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Updated regulatory timeline for review of MAA in Europe.

Calliditas Therapeutics AB (publ) (”Calliditas” or the ”Company”) (Nasdaq Stockholm – CALTX; Nasdaq – CALT), a biopharma company focused on identifying, developing and commercializing novel treatments in orphan indications, today announced that the European Medicine Agency’s (EMA) Committee for Human Medicinal Products (CHMP)) has decided to continue the assessment of the marketing authorization application (MAA) for Nefecon under standard procedure assessment timelines.

Calliditas was in April, 2021 granted an accelerated assessment procedure on its MAA for Nefecon in IgA Nephropathy and submitted the MAA in May of 2021. With the revised standard assessment timeline Calliditas estimates a potential impact of 3 months on the previously communicated timelines with an expected decision by EMA in the first quarter, 2022.

"This is the first time that EMA is assessing an application for conditional approval in IgA nephropathy and we acknowledge the need for an in depth review under standard assessment timelines. We look forward to engaging with the agency to achieve a potential approval for this very deserving patient population as soon as possible.” said Renée Aguiar-Lucander, CEO at Calliditas.

If approved, Nefecon could be available to patients in Europe in mid-2022 and would become the first therapy specifically designed and approved for the treatment of IgAN, and which has the potential to be disease modifying.

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About Calliditas
Calliditas Therapeutics is a biopharma company based in Stockholm, Sweden focused on identifying, developing and commercializing novel treatments in orphan indications, with an initial focus on renal and hepatic diseases with significant unmet medical needs. Calliditas’ lead product candidate, Nefecon, is a proprietary, novel oral formulation of budesonide, an established, highly potent local immunosuppressant, for the treatment of adults with the autoimmune renal disease primary IgA nephropathy (IgAN), for which there is a high unmet medical need and there are no approved treatments. Calliditas read out topline data from Part A of its global Phase 3 study in IgAN in November 2020 and, if approved, aims to commercialize Nefecon in the United States. Calliditas is also planning to start clinical trials with NOX inhibitors in primary biliary cholangitis and head and

neck cancer. Calliditas is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm (ticker: CALTX) and the Nasdaq Global Select Market (ticker: CALT).

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