into a Tax Matters Agreement with Elan under which tax liabilities relating to taxable periods before and after the separation and distribution will be computed and apportioned between the parties, and responsibility for payment of those tax liabilities (including any taxes attributable to the separation and distribution) will be allocated between us. Furthermore, the Tax Matters Agreement will set forth the rights of the parties in respect of the preparation and filing of tax returns, the handling of audits or other tax proceedings and assistance and cooperation and other matters, in each case, for taxable periods ending on or before or that otherwise include the date of the Prothena Transactions. The Tax Matters Agreement will automatically terminate upon the termination of the Demerger Agreement.

Transitional Services Agreement

We will enter into a Transitional Services Agreement with Elan under which Elan will provide to us, and we will provide to Elan, specified services to help ensure an orderly transition following the separation and distribution. The services provided for under the Transitional Services Agreement will consist of CMC / quality assurance, information services, IT services, facilities services, company secretarial services, finance services, legal services, compliance services and human relations services.

We expect that the Transitional Services Agreement will remain in effect until the expiration of the last time period for the performance of services thereunder, which shall be no later than six months from the effective date of the separation and distribution.

Both we and Elan will be permitted to terminate the Transitional Services Agreement (to the extent it relates to any particular transitional service) if the other party breaches any of its significant obligations under the agreement and does not cure such breach within 20 business days of receiving written notice from the other party. In addition, either party may terminate the Transitional Services Agreement if a receiver, examiner or administrator is appointed with respect to any of the other party's assets, the other company is struck off the Register of Companies in its jurisdiction of organization or at the option of such party with respect to a particular transition service if such party is the service recipient.

The payment terms of the agreement generally provide that Prothena will pay Elan for the time spent by each Elan employee providing the services, which will be calculated by the portion of the employee's time dedicated to the provision of the services, plus forty per cent. The time for each employee will be calculated using one of two specified rates per annum depending on the employee's wage band. There will be a fixed monthly charge for IT services of \$75,000, and Prothena intends to obtain an alternative provider of IT services. Invoices will be sent on a monthly basis. Similarly, Elan will pay Prothena for the time spent by each Prothena employee providing services to Elan, which will be an agreed percentage of the employee's time, based on the cost of providing those services plus forty per cent and including, as applicable, any fees for any services from Elan or Prothena provided by third party providers and invoiced to the recipient at cost. Invoices will be sent on a monthly basis. We estimate that payments under the Transitional Services Agreement by Elan will be approximately \$[—] and payments under the Transitional Services Agreement by Prothena will be approximately \$[1].

Research and Development Services Agreement

We will enter into a Research and Development Services Agreement with Elan pursuant to which we will provide certain research and development services to Elan. The Research and Development Services Agreement will, among other things, set out the scope of the services, the consideration to be paid for the services and the general principles around ownership of intellectual property as it relates to the services. The Research and Development Services Agreement is expected to be in effect for a period of not less than two years. Either party is entitled to terminate the Research and Development Services Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the other party if there has been a material breach by the other party or if the other party becomes insolvent or if the other party is in breach of any of its confidentiality obligations under the agreement.

The services provided for under the Research and Development Services Agreement include support for the ELND005 and ELND002 programs (which include the provision of expert advice and opinion in the areas of nonclinical safety/toxicology and pharmacology, regulatory support for nonclinical sections of pertinent documents, conducting and interpreting externally conducted nonclinical studies, and support in respect of the identification and maintenance of nonclinical expert advisors as required). These services will be substantially similar to research services performed by Prothena for Elan prior to the separation and distribution.

The payment terms of the Research and Development Services Agreement provide that Elan will pay Prothena: (i) a fixed charge of \$500,000 per year based on a charge for two Prothena employees providing the services at a rate of not less than \$250,000 each per annum, (ii) research costs including direct overheads and (iii) a mark-up of 10% applied to the fixed charge and research costs such that the total payment reflects a cost-plus standard. The payments will be made on a monthly basis.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of September 30, 2012:

- on an actual basis; and
- on a pro forma basis to give effect to the pro forma adjustments included in our unaudited pro forma financial information as if the events giving rise to such pro forma adjustments had occurred on September 30, 2012, as follows:
- the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries;
- the issuance of 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares to holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs in the distribution; and
- the issuance by Prothena of [1] ordinary shares to Elan in exchange for a cash payment of \$26.0 million.

The information below is not necessarily indicative of what our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization would have been had the separation and distribution and related transactions been completed as of September 30, 2012. In addition, it is not necessarily indicative of our future cash and cash equivalents and capitalization. This table should be read in conjunction with "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements," "Selected Historical Carve-out Combined Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and our annual audited and interim unaudited carve-out combined financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this information statement.

	As of September 30, 2012	
	Actual	Pro Forma
	(In millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 125.0(1)
Parent company and shareholders' equity		
Share capital	—	0.4(2)
Additional paid-in capital	—	125.6(3)
Parent company equity	(3.1)	—
Total parent company equity (shareholders' equity pro forma)	\$ (3.1)	\$ 126.0
Total capitalization	\$ (3.1)	\$ 126.0

- (1) Amount represents the pro forma cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million and the consideration received of \$26.0 million for the 18 % of the outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) of Prothena subscribed for by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan as of September 30, 2012.
- (2) Amount represents the issuance of approximately [1] million Prothena ordinary shares at \$0.01 par value to the shareholders of Elan and the issuance of approximately [1] million Prothena ordinary shares at \$0.01 par value to Elan.
- (3) Amount represents the carrying amount of net assets transferred by Elan to Prothena of \$1.0 million; the consideration of \$26.0 million for the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscribed for by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan; the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries; the reclassification of parent company equity to additional paid-in capital; less the nominal value of the shares issued of \$0.4 million.

Market for Our Ordinary Shares

There is currently no public market for our ordinary shares. We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “[•].” We cannot assure you as to the price at which our ordinary shares will trade after the separation and distribution (or, on a “when-issued” basis, before the separation and distribution). Until our ordinary shares are fully distributed and an orderly market develops in our ordinary shares, the price at which such shares trade may fluctuate significantly. In addition, the combined trading prices of our ordinary shares and Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs held by shareholders after the separation and distribution may be less than, equal to or greater than the trading price of the Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs prior to the separation and distribution.

Transferability of Our Ordinary Shares

Our ordinary shares that will be distributed to Elan’s shareholders will be freely transferable, unless the holder is considered an “affiliate” of ours under Rule 144 under the Securities Act. Persons who can be considered our affiliates after the separation and distribution generally include individuals or entities that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control, are controlled by, or are under common control with, us, and may include certain of our officers and directors. As of [—], 2012, after giving effect to the distribution, we estimate that our directors and executive officers will beneficially own [—] ordinary shares. See “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.” In addition, individuals who are affiliates of Elan on the distribution date may be deemed to be affiliates of ours. Our affiliates may sell our ordinary shares received in the distribution only:

- under a registration statement that the SEC has declared effective under the Securities Act; or
- under an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, such as the exemption afforded by Rule 144.

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, an affiliate will be entitled to sell, within any three-month period commencing 90 days after the date the registration statement, of which this information statement is a part, is declared effective, a number of our ordinary shares that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1.0% of our ordinary shares then outstanding; or
- the average weekly trading volume of our ordinary shares on The Nasdaq Global Market during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to the sale.

Sales under Rule 144 are also subject to restrictions relating to manner of sale and the availability of current public information about us.

We will file a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register [—] ordinary shares issuable under our long term incentive plan. The shares covered by the S-8 registration statement will be ordinary shares underlying outstanding stock options and other awards available for issuance under the plan. Such registration statement will become effective immediately upon filing. Shares issued pursuant to awards after the effective date of the registration statement, other than shares issued to affiliates, generally will be freely tradable without further registration under the Securities Act.

In the future, we may adopt new stock option and other equity-based award plans and issue options to purchase our ordinary shares and other share-based awards.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Prothena is a newly formed entity and, therefore, has not paid dividends in the past.

We do not anticipate to paying any cash dividends on our ordinary shares for the foreseeable future. Moreover, if we determine to pay any dividend in the future, there can be no assurance that we will continue to pay such dividends.

SELECTED HISTORICAL CARVE-OUT COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables set forth our selected historical carve-out combined financial data for the periods indicated below. Our selected historical carve-out combined income statement data for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 and balance sheet data as of September 30, 2012 have been derived from our unaudited interim condensed carve-out combined financial statements included in this information statement. Our results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 presented below are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year. Our selected historical carve-out combined income statement data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and our selected historical carve-out combined balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 have been derived from our audited historical carve-out combined financial statements included elsewhere in this information statement.

The financial statements included in this information statement may not necessarily reflect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows as if we had operated as a stand-alone public company during all periods presented. Accordingly, our historical results should not be relied upon as an indicator of our future performance.

The following selected historical financial and operating data should be read in conjunction with “Capitalization,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” “Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena,” and our historical and pro forma financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this information statement.

Statement of Operations Data:

	Historical Nine Months Ended September 30,		Historical Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2011	2010	2009
	(In millions, except per share data)				
Revenue	\$ 2.1	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.5	\$ 1.2	\$ 2.5
Operating expenses:					
Research and development expenses	24.3	15.9	24.2	9.8	3.0
General and administrative expenses	7.0	4.2	5.6	3.6	0.7
Total operating expenses	<u>31.3</u>	<u>20.1</u>	<u>29.8</u>	<u>13.4</u>	<u>3.7</u>
Operating loss and net loss before income taxes	(29.2)	(19.7)	(29.3)	(12.2)	(1.2)
Provision for income taxes	—	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1
Net loss	<u>(29.2)</u>	<u>(20.1)</u>	<u>(29.8)</u>	<u>(12.5)</u>	<u>(1.3)</u>
Pro forma basic and diluted net loss per share ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ [1]</u>		<u>\$ [1]</u>		

- (1) Pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the nine months ended September 30, 2012, was \$[•] and \$[•], respectively. The computation of pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share assumes pro forma weighted-average shares outstanding of [•] million, which is equal to the distribution ratio of 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs outstanding as of [•], 2012 and the [•] million ordinary shares issued to Elan in connection with the separation and distribution.

Balance Sheet Data:

	<u>Historical At September 30, 2012</u>	<u>Historical At December 31,</u>	
		<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	(In millions)		
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Prepaid and other current assets	0.1	0.1	\$ —
Total current assets	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>—</u>
Non-Current assets:			
Property, plant and equipment, net	2.5	2.5	2.4
Intangible assets, net	0.1	0.1	—
Other non-current assets	0.9	0.9	0.9
Total assets	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.3</u>
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ —	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.1
Accruals and other current liabilities	4.8	7.9	1.7
Total current liabilities	<u>4.8</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>1.8</u>
Other non-current liabilities	1.9	1.7	1.4
Total liabilities	<u>6.7</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>3.2</u>
Parent Company and shareholders' equity:			
Parent company equity	<u>(3.1)</u>	<u>(6.4)</u>	<u>0.1</u>
Parent company and shareholders' equity	<u>(3.1)</u>	<u>(6.4)</u>	<u>0.1</u>
Total liabilities and parent company equity	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.3</u>

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CARVE-OUT COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited pro forma financial information discussed and presented below has been prepared from Prothena's historical audited statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011, unaudited statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and unaudited balance sheet as of September 30, 2012, all of which are included elsewhere in this information statement. The separation of the Prothena Business from Elan will be completed through a "demerger" under Irish law. The demerger will be effected by Elan transferring the Prothena Business to Prothena, in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, on a *pro rata* basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares. In addition, in connection with the separation and distribution Elan will make a cash investment of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan will make a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million to subscribe for [1] ordinary shares of Prothena, which will represent 18% of Prothena's outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription).

The pro forma adjustments and notes to the pro forma financial information give effect to the following transactions:

- the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries;
- the issuance of 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares to holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs in the distribution; and
- the issuance by Prothena of [•] ordinary shares to Elan in exchange for a cash payment of \$26.0 million.

The unaudited pro forma carve-out combined balance sheet as of September 30, 2012 has been prepared as if the separation and distribution and related transactions had occurred on September 30, 2012. The pro forma adjustments are based on the best information available and assumptions that management believes are reasonable given the information available. While such adjustments are subject to change based upon the finalization of the terms of the separation and distribution and the underlying separation and distribution agreements, in management's opinion, the pro forma adjustments are not expected to materially differ from the final adjustments. The unaudited condensed carve-out combined pro forma financial statements are for illustrative and information purposes only and are not intended to represent, or be indicative of, what Prothena's operating results or financial position would have been had the Prothena Transactions occurred on the dates indicated.

The historical statements of operations of Prothena include allocations of expenses from Elan which reasonably approximate the costs that would have been incurred as an autonomous entity. In addition, the allocation of general corporate overhead expenses from Elan to Prothena was made on a reasonable basis. As such, pro forma adjustments to revenues or expenses in the statements of operations are not necessary. There are expected to be incremental costs incurred by Prothena on a going forward basis in connection with operating Prothena as an independent publicly traded company. Prothena may also incur separation costs after the separation and distribution. These incremental costs are not included as pro forma adjustments.

Employees of Elan hold stock options to purchase Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and RSUs representing a right to receive Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs upon settlement. With respect to Elan options and RSUs held by Elan employees that become employees of Prothena effective upon the separation and distribution:

- unvested Elan options and RSUs that would otherwise have vested within twelve months following the effective date of the separation and distribution will vest immediately upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms;
- other unvested Elan options and RSUs will be forfeited; and

However, for Elan employees who are aged 55 or over with at least five years of service and who become employees of Prothena, unvested Elan options and RSUs will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms, are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for one year following the separation and distribution. Similarly, unvested Elan options and RSUs held by certain Elan executives who were employed by Elan in April 2007 and who become employees of Prothena, will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for two years following the separation and distribution.

We will not recognize any expense going forward in relation to the existing Elan equity-based awards as our employees are not required to provide service after the separation and distribution in order to receive the awards. The estimated net charge of \$1.4 million relating to the changes described above is a non-recurring charge that is directly attributable to Elan as part of the separation and distribution of the Prothena Business, therefore it is not recorded in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements or the unaudited pro forma financial statements of the Prothena Business.

Our pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$[1] and \$[1], respectively. The computation of pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share assumes pro forma weighted-average shares outstanding of [1] million, which is equal to the distribution ratio of 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs outstanding as of [1], 2012 and the [1] million ordinary shares issued to Elan in connection with the separation and distribution.

The following summary historical and unaudited pro forma combined financial data should be read in conjunction with “Capitalization,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” “Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena,” and historical financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this information statement.

The unaudited pro forma carve-out combined financial statements should not be an indicator of our financial condition or results of operations as of any future dates or for any future period.

Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Balance Sheet September 30, 2012

	Actual At September 30, 2012	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 125.0(1)	\$ 125.0
Prepaid and other current assets	0.1	—	0.1
Total current assets	\$ 0.1	\$ 125.0	\$ 125.1
Non-current Assets:			
Property, plant and equipment, net	2.5	—	2.5
Intangible assets, net	0.1	—	0.1
Other assets	0.9	(0.9)(2)	—
Total assets	\$ 3.6	\$ 124.1	\$ 127.7
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	—	—	—
Accrued and other current liabilities	4.8	(3.1)(3)	1.7
Total current liabilities	4.8	(3.1)	1.7
Other non-current liabilities	1.9	(1.9)(2)	—
Total liabilities	\$ 6.7	\$ (5.0)	\$ 1.7
Share capital	—	0.4(4)	0.4
Additional paid-in capital	—	125.6(4)(5)	125.6
Parent company equity	(3.1)	\$ 3.1(5)	—
Parent company and shareholders’ equity	\$ (3.1)	\$ 129.1	\$ 126.0
Total liabilities and parent company equity (shareholders’ equity pro forma)	\$ 3.6	\$ 124.1	\$ 127.7

Notes:

- (1) Amount represents the pro forma cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million and the consideration received of \$26.0 million for the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscribed for by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan as of September 30, 2012.
- (2) In connection with the Prothena Transactions, certain assets and liabilities that were allocated from Elan to Prothena are not transferable to Prothena, including, employee deferred compensation plan assets and liabilities and deferred rent liabilities.

As such, on the effective date of the distribution, Prothena would not record these assets and liabilities on its books. The amount of such assets was \$0.9 million and amount of such liabilities was \$1.9 million as of September 30, 2012.

- (3) Under the terms of the Demerger Agreement, Elan is obligated to pay 50% of all trade payables and operating accruals and 100% of all payroll and bonus accruals that were incurred by Prothena through the effective date of the distribution. As such, these pro forma adjustments reflect that on the effective date of the distribution, Prothena would record 50% of all trade payable and operating accruals on its books.
- (4) Amounts represent the pro forma capitalization of Prothena, including (i) the assumed issuance of approximately [1] million Prothena ordinary shares at \$0.01 par value to the to the shareholders of Elan, which is based on the number of outstanding shares of Elan's ordinary shares as of [1], 2012 and the distribution ratio; (ii) the redemption by Prothena of all of the incorporator shares; (iii) the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscription by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan and (iv) the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries.
The pro forma adjustment to additional paid-in capital is equal to the amount of net assets transferred by Elan to Prothena of \$1.0 million (taking account of the current liabilities that will not transfer to Prothena); the consideration of \$26.0 million for the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscription by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan; the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries; the reclassification of parent company equity to additional paid-in capital less the nominal value of the shares issued of \$0.4 million.
- (5) Amount represents the reclassification of Elan's parent company equity to additional paid-in capital.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis is intended to provide investors with an understanding of the historical performance of Prothena and its financial condition during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and the nine-month periods ending September 30, 2012 and 2011.

The financial statements of Prothena for these periods have been derived from Elan's historical accounting records and reflect significant allocations of direct costs and expenses. All of the allocations and estimates in these financial statements are based on assumptions that we believe are reasonable. However, the financial statements do not necessarily represent the financial position or results of operations of Prothena had it been operated as a separate independent entity. See "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" below as well as Note [1] of "Notes to the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements" included elsewhere in this information statement.

You should read this discussion in conjunction with the historical carve-out combined financial statements of Prothena and the notes to those statements and the unaudited pro forma condensed carve-out combined financial data and the notes to the pro forma condensed carve-out combined financial data of Prothena included elsewhere in this information statement.

The following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements. See "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" beginning on page 18 for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements.

Management Discussion and Analysis

The following management discussion and analysis is based on, and should be read in conjunction with the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 and each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011, included elsewhere in this information statement.

Presentation and Preparation of the Carve-Out Combined Financial Statements

Prothena's business consists of a substantial portion of Elan Corporation, plc's former drug discovery business platform, including the following former wholly owned subsidiaries of Elan and related assets and liabilities, which we refer to as the "Prothena Business:"

- **Neotope Biosciences Limited ("Neotope Biosciences").** Neotope Biosciences, a wholly owned subsidiary of Prothena, is engaged in the discovery and development of antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of indications, including
 - AL and AA forms of amyloidosis, complex diseases caused by tissue deposition of misfolded proteins that result in progressive organ damage;
 - Parkinson's disease and related synucleinopathies; and
 - Autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma in which melanoma cell adhesion molecule ("MCAM") mediated cell adhesion may contribute to disease pathology or progression.

Neotope Biosciences' strategy is to apply its expertise in generating novel therapeutic antibodies, working with a broad range of collaborators in specific disease models, to select candidates for further clinical development. Neotope Biosciences' portfolio of targets includes alpha-synuclein for the potential treatment of synucleinopathies, such as Lewy body dementia and Parkinson's disease, MCAM for autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma, and tau for Alzheimer's disease and other tauopathies. Neotope Biosciences also has a program focused on the potential treatment of type 2-diabetes.

- **Onclave Therapeutics Limited ("Onclave").** Onclave, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, is engaged in the development of our lead program NEOD001, which is being evaluated for the potential treatment of AL amyloidosis. In 2012, Onclave was granted orphan drug designation of NEOD001 by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The FDA may grant orphan drug designation to potential therapeutics intended to treat a rare disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, which means that, if an applicant is the first to receive FDA approval for a particular active ingredient to treat a particular disease for which it was granted orphan drug designation, the FDA may not approve any other applications to market the same drug for the same orphan indication, except in limited circumstances, for seven years. In September 2012, Onclave filed an Investigational New Drug Application ("IND") with the FDA for NEOD001 for AL amyloidosis. In October 2012, the FDA accepted the IND for NEOD001, allowing Onclave to proceed with plans to test NEOD001 in a phase 1 clinical trial. Onclave expects to initiate a phase 1 clinical trial of NEOD001 in AL amyloidosis patients in early 2013.

- **Prothena Biosciences Inc (“Prothena US”).** Prothena US, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, was organized as part of the reorganization transactions and will provide research and development services to Neotope Biosciences. Pursuant to the terms of the Research and Development Services Agreement, Prothena US will provide research and development services to Elan for a period of no less than 2 years following the separation and distribution.

All references to “we,” “our,” or “us” in this Management Discussion and Analysis refer to the Prothena Business. Elan Corporation, plc and its consolidated subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as “Elan”.

For additional information regarding the basis of preparation, refer to Note 2 to the accompanying Carve-out Combined Financial Statements, which are included elsewhere in this information statement.

Overview

Prothena is a biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of novel antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of diseases that involve protein misfolding or cell adhesion. Prothena focuses on the discovery and development of potential therapeutic monoclonal antibodies directed specifically to disease causing proteins. These potential therapies have a broad range of indications including AL and AA forms of amyloidosis, Parkinson’s disease and related synucleinopathies, and novel cell adhesion targets involved in autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers. Prothena’s strategy is to apply our extensive expertise in generating novel therapeutic antibodies and work with collaborators having expertise in specific animal models of disease, to identify antibody candidates for clinical development.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business include certain estimates based on management’s best judgments. Estimates are used in the carve out of the results of operations, financial condition and cash flows of the Prothena Business as well as in determining items such as the allocation of indirect costs associated with central support functions, the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and share-based compensation among other items. Because of the uncertainties inherent in such estimates, actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

Carve-out of the results of operations, financial condition and cash flows of the Prothena Business

The Prothena Business has historically operated as part of Elan and not as a separate stand-alone entity. The Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business have been prepared on a “carve-out” basis from the consolidated financial statements of Elan to represent the financial position and performance of the Prothena Business as if the Prothena Business had existed on a stand-alone basis during each of the fiscal years and nine month periods presented in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements; and as if Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standard Codification (“ASC”) Topic 810, “Consolidation,” had been applied throughout. The Carve-out Combined Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”), by aggregating financial information from the components of the Prothena Business described in Note 1 of the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements, included elsewhere in this information statement.

The accompanying Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business only include assets and liabilities that management have determined are specifically identifiable with the Prothena Business and allocations of direct costs and indirect costs attributable to operations of the Prothena Business. Indirect costs relate to certain support functions that are provided on a centralized basis within Elan.

The support functions provided to us by Elan include, but are not limited to:

- Accounting, information technology, taxation, legal, corporate strategy, investor relations, corporate governance and other professional services;
- Employee benefit administration, including equity award and pension services; and
- Cash and treasury management.

Central support costs of the Prothena Business for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 amounted to \$4.0 million (2010: \$2.8 million; 2009: \$0.7 million). Central support costs for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 amounted to \$5.8 million (2011: \$3.0 million). These costs have been allocated to the Prothena Business for the purposes of preparing the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements based on estimated usage of the resources by us. The estimated usage of the central support resources by the Prothena Business has been determined by estimating our portion of the most appropriate driver of each category of central support costs such as headcount and labor hours, depending on the nature of the costs. Management considers that such allocations have been made on a reasonable basis, but may not necessarily be indicative of the costs that would have been incurred if the Prothena Business had operated on a standalone basis.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue from contract arrangements to provide research and development (“R&D”) services. Revenue is recognized when earned and non-refundable, and when we have no future obligation with respect to the revenue, in accordance with the terms prescribed in the applicable contract. Advance payments received in excess of amounts earned are classified as deferred revenue until earned. We defer and amortize up-front fees to the income statement over the performance period. The performance period is the period over which we expect to provide services as determined by the contract provisions.

Property, plant and equipment and Impairment

Total property, plant and equipment had a carrying amount at September 30, 2012 of \$2.5 million compared to \$2.5 million at December 31, 2011 and \$2.4 million at December 31, 2010.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated using the straight line method based on the estimated useful life of each asset and, as with other long-lived assets, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If circumstances require that property, plant and equipment is tested for possible impairment, we compare undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by an asset to the carrying amount of the asset. If the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value. We determine fair value using the income approach based on the present value of expected cash flows. Our cash flow assumptions consider forecasted revenue and operating costs and other relevant factors. If we were to use different estimates, particularly with respect to the likelihood of R&D success, then a material impairment charge could arise. We believe that we have used reasonable estimates in assessing the carrying amounts of our property, plant and equipment.

There were no impairment charges relating to our property, plant and equipment during the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 or in 2011, 2010 or 2009.

Share-Based Compensation

Total share-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$3.6 million (2010: \$1.9 million, 2009: \$0.1 million). Total share based compensation expense for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 was \$7.0 million (2011: \$2.9 million).

Elan has an equity award program which provides for the issuance of share options, restricted stock units (“RSUs”) and other equity awards to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided services to the Prothena Business. The share-based payment compensation expense recognized in these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements includes all of the share-based payment expenses directly attributable to the Prothena Business, and allocations of indirect expenses that have been deemed attributable to the Prothena Business.

Share-based compensation expense for equity-settled awards is measured and recognized based on estimated grant date fair values. These awards include employee stock options, restricted stock units (RSUs) and stock purchases related to Elan’s employee equity purchase plan (“EEPP”). Share-based compensation cost for RSUs is measured based on the closing fair market value of Elan’s ordinary shares on the date of grant. Share-based compensation cost for stock options and ordinary shares issued under the EEPP is estimated at the grant date based on each option’s fair value as calculated using an option-pricing model. The value of awards expected to vest is recognized as an expense over the requisite service periods.

Estimating the fair value of share-based awards at grant or vest date using an option-pricing model, such as the binomial model, is affected by our share price as well as assumptions regarding a number of complex variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, the expected share price volatility over the term of the awards, risk-free interest rates, and actual and projected employee exercise behaviors. If factors change and/or different assumptions are employed in estimating the fair value of share-based awards in future periods, the compensation expense recorded for future grants may differ significantly from what has been recorded in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business. However, management believes that reasonable assumptions have been used to estimate the fair value of the share-based awards.

Employees of Elan hold stock options to purchase Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs and RSUs representing a right to receive Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs upon settlement. With respect to Elan options and RSUs held by Elan employees that become employees of Prothena effective upon the separation and distribution:

- unvested Elan options and RSUs that would otherwise have vested within twelve months following the effective date of the separation and distribution will vest immediately upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms;
- other unvested Elan options and RSUs will be forfeited; and
- all vested Elan options (including options the vesting of which were accelerated as described above) will be required to be exercised for Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs within twelve months of the effective date of the separation and distribution, or will be forfeited.

However, for Elan employees who are aged 55 or over with at least five years of service and who become employees of Prothena, unvested Elan options and RSUs will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms, are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for one year following the separation and distribution. Similarly, unvested Elan options and RSUs held by certain Elan executives who were employed by Elan in April 2007 and who become employees of Prothena, will become fully vested and exercisable upon the separation and distribution, with the RSUs (which, by their terms are settled upon vesting) settled in Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs in accordance with their terms, and with Elan options being exercisable for two years following the separation and distribution.

We will not recognize any expense going forward in relation to the existing Elan equity-based awards as our employees are not required to provide service after the separation and distribution in order to receive the awards. The estimated net charge of \$1.4 million relating to the changes described above is a non-recurring charge that is directly attributable to Elan as part of the separation and distribution of the Prothena Business, therefore it is not recorded in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements or the unaudited pro forma financial statements of the Prothena Business. For additional information regarding the treatment of stock options and other equity awards, see “The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions — Treatment of Stock Options and Other Equity Awards.”

For additional information on share-based compensation, refer to Note 10 to the accompanying Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business, which are included elsewhere in this information statement.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At September 30, 2012, at December 31, 2011 and at December 31, 2010, we were not a party to any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenue or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Results of Operations

Results for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 and the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2011	2010	2009
	(in millions)		(in millions)		
Revenue	\$ 2.1	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.5	\$ 1.2	\$ 2.5
Operating expenses:					
Research and development expenses	24.3	15.9	24.2	9.8	3.0
General and administrative expenses	7.0	4.2	5.6	3.6	0.7
Total operating expenses	31.3	20.1	29.8	13.4	3.7
Operating loss and net loss before income taxes	(29.2)	(19.7)	(29.3)	(12.2)	(1.2)
Provision for income taxes	—	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1
Net loss	<u>\$ (29.2)</u>	<u>\$ (20.1)</u>	<u>\$ (29.8)</u>	<u>\$ (12.5)</u>	<u>\$ (1.3)</u>

Revenue

Revenue is comprised of fees earned from the provision of R&D services. Total revenues, which were \$2.1 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 (2011: \$0.4 million) and \$0.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2011 (2010: \$1.2 million; 2009: \$2.5 million), consisted of amounts earned by the Prothena Business for research services provided to Elan in relation to its ELND005 program.

The \$1.7 million increase in revenue from \$0.4 million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 to \$2.1 million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 was primarily due to the increased investment by Elan in external toxicology studies to support the submission of Investigational New Drug Applications in non-Alzheimer’s disease indications for the ELND005 small molecule.

Revenues decreased by \$1.3 million from \$2.5 million in 2009 to \$1.2 million in 2010 and by \$0.7 million from \$1.2 million in 2010 to \$0.5 million in 2011. These decreases in revenue were primarily due to lower research activity in the ELND005 program as the Phase 2 clinical trials completed.

