

# Abcam signs exclusive license agreement with Roche

- **The product portfolio of Spring Bioscience Corporation to be licensed to Abcam for research use only (RUO) applications**
- **The portfolio includes 243 recombinant rabbit monoclonal antibodies**

**Cambridge, UK, 22 January 2018:** Abcam plc ("Abcam"), a global leader in the supply of life science research tools, is pleased to announce that it has entered into a definitive license agreement with Roche. Under the terms of the agreement Abcam will obtain the exclusive rights to the product portfolio of Spring Bioscience Corporation ("Spring") in the research use only (RUO) field of use, comprising a total of approximately 760 unique products (the "Spring Portfolio"). Roche, which acquired Spring in 2007, will retain the antibody development capabilities and rights pertaining to the Spring Portfolio for internal research, companion diagnostic and IVD uses.

The core portfolio consists of 243 recombinant rabbit monoclonal antibodies, branded Spring Proprietary Clones (SP Clones), which have been optimised for immunohistochemistry (IHC). In addition to the SP Clone the agreement covers approximately 500 additional products, predominantly other monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies. All products will be sold under the Abcam brand, inclusive of SP branding, and are expected to be available through Abcam.com from 21 February 2018.

Financial terms of the agreement have not been disclosed.

Alan Hirzel, CEO, of Abcam said: "This agreement represents an exciting step in the ongoing collaborative and long-term relationship between Abcam and Roche. By incorporating the Spring Bioscience antibodies into our portfolio, we will be able to better assist our customers, providing them with more products for their most important targets, faster. Abcam is excited to partner with Spring Bioscience, commonly recognised as a leading manufacturer of IHC antibodies, furthering Abcam's mission to provide customers with the highest quality recombinant antibodies for their research."

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## About Abcam

As an innovator in reagents and tools, Abcam's mission is to provide customers with the highest quality recombinant antibodies for their research and development. Providing the research and development community with the tools and reagents they need to achieve their mission, faster. Providing the research and development community with the tools and reagents they need to achieve their mission, faster.

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Company offers highly validated biological binders and assays to address important targets in critical biological pathways. Already a pioneer in data sharing and ecommerce in the life sciences, Abcam's ambition is to be the most influential company in life sciences by helping advance global understanding of biology and causes of disease, which, in turn, will drive new treatments and improved health. Two-thirds of the world's 750,000 life science researchers use Abcam's affinity binders, reagents, biomarkers and assays and the Company's products are mentioned in over 20,000 of the 56,000 peer-reviewed papers published each year in the life sciences. By actively listening to and collaborating with researchers, the Company continuously advances its portfolio to address their needs. A transparent programme of customer reviews and datasheet combined with an industry-leading validation initiative, gives researchers increased confidence in their results. Abcam's eleven locations are in the world's leading life science research hubs, enabling local services and multi-language support. Founded in 1998 and headquartered in Cambridge, UK, the Company sells to more than 130 countries. Abcam was admitted to AIM in 2005 (AIM: ABC).

To find out more, go to [www.abcam.com](http://www.abcam.com) and [www.abcamplc.com](http://www.abcamplc.com)

### **About Spring Bioscience**

Founded in 2001 by scientists with a primary focus on immunohistochemistry (IHC), Spring Bioscience Corporation (Spring) serves as an antibody centre of excellence, for developing and manufacturing rabbit monoclonal antibodies designed for use in IHC. Spring, which was acquired by Roche in 2007, has developed a proprietary antibody menu of highly-sensitive Spring Proprietary Clones ("SP Clones") that yield specificity and consistency for use in research.

### **Forward looking statements**

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