



## **Cortendo AB Names John H. Johnson as Chairman and Appoints Richard Kollender as Director**

March 18, 2015 – Göteborg, Sweden and Radnor, Pa., USA -- Cortendo AB (publ) [ticker: CORT on NOTC-A], a global biopharmaceutical company focused on orphan endocrine disorders, today announced the appointments of John H. Johnson as chairman of the board of directors and Richard Kollender as a director. These appointments, proposed by the nomination committee, were approved by shareholders during the Extraordinary General Meeting on March 17.

“We welcome the additions of John and Rich to Cortendo’s board of directors,” said Matthew Pauls, president and chief executive officer of Cortendo. “John and Rich bring extensive global biopharmaceutical industry experience to Cortendo, and we look forward to their respective contributions to the Company as we continue to grow our orphan endocrine franchise, and expand into other therapeutic areas in the rare disease space.”

John H. Johnson has more than 30 years of biopharmaceutical industry experience at leading global organizations, including Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lilly & Company, ImClone and Pfizer, Inc. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Cembra Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Histogenics Corporation, Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. He previously served as chairman of Dendreon Corporation and Tranzyme Pharma, and also served as a member of the board of directors of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), the Health Section Governing Board of Biotechnology Industry Organizations (BIO), and BioNJ.

“I am delighted to serve as chairman of Cortendo during such an exciting time in the Company’s development,” said Mr. Johnson. “I look forward to leveraging my experience in commercializing innovative products to help Cortendo make a difference in the lives of people with rare diseases, including Cushing’s syndrome.”

Richard Kollender, who is trained as a certified public accountant, has significant biopharmaceutical experience in executive management, venture capital and as a director on public and private company boards. He is chairman of Rapid Micro Biosystems and serves as a director for Celator Pharmaceuticals and Tarsa Therapeutics. His prior board experience includes Insmed, Nupathe, Corridor Pharmaceuticals, Precision Therapeutics, TargetRx and Transport Pharmaceuticals. In addition, he serves on the board of directors of PACT (Greater Philadelphia Alliance for Capital and Technologies), on the public policy committee for Pennsylvania Bio, and is an adjunct faculty member at Lehigh University.

### **About Cortendo AB**

Cortendo AB is a global biopharmaceutical company incorporated in Sweden and based in the United States. The Company’s strategic focus is to be the global leader in commercializing innovative medicines for orphan endocrine disorders. Cortendo is leading the way in the

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field of cortisol inhibition through the investigational drug, COR-003 (levoketoconazole), currently being studied in the global Phase 3 SONICS trial for the treatment of Cushing's syndrome. COR-003 (levoketoconazole) has received orphan designation from both the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Company's intent is to independently commercialize its Orphan/Endocrine assets in key global markets and partner non-strategic product opportunities, such as diabetes, at relevant development stages.

## **Risk and Uncertainty**

The development of pharmaceuticals carries significant risk. Failure may occur at any stage during development and commercialization due to safety or clinical efficacy issues. Delays may occur due to requirements from regulatory authorities, difficulties in recruiting patients into clinical trials due to physician or patient preferences or competing products, not anticipated by the Company. There is no assurance that Cortendo will receive marketing and regulatory approvals necessary to commercialize or produce COR-003 (levoketoconazole) or other products. Regulatory approvals may be denied, delayed, limited or revoked.

The commercial success of COR-003 (levoketoconazole), if approved in a territory, cannot be predicted with certainty. In addition, Cortendo may face the risk of interrupted supply of COR-003 for clinical or commercial use from the subcontractors Cortendo has contracted.

## **Cortendo Forward-Looking Statements**

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