Operating Expenses

Total operating expenses, which consists of R&D expense and general and administrative (“G&A”) expense was \$31.3 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 (2011: \$20.1 million) and \$29.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 (2010: \$13.4 million; 2009: \$3.7 million). R&D expenses primarily consisted of expenses for the early discovery efforts on pathology-biology based mis-folding protein targets in chronic degenerative diseases, and research costs incurred by the Prothena Business in providing research services to Elan’s ELND005 program. These expenses primarily comprise employee and related costs, and external research spend. G&A expense primarily consists of professional services expenses, management compensation expenses and certain central support costs that had been allocated to the Prothena Business by Elan based on estimated usage of resources by the Prothena Business. For additional information regarding the allocation of central general and administrative expenses, please refer to Note 2 to the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business, included elsewhere in this information statement.

Research and Development Expenses

R&D expenses were \$24.3 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 (2011: \$15.9 million). The increase of \$8.4 million in 2012 compared to 2011 was primarily due to the increased spend in the NEOD001 for amyloidosis program, as well as higher spend on the Prothena Business’s portfolio of targets including alpha-synuclein for the potential treatment of synucleinopathies, such as Lewy body dementia and Parkinson’s disease, and tau for Alzheimer’s disease and other tauopathies, and higher research costs incurred in relation to Elan’s ELND005 program.

R&D expenses were \$24.2 million in 2011, \$9.8 million in 2010 and \$3.0 million in 2009. The increase of \$14.4 million in 2011 compared to 2010 was primarily due to the increased spend in the NEOD001 for amyloidosis program, as well as higher spend on the Prothena Business’s portfolio of targets including alpha-synuclein for the potential treatment of synucleinopathies, such as Lewy body dementia and Parkinson’s disease, and tau for Alzheimer’s disease and other tauopathies. The increase of \$6.8 million in 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to higher spend on the Prothena Business’s discovery programs as well as increased spend on the NEOD001 for amyloidosis program, partially offset by lower research costs incurred in relation to Elan’s ELND005 program.

Our research activities are aimed at developing new drug products. Our development activities involve the translation of our research into potential new drugs. R&D expenses include personnel, materials, equipment and facilities costs that are allocated to clearly related R&D activities. The following table sets forth the R&D expenses for our major program (specifically, any program where an Investigational New Drug Application has been filed with the FDA), NEOD001, and other R&D expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, and the cumulative amounts to date (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,			Cumulative to date
	2012	2011	2011	2010	2009	
NEOD001 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.9	\$ 6.6	\$ 11.3	\$ 2.3	\$ 0.5	\$ 21.2
Other R&D ⁽²⁾	18.4	9.3	24.2	7.5	2.5	
Total	<u>24.3</u>	<u>15.9</u>	<u>35.5</u>	<u>9.8</u>	<u>3.0</u>	

- (1) Cumulative R&D costs to date for NEOD001 include the costs incurred from the date when the program has been separately tracked in preclinical development. Expenditures in early discovery stage are not tracked by program and accordingly have been excluded from this cumulative amount.
- (2) Other R&D is comprised of preclinical development and discovery programs that have not yet resulted in an Investigational New Drug Application filing with the FDA, and research costs incurred by the Prothena Business in providing research services to Elan’s ELND005 program.

We have not disclosed specific estimates of the timelines or total costs to complete the development of our NEOD001 drug candidate. In the pharmaceutical industry, the R&D process is lengthy and involves a high degree of risk and uncertainty. This process is conducted in various stages and, during each stage, there is a substantial risk that potential products in our R&D pipeline will experience difficulties, delays or failures. This makes it very difficult for us to estimate the total costs to complete the development of our NEOD001 drug candidate, or any potential future drug candidates, or to estimate the anticipated completion dates with any degree of accuracy, and raises concerns that attempts to provide estimates of timing may be misleading by implying a greater degree of certainty than actually exists.

As a result of the significant risks and uncertainties in predicting the outcomes and the timelines for our individual projects, we cannot estimate with any certainty when or if material net cash inflows from our NEOD001 drug candidate, or any potential future drug candidates, will occur.

General and Administrative Expenses

G&A expenses were \$7.0 million for the period ended September 30, 2012 (2011: \$4.2 million). The increase of \$2.8 million in the period ended September 30, 2012 compared to the period ended September 30, 2011 reflects the higher G&A support costs resulting from an increase in research activities.

G&A expenses were \$5.6 million in 2011, \$3.6 million in 2010 and \$0.7 million in 2009. The increases of \$2.0 million in 2011 compared to 2010 and \$2.9 million in 2010 compared to 2009 reflects the higher G&A support costs resulting from the increase in research activities.

Taxation

The current and deferred tax provision calculations have been prepared as if the Prothena Business was a separate taxable group and consistent with the asset and liability method prescribed by "Income Taxes" ("ASC 740"). The current and deferred tax provision and the related tax disclosures are not necessarily representative of the tax provision/(benefit) that may arise for the Prothena Business in the future.

The net tax provision for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 was \$Nil (2011: \$0.4 million) and the net tax provision for 2011 was \$0.5 million (2010: \$0.3 million; 2009: \$0.1 million). The tax provision reflects U.S. Federal and State taxes and the availability of Irish tax losses. No material deferred tax assets ("DTAs") have been recognized on the balance sheet.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

Elan uses a centralized approach to manage substantially all of its liquid resources and to finance its operations and, as a result, no separate cash accounts for the Prothena Business were historically maintained, and debt and liquid resources maintained at the Elan group level are not included in the accompanying Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Liquid resources are defined as the total of cash and cash equivalents, current restricted cash and current investment securities. We have historically financed our operating and capital resource requirements through funding provided by Elan to the Prothena Business.

As part of the separation, Elan intends to make a cash investment of approximately \$99.0 million in Prothena, which is expected to be used by Prothena to fund working capital expenses and for other general corporate purposes. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan has agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to make a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million to subscribe for 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription). Immediately following the cash investment and the issuance of 18% of Prothena's outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan, we expect that we will have approximately \$125.0 million in cash and cash equivalents, which we believe will provide us with sufficient liquidity and capital resources to meet our cash needs through approximately June 30, 2015.

Cash Flows for the Nine Month Period Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 and the Years Ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012		2011	Year Ended December 31, 2010		2009
	(in millions)			(in millions)		
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (26.6)	\$ (14.3)	\$ (19.7)	\$ (9.1)	\$ (0.5)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.6)	(2.6)	—	
Net cash provided by financing activities	26.8	14.6	20.3	11.7	0.5	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	—	—	—	—	—	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	—	—	—	—	—	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	

Net cash used in operating activities was \$26.6 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012. The primary components of cash used in operating activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 were net losses (adjusted to exclude non-cash charges) and changes in working capital accounts. Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.2 million for the

nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 related to the purchases of property, plant and equipment and computer software. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$26.8 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, reflecting the funding provided by Elan.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$14.3 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2011. The primary components of cash used in operating activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2011 were net losses (adjusted to exclude non-cash charges) and changes in working capital accounts. Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.3 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2011 related to the purchases of property, plant and equipment. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$14.6 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2011, reflecting the funding provided by Elan.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$19.7 million in 2011. The primary components of cash used in operating activities in 2011 were net losses (adjusted to exclude non-cash charges) and changes in working capital accounts. Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.6 million in 2011. The major components of cash used in investing activities in 2011 included the purchase of property, plant and equipment and computer software. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$20.3 million in 2011, reflecting the funding provided by Elan.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$9.1 million in 2010. The primary components of cash used in operating activities in 2010 were net losses (adjusted to exclude non-cash charges) and changes in working capital accounts. Net cash used in investing activities was \$2.6 million in 2010. The major components of cash used in investing activities in 2010 were the purchase of property, plant and equipment. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$11.7 million in 2010, reflecting the funding provided by Elan.

Net cash used in operating activities of \$0.5 million in 2009 was comprised of net losses and changes in working capital accounts. The net cash provided by financing activities of \$0.5 million was comprised of funding provided by Elan.

Funding Requirements

As noted above, we estimate that immediately following Elan's cash investment of approximately \$99.0 million and the issuance of 18% of Prothena's ordinary shares to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan in exchange for a cash payment of \$26.0 million, we will have approximately \$125.0 million in cash and cash equivalents, which we estimate will provide us with sufficient liquidity and capital resources to meet our cash needs through approximately June 30, 2015.

We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could use our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with the development and commercialization of our product candidates, we are unable to estimate the amounts of increased capital outlays and operating expenses associated with completing the development of our current product candidates. Our future capital requirements will depend on numerous factors, including, the timing of initiation, progress, results and costs of our clinical trials; the results of our research and preclinical studies; the costs of clinical manufacturing and of establishing commercial manufacturing arrangements; the costs of preparing, filing, and prosecuting patent applications and maintaining, enforcing, and defending intellectual property-related claims; the costs and timing of capital asset purchases; our ability to establish research collaborations and strategic collaborations and licensing or other arrangements; the costs to satisfy our obligations under potential future collaborations; and the timing, receipt, and amount of revenues or royalties, if any, from any approved drug candidates. In order to develop and obtain regulatory approval for our potential products we will need to raise substantial additional funds through public or private equity offerings, debt financings, strategic alliances, joint ventures and licensing arrangements. We cannot assume that such additional financing will be available on acceptable terms, if at all, and such financing may only be available on terms dilutive to our shareholders.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Financial Risk

Overview

As discussed in Note 2(a) to the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business, which are included elsewhere in this information statement, Elan uses a centralized approach to manage substantially all of its liquid resources and to finance its operations and, as a result, no separate cash accounts for the Prothena Business were historically maintained and debt and liquid resources maintained at the Elan group level are not included in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business. Therefore, our financial risk exposures are insignificant.

We are not exposed to any interest rate risk, as historically we had no separate cash accounts or debt.

We do not have any foreign exchange risk as the U.S. dollar is the only currency in which we conduct business.

We have a significant concentration of credit risk as our only customer to date, to whom we provide R&D services, is Elan. However, since Elan has historically funded our operating and capital resource requirements, we do not believe the credit risk is significant.

We are dependent on Boehringer Ingelheim to manufacture our clinical supplies of NEOD001. An inability to obtain product supply could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Contractual Obligations

The following table sets out (in millions), at December 31, 2011, our main contractual obligations due by period operating leases. These represent the major contractual, future payments that may be made by us. The table does not include items such as future investments in financial assets.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Less than 1 Year</u>	<u>1-3 Years</u>	<u>3-5 Years</u>	<u>More Than 5 Years</u>
Operating lease obligations	\$ 8.8	\$ 0.8	\$ 1.7	\$ 2.0	\$ 4.3
Purchase obligations (1)	0.3	0.3	—	—	—
Total contractual obligations	<u>\$ 9.1</u>	<u>\$ 1.1</u>	<u>\$ 1.7</u>	<u>\$ 2.0</u>	<u>\$ 4.3</u>

(1) Includes all open purchase orders as of December 31, 2011 for capital and operating expenditure. Excludes capital expenditure of \$0.3 million that had been authorized by the directors of Elan for the Prothena Business and had not been contracted for as of December 31, 2011.

Overview

Prothena Corporation plc (registered number 518146), or “Prothena,” was incorporated in Ireland as a private limited company, under the name “Neotope Corporation Limited”, on September 26, 2012 and re-registered as a public limited company and changed our name to “Neotope Corporation plc” on October 25, 2012. On November 1, 2012, the shareholders of Prothena resolved, by way of special resolution, to change the name of the company to “Prothena Corporation plc”, and this was approved by the Irish Registrar of Companies on November 7, 2012. We are a biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of novel antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of diseases that involve protein misfolding or cell adhesion.

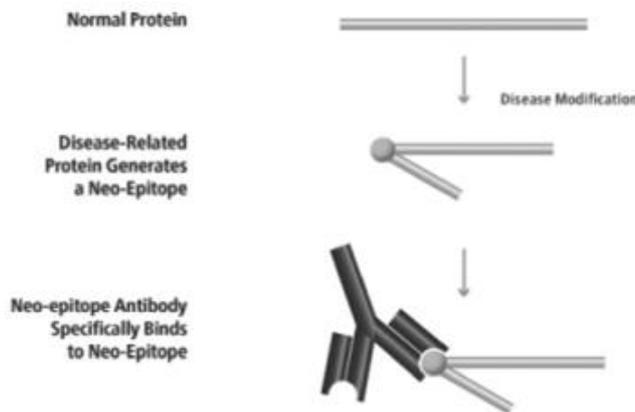
We were incorporated to effect a separation of research and development programs from Elan Corporation, plc (“Elan”). Our officers and employees were formerly employees of Elan. In connection with the separation and distribution, Elan will invest cash in us in an amount that, together with the aggregate subscription price for 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) that a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan will subscribe for immediately following the separation and distribution, will equal approximately \$125.0 million. We expect that such amount will fund our operations through June 30, 2015. Prothena is an early stage biotechnology company with no current products and we expect to incur losses for the foreseeable future.

Our Approach

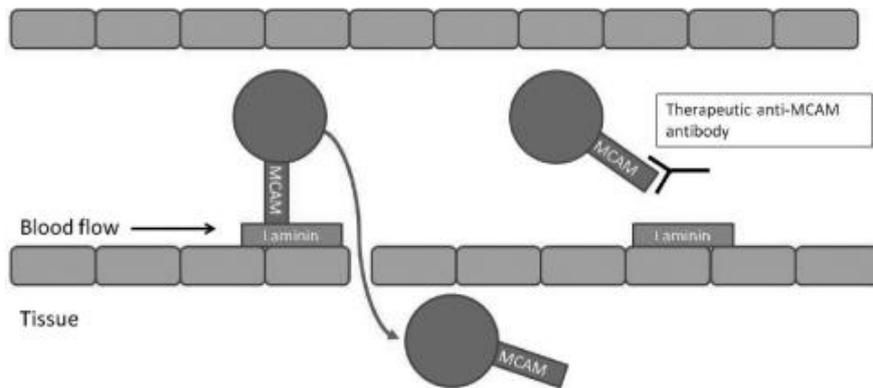
We focus on the discovery and development of potential therapeutic monoclonal antibodies directed specifically to disease causing proteins. These potential therapies have a broad range of indications including AL and AA forms of amyloidosis, Parkinson’s disease and related synucleinopathies, and novel cell adhesion targets involved in autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers. Our strategy is to apply our extensive expertise in generating novel therapeutic antibodies and work with collaborators having expertise in specific animal models of disease, to identify antibody candidates for clinical development.

An epitope is the molecular target recognized by an antibody. A neo-epitope is a site on a protein that becomes accessible only after modification, such as from cleavage or by misfolding into an abnormal shape. The neo-epitopes we target may occur as part of a disease-associated pathological process. We are developing novel, specific monoclonal antibodies against neo-epitope targets for the potential treatment of patients having a disease associated with the neo-epitope.

Targeting Neo-epitopes of Misfolded Proteins Associated with Disease



In addition to antibodies directed to neo-epitope targets, we are developing antibodies directed to other targets. For example, we have generated antibodies against novel cell adhesion targets expressed on certain pathogenic Th17 pathogenic immune cells and tumor cells. One specific cell adhesion protein, called MCAM (“melanoma cell adhesion molecule”), interacts with another protein called laminin near blood vessel walls which allows circulating tumor cells and a critical subset of T cells to leave the bloodstream and enter into tissues, sometimes initiating pathogenic processes that result in disease. Antibodies that interfere with the cell adhesion process may be useful for treating a range of autoimmune diseases and metastatic cancers.



Research and Development Pipeline

Our research and development pipeline includes three lead therapeutic antibody programs that we will aggressively advance: NEOD001 for the treatment of AL and AA Amyloidosis; synuclein antibodies for the treatment of Parkinson’s disease; and MCAM antibodies for the potential treatment of autoimmune diseases and metastatic cancers.

Our pipeline also includes two discovery stage programs for which we are testing efficacy of antibodies in preclinical models of disease: tau antibodies for potential treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and antibodies for the potential treatment of type 2 diabetes. We are also generating additional novel antibodies against other targets involved in protein misfolding and cell adhesion for characterization in vitro. If promising, these antibodies will advance to discovery stage programs in the future.

Our Lead Programs

NEOD001 for amyloidosis

We are developing NEOD001, a monoclonal antibody targeting AL and AA amyloid for the potential treatment of amyloidosis.

Systemic amyloidoses are a complex group of diseases caused by tissue deposition of misfolded proteins that result in progressive organ damage. The most common type, AL amyloidosis or primary amyloidosis, involves a hematological disorder caused by plasma cells that produce misfolded AL protein resulting in deposits of abnormal AL protein (amyloid), in the tissues and organs of individuals with AL amyloidosis. Although little data are available on amyloidosis populations, AL amyloidosis is a rare disorder with an estimated incidence of 8.9 in 1,000,000 patient years. Only 1,200 to 3,200 new cases of AL amyloidosis are reported each year in the United States. Both the causes and origins of AL amyloidosis remain poorly understood.

Current treatment of patients with AL amyloidosis is aimed at reducing or eliminating the bone marrow disorder, i.e. the plasma cells that are responsible for producing the AL protein, thereby limiting production of amyloid. There are no currently approved treatments for AL amyloidosis that directly target potentially toxic forms of the AL protein.

A different form of systemic amyloidosis, AA amyloidosis or secondary amyloidosis, occurs secondarily as a result of other illness, such as chronic inflammatory diseases (for example, rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis) or chronic infections (for example, tuberculosis or osteomyelitis). In secondary amyloidosis, the depositing amyloid protein is amyloid A protein. Amyloid A protein is a cleaved fragment from the acute phase protein serum amyloid A that is produced in abundance by the liver as a result of chronic inflammation. The treatment of secondary amyloidosis is directed at treating the underlying illness, typically with broad acting anti-inflammatory agents such as TNF inhibitors. It is estimated that there are approximately 8,000 patients in the United States and Europe suffering from AA amyloidosis.

NEOD001 is a monoclonal antibody that specifically targets the amyloid that accumulates in both AL and AA forms of amyloidosis. The antibody was designed to not react with normal serum amyloid and only with the aberrant cleaved form of the protein (amyloid A). This approach has the potential to be a first-in-class agent for this orphan disease with a significant unmet medical need. Together with scientists at the University of Tennessee performing under a Sponsored Research Agreement pursuant to which such scientists perform research at our direction and pursuant to project plans we establish, Prothena scientists have published a number of papers characterizing the mouse version of this antibody. In 2012, NEOD001 was granted orphan drug designation by the FDA and an Investigational New Drug application for NEOD001 in systemic amyloidosis (AL and AA forms of amyloidosis) was filed and accepted by the FDA. We plan to initiate a Phase 1 clinical trial for NEOD001 in this indication in early 2013.

Synuclein antibodies for Parkinson's disease

We are developing antibodies targeting synuclein for the potential treatment of Parkinson's disease and other synucleinopathies. Together with scientists at the University of California, San Diego performing under a Laboratory Services Agreement pursuant to which such scientists perform research at our direction and pursuant to project plans we establish, Prothena scientists have published a number of scientific papers describing effects of these antibodies in preclinical models resembling Parkinson's disease.

Alpha-synuclein is a protein that is a prominent component of Lewy bodies and neurites which are pathological hallmarks of Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies multiple system atrophy and certain other neurological disorders, collectively known as synucleinopathies. While the normal function of synuclein is not well understood, the protein normally occurs in an unstructured soluble form. In synucleinopathies, the synuclein protein can misfold and aggregate to form insoluble fibrils that contribute to the pathology of the disease.

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. The motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease result from the death of dopamine-generating cells in the substantia nigra, a region of the midbrain.

Early in the course of the disease, the most obvious symptoms are movement-related and include shaking, rigidity, slowness of movement and difficulty with walking and gait. Later, cognitive and behavioral problems may arise, with dementia commonly occurring in the advanced stages of the disease. Other symptoms include sensory, sleep and emotional problems. Parkinson's disease is more common in the elderly, with most cases occurring after the age of 50.

Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disorder after Alzheimer's disease. In the United States, at least 500,000 people are believed to suffer from Parkinson's disease, and about 50,000 new cases are reported annually. Current treatments for Parkinson's disease are effective at managing the early motor symptoms of the disease, mainly through the use of levodopa and dopamine agonists. As the disease progresses and dopaminergic neurons continue to be lost, these drugs eventually become ineffective at treating the symptoms. The goal of our approach is to slow down the progressive neurodegenerative consequences of disease, a current unmet need.

There is genetic evidence for a causal role of synuclein in Parkinson's disease. In rare cases of familial forms of Parkinson's disease, there are mutations in the synuclein gene, or duplication and triplications of the gene that may cause synuclein protein to form amyloid-like fibrils that contribute to the disease. There is also increasing evidence that pathogenic forms of synuclein can be propagated and transmitted from neuron to neuron. Recent studies in cellular and animal models suggest that the spread of synuclein-associated neurodegeneration can be disrupted by targeting the pathogenic synuclein.

We have generated proprietary antibodies targeting alpha-synuclein that may slow or reduce the neurodegeneration associated with synuclein misfolding and/or transmission. We have tested the efficacy of these antibodies in various cellular and animal models of synuclein-related disease. We have identified one clinical candidate that has advanced into manufacturing and preclinical safety testing.

MCAM antibodies for autoimmune disease and metastatic cancer

We are developing antibodies targeting MCAM (melanoma cell adhesion molecule) for the potential treatment of autoimmune disease and metastatic cancer.

MCAM is a cell adhesion molecule that allows certain cells travelling in the blood stream to leave the circulation and enter tissues. For example, MCAM is expressed on pathogenic Th-17 expressing immune cells that underlie autoimmune disease and on tumor cells involved in metastatic cancer. MCAM functions like VELCRO™ hook-and-loop fasteners, allowing these cells to stick to the blood vessel wall and migrate into tissues to initiate their pathogenic process.

Our research in the area of cell adhesion has uncovered unique insights into MCAM function, allowing us to develop specific and novel antibodies that block MCAM's VELCRO-like function as potential therapeutics to prevent disease causing cells from spreading into tissue.

Anti-MCAM antibodies may be useful for treating a variety of autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis and multiple sclerosis. Autoimmune diseases arise from an inappropriate immune response of the body against substances and tissues normally present in the body. In other words, the immune system mistakes some part of the body as a pathogen and attacks its own cells. A substantial portion of the population suffers from these diseases, which are often chronic, debilitating, and life-threatening. There are more than eighty illnesses caused by autoimmunity. It has been estimated that autoimmune diseases are among the ten leading causes of death among women in all age groups up to 65 years. Current treatment for many autoimmune diseases typically entails use of broad acting immunosuppressive agents that weaken the body's ability to fight infection. Only 3-5% of CD4+ T cells in the circulation express MCAM, yet these cells appear to be disproportionately involved in propagation of autoimmune disease. Hence, anti-MCAM based therapy may provide a more specific way to target the disease-causing immune cells while not interfering with normal function of the immune system.

MCAM antibodies may also be useful for treating metastatic cancers, including melanoma. Melanoma is a malignant tumor of melanocytes, a potentially dangerous form of skin cancer. It is estimated that doctors in the United States will diagnose about 76,250 new cases of melanoma in 2012, with approximately 9,000 melanoma-related deaths that are usually related to metastatic spread of the tumors. Normal melanocytes do not express MCAM, but expression is turned on and continues to increase as the cells become more malignant. Treatment with anti-MCAM antibodies may help patients with melanoma by inhibiting the growth and spread of the tumor.

We have generated monoclonal antibodies that selectively block MCAM-mediated cell adhesion. Our antibodies are currently being tested in animal models of autoimmune disease and metastatic cancer. Based on early results from these studies, we have identified several antibodies as potential clinical candidates and intend to advance the antibody that proves most effective in the studies into manufacturing and preclinical safety testing.

Our Discovery Programs

Tau antibodies for Alzheimer's disease

We are developing antibodies targeting tau for the potential treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other tauopathies.

Tau proteins are proteins that stabilize microtubules. They are abundant in neurons of the central nervous system and are less common elsewhere in the body. When tau proteins are defective, they often misfold and aggregate to form neurofibrillary tangles. Tau sequestered in neurofibrillary tangles no longer has the ability to stabilize microtubules properly and is thought to be linked to the progressive neurodegeneration characteristic of several neurological diseases known as tauopathies. Tauopathies are a class of neurodegenerative diseases associated with the pathological aggregation of tau protein in the human brain. The best-known of these illnesses is Alzheimer's disease, wherein tau protein is deposited within neurons in the form of neurofibrillary tangles.

Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills. It can begin with simple forgetfulness, but may rapidly progress into more advanced symptoms, including confusion, profound memory loss, language disturbances, personality and behavior changes, impaired judgment and dementia. Alzheimer's disease primarily affects older people, and in most cases, readily apparent symptoms appear after age 60. It is estimated that more than 5 million Americans and more than 35 million people worldwide, at the age of 60 years or older, suffer from some form of dementia. Although some patients may live up to 20 years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, the average life expectancy after diagnosis is eight to ten years. No current therapy alters the progressive and eventually fatal neurodegenerative consequences of these conditions.

Recent experimental data from multiple laboratories show that pathogenic forms of tau can be propagated and spread between neurons. It has further been demonstrated that administration of tau antibodies in animal models with tauopathies can potentially interrupt tau propagation and the resulting neurodegenerative effects of this process.

We have generated and tested in vivo a variety of proprietary tau antibodies. We are currently selecting optimal candidates for their ability to block propagation and toxicity associated with misfolded forms in animal models of tauopathies. These studies will help us to identify a potential clinical candidate to advance into manufacturing and preclinical safety testing.

Antibodies for Type 2 diabetes

We are developing antibodies to protect against loss of insulin producing beta cells of the pancreas for the potential treatment of type 2 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes is a metabolic disorder characterized by high blood glucose in the context of insulin resistance and relative insulin deficiency. Type 2 diabetes makes up about 90% of cases of diabetes, and obesity is thought to be the primary cause of type 2 diabetes in people who are genetically predisposed to the disease. Rates of diabetes have increased markedly over the last 50 years in parallel with obesity. Type 2 diabetes is a global health problem affecting more than 300 million people worldwide. Long-term complications from high blood sugar can include heart disease, strokes, diabetic retinopathy where eyesight is affected, kidney failure which may require dialysis, and poor circulation of limbs leading to amputations.

Type 2 diabetes is initially managed by increasing exercise and dietary modification. If blood glucose levels are not adequately lowered by these measures, medications may be needed. In type 2 diabetes, patients become increasingly unable to adequately regulate blood glucose levels and current therapies such as metformin and insulin only target this hyperglycemia. In many cases, the progressive loss of insulin producing beta cells of the pancreas leads to dependence upon injected insulin to manage blood glucose levels. Current therapies do not target the fundamental mechanism by which these beta cells are lost in disease.

We have generated unique antibodies and are currently testing the hypothesis that treatment with these antibodies may reduce the progressive increase in glucose levels in animal models of type 2 diabetes. If successful, these studies will help us identify a potential clinical candidate to advance into manufacturing and preclinical safety testing.

Our Strategy

We will advance novel and proprietary therapeutic antibodies discovered by our scientists internally. Our goal is to be a leading biotechnology company focused on discovery and development of novel antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of diseases that involve protein misfolding or cell adhesion. Key elements of our strategy to achieve this goal are:

- ***Continue to discover potential therapeutic antibodies directed against novel targets involved in protein misfolding and cell adhesion.***

We will continue to leverage our core scientific expertise and proprietary technology to develop innovative antibody-based therapeutics for the potential treatment of a range of diseases. Once we formulate a novel hypothesis or approach to a known target, we generate antibodies against that target. Specific and selective antibodies are characterized in vitro, then used to test the initial hypothesis in vivo using animal models of disease. We typically rely on the use of animal models that have been extensively developed by external laboratories, as we have already done with three of our programs: AL amyloidosis, Parkinson's disease and tau for Alzheimer's disease. We plan to maintain a broad and diverse pipeline of antibodies with multiple potential indications.

- ***Quickly translate our research discoveries into clinical development.***

Once we establish in vivo proof of concept for our antibody candidates, we use animal models to identify potential clinical candidates to rapidly advance to manufacturing and preclinical testing. We have contracted with Boehringer Ingelheim for cell line development and antibody drug substance production. In 2012, we filed an Investigational Drug Application with the FDA for NEOD001 in AL amyloidosis and we plan to initiate a phase 1 clinical trial of NEOD001 in amyloidosis patients by the end of 2012.

- ***Establish early clinical proof of concept with our therapeutic antibodies.***

We will leverage our insight of pathology in diseases involving protein misfolding and cell adhesion to employ biomarker endpoints as a way to detect signals of clinical efficacy early in the clinical development process. We may elect to start clinical testing of our antibodies in smaller indications having more well-established endpoints in order to demonstrate proof of concept as a basis for further investment in clinical trials, potentially in larger indications, by us or potential partners.

- ***Strategically collaborate or out-license select programs.***

We intend to seek to collaborate or license certain potentially therapeutic antibody products to biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies for later stage clinical development and commercialization. For certain product opportunities, we may choose to proceed with further clinical development independently in order to create long term value. We intend to seek strategic alliances in which we would provide our research and development services for our collaborators as part of our plan to generate revenue.

- ***Highly leverage external talent and resources.***

We plan to maintain strong talent internally having expertise in our core areas of focus and as needed to execute efficiently on our clinical development and business objectives. We will leverage outsourcing to meet our operational and business needs while maintaining flexibility as those needs may change over time. As previously mentioned, we plan to continue to rely on the very extensive experience of the team to execute on the companies objectives.

- ***Collaborate with scientific and clinical experts in disease areas of interest.***

We collaborate with highly regarded scientists having expertise in our disease areas of interest to test and characterize our potential therapeutic antibody candidates, as exemplified by the publications cited above. We also collaborate with leading clinical experts in our disease areas of interest for feedback and guidance on our programs. In addition, we engage a number of consultants having specific functional and/or disease area expertise to execute our preclinical and clinical development programs.

Regulation

We anticipate that if we commercialize any products, the U.S. market will be our most important market. For this reason, the factors discussed below, in "Government Regulation," "Product Approval" and "Orphan Drugs" place emphasis on requirements in the United States.

