



AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. Announces Full Exercise of Over-Allotment Option

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MAYNARD, Mass., Aug. 20, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: AQB) ("AquaBounty" or the "Company"), a land-based aquaculture company utilizing technology to enhance productivity and sustainability, today announced the closing of the sale of 1.65 million shares of the Company's common stock (the "Option Shares"). The Option Shares were sold pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement dated August 7, 2020 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), between the Company and the underwriters in the public offering of 11 million shares of the Company's common stock that closed on August 11, 2020 (the "Offering"). Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 1.65 million shares of the Company's common stock at the public offering price of \$2.50 per share, and the Option Shares were sold at the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions. The gross proceeds to AquaBounty from the sale of the Option Shares were approximately \$4.125 million, and the gross proceeds to AquaBounty from the sale of the Option Shares and the Offering together were approximately \$31.625 million, in each case before deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by AquaBounty.

Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and Lake Street Capital Markets, LLC acted as joint book-running managers for this offering. National Securities Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Holdings Corporation (NASDAQ: NHL), acted as co-manager for the offering.

The Company currently intends to use the net proceeds of this offering for working capital costs and general corporate purposes, including potentially purchasing land and towards costs associated with the construction or site development for a new production farm.

A shelf registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the public offering of the shares of common stock described above was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and was declared effective on April 27, 2018. A final prospectus supplement describing the terms of the offering was filed with the SEC on August 10, 2020, and is available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the final prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained from Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., Attention: Syndicate Prospectus Department, 85 Broad Street, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10004, or by calling (212) 667-8563, or by emailing EquityProspectus@opco.com; or Lake Street Capital Markets, LLC, Attention: Syndicate Department, 920 Second Avenue South, Suite 700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402, or by calling (612) 326-1305, or by emailing syndicate@lakestreetcm.com; or at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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About AquaBounty

AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. is a leader in the field of land-based aquaculture and the use of technology for improving its productivity and sustainability. The Company's objective is to ensure the availability of high-quality seafood to meet global consumer demand while addressing critical production constraints in the most popular farmed species.

The Company's AquaAdvantage fish program is based upon a single, specific molecular modification in fish that results in more rapid growth in early development. With aquaculture facilities located in Prince Edward Island, Canada, and Indiana, USA, AquaBounty is raising its disease-free, antibiotic-free salmon in land-based recirculating aquaculture systems, offering a reduced carbon footprint and no risk of pollution of marine ecosystems as compared to traditional sea-cage farming.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, that involve significant risks and uncertainties about AquaBounty, including but not limited to statements with respect to the use of proceeds of the underwritten offering of common stock. AquaBounty may use words such as "expect," "anticipate," "project," "intend," "plan," "aim," "believe," "seek," "estimate," "can," "focus," "will," and "may" and similar expressions to identify such forward-looking statements. Among the important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements are risks relating to, among other things, whether or not AquaBounty will be able to raise additional capital, market and other conditions, AquaBounty's business and financial condition, and the impact of general economic, public health, industry or political conditions in the United States or internationally. For additional disclosure regarding these and other risks faced by AquaBounty, see disclosures contained in AquaBounty's public filings with the SEC, including the "Risk Factors" in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and prospectus supplement for this offering. You should consider these factors in evaluating the forward-looking statements included in this press release and not place undue reliance on such statements. The forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, and AquaBounty undertakes no obligation to update such statements as a result of new information, except as required by law.

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