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# PROQR THERAPEUTICS N.V.

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On September 27, 2023, ProQR Therapeutics N.V. ("ProQR") issued a press release titled, "ProQR Therapeutics Provides Update on Ophthalmic Assets." A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ProQR hereby incorporates by reference the information contained herein into ProQR's registration statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-270943, File No. 333-263166, File No. 333-260775 and File No. 333-248740).

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# PROQR THERAPEUTICS N.V.

Date: September 27, 2023 By:/s/ René Beukema

René Beukema

Chief Corporate Development Officer and General Counsel

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Number	<b>Description</b>
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release of ProQR Therapeutics N.V. dated September 27, 2023.

### ProQR Therapeutics Provides Update on Ophthalmic Assets

LEIDEN, Netherlands & CAMBRIDGE, Mass., September 27, 2023 – ProQR Therapeutics N.V. (Nasdaq: PRQR) (ProQR), a company dedicated to changing lives through transformative RNA therapies today provided an update that its previously announced agreement to divest the Company's late-stage ophthalmic assets to Laboratoires Théa S.A.S. (Théa) has been terminated.

The completion of the transaction was conditional on Théa entering into employment agreements with a number of key ophthalmology personnel from ProQR. Some of these individuals have now elected not to proceed with employment at Théa, therefore that closing condition for the transaction cannot be fulfilled and Théa has terminated the agreement.

"While we are disappointed that the sale of these ophthalmology programs to Théa will not proceed, our primary focus at ProQR remains on our Axiomer<sup>®</sup> RNA editing platform," said Daniel A. de Boer, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ProQR. "We look forward to advancing our wholly owned pipeline with an initial focus on targets for cholestatic and cardiovascular diseases, in addition to our partnership with Lilly, as we work to develop a new class of therapies for patients with high unmet need."

#### **About ProQR**

ProQR Therapeutics is dedicated to changing lives through the creation of transformative RNA therapies. ProQR is pioneering a next-generation RNA technology called Axiomer<sup>®</sup>, which uses a cell's own editing machinery called ADAR to make specific single nucleotide edits in RNA to reverse a mutation or modulate protein expression and could potentially yield a new class of medicines for both rare and prevalent diseases with unmet need. Based on our unique proprietary RNA repair platform technologies we are growing our pipeline with patients and loved ones in mind.

Learn more about ProQR at www.proqr.com.

#### About Axiomer®

ProQR is pioneering a next-generation RNA base editing technology called Axiomer®, which could potentially yield a new class of medicines for diverse types of diseases. Axiomer® "Editing Oligonucleotides", or EONs, mediate single nucleotide changes to RNA in a highly specific and targeted way using molecular machinery that is present in human cells called ADAR (Adenosine Deaminase Acting on RNA). Axiomer® EONs are designed to recruit and direct endogenously expressed ADARs to change an Adenosine (A) to an Inosine (I) in the RNA – an Inosine is translated as a Guanosine (G) – correcting an RNA with a disease-causing mutation back to a normal (wild type) RNA, modulating protein expression, or altering a protein so that it will have a new function that helps prevent or treat disease.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements, which are often indicated by terms such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "goal," "intend," "look forward to", "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "should," "will," "would" and similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the termination of the sale of our ophthalmology programs, as well as the potential of our technologies and product candidates. Forward-looking statements are based on management's beliefs and assumptions and on information available to management only as of the date of this press release. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements for many reasons, including, without limitation, the risks, uncertainties and other factors in our filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including certain sections of our annual report filed on Form 20-F. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, the cost, timing and results of preclinical studies and other development activities by us and our collaborative partners whose operations and activities may be slowed or halted shortage and pressure on supply and logistics on the global market; our reliance on contract manufacturers or suppliers to supply materials for research and development and the risk of supply interruption or delays from suppliers or contract manufacturers; the ability to secure, maintain and realize the intended benefits of collaborations with partners, including the collaboration with Eli Lilly and Company; the possible impairment of, inability to obtain, and costs to obtain intellectual property rights; possible safety or efficacy concerns that could emerge as new data are generated in research and development; and general business, operational, financial and accounting risks, and risks related to litigation and disputes with third parties. Given these risks, uncertainties and other factors, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, and we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future, except as required by law.

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