Government Regulation

The pharmaceutical industry is subject to significant regulation by international, national, state and local governmental regulatory agencies. Pharmaceutical product registration is primarily concerned with the safety, efficacy and quality of new drugs and devices and, in some countries, their pricing. A product must generally undergo extensive clinical trials before it can be approved for marketing. The process of developing a new pharmaceutical product, from idea to commercialization, can take in excess of 10 years.

Governmental authorities, including the FDA and comparable regulatory authorities in other countries, regulate the design, development, testing, manufacturing and marketing of pharmaceutical products. Non-compliance with applicable requirements can result in fines and other judicially imposed sanctions, including product seizures, import restrictions, injunctive actions and criminal prosecutions of both companies and individuals. In addition, administrative remedies can involve requests to recall violative products; the refusal of the government to enter into supply contracts; or the refusal to approve pending product approval applications for drugs, biological products or medical devices until manufacturing or other alleged deficiencies are brought into compliance. The FDA also has the authority to cause the withdrawal of approval of a marketed product or to impose labeling restrictions.

The pricing of pharmaceutical products is regulated in many countries and the mechanism of price regulation varies. In the United States, while there are limited indirect federal government price controls over private sector purchases of drugs, it is not possible to predict future regulatory action on the pricing of pharmaceutical products.

Product Approval

Preclinical tests assess the potential safety and efficacy of a product candidate in animal models. The results of these studies must be submitted to the FDA as part of an Investigational New Drug Application before human testing may proceed.

The clinical trial process can take three to ten years or more to complete, and there can be no assurance that the data collected will demonstrate that the product is safe or effective or, in the case of a biologic product, pure and potent, or will provide sufficient data to support FDA approval of the product. The FDA may place clinical trials on hold at any point in this process if, among other reasons, it concludes that clinical subjects are being exposed to an unacceptable health risk. Trials may also be terminated by institutional review boards, which must review and approve all research involving human subjects. Side effects or adverse events that are reported during clinical trials can delay, impede or prevent marketing authorization.

The results of the preclinical and clinical testing, along with information regarding the manufacturing of the product and proposed product labeling, are evaluated and, if determined appropriate, submitted to the FDA through a license application such as a New Drug Application (“NDA”) or a Biologics License Application (“BLA”). In certain cases, an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) can be filed in lieu of filing an NDA.

There can be no marketing in the United States of any drug, biologic or device for which a marketing application is required until the application is approved by the FDA. Until an application is actually approved, there can be no assurance that the information requested and submitted will be considered adequate by the FDA. Additionally, any significant change in the approved product or in how it is manufactured, including changes in formulation or the site of manufacture, generally require prior FDA approval. The packaging and labeling of all products developed by us are also subject to FDA approval and ongoing regulation.

Whether or not FDA approval has been obtained, approval of a pharmaceutical product by comparable regulatory authorities in other countries outside the United States must be obtained prior to the marketing of the product in those countries. The approval procedure varies from country to country. It can involve additional testing and the time required can differ from that required for FDA approval. Although there are procedures for unified filings for E.U. countries, in general, most other countries have their own procedures and requirements.

Once a product has been approved, significant legal and regulatory requirements apply in order to market a product. In the United States, these include, among other things, requirements related to adverse event and other reporting, product advertising and promotion, and ongoing adherence to cGMP requirements, as well as the need to submit appropriate new or supplemental applications and obtain FDA approval for certain changes to the approved product, product labeling or manufacturing process.

The FDA also enforces the requirements of the Prescription Drug Marketing Act, which, among other things, imposes various requirements in connection with the distribution of product samples to physicians. Sales, marketing and scientific/educational grant programs must comply with the Medicare-Medicaid Anti-Fraud and Abuse Act, as amended, the False Claims Act, as amended, and similar state laws. Pricing and rebate programs must comply with the Medicaid rebate requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended. We are also subject to Section 6002 of the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”), commonly known as the Physician Payment Sunshine Act (“Sunshine Act”) which regulates disclosure of payments to healthcare professionals and providers.

The FCPA and U.K. Bribery Act prohibit companies and their representatives from offering, promising, authorizing or making payments to foreign officials (and certain private individuals under the U.K. Bribery Act) for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business abroad. In many countries, the healthcare professionals we interact with may meet the definition of a foreign government official for purposes of the FCPA. Failure to comply with domestic or foreign laws could result in various adverse consequences, including possible delay in approval or refusal to approve a product, recalls, seizures, withdrawal of an approved product from the market, the imposition of civil or criminal sanctions and the prosecution of executives overseeing our international operations.

Orphan drugs

Under the Orphan Drug Act, the FDA may grant orphan drug designation to drugs intended to treat a rare disease or condition, which is generally defined as a disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States. Orphan drug designation must be requested before submitting an NDA. After the FDA grants orphan drug designation, the generic identity of the drug and its potential orphan use are disclosed publicly by the FDA. Orphan drug designation does not convey any advantage in, or shorten the duration of, the regulatory review and approval process. The first NDA applicant to receive FDA approval for a particular active ingredient to treat a particular disease with FDA orphan drug designation is entitled to a seven-year exclusive marketing period in the United States for that product, for that indication. During the seven-year exclusivity period, the FDA may not approve any other applications to market the same drug for the same orphan indication, except in limited circumstances, such as a showing of clinical superiority to the product with orphan.

Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

We aggressively strive to protect the proprietary technology that we believe is important to our business, including seeking and maintaining domestic and international patents intended to cover our products and compositions, their methods of use and processes for their manufacture and any other inventions that may be commercially important to the development of our business. We also rely on trade secrets to protect aspects of our business. Our competitive position depends on our ability to obtain patents on our technologies and our potential products, to defend our patents, to protect our trade secrets and to operate without infringing valid and enforceable patents or trade secrets of others. We seek licenses from others as appropriate to enhance or maintain our competitive position.

Following the separation and distribution, we will own or hold licenses to, a number of issued patents and U.S. pending patent applications, as well as foreign patents and pending Patent Cooperation Treaty applications and foreign counterparts.

In connection with our program targeting AL and AA amyloid for the potential treatment of amyloidosis, we own US Patent No. 7,928,203, which is a composition of matter patent and expires in 2029 and US Patent No. 8,268,973, which is a composition of matter patent and expires in 2028. We also have ownership rights in US Patent No. 8,124,081, which is a method of treatment patent and expires in 2020. In addition, we jointly own with the University of Tennessee patent applications pending in the United States Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Eurasia, Europe, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, India, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Norway, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore and South Africa, and have exclusively licensed the University of Tennessee's joint ownership interest in these patent applications. We also hold exclusive, royalty-free sublicenses from affiliates of Elan under US and foreign patent rights owned by Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy relating to immunotherapeutic approaches targeting misfolding proteins other than amyloid beta peptide.

In connection with our program targeting synuclein for the potential treatment of Parkinson's disease and other synucleinopathies, immediately prior to the distribution, we will own or hold an exclusive, royalty-free license from affiliates of Elan to US Patent No. 7,910,333, which is a composition of matter patent and expires in 2024, and we will own or hold non-exclusive royalty-free licenses from affiliates of Elan under patent rights relating to research tools such as animal models and assay technology in support of our programs relating to synucleinopathies and Alzheimer's disease. In addition, we jointly own with the University of California San Diego US Patent Nos. 7,919,088, 8,092,801 and 8,147,833, which are method of treatment patents and expire in 2025, 2029 and 2027, respectively.

We also own patent applications relating to AL and AA, synuclein, MCAM and various discovery programs that are pending in the United States and other countries, which, if issued, would have expiration dates in the range of 2020 through 2032, excluding any available patent term adjustment.

Competition

The pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive. Our principal competitors consist of major international companies, all of which are larger and have greater financial resources, technical staff, manufacturing, R&D and marketing capabilities than we have. We also compete with smaller research companies and generic drug and biosimilar manufacturers. The degree of competition varies for each of Prothena's programs.

A drug may be subject to competition from alternative therapies during the period of patent protection or regulatory exclusivity and, thereafter, it may be subject to further competition from generic products or biosimilars. Governmental and other pressures toward the dispensing of generic products or biosimilars may rapidly and significantly reduce, slow or reverse the growth in, sales and profitability of any product not protected by patents or regulatory exclusivity, and may adversely affect our future results and financial condition. If we ever successfully discover, develop and commercialize any products, the launch of competitive products, including generic or biosimilar versions of any such products, may have a material adverse effect on our revenues and results of operations.

Our competitive position depends, in part, upon our ability to discover and develop innovative, cost-effective new products. If we fail to discover and develop new products, our business, financial condition and results of operations will be materially and adversely affected.

Product Supply

While supplies of raw materials and clinical supplies of our main product candidate are generally available in quantities adequate to meet the needs of our business; we are dependent on Boehringer Ingelheim to manufacture our clinical supplies of NEOD001. An inability to obtain product supply could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Research and Development Services

Following the distribution, we intend to pursue opportunities to perform research and development services for unrelated parties with whom we are otherwise collaborating, using compensation arrangements that are consistent with industry arrangements between unrelated parties. These services will be substantially similar to research services performed by Prothena for Elan prior to the separation and distribution, and we project to earn at least approximately \$100,000 of annual revenues for the performance of these services. We also may earn income through licensing agreements and other types of transactions.

Employees

Following the Prothena Transactions, we estimate that we will have approximately 45 employees, of whom approximately 24 will be engaged in R&D activities and the remainder will work in general and administrative areas.

Legal Proceedings

We are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings.

Facilities

We occupy approximately 27,550 square feet of leased office and laboratory space located at 650 Gateway Boulevard in South San Francisco, California (Telephone: 650-837-8550). The term of our lease extends into 2020. We believe that our facility is sufficient to meet our current needs and that suitable additional space will be available as and when needed.

Our Directors and Executive Officers

Set forth below is certain information concerning the board of directors and the executive officers of the Company upon completion of the separation and distribution. We are currently in the process of identifying the other persons who will serve as our directors or executive officers after the separation and distribution, and we will provide details regarding these individuals in an amendment to this information statement.

Name	Age	Position
Lars Ekman	62	Chairman of the Board
Dale Schenk	55	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer
Ted Yednock	55	Chief Scientific Officer
Gene Kinney	44	Head of Research and Development
John Randall Fawcett	39	Controller

Dr. Lars Ekman will serve as Chairman of the Board of Prothena. He was previously appointed a director of Elan in May 2005. He transitioned from his role as Elan's president of R&D in 2007 to serve solely as a non-executive director. He joined Elan as executive vice president and president, global R&D, in 2001. Prior to joining Elan, Dr. Ekman was executive vice president, R&D, at Schwarz Pharma AG since 1997. From 1984 to 1997, Dr. Ekman was employed in a variety of senior scientific and clinical functions at Pharmacia (now Pfizer). Dr. Ekman is a board certified surgeon with a PhD in experimental biology and has held several clinical and academic positions in both the United States and Europe. He obtained his PhD and MD from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. He serves as an executive partner to Sofinnova Ventures and as an advisor to Warburg Pincus. He is a director of Amarin Corporation, plc., Cebix Incorporated, InterMune, Inc., Ocera Inc and chairman of the board of Protox Therapeutics Inc.

Dr. Dale Schenk will serve as a Director and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Prothena. He was previously appointed the Head of Neotope Biosciences in March 2009, in addition to his role as Chief Scientific Officer and Executive Vice President at Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., to which he was promoted in August 2007 from his role as Chief Scientific Officer and Senior Vice President at Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to which he was appointed in November 2004. In his roles at Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. he provided the leadership and scientific direction for Elan's research and development programs. Prior to joining Elan, Dr. Schenk was a founding scientist of Athena Neurosciences which was acquired by Elan Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Schenk has pioneered the immunotherapeutic approach for the treatment of amyloidosis, as exemplified for Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Schenk's work in this area — as well as in early detection, testing and other pathways to the disease — has led to the most advanced potential treatment approaches for Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Schenk earned his BA and PhD in Pharmacology and Physiology from the University of California, San Diego.

Dr. Ted Yednock will serve as Chief Scientific Officer of Prothena. He was previously the Head of Global Research for Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., originally appointed in 2005 at the Senior Vice President level and then promoted to Executive Vice President in 2007. Prior to Elan, Dr. Yednock was with Athena Neurosciences, where he initiated research on cell adhesion and multiple sclerosis leading to the development of Tysabri®, a marketed monoclonal antibody with 2011 sales exceeding \$1.5 billion. Dr. Yednock has also contributed to the invention or progression of more than a dozen drugs in the areas of rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, pain and Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Yednock earned his BS in Biology and Chemistry from the University of Illinois and his PhD in Anatomy and Cell Biology from UCSF.

Dr. Gene Kinney will serve as Head of Research and Development of Prothena. He was previously the Senior Vice President of Pharmacological Sciences for Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from April 2011, and Vice President, Pharmacology for Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from June 2009 to April 2011. Gene also served as Head of Nonclinical Research for Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy R&D from September 2009 to October 2012. Prior to joining Elan, Dr. Kinney was Senior Director, Head of Central Pharmacology and acting lead for Bioanalytics & Pathology at the Merck Research Laboratories. During his tenure at Merck, Dr. Kinney contributed to the strategic direction and oversight of drug discovery activities and led a number of nonclinical discovery and clinical development programs targeted for the treatment of neurodegenerative (e.g., Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease) and psychiatric conditions (e.g., schizophrenia and depression). Dr. Kinney has also held positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb and was an Assistant Professor at the Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Kinney earned his BA from Bloomsburg University and his MA and PhD from Florida Atlantic University.

Mr. John Randall Fawcett will serve as Controller of Prothena. He was previously the Senior Director, Financial Planning and Analysis (FP&A) for Elan Pharmaceuticals from March 2012, and Director, FP&A for Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from July 2009 to March 2012. For the past eight years he has held finance roles of increasing responsibility in the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical industries. Before joining Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Mr. Fawcett worked at C.V. Therapeutics (now Gilead Sciences) for five years in various financial roles. Prior to earning his MBA, Mr. Fawcett spent seven years in the lab studying Alzheimer's Disease. He is co-inventor on multiple patents related to this work. Mr. Fawcett earned his BA in Biology from Princeton University and MBA from the University of California, Davis. Mr. Fawcett is also an officer in the United States Army Reserve. He currently holds the rank of Major and has held command and staff positions of increasing responsibility through his 17 year career, including a successful deployment to Iraq.

Structure of the Board of Directors

At the time of the distribution, we expect that our board of directors will consist of [•] directors. We expect that upon consummation of the separation and distribution, our board of directors will adopt, as part of our corporate governance guidelines, categorical independence standards for our directors based on Nasdaq listing standards and the SEC rules and regulations. The guidelines will contain the categorical standards our board uses to make its determination as to the materiality of the relationships of each of our directors. We expect that our board will have at least a majority of independent directors as defined in the Nasdaq listing rules and the SEC rules and regulations.

Executive Sessions of Independent Board Members

We expect that the independent members of the board of directors will meet regularly without the presence of management. If there are any non-management directors who are not independent, the independent members will meet at least twice a year. These sessions will normally be held following or in conjunction with regular board meetings. We expect to name a director to act as the presiding director during executive sessions.

Committees of the Board of Directors

We expect that our board of directors will have the following three committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our committees will operate under written charters, which together with other corporate governance documents, as described below under “Corporate Governance Documents” will be available under the Corporate Governance section of our website.

Audit Committee

We expect that the Audit Committee will help the board in its general oversight of the Company’s accounting and financial reporting practices, internal controls and audit functions, and will be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent auditors.

We expect that the core responsibilities of the Audit Committee will include reviewing and reporting to the board on:

- Matters relating to the periodic financial reporting prepared by the Company;
- Determining and approving the engagement and remuneration of the independent auditors;
- The independent auditors’ qualifications, performance and independence;
- The performance of the internal auditor and the corporate compliance functions;
- Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- The Company’s overall framework for internal control over financial reporting and other internal controls and processes; and
- The Company’s overall framework for risk management.

We expect that the Audit Committee will oversee the maintenance and review of the Company’s securities trading policy, Related Party Transaction Policy and code of conduct. The Audit Committee will establish procedures for the receipt and handling of complaints concerning accounting or audit matters.

We expect that the Audit Committee will appoint and agree on the compensation for the independent external auditors subject, in each case, to the approval of the Company’s shareholders at general meeting. It will monitor the rotation of partners of the independent auditors on our audit engagement team as required by applicable laws and rules. It will maintain policies and procedures for the pre-approval of all audit services and permitted non-audit services undertaken by the independent external auditor. The principal purpose of these policies and procedures will be to ensure that the independence of the independent external auditor is not impaired. The policies and procedures will cover three categories of work: audit services, audit-related services and non-audit services. We expect that the pre-approval procedures will permit certain audit, audit-related and non-audit services to be performed by the independent external auditor during the year subject to fee limits agreed with the Audit Committee in advance. The authority to approve, between Audit Committee meetings, work in excess of the pre-agreed fee limits will be delegated to members of the Audit Committee if required. Regular reports to the full Audit Committee will also be provided for and, in practice, will be a standing agenda item at Audit Committee meetings.

Compensation Committee

We expect that the Compensation Committee will review the Company’s compensation philosophy and policies with respect to executive and director compensation, fringe benefits and other compensation matters. The Compensation Committee will determine, among other things, the compensation, terms and conditions of employment of the chief executive officer (the “CEO”) and other

executive directors, and it will evaluate our CEO's performance in light of relevant individual and corporate goals and objectives. In addition, the Compensation Committee will review and approve the individual and corporate goals and objectives of our other executive officers, as appropriate, that are periodically established and determine and approve the compensation and other terms of employment of these executive officers. The Compensation Committee will also exercise all the powers of the board of directors to issue ordinary shares of Prothena on the exercise of share options and vesting of restricted stock units ("RSUs") and to generally administer our equity award plans.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

We expect that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will oversee all aspects of our corporate governance functions on behalf of our board of directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review, on an ongoing basis, the membership of the board of directors and of the board committees and the performance of the directors. It will identify, review and evaluate new appointments to fill any vacancy that is anticipated or arises on the board of directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review and make recommendations to the board of directors regarding corporate governance issues, including changes in the functions of the various committees of the board, succession plans for executive officers, director nominations and proposals by our shareholders and the policies, requirements, criteria and procedures in furtherance of the foregoing. The guidelines and the charter of the committee will set out the manner in which the performance evaluation of the board, its committees and the directors is to be performed and by whom. We expect that during each year, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review the membership of the board's committees and recommended changes as appropriate.

Nomination Process for Election of Directors

We expect that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review, on an ongoing basis, the membership of the board of directors and of the board committees and the performance of the directors. We expect that it will recommend new appointments to fill any vacancy that is anticipated or arises on the board of directors. All candidates will need to meet the requirements that we will specify in our corporate governance guidelines. Candidates who will meet those requirements and otherwise qualify for membership on our board of directors are identified, and the committee will initiate contact with preferred candidates. We expect that the committee will regularly report to the board of directors on the progress of the committee's efforts. The committee will meet to consider and approve final candidates who will then be presented to the board of directors for consideration and approval. Our chairman or the chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee would extend an invitation to join the board of directors.

Although we have not adopted a formal policy on diversity, we expect that our board of directors will consider the diversity, age, skills, and experience of the candidates in the context of the overall needs of the board of directors and evaluate diversity in a broad sense, recognizing the benefits of racial and gender diversity, but also considering the breadth of backgrounds, professional skills, and business experiences that directors and candidates may bring to our board of directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is expected to rely primarily on recommendations from management and members of the board of directors to identify director nominee candidates. However, we expect that the committee will consider timely written suggestions from shareholders. Such suggestions and the nominee's consent to being nominated, together with appropriate biographical information (including principal occupation for the previous five years, business and residential addresses, and educational background) and other relevant information outlined in our Memorandum and Articles of Association, will be required to be submitted in writing to our corporate secretary in compliance with our Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Our Compensation Committee will be composed of independent directors. We anticipate that no member of the Compensation Committee will be a former or current officer or employee of us or any of our subsidiaries. In addition, we anticipate that none of our executive officers will serve (i) as a member of the compensation committee or board of directors of another entity, one of whose executive officers serves on the Compensation Committee, or (ii) as a member of the compensation committee of another entity, one of whose executive officers serves on our board of directors.

Role of the Board of Directors in Risk Oversight

The board of directors will be responsible for the oversight of risk, while management will be responsible for the day-to-day management of risk. The board of directors, directly and through its committees, will carry out its oversight role by regularly reviewing and discussing with management the risks inherent in the operation of our business and applicable risk mitigation efforts. Management will meet regularly to discuss our business strategies, challenges, risks and opportunities and will review those items with the board of directors at regularly scheduled meetings.

We do not believe that our expected compensation policies and practices will encourage excessive and unnecessary risk-taking. The anticipated design of our compensation policies and practices will encourage employees to remain focused on both short- and long-term financial and operational goals. For example, we expect that our cash bonus plans will measure performance on an annual basis but will be based on a wide variety of factors and will be subject to the Compensation Committee's judgment and discretion. In addition, we expect that our equity awards will typically vest over a number of years, which we believe encourages employees to focus on sustained share price appreciation over an extended period of time instead of on short-term financial results.

Communication with the Board of Directors

Our board of directors will adopt policies designed to allow shareholders and other interested parties to communicate directly with an individual director or with the independent or non-management directors as a group. Any interested party may write to the individual director or group by sending such communication to our corporate secretary. Our corporate secretary will forward shareholder communications to our chairman and any other director to whom the communications are directed. In order to facilitate an efficient and reliable means for directors to receive all legitimate communications directed to them regarding our governance or operations, our corporate secretary will use his or her discretion to refrain from forwarding the following: sales literature; defamatory material regarding us and/or our directors; incoherent or inflammatory correspondence, particularly when such correspondence is repetitive and was addressed previously in some manner; and other correspondence unrelated to the board of directors' corporate governance and oversight responsibilities.

Corporate Governance Documents

Overview

We expect to adopt various documents setting forth principles of corporate governance, standards of business conduct, and principles of ethics supporting our goal of creating long-term shareholder value and conducting our business with integrity. We expect that all of our corporate governance materials, including our corporate governance guidelines, our code of conduct and board committee charters, will be published under the Corporate Governance section of our website. These materials are expected to be available also in print to any shareholder without charge upon request to our corporate secretary. We expect that our board of directors will regularly review these materials, Irish law, the rules and listing standards of Nasdaq and SEC rules and regulations, as well as best practices suggested by recognized governance authorities, and modify the materials as warranted.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

We expect to adopt corporate governance guidelines that will set forth our practices and policies with respect to the composition of board of directors and selection of directors, meetings, executive sessions, and committees of our board of directors, the expectations we have of our directors, selection of the Chief Executive Officer, management succession, and board of directors' self-evaluation.

Code of Conduct

We expect to adopt written standards of business conduct, applicable to all corporate officers and employees, setting forth our expectations for the conduct of business by corporate officers and employees. We also expect that our directors will adopt, and will be required to abide by, our code of conduct. We intend to post these documents and any waivers from these documents relating to any of our corporate officers or directors on our website.

Related Party Transactions

We expect to adopt a Related Party Transaction Policy, as described in "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions."

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following summary compensation table shows, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, information regarding the compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to our three named executive officers.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)*	Bonus (\$)	Stock awards \$(1)	Option awards \$(1)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation \$(2)	Nonqualified deferred compensation earnings \$(3)	All other compensation \$(4)	Total (\$)
Dale Schenk, PhD (5) <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>	2011	\$449,423	—	\$274,999	\$825,000	\$ 500,000	—	\$ 15,838	\$2,065,260
	2010	\$374,769	—	\$299,999	\$299,998	\$ 320,000	—	\$ 16,252	\$1,311,018
Ted Yednock, PhD (5) <i>Chief Scientific Officer</i>	2011	\$436,635	—	\$549,998	\$549,999	\$ 500,000	—	\$ 15,803	\$2,052,435
	2010	\$335,231	—	\$237,500	\$237,501	\$ 320,000	—	\$ 18,031	\$1,148,263
Gene Kinney, PhD (5) <i>Head of Research & Development</i>	2011	\$175,961	—	\$300,002	\$476,326	\$ 200,000	—	\$ 18,308	\$1,170,597
	2010	\$162,604	—	\$250,000	—	\$ 75,000	—	\$ 11,223	\$ 498,827

- (1) The amounts in these columns represent the full grant date value of each restricted stock unit or option award calculated in accordance with the accounting guidance for stock compensation. The value of option awards has been determined using the binomial option pricing model.
- (2) Represents annual incentive earned in the year specified, and paid out in the following year.
- (3) There were no above-market or preferential earnings on deferred compensation.
- (4) This amount includes employer 401(k) contributions and cost of life insurance. Employer 401(k) contributions were \$10,780 in 2011 and \$11,025 in 2010 for each of Messrs. Schenk and Yednock, respectively, and \$10,522 in 2011 and \$6,868 in 2010 for Mr. Kinney. The aggregate cost of group term, group variable, universal, and dependent life insurance did not exceed \$10,000 in either year for any executive.
- (5) In 2010 and 2011, Messrs. Schenk, Yednock, and Kinney were dual employees of Elan and Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy Research & Development, LLC. For Messrs. Schenk and Yednock, their service to Elan represented 95% of their full-time employment, while Mr. Kinney's service to Elan represented 60% of his full-time employment. The amounts above reflect compensation provided by Elan only.

Prothena 2013 Compensation

Following the separation and distribution, compensation for Prothena executives will consist of the following:

- Base salary;
- Annual incentive opportunity;
- Long-term incentives in the form of stock options under the Prothena long-term incentive plan.

The compensation of executive officers for Elan service has historically been competitive against its market. In setting compensation for the executive officers, the Compensation Committee will consider market median levels for all compensation elements in order to more closely align with typical practices among publicly traded biotechnology companies of a similar size, balanced with a consideration of executives' responsibilities and individual experience. For base salary, this likely will result in reductions to Messrs. Schenk's and Yednock's current Elan base salaries. Mr. Kinney's base salary will likely reflect his expanded role and scope of responsibilities. Similarly, stock option awards to the executive officers will be determined in consideration of both the total equity pool reserved for initial and future equity awards to employees, as well as the percentage of total shares outstanding that is typically awarded to executive officers upon the initial public offering of publicly traded biotechnology companies of a similar size.

The following table shows certain information regarding outstanding equity awards held by the three named executive officers as of December 31, 2011.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

Name (a)	Grant Date (b)	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
		Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) exercisable (1) (c)	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) unexercisable (1) (d)	Option Exercise Price (\$)(1) (e)	Option expiration date (\$) (f)	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested (#) (g)	Market value of shares or units of stock that have not vested (\$)(2) (h)
Dale Schenk, PhD	3/10/04	25,000	0	\$ 16.27	3/9/2014		
	2/1/06	17,956	0	\$ 15.90	1/31/2016		
	2/21/07	92,125	0	\$ 13.95	2/20/2017		
	2/14/08	29,301	9,767(3)	\$ 25.01	2/13/2018	5,498(6)	\$ 75,543
	2/11/09	101,654	0(4)	\$ 7.75	2/10/2019		
	2/11/10	25,669	51,336(5)	\$ 7.05	2/10/2020	28,368(7)	\$ 389,776
	2/9/11	0	277,121(5)	\$ 6.80	2/8/2021	40,441(7)	\$ 555,659
Ted Yednock, PhD	3/10/04	50,000	0	\$ 16.27	3/9/2014		
	2/21/05	10,500	0	\$ 27.65	2/20/2015		
	3/10/05	20,000	0	\$ 7.47	3/9/2015		
	12/7/05	15,000	0	\$ 12.03	12/6/2015		
	2/1/06	97,846	0	\$ 15.90	1/31/2016		
	2/21/07	138,187	0	\$ 13.95	2/20/2017		
	2/14/08	37,292	12,431(3)	\$ 25.01	2/13/2018	6,998(6)	\$ 96,153
	2/11/09	101,654	0(4)	\$ 7.75	2/10/2019		
	2/11/10	20,321	40,642(5)	\$ 7.05	2/10/2020	22,458(7)	\$ 308,573
	2/9/11	0	184,747(5)	\$ 6.80	2/8/2021	80,882(7)	\$ 1,111,319
Gene Kinney, PhD	7/1/09	12,500	12,500(3)	\$ 7.00	6/30/2019		
	2/11/10					23,640(7)	\$ 324,814
	2/9/11					44,118(7)	\$ 606,181
	9/14/11	0	160,000(5)	\$ 9.78	9/13/2021		

- (1) The amounts in these columns reflect the number of outstanding options and restricted stock units as of December 31, 2011.
- (2) The amounts in this column represent the closing market price of our ordinary shares as of December 30, 2011 (\$13.74) multiplied by the number of restricted stock units awarded.
- (3) These options have a ten-year term and vest in equal annual installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) These options have a ten-year term and vest in one installment 30 months after the grant date.
- (5) These options have a ten-year term and vest in equal annual installments over three years on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (6) These restricted stock unit awards vest in equal annual installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (7) These restricted stock unit awards vest in equal annual installments over three years on the anniversary of the grant date.

Elan Pharmaceuticals 401(k) Savings Plan. Historically, the Prothena named executive officers were eligible to participate in the Elan Pharmaceuticals 401(k) Savings (the “401(k) Plan”), a tax-qualified retirement plan under Code Sections 401(a) and 401(k). The 401(k) Plan has a safe harbor design under which Elan makes a non-elective quarterly contribution equal to a percentage of the employee’s eligible contribution if the eligible employee was employed at any time during the calendar quarter. Further, Elan may make a discretionary matching contribution to employees who contribute to the 401(k) Plan and are employed on the last day of the plan year. Employees may request a loan and/or hardship distribution from the 401(k) Plan.

Following the separation and distribution, it is expected Prothena will maintain a defined contribution plan with an elective deferral feature and provide a discretionary matching contribution to eligible employee who contribute to the plan.

Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan. Historically, the Prothena named executive officers were eligible to participate in the Elan Pharmaceuticals Deferred Compensation Plan (the “DCP”), an account balance tax deferral plan. The DCP permits eligible executives with an annual base salary and target bonus in excess of the Code Section 401(a)(17) limit to defer up to 85% of their annual base salary or 100% of their bonus compensation into a retirement and/or in-service account. Participants’ account will be credited or debited for earnings or losses based on the earnings or losses on the investment funds selected by the participant. A participant’s account is fully vested at all times. Withdrawals under the plan are available on payment dates elected by participants at the time of their deferral election. A participant may, however, change the payment form of their in-service account subject to Code Section 409A restrictions. A participant’s deferral is irrevocable except in cases of demonstrated hardship due to an unforeseeable emergency as provided in the DCP. Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. makes contributions to a rabbi trust to assist it in satisfying its liabilities under the DCP.

Following the separation and distribution, it is expected that Prothena will not maintain a deferred compensation plan for its executives.

Severance Benefits. Athena Neurosciences, Inc. maintains the Elan U.S. Severance Plan (the “Severance Plan”) for the benefit of employees of certain of its affiliates, including Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Historically, the Prothena named executive officers have been eligible to participate in the Severance Plan, which provides severance benefits upon certain involuntary terminations prior to a change in control of Elan and enhanced severance benefits upon an involuntary termination upon, or within two years following, a change in control of Elan. The severance benefits payable to an executive officer on account of an involuntary termination prior to a change in control include (i) a lump sum amount equal to (a) 78 weeks of the executive’s base salary, plus (b) the executive’s target bonus for the current year, (ii) subsidized health care continuation for 18 months following the termination date and (iii) outplacement assistance for 12 months following the termination date. To the extent that the involuntary termination occurs upon, or with two years following, a change of control of Elan, the an executive would be eligible to receive the same benefits as if the involuntary termination occurred prior to the change in control, but the lump sum severance payment would be equal to two and five tenths times the sum of (x) 52 weeks of the executive’s base salary, plus (y) the executives’ target bonus for the current year. In addition, upon an involuntary termination following a change in control, the vesting of all outstanding equity awards will accelerate. The Prothena named executive officers will not receive severance benefits in connection with the transactions.

Through calendar year 2013, the Prothena named executive officers are expected to be eligible to receive severance pay and benefits substantially equivalent in the aggregate to what they would have received under the Severance Plan. Beginning 2014, it is expected that the Prothena severance plan will be conformed to market practice for publicly traded biotechnology companies of a similar size.

Long Term Incentive Plan. The Prothena named executive officers hold stock options to purchase Elan ADSs and RSUs representing the right to receive Elan ADSs upon settlement, subject to the terms of the Elan equity incentive plans. The Elan equity incentive plans are omnibus plans that provide for the award of stock options, stock appreciation rights, RSUs, performance units, dividend equivalents and other share-based awards to certain services providers of Elan, including employees, consultants and non-employee directors. The Elan equity incentive plans do not specify vesting or exercisability schedules. Rather, any applicable vesting or exercisability schedule is set forth in the individual award agreement approved by the LDCC.

It is expected that Prothena will adopt a long term incentive plan similar to the Elan equity incentive plans. The total number of Prothena ordinary shares that will be available for issuance under the Prothena long term incentive plan is expected to be approximately 15% of the outstanding Prothena shares as of the transaction and it is expected that initial awards will be in the form of stock options only.

Annual Cash Incentive. Elan maintains an annual incentive plan. At the beginning of each year, the LDCC sets a maximum pool, target and maximum awards and objective corporate goals while Elan's Chief Executive Officer sets objective department goals and department managers set individual performance goals. After the end of the year, the LDCC reviews the results and establishes the actual overall bonus pool, not in excess of the maximum. Individuals receive varying awards based on their individual performance and target awards (and LDCC discretion).

Following the separation and distribution, it is expected that Prothena will establish a similar plan with goals based upon its business plan and individual responsibilities.

Director Compensation

Following the separation and distribution, director compensation will be determined by our board of directors with the assistance of the committee responsible for executive compensation, which we expect to be the Compensation Committee. After consulting with our independent compensation consultants, Mercer, Elan's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer approved Prothena's director compensation. Initially, we expect to pay directors an annual cash retainer of \$39,000, based on the median cash retainer paid by the companies in our peer group, plus an additional \$10,000 to recognize time and travel requirements to Ireland, where a majority of the board meetings will be held. We will grant all newly elected directors an option to purchase 50,000 Prothena ordinary shares, which will cover an initial equity grant and all equity grants for the next three years, similar to the equity compensation approach that we expect to follow for Prothena employees. We do not expect to grant ongoing equity compensation at this time, but future grants may be considered upon reelection or completion of milestones.

In lieu of the cash retainer and equity compensation described above, the chair of the board of directors is expected to receive an annual cash retainer of \$54,000, based on the median cash retainer paid by the companies in our peer group, plus an additional \$10,000 to recognize time and travel requirements to Ireland for board meetings, and an initial option grant to purchase 125,000 Prothena ordinary shares.

Committee members, other than the chairs of each committee, will receive the following additional cash retainers: Audit Committee member—\$7,500; Compensation Committee member—\$5,000 and Nominating and Governance Committee member—\$3,000. The committee chairs will receive the following additional cash retainers: Audit Committee chair—\$15,000; Compensation Committee chair—\$10,000 and Nominating and Governance Committee chair—\$6,000.

We also expect that we will pay the premiums on directors' and officers' liability and travel accident insurance policies insuring our directors, and expect to reimburse directors for their expenses incurred in connection with board meetings.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

This table shows the number and percentage of our ordinary shares that is expected to be owned of record and beneficially following the distribution by each expected director and each expected executive officer of Prothena, and the expected directors and executive officers as a group. The table also shows the name, address and the number and percentage of shares owned by persons who we believe will be the beneficial owner more than five (5%) percent of our ordinary shares at the time of the distribution, based on publicly available information. All information in the table is based upon information available to Elan as of [•] 2012 as to the ownership of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs and is presented as if the separation and distribution has occurred prior to the dates of ownership information used in the table. Unless indicated otherwise, each beneficial owner is expected to have sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares included.

<u>Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Shares Beneficially Owned</u>	<u>% of Shares Outstanding</u>
Elan (1) Treasury Building Lower Grand Canal Street Dublin 2, Ireland		18%
Janssen Pharmaceuticals (2) 1125 Trenton-Harbourton Road P.O. Box 200 Titusville, NJ 08560		14.84%
Fidelity Management and Research Company (3) 82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109		9.12%
Invesco Limited (4) Two Peachtree Pointe 1555 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 1800 Atlanta, GA 30309		7.42%
Wellington Management (5) 280 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210		5.53%
Lars Ekman		
Dale Schenk		
Ted Yednock		
Gene Kinney		
John Randall Fawcett		
All directors and officers as a group ([•] persons)		

- (1) Prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [1] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. Immediately after the consummation of Elan's subscription for Prothena ordinary shares, the incorporator shares will be mandatorily redeemed, and cancelled by Prothena for their subscription price. Elan has agreed to cause the vote of any of our ordinary shares that its wholly-owned subsidiary subscribes for immediately following the separation and distribution in proportion to the votes cast by our other shareholders and will grant us a proxy with respect to such shares. See "Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena – Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement."
- (2) As reported on the Form TR-1 filed with the ISE on September 18, 2009, Janssen Pharmaceutical has direct voting rights with respect to [•] shares and indirect voting rights with respect to [•] shares.
- (3) As reported on the Form TR-1 filed with the ISE on September 12, 2012, Fidelity Management and Research Company has direct voting rights with respect to [•] shares and indirect voting rights with respect to [•] shares.

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- (4) As reported on the Form TR-1 filed with the ISE on September 25, 2012, Invesco Limited has direct voting rights with respect to [•] shares and indirect voting rights with respect to [•] shares.
 - (5) As reported on the Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 14, 2012, Wellington Management has sole voting power with respect to [•] shares, shared voting power with respect to [•] shares, and sole dispositive power with respect to [•] shares.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

We will adopt a related party transaction policy (“Related Party Transaction Policy”) that sets forth our procedures for the identification, review, consideration and approval or ratification of “related-person transactions.” For purposes of our policy only, a “related-person transaction” is a transaction, arrangement or relationship (or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships) in which we and any “related person” are, were or will be participants in which the amount involves exceeds \$120,000. Transactions involving compensation for services provided to us as an employee or director are not covered by this policy. A “related person” is any executive officer, director or beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities, including any of their immediate family members and any entity owned or controlled by such persons.

Under the policy, if a transaction has been identified as a related-person transaction (including any transaction that was not a related-person transaction when originally consummated or any transaction that was not initially identified as a related-person transaction prior to consummation), our management must present information regarding the related-person transaction to our audit committee (or, if audit committee approval would be inappropriate, to another independent body of our board of directors) for review, consideration and approval or ratification. The presentation must include a description of, among other things, the material facts, the interests, direct and indirect, of the related persons, the benefits to us of the transaction and whether the transaction is on terms that are comparable to the terms available to or from, as the case may be, an unrelated third party or to or from employees generally. Under the policy, we will, on an annual basis, collect information that our General Counsel deems reasonably necessary from each director, executive officer and (to the extent feasible) significant shareholder to enable us to identify any existing or potential related-person transactions and to effectuate the terms of the policy. In addition, under our code of conduct, our employees and directors have an affirmative responsibility to disclose any transaction or relationship that reasonably could be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest to our General Counsel, or, if the employee is an executive officer, to our board of directors. In considering related-person transactions, our audit committee (or other independent body of our board of directors) will take into account the relevant available facts and circumstances including, but not limited to, the risks, costs and benefits to us, the terms of the transaction, the availability of other sources for comparable services or products and, if applicable the impact on a director’s independence in the event that the related person is a director, immediate family member of a director or an entity with which a director is affiliated.

The policy requires that, in determining whether to approve, ratify or reject a related-person transaction, our audit committee (or other independent body of our board of directors) must consider, in light of known circumstances, whether the transaction is, or is not inconsistent with, our best interests and those of our shareholders, as our audit committee (or other independent body of our board of directors) determines in the good faith exercise of its discretion.

For information about arrangements about arrangements between Elan and Prothena, see “Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena.”

DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

We have summarized below the material terms of our share capital that are expected to be in effect following the distribution. You are encouraged to read our Memorandum and Articles of Association that we expect to be in effect following the distribution, and which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this information statement is a part, for greater detail on the provisions that may be important to you.

The following description of our ordinary shares and Euro deferred shares is a summary. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Irish Companies Acts of 1963 to 2012 (the “Companies Acts”) and the complete text of Prothena’s Memorandum and Articles of Association, which are filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Prothena’s Form 10 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on [•], 2012. You should read those laws and documents carefully.

Capital Structure

Authorized Share Capital

The authorized share capital of Prothena is \$1,000,000 and €220,000, consisting of 100,000,000 ordinary shares with a par value of \$0.01 per share and 10,000 Euro deferred shares with a par value of €22 per share.

Prothena may issue shares subject to the maximum authorized share capital contained in Prothena’s Articles of Association. The authorized share capital may be increased or reduced by a resolution approved by a simple majority of the votes cast at a general meeting of Prothena’s shareholders (referred to under Irish law as an “ordinary resolution”). The shares comprising the authorized share capital of Prothena may be divided into shares of such nominal value as the resolution shall prescribe. As a matter of Irish law, the directors of a company may issue new ordinary or Euro deferred shares without shareholder approval once authorized to do so by the Articles of Association or by an ordinary resolution adopted by the shareholders at a general meeting. The authorization may be granted for a maximum period of five years, at which point it must be renewed by the shareholders by an ordinary resolution.

Prothena’s Articles of Association authorize Prothena’s board of directors to issue new ordinary and Euro deferred shares for cash without shareholder approval for a period of five years from the date of adoption of such Articles of Association, which adoption was effective on [•], 2012.

The rights and restrictions to which Prothena’s ordinary shares and Euro deferred shares are subject are prescribed in Prothena’s Articles of Association. Prothena may, by ordinary resolution and without obtaining any vote or consent of the holders of any class or series of shares, unless expressly provided by the terms of that class or series of shares, provide from time to time for the issuance of other classes or series of shares and to establish the characteristics of each class or series, including the number of shares, designations, relative voting rights, dividend rights, liquidation and other rights, redemption, repurchase or exchange rights and any other preferences and relative, participating, optional or other rights and limitations not inconsistent with applicable law.

Irish law does not recognize fractional shares held of record. Accordingly, Prothena’s Articles of Association do not provide for the issuance of fractional shares of Prothena, and the official Irish share register of Prothena will not reflect any fractional shares. Whenever an alteration, reorganization consolidation, division, or subdivision of the share capital of Prothena would result in any Company shareholder becoming entitled to fractions of a share, Prothena’s board of directors may, on behalf of those shareholders that would become entitled to fractions of a share, sell the shares representing the fractions for the best price reasonably obtainable, to any person and distribute the proceeds of the sale in due proportion among those members.

Issued Share Capital

We expect that on the distribution date, our issued share capital will be €38,500, comprised of 1,750 Euro deferred shares with a par value of €22 per share. Immediately after the separation and distribution and after Elan subscribes for an aggregate of [•] ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena, and based on the number of outstanding Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs as of [1], 2012, we expect that our issued share capital will be US\$ [•] comprised of approximately [1] ordinary shares with a par value of \$0.01 per share outstanding. Any Euro deferred share outstanding shall be mandatorily redeemed immediately after the separation and distribution and the subscription of [—] ordinary shares in Prothena to a wholly owned subsidiary of Elan, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription). We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares approved for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “[1].”

Preemption Rights, Share Warrants and Share Options

Under Irish law, certain statutory preemption rights apply automatically in favor of shareholders where shares are to be issued for cash. However, Prothena has opted out of these preemption rights in its Articles of Association as permitted under Irish law. Because Irish law requires this opt-out to be renewed every five years by a resolution approved by not less than 75% of the votes cast at a general meeting of Prothena's shareholders (referred to under Irish law as a "special resolution"), Prothena's Articles of Association provide that this opt-out must be so renewed. If the opt-out is not renewed, shares issued for cash must be offered to existing shareholders of Prothena on a *pro rata* basis to their existing shareholding before the shares may be issued to any new shareholders. The statutory preemption rights do not apply (i) where shares are issued for non-cash consideration (such as in a stock-for-stock acquisition), (ii) to the issue of non-equity shares (that is, shares that have the right to participate only up to a specified amount in any income or capital distribution) or (iii) where shares are issued pursuant to an employee stock option or similar equity plan.

Prothena's Articles of Association provide that, subject to any shareholder approval requirement under any laws, regulations or the rules of any stock exchange to which Prothena is subject, Prothena's board of directors is authorized, from time to time, in its discretion, to grant such persons, for such periods and upon such terms as it deems advisable, options to purchase such number of shares of any class or classes or of any series of any class as Prothena's board of directors may deem advisable, and to cause warrants or other appropriate instruments evidencing such options to be issued. The Companies Acts provide that directors may issue share warrants or options without shareholder approval once authorized to do so by the Articles of Association or an ordinary resolution of shareholders. Prothena is subject to the rules of The Nasdaq Global Market and the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which require shareholder approval of certain equity plan and share issuances. Prothena's board of directors may issue shares upon exercise of warrants or options without shareholder approval or authorization (up to the relevant authorized share capital limit).

Dividends

Under Irish law, dividends and distributions may only be made from distributable reserves. Distributable reserves generally means accumulated realized profits less accumulated realized losses and includes reserves created by way of capital reduction. In addition, no distribution or dividend may be made unless the net assets of Prothena are equal to, or in excess of, the aggregate of Prothena's called up share capital plus undistributable reserves and the distribution does not reduce Prothena's net assets below such aggregate. Undistributable reserves include the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve fund and the amount by which Prothena's accumulated unrealized profits, so far as not previously utilized by any capitalization, exceed Prothena accumulated unrealized losses, so far as not previously written off in a reduction or reorganization of capital.

The determination as to whether or not Prothena has sufficient distributable reserves to fund a dividend must be made by reference to the "relevant accounts" of Prothena. The "relevant accounts" are either the last set of unconsolidated annual audited financial statements or other financial statements properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, which give a "true and fair view" of Prothena's unconsolidated financial position and accord with accepted accounting practice. The relevant accounts must be filed in the Companies Registration Office (the official public registry for companies in Ireland).

Prothena's Articles of Association authorize the directors to declare dividends without shareholder approval to the extent they appear justified by profits lawfully available for distribution. Prothena's board of directors may also recommend a dividend to be approved and declared by the shareholders at a general meeting. Prothena's board of directors may direct that the payment be made by distribution of assets, shares or cash, and no dividend issued may exceed the amount recommended by the directors. Dividends may be declared and paid in the form of cash or non-cash assets and may be paid in dollars or any other currency.

Prothena's board of directors may deduct from any dividend payable to any shareholder any amounts payable by such shareholder to Prothena in relation to the shares of Prothena.

The board of directors may also authorize Prothena to issue shares with preferred rights to participate in dividends declared by Prothena from time to time, as determined by ordinary resolution. The holders of preferred shares may, depending on their terms, rank senior to Prothena's ordinary shares in terms of dividend rights and/or be entitled to claim arrears of a declared dividend out of subsequently declared dividends in priority to ordinary shareholders.

Share Repurchases, Redemptions and Conversions

Overview

Prothena's Articles of Association provide that any ordinary share that Prothena has agreed to acquire shall be deemed to be a redeemable share. Accordingly, for Irish law purposes, the repurchase of ordinary shares by Prothena may

technically be effected as a redemption of those shares as described below under “Description of Share Capital — Repurchases and Redemptions by Prothena.” If Prothena’s Articles of Association did not contain such provision, repurchases by Prothena would be subject to many of the same rules that apply to purchases of Prothena’s ordinary shares by subsidiaries described below under “Description of Share Capital — Purchases by Subsidiaries of Prothena,” including the shareholder approval requirements described below, and the requirement that any purchases on market be effected on a “recognized stock exchange,” which, for purposes of the Companies Acts, includes The Nasdaq Global Market. Neither Irish law nor any constituent document of Prothena places limitations on the right of nonresident or foreign owners to vote or hold Prothena’s ordinary shares. Except where otherwise noted, references in this information statement to repurchasing or buying back ordinary shares of Prothena refer to the redemption of ordinary shares by Prothena or the purchase of ordinary shares of Prothena by a subsidiary of Prothena, in each case in accordance with Prothena’s Articles of Association and Irish company law as described below.

Prothena’s Articles of Association provide that any Euro deferred share outstanding shall be mandatorily redeemed immediately after the separation and distribution and the subscription of [—] ordinary shares in Prothena to a wholly owned subsidiary of Elan, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription). The redemption consideration payable by Prothena to the holder of each Euro deferred share on the redemption of such share shall be the consideration paid by the holder of the Euro deferred share on issue of such Euro deferred share. On the redemption date, Prothena shall pay to such holder the amount due to him in respect of such redemption.

Repurchases and Redemptions by Prothena

Under Irish law, a company may issue redeemable shares and redeem them out of distributable reserves or the proceeds of a new issue of shares for that purpose. Please see also “Description of Share Capital — Dividends.” Prothena may only issue redeemable shares if the nominal value of the issued share capital that is not redeemable is not less than 10% of the nominal value of the total issued share capital of Prothena. All redeemable shares must also be fully-paid and the terms of redemption of the shares must provide for payment on redemption. Redeemable shares may, upon redemption, be cancelled or held in treasury. Based on the provisions of Prothena’s Articles of Association, shareholder approval will not be required to redeem Prothena’s shares.

Prothena may also be given an additional general authority to purchase its own shares on market by way of ordinary resolution, which would take effect on the same terms and be subject to the same conditions as applicable to purchases by Prothena subsidiaries as described below.

Repurchased and redeemed shares may be cancelled or held as treasury shares. The nominal value of treasury shares held by Prothena at any time must not exceed 10% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of Prothena. Prothena may not exercise any voting rights in respect of any shares held as treasury shares. Treasury shares may be canceled by Prothena or re-issued subject to certain conditions.

Purchases by Subsidiaries of Prothena

Under Irish law, an Irish or non-Irish subsidiary may purchase shares of Prothena either on-market or off-market. For a subsidiary of Prothena to make on-market purchases of Prothena’s ordinary shares, Prothena’s shareholders must provide general authorization for such purchase by way of ordinary resolution. However, as long as this general authority has been granted, no specific shareholder authority for a particular on market purchase by a subsidiary of Prothena’s ordinary shares is required. For a purchase by a subsidiary of Prothena off market, the proposed purchase contract must be authorized by special resolution of Prothena’s shareholders before the contract is entered into. The person whose ordinary shares are to be bought back cannot vote in favor of the special resolution and, for at least 21 days prior to the special resolution being passed, the purchase contract must be on display or must be available for inspection by Prothena’s shareholders at the registered office of Prothena.

In order for a subsidiary of Prothena to make an on market purchase of Prothena’s shares, such shares must be purchased on a “recognized stock exchange.” The Nasdaq Global Market, on which Prothena’s ordinary shares will be listed, is specified as a recognized stock exchange for this purpose in accordance with Irish law.

The number of shares held by the subsidiaries of Prothena at any time will count as treasury shares and will be included in any calculation of the permitted treasury share threshold of 10% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of Prothena. While a subsidiary holds shares of Prothena, it cannot exercise any voting rights in respect of those shares. The acquisition of Prothena’s ordinary shares by a subsidiary must be funded out of distributable reserves of the subsidiary.

Lien on Shares, Calls on Shares and Forfeiture of Shares

Prothena's Articles of Association provide that Prothena has a first and paramount lien on every share that is not a fully paid up share for all amounts payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that share. Subject to the terms of their allotment, directors may call for any unpaid amounts in respect of any shares to be paid, and if payment is not made, the shares may be forfeited. These provisions are standard inclusions in the Articles of Association of an Irish public company limited by shares such as Prothena and are only applicable to shares of Prothena that have not been fully paid up.

Consolidation and Division; Subdivision

Under its Articles of Association, Prothena may, by ordinary resolution, consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger nominal value than its existing shares or subdivide its shares into smaller amounts than are fixed by its Articles of Association.

Reduction of Share Capital

Prothena may, by ordinary resolution, reduce its authorized share capital in any way. Prothena also may, by special resolution and subject to confirmation by the Irish High Court, reduce or cancel its issued share capital in any manner permitted by the Companies Acts.

Annual Meetings of Shareholders

Prothena is required to hold an annual general meeting within 18 months of incorporation and at intervals of no more than 15 months from the previous annual general meeting, provided that an annual general meeting is held in each calendar year following the first annual general meeting and no more than nine months after Prothena's fiscal year-end. Any annual general meeting of Prothena may be held outside Ireland if a resolution so authorizing has been passed at the preceding annual general meeting.

Notice of an annual general meeting must be given to all of Prothena's shareholders and to the auditors of Prothena. Prothena's Articles of Association provide for a minimum notice period of 21 days' notice, which is the minimum permitted by the Irish Companies Acts.

The only matters which must, as a matter of Irish company law, be transacted at an annual general meeting are the presentation of the annual accounts, balance sheet and reports of the directors and auditors, the appointment of new auditors and the fixing of the auditor's remuneration (or delegation of same). If no resolution is made in respect of the reappointment of an existing auditor at an annual general meeting, the existing auditor will be deemed to have continued in office.

Extraordinary General Meetings of Shareholders

Extraordinary general meetings of Prothena may be convened by (i) Prothena's board of directors, (ii) on requisition of Prothena's shareholders holding not less than 10% of the paid up share capital of Prothena carrying voting rights, (iii) on requisition of Prothena's auditors or (iv) in exceptional cases, by order of the court. Extraordinary general meetings are generally held for the purpose of approving shareholder resolutions as may be required from time to time. At any extraordinary general meeting only such business shall be conducted as is set forth in the notice thereof.

Notice of an extraordinary general meeting must be given to all of Prothena's shareholders and to the auditors of Prothena. Under Irish law and Prothena's Articles of Association, the minimum notice periods are 21 days' notice in writing for an extraordinary general meeting to approve a special resolution and 14 days' notice in writing for any other extraordinary general meeting.

In the case of an extraordinary general meeting convened by Prothena's shareholders, the proposed purpose of the meeting must be set out in the requisition notice. Upon receipt of any such valid requisition notice, Prothena's board of directors has 21 days to convene a meeting of Prothena's shareholders to vote on the matters set out in the requisition notice. This meeting must be held within two months of the receipt of the requisition notice. If Prothena's board of directors does not convene the meeting within such 21-day period, the requisitioning shareholders, or any of them representing more than one half of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves convene a meeting, which meeting must be held within three months of Prothena's receipt of the requisition notice.

If Prothena's board of directors becomes aware that the net assets of Prothena are not greater than half of the amount of Prothena's called-up share capital, it must convene an extraordinary general meeting of Prothena's shareholders not later than 28 days from the date that they learn of this fact to consider how to address the situation.

Quorum for General Meetings

Prothena's Articles of Association provide that no business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. One or more Prothena's shareholders present in person or by proxy holding not less than one-half of the issued and outstanding shares of Prothena entitled to vote at the meeting in question constitute a quorum.

Voting

Prothena's Articles of Association provide that Prothena's board of directors or its chairman may determine the manner in which the poll is to be taken and the manner in which the votes are to be counted.

Each Company shareholder is entitled to one vote for each ordinary share that he or she holds as of the record date for the meeting. Voting rights may be exercised by shareholders registered in Prothena's share register as of the record date for the meeting or by a duly appointed proxy, which proxy need not be a Company shareholder. Where interests in shares are held by a nominee trust company, such company may exercise the rights of the beneficial holders on their behalf as their proxy. All proxies must be appointed in the manner prescribed by Prothena's Articles of Association, which permit shareholders to notify Prothena of their proxy appointments electronically in such manner as may be approved by Prothena's board of directors.

In accordance with Prothena's Articles of Association, Prothena may from time to time be authorized by ordinary resolution to issue preferred shares. These preferred shares may have such voting rights as may be specified in the terms of such preferred shares (e.g., they may carry more votes per share than ordinary shares or may entitle their holders to a class vote on such matters as may be specified in the terms of the preferred shares). Treasury shares or shares of Prothena that are held by subsidiaries of Prothena are not entitled to be voted at general meetings of shareholders.

Prior to the separation and distribution, Elan agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for an aggregate of [1] newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena, representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. Immediately after the consummation of Elan's subscription for Prothena ordinary shares, the incorporator shares will be mandatorily redeemed by Prothena for their subscription price, and cancelled. Elan has agreed to cause the vote of any of our ordinary shares that its wholly owned subsidiaries acquire in proportion to the votes cast by our other shareholders and will grant us a proxy to vote such shares in this manner. See "Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena – Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement."

Irish law requires special resolutions of Prothena's shareholders at a general meeting to approve certain matters. Examples of matters requiring special resolutions include:

- amending the objects or Memorandum of Association of Prothena;
- amending the Articles of Association of Prothena;
- approving a change of name of Prothena;
- authorizing the entering into of a guarantee or provision of security in connection with a loan, quasi-loan or credit transaction to a director or connected person;
- opting out of preemption rights on the issuance of new shares;
- re-registration of Prothena from a public limited company to a private company;
- variation of class rights attaching to classes of shares (where the Articles of Association do not provide otherwise);
- purchase of Company shares off market;
- reduction of issued share capital;
- sanctioning a compromise/scheme of arrangement with creditors or shareholders;
- resolving that Prothena be wound up by the Irish courts;
- resolving in favor of a shareholders' voluntary winding-up; and
- setting the re-issue price of treasury shares.

Variation of Rights Attaching to a Class or Series of Shares

Under Prothena's Articles of Association and the Companies Acts, any variation of class rights attaching to the issued shares of Prothena must be approved by a special resolution of Prothena's shareholders of the affected class or with the consent in writing of the holders of three-quarters of all the votes of that class of shares.

The provisions of Prothena's Articles of Association relating to general meetings apply to general meetings of the holders of any class of Company shares except that the necessary quorum is determined in reference to the shares of the holders of the class. Accordingly, for general meetings of holders of a particular class of Company shares, a quorum consists of the holders present in person or by proxy representing at least one-half of the issued shares of the class.

Inspection of Books and Records

Under Irish law, shareholders have the right to: (i) receive a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Prothena and any act of the Irish Government which alters the memorandum of Prothena; (ii) inspect and obtain copies of the minutes of general meetings and resolutions of Prothena; (iii) inspect and receive a copy of the register of shareholders, register of directors and secretaries, register of directors' interests and other statutory registers maintained by Prothena; (iv) receive copies of balance sheets and directors' and auditors' reports which have previously been sent to shareholders prior to an annual general meeting; and (v) receive balance sheets of any subsidiary of Prothena which have previously been sent to shareholders prior to an annual general meeting for the preceding ten years. The auditors of Prothena also have the right to inspect all books, records and vouchers of Prothena. The auditors' report must be circulated to the shareholders with Prothena's financial statements prepared in accordance with Irish law 21 days before the annual general meeting and must be read to the shareholders at Prothena's annual general meeting.

Acquisitions

An Irish limited company may be acquired in a number of ways, including:

- a court-approved scheme of arrangement under the Companies Acts. A scheme of arrangement with shareholders requires a court order from the Irish High Court and the approval of a majority in number representing 75% in value of the shareholders present and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called to approve the scheme;
- through a tender or takeover offer by a third party for all of the shares of Prothena. Where the holders of 80% or more of Prothena's shares have accepted an offer for their shares in Prothena, the remaining shareholders may also be statutorily required to transfer their shares. If the bidder does not exercise its "squeeze out" right, then the non-accepting shareholders also have a statutory right to require the bidder to acquire their shares on the same terms. If shares of Prothena were to be listed on the main securities market of the Irish Stock Exchange or another regulated stock exchange in the European Union, this threshold would be increased to 90%; and
- it is also possible for Prothena to be acquired by way of a merger with an EU-incorporated company under the EU Cross-Border Mergers Directive 2005/56/EC. Such a merger must be approved by a special resolution. If Prothena is being merged with another EU company under the EU Cross-Border Mergers Directive 2005/56/EC and the consideration payable to Prothena's shareholders is not all in the form of cash, Prothena's shareholders may be entitled to require their shares to be acquired at fair value.

