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Quarterly Royalties from Relenza grow to \$16m

Biota Holdings (ASX:BTA) today announced that it had received written notification from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) that indicative royalties for Relenza were \$16m during the three months ended 31 March 2007, based on sales of £92m (A\$220.8m).

A summary of royalties for the financial year to date, by quarter, is as follows:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Total YTD
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
5.4	7.3	16.0	28.7

Biota CEO, Peter Cook commented, "With sales of £92m for the quarter Relenza is now the fourteenth largest product, ranked by turnover, within GSK's substantial global product range. This progress is most encouraging".

About Biota

Biota is a leading antiviral 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 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) or bronchiolitis, licensed to MedImmune Inc. 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 key partnerships with Daiichi-Sankyo for the development of second generation influenza antivirals and with Inverness Medical to market Biota developed FLU OIA influenza diagnostics.

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