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**Relenza Royalty for March 2009 quarter \$32.3 million**

Biota Holdings Limited (ASX:BTA) today announced that it had received notification from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) that Relenza sales were \$462 million and indicative royalties were \$32.3 million, for the three months ended 31 March 2009.

Indicative royalties for the nine months to 31 March 2009 total \$36.1 million.

Biota CEO Peter Cook attributed the performance to recent significant orders for pandemic stockpiling from the UK and Japanese Governments.

**About Biota**

Biota is a leading anti-infective drug development company based in Melbourne Australia, with key expertise in respiratory diseases, particularly influenza. Biota developed the first-in-class neuraminidase inhibitor, zanamivir, subsequently marketed by GlaxoSmithKline as Relenza™.

Biota research breakthroughs have included a series of candidate drugs aimed at treatment of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) disease, licensed to AstraZeneca and novel nucleoside analogues designed to treat hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections, licensed to Boehringer Ingelheim. Biota has clinical trials underway with its lead compound for human rhinovirus (HRV) infection in patients with compromised respiration or immune systems. In addition, Biota has a key partnership with Daiichi-Sankyo for the development of second generation influenza antivirals.

Relenza™ is a registered trademark of the GlaxoSmithKline group of companies.

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