Irish law does not generally require shareholder approval for a sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of a company's property and assets.

Appraisal Rights

Generally, under Irish law, shareholders of an Irish company do not have dissenters' or appraisal rights. Under the European Communities (Cross-Border Mergers) Regulations 2008 governing the merger of an Irish company limited by shares such as Prothena and a company incorporated in the European Economic Area (the European Economic Area includes all member states of the European Union and Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), a shareholder (i) who voted against the special resolution approving the merger or (ii) of a company in which 90% of the shares are held by the other party to the merger has the right to request that the company acquire its shares for cash at a price determined in accordance with the share exchange ratio set out in the merger agreement.

Disclosure of Interests in Shares

Under the Companies Acts, Prothena's shareholders must notify Prothena if, as a result of a transaction, the shareholder will become interested in five percent or more of the voting shares of Prothena, or if as a result of a transaction a shareholder who was interested in more than five percent of the voting shares of Prothena ceases to be so interested. Where a shareholder is interested in more than five percent of the voting shares of Prothena, the shareholder must notify Prothena of any alteration of his or her interest that brings his or her total holding through the nearest whole percentage number, whether an increase or a reduction. The relevant percentage figure is calculated by reference to the aggregate nominal value of the voting shares in which the shareholder is interested as a proportion of the entire nominal value of the issued share capital of Prothena (or any such class of share capital in issue). Where the percentage level of the shareholder's interest does not amount to a whole percentage, this figure may be rounded down to the next whole number. Prothena must be notified within five

business days of the transaction or alteration of the shareholder's interests that gave rise to the notification requirement. If a shareholder fails to comply with these notification requirements, the shareholder's rights in respect of any Company shares it holds will not be enforceable, either directly or indirectly. However, such person may apply to the court to have the rights attaching to such shares reinstated.

In addition to these disclosure requirements, Prothena, under the Companies Acts, may, by notice in writing, require a person whom Prothena knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be, or at any time during the three years immediately preceding the date on which such notice is issued to have been, interested in shares comprised in Prothena's relevant share capital to: (i) indicate whether or not it is the case; and (ii) where such person holds or has during that time held an interest in the shares of Prothena, to provide additional information, including the person's own past or present interests in shares of Prothena. If the recipient of the notice fails to respond within the reasonable time period specified in the notice, Prothena may apply to court for an order directing that the affected shares be subject to certain restrictions, as prescribed by the Companies Acts, as follows:

- any transfer of those shares or, in the case of unissued shares, any transfer of the right to be issued with shares and any issue of shares, shall be void;
- no voting rights shall be exercisable in respect of those shares;
- no further shares shall be issued in right of those shares or in pursuance of any offer made to the holder of those shares; and
- no payment shall be made of any sums due from Prothena on those shares, whether in respect of capital or otherwise.

The court may also order that shares subject to any of these restrictions be sold with the restrictions terminating upon the completion of the sale.

In the event Prothena is in an offer period pursuant to the Irish Takeover Rules, accelerated disclosure provisions apply for persons holding an interest in Prothena securities of one percent or more.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Irish Takeover Rules and Substantial Acquisition Rules

A transaction in which a third party seeks to acquire 30% or more of the voting rights of Prothena and any other acquisitions of Prothena's securities are governed by the Irish Takeover Panel Act 1997 and the Irish Takeover Rules made thereunder, which are referred to in this information statement as the "Irish Takeover Rules," and are regulated by the Irish Takeover Panel. The "General Principles" of the Irish takeover rules and certain important aspects of the Irish takeover rules are described below.

General Principles

The Irish takeover rules are built on the following General Principles which will apply to any transaction regulated by the Irish Takeover Panel:

- in the event of an offer, all holders of securities of the target company must be afforded equivalent treatment and, if a person acquires control of a company, the other holders of securities must be protected;
- the holders of securities in the target company must have sufficient time and information to enable them to reach a properly informed decision on the offer; where it advises the holders of securities, the board of directors of the target company must give its views on the effects of the implementation of the offer on employment, employment conditions and the locations of the target company's place of business;
- a target company's board of directors must act in the interests of the company as a whole and must not deny the holders of securities the opportunity to decide on the merits of the offer;
- false markets must not be created in the securities of the target company, the bidder or any other company concerned by the offer in such a way that the rise or fall of the prices of the securities becomes artificial and the normal functioning of the markets is distorted;
- a bidder can only announce an offer after ensuring that he or she can fulfill in full the consideration offered, if such is offered, and after taking all reasonable measures to secure the implementation of any other type of consideration;
- a target company may not be hindered in the conduct of its affairs longer than is reasonable by an offer for its securities; and

- a “substantial acquisition” of securities (whether such acquisition is to be effected by one transaction or a series of transactions) shall take place only at an acceptable speed and shall be subject to adequate and timely disclosure.

Mandatory Bid

Under certain circumstances, a person who acquires shares, or other voting securities, of Prothena may be required under the Irish Takeover Rules to make a mandatory cash offer for the remaining outstanding voting securities in Prothena at a price not less than the highest price paid for the securities by the acquiror, or any parties acting in concert with the acquiror, during the previous 12 months. This mandatory bid requirement is triggered if an acquisition of securities would increase the aggregate holding of an acquiror, including the holdings of any parties acting in concert with the acquiror, to securities representing 30% or more of the voting rights in Prothena, unless the Irish Takeover Panel otherwise consents. An acquisition of securities by a person holding, together with its concert parties, securities representing between 30% and 50% of the voting rights in Prothena would also trigger the mandatory bid requirement if, after giving effect to the acquisition, the percentage of the voting rights held by that person (together with its concert parties) would increase by 0.05% within a 12-month period. Any person (excluding any parties acting in concert with the holder) holding securities representing more than 50% of the voting rights of a company is not subject to these mandatory offer requirements in purchasing additional securities.

Voluntary Bid; Requirements to Make a Cash Offer and Minimum Price Requirements

If a person makes a voluntary offer to acquire outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena, the offer price must not be less than the highest price paid for Prothena’s ordinary shares by the bidder or its concert parties during the three-month period prior to the commencement of the offer period. The Irish Takeover Panel has the power to extend the “look back” period to 12 months if the Irish Takeover Panel, taking into account the General Principles, believes it is appropriate to do so.

If the bidder or any of its concert parties has acquired ordinary shares of Prothena (i) during the period of 12 months prior to the commencement of the offer period that represent more than 10% of the total ordinary shares of Prothena or (ii) at any time after the commencement of the offer period, the offer must be in cash (or accompanied by a full cash alternative) and the price per ordinary share of Prothena must not be less than the highest price paid by the bidder or its concert parties during, in the case of (i), the 12-month period prior to the commencement of the offer period or, in the case of (ii), the offer period. The Irish Takeover Panel may apply this rule to a bidder who, together with its concert parties, has acquired less than 10% of the total ordinary shares of Prothena in the 12-month period prior to the commencement of the offer period if the Irish Takeover Panel, taking into account the General Principles, considers it just and proper to do so. An offer period will generally commence from the date of the first announcement of the offer or proposed offer.

Substantial Acquisition Rules

The Irish takeover rules also contain rules governing substantial acquisitions of shares and other voting securities which restrict the speed at which a person may increase his or her holding of shares and rights over shares to an aggregate of between 15% and 30% of the voting rights of Prothena. Except in certain circumstances, an acquisition or series of acquisitions of shares or rights over shares representing 10% or more of the voting rights of Prothena is prohibited, if such acquisition(s), when aggregated with shares or rights already held, would result in the acquirer holding 15% or more but less than 30% of the voting rights of Prothena and such acquisitions are made within a period of seven days. These rules also require accelerated disclosure of acquisitions of shares or rights over shares relating to such holdings.

Frustrating Action

Under the Irish takeover rules, Prothena’s board of directors is not permitted to take any action that might frustrate an offer for the shares of Prothena once Prothena’s board of directors has received an approach that may lead to an offer or has reason to believe that such an offer is or may be imminent, subject to certain exceptions. Potentially frustrating actions such as (i) the issue of shares, options or convertible securities, (ii) material acquisitions or disposals, (iii) entering into contracts other than in the ordinary course of business or (iv) any action, other than seeking alternative offers, which may result in frustration of an offer, are prohibited during the course of an offer or at any earlier time during which Prothena’s board of directors has reason to believe an offer is or may be imminent. Exceptions to this prohibition are available where:

- the action is approved by Prothena’s shareholders at a general meeting; or
- the Irish Takeover Panel has given its consent, where:
- it is satisfied the action would not constitute frustrating action;
- Prothena’s shareholders holding more than 50% of the voting rights state in writing that they approve the proposed action and would vote in favor of it at a general meeting;

- the action is taken in accordance with a contract entered into prior to the announcement of the offer (or any earlier time at which Prothena’s board of directors considered the offer to be imminent); or
- the decision to take such action was made before the announcement of the offer and either has been at least partially implemented or is in the ordinary course of business.

Certain other provisions of Irish law or Prothena’s Articles of Association may be considered to have anti-takeover effects, including advance notice requirements for director nominations and other shareholder proposals, as well those described under the following captions: “Description of Share Capital — Capital Structure — Authorized Share Capital” (regarding issuance of preferred shares) “Description of Share Capital — Preemption Rights, Share Warrants and Share Options,” “Description of Share Capital — Disclosure of Interests in Shares” and “Description of Share Capital Capital — Corporate Governance.”

Corporate Governance

Prothena’s Articles of Association allocate authority over the day-to-day management of Prothena to its board of directors. Prothena’s board of directors may then delegate the management of Prothena to committees of the board of directors (consisting of one or more members of the board of directors) or executives, but regardless, Prothena’s board of directors remain responsible, as a matter of Irish law, for the proper management of the affairs of Prothena. Committees may meet and adjourn as they determine proper. A vote at any committee meeting will be determined by a majority of votes of the members present.

The board of directors of Prothena has a standing audit committee, a compensation committee and a nominating and corporate governance committee, with each committee comprised solely of independent directors, as prescribed by the Nasdaq listing standards and SEC rules and regulations. Prothena has adopted corporate governance policies substantially similar to those maintained by Elan prior to the separation and distribution, including a code of conduct and an insider trading policy, as well as an open door reporting policy and a comprehensive compliance program.

The Companies Acts provide for a minimum of two directors. Prothena’s Memorandum and Articles of Association provide that the board may determine the size of the board from time to time.

Directors are elected by ordinary resolution at a general meeting. Irish law requires majority voting for the election of directors, which could result in the number of directors falling below the prescribed minimum number of directors due to the failure of nominees to be elected. Accordingly, Prothena’s Articles of Association provide that if, at any general meeting of shareholders, the number of directors is reduced below the minimum prescribed by the Articles of Association due to the failure of any person nominated to be a director to be elected, then, in such circumstances, the nominee or nominees who receive the highest number of votes in favor of election will be elected in order to maintain such prescribed minimum number of directors. Each director elected in this manner will remain a director (subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts and the Articles of Association) only until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of Prothena unless he or she is re-elected.

Under the Companies Acts and notwithstanding anything contained in the Articles of Association or in any agreement between Prothena and a director, the shareholders may, by an ordinary resolution, remove a director from office before the expiration of his or her term at a meeting held on no less than 28 days’ notice and at which the director is entitled to be heard. The power of removal is without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of contract (e.g. employment contract) that the director may have against Prothena in respect of his removal.

Prothena’s Articles of Association provide that the board of directors may fill any vacancy occurring on the board of directors. If Prothena’s board of directors fills a vacancy, the director’s term expires at the next annual general meeting. A vacancy on the board of directors created by the removal of a director may be filled by the shareholders at the meeting at which such director is removed and, in the absence of such election or appointment, the remaining directors may fill the vacancy.

Legal Name; Formation; Fiscal Year; Registered Office

Prothena Corporation plc, the current legal and commercial name of the Company, was incorporated in Ireland on September 26, 2012 as a private limited company, under the name “Neotope Corporation Limited” (registration number 518146), and re-registered as a public limited company and changed its name to “Neotope Corporation plc” on October 25, 2012. On November 1, 2012, the shareholders of Prothena resolved, by way of special resolution, to change the name of the company to “Prothena Corporation plc”, and this was approved by the Irish Registrar of Companies on November 7, 2012. Prothena’s fiscal year ends on December 31st and Prothena’s registered address is 25-28 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland.

Duration; Dissolution; Rights upon Liquidation

Prothena's duration is unlimited. Prothena may be dissolved and wound up at any time by way of a shareholders' voluntary winding up or a creditors' winding up. In the case of a shareholders' voluntary winding up, a special resolution of shareholders is required. Prothena may also be dissolved by way of court order on the application of a creditor, or by the Companies Registration Office as an enforcement measure where Prothena has failed to file certain returns.

If Prothena's Articles of Association contain no specific provisions in respect of a dissolution or winding up, then, subject to the priorities of any creditors, the assets will be distributed to Prothena's shareholders in proportion to the paid-up nominal value of the shares held. Prothena's Memorandum and Articles of Association provide that the ordinary shareholders of Prothena are entitled to participate *pro rata* in a winding up.

Uncertificated Shares

Holders of Prothena's ordinary shares that hold their ordinary shares electronically will have the right to require Prothena to issue certificates for their shares following the separation and distribution.

Stock Exchange Listing

Prothena intends to file a listing application with The Nasdaq Global Market. It is expected, following approval of the listing application, that the Prothena's ordinary shares will be listed on The Nasdaq Global Market under the trading symbol "[*]." Prothena's ordinary shares are not currently intended to be listed on the Irish Stock Exchange.

No Sinking Fund

Prothena's ordinary shares have no sinking fund provisions.

Transfer and Registration of Shares

The transfer agent for Prothena's ordinary shares is Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Its address is 250 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021. As transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A. will maintain the share register, registration in which is determinative of ownership of ordinary shares of Prothena. An Irish based affiliate of the transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services (Ireland) Limited, will provide an inspection facility in Ireland for inspection and copying of Prothena's register in accordance with the Companies Acts. A shareholder who holds shares beneficially is not the holder of record of such shares. Instead, the depository (for example, Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company) or other nominee is the holder of record of those shares. Accordingly, a transfer of shares from a person who holds such shares beneficially to a person who also holds such shares beneficially through a depository or other nominee will not be registered in Prothena's official share register, as the depository or other nominee will remain the record holder of any such shares.

A written instrument of transfer is required under Irish law in order to register on Prothena's official share register any transfer of shares (i) from a person who holds such shares directly to any other person, (ii) from a person who holds such shares beneficially but not directly to a person who holds such shares directly, or (iii) from a person who holds such shares beneficially to another person who holds such shares beneficially where the transfer involves a change in the depository or other nominee that is the record owner of the transferred shares. An instrument of transfer is also required for a shareholder who directly holds shares to transfer those shares into his or her own broker account (or vice versa). Such instruments of transfer may give rise to Irish stamp duty, which must be paid prior to registration of the transfer on Prothena's official Irish share register. However, a shareholder who directly holds shares may transfer those shares into his or her own broker account (or vice versa) without giving rise to Irish stamp duty provided there is no change in the ultimate beneficial ownership of the shares as a result of the transfer and the transfer is not made in contemplation of a sale of the shares.

Any transfer of Prothena's ordinary shares that is subject to Irish stamp duty will not be registered in the name of the buyer unless an instrument of transfer is duly stamped and provided to the transfer agent. Prothena, in its absolute discretion and insofar as the Companies Acts or any other applicable law permit, may, or may provide that a subsidiary of Prothena will, pay Irish stamp duty arising on a transfer of Prothena's ordinary shares on behalf of the transferee of such ordinary shares. If stamp duty resulting from the transfer of Prothena's ordinary shares which would otherwise be payable by the transferee is paid by Prothena or any subsidiary of Prothena on behalf of the transferee, then in those circumstances, Prothena will, on its behalf or on behalf of its subsidiary (as the case may be), be entitled to (i) seek reimbursement of the stamp duty from the transferee, (ii) set-off the stamp duty against any dividends payable to the transferee of those ordinary shares and (iii) to claim a first and permanent lien on Prothena's ordinary shares on which stamp duty has been paid by Prothena or its subsidiary for the amount of stamp duty paid. Prothena's lien shall extend to all dividends paid on those ordinary shares. Parties to a share transfer may assume that any stamp duty arising in respect of a transaction in Prothena's ordinary shares has been paid unless one or both of such parties is otherwise notified by Prothena or the transfer agent.

Prothena's Articles of Association delegate to any director, the secretary or any assistant secretary of Prothena duly appointed (or such other person as may be appointed by the secretary for this purpose) the authority, on behalf of Prothena, to execute an instrument of transfer on behalf of a transferring party.

The directors may suspend registration of transfers from time to time, not exceeding 30 days in aggregate each year.

Irish Taxation and Stamp Duty Matters Relating to the Holding of Prothena Ordinary Shares

The information set out in these paragraphs is intended as a brief and general guide only based on current legislation and the current published practice of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland. Legislative, administrative or judicial changes may modify the tax consequences described below. The statements do not constitute tax advice and are intended only as a general guide. This information relates only to the certain limited aspects of the Irish taxation treatment for the holders of Prothena ordinary shares. It is intended to apply only to persons who are absolute beneficial holders of Prothena ordinary shares and who hold them as investments (and not as securities to be realised in the course of a trade). The information set out below may not apply to certain holders of Prothena ordinary shares such as dealers in securities, insurance companies and those holders who have (or are deemed to have) acquired their Prothena ordinary shares by virtue of an office or employment. Such persons may be subject to special rules. This summary is not exhaustive and shareholders should consult their own tax advisers as to the tax consequences in Ireland, or other relevant jurisdictions where we operate, including the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ordinary shares.

Stamp Duty

Irish stamp duty may be payable in respect of transfers of Prothena ordinary shares at the rate of 1%.

Shares Held Through The Depository Trust Company

Transfers of Prothena ordinary shares from a seller who holds shares through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to a buyer who holds the acquired shares through DTC should not be subject to Irish stamp duty.

Shares Held Outside of The Depository Trust Company or Transferred Into or Out of The Depository Trust Company

A transfer of Prothena ordinary shares (i) by a seller who holds shares outside of DTC to any buyer, or (ii) by a seller who holds the shares through DTC to a buyer who holds the acquired shares outside of DTC, may be subject to Irish stamp duty (currently at the rate of 1% of the price paid or the market value of the shares acquired, if higher) payable by the buyer.

A shareholder who holds Prothena ordinary shares outside of DTC may transfer those shares into DTC (or vice versa) without giving rise to Irish stamp duty provided there is no change in the ultimate beneficial ownership of the shares as a result of the transfer and, at the time of the transfer into DTC (or out of DTC), there is no sale of the shares to a third party being contemplated by a beneficial owner. In order to benefit from this exemption from Irish stamp duty, the seller must confirm to us that there is no change in the ultimate beneficial ownership of the shares as a result of the transfer and there is no agreement for the sale of the shares by the beneficial owner to a third party being contemplated.

Payment of Stamp Duty

Prothena's official share register is maintained in Ireland. Registration in this share register is determinative of shareholding. Only shareholders will be entitled to receive dividends. Subject to certain exceptions, only shareholders will be entitled to vote in our general meetings.

A written instrument of transfer is required under Irish law in order for a transfer of the legal ownership of shares to be registered on our official share register. Such instruments of transfer may be subject to Irish stamp duty, which must be paid prior to the official share register being updated. A holder of ordinary shares who holds shares through DTC will not be the legal owner of such shares (instead, the depository (for example, Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC) will be the holder of record of such shares).

Accordingly, a transfer of shares from a person who holds such shares through DTC to a person who also holds such shares through DTC will not be registered in Prothena's official share register, i.e., the nominee of the depository will remain the record holder of such shares.

As stated above, to the extent that stamp duty is due but has not been paid, Prothena may, in its absolute discretion, pay (or cause one of our affiliates to pay) the outstanding stamp duty in respect of a transfer of shares. Prothena's articles of association provide that, in the event of any such payment, Prothena (i) may seek reimbursement from the transferor or transferee (at its discretion), (ii) may set-off the amount of the stamp duty against future dividends payable to the transferor or transferee (at its discretion), and (iii) will have a lien against the ordinary shares on which Prothena have paid stamp duty.

Irish Tax on Capital Gains

Disposal of Prothena ordinary shares. A liability to Irish tax on capital gains on a disposal of Prothena ordinary shares depends on the individual circumstances of each shareholder.

- (i) Non-Irish resident shareholders:

Shareholders should not be subject to Irish tax on capital gains on a disposal of Prothena ordinary shares if such holders are neither resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland and do not hold such shares in connection with a trade or business carried on by such holder in Ireland through a branch or agency.

- (ii) Irish resident shareholders:

Shareholders who are resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes, or who hold their shares in connection with a trade or business carried on by such holder in Ireland through a branch or agency may be subject to Irish tax on capital gains at the rate of 30% if they dispose of Prothena ordinary shares. Shareholders falling into this category should consult their own tax advisers as to the tax consequences of such a disposal.

Dividends

Prothena does not currently intend to pay dividends to its shareholders. A payment of a dividend by an Irish resident entity is subject to dividend withholding tax at the current rate of 20% (subject to applicable exemptions).

Capital Acquisitions Tax

Irish capital acquisitions tax ("CAT") is comprised of gift tax and inheritance tax. CAT could apply to a gift or inheritance of Prothena ordinary shares irrespective of the place of residence, ordinary residence or domicile of the parties. This is because Prothena ordinary shares are regarded as property situated in Ireland as Prothena's share register must be held in Ireland. The person who receives the gift or inheritance has primary liability for CAT. CAT is levied at a rate of 30% above certain tax-free thresholds. The appropriate tax-free threshold is dependent upon (i) the relationship between the donor and the donee and (ii) the aggregation of the values of previous gifts and inheritances received by the donee from persons within the same category of relationship for CAT purposes.

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Articles of Association of Prothena limits the liability of the directors to the company and the shareholders to the fullest extent permitted by Irish law.

Under Irish law, Prothena may not exempt its directors from liability for negligence or a breach of duty. However, where a breach of duty has been established, directors may be statutorily exempted by an Irish court from personal liability for negligence or breach of duty if, among other things, the court determines that they have acted honestly and reasonably, and that they may be fairly excused as a result. In addition, Prothena intends to maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance against loss for these forms of liability.

Prothena expects to enter into indemnification agreements with our directors and certain executive officers. These agreements contain provisions that may require us, among other things, to indemnify these directors and executive officers against certain liabilities that may arise because of their status or service as directors or executive officers and advance their expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

At present there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any director or officer as to which indemnification is required or permitted. We are not aware of any threatened litigation or proceeding which may result in a claim for such indemnification.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form 10 with the SEC with respect to our ordinary shares being distributed as contemplated by this information statement. This information statement is a part of, and does not contain all of the information set forth in, the registration statement and the exhibits to the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and our ordinary shares, please refer to the registration statement, including its exhibits. Statements made in this information statement relating to any contract or other document are not necessarily complete, and if the contract or document is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, you should refer to such exhibit for copies of the actual contract or document. Each such statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the applicable document.

You may review a copy of the registration statement, including its exhibits and schedules, at the SEC's public reference room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 as well as on the Internet website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. We also maintain an internet site at [www.\[1\].com](http://www.[1].com). Information contained on any website referenced in this information statement is not incorporated by reference in this information statement or in the Form 10.

As a result of the separation and distribution, we will become subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we will file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC, which will be available on SEC's website at www.sec.gov and in the SEC's public reference room referred to above.

We intend to furnish holders of our ordinary shares with annual reports containing consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and audited and reported on, with an opinion expressed, by an independent registered public accounting firm.

You should rely only on the information contained in this information statement or to which we have referred you. We have not authorized any person to provide you with different information or to make any representation not contained in this information statement.

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UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CARVE-OUT COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited pro forma financial information discussed and presented below has been prepared from Prothena's historical audited statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011, unaudited statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and unaudited balance sheet as of September 30, 2012, all of which are included elsewhere in this information statement. The separation of the Prothena Business from Elan will be completed through a "demerger" under Irish law. The demerger will be effected by Elan transferring the Prothena Business to Prothena, in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs, on a *pro rata* basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares. In addition, in connection with the separation and distribution Elan will make a cash investment of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan will make a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million to subscribe for [1] ordinary shares of Prothena, which will represent 18% of Prothena's outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription).

The pro forma adjustments and notes to the pro forma financial information give effect to the following transactions:

- the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries;
- the issuance of 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares to holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs in the distribution; and
- the issuance by Prothena of [•] ordinary shares to Elan in exchange for a cash payment of \$26.0 million.

The unaudited pro forma carve-out combined balance sheet as of September 30, 2012 has been prepared as if the separation and distribution and related transactions had occurred on September 30, 2012. The pro forma adjustments are based on the best information available and assumptions that management believes are reasonable given the information available. While such adjustments are subject to change based upon the finalization of the terms of the separation and distribution and the underlying separation and distribution agreements, in management's opinion, the pro forma adjustments are not expected to materially differ from the final adjustments. The unaudited condensed carve-out combined pro forma financial statements are for illustrative and information purposes only and are not intended to represent, or be indicative of, what Prothena's operating results or financial position would have been had the Prothena Transactions occurred on the dates indicated.

The historical statements of operations of Prothena include allocations of expenses from Elan which reasonably approximate the costs that would have been incurred as an autonomous entity. In addition, the allocation of general corporate overhead expenses from Elan to Prothena was made on a reasonable basis. As such, pro forma adjustments to revenues or expenses in the statements of operations are not necessary. There are expected to be incremental costs incurred by Prothena on a going forward basis in connection with operating Prothena as an independent publicly traded company. Prothena may also incur separation costs after the separation and distribution. These incremental costs are not included as pro forma adjustments.

Our pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$[1] and \$[1], respectively. The computation of pro forma net loss per basic and diluted share assumes pro forma weighted-average shares outstanding of [1] million, which is equal to the distribution ratio of 1 Prothena ordinary share for every 41 Elan ordinary shares or Elan ADSs outstanding as of [1], 2012 and the [1] million ordinary shares issued to Elan in connection with the separation and distribution.

The following summary historical and unaudited pro forma combined financial data should be read in conjunction with "Capitalization," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Arrangements Between Elan and Prothena," and historical financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this information statement.

The unaudited pro forma carve-out combined financial statements should not be an indicator of our financial condition or results of operations as of any future dates or for any future period.

Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Balance Sheet
September 30, 2012

	Actual At September 30, 2012	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 125.0(1)	\$ 125.0
Prepaid and other current assets	0.1	—	0.1
Total current assets	<u>\$ 0.1</u>	<u>\$ 125.0</u>	<u>\$ 125.1</u>
Non-current Assets:			
Property, plant and equipment, net	2.5	—	2.5
Intangible assets, net	0.1	—	0.1
Other assets	0.9	(0.9)(2)	—
Total assets	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 124.1</u>	<u>\$ 127.7</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	—	—	—
Accrued and other current liabilities	4.8	(3.1)(3)	1.7
Total current liabilities	4.8	(3.1)	1.7
Other non-current liabilities	1.9	(1.9)(2)	—
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 6.7</u>	<u>\$ (5.0)</u>	<u>\$ 1.7</u>
Share capital	—	0.4(4)	0.4
Additional paid-in capital	—	125.6(4)(5)	125.6
Parent company equity	(3.1)	\$ 3.1(5)	—
Parent company and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ (3.1)</u>	<u>\$ 129.1</u>	<u>\$ 126.0</u>
Total liabilities and parent company equity (shareholders' equity pro forma)	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 124.1</u>	<u>\$ 127.7</u>

Notes:

- (1) Amount represents the pro forma cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million and the consideration received of \$26.0 for the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscribed for by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan as of September 30, 2012.
- (2) In connection with the Prothena Transactions, certain assets and liabilities that were allocated from Elan to Prothena are not transferable to Prothena, including, employee deferred compensation plan assets and liabilities and deferred rent liabilities. As such, on the effective date of the distribution, Prothena would not record these assets and liabilities on its books. The amount of such assets was \$0.9 million and amount of such liabilities was \$1.9 million as of September 30, 2012.
- (3) Under the terms of the Demerger Agreement, Elan is obligated to pay 50% of all trade payables and operating accruals and 100% of all payroll and bonus accruals that were incurred by Prothena through the effective date of the distribution. As such, these pro forma adjustments reflect that on the effective date of the distribution, Prothena would record 50% of all trade payable and operating accruals on its books.
- (4) Amounts represent the pro forma capitalization of Prothena, including (i) the assumed issuance of approximately [1] million Prothena ordinary shares at \$0.01 par value to the to the shareholders of Elan, which is based on the number of outstanding shares of Elan's ordinary shares as of [1], 2012 and the distribution ratio; (ii) the redemption by Prothena of the incorporator shares; (iii) the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscribed for by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan and (iv) the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries.

The pro forma adjustment to additional paid-in capital is equal to the amount of net assets transferred by Elan to Prothena of \$1.0 million (taking account of the current liabilities that will not transfer to Prothena); the consideration of \$26.0 million for the 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) subscribed for by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan; the cash investment by Elan of \$99.0 million in the Prothena Subsidiaries; the reclassification of parent company equity to additional paid-in capital less the nominal value of the shares issued of \$0.4 million.

- (5) Amount represents the reclassification of Elan's parent company equity to additional paid-in capital.

