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**AquaBounty Technologies, Inc.  
("AquaBounty" or "the Company")**

**Issue of Common Shares and Options**

AquaBounty Technologies, Inc (AIM: ABTX), a biotechnology company focused on enhancing productivity in the aquaculture market, announces that, on 2 July 2012, it issued new common shares ("Common Shares") and options to purchase new Common Shares to its non-executive directors in accordance with their service agreements with the Company.

A total of 196,850 new Common Shares of 0.1 cents each were issued to Richard Clothier, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at an effective price of 7.62 pence each. Under the terms of his service agreement with the Company, Mr. Clothier receives 73% of his compensation in the form of cash payments and 27% in the form of Common Shares. The Common Shares issued to Mr. Clothier represent his stock compensation for services provided and to be provided for the year ending 31 December 2012. Trading in the new Common Shares, which will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing Common Shares, is expected to commence on 9 July 2012. Following this, Mr. Clothier will hold 726,342 Common Shares, representing 0.7% of the entire issued share capital of the Company.

Under the terms of their service agreements with the Company, the other non-executive directors each receive an annual grant of options over 24,000 new Common Shares. Directors receiving this option grant are Anita Hamilton, Richard Huber and David Stevens - resulting in the issuance of a total of 72,000 options. The options have a 10 year term, become vested in July 2013, and are exercisable at 12 cents per Common Share.

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