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Motif Bio plc
("Motif Bio" or the "Company")

Response to Share Price Movement

Motif Bio plc (AIM: MTFB), which has been reclassified as an AIM Rule 15 cash shell, notes the recent appreciation in the Company's share price and confirms that it is not aware of any material basis for the increase.

As announced on 28 January 2020 and 18 March 2020 Motif BioSciences Inc. ("Motif Inc"), the company's wholly owned subsidiary, ceased all operations and engaged Tamarack Associates to facilitate the sale of iclaprim and other assets of Motif Inc. It remains the case that in spite of a comprehensive outreach programme, no transaction is currently pending for the sale of Motif Inc.'s assets and no assurances can be given that there will be a transaction to monetise the assets.

Following its reclassification as an AIM Rule 15 cash shell in January 2020, the Company is required to make an acquisition which constitutes a reverse takeover under the AIM Rules by 28 July 2020, failing which the Company's ordinary shares would be suspended from trading on AIM pursuant to AIM Rule 40. The Company's admission to trading on AIM would then be cancelled six months from the date of suspension, should the reason for the suspension not have been rectified.

The Company's Directors remain focused on sourcing an appropriate reverse takeover candidate for Motif Bio. At present, no assurances can be provided that the effort will be successful to source and/or complete a reverse takeover transaction.

Motif Bio's cash balance was approximately £0.25 million as at 14 April 2020 and with outstanding and expected near term obligations the Company currently has sufficient working capital into May 2020. As such, the Directors continue to impose disciplined cost controls and are considering the Company's short term funding options. At present, no assurances can be provided that the effort to source adequate or any additional funding will be successful.

The Company's Directors will provide shareholders with further updates as appropriate.

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 596/2014.

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