Prothena Corporation plc
Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Statements of Operations
For the Nine Month Periods Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Nine Months</u> <u>Ended September 30,</u>	
		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
(in millions)			
Revenue (arising from related party transactions)		\$ 2.1	\$ 0.4
Operating expenses:			
Research and development expenses		24.3	15.9
General and administrative expenses (including \$5.8 million of allocated central support costs from related parties for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (2011: \$3.0 million))		7.0	4.2
Total operating expenses		<u>31.3</u>	<u>20.1</u>
Operating loss and net loss before income taxes		(29.2)	(19.7)
Provision for income taxes	3	—	0.4
Net loss		<u>\$ (29.2)</u>	<u>\$ (20.1)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Details of our related party transactions are set out in Note 7 of these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

Prothena Corporation plc
Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Balance Sheets
As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2011</u>
(in millions)			
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Prepaid and other current assets		\$ 0.1	\$ 0.1
Total current assets		0.1	0.1
Non-Current Assets:			
Property, plant and equipment, net		2.5	2.5
Intangible assets, net		0.1	0.1
Other non-current assets		0.9	0.9
Total assets		<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.6</u>
LIABILITIES AND PARENT COMPANY EQUITY			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable		\$ —	\$ 0.4
Accruals and other current liabilities	4	4.8	7.9
Total current liabilities		4.8	8.3
Other non-current liabilities	4	1.9	1.7
Total liabilities		6.7	10.0
Parent company equity		(3.1)	(6.4)
Total liabilities and parent company equity		<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.6</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Details of our commitments and contingencies are set out in Note 6 to these

Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

Prothena Corporation plc
Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Statements of Cash Flows
For the Nine Month Periods Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
	(in millions)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (29.2)	\$ (20.1)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	0.2	0.5
Share-based compensation	5.8	2.4
Net changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in prepaid and other assets	—	(0.1)
(Decrease)/increase in accounts payable and accruals and other liabilities	(3.4)	3.0
Net cash used in operating activities	(26.6)	(14.3)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(0.2)	(0.3)
Net cash used in investing activities	(0.2)	(0.3)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net funding provided by Elan	26.8	14.6
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 26.8	\$ 14.6
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	—	—

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CARVE-OUT COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Description of Business

Prothena Corporation plc (“Prothena”) is a newly formed, public limited company incorporated in Ireland that was created for the purpose of completing the series of transactions by which Elan will separate its Prothena Business from Elan’s other businesses. Prothena’s business consists of a substantial portion of Elan Corporation, plc’s former drug discovery business platform, including the following former wholly owned subsidiaries of Elan and related tangible assets and liabilities, which we refer to as the “Prothena Business:”

- **Neotope Biosciences Limited (“Neotope Biosciences”).** Neotope Biosciences, a wholly owned subsidiary of Prothena, is engaged in the discovery and development of antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of indications, including
 - AL and AA forms of amyloidosis, complex diseases caused by tissue deposition of misfolded proteins that result in progressive organ damage;
 - Parkinson’s disease and related synucleinopathies; and
 - Autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma in which melanoma cell adhesion molecule (“MCAM”) mediated cell adhesion may contribute to disease pathology or progression.

Neotope Biosciences’ strategy is to apply its expertise in generating novel therapeutic antibodies, working with a broad range of collaborators in specific disease models, to select candidates for further clinical development. Neotope Biosciences’ portfolio of targets includes alpha-synuclein for the potential treatment of synucleinopathies, such as Lewy body dementia and Parkinson’s disease, MCAM for autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma, and tau for Alzheimer’s disease and other tauopathies. Neotope Biosciences also has a program focused on the potential treatment of type 2-diabetes.

- **Onclave Therapeutics Limited (“Onclave”).** Onclave, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, is engaged in the development of our lead program NEOD001, which is being evaluated for the potential treatment of AL amyloidosis. In 2012, Onclave was granted orphan drug designation of NEOD001 by the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”). The FDA may grant orphan drug designation to potential therapeutics intended to treat a rare disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, which means that, if an applicant is the first to receive FDA approval for a particular active ingredient to treat a particular disease for which it was granted orphan drug designation, the FDA may not approve any other applications to market the same drug for the same orphan indication, except in limited circumstances, for seven years. In September 2012, Onclave filed an Investigational New Drug Application (“IND”) with the FDA for NEOD001 for AL amyloidosis. In October 2012, the FDA accepted the IND for NEOD001, allowing Onclave to proceed with plans to test NEOD001 in a phase 1 clinical trial. Onclave expects to initiate a phase 1 clinical trial of NEOD001 in AL amyloidosis patients in early 2013.
- **Prothena Biosciences Inc (“Prothena US”).** Prothena US, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, was organized as part of the reorganization transactions and will provide research and development services to Neotope Biosciences. Pursuant to the terms of the Research and Development Services Agreement, Prothena US will provide research and development services to Elan for a period of no less than 2 years following the separation and distribution.

The separation of the Prothena Business is subject to conditions, including approval by the shareholders of Elan Corporation, plc. If the transaction is effected, Elan expects there to be a separate listing of Prothena on a U.S. exchange, by the end of 2012.

All references to “we,” “our,” or “us” in these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements refer to the Prothena Business. Elan Corporation, plc and its consolidated subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as “Elan”.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied in the preparation of these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

(a) Basis of preparation and presentation of financial information

The Prothena Business has historically operated as part of Elan and not as a separate stand-alone entity. The Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business have been prepared on a “carve-out” basis from the consolidated financial statements of Elan to represent the financial position and performance of the Prothena Business as if the Prothena Business had existed on a stand-alone basis during each of the nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011 for statement of operations and cash flow statement amounts and as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 for balance sheet amounts; and as if Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standard Codification (“ASC”) Topic 810, “Consolidation,” had been applied throughout. The Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”), by aggregating financial information from the components of the Prothena Business described in Note 1. The Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements include all adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary in order to make the financial statements not misleading.

The accompanying Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of Prothena only include assets and liabilities that management have determined are specifically identifiable with the Prothena Business and allocations of direct costs and indirect costs attributable to operations of the Prothena Business. Indirect costs relate to certain support functions that are provided on a centralized basis within Elan.

The support functions provided to us by Elan include, but are not limited to:

- Accounting, information technology, taxation, legal, corporate strategy, investor relations, corporate governance and other professional services;
- Employee benefit administration, including equity award and pension services; and
- Cash and treasury management.

Central support costs of the Prothena Business for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 amounted to \$5.8 million (2011: \$3.0 million). These costs have been allocated to the Prothena Business for the purposes of preparing the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements based on estimated usage of the resources by us. The estimated usage of the central support resources by the Prothena Business has been determined by estimating our portion of the most appropriate driver of each category of central support costs such as headcount and labor hours, depending on the nature of the costs. Management considers that such allocations have been made on a reasonable basis, but may not necessarily be indicative of the costs that would have been incurred if the Prothena Business had been operated on a standalone basis.

Elan has an equity award program which provides for the issuance of share options, restricted stock units (“RSUs”) and other equity awards to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business. The share-based payment compensation expense recognized in these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements includes all of the share-based payment expenses directly attributable to the Prothena Business, and allocations of indirect expenses that have been deemed attributable to the Prothena Business.

Elan uses a centralized approach to manage substantially all of its liquid resources and to finance its operations and, as a result, no separate cash accounts for the Prothena Business were historically maintained, and debt and liquid resources maintained at the Elan group level are not included in the accompanying Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Liquid resources are defined as the total of cash and cash equivalents, current restricted cash and current investment securities. Elan has historically funded all of our operating and capital resource requirements.

The parent company equity balance in the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements constitutes Elan’s investment in the Prothena Business and represents the excess of total liabilities over total assets (or excess of total assets over total liabilities), including the netting of intercompany funding balances between us and Elan. Changes in parent company equity represent Elan’s net investment in us, after giving effect to our net loss, contributions from Elan in the form of share-based compensation to our employees and net funding provided by Elan.

The tax amounts in the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements have been calculated as if the Prothena Business was a separate taxable entity and consistent with the asset and liability method prescribed in ASC 740 “Income Taxes,” (“ASC 740”).

The Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of Prothena are presented in U.S. dollars (\$), which is the functional currency of the Prothena Business, and have been prepared on a going concern basis. As part of the separation, Elan intends to make a net cash investment in the Prothena Subsidiaries, which is expected to be used by Prothena to fund working capital expenses and for other general corporate purposes. Elan also intends to make a cash payment to Prothena to subscribe for 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena. Immediately following

the net cash investment and the issuance of 18% of Prothena's outstanding ordinary shares to Elan (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), we expect that we will have approximately \$125 million in cash and cash equivalents, which we believe will provide us with sufficient liquidity and capital resources to meet our cash needs through approximately June 30, 2015. On this basis, we believe that Prothena has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next 12 months and that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

(b) Use of estimates

The preparation of the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Estimates are used in determining items such as the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and the fair value of share-based compensation, among other items. Because of the uncertainties inherent in such estimates, actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

(c) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Shorter of expected useful life or lease term
Plant and equipment	3-10 years

Property, plant and equipment is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If circumstances require that a long-lived asset is tested for possible impairment, we compare undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by an asset to the carrying amount of the asset. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value. We determine fair value using the income approach based on the present value of expected cash flows. Our cash flow assumptions consider historical and forecasted revenue and operating costs and other relevant factors.

(d) Leasing

Rentals on operating leases are charged to expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(e) Revenue

Revenue recorded in the statements of operations is comprised of fees earned from the provision of research and development ("R&D") services to Elan. R&D services that the Prothena Business provides to Elan relate to non-clinical research support for Elan's ELND005 program, primarily in the areas of safety, toxicology and regulatory. The fees charged to Elan were calculated based on the expenses incurred by the Prothena Business in the provision of those R&D services, plus a mark-up of those expenses.

Revenue is recognized when earned and non-refundable, and when we have no future obligation with respect to the revenue, in accordance with the terms prescribed in the applicable contract. Advance payments received in excess of amounts earned are classified as deferred revenue until earned. We defer and amortize up-front fees to the income statement over the performance period. The performance period is the period over which we expect to provide services as determined by the contract provisions.

(f) Research and development

R&D costs are expensed as incurred. Costs to acquire intellectual property, product rights and other similar intangible assets are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. The method of amortization chosen best reflects the manner in which individual intangible assets are consumed.

(g) Taxation

Income taxes reflected in these financial statements have been calculated as if the business were a separate taxable group and consistent with the asset and liability method prescribed by ASC 740.

Deferred tax assets ("DTAs") and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using the enacted tax rates projected to be in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. DTAs are recognized for the expected future tax consequences, for all deductible temporary differences and operating loss carryforwards. A valuation allowance is required for DTAs if, based on available evidence, it is more likely than not that all or some of the asset will not be realized due to the inability to generate sufficient future taxable income.

Significant estimates are required in determining our provision for income taxes. Some of these estimates are based on management's interpretations of jurisdiction-specific tax laws or regulations. Various internal and external factors may have favorable or unfavorable effects on the future effective income tax rate of the business. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in tax laws, regulations and/or rates, changing interpretations of existing tax laws or regulations, changes in estimates of prior years' items, past and future levels of R&D spending and changes in overall levels of income before taxes.

The tax benefit from an uncertain tax position is recognized only if it is more likely than not the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such positions are then measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon settlement. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits are accounted for in income tax expense.

(h) Share-based compensation

Elan has an equity award program which provides for the issuance of share options, RSUs and other equity awards to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business. The share-based payment compensation expense recognized in these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements includes all of the share-based payment expenses directly attributable to the Prothena Business, and allocations of indirect expenses that have been deemed attributable to the Prothena Business.

Share-based compensation expense for equity-settled awards is measured and recognized based on estimated grant date fair values. These awards include employee stock options, RSUs and stock purchases related to Elan's employee equity purchase plan ("EPPP").

Share-based compensation cost for stock options and ordinary shares issued under Elan's EPPP is estimated at the grant date based on each option's fair value as calculated using an option-pricing model. Share-based compensation cost for RSUs is measured based on the closing fair market value of Elan's ordinary shares on the date of grant. The value of awards expected to vest is recognized as an expense over the requisite service periods.

Estimating the fair value of share-based awards as of the grant or vest date using an option-pricing model, such as the binomial model, is affected by Elan's share price as well as assumptions regarding a number of complex variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, the expected share price volatility over the term of the awards, risk-free interest rates, and actual and projected employee exercise behaviors.

(i) Contingencies

We assess the likelihood of any adverse outcomes to contingencies, including legal matters, as well as the potential range of probable losses. We record accruals for such contingencies when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. If an unfavorable outcome is probable, but the amount of the loss cannot be reasonably estimated, we estimate the range of probable loss and accrue the most probable loss within the range. If no amount within the range is deemed more probable, we accrue the minimum amount within the range. If neither a range of loss nor a minimum amount of loss is estimable, then appropriate disclosure is provided, but no amounts are accrued.

3. Income Taxes

Income taxes reflected in these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements have been calculated as if the Prothena Business was a separate taxable group and consistent with the asset and liability method prescribed by ASC 740.

The following table sets forth the details of the provision for income taxes for the nine month periods ended September 30 (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Irish corporation tax — current	\$ —	\$ —
U.S. foreign taxes — current	—	0.4
U.S. foreign taxes — deferred	—	—
Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 0.4</u>

The overall tax provision for the period ended September 30, 2012 was \$Nil (2011: \$0.4 million). The tax provision in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was allocated to ordinary activities and reflects U.S. and State taxes.

No current tax liabilities have been recognized on the balance sheet as it is assumed that they have been settled as they arose.

The effective tax rate differs from the Irish statutory tax rate of 12.5% for the nine month periods ended September 30 as follows (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Irish standard tax rate	12.5%	12.5%
Taxes at the Irish standard rate	\$ (3.7)	\$ (2.5)
U.S. foreign income at rates other than the Irish standard rate	(0.5)	0.6
Losses for which no deferred tax asset is recognized	3.7	2.5
Share based payments	0.5	0.2
Research & development tax credit	—	(0.4)
Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 0.4</u>

For the nine month periods ended September 30, the distribution of losses before provision for income taxes by geographical area was as follows (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Ireland	\$ (24.8)	\$ (18.9)
U.S.	(4.4)	(0.8)
Loss before provision for income taxes	<u>\$ (29.2)</u>	<u>\$ (19.7)</u>

Deferred Tax

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were as follows (in millions):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Deferred tax liabilities	\$ —	\$ —
Deferred tax assets	13.4	7.7
Valuation allowance	(13.4)	(7.7)
Net deferred tax asset	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

A full valuation allowance has been recognized in relation to all deferred tax assets (which relate primarily to Irish net operating losses and U.S. share based compensation), as the recoverability of the deferred tax assets is uncertain. The valuation allowance recorded against the DTAs as of September 30, 2012 was \$13.4 million (2011: \$7.7 million). The net change in valuation allowance during the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 was an increase of \$5.7 million, relating primarily to Irish net operating losses and U.S. share based payments.

At September 30, 2012, certain of Prothena's Irish subsidiaries had net operating loss carryovers for income tax purposes of \$75.2 million. These can be carried forward indefinitely but are limited to the same trade/trades.

There were no material unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2012.

The major taxing jurisdictions for the Prothena Business are Ireland and the United States. The tax years 2007 to 2011 remain subject to examination by the respective taxing authorities of each jurisdiction.

The current and deferred tax charges/(benefits) and the related tax disclosures set out above are not necessarily representative of the tax charges/(benefits) that may arise in the future.

4. Accruals and Other Current Liabilities, and Other Long-Term Liabilities

Accruals and other current liabilities at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 consisted of the following (in millions):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Clinical accruals	\$ 3.0	\$ 5.5
Payroll and related taxes	1.4	2.0
Legal accruals	0.2	0.1
Other creditors	0.1	0.2
Other accruals	0.1	0.1
Total accruals and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 4.8</u>	<u>\$ 7.9</u>

Other long-term liabilities at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 consisted of the following (in millions):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Deferred rent	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0
Deferred compensation	0.9	0.7
Total other long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 1.9</u>	<u>\$ 1.7</u>

5. Share-based Compensation

Elan has an equity award program which provides for the issuance of share options, RSUs and other equity awards to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business.

The share-based payment compensation expense recognized in these Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements includes all of the share-based payment expenses directly attributable to the Prothena Business, and an allocation of indirect expenses that have been deemed attributable to the Prothena Business. Equity awards made by Elan are settled through the issuance of new shares and are recognized in the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements as equity settled share-based compensation.

The total net expense of \$7.0 million (2011: \$2.9 million) relating to equity-settled share-based compensation for the Prothena Business has been recognized in the following line items in the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements in the nine month periods ended September 30, (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Research and development expenses—direct	\$ 5.8	\$ 2.4
Total direct expense	5.8	2.4
General and administrative expenses—allocated	1.2	0.5
Total	<u>\$ 7.0</u>	<u>\$ 2.9</u>

Share-based compensation arose under the following awards (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
RSUs	\$ 3.3	\$ 1.4
Stock options	2.5	1.0
Share-based compensation expense—direct	5.8	2.4
Share-based compensation expense—allocated	1.2	0.5
Total	<u>\$ 7.0</u>	<u>\$ 2.9</u>

6. Commitments and Contingencies

For a discussion of our commitments and contingencies, please read Note 13 to our Carve-out Combined Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. Our commitments and contingencies as of September 30, 2012 have not materially changed from the date of that report.

7. Related Parties

All intra group transactions within the Prothena Business have been eliminated in the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-Out Combined Financial Statements and are not disclosed.

As previously discussed in Note 2(a), we have certain related party relationships with other subsidiaries of Elan, primarily the provision of central support functions by Elan to Prothena and the provision by Prothena of certain R&D services to Elan.

Elan provides certain central support functions to us including, but not limited to:

- Accounting, information technology, taxation, legal, corporate strategy, investor relations, corporate governance and other professional services;
- Employee benefit administration, including equity award and pension services; and
- Cash and treasury management.

Central support costs have been allocated to the Prothena Business based on estimated usage of the resources for the purposes of preparing the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Management considers that such allocations have been made on a reasonable basis, but may not necessarily be indicative of the costs that would have been incurred if the Prothena Business operated on a stand-alone basis. The amount recorded in the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Statement of Operations in respect of such support activities in the nine month period ended September 30, 2012, was \$5.8 million (2011: \$3.0 million).

As previously discussed in Note 2(e), we provide R&D services to Elan. R&D services that the Prothena Business provides to Elan relate to non-clinical research support for Elan's ELND005 program, primarily in the areas of safety, toxicology and regulatory. The fees charged to Elan are calculated based on the expenses incurred by the Prothena Business in the provision of those R&D services, plus a mark-up of those expenses. The revenue earned by the Prothena Business in the nine month period ended September 30, 2012, of \$2.1 million (2010: \$0.4 million) was entirely comprised of fees arising from the R&D services provided to Elan.

8. New Accounting Pronouncements

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the FASB or other standard setting bodies that we adopt as of the specified effective date. We believe that the impact of recently issued standards that are not yet effective will not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations upon adoption.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Elan Corporation, plc

We have audited the accompanying carve-out combined financial statements of the Prothena Business, which comprises the carve-out combined balance sheets as at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the carve-out combined statements of operations, parent company equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011 (together and hereinafter, the "Combined Financial Statements"). These Combined Financial Statements are the responsibility of the management of Elan Corporation, plc. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Combined Financial Statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Combined Financial Statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Combined Financial Statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Combined Financial Statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Prothena Business as at December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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Chartered Accountants

Dublin, Ireland

October 1, 2012

Prothena Corporation plc
Carve-out Combined Statements of Operations
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
		(in millions)		
Revenue (arising from related party transactions)		\$ 0.5	\$ 1.2	\$ 2.5
Operating expenses:				
Research and development expenses		24.2	9.8	3.0
General and administrative expenses (including \$4.0 million of allocated central support costs from related parties for 2011 (2010: \$2.8 million; 2009: \$0.7 million))		5.6	3.6	0.7
Total operating expenses		<u>29.8</u>	<u>13.4</u>	<u>3.7</u>
Operating loss and net loss before income taxes		(29.3)	(12.2)	(1.2)
Provision for income taxes	4	0.5	0.3	0.1
Net loss		<u>\$ (29.8)</u>	<u>\$ (12.5)</u>	<u>\$ (1.3)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. The Prothena Business had no other items of income or expense during the current or prior years and therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income/(loss) is presented. Details of our commitments and contingencies are set out in Note 13 of these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Details of our related party transactions are set out in Note 14 of these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

Prothena Corporation plc
Carve-out Combined Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 2011 and 2010

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
(in millions)			
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Prepaid and other current assets		\$ 0.1	\$—
Total current assets		0.1	—
Non-Current Assets:			
Property, plant and equipment, net	5	2.5	2.4
Intangible assets, net	6	0.1	—
Other non-current assets	7	0.9	0.9
Total assets		<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.3</u>
LIABILITIES AND PARENT COMPANY EQUITY			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable		\$ 0.4	\$ 0.1
Accrued and other current liabilities	8	7.9	1.7
Total current liabilities		8.3	1.8
Other non-current liabilities	8	1.7	1.4
Total liabilities		10.0	3.2
Parent company equity		(6.4)	0.1
Total liabilities and parent company equity		<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 3.3</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

Prothena Corporation plc
Carve-out Combined Statements of Parent Company Equity
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009

	Total Parent Company Equity (in millions)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ —
Net loss	(1.3)
Share-based compensation	0.1
Net funding provided by Elan	0.5
Balance at December 31, 2009	(0.7)
Net loss	(12.5)
Share-based compensation	1.6
Net funding provided by Elan	11.7
Balance at December 31, 2010	0.1
Net loss	(29.8)
Share-based compensation	3.0
Net funding provided by Elan	20.3
Balance at December 31, 2011	<u>\$ (6.4)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

Prothena Corporation plc
Carve-out Combined Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>(in millions)</u>		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss	\$(29.8)	\$(12.5)	\$(1.3)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	0.4	0.2	—
Share-based compensation	3.0	1.6	0.1
Net changes in assets and liabilities:			
Increase in other assets	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.8)
Increase in accounts payable and accruals and other liabilities	6.8	1.7	1.5
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(19.7)</u>	<u>(9.1)</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(0.5)	(2.6)	—
Purchase of intangible assets	(0.1)	—	—
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(0.6)</u>	<u>(2.6)</u>	<u>—</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net funding provided by Elan	20.3	11.7	0.5
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>20.3</u>	<u>11.7</u>	<u>0.5</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	—	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	—	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

Prothena Corporation plc
Notes to the Carve-Out Combined Financial Statements

1. Description of Business

Prothena Corporation plc (“Prothena”) is a newly formed, public limited company incorporated in Ireland that was created for the purpose of completing the series of transactions by which Elan will separate its Prothena Business from Elan’s other businesses. Prothena’s business consists of a substantial portion of Elan Corporation, plc’s former drug discovery business platform, including the following former wholly owned subsidiaries of Elan and related tangible assets and liabilities, which we refer to as the “Prothena Business:”

- **Neotope Biosciences Limited (“Neotope Biosciences”).** Neotope Biosciences, a wholly owned subsidiary of Prothena, is engaged in the discovery and development of antibodies for the potential treatment of a broad range of indications, including
 - AL and AA forms of amyloidosis, complex diseases caused by tissue deposition of misfolded proteins that result in progressive organ damage;
 - Parkinson’s disease and related synucleinopathies; and
 - Autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma in which melanoma cell adhesion molecule (“MCAM”) mediated cell adhesion may contribute to disease pathology or progression.

Neotope Biosciences’ strategy is to apply its expertise in generating novel therapeutic antibodies, working with a broad range of collaborators in specific disease models, to select candidates for further clinical development. Neotope Biosciences’ portfolio of targets includes alpha-synuclein for the potential treatment of synucleinopathies, such as Lewy body dementia and Parkinson’s disease, MCAM for autoimmune disease and metastatic cancers such as melanoma, and tau for Alzheimer’s disease and other tauopathies. Neotope Biosciences also has a program focused on the potential treatment of type 2-diabetes.

- **Onclave Therapeutics Limited (“Onclave”).** Onclave, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, is engaged in the development of our lead program NEOD001, which is being evaluated for the potential treatment of AL amyloidosis. In 2012, Onclave was granted orphan drug designation of NEOD001 by the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”). The FDA may grant orphan drug designation to potential therapeutics intended to treat a rare disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, which means that, if an applicant is the first to receive FDA approval for a particular active ingredient to treat a particular disease for which it was granted orphan drug designation, the FDA may not approve any other applications to market the same drug for the same orphan indication, except in limited circumstances, for seven years. In September 2012, Onclave filed an Investigational New Drug Application (“IND”) with the FDA for NEOD001 for AL amyloidosis. In October 2012, the FDA accepted the IND for NEOD001, allowing Onclave to proceed with plans to test NEOD001 in a phase 1 clinical trial. Onclave expects to initiate a phase 1 clinical trial of NEOD001 in AL amyloidosis patients in early 2013.
- **Prothena Biosciences Inc (“Prothena US”).** Prothena US, a wholly -owned subsidiary of Neotope Biosciences, was organized as part of the reorganization transactions and will provide research and development services to Neotope Biosciences. Pursuant to the terms of the Research and Development Services Agreement, Prothena US will provide research and development services to Elan for a period of no less than 2 years following the separation and distribution.

The separation of the Prothena Business is subject to conditions, including approval by the shareholders of Elan Corporation, plc. If the transaction is effected, Elan expects there to be a separate listing of Prothena on a U.S. exchange, by the end of 2012.

All references to “we,” “our,” or “us” in these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements refer to the Prothena Business. Elan Corporation, plc and its consolidated subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as “Elan”.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied in the preparation of these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

(a) Basis of preparation and presentation of financial information

The Prothena Business has historically operated as part of Elan and not as a separate stand-alone entity. The Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of the Prothena Business have been prepared on a “carve-out” basis from the consolidated

financial statements of Elan to represent the financial position and performance of the Prothena Business as if the Prothena Business had existed on a stand-alone basis during each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 for statement of operations and cash flow statement amounts and as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 for balance sheet amounts; and as if Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standard Codification (“ASC”) Topic 810, “Consolidation,” had been applied throughout. The Carve-out Combined Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”), by aggregating financial information from the components of the Prothena Business described in Note 1.

The accompanying Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of Prothena only include assets and liabilities that management have determined are specifically identifiable with the Prothena Business, and allocations of direct costs and indirect costs attributable to operations of the Prothena Business. Indirect costs relate to certain support functions that are provided on a centralized basis within Elan.

The support functions provided to us by Elan include, but are not limited to:

- Accounting, information technology, taxation, legal, corporate strategy, investor relations, corporate governance and other professional services;
- Employee benefit administration, including equity award and pension services; and
- Cash and treasury management.

Central support costs of the Prothena Business for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 amounted to \$4.0 million (2010: \$2.8 million; 2009: \$0.7 million). These costs have been allocated to the Prothena Business for the purposes of preparing the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements based on estimated usage of the resources by us. The estimated usage of the central support resources by the Prothena Business has been determined by estimating our portion of the most appropriate driver of each category of central support costs such as headcount and labor hours depending on the nature of the costs. Management considers that such allocations have been made on a reasonable basis, but may not necessarily be indicative of the costs that would have been incurred if the Prothena Business had been operated on a standalone basis.

Elan has an equity award program which provides for the issuance of share options, restricted stock units (RSUs) and other equity awards to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided services to the Prothena Business. The share-based payment compensation expense recognized in these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements includes all of the share-based payment expenses directly attributable to the Prothena Business, and allocations of indirect expenses that have been deemed attributable to the Prothena Business.

Elan uses a centralized approach to manage substantially all of its liquid resources and to finance its operations and, as a result, no separate cash accounts for the Prothena Business were historically maintained, and debt and liquid resources maintained at the Elan group level are not included in the accompanying Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Liquid resources are defined as the total of cash and cash equivalents, current restricted cash and current investment securities. Elan has historically funded all of our operating and capital resource requirements.

The parent company equity balance in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements constitutes Elan’s investment in the Prothena Business and represents the excess of total liabilities over total assets (or excess of total assets over total liabilities), including the netting of intercompany funding balances between us and Elan. Changes in parent company equity represent Elan’s net investment in us, after giving effect to our net loss, contributions from Elan in the form of share-based compensation to our employees and net funding provided by Elan.

The tax amounts in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements have been calculated as if the Prothena Business was a separate taxable entity and consistent with the asset and liability method prescribed in ASC 740 “Income Taxes,” (“ASC 740”).

The Carve-out Combined Financial Statements of Prothena are presented in U.S. dollars (\$), which is the functional currency of the Prothena Business, and have been prepared on a going concern basis. As part of the separation, Elan intends to make a net cash investment in the Prothena Subsidiaries, which is expected to be used by Prothena to fund working capital expenses and for other general corporate purposes. Elan also intends to make a cash payment to Prothena to subscribe for 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena. Immediately following the net cash investment and the issuance of 18% of Prothena’s ordinary shares to Elan, we expect that we will have approximately \$125 million in cash and cash equivalents, which we believe will provide us with sufficient liquidity and capital resources to meet our cash needs through approximately June 30, 2015. On this basis, we believe that Prothena has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next 12 months and that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements.

(b) Use of estimates

The preparation of the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Estimates are used in determining items such as the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and the fair value of share-based compensation, among other items. Because of the uncertainties inherent in such estimates, actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

(c) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Shorter of expected useful life or lease term
Plant and equipment	3-10 years

Property, plant and equipment is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If circumstances require that a long-lived asset is tested for possible impairment, we compare undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by an asset to the carrying amount of the asset. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value. We determine fair value using the income approach based on the present value of expected cash flows. Our cash flow assumptions consider historical and forecasted revenue and operating costs and other relevant factors.

(d) Leasing

Rentals on operating leases are charged to expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(e) Revenue

Revenue recorded in the statements of operations is comprised of fees earned from the provision of research and development services to Elan. R&D services that the Prothena Business provides to Elan relate to non-clinical research support for Elan's ELND005 program, primarily in the areas of safety, toxicology and regulatory. The fees charged to Elan were calculated based on the expenses incurred by the Prothena Business in the provision of those R&D services, plus a mark-up of those expenses.

