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ASAHI leads 4.5 million Swiss francs Series A financing round in Embion to accelerate commercialization in breakthrough biomass processing for functional nutrition innovation

Etoy/Lausanne, Switzerland 8.12.2021 - **Global brewing group ASAHI Group Holdings Ltd. ("Asahi") is the lead investor in the Series A financing round of Embion Technologies SA ("Embion"). The spin-off of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) has successfully closed an equity financing round of 4.5 million Swiss francs. In addition to the existing investors, further undisclosed private investors participated in the round. With the fresh capital, Embion will scale its production capabilities to expand its business as well as continue securing IP in animal and human health and nutrition. A doubling of the company's team size is planned within the next 18 months to unlock growth in multiple market opportunities.**

Embion's platform biomass processing technology enables the repurposing of food and agricultural industry by-products towards high-value, nature-derived functional ingredients. Such upcycling helps to expand food resources, supply security and sustainability with a technology that efficiently reduces the carbon footprint of food production. Embion is a Swiss industrial biotechnology and green chemistry company with global reach and impact.

"We are incredibly pleased to have Asahi on board as a lead investor sharing a common vision to accelerate the sustainability of food production and to future-proof food supply security. The functional nutrition market is evolving rapidly, and the timing of the closing of our Series A financing could not be better. It enables us to bring the unique benefits of our platform technology to market faster. Hence, our customers in the health and nutrition industries can offer products that have a positive impact on the planet and the health of its inhabitants," said Georgios Savoglidis, co-founder and CEO of Embion.

"We see a huge future market in the whole field of upcycling industrial biomass. This area is one of the biggest drivers of transformation in the beverage and food industry. Embion is the leading innovation driver here. We are excited to be a lead investor in the Series A funding round," said Manabu Sami, President and Representative Director of Asahi Quality and Innovations Ltd., which is Asahi's wholly-owned subsidiary.

Founded in 2016 as a spin-off from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Embion aims to upcycle 1 million tons of biomass and save 100 million tons of CO₂ by 2025. With its catalytic platform technology, Embion delivers innovative and high-value solutions to industry leaders in nutrition and health. Its novel technological approach accelerates the development of functional foods while reducing costs and time to market. Embion is catalyzing the future of nutrition towards a revolution in the bioeconomy.

About Embion Technologies

Embion Technologies S.A. is a Swiss-based, disruptive industrial biotechnology and green chemistry innovator in plant and microbial bioactives from biomass, providing access to next-generation nutritional products through its proprietary platform technology. The company specializes in the extraction and formulation of highly functional nutrients for human and animal health. The novel technology approach accelerates the development of functional nutrition while significantly reducing cost and time-to-market. With this invention, Embion catalyzes the future of nutrition towards a true bioeconomy.

About Asahi Group Holdings Ltd.

Asahi Group Holdings Ltd. is a Japan-based holding company principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of liquors and beverages in Japan and overseas markets, with a comprehensive range of products that includes alcohol and soft drinks, baby foods, and health foods. The Asahi Group sold the first canned beer in Japan and developed the world's first outdoor brewing and lagering tanks. The flagship brand is "Asahi Super Dry".

About Asahi Quality and Innovations Ltd.

Asahi Quality and Innovations Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary and was formerly the Fundamental Research Section of Asahi Group Holdings Ltd. The company specializes in research and development, engaging specifically in research strategy planning, research and development, and new business creation, and will leverage technologies cultivated over the years, including its advanced analytical technologies, technologies that maximize the value of its ingredients, as well as technologies developed at external startups, to continue to create new, unique value and new business for the Asahi Group.

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