Revenue is recognized when earned and non-refundable, and when we have no future obligation with respect to the revenue, in accordance with the terms prescribed in the applicable contract. Advance payments received in excess of amounts earned are classified as deferred revenue until earned. We defer and amortize up-front fees to the income statement over the performance period. The performance period is the period over which we expect to provide services as determined by the contract provisions.

(f) Research and development

R&D costs are expensed as incurred. Costs to acquire intellectual property, product rights and other similar intangible assets are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. The method of amortization chosen best reflects the manner in which individual intangible assets are consumed.

(g) Taxation

Income taxes reflected in these financial statements have been calculated as if the business were a separate taxable group and consistent with the asset and liability method prescribed by ASC 740.

Deferred tax assets ("DTAs") and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using the enacted tax rates projected to be in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. DTAs are recognized for the expected future tax consequences, for all deductible temporary differences and operating loss carryforwards. A valuation allowance is required for DTAs if, based on available evidence, it is more likely than not that all or some of the asset will not be realized due to the inability to generate sufficient future taxable income.

Significant estimates are required in determining our provision for income taxes. Some of these estimates are based on management's interpretations of jurisdiction-specific tax laws or regulations. Various internal and external factors may have favorable or unfavorable effects on the future effective income tax rate of the business. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in tax laws, regulations and/or rates, changing interpretations of existing tax laws or regulations, changes in estimates of prior years' items, past and future levels of R&D spending and changes in overall levels of income before taxes.

The tax benefit from an uncertain tax position is recognized only if it is more likely than not the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such positions are then measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon settlement. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits are accounted for in income tax expense.

(h) Share-based compensation

Elan has an equity award program which provides for the issuance of share options, RSUs and other equity awards to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided services to the Prothena Business. The share-based payment compensation expense recognized in these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements includes all of the share-based payment expenses directly attributable to the Prothena Business, and allocations of indirect expenses that have been deemed attributable to the Prothena Business.

Share-based compensation expense for equity-settled awards is measured and recognized based on estimated grant date fair values. These awards include employee stock options, RSUs and stock purchases related to Elan's employee equity purchase plan ("EEPP").

Share-based compensation cost for stock options and ordinary shares issued under Elan's EEPP is estimated at the grant date based on each option's fair value as calculated using an option-pricing model. Share-based compensation cost for RSUs is measured based on the closing fair market value of Elan's ordinary shares on the date of grant. The value of awards expected to vest is recognized as an expense over the requisite service periods.

Estimating the fair value of share-based awards as of the grant or vest date using an option-pricing model, such as the binomial model, is affected by Elan's share price as well as assumptions regarding a number of complex variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, the expected share price volatility over the term of the awards, risk-free interest rates, and actual and projected employee exercise behaviors.

(i) Contingencies

We assess the likelihood of any adverse outcomes to contingencies, including legal matters, as well as the potential range of probable losses. We record accruals for such contingencies when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. If an unfavorable outcome is probable, but the amount of the loss cannot be reasonably estimated, we estimate the range of probable loss and accrue the most probable loss within the range. If no amount within the range is deemed more probable, we accrue the minimum amount within the range. If neither a range of loss nor a minimum amount of loss is estimable, then appropriate disclosure is provided, but no amounts are accrued.

(j) Recent Accounting pronouncements

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, "Fair Value Measurement ("Topic 820"): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs", which results in common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS. The amendments change the wording used to describe many of the requirements in U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements. Some of the amendments clarify the FASB's intent about the application of existing fair value measurement requirements while other amendments change a particular principle or requirement for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurements. The amendments will impact our disclosures but is not expected to impact our combined financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, "Comprehensive Income ("Topic 220"): Presentation of Comprehensive Income", to improve the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and to increase the prominence of items reported in OCI. To increase the prominence of items reported in OCI and to facilitate convergence of U.S. GAAP and IFRS, the FASB decided to eliminate the option to present components of OCI as part of the statement of changes in shareholders' equity. The amendments require that all nonowner changes in shareholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In the two-statement approach, the first statement should present total net income and its components followed consecutively by a second statement that should present total OCI, the components of OCI, and the total of comprehensive income. The amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. We do not expect that the adoption of ASU 2011-05 to impact our combined financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

3. Segment, Geographical and Suppliers Information

Our chief operating decision maker ("CODM") has been identified as Mr. Dale Schenk, Chief Executive Officer of Prothena. Prothena has a single reporting segment and operating unit structure and the CODM monitors financial performance from this perspective based on the level of operating losses. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010 all of our assets, which had total carrying amounts of \$3.6 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, were held in the United States.

We are dependent on Boehringer Ingelheim to manufacture our clinical supplies of NEOD001. An inability to obtain product supply could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

4. Income Taxes

Income taxes reflected in these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements have been calculated as if the Prothena Business was a separate taxable group and consistent with the asset and liability method prescribed by ASC 740.

The following table sets forth the details of the provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31 (in millions):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Irish corporation tax—current	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Irish corporation tax—deferred	—	—	—
U.S. taxes—current	0.5	0.3	0.1
U.S. taxes—deferred	—	—	—
Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ 0.5</u>	<u>\$ 0.3</u>	<u>\$ 0.1</u>

The overall tax provision for 2011 was \$0.5 million (2010: \$0.3 million; 2009: \$0.1 million). This is allocated to ordinary activities and reflects U.S. Federal and State taxes.

No current tax liabilities have been recognized on the balance sheet as it is assumed that they have been settled as they arose.

The effective tax rate differs from the Irish statutory tax rate of 12.5% as follows (in millions):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Irish standard tax rate	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
Taxes at the Irish standard rate	\$ (3.7)	\$ (1.5)	\$ (0.1)
U.S. income at rates other than the Irish standard rate	0.7	0.3	0.1
Losses for which no deferred tax asset is recognized	3.7	1.5	0.1
Share-based payments	0.2	0.2	—
R&D tax credit	(0.4)	(0.2)	—
Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ 0.5</u>	<u>\$ 0.3</u>	<u>\$ 0.1</u>

For the years ended December 31, the distribution of losses before provision for income taxes by geographical area was as follows (in millions):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Ireland	\$(27.8)	\$(12.2)	\$(3.5)
United States	(1.5)	—	2.3
Loss before provision for income taxes	<u>\$(29.3)</u>	<u>\$(12.2)</u>	<u>\$(1.2)</u>

Deferred Tax

The full potential amounts of deferred tax comprised the following DTAs and deferred tax liabilities at December 31 (in millions):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total deferred tax liabilities	\$—	\$—
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating losses	6.0	2.2
R&D tax credit	0.7	0.2
Share-based compensation expense	1.0	0.4
Total deferred tax assets	\$ 7.7	\$ 2.8
Valuation allowance	\$(7.7)	\$(2.8)
Net deferred tax asset/(liability)	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>

A full valuation allowance has been recognized in relation to all deferred tax assets (which relate primarily to Irish net operating losses and U.S. share based compensation), as the recoverability of the deferred tax assets is uncertain. The valuation allowance recorded against the DTAs as of December 31, 2011 was \$7.7 million (2010: \$2.8 million). The net change in valuation allowance for 2011 was an increase of \$4.9 million (2010: increase of \$2.3 million; 2009: increase of \$0.5 million), relating primarily to Irish net operating losses and U.S. share based payments.

The gross amount of unused tax loss carryforwards with their expiration dates are as follows (in millions):

	At December 31, 2011			Total
	Ireland	U.S. State	U.S. Federal	
One year	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Two years	—	—	—	—
Three years	—	—	—	—
Four years	—	—	—	—
Five years	—	—	—	—
More than five years	47.8	—	—	47.8
Total	\$ 47.8	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 47.8

At December 31, 2011, certain of Prothena's Irish subsidiaries had net operating loss carryovers for income tax purposes of \$47.8 million. These can be carried forward indefinitely but are limited to the same trade/trades.

There were no material unrecognized tax benefits at 31 December 2011.

The major taxing jurisdictions for the Prothena Business are Ireland and the United States. The tax years 2007 to 2011 remain subject to examination by the respective taxing authorities of each jurisdiction.

The current and deferred tax charges/(benefits) and the related tax disclosures set out above are not necessarily representative of the tax charges/(benefits) that may arise in the future.

5. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Leasehold	Plant &	Total
	Improvement	Equipment	
(In millions)			
Cost:			
At January 1, 2010	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Additions/Transfers	0.8	1.8	2.6
At December 31, 2010	\$ 0.8	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.6
Additions/Transfers	—	0.5	0.5
At December 31, 2011	\$ 0.8	\$ 2.3	\$ 3.1
Accumulated depreciation:			
At January 1, 2010	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Charged in year	—	(0.2)	(0.2)
At December 31, 2010	\$ —	\$ (0.2)	\$ (0.2)
Charged in year	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.4)
At December 31, 2011	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.5)	\$ (0.6)

	Leasehold Improvement	Plant & Equipment (In millions)	Total
Net book value: December 31, 2011	\$ 0.7	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.5
Net book value: December 31, 2010	\$ 0.8	\$ 1.6	\$ 2.4

The depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment of \$0.4 million for 2011 (2010: \$0.2 million; 2009: \$Nil) was recognized in the R&D expenses reporting line item in the Carve-out Combined Statement of Operations.

6. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are comprised of computer software assets.

7. Other Assets

Other non-current assets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are comprised principally of assets relating to deferred compensation plans. Certain employees that provide directly attributable services to the Prothena Business participate in Elan's deferred compensation plans. The assets attributable to these employees have been specifically identified and included in the Carve-out Combined Balance Sheet.

8. Accruals and Other Current Liabilities, and Other Long-Term Liabilities

Accruals and other current liabilities at December 31 consisted of the following (in millions):

	2011	2010
Clinical accruals	\$ 5.5	\$ 0.8
Payroll and related taxes	2.0	0.5
Legal accruals	0.1	0.2
Other creditors	0.2	0.1
Other accruals	0.1	0.1
Total accrued and other current liabilities	\$ 7.9	\$ 1.7

The increase in clinical accruals of \$4.7 million to \$5.5 million at December 31, 2011 compared to \$0.8 million at December 31, 2010 is due to the increased clinical spend on the NEOD001 for amyloidosis program in preparation of advancing this program into a Phase 1 clinical trial.

Other long-term liabilities at December 31 consisted of the following (in millions):

	2011	2010
Deferred rent	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.6
Deferred compensation	0.7	0.8
Total other long-term liabilities	\$ 1.7	\$ 1.4

9. Employee Retirement Plan

Elan maintains a 401(k) retirement savings plan for employees based in the United States, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business. Participants in the 401(k) plan may contribute up to 80% of their annual compensation (prior to January 1, 2011, participants could contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation), limited by the maximum amount allowed by the IRC. Elan matches 3% of each participating employee's annual compensation payable on a quarterly basis and may contribute additional discretionary matching up to another 3% of the employee's annual qualified compensation. The matching contributions are vested immediately. For 2011, the Prothena Business recorded \$0.1 million (2010: \$Nil; 2009: \$Nil) of expense in connection with the matching contributions under the 401(k) plan.

10. Share-based Compensation

Elan has an equity award program which provides for the issuance of share options, RSUs and other equity awards to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business.

The share-based payment compensation expense recognized in these Carve-out Combined Financial Statements includes all of the share-based payment expenses directly attributable to the Prothena Business, and an allocation of indirect expenses that have been deemed attributable to the Prothena Business. Equity awards made by Elan are settled through the issuance of new shares and are recognized in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements as equity settled share-based compensation.

Share-based Compensation Expense

The total expense of \$3.6 million (2010: \$1.9 million; 2009: \$0.1 million) relating to equity-settled share-based compensation for the Prothena Business has been recognized in the following line items in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements (in millions):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Research and development expenses—direct	\$ 2.8	\$ 1.6	\$ 0.1
General and administrative expenses—direct	0.2	—	—
Total direct expense	3.0	1.6	0.1
General and administrative expenses—allocated	0.6	0.3	—
Total	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 1.9</u>	<u>\$ 0.1</u>

Share-based compensation arose under the following awards (in millions):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
RSUs	\$ 1.7	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.1
Stock options	1.3	0.6	—
Share-based compensation expense — direct	3.0	1.6	0.1
Share-based compensation expense — allocated	0.6	0.3	—
Total	<u>\$ 3.6</u>	<u>\$ 1.9</u>	<u>\$ 0.1</u>

The total direct equity-settled share-based compensation expense for the Prothena Business related to unvested awards not yet recognized, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, is \$0.5 million at December 31, 2011. This expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average of 1.0 years.

Stock Options

Stock options are granted at the price equal to the market value at the date of grant and will expire on a date not later than 10 years after their grant. Options generally vest between one and four years from the grant date.

The following table summarizes the number of options outstanding as of December 31 that were held by the employees that provided directly attributable service to the Prothena Business (in thousands):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
1996 Plan	96	106
1998 Plan	—	14
1999 Plan	57	109
2006 Long Term Incentive Plan	671	398
Total	<u>824</u>	<u>627</u>

The total stock options outstanding, vested and expected to vest, and exercisable that are held by the employees that provided directly attributable service to the Prothena Business are summarized as follows:

	<u>No. of Options</u> <u>(In thousands)</u>	<u>WAEP⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Weighted Average</u> <u>Remaining</u> <u>Contractual Life</u> <u>(In years)</u>	<u>Aggregate</u> <u>Intrinsic</u> <u>Value</u> <u>(In millions)</u>
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	601	\$ 19.82		
Granted	80	7.01		
Expired	(54)	37.19		
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	627	\$ 16.70		
Exercised	(60)	7.41		

	<u>No. of Options (In thousands)</u>	<u>WAEP⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (In years)</u>	<u>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In millions)</u>
Granted	324	6.82		
Expired	(67)	57.33		
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	824	\$ 10.21	6.8	\$ 3.6
Vested and expected to vest at December 31, 2011	776	\$ 10.41	6.7	\$ 3.3
Exercisable at December 31, 2011	437	\$ 12.78	5.0	\$ 1.1

(1) *Weighted-average exercise price*

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (the difference between Elan's closing share price on the last trading day of 2011 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options) that would have been received by direct option holders had all these option holders exercised their options on December 31, 2011. This amount changes based on the fair market value of Elan's ordinary shares. The total intrinsic value of options exercised in 2011 was \$0.2 million. The total fair value expensed over the vesting terms of options that became fully vested in 2011 was \$1.2 million (2010: \$0.6 million; 2009: \$0.7 million).

At December 31, 2011, the range of exercise prices and weighted-average remaining contractual life of outstanding and exercisable options were as follows:

	<u>Options Outstanding</u>			<u>Options Exercisable</u>		
	<u>Options Outstanding (in thousands)</u>	<u>Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)</u>	<u>WAEP</u>	<u>Options Outstanding (in thousands)</u>	<u>Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)</u>	<u>WAEP</u>
\$1.93-\$10.00	533	8.1	\$ 6.92	157	5.9	\$ 7.11
\$10.01-\$25.01	291	4.5	\$ 16.25	280	4.5	\$ 15.96
\$1.93-\$27.65	824	6.8	\$ 10.21	437	5.0	\$ 12.78

Equity-settled share-based payments expense recognized in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements are based on the fair value of the awards measured at the date of grant. The graded-vesting attribution method is used for recognizing share-based compensation expense over the requisite service period for each separately vesting tranche of award as though the awards were, in substance, multiple awards.

The fair value of stock options is calculated using a binomial option-pricing model and the fair value of options issued under the EEPP is calculated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, taking into account the relevant terms and conditions. The binomial option-pricing model is used to estimate the fair value of our stock options because it better reflects the possibility of exercise before the end of the options' life. The binomial option-pricing model also integrates possible variations in model inputs, such as risk-free interest rates and other inputs, which may change over the life of the options. Options issued under the EEPP have relatively short contractual lives, or must be exercised within a short period of time after the vesting date, and the input factors identified above do not apply. Therefore, the Black-Scholes option-pricing model produces a fair value that is substantially the same as a more complex binomial option-pricing model for the EEPP. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted each period to reflect actual and estimated future levels of vesting.

The implied volatility for traded options on Elan's shares with remaining maturities of at least one year was used to determine the expected volatility assumption required in the binomial model. The risk-free interest rate assumption is based upon observed interest rates appropriate for the term of the stock option awards. The dividend yield assumption is based on the history and expectation of dividend payouts.

As share-based compensation expense recognized in the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from estimates. Forfeitures were estimated based on historical experience and estimated future turnover.

The estimated weighted-average grant date fair values of the individual options granted to the employees that provided directly attributable service to the Prothena Business during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 were \$2.99, \$3.86 and \$5.53, respectively. The fair value of options granted during these years was estimated using the binomial option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	2011	2010	2009
Risk-free interest rate	1.71%	2.09%	1.43%
Expected volatility	49.3%	66.0%	95.7%
Expected dividend yield	—	—	—
Expected life (1)	—	—	—

(1) The expected lives of options granted in 2011, as derived from the output of the binomial model, ranged from 4.8 years to 7.4 years (2010: 4.8 years to 7.5 years; 2009: 4.5 years to 7.3 years). The contractual life of the options, which is not later than 10 years from the date of grant, is used as an input into the binomial model.

Restricted Stock Units

Elan grants RSUs to its employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business. The RSUs generally vest between one and three years from the grant date, and shares are issued to RSU holders as soon as practicable following vesting. The fair value of services received by the Prothena Business in return for the RSUs is measured by reference to the fair value of the underlying shares at grant date. The total fair value expensed over the vesting terms of RSUs that became fully vested in 2011 was \$1.1 million (2010: \$0.6 million; 2009: \$0.7 million).

The non-vested RSUs relating to the employees that provided directly attributable service to the Prothena Business are summarized as follows (in thousands, except fair value amounts):

	No. of RSUs	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Non-vested at December 31, 2009	137	\$ 14.33
Granted	127	7.05
Vested	(35)	18.49
Non-vested at December 31, 2010	229	\$ 9.67
Granted	195	6.80
Vested	(132)	9.85
Non-vested at December 31, 2011	292	\$ 7.67

Employee Equity Purchase Plan

Elan operates an EEPP for eligible employees, including employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business. The EEPP is a qualified plan under Sections 421 and 423 of the IRC and allows eligible employees to purchase ordinary shares at 85% of the lower of the fair market value at the beginning of the offering period or the fair market value on the last trading day of the offering period. Purchases are limited to \$25,000 (fair market value) per calendar year; 2,000 shares per six-month offering period (changed from 1,000 shares per three-month offering period, beginning January 1, 2011); and subject to certain IRC restrictions.

A total of 6,412 shares were issued under the EEPP to employees for the 2011 offering period (2010: 8,344 shares; 2009: 6,808 shares). The weighted-average fair value of options granted under the EEPP to employees that have directly and indirectly provided service to the Prothena Business during the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$2.30 (2010: \$1.84; 2009: \$2.07). The estimated fair values of these options were charged to expense over the respective six-month offering periods. The estimated fair values of options granted under the EEPP to employees that provided directly attributable service to the Prothena Business, in the years ended December 31, were calculated using the following inputs into the Black-Scholes option-pricing model:

	2011	2010	2009
Weighted-average share price	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.61	\$ 6.57
Weighted-average exercise price	\$ 6.80	\$ 4.77	\$ 5.58
Expected volatility (1)	49.7%	63.9%	84.6%
Expected life	6 months	6 months	3 months
Expected dividend yield	—	—	—
Risk-free interest rate	0.16%	0.21%	0.15%

(1) The expected volatility was determined based on the implied volatility of traded options on Elan's ordinary shares.

11. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in an arms-length transaction between informed and willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

As of December 31, 2011, we did not hold any financial assets or financial liabilities that are recognized at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring or non-recurring basis (2010: \$Nil).

12. Leases

In March 2010, Elan entered into a lease agreement for a building in South San Francisco, California, with a commencement date in November 2010. The leased space is being utilized by the Prothena Business, and the lease term is 10 years. The cost of this operating lease is directly attributable to the Prothena Business and the total expense of \$0.9 million for 2011 (2010: \$0.2 million; 2009: \$Nil) was recognized in the R&D line item in the Carve-out Combined Income Statement.

As of December 31, 2011, the future minimum rental commitments under the operating lease directly attributable to the Prothena Business were as follows (in millions):

Due in:	
2012	\$ 0.8
2013	0.8
2014	0.9
2015	1.0
2016 and thereafter	5.3
Total	<u>\$ 8.8</u>

No Prothena Business assets were held under capital leases as of December 31, 2011 or 2010.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

As of December 31, 2011, the Elan directors had authorized capital commitments for the purchase of property, plant and equipment by the Prothena Business of \$0.6 million (2010: \$0.1 million) as follows (in millions):

	2011	2010
Contracted for	\$ 0.3	\$ —
Not-contracted for	0.3	0.1
Total	<u>\$ 0.6</u>	<u>\$ 0.1</u>

14. Related Parties

All intra group transactions within the Prothena Business have been eliminated in the Carve-Out Combined Financial Statements and are not disclosed.

As previously discussed in Note 2(a), we have certain related party relationships with other subsidiaries of Elan, primarily the provision of central support functions by Elan to Prothena and the provision by Prothena of certain R&D services to Elan.

Elan provides certain central support functions to us including, but not limited to:

- Accounting, information technology, taxation, legal, corporate strategy, investor relations, corporate governance and other professional services;
- Employee benefit administration, including equity award and pension services; and
- Cash and treasury management.

Central support costs have been allocated to the Prothena Business based on estimated usage of the resources for the purposes of preparing the Carve-out Combined Financial Statements. Management considers that such allocations have been made on a reasonable basis, but may not necessarily be indicative of the costs that would have been incurred if the Prothena Business operated on a stand-alone basis. The amount recorded in the Carve-out Combined Statement of Operations in respect of such support activities in the year ended December 31 2011 was \$4.0 million (2010: \$2.8 million; 2009: \$0.7 million).

As previously discussed in Note 2(e), we provide R&D services to Elan. R&D services that the Prothena Business provides to Elan relate to non-clinical research support for Elan's ELND005 program, primarily in the areas of safety, toxicology and regulatory. The fees charged to Elan are calculated based on the expenses incurred by the Prothena Business in the provision of those R&D services, plus a mark-up of those expenses. The revenue earned by the Prothena Business in the year ended December 31, 2011, of \$0.5 million (2010: \$1.2 million; 2009: \$2.5 million) was entirely comprised of fees arising from the R&D services provided to Elan.

Via EDGAR

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F. Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549
Attention: Jeffrey Riedler

**Re: Prothena Corporation plc (formerly Neotope Corporation Limited)
Registration Statement on Form 10
Filed October 1, 2012
File No. 001-35676**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of our client, Prothena Corporation plc ("Prothena"), which was formerly named Neotope Corporation Limited (the name under which the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form 10 (the "Registration Statement") was filed initially with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on October 1, 2012 (SEC File No. 001-35676)), we are submitting this letter in response to the written comments of the staff (the "Staff") of the Commission, dated October 28, 2012 (the "Comment Letter"), with respect to the Registration Statement. In connection with this letter responding to the Staff's comments, we are filing Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement, and we have enclosed six courtesy copies of such Amendment No. 1 marked to show changes from the Registration Statement as filed on October 1, 2012.

Set forth below are the headings and text of the comments raised in the Comment Letter, followed by Prothena's responses thereto.

General

- 1. We note that there are a number of additional exhibits that still need to be filed. Please provide these exhibits as promptly as possible. Please note that we may have comments on these materials once they are provided.***

Response

Prothena acknowledges the Staff's comment and intends to file all exhibits to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable.

2. Unless otherwise indicated, references to page references and captions in this letter are to the information statement filed as exhibit 99.1.

Response

Prothena acknowledges the Staff's comment.

EXHIBIT 99.1 Information Statement

General

3. ***It appears that the sale of shares by Neotope to Elan is one of the transactions included in the series of transactions by which Elan will separate its Neotope Business from Elan's other businesses. Accordingly, it appears that this sale of shares to Elan is part of the spin-off transaction. As described in the information statement, after the sale of shares by Neotope, the Elan shareholders will directly own a reduced percentage of equity securities and voting power in Neotope as compared to their percentage of equity securities and voting power in Elan. Please provide us with a detailed analysis which supports your conclusion that this is consistent with Staff Legal Bulletin No. 4, including support for your conclusion that the transaction is pro rata. Alternatively, please withdraw this registration statement and file a Securities Act registration statement to register this offering prior to seeking shareholder approval for the distribution.***

Response

The separation of the Prothena Business (as defined on page 2 of the Information Statement) from Elan Corporation, plc will be completed through a "demerger" under Irish law (the "Demerger"). The Demerger will be effected by Elan transferring the Prothena Business to Prothena, in exchange for Prothena issuing directly to the holders of Elan ordinary shares and Elan American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), on a pro rata basis, Prothena ordinary shares representing 99.99% of Prothena's outstanding shares (with the remaining 0.01% of Prothena's outstanding shares, which were previously issued to the original incorporators of Prothena and which we refer to as the "incorporator shares," being mandatorily redeemed by Prothena after the separation and distribution (as defined on the cover page to the Information Statement) as described below). Prothena's issuance of 99.99% of its outstanding shares will constitute a deemed "in specie distribution," or a distribution in the form of assets other than cash (in this case, Prothena shares), by Elan to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs as of the record date.

Prior to the consummation of the separation and distribution, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan will have agreed (conditioned on the consummation of the separation and distribution) to subscribe for newly-issued ordinary shares of Prothena representing 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), for a cash payment to Prothena of \$26.0 million. This subscription will be consummated immediately following the separation and distribution. Immediately after the consummation of Elan's subscription for 18% of Prothena's outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), the incorporator shares will be mandatorily redeemed by Prothena pursuant to their terms for their initial subscription price, and cancelled. The material terms of the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement, the

agreement governing the subscription by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan of 18% of Prothena's outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription), are described in the Registration Statement under the heading "Arrangements between Elan and Prothena" and the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement will be filed as an exhibit to a subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable.

For the reasons set forth below, it is our view that the Demerger, together with the share subscription by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elan, is consistent with Staff Legal Bulletin No. 4 (September 16, 1997) (the "Staff Legal Bulletin"). The Staff Legal Bulletin provides that "a subsidiary must register a spin-off of shares under the Securities Act if the spin-off is a 'sale' of the securities by the parent"; provided, however, that so long as the following five conditions are met, no "sale" of securities of the spun-off company shall have been deemed to occur, and thus, the shares of such entity to be issued in the spin-off, are not required to be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"):

1. The parent company shareholders do not provide consideration for the spin-off shares;
2. The spin-off is pro rata to the parent company's shareholders;
3. The parent company provides adequate information about the spin-off and the subsidiary to its shareholders and to the trading markets;
4. The parent has a valid business purpose for the spin-off; and
5. If the parent spins-off "restricted securities", it has held those securities for at least two years.

We believe that the Demerger together with the share subscription satisfies each of these conditions for the following reasons:

1. The Elan Shareholders (as defined below) will receive an “*in specie* distribution,” or distribution in the form of assets other than cash (in this case, Prothena shares), of 1 Prothena ordinary share for each 41 shares of Elan ordinary shares and/or ADSs held by such holder (each such holder an “Elan Shareholder”). The Commission has taken the position that a dividend of securities generally does not constitute a “sale” within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3) of the Securities Act because such dividend does not constitute a disposition “for value” within the meaning of that section. See Securities Act Release No. 929 (July 29, 1936). The rationale for this position is that the recipient of a dividend of securities neither gives value for, nor makes an independent investment decision about, such securities and, therefore, does not need the protection afforded by the Securities Act. In light of the Commission’s position and its underlying rationale, we believe that the Demerger will involve neither an “offer” nor a “sale” of securities within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3) of the Securities Act because: (i) neither Elan nor Prothena will receive any value from Elan Shareholders for the distribution of the Prothena ordinary shares; (ii) Elan Shareholders will receive the Prothena ordinary shares as an *in specie* distribution without paying any consideration to Elan or Prothena; and (iii) the Elan Shareholders will not make an independent investment decision about the Prothena ordinary shares. Accordingly, the Company believes that the Elan Shareholders are not providing consideration for the Prothena ordinary shares in the Demerger, and that the first condition of the Staff Legal Bulletin is satisfied.
2. The Demerger transactions will be pro rata. As a result of the Demerger and the subscription by Elan for 18% of Prothena’s outstanding ordinary shares (as calculated immediately following the consummation of such subscription) immediately after the Demerger, Elan Shareholders will have, directly or indirectly, the same proportionate economic interest in Elan and in the Prothena Business as they did immediately prior to the Demerger. Before these transactions, the Elan Shareholders owned 100% of the Prothena Business through their direct ownership of 100% of the outstanding shares of Elan, which in turn owned the Prothena Business. Immediately after these transactions, Elan Shareholders will directly and indirectly own 100% of the Prothena Business, by virtue of their (i) direct ownership of 82% of Prothena’s outstanding shares and (ii) indirect ownership of 18% of Prothena’s outstanding shares. Elan Shareholders “indirectly” own 18% of Prothena’s outstanding shares because they own 100% of the outstanding shares of Elan, which in turn (through a wholly owned subsidiary) owns 18% of Prothena’s outstanding shares. As a result, the Elan subscription for a minority position in Prothena does not change the pro rata nature of the distribution of the Demerger, and the Elan Shareholders’ direct and indirect economic interests in the assets of Elan and its subsidiaries, including those subsidiaries holding the Prothena Business, will not have been substantially altered by the Demerger. The Division has issued several no-action letters, both prior to and following issuance of the Staff Legal Bulletin, providing that the issuance of shares in a spin-off did not require registration where the parent company did not distribute all of its interests in the spun-off company or where the spun-off company issued its shares to the parent company in connection with the spin-off. See, e.g., Sanpaolo IMI S.P.A. (available October 28, 1999), Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni S.p.A (available October 27, 1998), Summit Energy (available March 29, 1988), The Henley Group, Inc. (available December 21, 1987), Eaton Corporation (available August 8, 1983).

3. The Staff Legal Bulletin states that in connection with a spin-off, a parent company that is spinning-off a non-reporting subsidiary will be deemed to provide adequate information to its shareholders and the trading markets where (i) it gives its shareholders an information statement (the “Information Statement”) that describes the spin-off and the subsidiary and that substantially complies with Regulation 14A or Regulation 14C under the Exchange Act by the date it spins off the securities; and (ii) the subsidiary registers the spun-off securities under the Exchange Act. On October 1, 2012, Prothena filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form 10, to which the Information Statement describing the Demerger and Prothena and substantially complying with Regulation 14C under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), was attached as an exhibit. Following satisfactory resolution of the Staff’s comments to the Registration Statement and the SEC declaring the Registration Statement effective, Elan intends to deliver the Information Statement to the Elan Shareholders of record on a date that is prior to the completion of the Demerger. In addition, upon the SEC having declared the Registration Statement effective, the Prothena ordinary shares will be registered under the Exchange Act. Therefore, there will be sufficient public information about the spin-off and Prothena available from and after the Demerger.
4. The Demerger has a valid business purpose. As described in further detail in the Information Statement, the board of directors of Elan has determined that the separation and distribution are in the best interests of Elan and the Elan Shareholders because it will provide both Elan and Prothena with the following key benefits: (i) greater strategic focus of financial resources and management’s efforts, (ii) direct and differentiated access to capital resources, (iii) enhanced investor choice through investment opportunities in two separate companies and (iv) enhanced management incentive tools.
5. The Staff Legal Bulletin expresses the view that the distribution of “restricted securities” – that is, securities acquired from an issuer or affiliate of the issuer of the securities in a private transaction (see Securities Act Rule 144(a)(3)) – would have to be registered unless the company conducting the spin-off held the restricted securities for two years. The Staff Legal Bulletin further makes clear that shares issued in connection with the formation of a company were not “restricted securities” for purposes of the Staff Legal Bulletin: This two-year holding period position does not apply where the parent formed the subsidiary being spun-off, rather than acquiring the business from a third-party. Since Elan caused the formation of Prothena and the transfer of the companies owning the Prothena Business to Prothena, rather than purchasing Prothena and its business from a third party, this final condition does not apply to the Demerger.

4. **We note that the issuance of 99.99% of Neotope’s shares will constitute a deemed “in specie” distribution by Elan to holders of record of Elan ordinary shares and Elan ADSs. Please briefly describe the meaning and significance of an “in specie” distribution the first time you use the term.**

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised the letter to Elan Shareholders and the cover page in Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

5. **We note that immediately following the separation and distribution, Elan will purchase and acquire 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Neotope, consisting of (1) the purchase and acquisition (by way of “share subscription”) of newly issued shares of Neotope for cash and (2) the purchase of all Neotope incorporator shares. Please clarify the actions Elan will take to acquire 18% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Neotope. Please also clarify when this will occur. For example, we note that you state on page 15 that it will take the distribution agent up to two weeks to issue the spin-off shares, will the purchase occur during this period?**

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised the letter to Elan Shareholders, the cover page, and pages 6, 16, 34, 36, 41, 89 and 96 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement. We supplementally inform the Staff, as clarified in our revised disclosure, that:

- prior to the separation and distribution, a wholly owned subsidiary of Elan agreed to subscribe for 18% of the ordinary shares of Prothena (as calculated immediately following consummation of such subscription) conditioned upon consummation of the separation and distribution;
- the material terms of the agreement governing this subscription, entitled the “Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement”, are described in the Registration Statement under the heading “Arrangements between Elan and Prothena” and the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement will be filed as an exhibit to a subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable;

- the consummation of the sale of the Prothena ordinary shares to a wholly owned subsidiary of Elan pursuant to the Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement will occur immediately following the separation and distribution; and
 - the reference to the two week period on page 15 of our initial filing (and to which the Staff refers in its comments) was not related to the subscription by a wholly owned subsidiary of Elan for the 18% of the ordinary shares of Prothena, but rather was intended to describe the mechanics of the distribution relating to the issuance of Prothena ordinary shares in the separation and distribution to Elan Shareholders. This disclosure has been substantially revised to reflect the currently contemplated mechanics for distribution of the Prothena ordinary shares to such holders.
6. ***You disclose throughout the information statement that for U.S. federal income tax purposes, Elan expects that, while the matter is not free from doubt, the separation and distribution should qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, and the distribution, as such, should qualify as a distribution of our ordinary shares to Elan shareholders under section 355 of the Code. Please expand your disclosure to disclose the basis for your statement that the matter is not free from doubt. Please include in this discussion when the doubt may rise to the point where the distribution would not qualify as a reorganization.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised the letter to Elan Shareholders, the cover page and pages 9, 16, 29 and 43 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to remove the statement that "the matter is not free from doubt."

Summary

Our Company

Overview, page 3

7. ***Please briefly explain the meaning and significance of being granted "orphan drug designation" and filing an "Investigational New Drug Application" the first time you use such terms.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 2 and 64 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to briefly explain the meaning and significance of obtaining "orphan drug designation" and filing an "Investigational New Drug Application."

8. ***We note that Neotope US will provide research and development services to Elan for a limited time following the separation and distribution. Please revise your disclosure to quantify this length of time.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 2 and 65 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

9. ***You disclose that research and development services will be provided by Neotope US to Neotope Biosciences and Elan at "arm's length rates." Given that these transactions are related party transactions, this term does not appear appropriate. Please revise to delete the reference to "arm's length rates." In addition, please revise your disclosure on pages 31, 57 and 58 to remove the same reference and expand your disclosure on pages 57 and 58 to describe the payment terms.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 29 and 54-55 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Risk Factors, page 4

10. ***Please expand your disclosure to describe the most significant risks that are associated with each item listed in the bullet points in this section.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 3-4 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to expand the disclosure to describe the most significant risks associated with each listed item.

Questions and Answers About the Separation and Distribution

Q: Why is the separation of Neotope structured as a distribution and not a sale?. page 7

11. ***Please revise your disclosure to explain how a distribution will "create long term value" for Elan Shareholders and why it will "provide greater assurance that decisions regarding Neotope's capital structure support future financial stability" compared to a sale.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have deleted reference to the impact of the separation and distribution on Prothena's capital structure and financial stability, and otherwise revised the disclosure on page 7 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Q: How will Elan vote our ordinary shares that it acquires immediately following the separation and distribution?, page 8

- 12. You disclose here that Elan has agreed to vote the ordinary shares that it acquires immediately following the separation and distribution in proportion to the votes cast by your other shareholders and will grant you a proxy with respect to such shares. You reference the section “Arrangements between Elan and Neotope” for more information, however, you do not disclose any information regarding this matter in the referenced section. Please expand your disclosure on pages 55, 94 and 99 to disclose the material terms of this agreement. In addition, please file a copy of the document or agreement that memorializes the terms of this agreement.**

Response

We respectfully refer the Staff to page 57 of the initially filed Registration Statement, where the agreement regarding Elan’s voting of Prothena’s ordinary shares was disclosed (under the heading “Subscription Agreement”). In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised page 53 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to highlight this disclosure under its own subheading entitled “Voting” under the heading entitled “Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement.” The Subscription and Registration Rights Agreement will be filed as an exhibit to a subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable.

Terms of the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions, page 15

- 13. Please expand your disclosure to disclose the holder(s) of the incorporator shares.**

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised page 6 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to disclose the holder of the incorporator shares.

Risk Factors, page 18

- 14. You disclose that your business may be adversely affected by risks and uncertainties not known to you or risks that you currently believe to be immaterial. Please delete this statement as it is not appropriate to warn investors about risks which you are not currently aware or believe to be immaterial.**

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised page 18 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

We will require additional capital to fund our operations, and if we are unable to obtain..., page 18

15. *We note that following your separation from Elan, you believe that your existing cash and cash equivalents, will be sufficient to support you through approximately June 30, 2015 and that any future capital requirements will depend on many factors that are currently unknown. Please revise your disclosure in this section to quantify the amount of your cash and cash equivalents, working capital and your rate of negative cash flow per month. In addition, we also note that you plan to initiate a Phase 1 clinical trial for NEOD001 in late 2012. To the extent practicable, please quantify the amount of funds you will need to complete this Phase 1 trial.*

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised page 19 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Our collaborators, prospective collaborators, and suppliers will need assurances..., page 19

16. *You disclose that some of your collaborators, prospective collaborators and suppliers will need assurances that your financial resources and stability on a stand-alone basis is sufficient to satisfy their requirements for doing or continuing to do business with you. Please expand this risk factor to disclose each collaborator, prospective collaborator or supplier that you have not yet satisfied their requirements for doing or continuing to do business with you.*

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised page 19 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement and supplementally inform the Staff that we are not currently aware of any collaborator, prospective collaborator or supplier that we have not satisfied with respect to their respective requirements for doing or continuing to do business with Prothena.

We will rely on third parties to conduct our clinical trials, and those third parties..., page 25

17. *We note that you have entered into agreements with third parties, and to date, you believe your consultants, contract research organization and other similar entities with which you are working have performed well. Please expand your disclosure in this section and throughout your filing, as appropriate, to discuss the current third parties that are material to your business, if any. Also, if you have entered into any agreements with these third parties, please expand your disclosure in the Business section to disclose the material terms of these agreements and file the agreements as exhibits pursuant to Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K. Similarly, in the your risk factors following this risk factor, please expand your disclosure concerning your collaborators, manufacturers, and suppliers.*

Response

While we have engaged a number of third parties to conduct our clinical trials we do not believe any of these third party agreements are material to our business. We are at a very early stage of development and the services provided by our consultants and contract research organizations could be replaced by other consultants and contract research organizations rapidly and with limited cost. Our proposed Phase 1 clinical trial will be conducted at a number of clinical sites and thus no single agreement with a medical institution or clinical investigator would be material to our business.

If we are unable to adequately protect the intellectual property..., page 27

18. Please expand your disclosure in this risk factor to discuss any material patents, whether owned or licensed, and the expiration date of such patents.

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised page 25 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Litigation regarding patents, patent applications and other proprietary rights may be expensive and time consuming...., page 28

19. You disclose that if you become entangled in the matter between AIA and Elan, you expect Elan to reimburse you for your expenses and indemnify you for any damages. Please expand your disclosure here and on page 56 to clarify if this is a contractual obligation and if there are any limits or caps on the expense reimbursement or indemnity.

Response

Pursuant to the Demerger Agreement, Elan will reimburse and indemnify Prothena for expenses and damages that Prothena incurs in connection with the AIA litigation. This reimbursement and indemnification obligation will not be subject to any contractual limits or caps. We have added disclosure on pages 26 and 52 to clarify that this obligation will be a contractual obligation of Elan. We will file the Demerger Agreement with a subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable.

We may be subject to claims that our employees have wrongfully used or disclosed...., page 29

20. **To the extent that you have received notice of any claims that your employees have wrongfully used or disclosed trade secrets of their former employers, please revise your disclosure to discuss such claims and the potential consequences.**

Response

We supplementally advise the Staff that we have not received notice of any claims that our employees have wrongfully used or disclosed trade secrets of their former employers and we have therefore not made any revisions to the relevant risk factor.

We may not realize some or all of the potential benefits we expect from our separation...., page 29

21. **We note your one example why you may not be able to achieve some or all of the benefits that you expect to achieve as a result of your separation from Elan. Please expand your disclosure to describe the other reasons why you may not realize the benefits you anticipate.**

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 27-28 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Our historical and pro forma financial information is not necessarily representative of the results...., page 31

22. **Please expand your disclosure to provide a quantified estimate of the additional costs that you disclose in this section.**

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised page 29 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

We expect that we will be treated as a passive foreign investment company, which...., page 32

23. **Please revise your disclosure to describe the meaning and significance of the terms "passive foreign investment company" and "qualified electing fund" the first time you use them.**

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 30-31 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

After the distribution, certain of our executive officers and directors may have actual..., page 33

24. ***We note that certain persons you expect will be your executive officer and directors will be former officers and employees of Elan. Please revise your disclosure to include the names of these individuals, their current positions with Elan and their financial interest in Elan.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised page 31 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to include the names, the current positions with Elan and the financial interest in Elan of our officers and directors who will be former officers and employees of Elan.

The Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions

Reasons for the Separation and Distribution and Related Transactions, page 40

25. ***We note that you have provided a description of the key benefits of the separation and distribution. Please expand your disclosure to also provide a similar description of the costs and risks associated with the transaction which you have outlined on page 41.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 37-38 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Improved Management Incentive Tools, page 41

26. ***Similar to your disclosure of each of the benefits of the transaction, please expand your disclosure to include a discussion of each of the costs and risks associated with the transaction rather than just listing general items.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 37-38 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Manner of Effecting the Separation and Distribution and Related Transaction

Distribution of Our Ordinary Shares, page 42

27. ***We note that the aggregate value of the ordinary shares issued by Neotope will be equal to the value of the Neotope Business transferred by Elan to Neotope. Please expand your disclosure to describe how the value of the Neotope Business will be determined.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have deleted the sentence stating that the aggregate value of the ordinary shares to be issued in the distribution will be equal to the value of the Prothena Business transferred by Elan to Prothena immediately prior to the distribution, out of concern that the sentence may be confusing to investors and does not convey additional information not already included elsewhere in Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

We supplementally inform the Staff that it is typical in the context of Irish law demergers to state that the value of the entity that is conveyed (in our case, Neotope Biosciences Limited, which will own the Prothena Business immediately prior to the demerger) to the entity that is issuing shares in the demerger (in our case, Prothena Corporation plc) is equal to the aggregate value of the shares issued in the demerger (in our case, by Prothena Corporation plc). Because the issuing company in a demerger under Irish law is not an operating entity but an entity formed for the specific purpose of effectuating the demerger, it has no operating history or other assets and accordingly the aggregate value of the shares it issues in the demerger is equal to the value of the sole asset (namely the stock of Neotope Biosciences Limited) transferred to it immediately prior to the issuance of shares in the demerger.

However, it is our view that this notion is already clearly conveyed to investors. In several sections of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement we have disclosed that the demerger under Irish law entails (1) the transfer of Neotope Biosciences Limited, which immediately prior to the demerger will own the Prothena Business, to Prothena Corporation plc, and (2) the issuance by Prothena Corporation plc of 99.99% of its outstanding shares on a pro rata basis to the Elan Shareholders (with the remaining .01% being incorporator shares that will be mandatorily redeemed following completion of the Demerger). In addition, on pages 38 and 39 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement, in the section that is entitled "Formation of Prothena" (immediately above the disclosure we have deleted as described in response to the Staff's comment as described above), we disclose that Prothena was formed for the purposes of effecting the Demerger and owning the Prothena Business after the Demerger is effective, and that Prothena will not have conducted any activities prior to the Demerger other than those incident to its formation and the transactions contemplated by the Demerger.

In light of our disclosures with respect to the purposes for which Prothena was formed and its lack of operating activity prior to the Demerger, and our disclosures with respect to the mechanics of a Demerger under Irish law, we believe the deleted sentence does not convey additional information not already included elsewhere, and may be confusing to investors rather than further illuminating the matters already disclosed.

28. In this section you have referenced other ancillary agreements. Please expand your disclosure to include all material terms of these agreements, including the material payment terms, duration and termination provisions and file copies of these agreements as exhibits to your amended registration statement. See Item 601(b)(10)(ii)(A) and (B) of Regulation S-K. Alternatively, please provide us with a description of each agreement and a detailed analysis that supports your conclusion that these agreements are not material and are not required to be filed.

Response

There are no ancillary agreements being entered into between Elan and its affiliates on the one hand, and Prothena and its affiliates on the other, other than those described in the section of the Registration Statement entitled “Arrangements between Elan and Prothena”. All references to “other ancillary agreements” or similar references in the Registration Statement have been deleted.

29. Please expand your disclosure of each of the agreements in this section to disclose the term and termination provisions of each agreement.

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised pages 51-55 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

30. Please expand your disclosure to list the material assets to be transferred and the material liabilities to be assumed by Neotope.

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised pages 51 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

31. Please expand your disclosure to provide a summary of the “specified services” which are the subject of the Transition Services Agreement. Similarly, please do the same for the “certain research and development services” which are the subject of the Research Services Agreement.

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we have revised pages 54-55 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

32. *In the first question on page 9 you indicate how existing Elan equity-based awards to your employees will be treated upon and after your separation and distribution transactions. Please tell us and revise your disclosure in MD&A and/or elsewhere to indicate how you will account for these awards going forward and reference for us separately the authoritative literature you rely upon to support your anticipated accounting. To the extent that compensation will be recorded related to the accelerated vesting of some awards, please disclose the anticipated amount of the charge that will be recorded upon the completion of your anticipated transactions. In addition, to the extent appropriate, disclose that you do not include this charge in your pro forma statements of operations as it is directly attributable to the anticipated transactions and is non-recurring.*

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 8, 12, 49, 61, 66 and 67 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement. In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 718-10-35-2, we will not recognize any expense going forward in relation to the existing Elan equity-based awards as our employees are not required to provide service after the separation and distribution in order to receive the awards.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Results of Operations Research and Development Expenses, page 71

33. *Please expand your disclosure by referring to the Division of Corporation Finance "Current Issues and Rulemaking Projects Quarterly Update" under section VIII – Industry Specific Issues – Accounting and Disclosure by Companies Engaged in Research and Development Activities. You can find it at the following website address: <http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfm/cfcrq032001.htm#secviii>.*

Please disclose the following information for each of your major research and development projects:

- *The costs incurred during each period presented and to date on the project;*
- *The nature, timing and estimated costs of the efforts necessary to complete the project; and*
- *The period in which material net cash inflows from significant projects are expected to commence.*

Regarding the first bullet, it appears from your disclosure on this page that you track at least some research and development costs by project. If you do not track all research and development costs by project, disclose the nature of the costs tracked by project and reconcile the total of your project costs to the

amounts presented in your statements of operations for each period presented. If you do not maintain any research and development costs by project, disclose that fact and explain why management does not maintain and evaluate research and development costs by project. For those costs not tracked at a project level, please provide other quantitative or qualitative disclosure that indicates the amount of your resources being used on the project.

Regarding the second bullet, disclose the amount or range of estimated costs and timing to complete the phase in process and each future phase. To the extent that information is not estimable, disclose those facts and circumstances indicating the uncertainties that preclude you from making a reasonable estimate.

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised page 68 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement. We have not disclosed specific estimates of the timelines or total costs to complete the development of our NEOD001 drug candidate in Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement. In the pharmaceutical industry, the research and development process is lengthy and involves a high degree of risk and uncertainty. This process is conducted in various stages and, during each stage, there is a substantial risk that potential products in our research and development pipeline will experience difficulties, delays or failures. Therefore, it is not possible for us to estimate the total costs to complete the development of our NEOD001 drug candidate, or any potential future drug candidates, or to estimate the anticipated completion dates with any degree of accuracy, and raises concerns that attempts to provide estimates of costs or timing may be misleading by implying a greater degree of certainty than actually exists.

As a result of the significant risks and uncertainties in predicting the outcomes and the timelines for our individual projects, we cannot estimate with any certainty when or if material net cash inflows from our NEOD001 drug candidate, or any potential future drug candidates, will occur.

Business

Our Lead Programs, page 76

- 34. You disclose that you are working with the University of Tennessee and University of California, San Diego. Please expand your disclosure to clarify whether you have collaboration agreements with these universities. If so, please expand your disclosure to provide the material terms of these agreements, including the rights and obligations, aggregate amount paid to date, aggregate milestone payments, range of royalties, term and termination provisions. Please also file a copy of each agreement as an exhibit to your registration statement. Alternatively, please provide us with an analysis that supports your conclusion that you are not substantially dependent on these agreements.**

Response

In response to the Staff's comments, we have revised pages 74 and 75 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to clarify that the arrangements with the University of Tennessee and the University of California, San Diego are not collaboration agreements, but rather are a Sponsored Research Agreement and a Laboratory Services Agreement, respectively. We have also revised our disclosure to state that under these arrangements, university scientists perform research services at our direction and pursuant to project plans which we establish.

For the reasons set forth below, Prothena's agreements with the University of Tennessee and the University of California, San Diego are not material to Prothena within the meaning of Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10). Since these agreements are not material to Prothena within the meaning of Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10), Prothena does not believe that it is necessary to add disclosure of the material terms of these agreements in the Registration Statement. In this regard, we believe that additional disclosure of the material terms of the agreement with these parties would not provide additional material information relevant to an investor's investment decision with respect to Prothena's securities, and that these agreements are not required to be filed as exhibits under Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10).

Pursuant to Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10)(ii)(B), if a contract is of a sort that ordinarily accompanies the kind of business conducted by the Company, it is deemed to be ordinary course and need not be filed unless it is a "contract upon which the registrant's business is substantially dependent." The rule provides examples of substantial dependence, including any contract "to purchase the major part of registrant's requirements of goods, services or raw materials...or [any] license or other agreement to use a patent, formula, trade secret, process or trade name upon which registrant's business depends to a material extent." The agreements with the University of Tennessee and the University of California, San Diego were made in the ordinary course of business and are of the type ordinarily accompanying the kind of business conducted by Prothena (i.e., procuring research services from third party scientists). Further, Prothena's business is not "substantially dependent" upon its agreement with these parties since Prothena is not materially dependent on any right to use a patent, formula, trade secret, process or trade name pursuant to such agreements. Moreover, while we believe our continuing relationship with these institutions is positive for Prothena, the relevant programs to which the agreements relate have progressed to a point where our focus has shifted from early stage research to early stage development of clinical candidates. The contribution of these institutions to the early stage development of our clinical candidates is minimal.

Accordingly, Prothena has concluded that its agreements with the University of Tennessee and the University of California, San Diego, respectively, are not required to be filed as an exhibit pursuant to Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10).

Patents and Intellectual Property Rights, page 82

35. ***We note that you currently own issued patents and pending applications in the United States and pending patent applications in other countries relating to NEOD001 and your synucleinopathy and MCAM programs, as well some of your discovery programs. We also note that from Elan, you hold non-exclusive licenses under patent rights relating to research tools such as animal models and assay technology in support of your programs relating to synucleinopathies and Alzheimer's disease. Please expand your disclosure to describe your material patents, including:***
- ***Specific products, product groups or technologies to which such patents relate;***
 - ***Type of patent protections (e.g., composition of matter, use of process);***
 - ***Patent expiration dates; and***
 - ***Identification of applicable jurisdictions outside of the United States where you have material patent applications pending.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 25 and 79 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

36. ***We note that you currently license non-exclusive patent rights relating to research tools such as animal models and assay technology in support of your programs relating to synucleinopathies and Alzheimer's disease from Elan. It appears that this license relates to your lead program for synuclein antibodies for Parkinson's disease and other synucleinopathies, please revise your disclosure to clarify whether you have a license agreement documenting your license from Elan. If so, please expand your disclosure to describe the material terms of the agreement, including the rights and obligations, aggregate amounts paid to date, aggregate milestone payments, range of royalties, term and termination provisions. Also, please file the agreement as an exhibit pursuant to Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K. If there is no license agreement currently in place, please revise your disclosure to state whether you plan to enter into one as part of the demerger.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment we have revised page 79 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to clarify that at the time of the separation and distribution, we will either own or license patent rights relating to these patents. We plan to file the agreements related to this ownership interest or license in a subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement.

37. *You disclose that you are dependent on Boehringer Ingelheim to manufacture your clinical supplies of NEOD001. Please expand your disclosure to disclose the material terms of this agreement and file a copy of the agreement as an exhibit to your registration statement. Alternatively, please provide us with an analysis that supports your conclusion that you are not substantially dependent on this agreement under Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K.*

Response

Prothena submits that, for the reasons set forth below, its agreement with Boehringer Ingelheim (“BI”) identified in the Staff’s comment is not currently material to Prothena within the meaning of Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10). Since this agreement is not material to Prothena within the meaning of Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10), Prothena does not believe that it is necessary to add disclosure of the material terms of this agreement in the Registration Statement. In this regard, we believe that additional disclosure of the material terms of the agreement with BI would not provide additional material information relevant to an investor’s investment decision with respect to Prothena’s securities, and that our agreement with BI identified in the Staff’s comment is not required to be filed as an exhibit under Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10).

Pursuant to Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10)(ii)(B), if a contract is of a sort that ordinarily accompanies the kind of business conducted by the Company, it is deemed to be ordinary course and need not be filed unless it is a “contract upon which the registrant’s business is substantially dependent.” The rule provides examples of substantial dependence, including any contract “to purchase the major part of registrant’s requirements of goods, services or raw materials...or [any] license or other agreement to use a patent, formula, trade secret, process or trade name upon which registrant’s business depends to a material extent.” The agreement with BI was made in the ordinary course of business and is of the type ordinarily accompanying the kind of business conducted by Prothena (i.e., procuring manufacturing and supply arrangements for clinical trials). Further, Prothena’s business is not “substantially dependent” upon its agreement with BI since Prothena is not materially dependent on any right to use a patent, formula, trade secret, process or trade name pursuant to such agreement. BI has completed, and payment has been made for, the manufacturing of clinical material sufficient to complete our Phase I clinical trial of NEOD001 and BI has delivered such supplies to BI. We plan to initiate Phase I clinical trials for NEOD001 in 2013 and expect such Phase I clinical trials to be completed approximately 2 years following their commencement. BI is a valued partner, but we believe there are other manufacturing entities capable of providing similar products at a competitive price. Prothena believes that if required or desirable for other reasons, it may contract to source additional materials from new manufacturers and qualify such additional manufacturers prior to the commencement of Phase II clinical trials, without materially impacting the company. In addition, our agreement with BI does not contain any exclusivity provisions or material purchase commitments or termination penalties that would make changing suppliers prohibitive.

Accordingly, Prothena has concluded that its agreement with BI is not required to be filed as an exhibit pursuant to Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10). Prothena will, however, continue to evaluate its relationship with BI to determine whether its business becomes “substantially dependent” upon its relationship with BI and will file the agreement(s) governing such relationship at such time.

Facilities, page 84

38. Please file your lease agreement as an exhibit pursuant Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K.

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we intend to file our lease agreement as an exhibit to a subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable.

Executive Compensation, page 89

39. Please file copies of any employment agreements or other compensation plans or agreements that you intend to adopt at or prior to the spin-off as exhibits to your next amended registration statement.

Response

In response to the Staff’s comment, we intend to file the employment agreements and other compensation plans and agreements that we will to adopt at or prior to the completion of the Demerger as exhibits to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable.

Director Compensation, page 92

40. We note that you plan to include additional descriptions of your director compensation policies in an amendment to your filing. Please note that we may have additional comments once this information is provided.

Response

We acknowledge the Staff’s comment, and we have revised page 88 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to include a description of our director compensation policies.

Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions, page 94

41. Based on your disclosures on pages 31, 55 and throughout the information statement, the agreements Elan will enter into with Neotope in connection with the separation, including the separation and distribution agreement, subscription agreement, tax sharing agreement, transition services agreements, a research services agreement and other ancillary agreements, were prepared in the context of the separation while Elan owned the Neotope Business and established the terms. As a result, the terms of those agreements may not reflect terms that would have resulted from arm’s-length negotiations between

unaffiliated third parties. Please expand your disclosure in this section to provide the information required by Item 404 of Regulation S-K. Alternatively, please provide us with a detailed analysis that supports your conclusion that these transactions are not related party agreements.

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 51-55 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to provide the information required by Item 404 of Regulation S-K and have revised page 29 to provide a cross-reference to the section entitled "Arrangement between Elan and Prothena," within the section entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions."

Indemnification of Directors and Officers, page 109

42. You disclose that you expect to enter into indemnification agreements with your directors and certain executive officers. Please file a copy of your indemnification agreement and disclose the executive officers that have entered into the agreement.

Response

We will file the form of indemnification agreement and the executive officers who will enter into the indemnification agreement with a subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement as promptly as practicable.

Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-Out Combined Statements of Operations, page F-5

43. On page 64 you indicate your intent to disclose pro forma net loss per share information for the latest year and interim period. Please revise the presentation of your statements of operations and your selected historical carve-out combined financial data on page 62 to present the pro forma net loss per share information for these periods on the face of those statements. Also, please provide footnote disclosure to explain your presentation, where appropriate.

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised our disclosure in the "Summary Historical Carve-out Combined and Pro Forma Carve-out Combined Financial Data" and "Selected Historical Carve-Out Combined Financial Data" sections of the information statement to include the pro forma net loss per share information and footnotes to explain our presentation. We have not disclosed pro forma net loss per share information on the face of the Carve-out Combined Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the Unaudited Interim Condensed Carve-out Combined Statement of Operations for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012, as currently there are no shares in issue. We propose to show unaudited pro forma net loss per share information for the year-ended December 31, 2011 and the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 in our next filing, when the actual number of shares is known.

(a) Basis of preparation and presentation of financial information, page F-9

44. ***Please revise your disclosure to provide the affirmative statement regarding your opinion that all adjustments necessary in order to make the interim financial statements not misleading were made in accordance with Instruction 2 to Item 8-03 of Regulation S-X.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised page F-9 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

(e) Revenue, page F-11

45. ***Please clarify for us and in your disclosure the nature of the research and development services provided to Elan, and what is meant by the statement "these fees include a mark-up to certain costs incurred". This also applies to your disclosure on page F-23.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages 54-55, F-10, and F-22 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

Notes to the Carve-Out Combined Financial Statements 14. Related Parties, page F-33

46. ***Please separately present all related party transactions on the face of your financial statements as required by Item 4-08(k) of Regulation S-X.***

Response

In response to the Staff's comment, we have revised pages F-5, F-14, F-16, F-22, and F-32 of Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-504-6888 with any questions or comments you may have.

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